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Big Spring and Howard County United Way board members gathered together Friday afternoon in front of the thermometer to end the 2012 campaign. The goal was set at \$275,000 and was surpassed with numbers sitting at \$294,000 with monies still coming in.

## SA finalizes plans for 'Turkey Day'

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

It's turkey time at the Big Spring Salvation Army, as the local charity prepares to open its arms — and its kitchen — to the community for its annual Thanksgiving dinner Thursday.

Prep work for the dinner is expected to get under way as early as Tuesday, according to Salvation Army Social Worker Bessie Flores, continuing daily until the Thursday meal is ready to be served.

*"It really is just an immense amount of work, and it has to be done in a fairly short period of time. Our volunteers are absolutely vital to that process."*

Bessie Flores  
Salvation Army

"We'll actually bring in most of the supplies and groceries Monday, so there's going to be plenty to do at the beginning of the week," said Flores. "We'll be working on getting all of the vegetables ready and start cooking turkeys — about 20 of them — sometime Tuesday. The bulk of the work gets done the day before, however, and that's when we really need our volunteers the most."

Flores said several local civic groups are expected to vol-

unteer their time to make the Thanksgiving feast a success, but more help is always welcome around the local charity's kitchen.

"It really is just an immense amount of work, and it has to be done in a fairly short period of time," Flores said. "Our volunteers are absolutely vital to that process."

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

Flores said volunteers are expected to begin delivering meals to home-bound residents at approximately 9:15 a.m. Thursday, but there's plenty of work for the Salvation Army staff and volunteers to do in the meantime.

"As we have in the past, we'll be delivering meals to those who can't make it here to the Salvation Army office for dinner," Flores said. "However, we need to get a solid

## HC trustees to eye upgrades to library

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Howard College officials are looking at ways to use a \$250,000 gift to help improve their library.

When trustees meet at 12:30 p.m. Monday in the Student Union Building's Tumbleweed Room, they will hear a report on the college library

and officials hopes of modernizing the facility.

When administrators were drawing up plans for construction bond projects several years ago, the library was not high on the list of priorities, College President Cheryl Sparks admitted.

"When we started the bond

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**What:** Howard College Board of Trustees meeting

**Where:** Tumbleweed Room, Student Union Building.

**When:** 12:30 p.m. Monday.

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## Ads meant to inform, not mislead

### Opinion

Recently, the *Herald* ran several public information ads to inform our readers that some public officials were trying to end public notices in newspapers. The advertisements ran in the *Herald*, along with 250 or more other newspapers statewide, including countless publications nationally.

Not one of the advertisements was directed toward Big Spring specifically, nor were they meant to be. We believe our readers understood the direction of the

advertisements and would not insult their intelligence otherwise.

The *Herald* is sorry if the ads misled our readers in any way. Only three calls in regard to the content of the advertisements came in to our employees and those callers quickly understood their meaning upon a brief explanation. Once again, we certainly apologize to our readers for any confusion caused. We did not mean to mislead, only to inform.

The Texas Municipal

League, a lobbyist organization, receives membership fees from nearly every city in Texas, including Big Spring; in many cases, these fees are paid with local tax dollars. In turn, this organization fights to pass legislation that limits public access to government.

Recently we were contacted by Big Spring City Attorney, Linda L. Sjogren, representing the mayor and other city employees. Sjogren accused us of misinforming our readers and said city officials found the advertisements "objectionable."

The letter also stated, "We believe you need to explain to your readers to correct the misinformation."

We are not sure the advertisement is "objectionable;" however, we concede that, if not read in its entirety, it could be misleading. We also agree with the city officials in regard to the way the City of Big Spring gets public information out. The city is


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Sunrise: 7:19 AM Sunset: 5:44 PM	Sunrise: 7:20 AM Sunset: 5:43 PM	Sunrise: 7:21 AM Sunset: 5:43 PM	Sunrise: 7:22 AM Sunset: 5:42 PM	Sunrise: 7:23 AM Sunset: 5:42 PM

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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
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Amarillo	63	43	pt sunny	Livingston	82	66	t-storm
Austin	83	67	t-storm	Longview	77	67	t-storm
Beaumont	81	66	t-storm	Lubbock	73	49	mst sunny
Brownsville	88	70	pt sunny	Lufkin	82	67	t-storm
Brownwood	82	65	t-storm	Midland	78	58	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	84	71	pt sunny	Raymondville	90	69	pt sunny
Corsicana	81	66	t-storm	Rosenberg	83	69	t-storm
Dallas	81	67	t-storm	San Antonio	85	69	t-storm
Del Rio	78	65	t-storm	San Marcos	84	66	t-storm
El Paso	72	49	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	78	67	t-storm
Fort Stockton	82	58	pt sunny	Sweetwater	76	58	pt sunny
Gainesville	77	61	t-storm	Tyler	78	66	t-storm
Greenville	78	64	t-storm	Weatherford	80	62	t-storm
Houston	81	69	t-storm	Wichita Falls	69	51	cloudy

#### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	65	55	cloudy	Minneapolis	30	23	pt sunny
Boston	61	38	pt sunny	New York	62	50	pt sunny
Chicago	44	38	cloudy	Phoenix	69	51	mst sunny
Dallas	81	67	t-storm	San Francisco	60	48	rain
Denver	46	31	pt sunny	Seattle	43	34	pt sunny
Houston	81	69	t-storm	St. Louis	51	48	rain
Los Angeles	59	47	rain	Washington, DC	67	51	pt sunny
Miami	82	73	rain				

#### Moon Phases

#### UV Index

Sun 11/20	Mon 11/21	Tue 11/22	Wed 11/23	Thu 11/24
4	3	4	4	4
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## Obituaries

### Thomas M. Yeats

Thomas M. Yeats, 87, of Big Spring, died Friday, Nov. 18, 2011 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. His services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Wanda Aslin Taylor

Wanda Aslin Taylor, 75, of Big Spring, died Friday, Nov. 18, 2011 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Her services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Richard 'Dick' Battle

Richard "Dick" Battle, 53, of San Antonio, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, Nov. 18, 2011 in a San Antonio hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Police

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 p.m. Friday and 7 a.m. Saturday:

- ELEUTERIO TORRES PADRON, 62, of 509 N. Goliad St., was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- GARY LEE SMALE JR., 37, of 538 Westover St. 105, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid previous conviction.
- DON LLOYD BROOKS, 45, of 1712 E. 15<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ, 64, of 1512 Wood St., was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- MEGAN MISHEY SIMPSON, 20, of 100 Cottonwood St., was arrested Friday on a warrant for harassment.
- THEFT was reported in the 1700 block of E. Third Street.

## EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of W. Third. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

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## Take Note

• A benefit account for the Arguello family, who lost two family members and their home in a fire Sunday in Coahoma, has been established at Western Bank. Interested persons can contribute to the account at any of the bank's three locations (two in Big Spring; one in Coahoma). For more information, call 432-394-4256.

• Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday. We will meet at the Cactus Room on Howard College's campus for a Dutch treat lunch and meeting. All retired school personnel are urged to attend.

The program will be titled Small Town Cafes. It will be presented by Dr. Susan Blessingame, dean of liberal arts and humanities at Lubbock Christian University.

• An account has been established at Wells Fargo to help defray medical expenses for 4-year-old Zayde Stallings, who recently died of a rare heart condition. She was the daughter of Kenny and Renea Stallings of Big Spring. If you need more information, contact Four Seasons Insulation and Siding at 264-8610. The account number is 7938527277.

• The 18th Annual Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain is set for Nov. 25 at the Borden County Museum, Courthouse and Courtyard in Gail. The courthouse and museum will open at 5:30 p.m. with refreshments. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available for visiting with the children. Christmas music will be provided by local musicians and more. For more information, email lightsforgail@yahoo.com.

• A fund has been set up at Myers & Smith Funeral Home for Mike Williams, 39, a lifetime resident of Big Spring who died Nov. 1. He leaves behind a wife and seven children. Any donations can be brought to the funeral home office at 301 E. 24th St. For more information, call 267-8288.

• American Cancer Society will have its board meetings at noon on the second Tuesday of the month through April. Lunch will be furnished. Meetings will take place at Home Hospice, located at 111 E. Seventh.

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Training will be provided and geared to your time frame. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

• Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help! We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Call 264-1999.

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  - Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 8-9 p.m., fourth floor, VA Medical Center.
  - Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

- TUESDAY**
- Big Spring Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for those with Parkinson's Disease, Young Onset Parkinson's, caregivers, and those interested in learning more about the illness. There is time for socializing and information. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jody at 432-699-6640 or midlandparkinsons@yahoo.com or Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-2732.
  - Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com
  - Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

# UN bashing popular among GOP candidates

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Bashing the United Nations seldom fails as an applause line for Republican presidential candidates. Mitt Romney says the U.N. too often becomes a forum for tyrants when it should promote democracy and human rights. Newt Gingrich pledges to take on the U.N.'s "absurdities." Herman Cain says he would change some of its rules. Rick Perry says he would consider pulling the United States out of the U.N. altogether.

All that U.N. bashing has raised questions about whether a Republican victory could strain the relationship between the United Nations and its host country, the United States. President Barack Obama's Democratic administration considers the U.N. critical to the country's interests, while Republicans traditionally have been disenchanted with the world body over America's inability to reliably win support for its positions. It doesn't help

that U.N. members often criticize American policies, especially as they relate to Israel and the Palestinians. That was reinforced last month when the U.N. cultural agency voted to approve a Palestinian bid for full membership in that body, and the U.S. responded by cutting off funding. Yet history shows that any American president learns to get along with the United Nations "simply because there's a lot of stuff the U.N. does that is useful to the United States," said David Bosco, who writes the Multilateralist blog for Foreign Policy magazine. Case in point: Even the harshest American critics were silent earlier this month when the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog concluded that Iran was probably developing nuclear arms. Bosco, also an assistant professor at American University's School of International Service, noted that the Republican administration of George W. Bush supported a major ex-

pansion in U.N. peace-keeping despite regular sniping about the world body. But the relationship wasn't a smooth one. Tensions ran high between the U.S. and the world body during the Bush presidency, especially when outspoken John Bolton was the U.S. ambassador. U.N. officials have declined to comment on the possibility that a Republican win could strain the United Nations' relationship with the U.S. "The United States is an important state at the United Nations and we would expect that relationship would continue under any administration," said Martin Nesirky, spokesman for U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. The presidential race has been dominated by the economy and other domestic issues, but foreign affairs are taking on greater importance and will be the subject of a debate by the Republican candidates Tuesday, giving them another chance to air

their views on the U.N. Cain says he has read and admires Bolton's foreign policy views, which are highly critical of the United Nations. But the former ambassador to the U.N. said Friday he has not endorsed any of the candidates. One of the loudest U.N. critics among the candidates is Perry, the Texas governor who has recently slipped in the polls. "I think it's time for us to have a very serious discussion about defunding the United Nations," he declared in October. Romney, a former Massachusetts governor, said in 2007 that U.N. failures were "simply astonishing," but he has been more measured during the current campaign.

# LIBRARY

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project, we considered the library to be in better shape than most of the other buildings, with regards to physical appearance," Sparks said. "We had talked about turning it into an advanced learning library institution, but we had to take care of first things first." Thanks to a \$250,000

gift from the Maria Hogue estate, however, officials can now turn their attention toward upgrading the library. Exactly what upgrades will be done, however, remain to be decided upon. Sparks said Louis Kincaid, Howard's dean of libraries, has been meeting with his counterpart with the Austin Community College District to discuss possible projects. The most obvious area

for upgrade, Sparks said, will be in technology, but other ideas will be pursued in the coming months. On top of the gift from the Hogue estate, the college will pursue a grant for an additional \$250,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities. "The (Hogue) gift is basically serving as seed money for the library projects," Sparks said. Sparks said plans for the library should be fi-

nalized within the coming few months. In other business Monday trustees will consider: • Certified fall semester enrollment numbers. The junior college district had 4,852 students enrolled at all campuses, a slight increase from this time last year, Sparks said. However, contact hours — the time students spend in classes or labs — are down 4 percent from last fall. That

means the college district has more students taking fewer hours than in Fall 2010. • Updates on bond projects and the agriculture pavilion. • Bids for cosmetology department equipment and supplies. • Catalog and handbook changes. Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

**MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL**  
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Dr. Bill T. Chrane, 82, died Wednesday. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

Eva M. "Evita" Dominguez, 77, died Thursday. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Dwight Barton, 68, Thursday. Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Thomas M. Yeats, 87, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Wanda Aslin Taylor, 75, died. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

# TURKEY

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count of how many meals will need to be delivered. What we're asking is for people that need a meal delivered call to make arrangements. We'll be delivering meals Thanksgiving day until about 11 a.m." Flores said area residents wanting to volunteer their services to help prepare the meal can simply show up at the charity's office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Wednesday morning. "They can call if they need more information, or if they just want to let us know they are coming. However, if they just want to show up at the office at 9:30 a.m.,

we'll be more than happy to put them to work," Flores said. "Also, if they would like to bring their own cutlery, they are welcome to, but they need to be sure to keep it separate from the rest of the knives. We're also going to need volunteers to help Thanksgiving morning." Time and hard work aren't the only things on the Salvation Army's holiday wish list, according to Flores. "We also need people to donate desserts," Flores said. "The community always comes through for us each year in a big way, and we're hoping this year will be no different." This year's holiday menu will be filled with traditional Thanksgiv-

ing fare, according to Flores. "Thanksgiving just isn't Thanksgiving without turkey," she said with a laugh. "We'll also have the traditional trimmings, like dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, and green beans. A lot of work goes into preparing a Thanksgiving meal, but it's well worth it." Tough fiscal times for the local charity will mean operating on a shoe-string budget this holiday season, however, she and the Salvation Army staff have no doubts God and the community will provide for the less fortunate. Flores said the in-house meal will be served in the Salvation Army's dining hall from

11 a.m. until 2 p.m. "It's open to everyone in the community," she said. "Anyone — and I do mean anyone — that would like to come in and have a great Thanksgiving meal can just walk through our doors and grab a plate. Bring your family and have a great meal." For more information on how you can help, or to set up a meal delivery, contact the Big Spring Salvation Army at 267-8239. Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-

7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## The class war is over

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It's our own rich,  
Who cause our woes.

Between 1979 and 2007, the after-tax household income of America's most affluent 1 percent ballooned by 275 percent, while the bottom 20 percent's income inched up just 18 percent. The top 1 percent now owns more than an entire third of the nation's wealth, which is more than the combined wealth of the bottom 90 percent.

From these sad facts you might correctly deduce that America's "Class War" is nearly over. The rich are now just mopping up. They recently tied up a few loose ends when Congress finally passed those long-stalled, job-killing "free trade" agreements with Colombia, South Korea, and Panama. Now if they can just

privatize Social Security and Medicare, the whole conflict will be over.

I mean, how much more can our richest 1 percent covet? They already own 35 percent of the nation's wealth, take home 18 percent of its income, and possess 43 percent of its stocks, bonds, and mutual funds. On the other hand, since greed has no known upper limits, I suppose they could keep right on hoarding, but after a while you just get kind of bored.

That leaves serious class combat in the hands of the next 4 percent. They only own 29 percent of our financial assets and would dearly love to move up. Consequently they invest generously in the Republican Party and lobby with vigor against any tax increases that might slow their advance. It must cause a lot of stress.

One problem this next 4 percent faces is that there is only so much wealth and income to go around. In their race to the top they can only get so far by beggaring their peers. That's where you and I, the middle class, come in. With sufficient deregulation and greasing of political palms, they can also beggar us. That is also "class warfare."

This war got itself organized in the 1970s when American income equality reached its zenith. Since then, Big Wealth's big guns have been decimating labor rights and domestic manufacturing. Middle-class jobs have been exported like so many cargo containers, and jobs of every stripe have been replaced by technology. But no system has yet been provided to support the resulting unemployed. (The French, by contrast, deploy a short-tenured work week and long vacations to spread out the jobs.)

You may have noticed the collateral damage. While CEO and Wall Street pay have soared, median family income, employment, and home ownership have all either flatlined or plummeted. College loans and mortgages alike are in default, along with Gross Domestic Spirit.

Meanwhile the wealthy are taking a victory lap. New taxes are "off the table" in Congress, and rampant unemployment holds wages down at poverty levels. Indeed, many businesses no longer want regular employees at all. Their part-timers and temps are badly paid and don't get benefits.

For many companies, the devastation wrought by class warfare has been a great boon. Banks are riding the gravy train, firms that can shift operations overseas have it made, energy companies reap fat subsidies, and the military-industrial complex soars above the fray.

Thus, it's no surprise that many of those wounded by this economic conquest would take to camping out in public places. Politics has failed them, as have cherished American principles of equality. Tents and tarps are about all that is left.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we need a break, Lord, may we be quiet and say a quick silent prayer of help to You.

Amen

# Remembering our blessings

**T**hanksgiving is a unique American holiday. It doesn't commemorate a battle won, or honor an individual, or recognize a religious observance. Rather, it's a day to remember our blessings as individuals, and the collective blessing of being Americans.

Our nation's formative days underscore this. In 1621, the Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony in Massachusetts set aside a day to celebrate their first successful harvest. They also rejoiced in the promise of living outside of oppression in Europe, and under the liberties that God intended for all mankind.

In 1787, President George Washington built on this initial Plymouth feast by issuing the first national Thanksgiving proclamation, and marking one day each year for Americans

to give thanks for our nation's prosperity. Nearly eight decades later, President Abraham Lincoln, in the midst of a catastrophic conflict that threatened to tear our nation apart, called his fellow citizens to reflect on their blessings as Americans. In his Thanksgiving remarks of 1863, he noted "We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven; we have been preserved, these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no nation has ever known."

Today our nation faces a host of challenges. At home, 14 million Americans remain jobless; economic growth is stuck in slow motion. Hundreds of thousands of our men and women are deployed overseas to defend our country against a new breed of sinister enemies. But if America, under Lincoln's leadership, could pause and offer thanks for life's blessings during one of the darkest times in our history, our thankfulness in 2011 for family, friends, and community should

be no less.

On this Thanksgiving, as so many of our military servicemen and women are separated from their loved ones, we should recognize how fortunate we are to be protected by our nation's armed forces. It is because of those who have defended this nation - from the earliest days of the Revolutionary War to today's Global War on Terror - we enjoy the liberties that have allowed us to grow and prosper. I encourage all Texans today to reach out to friends who have loved ones serving overseas, and especially thank them during this holiday.

The writer - and former Austinite and Houstonian - O'Henry once said, "Thanksgiving is the one day that is purely American." Indeed it is - a simple national gesture of gratitude for being individuals with freedom and opportunity - and for being citizens of this great nation.

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## YOUR VIEWS

### The Good Old Days?

TO THE EDITOR,  
History would have us believe that the good old days were great. Parents drop their children off at the bus stop and at 3:30 the child would begin their trip home a new and better child for the experience. We were told to trust our teachers and principals and for the most part — my parents did. We never heard of teacher abuse. Of course, there was an occasional fight on the playground, but hardly anyone was really hurt — or were they? I ask you to think back on your own educational experience. There were things that happened, I didn't talk about then and I won't talk about now. However; I will say, the good old days were not good. During the November 1 school board meeting, we were told to trust our teachers, principals, and school trustees, after all they are smarter than us (excuse me, better educated). Name calling and attempts at intimidations were used in an effort to quiet the unrest. In my opinion, these tactics don't belong on the playground, let alone in a school board meeting. School officials presented different programs that have been in place for a while, to control student behavior and promote education. And let's not forget, as stated by the assistant superintendent not everything is bullying. I want you to know when someone enters my personal space I am being bullied — period! I also want you to know in my opinion; the programs presented that night haven't worked in the past, they don't work now, and they won't work in the future. Someone has

to step-out of the box!

For parents who are as upset as I am here is the path you should follow: If you have already dealt with your teacher, principal, superintendent and local school board trustee, contact the Texas Education Agency Contact for Safe & Drug-free Schools and Communities Department; Carolyn M Smyrl (512) 463-6467 or (806) 744-3232. If you can not find satisfaction within the system, there are other legal remedies, see [msn.com](http://msn.com), 11-15-2011, or [msnbc.com](http://msnbc.com), The Today Show (Parenting). [today.msnbc.msn.com/id/45302947/ns/today-parenting/t/teachers-caught-tape-bullying-special-needs-girl](http://today.msnbc.msn.com/id/45302947/ns/today-parenting/t/teachers-caught-tape-bullying-special-needs-girl) I am writing this letter to add my voice to others who grow weary of the so-called justifications.

STEVE CAMPBELL  
BIG SPRING

### Great community

TO THE EDITOR:  
On Nov. 14, we witnessed someone shoplifting in our store. At this time, we would like to acknowledge several people who were instrumental in helping us apprehend the suspect. The suspect exited the store with a female employee pursuing and calling out on the radio for backup. He dropped the merchandise and proceeded to run west across the parking lot of Western Bank. Another of our employees picked up the pursuit from there. We would like to thank the employees of Western Bank who saw the situation and called the police. One of the bank's customers was Terry Huit who is a federal correctional officer. He saw the suspect running and took off

after him. He, our employee, our manager and Mr. Chris Hollingsworth caught up with the suspect in the brushy area next to the bank. They pursued him from there to the 7-11 across the street where he was apprehended by the police. We are certainly grateful to Mr. Huit and Mr. Hollingsworth for going the extra mile to help. We would like to thank the Big Spring Police Department for their quick response. The responding officers were professional and efficient. They were Officer Clark and an officer we know only as Mo. Truly some of Big Spring's finest. We would also like to acknowledge some of our customers. Mr. Gene Hector and Mr. Robert Abendschan were helpful in the pursuit and capture of the suspect. Mr. Hector followed the female employee out of the store to provide backup if needed and offered assistance in the pursuit. Mr. Abendschan assisted in the 7-11 parking lot. There were several customers who stood ready at the door to the store in case the female employee needed help. We truly appreciate the help of all who lent a hand. If we missed acknowledging anyone's contribution, we apologize. Everything was a little chaotic at the time. Shoplifting and theft are a big problem in our business. It's nice to know that we can depend on the community to help in combating this problem. What a great community we live in.

LOYD MASHBURN,  
WANDA MUNDELL,  
JERRY JONES  
BIG SPRING



## Home Hospice shows support to local organizations

HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno  
Home Hospice presented Cossacks with a \$1,100 donation check to help with their support to the community. Pictured are: Megan Chandler, director of patient care coordinator; Kenny Bearden, treasurer of the local Cossacks; Cherise Felty, chaplain; Sherry Hodnett, volunteer/bereavement coordinator; Paul George, president of the local Cossacks and Diann Martinez, social worker.

## Scenic Mountain Medical Center recognize Employees of the Year



Courtesy photo  
**Frances Muniz, RMA, received recognition as 2011 Clinical Employee of the year. She was presented with her certificate by Mitzi Knight (left) and Renae Ratliff, FMMC Clinic Directors and Physician Practice Managers.**



Courtesy photo  
**Andrea Moreno, patient registrar, received recognition as 2011 Non-Clinical Employee of the Year. She was presented with her certificate by Mitzi Knight (left) and Renae Ratliff, FMMC Clinic Directors and Physician Practice Managers.**

## Christmas For Our Troops items needed

Local drop off points are; Hardison Appliance Service, Wal-mart, Harris Lumber, First Methodist Church, Jazzy's, Allan's Furniture, First Christian Church, Christy's Hair Studio & Spa, Senior Citizens Center, Baptist Temple, Alive in Christ Lutheran Church, Wells Fargo Bank, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Life Church, Dora Roberts Rehab/Wellness Center, 11th and Birdwell fire station and many area schools. Donation jars are in various business locations around town.

let package), eye drops (½ ounce), deodorant (2.5 ounce), Kleenex (small pocket size), toothpaste (4.5 ounce), tooth brushes, cocoa (individual packages), powdered gatorade (small packages), powdered lemonade (small packages), trail mix (6 ounce), sunflower seeds (+3 ounce), nuts (+3 ounce), jerky (3.5 ounce), socks (medium and large white or black athletic), batteries (AA 4 or 8 per package), DVD's and CD's, Magazines/paperbacks (auto, motorcycle, hunting, sports, etc.), handmade Christmas cards, handmade by children, toys

(small to give out to local children), knit caps (Black or olive drab), instant coffee individual packages, energy drinks (small bottles/pocket size) and wipies (small packages).

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# Outsider Paul gaining traction in Iowa

ANAMOSA, Iowa (AP) — Texas Rep. Ron Paul is emerging as a significant factor in the Republican presidential race, especially in Iowa.

He's been long dismissed by the GOP establishment, but the libertarian-leaning candidate is now turning heads beyond his hard-core followers — and rising in some polls — just weeks before the state holds the leadoff presidential caucuses and four years since his failed 2008 bid.

Paul's sharp criticism of government spending and U.S. monetary policy hasn't changed since then.

And while his isolationist brand of foreign policy may be a non-starter for some establishment Republicans, its appeal among independents is helping Paul gain ground in a crowded Republican

field. His boost is an indication of just how volatile the Republican presidential race is in this state and across the country.

"The good news is the country has changed in the last four years in a way I never would have believed," Paul told about 80 Republicans and independents at the Pizza Ranch restaurant in this town on Friday. "In the last four years, something dramatic has happened."

What has helped Paul rise here has been more methodical than dramatic.

His campaign here is a stark comparison to the shoe-string, rag-tag operation of four years ago that attracted a narrow band of supporters.

This time, he has built an Iowa organization with the look of a more mainstream

campaign.

He has raised more money, hired three times the staff and started organizing his campaign in Iowa earlier than before. Paul was the first candidate to begin airing television ads this fall, and has maintained the most consistent advertising schedule in Iowa.

"We have a more structured, methodical, traditional campaign with Ron Paul here in Iowa more often," said Drew Ivers, an Iowa Republican Party central committee member and Paul's Iowa campaign chairman.

Paul is better-known this time, and has spent almost twice as much time in Iowa at this point in the 2012 campaign than in his bid for the 2008 caucuses. Paul finished in fifth place, closely behind

Arizona Sen. John McCain and former Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson in Iowa in 2008.

The intense focus on Iowa this time may be working, with surveys showing Paul is reaching deeper into the caucus electorate.

A recent Bloomberg News poll showed him in close second place in Iowa, behind Herman Cain and narrowly ahead of former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and former U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

The same poll showed more Iowa caucus-goers had been contacted by the Paul campaign than any of the other six GOP campaigns actively competing for the Jan. 3 caucuses.

Two weeks earlier, The Des Moines Register's poll showed

Paul in solid third place, behind Cain and Romney.

And Paul seems to have been able to sustain his support after finishing a close second in the Iowa GOP's August straw poll, while straw poll winner Michele Bachmann, a Minnesota representative, has dipped in Iowa polls since.

But it's unclear whether Paul can cobble together broad enough support to win the caucuses with a plurality of the vote. At the very least, he will impact the results of the contest.

The one thing that hasn't changed from four years ago is Paul's style.

He remains the mild-mannered, professorial former obstetrician, delivering long explanations of the history of U.S. monetary and trade policy.

# Cain suggests Taliban running Libya

WASHINGTON (AP) — Herman Cain suggested Friday that the Taliban were playing a role in Libya's new government. The comment initially was seen as another foreign policy misstep from the Republican presidential candidate, but aides later pointed to a one-time Libyan rebel leader who fought in Afghanistan to back up Cain's claims.

Cain has spent the week trying to calm jitters about his foreign policy after he struggled to answer whether he supported President Ba-

rack Obama's approach to Libya. He ended the week trying to blame reporters for the moment, which was captured on video and quickly spread around the Internet.

Cain's critics seized on Monday's incoherent answer as the latest evidence that the former pizza executive is unprepared to be the GOP's nominee.

"Do I agree with siding with the opposition? Do I agree with saying that (Libyan leader Moammar) Gadhafi should go? Do I agree that they now

have a country where you've got Taliban and al-Qaida that's going to be part of the government?" Cain asked reporters in Orlando. "Do I agree with not knowing the government was going to — which part was he asking me about? I was trying to get him to be specific and he wouldn't be specific."

On Monday, Cain hesitated when asked whether he agreed with Obama's decision to back Libyan rebels in overthrowing Gadhafi. The longtime Libyan dictator was killed last

month.

"I do not agree with the way he handled it for the following reason," Cain said in the videotaped interview with the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

"Uh, nope that's, that's a different one," said Cain, who fidgeted in his chair and crossed his legs. "See, I got to go back, see, got all this stuff twirling around in my head. Specifically what are you asking me, did I agree or not disagree with Obama?"

The video ricocheted around the Internet. Two days later, he skipped a similar meeting with reporters at the New Hampshire Union Leader, the largest paper in the state that

holds the first primary contest.

Cain's campaign hoped to prevent a repeat to end the week after the candidate's comments about the Taliban and pointed to Abdel-Hakim Belhaj, a rebel leader who fled to Afghanistan after a failed uprising against Gadhafi in the 1990s. At that point, he led the now-dissolved Libyan Islamic Fighting Group.

One U.S. official familiar with the group said it was not a monolithic entity and some branches have had connections with al-Qaida in Sudan, Afghanistan or Pakistan. Others, however, dropped any relationship with al-Qaida entirely. Belhaj led a

faction that disavowed al-Qaida and declared its commitment to establishing a democracy in Libya, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss matters of intelligence.

The United States invaded Afghanistan to overthrow the al-Qaida-harboring Taliban after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The Taliban were ousted from power in Afghanistan and are now scattered in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

There is no evidence the Taliban are returning to power in Libya, a continent away.

Islamic extremists in Libya, however, could play a role in the new government.

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# News in brief

## Drought continues lowering Texas reservoirs

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The severe Texas drought continues to affect reservoirs that supply water to scores of municipalities. Some 96 percent of the state's major reservoirs were below 60 percent capacity as of the end of October.

The Texas Water Development Board says that average is the lowest since the agency began keeping records in 1978.

The agency says water levels aren't available for the other 4 percent because those reservoirs aren't monitored.

Ten reservoirs are below 10 percent storage capacity. Five of those are all but empty -- including Lake Meredith in the Panhandle.

Last month the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority near Amarillo voted to stop using Lake Meredith. Officials have said the lone remaining water supply is plentiful, but the peak demand may put stress on its delivery.

## Alleged Texas gang member gets 25 years in prison

DEL RIO (AP) — Prosecutors say an alleged Texas Mexican Mafia gang member has been sentenced to 25 years in federal prison on racketeering charges tied to drug trafficking on the border.

U.S. Attorney Robert Pitman said Friday that Valdomero Hernandez Jr. of San Antonio must also pay a \$7,500 fine.

The federal judge who sentenced Hernandez on Thursday ordered the 34-year-old to serve five years of supervised release after his prison term ends.

The indictment alleged that Hernandez and others agreed to conduct Texas Mexican Mafia affairs in the Uvalde, Eagle Pass and Del Rio areas through a variety of racketeering acts that included murder, solicitation of murder, drug trafficking and extortion.

Hernandez pleaded guilty to the conspiracy charge in last year.

He is the ninth defendant in this case to be sentenced.

## Texas man gets 80 years for using fake cash

FORT WORTH (AP) — A Texas man has been sentenced to 80 years in prison for trying to buy movie theater hot dogs with counterfeit cash.

Charles Cleveland Nowden was sentenced Friday, two days after being convicted of forgery. He must serve at least 15 years before he's eligible for parole.

Two years ago Nowden used a fake \$20 bill when trying to buy hot dogs, popcorn and soft drinks at a movie theater. Prosecutors say after his arrest,

a police officer found more counterfeit bills worth \$120.

Prosecutors in Fort Worth presented evidence about other theft cases pending against the 48-year-old in Tarrant and Lamar counties.

The Tarrant County District Attorney's Office says jurors also heard about Nowden's federal convictions for bank fraud and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

## 9 men indicted in Houston-area bank robbery spree

HOUSTON (AP) — Nine men have been indicted for their alleged roles in a string of Houston-area bank robberies that included the shooting of an off-duty Harris County sheriff's sergeant.

U.S. Attorney Kenneth Magidson says the 18-count indictment unsealed Friday alleges the crime spree began in 2007 and ended in September when eight of nine suspects were arrested. The other suspect remains at large.

The charges range from conspiracy to interfere with commerce through robbery to possessing and/or discharging a firearm during a violent crime.

Authorities say the robbers brandished Uzi-style weapons, pistols and shotguns and targeted credit unions and banks inside grocery stores.

Sgt. Michael Ellison was shot when he confronted two suspects after a robbery in Sugar Land in August. He has recovered and attended a news conference announcing the indictments.

## 11 indicted in cocaine ring

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Authorities say 11 people have been indicted in Memphis on drug conspiracy charges, accused of running cocaine from Texas to Tennessee.

Edward Stanton, the U.S. attorney for West Tennessee, says a federal indictment unsealed Friday charges the 11 individuals with conspiracy to possess cocaine with the intent to distribute.

The defendants are charged with buying \$1.6 million worth of cocaine in Texas and bringing it back to Memphis for packaging and sale.

If convicted, those charged could face 10 years to life in prison.

## Judge says feds need warrant for cellphone info

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge in Houston has ruled that authorities need a search warrant to obtain cellphone records that can be used to track a person's movements.

U.S. District Judge Lynn Hughes's one-page order upheld a magistrate judge's 2010 ruling that had denied a request by federal authorities in three separate criminal investigations to compel cellphone companies to provide — without a search warrant

— 60 days of records for several phones.

Hughes said in his ruling the data authorities requested is constitutionally protected from intrusion and can only be acquired with a search warrant under the Fourth Amendment, which protects against unlawful search and seizure.

In the 2010 ruling, U.S. Magistrate Judge Stephen Smith had ruled the warrantless request by authorities violated the Fourth Amendment.

The cellphone data authorities had requested was being sought under the Stored Communications Act, part of the Electronics Communications Privacy Act, and that information is often given without a search warrant.

## Oil and gas rig count drops by 15

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the U.S. dropped by 15 this week to 2,001.

Houston-based drilling product provider Baker Hughes Inc. reported Friday that 1,125 rigs were exploring for oil and 871 for natural gas. Five were listed as miscellaneous. A year ago this week the rig count stood at 1,677.

Of the major oil- and gas-producing states, Colorado and Wyoming each gained one rig.

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# AG blasts court's redistricting maps

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' attorney general sharply criticized a federal court Friday over its proposed maps for state House and Senate districts in the 2012 election, saying the judges overstepped their bounds.

The San Antonio-based federal court released the proposed redistricting maps late Thursday and gave those involved in the case until noon Friday to comment. Minority groups have filed a legal challenge to the Republican-drawn maps, saying they are discriminatory. The court's maps are intended to be an interim solution until the case is resolved after the 2012 elections.

Maps for the House and Senate released Thursday restore many of the minority districts — where Democrats hold the seats — to their previous shapes. Republican lawmakers have denied their maps were intended to minimize minority representation, and say they merely reflect the GOP majority in Texas.

In his filing, Attorney General Gregg Abbot said the court went too far in redrawing the Legislature's maps.

"A court's job is to apply the law, not to make policy," Abbot wrote in his objection to the proposed House map. "A federal court lacks the constitutional authority to interfere with the ex-

pressed will of the state Legislature unless it is compelled to remedy a specific identifiable violation of law."

Abbott argued that there is no violation of law. Included in his court filing were letters and emails from 18 Republican lawmakers and two Democrats objecting to portions of the court-drawn House map.

The objections by the Republican attorney general and lawmakers followed praise by many Democrats on Thursday night. But two Democrats, Representatives Senfronia Thompson and Harold Dutton, objected to the court's version of their House Districts 141 and 142 in Harris County.

"The traditional communities of interest, which have existed since 1972, are destroyed under the court's plan," Dutton said.

# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

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Opening lead — nine of hearts.

Some deals require extremely delicate handling if declarer is to get home safely. Today's deal provides an example of the precision technique that might sometimes be needed.

West leads the nine of hearts against four spades. When the nine holds, West continues with a heart, ruffled by South. What should declarer do next?

If he makes the mistake of leading a low spade to dummy's ten, he

will end up a trick short of his goal. West follows low, and East wins the ten with the king. East returns a heart, and South must now lose two more trump tricks. If he ruffs the heart low, West overruffs with the nine; if he ruffs high, West simply discards and scores the ace and nine later.

Instead, declarer should cross to dummy with a diamond at trick three and lead the deuce of spades toward his hand. East's best play is to follow low, and the queen loses to the ace. Let's assume West returns a diamond. South wins with the ace but is not yet out of the woods. He must still be careful not to lead a low spade to the ten. If he does, East wins with the king and returns a heart, and once again West's nine becomes promoted.

To prevent this, declarer must be sure that the second trump lead also comes from dummy. After taking the ace of diamonds, he should cross to the queen of clubs and lead the four of spades. East cannot help but win with the king as South follows low.

Declarer is now fully prepared to cope with East's heart return. He ruffs with the jack, leads a spade to the ten, picking up West's nine, and takes the rest of the tricks.

If South proceeds in the prescribed fashion, the opponents are helpless. It is simply a matter of proper trump manipulation.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.

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## News in brief

**Gadhafi's son captured trying to flee Libya**

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Moammar Gadhafi's son Seif al-Islam was captured in a southern Libyan city along with two of his aides who were trying to smuggle him out of the country, a militia commander said on Saturday.

Bashir al-Tlayeb of the Zintan brigades said that Seif al-Islam was caught in the desert town of Obari, near the southern city of Sabha about 400 miles (650 kilometers) south of Tripoli.

He didn't elaborate on how Seif al-Islam was captured, but said that he was brought to the city of Zintan, the home of one of the largest revolutionary brigades in Libya.

Al-Tlayeb said that it would be up to Libya's ruling National Transitional Council to decide where the former Libyan leader would be tried.

He also said there was still no information about wanted former intelligence director Abdullah Senoussi or where he is located.

Seif al-Islam is the last of Moammar Gadhafi's sons to remain unaccounted for.

**Obama en route back to deadlocked DC after showing command on world stage in Asia**

BALI, Indonesia (AP) — After a nine-day trip through Asia in which he showed command on the world stage, President Barack Obama is headed back to debt-deadlocked Washington, where he'll confront fresh reminders of the limits of his power at home.

Obama departed from Bali's international airport Saturday afternoon for a 21-hour flight that, factor-

ing in time-zone changes, was to return him to the White House before dawn Sunday. He'll be arriving days ahead of a deadline for a congressional supercommittee to produce recommendations to attack the country's yawning deficit. But even though the president spoke to supercommittee leaders from Air Force One as he headed out of town and urged them to get a deal, the panel is no further along than when the president left: frozen along partisan lines.

If no agreement is reached steep cuts would be enacted across the federal government that both sides say they want to avoid, particularly to the defense budget. But no end game was in sight as Obama made his way back home from the other side of the globe.

Also awaiting him are presidential politics heading into the 2012 election year, something Obama largely avoided while traveling in Hawaii, Australia and Indonesia. And with his opponents on the attack over his stewardship of the listless economy, Obama will renew his largely futile efforts to get Congress to pass his jobs bill as he aims to cast Republicans as the ones to blame.

**UN bashing is in style for Republican candidates, but would they work with UN if elected?**

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — It seldom fails as an applause line for Republican presidential candidates: beating up on the United Nations.

Front-runner Mitt Romney says the U.N. too often becomes a forum for tyrants when it should be promoting democracy and human rights. Newt Gingrich pledges to take on the U.N.'s "absurdities." Herman Cain says he would change some of its rules. And Rick Perry says he would consider pulling the United States out of the U.N. altogether.

All that U.N. bashing has raised questions about whether a Republican victory could strain the relationship between the United Nations and its host country, the United States.

President Barack Obama's Democratic administration considers the U.N. critical to the country's interests, while Republicans traditionally have been disenchanted with the world body over America's inability to reliably win support for its positions. It doesn't help that U.N. members often criticize American policies, especially as they relate to Israel and the Palestinians.

That was reinforced last month when the U.N. cultural agency voted to approve a Palestinian bid for full membership in that body, and the U.S. responded by cutting off funding.

**Egyptian riot police dismantle tents, arrest protesters to clear Cairo's Tahrir Square**

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's riot police are dismantling

tents and arresting hold-out activists as they clear out protesters from central Cairo's Tahrir Square.

Scuffles broke out on Saturday between the police and a small number of protesters, who had spent the night in the square following massive demonstrations the day before.

Police were seen beating activists who challenged them and an Associated Press cameraman saw police arrest three people who refused to leave.

Tens of thousands of Islamists and young activists massed in Tahrir Square on Friday, confronting Egypt's ruling military council. The military tolerates daytime demonstrations in the central square, a symbol of the country's Jan. 25-Feb. 11 uprising, but claims that long-term occupation paralyzes the city.

**Activists: Syrian troops on offensive despite acceptance of Arab observers mission**

BEIRUT (AP) — Activists say Syrian troops are storming a central town and a northwestern region in search of opponents of the government.

The attacks on the town of Shezar and the Jabal al-Zawiya region near the Turkish border come a day after Syria agreed in principle to allow Arab observers into the country to oversee a peace plan proposed by the 22-member Arab League.

The British-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and the Local Coordination Committees said the latest attacks occurred early Saturday.

Syria's acceptance came on Friday after surprisingly heavy pressure from the Arab League, which brokered the plan and this week suspended Syria from the 22-member organization for failing to abide by it.

**Pope makes an impassioned plea to Africa's leaders to stop depriving their people of hope**

COTONOU, Benin (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI on Saturday in Benin called on Africa's leaders to stop depriving their people of hope and to govern responsibly, just hours before he planned to unveil a pastoral guide for the continent which attempts to use church doctrine to address Africa's problems.

The pope made his comments during a meeting with the ruling elite of Benin, a country that has provided a rare example of functioning democracy in the region.

The 84-year-old pope returned for the second time to Africa, the most rapidly growing region for the Roman Catholic Church. His first trip two years ago was derailed before he even set foot in Africa, after he told reporters on the papal plane that the use of condoms exacerbates the problem of AIDS. On this visit, he is steering clear of the sensitive issue in order to highlight a message he had tried to deliver in Cameroon two years ago.

**Wood case detectives face conflicting accounts**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Natalie Wood's drowning death nearly 30 years ago came after a night of dinner, drinking and arguments but the question remains — was it anything more than a tragic accident?

Conflicting versions of what happened on the yacht shared by Wood, her actor-husband Robert Wagner and their friend, actor Christopher Walken, have contributed to the mystery of how the actress died on Thanksgiving weekend in 1981.

Two sheriff's detectives are now diving into the mysterious events on the yacht Splendour, although whether they reach any different conclusions than their predecessors remains to be seen. They recently received new, seemingly credible information and heard from

potential witnesses who weren't included in the original investigation of Wood's death, sheriff's Lt. John Corina said Friday.

But he said nothing has happened to change the official view that Wood's death was originally an accidental drowning. Wagner, the star of "Hart to Hart" is not considered a suspect, he added.

Corina released few details about who investigators have contacted or plan to re-interview, but the inquiry will certainly lead them to speak with the three survivors of the trip — Wagner, Walken and skipper Dennis Davern.

Wood's sister, Lana, was not on the boat, but told CNN's Piers Morgan on Friday that she has spoken with Davern many times and believes her sister did not fall off

the boat.

"I don't think she fell, I don't know if she was pushed, I don't know whether there was an altercation and it happened accidentally but she shouldn't have died and that does stay with me and hurt," Lana Wood said.

"I would prefer to always believe that RJ (Wagner) would never do anything to hurt Natalie and that he loved her dearly, which he did, and I don't believe that whatever went on was deliberate. I've always cared about him. I always will care about him," she said.

The captain said on NBC's "Today" on Friday that Wagner is to blame for the Oscar-nominated actress' death in the chilly waters of Southern California in November 1981, but didn't offer many specifics. For years he has maintained that he heard the famous couple arguing on the boat before Wood went missing and Wagner refusing to immediately search the waters nearby for his wife.

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# Still unbeaten, Lady Steers defeat Lamesa

*Big Spring showing no signs of letting up, easily defeating their opponents*

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**  
Sports Editor

The Lady Steers kept their unbeaten streak alive, downing Lamesa 63-51 Friday night at Steer Gym. Mackenzie Stone scored a game-high 19 points and Bridgett Tuitt added 15 in a game Big Spring had under control from the opening tip.

LaShaunte Anderson, Cerbi Ritchey and Diamond Mayes each scored six points each as the 4-0 Lady Steers jumped out to a 19-6 lead after the first quarter in front of a rowdy Steer Nation. The second quarter showed more of the same, as Big Spring outscored Lamesa 17-8 to take a 36-14 lead into the locker rooms at the half.

If Big Spring showed any weakness at all, it would have to be their performance at the free-throw line, where they shot six out of 20 (30 percent), as opposed to Lamesa's 65 percent at the line with the same amount of attempts.

Yanera Tuitt and Ritchey fouled out in the game for the Lady Steers as charges became blocking penalties and good defense was often

rewarded with a trip to the line for Lamesa.

The Lady Steers showed mercy on Lamesa in the second half, toning down their offense and letting some of the younger players get some experience, but after several games already this season with a huge early lead, some fans are wondering if the Lady Steers are going to be allowed to hit triple digits on anyone this year. They seem to have the ability.

"I understand sportsmanship, I really do," Steer fan Lanny Perry said after the game. "But it would still be cool to see it happen. I have never seen a girls team accomplish that (100 points) in a game."

Big Spring scored 27 points in the second half, while allowing 37. At no point was the win in jeopardy, as the Lady Steers cruised to the 63-51 final score.

In relief, Ashten Galan added two points to the stat sheet for Big Spring, while Yanera Tuitt recorded four and Dryshae Vanderbilt scored five.

The Lady Steers will travel to Merkel Tuesday for a 6:30 p.m. match-up.



**NOTHIN' TUITT** — Lady Steer Bridgett Tuitt goes in for a layup in Big Spring's 63-51 win Friday night. Tuitt scored 15 points for Big Spring.

# Forsan downs a still-struggling Monahans team

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**  
Sports Editor

**FORSAN** — Michael Mims put up 12 points and Patrick Robles added 11, as the Buffaloes defeated Monahans 57-33 Friday night in front of a riled-up Forsan crowd.

Monahans appeared to be able to run with Forsan for the first quarter and were only down by three points after the first buzzer, but it would be the closest they would get to a win.

The Buffs scored 14 in the second frame, while holding the visitors to a

mere three.

Forsan led a 25-11 lead at the half, but the hometown boys were far from finished. In an exciting 50-point third period, the Buffaloes extended their lead by outscoring the Lobos 28-22 in the frame. Forsan would add four more points in a slowed-down final frame, while holding Monahans scoreless.

Mims, J. McDonald and A. Hernandez each recorded four rebounds for the Buffaloes, while Brendan Roman grabbed five steals in the game.

## Area boys scores

**Midland Classical- 39**  
**Stanton - 31**

**Grady - 75**  
**Seagraves - 44**

Grady 16 26 22 11 — 75

Seagraves 7 16 10 11 — 44

Grady (2-0) points — Bransen Richards 19, Zeke Clay 14, Michael Jimenez 11, Taylor Polson 9, EJ Rodriguez 8, Ivan San Juan 8, Brett Glaze 6.

Free throws — Grady 9-18, Seagraves 11-17. 3-point goals — Grady 5 (Glaze, Richards, Jimenez 3), Seagraves 5 (Gonzales 2, Bueno 3). Total fouls — Grady 15, Seagraves 11.



**UP, UP AND AWAY** — Big Spring Steer Tyler Graves scores an easy two points in Friday night's clash with San Angelo Lakeview.

HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Area girls scores

**MIDLAND CLASSICAL - 42  
STANTON - 28**

Stanton (0-4) — Allred 3, Luxton 2, Ramsey 6, Beasley 10, Graham 7

Midland Classical (4-1) — Kayla Beattie 25, Hannah Bailey 6, Amy Hinton 3, Abbie Rael 2, Rachel Long 6

Stanton 10 6 8 4 — 28

MCA 15 10 12 5 — 42

Free Throws — Stanton 5-9, Midland Classical 7-7. 3-point goals — Stanton (Allred 1, Ramsey 1, Beasley 1), Midland Classical (Beattie 3). Total fouls — Stanton 12, Midland Classical 11.

**GARDEN CITY - 53  
COAHOMA - 36**

Coahoma (1-2) — Goodblanket 6, Martin 5, Hilario 7, Clanton 2, Morgan 1, Pace 3, Castiaw 12.

Garden City (3-1) — Magdaly Huerta 2, Kamie Halfmann 8, Taylor Hughes 5, Brylie Schaefer 4, Hannah Halfmann 9, Lexie Schaefer 6, Cassie Hirt 6, Holly Hoffman 11, Ashley Hoffman 2.

Coahoma 7 18 23 — 36

Garden City 16 31 44 — 53

Free Throws — Coahoma 11-17, Garden City 22-37. 3-point goals — Coahoma (Castiaw 2, Hilario 1), Garden City (Hannah Hoffman 3, Kamie Hoffman 1, Lexie Schaefer 1). Total fouls — Coahoma 17, Garden City 17. Fouled out — Coahoma 2 (Castiaw, Pace). Technical fouls — Coahoma 1 (Castiaw).

**Next: Garden City at Borden County 3 p.m. Nov. 22.**

**O'Donnell at Coahoma Nov. 21 at 8 p.m.**

**Dallas Stars sold to Canadian**

FRISCO (AP) — A Canadian businessman with Texas roots and lifelong love of hockey has purchased the Dallas Stars.

The Stars said Tom Gaglardi, president of Northland Properties Corp., will be introduced Monday at a news

conference as the team's new owner. Terms were not disclosed Friday, after the NHL board of governors unanimously approved the deal. The Stars had signed an agreement in September to sell the team to the Vancouver businessman.

Gaglardi said Jim Lites will return as the team's president and CEO. He has held the position twice previously.

"I know the fans and the organization are relieved that this period of uncertainty is over," said Gaglardi. "The team has established a solid founda-

tion, and I am looking forward to working with Jim Lites and Joe Nieuwendyk, who I have always admired and think is doing a superb job, to re-ignite fan enthusiasm for this club."

Gaglardi, 43, is See STARS, Page 11A

**Iowa State stuns OSU in second OT**

AMES (AP) — This was supposed to be so easy for Oklahoma State.

The second-ranked Cowboys came into Ames set to cruise past overmatched Iowa State, and set up a showdown with rival Oklahoma at home. With a spot in the BCS title game on the line.

Then Oklahoma State let the upstart Cyclones hang around just long enough to derail all those national title hopes.

Backup running back Jeff Woody scored on a 4-yard run in the second overtime and Iowa State stunned second-ranked Oklahoma State 37-31 on Friday night, opening the door for a couple of one-loss teams.

The Cyclones (6-4, 3-4 Big 12) overcame a 17-point deficit to beat the Cowboys (10-1, 7-1 Big 12), opening a path for the Oregon or Alabama to face LSU in a rematch for the title.

"This one stings. This one's tough," said Oklahoma State quarterback Brandon Weeden, who

threw three interceptions.

None of those stung more than his first pass in the second overtime, which was intercepted by Ter'Ran Benton. Woody ran for 6 and 15 yards, then bullied his way into the end zone to give the Cyclones their first victory over a top-five opponent in school history.

Weeden threw for 476 yards, but the Cowboys' offense turned it over five times.

"I hate it for the guys. But it's real simple. If you lose the turnover battle in such a big fashion, it's extremely hard to win a game, especially on the road," Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy said.

Playing a day after Oklahoma State women's basketball coach Kurt Budke and three others were killed in a plane crash, the Cowboys were 27-point favorites against the upstart Cyclones.

Iowa State lost its first four Big 12 games and en-

tered play 0-56-2 against teams ranked sixth or higher in The Associated Press poll.

Cyclones coach Paul Rhoads has had some signature wins in his three seasons in Ames — but none as big as this.

"We got a group of young men that put their hard hats on every day and just continue to go to work," Rhoads said. "I could not be prouder of the effort they put out tonight."

Iowa State freshman quarterback Jared Barnett found James White for a 25-yard touchdown on the first play of extra time, but Weeden answered with a 6-yard TD pass to Josh Cooper.

Benton's interception set up a thrilling finish for the Cyclones and Rhoads, the defensive coordinator at Pittsburgh when it upset No. 2 West Virginia in 2007.

Barnett finished with 376 yards passing and three TDs for Iowa State.

Oklahoma State stretched its lead to

24-7 less than 3 minutes into the second half and looked set to break it open as it usually does. Tracy Moore caught Weeden's pass in traffic and stumbled 30 yards for the touchdown.

That could have been it for Iowa State — but the Cyclones were far from finished.

Iowa State answered with a 32-yard TD run from White and Zach Guyer's 24-yard field goal made it 24-17 with 4:04 left in the third quarter.

Oklahoma State came in averaging 51.7 points a game, but it couldn't string together the drives that made Weeden a serious Heisman Trophy contender.

Iowa State took advantage, tying the game at 24 with 5:30 left in regulation when Barnett found a Albert Gary sliding in the end zone for a 7-yard TD catch. Oklahoma State's Alex Elkins intercepted Barnett's pass with 3:17 left, but Quinn Sharp pushed a 37-yard field goal right, just over the upright.



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Kamie Halfmann (left) was named to the Texas Girls Coaches Association's 2011-12 Cross Country All-State Team this week for her part in helping the Garden City Lady Kats make it to the state tournament. Halfmann is a sophomore at Garden City, setting the stage for a bright future for the Lady Kats' runners over the next couple of years.



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## STARS

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president of a family-owned hospitality company. He has a hockey background, having played since he was 5 and continuing to play on a competitive Canadian team. He also has Texas ties. His mother is a native of Longview and he said he has "serious UT relatives" who live west of Fort Worth.

During Lites' two previous stints with the team, the Stars won seven division championships, two Western Conference championships, two Presidents' Trophies and the 1999 Stanley Cup. Lites, 58, also served 11 years as the chief operating officer of the Detroit Red Wings.

"Jim Lites is the right guy at the right time to reposition and lead the franchise forward," Gaglardi said. "I like his vision, resilience, marketing expertise and his total energy for this job, and he and I share a huge love of this game."

The Stars filed a pre-packaged bankruptcy plan to help facilitate Gaglardi's purchase of the club.

The Stars, like the Texas Rangers, were once owned by Tom Hicks. He bought the NHL team for \$84 million in December 1995, but ran into financial problems.

The Rangers' sale was stalled for months by creditors' concerns over Hicks' financially strapped ownership group. The team was eventually put up for a court auction.

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# Horse therapy promotes trust and empathy

By GHENI PLATENBURG

Victoria Advocate

VICTORIA — Like many teenage girls of the late 1960s and early 1970s, Garwood native Shirley Johnson got engaged to her high school sweetheart on graduation day.

But her wedding plans were cut short when her fiancée turned out to be a nightmare rather than the man of her dreams.

"The minute he gave me my engagement ring, I became his possession," said Johnson, who accused her ex-fiancée of being physically abusive.

A member of the Balusek family, who were well-known on the Texas rodeo circuit, Johnson looked to her horses for solace.

She found the strength then to end her abusive situation.

"I felt powerful on this horse, so why should I submit to this man," said Johnson. "I thought if I could control my horse, I should be able to control (my fiancée).

That was one of Johnson's earliest realizations that horses were good not just for riding, but also for therapy.

More than 20 years later, she is still using horses to provide therapy to herself and others.

"Horses give you strength," said Johnson, 59, owner of Stable Life Counseling Center. "They can be empowering."

And after nine years of working as a counselor and parent liaison with the Victoria school district, Johnson opened Stable Life in 2003.

The counseling center helps clients with anger management, career counseling, domestic violence, sexual assault, parenting, post-traumatic stress disorder and attention deficit disorder.

Treatment approaches when working with clients include phone sessions, Christian counseling, relationship counseling, solution-focused therapy

and, most notably, equine or animal assisted counseling.

Equine therapy has been found to be effective in treating people with a wide spectrum of physical, behavioral, social, cognitive and psychological problems.

Building a relationship with an animal promotes empathy, affection, trust, loyalty, the ability to be in control of a situation, increased self-esteem, improved learning, concentration, ability to take responsibility, motivation to set and achieve goals and teamwork and problem solving, according to The Federation of Riding for the Disabled International.

In 2001, Johnson was a part of the first certification class for Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association.

Although equine therapy is an internationally accepted and certified area of counseling, Johnson said it only started to gain respect within the counseling community in the past five years.

Although she has used other animals for therapy purposes, including a calf and her dog, Pumpkin, Johnson favors using her horses — Rojo, Red, Penny and Snowball - because of their unique ability to read people.

"Horses don't lie. Dogs do. Other animals do. You can beat a dog and abuse it, and it will still come for love. If you beat a horse, the horse won't come back until you earn that trust again."

Horses are often the therapy animal of choice because of their large size, social nature and distinct personalities, moods and attitudes, as well as the increased levels of beta-endorphins and beneficial feelings humans experience following interaction with horses, according to elementsbehavioralhealth.com.

"Horses are like a mirror," said Stable Life therapist Eva Aleman, who focuses on play therapy for children ages 12 and under.

"If an individual is angry, that horse is not going to budge unless that person is calm and serene," Aleman added.

Sometimes just being able to pet the animals relaxes clients to the point that they open up about their situations, said the therapists.

"Mom thought it was something totally different," said Johnson, as she described a mother's reaction to her 4-year-old daughter opening up about being sexually abused by a relative during an equine therapy counseling session. She was totally surprised."

Aleman relayed a similar story about a boy who was unhappy about having to be cared for by foster parents because his mother was in jail.

She said the boy was able to accept his situation after interacting with an orphaned baby calf named Patches, for whom the therapists at Stable Life were serving as surrogate parents.

"He petted the calf and asked me was he sad," said Aleman. "It seemed to click. He leaned over and put his head on the calf's belly."

While some equine therapy consists of riding the horse, Johnson does groundwork therapy using the horses.

Some equine assisted therapies included walking the horse through obstacle courses and teamwork activities to put equipment on the horses.

One such activity entails a couple working together to put on a horse's bridle.

"You see how they communicate with each other. Sometimes, they start fighting."

Johnson supports equine therapy as an effective tool for just about anyone who is not abusive to animals.

"I would recommend therapy to people if they are where they are now and want to be somewhere else better, or improve or change, said Johnson. "If I didn't believe in therapy, I wouldn't be a good therapist."

## MIDKIFF

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to be commended for a job well done in this area.

We have spoken with Texas Press Association officials, attorneys, legal advisors and other leaders whom all agree the ads need to be published. Again, to clarify, the ads are not pointing at Big Spring. They are meant to inform our readers and citizens of what could happen and what is happening.

This is a time when governments and communities should be focusing on making our world/city a better place. Let's unite for the good of our city and work together to improve our community. Time should be spent helping your neighbor or a friend in need, not arguing over petty differences.

We encourage all our readers to help out with community projects, volunteering for non-profits and voicing your opinions

and ideas with our leaders. We also encourage everyone to vote.

We at the *Herald* will never do anything intentionally to hurt the citizens of this community and we will do our best to inform them of anyone who is trying to do so. We will always do our best for our advertisers, readers and the citizens of Big Spring and surrounding communities.

Furthermore, we take the interest of the City of Big Spring seriously and will

always keep a lookout for the welfare and the well-being of our citizens and community.

Below is a reprint sent to us by the Texas Press showcasing and explaining the advertisements that published throughout the country as well as in The *Big Spring Herald*. The public notice ads shown were sent out to publishers nationwide informing them of what is going on currently in regard to public notices and encourages support in the campaign to keep our

citizens informed.

These are for your information and interpretation and for you to see what was published in the *Big Spring Herald*. We understand and want to reinforce to the public that this is not the way our city officials operate, but know that it could happen if legislation is passed. This information is part of our service to the community.

*Ron Midkiff is publisher of the Big Spring Herald.*

This past legislative session in Texas, the public's right to know came under assault by several elected officials, administrators, bureaucrats and hired lobbyists associated with city and county governments, school districts and state government. Their goal: To end public notices in newspapers.

They found legislators to file scores of bills to end public notices in newspapers.

These legislators, along with many local and state officials, tried to argue that public notices in newspapers are no longer important or effective. The Texas Municipal League, a lobbyist organization based in Austin, receives membership fees from nearly every city in Texas. Those fees are paid with local tax dollars, which in turn help fund this ongoing effort to pass legislation that limits public access to government.

As a newspaper professional, and as a citizen of Texas, you should find this situation repugnant. Tax dollars should never be used to fund

efforts to limit open government or public notification.

We need to work together to promote an understanding among our readers of the importance of public notice. Public notice is a historical and valuable tool in ensuring accountability in government.

Please commit your newspaper to publish these ads on an ongoing campaign. Please join the other Texas newspapers in helping Texans understand the importance of public notices.

Let's work together to show the legislature and all our local and state officials that newspapers remain the most powerful independent voice for Texas citizens. If we remind our readers of the importance of public notices, we are meeting our responsibility to promote open and accountable government in Texas.

— Doug Toney, *New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung* publisher and Legislative Advisory Committee chair

## KEEP THE LIGHT ON PUBLIC NOTICES



**A NEW LANDFILL HAS BEEN APPROVED  
OR HADN'T YOU HEARD?**

Currently your government officials publish their plans and decisions in the newspaper — including where they intend to build facilities you might not want down the street.

That could change in the future because they want to bury their public notices somewhere online, on a little seen, rarely visited government website — out of sight, out of mind.

Don't let government keep you in the dark.

**If it is not in the newspaper,  
you won't know about it.**

Add Your Newspaper's Name Here

**KEEP THE LIGHT  
ON PUBLIC NOTICES**



**YOUR PROPERTY TAXES JUST WENT UP  
OR HADN'T YOU HEARD?**

When local governments want to increase tax revenues, they are required to publish notices in the newspaper so that you will know. But that right to know could disappear.

Local governmental entities across the state want to hide their public notices on little seen, rarely visited government websites.

What you don't know will affect you personally!

**If it is not in the newspaper,  
you won't know about it.**

Add Your Newspaper's Name Here

**KEEP THE LIGHT  
ON PUBLIC NOTICES**



These are the first two ads in a series of advertisements that members are encouraged to run as frequently as possible. The next ad is on its way. The ads are available in both color and black and white on the Texas Press website: <http://ads.texaspress.com/notice>. Please add your newspaper's name where indicated.

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## Engagements

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Nicole Ann Akin and Michael Preston

## Akin and Preston

Mr. and Mrs. James Akin, of Big Spring and the late William Noel, of Dumas, Texas, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Ann, to Michael Preston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Zuniga, of Levelland, Texas and Billy Preston, of El Paso, Texas.

Michael is currently working for Robinson Drilling of Texas, while Nicole is an accounting major at Howard College in Big Spring.

The couple plans to be wed Dec. 3, 2011, in Big Spring, Texas.

## Reader's Corner

### God in me

There's something in me that moves me to get up when I fall, to feel compassion toward those who don't know him, to have faith, hope, forgive, repent, to want to live for him, to be like him, to believe in his word, in the book of Acts 17:28 for in Him we live and move and have our being. The apostle Paul said in Acts 17:23 For as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship. I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD and then went on to say, therefore the One when you worship without knowing Him I proclaim to you. God, who made the world and everything in it since He is Lord of heaven and earth does not dwell in temples made with hands.

Acts 17:28 Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the

Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising.

Acts 17:30 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent. In Acts 19:2 Paul found some disciples and he said Did you receive the Holy Spirit since when you believed? So they said to him "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit. That very day

they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and when Paul laid hands on them they received the Holy Spirit and they spoke in tongues and prophesized.

Acts 7:51 "You stiff-necked and uncircumcized in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit: as your fathers did so do you. I want to end this in a positive note that the promise is unto you and to your children and to all who are a far off, as many as the Lord our God will call.

Allow God to come live in you, to move in you, let this prophecy be fulfilled in your life today.

Don't resist, consider the objects of your worship, now His name, take on the name of Jesus Christ.

For it is written He is coming after a bride that is wearing his name.

— Joelle Ludington —

## Blackwood Legacy to perform at Birdwell Lane

### Southern gospel comes to Big Spring

The Nashville-based "Blackwood Legacy" contemporary southern gospel group will be in concert Saturday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. at Birdwell Lane Baptist Church.

Admission is free and a love offering will be received.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church is located at 1512 Birdwell Lane. For more information, call 267-7157 or visit the website at [www.theblackwoodlegacy.com](http://www.theblackwoodlegacy.com).

The group can also be previewed on Facebook.

## Who's Who

### Area students receive scholarships from McMurry University

ABILENE — McMurry University is pleased to announce the following area students have been awarded the University Scholarship for the 2012-2013 academic year:

Taylor Seaton of Big Spring, a student at Big Spring High School, and Kyle Rimer of Midland, a student at Greenwood High School

The University Scholarship is a four-year, academically merit based scholarship awarded up to \$10,500 annually.

McMurry has consistently been named Top Tier, Most Diverse by U.S. News and World Report and was ranked 13th on their latest Best Colleges List, Regional College West Rankings. The University was also again named a Military Friendly School by GI Jobs. Learn more about McMurry's honors at [www.mcm.edu](http://www.mcm.edu).

McMurry University is committed to providing opportunities and experiences to ensure that every McMurry student achieves their maximum potential in their careers, their personal relationships,

and in their roles as moral citizens and contributing members of society.

### Wiseman furthers

#### Justice of the Peace certification

Judge Kathryn G. Wiseman was certified at the recent 24-hour Justice of the Peace Seminar held Nov. 14-17 in Rockwall, Texas.

The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, a division of Texas State University-San Marcos, with offices in Austin, Texas.

The seminar is held for elected Justices of the Peace so they can fulfill their Continuing Judicial Education Requirements as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government Code. The seminar addressed topics such as judicial ethics, tenants' remedies, criminal procedure, civil procedure, social media, evictions, legal analysis, enforcement in juvenile cases, default judgments, pretrial motions, commercial motor vehicle offenses, inquests, Rule 12, Technology Fund, contract law, administrative hearings, evidence, traffic law, credit cards,

personal injury and property damage, magistration and bond conditions and traffic safety.

## 2011 Recipe Winners

### BREADS

"Cranberry Orange Cornbread"  
Mamie Lee Dodds

### DESSERTS

"Cinderella Pumpkin Cake"  
Vernette Hill

### SALADS

"Fruit & Rice" Salad  
Loma Jean Wynn

### ENTREE

"Crockpot Fajitas"  
Loma Jean Wynn

### CASSEROLE

"Cheesy Chicken Noodle & Broccoli Soup"  
Loma Jean Wynn

### VEGGIES

"Scalloped Potatoes"  
Verla Paige

### APPETIZER

"Spinach Dip"  
Lois Hughes

### BEVERAGES

"Friendship Tea"  
Mary Churchwell

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# Club News

## Keep Big Spring Beautiful cleans up FM 700



Courtesy photo/Bobby McDonald

Keep Big Spring Beautiful president Janice Bishop and its other volunteers removed refuse and debris from FM 700 Saturday Nov. 12. This continued quest could bring state attention, awards or financial grants to the community.

## Big Spring Art Association holds meeting

The Big Spring Art Association met in its regular meeting Tuesday evening, Nov. 15, in the Community Room of Howard County Library.

Tex Irvin showed a variety of knives he had made from scratch, using materials from a wide variety of sources, from elk horn to hardwoods from South America and around the world. Most fascinating was his description of creating Damascus-steel knives with up to 1200 layers of metal, beaten at high heat over one another to create the hardest and sharpest knife blades in the world. Hunters of wild boar, for instance, use his knives with no other weapon to kill the savage beasts.

The public is invited to these monthly meetings, held September to May. An exception is the December meeting, which on December 13 will be a Christmas party held in the home of Lane Bond at 2605 Ann Drive. Everyone is invited. Please call 432-



263-4033 for information and to announce your coming.

Members include painters in all media, photographers, jewelry makers, sculptors in all media, collage materials — if it is artful it is welcome.

Each month members bring their works to the meeting to be assigned for display in various

public locations in the city.

If you are an artist, or want to be one, join us.

## St. Andrew's Day Festival set for today

St. Mary's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Andrew's Day Festival is set for today at 7 p.m.

The festival will be open to the community with no admission fee.

There will be choral and instrumental music of the British Isles.

Guest musicians for this year's event include professional pipers E.J. Jones of Asheville, N.C., Doug Frobose of Dallas, Richard Kean of Houston and drummer Stephen Cameron of Georgetown.

A reception will follow, featuring Scottish fare in the courtyard.

For more information, call Linda Hill at 432-230-9897.

## Menus

### Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast: pancakes. Lunch: crispy burrito/chili, corn, vegetable sticks, pears, milk, ranch dressing.

Tuesday: Breakfast: oatmeal. Lunch: sandwich, baby carrots, pickle spears, apple, milk, teddy grahams.

Wednesday: Holiday  
Thursday: Thanksgiving  
Friday: Holiday

### Coahom ISD

Monday: Breakfast: pop tarts, sausage, grape juice, milk. Lunch: smothered steak, mashed potatoes, wheat bread, green beans, milk. Sloppy joe.

Tuesday: Breakfast: donuts, sausage, variety juice, milk. Lunch: Green enchiladas, Mexicalli corn, peach cups, milk. Hot pockets.

Wednesday: Holiday  
Thursday: Thanksgiving  
Friday: Holiday

### Sands ISD

Monday: Breakfast: breakfast on a stick, juice and milk. Lunch: burrito, Spanish rice, tossed salad, fruit, cookie and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: cereal, yogurt, juice and milk. Lunch: peanut butter and jelly sandwich, cheese stick, baby carrots with ranch, apple, cookie and

milk.

Wednesday: Holiday  
Thursday: Thanksgiving  
Friday: Holiday

### Big Spring ISD

Monday: Breakfast: cocoa krispies, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes with gravy, yams, green beans, pumpkin pie, wheat roll, cranberry sauce, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: sausage/gravy pizza, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: oven fried chicken, red beans with rice garden, salad, ranch dressing, fruit cocktail, wheat roll, orange smiles, milk.

Wednesday: Holiday  
Thursday: Thanksgiving  
Friday: Holiday

### Senior Center

Monday: beef lasagna, California blend vegetables, garlic bread, chocolate pudding, milk.

Tuesday: beef tips, parsley noodles, broccoli, rolls, banana pudding, milk.

Wednesday: smoked sausage, baked beans, sauerkraut, rolls, pears sprinkled with Jell-O, milk.

Thursday: Thanksgiving  
Friday: Holiday

## West Texas Baby Pageant winner announced

Beauty pageants aren't uncharted territory for four-year-old Zacary Barber.

In fact, he's a recurring winner.

This year, Barber competed in the 2011 West Texas Baby Pageant in Odessa, held Nov. 13 in the Deaderick Auditorium on the Odessa College campus, and walked away with a first place, second place and third place finish.

During a 3:30 p.m. ceremony, Barber received first place in the beauty

division and third place in the photo competition. He placed second overall and was named supreme prince.

The first time he competed in a pageant, at the age of 2, he received second in the beauty division, first place in the photo division and was awarded third place overall.

Barber is the son of Mickey Barber and the late Amanda Barber of Big Spring. His grandmother is Kay Barber.

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Great Breakfast. Great Day!

# Dollar Menu

at breakfast



i'm lovin' it.



Courtesy photo

Scenic Mountain Medical Center employees presented a ceremonial check of more than \$30,000 to the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County Friday morning. The check represented the hospital's contributions to the 2012 UW campaign.

## SMMC employees collect \$30K for United Way drive

Special to the Herald

With the 2012 Campaign for the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County coming to a close, the Scenic Mountain Medical Center United Way team captains report another outstanding year, securing more than \$30,000 in employee pledges. In celebration of this sizeable contribution, they presented a ceremonial "big check" to the United Way Board of Directors during "Blitz Day" — the culmination of this year's campaign — Friday.

The SMMC campaign began in late September with a kickoff

barbecue. Several United Way agencies set up tables to share with staff what they do with the funds they receive from United Way. To add some excitement, SMMC Chief Executive Officer Larry Rodgers offered a 16 gigabyte iPad to raffle off, raising almost \$1,000 the first day. Fourteen team captains worked throughout the month of October, collecting pledges from their fellow employees.

The SMMC campaign achieved more than 100 percent of its stated goal of \$30,000 (which was more than double the 2011 goal of \$12,000).

From 2008 through 2012, SMMC

has raised more than \$75,000 to benefit the 15 local non-profit agencies served by the United Way. The facility, which includes Family Medical Center, employs approximately 322 staff members. The 2012 pledges amount to a contribution of more than \$90 per employee.

"The spirit and leadership of the employees of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Family Medical Center are well recognized in the community," Rodgers said. "We have never been content with just following along, but have taken the initiative in setting the pace for others."



COURTESY photo

GEO executives were on hand to present their donation check for the 2012 Big Spring and Howard County United Way campaign Thursday afternoon. The company donated \$16,000 to this year's campaign which ended Friday. Pictured are, from left, Lori Metcalf, United Way board member; Sandy Stewart, executive director of United Way; Reed Smith, GEO vice president of operations; David Justice, GEO senior warden; and Debbie Wegman, president of United Way.

## EDC approves incentive agreement

By AMANDA MORENO  
Staff Writer

Big Spring Economic Development Corporation held its monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon.

Overall, the agenda consisted of regular business with one incentive agreement needing approval. The board considered and approved an incentive agreement with Transport Handling Specialists, Inc.

Terry Wegman, executive director of BSEDC, presented an incentive

agreement providing reimbursement of monthly lease payments for rail right-of-way and acreage on the McMahon Wrinkle Air park. The portion of land between Western Container and John Crane is under the control of the city of Big Spring. As of Oct. 1, the city started charging THS monthly rental fees.



Wegman

"They (THS) already have strong commitments that once they are operable, companies will come and set up shop, but there are repairs that need to be made before they can become fully operable," Wegman said. "Within the next six months they should be generating revenue and won't be in need of the rent subsidy."

The agreement would cover reimbursement of monthly payments until revenue is able to be generated by the com-

pany. Wegman also said the payments may only need to serve as a gap payment until the company generates enough revenue for the entire monthly lease payment.

The agreement would be for two years, but as Wegman said the assistance will most likely not be needed for the entire declared time frame. The board granted unanimous approval for the incentive agreement, as well as granted permission to Wegman to investigate a possible

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## Energy Watch



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

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



So far this year, inflation has been much higher than the Federal Reserve has expected. Back in January, the Fed expected the PCE Deflator (a broad measure of consumer prices calculated for GDP accounts) to rise 1.5 percent in 2011. But so far this year, these prices are up at a much faster 3.2 percent annual rate. A better known measure, the Consumer Price Index, is up at a 4.1 percent annual rate in the first nine months of the year.

The Fed argues that it really hasn't been wrong. It thinks temporary issues (mostly with commodity prices) are artificially holding up inflation. For next year, the Fed says the PCE Deflator will rise 1.7 percent, a higher forecast than it had for 2011, but still significantly lower than the current pace of inflation.

We think the Fed is making the same mistake again. The Fed, like all Keynesians, believes higher unemployment means lower wages, which, in turn, means downward pressure on inflation. But this was proven wrong in the 1970s, when high unemployment and inflation existed at the same time.

Instead of fixating on the unemployment rate, we see inflation as a monetary phenomenon. Inflation is "too much money chasing too few goods." So, inflation rises when the Fed is loose and falls when the Fed is tight.

Government policy, which enhances or detracts from real economic growth, also has an impact. In the early 1980s, Fed Chairman Paul Volcker's tight money was accompanied by President Reagan's tax cuts. Both helped tame inflation. And the same goes in reverse. Bad fiscal policies that deter growth can make a given monetary policy more prone toward inflation.

Right now the Fed is way too loose. We use nominal GDP growth as the appropriate target for the federal funds rate. In the past two years, nominal GDP — real GDP growth plus inflation — is up at a 4.5 percent annual rate. Some view this growth as a rebound from crisis, a temporary upward blip that overestimates economic strength. But, even if we look at average growth back to Q1 2008, nominal GDP is up at a 1.8 percent average rate. Either way, a 0 percent federal funds rate is too low.

With nominal growth accelerating, either real GDP growth must rise to absorb excess monetary liquidity, or inflation will continue to accelerate. Or, a combination of rising real growth and rising inflation could occur.

That last scenario seems most likely. Real GDP growth should accelerate in 2012, to a 3 percent gain from about 2 percent this year. Given lower gas prices, the CPI probably took a breather in October (official data was scheduled to arrive Nov. 16) and our best guess is that we finish the year up 3.6 percent. Next year, consumer prices are likely to be up more than 4 percent. To be clear, we think inflation would accelerate even more next year if not for the improvement in real economic growth.

One reason that Keynesian models make mistakes is that they miss underlying shifts in economic potential. For example, the Fed still thinks the future long-term average jobless rate should be roughly 5.6 percent — what economists call the "natural rate" of unemployment. In other words, the Fed doesn't think inflation can persist unless the unemployment rate falls below this natural rate.

But what if the natural rate is higher than this? Federal spending has climbed to near 25 percent of GDP — its highest levels in 30 years, reminiscent of a time when most economists thought the natural rate was 7 percent. Like 30 years ago, government spending has increased the natural rate of unemployment and the Fed has missed it. As a result, Fed models will continue to underestimate inflation.

We think the jobless rate is headed down in the next few years and think it will decline a bit faster than the Fed believes.

But the only way to get it down to 5.6 percent is to dramatically reduce the size of government or to push so much money into the economy that it artificially pushes unemployment below the natural rate. But that second method can only work for a short period of time.

Eventually, a monetary policy loose enough to lower the unemployment rate that much would create a 1970s-style problem that would make today's inflation problem look minor in comparison.

*Past Performance is no guarantee of future results. This article was written by Brian S. Westbury, Chief Economist for First Trust Advisors L.P., on November 7, 2011 and provided courtesy of Bhupen Agrawal Branch Manager in Midland at (432) 684-7335.*



# Public Records

## Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

Gregory Aguilar Jr., 1508 Sunset Ave., Big Spring  
Irene Lopez Alaniz, 774 E. Highway 80, Abilene  
Brian Layton Allison, 1100 College Circle, Ranger  
Demetrio Alva, 11520 Arrow Rock, El Paso  
Terica Alvarado, 1100 E. 61st St., Odessa  
Anthony G. Anderson, 3401 Cammelia Dr., Temple  
Daniel Antrim, 120 N. 22nd Pl., Lamesa  
Nancy Ramirez Banuelos, 1515 A Sycamore, Big Spring  
Christine Avalos Bara, of 1405 N. Sixth, Lamesa  
Amy Barber, 2602 Ent, Big Spring  
Samantha Ann Barrera, 606 Lamar, Sweetwater  
Daniel B. Barron, 507 N. Ave. F, Lamesa  
Tim Beck, 709 W. Seventh St., Big Spring  
Amy Benavides, 3001 N. Midland Dr., Big Spring  
Crystal Biles, 15885 S. Quartz, Odessa  
Vern Black, 329 W. Tennessee, Floydada  
Jeremy Bolton, 506 N. Ave. L, Lamesa  
Edward Bourland, 229 Edgewood Dr., San Angelo  
Alexis A. Bowie, 2811 Lawton, Amarillo  
Dave Bracken, 2720 42nd St., Lubbock  
Johnny William Brown, 507 E. Sixth, Big Spring  
Wanda Heron Brown, 538 Westover Rd. Apt. 113, Big Spring  
Melinda Burns, 2218 Carlton Way, San Angelo  
Cristal Cabello, 1314 65th Drive Apt. C, Lubbock  
Melissa Camargo, 2100 Ave. N, Tahoka  
Latonya Campbell, 7549 Ashcroft Circle, Fort Worth  
Antonia Castillo, 206 Fuller St., Hereford  
Donald Cervantes, 1211 Lloyd, Big Spring  
Weldon Montague Cheatham, 4502 Denison, Snyder  
Jared Kendero Coby, 901 S. High Street # 802, Longview  
Vanessa Conatser, 3218 Fordham, Big Spring  
Wesley Wayne Crow, 2400 Robb Lane, Big Spring  
Stephen Cruz, 1501 Hilltop Rd., Big Spring  
Ramona Davila, 2143 Texas Ave, San Antonio  
Julie E. Davis, 5202 Bangor Ave. Apt. K301, Lubbock  
Clarissa Dean, 2516 Gunter, Big Spring  
Brandee A. Eberhardt, 197 Briarwood Lane, Big

Spring  
Constance A. Elledge, 1709 Scotland Ave., Azle  
Kristi L. Elliot, 603 E. 12th St., Big Spring  
Alfredo Flores Jr., PO Box 272, Laredo  
Irene Paredez Flores, 1000 E. 20th St., Big Spring  
Kenneth L. Freeman, 1401 San Andres, Odessa  
Danny Frias, 207 W. 17th St., Georgetown  
Hilda Fuentes, 502 S. Seventh, Lamesa  
Carlos Garcia, 1211 S. Third St., Brownfield  
James Randal Gardner, P.O. Box 1490, Lyons, Colo.  
Joe Nick Garfias Jr., of 1309 Runnels, Big Spring  
Claudet Garza, 3106 E. Elm No. 10, Laredo  
Joseph Garza Jr., 17811 Vail No. 18, Dallas  
Misty Goldston, 2429 20th St., Lubbock  
Benito Oscar Gonzales, 101 S. Reynolds, Coahoma  
James E. Gonzalez, 604 Neff St., Sweetwater  
Jeffrey Grams, 224 Lelon Lane, Springtown  
Nora Gutierrez, 606 N. Eighth Street, Lamesa  
Edna J. Hale, 510 Milton Ave., Brownwood  
Sharon Marquis Hanson, 1201 E. Co. Rd. 34, Big Spring  
Clifford Arvin Hart Jr., 3234 Drexel, Big Spring  
Dana Havink, 600 Star Linda Ct., Arlington  
Chris Henry, 3520 28th St., Lubbock  
Isaul Hernandez, 523 W. Noble, Falfurrias  
Veronica Cervantes Hernandez, 1005 N. 17th St., Lamesa  
Gerald Hodges, 4312 Crane, Houston  
Allen Hoey, 1401 N. Highway 87 No. 1502, Big Spring  
Herman Hokes, 1303 Sycamore, Big Spring  
Danny Holt, of 125 Farney Rd., Lorena  
Bradley Ryan Horton, of Linda Lane, Big Spring  
Shameka Houston, 1905 Wasson No. 49, Big Spring  
Jeanie Renee Ivey, 5326 Old Highway 71, LaGrange  
Brandy Johnson, 24327 Pleasonton, San Antonio  
Rene M. Johnson, 9205 W. County Road 174, Midland  
Steven Daniel Johnson, 1509 142nd St., Lubbock  
Johnny Ray Jones, 501 E. 17th St., Big Spring  
Katie Lynn Junkin, 1410 Lancaster, Big Spring  
Paige Morgan Kenas, 1003-2 Lake County Rd. 175, Colorado City  
Kimberly K. King, 1711 Young, Big Spring  
Robert Michael Kleck,

P.O. Box 35, Rotan  
Lindsey Kay Lee, 1405 S. Benton, Big Spring  
Patricia Lutrell, 2726 Redwood, Odessa  
Jenny Marie Hamilton Lyon, 4201 W. Highway 80 Apt. 6, Big Spring  
Joshua David Mackenstein, 414 Hickory/3417 N. Midland Drive, Midland  
Christopher Max Martinez, 2870 S. Highway, Snyder  
Jarrod Martinez, 61 E. Eighth St., San Angelo  
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## County Court Decisions:

Judgment and Sentence: Henry Dwaine Miller, criminal mischief - more than \$500 less than \$1,500, \$750 fine, \$332 court costs, 75 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Christopher Ryan Colegrove, theft of property - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$750 fine, \$332 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Melissa Segundo, theft by check - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$100 fine, \$332 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Victoriano A. Hilario III, possession of marijuana - more than two ounces more than four ounces, \$500 fine, \$342 court costs, 10 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Alex Ferrell Paredez, theft - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$332 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Andy Lee Cuelar, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$282 court costs, two days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Alice Rios Guzman, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$282 court costs, two days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Sidney Allen Shoup, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$457 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Jay Chancellor, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$1,500 fine, \$457 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Angel Edeiverto Torres, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Christopher Daniel Marquez, possession of a controlled substance, \$500 fine, \$342 court costs, 60 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Michael Paul Hogan, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Nicholes H. Limon, possession of a dangerous drug, \$500 fine, \$342 court costs, 75 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Andres Junior Castillo IV, theft of property - more than \$50 and less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$457 court costs, 45 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Lionso Lee Jimenez, theft of property -

more than \$50 and less than \$500, \$750 fine, \$332 court costs, 75 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Lionso Lee Jimenez, failure to identify - giving false information, \$750 fine, \$282 court costs, 75 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Juan Angel Madrid, failure to identify - giving false information, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 45 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Georgio A. Taylor, criminal trespass, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
**District Court Filings:**  
Ex Parte Jack Karl Taylor, expunction.  
In Re Theodore Flores, civil.  
In Re Ramon Lucky Oliva, family.  
Scenic Mountain Medical Center vs. Magdalena Ledesma-Hilario, accounts, notes and contracts.  
Debra Ann Sanders vs. Tony Ellis Ware, divorce.  
Discover Bank vs. Milton V. Mow and E.N. Mow, accounts, notes and contracts.  
Joanne Cervantes vs. Ramon Valbuena, protective order.  
Scenic Mountain Medical Center vs. Leticia Rodriguez, accounts, notes and contracts.  
Scenic Mountain Medical Center vs. Wesley Walden, accounts, notes and contracts.  
Kendra Rutledge vs. Byron Richard, protective order.  
Tobi Brim vs. Richard Lifton, civil.  
Kem Hooper and Robert Hooper vs. Martin County and Ricky Dale Timmins, injury or damages involving a motor vehicle.  
Summer Dawn Ferrill vs. Leland Miles Ferrill, divorce.  
Joshua Lee Junkin vs. Monica Renea Lara, divorce.  
Karla Kay Myatt vs. John Wade Myatt, divorce.  
The State of Texas vs. Derrick Wayne Jones, judgment.  
**Marriage Licenses:**  
Christopher Shawn Jones, 31, and Jessica Sarah Hawkins, 27, both of Big Spring.  
Michael J. Bullinger, 23, and Chole E. Warren, 20, both of Big Spring.  
Delbert Deshae Green, 20, and Kimberly Nicole Gutierrez, 21, both of Big Spring.  
Consencio Raymone Ford, 27, and Priscilla Lea Cortez, 26, both of Big Spring.

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agreement offering THS assistance for rail upgrades until an answer can be received on an application grant.  
"They have a lease on an engine that has been signed, but they can't bring it here until repairs have been made to the rail spur," Wegman said.  
According to information provided to the board, approximately 950 feet of the spur is in need of repair or replacement. The grant applied for, which would help with these repairs, will be for \$300,000 but an answer won't be delivered for a few months.  
"If we can get this

project up and running we will have something most communities don't have. It will provide lots of opportunities once we have it operational," Wegman said.  
Other business included approval of the October investment report and the October financials. Rodney Bomar, secretary/treasurer, delivered the two reports. He reported a year over year increase of seven percent in sales tax.  
"This ranks pretty high and is a good start for this fiscal year," Bomar said.  
The balance sheet showed a total of more than \$2 million. Notes payable were reported to be in good shape overall.  
"It was a fairly typical month of expenses with

a few extra payments being made," Bomar said. "One of those being the officer liability insurance payment and the pay off of machine rental for postage."  
Wegman said, "We just weren't utilizing the postage machine all that much. We will just go the route of buying postage stamps, which will serve our purpose just as well."  
During the directors report, Wegman informed the board on the progress regarding the Ports to Plains project. The project has been 20 years in the works and is now looking to be started within the next two years.  
"It looks like this is really going to happen," Wegman said. "Out of the \$300 million design-

ated to the project, the reliever route in Big Spring will be receiving \$63 million."

A December meeting will take place, but the date is yet to be announced.

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Lee Lewis Construction, Inc. will receive proposals for the **Big Spring ISD-High School Phase 1 Abatement and Demolition.** Proposals are due by 3:00pm, November 22, 2011. No proposals will be accepted after this time. We specifically invite Small Business Concerns and Women Owned Business Concerns, and Small Business Concerns Owned/Controlled by Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Individuals.

Plans are available from: Lee Lewis Construction, Inc. 7810 Orlando Ave. Lubbock, Texas 79423 806-797-8400  
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A Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference will be conducted Wednesday, November 16th 4:00pm Big Spring High School Board Room, 707 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas.  
#7168 November 13 and 20, 2011

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As the 2011 Scorpio solar journey winds down to a close, a kind of review process begins. Have you changed in the ways you intended to? Is there something more you could do to reinforce the change if it has happened or trigger it if it hasn't? A square of the sun and Neptune adds a sense of urgency to these ideas.



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**Legals**

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

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.  
**CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE/ BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)**  
Dist/Div: Abilene Contract 6234-85-001 for RETROREFLECTIVITY DATA COLLECTION in HOWARD County, etc will be opened on December 15, 2011 at 1:30 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$44,668.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 38538

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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.  
#7177 November 20 & 21, 2011

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You have a white-hot burning desire to accomplish a certain goal. You will do whatever it takes for as long as it takes to bring this outcome into being. You are, in short, driven.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You probably already know that your sign can be stubborn about learning from others. When you have a mentor you really trust, the only sensible thing to do is let go of your defenses and learn all you can.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You have a talent for noticing big obstacles ahead and steering to avoid them. It's the small obstacles and unanticipated problems that could bog you down now if you let them. Stay positive, and you'll keep moving ahead.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Whatever happened in the past, leave it there. You are what you make of yourself. Remember that you're in charge, and don't let other people or circumstances determine your destiny.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You give your love wholeheartedly. That could be overwhelming

for certain people. Not everyone knows how to open up to love. Be patient, and try to give your attention in easily acceptable doses.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). As you deal with loved ones, it may occur to you that there has got to be a better way to communicate. The secret is in vicinity and eye contact. Whenever possible, be close and connected to one another.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll decide that your expressions need to be heard. What you wear and how you carry yourself will be as much a part of that expression as what you say, write and present.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Drop your uncertainty about the future. You can be sure that you'll rise to the occasion because said "occasion" is one that you have been thinking, wishing and dreaming about for ages.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). To some extent, this day is a study in contrast: the poor against the rich, the infantile next to the wise. You'll be prompted to form some kind of conclusion from all that plays out before you.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You feel a responsibility to make people happy. Start with yourself. Ultimately, you're the only one you can really control. But if you can do that, you'll strongly influence others to enjoy life.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Someone will do a good deed for you that is kind of a mixed blessing. On the one hand, you enjoy the perk. On the other, your impetus to return the favor is quite substantial.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). What you are called on to handle today is not the same old crisis of the past. It's something new and exciting. You'll have to release the past in order to see this for the opportunity it really is.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Nov. 20). You are not

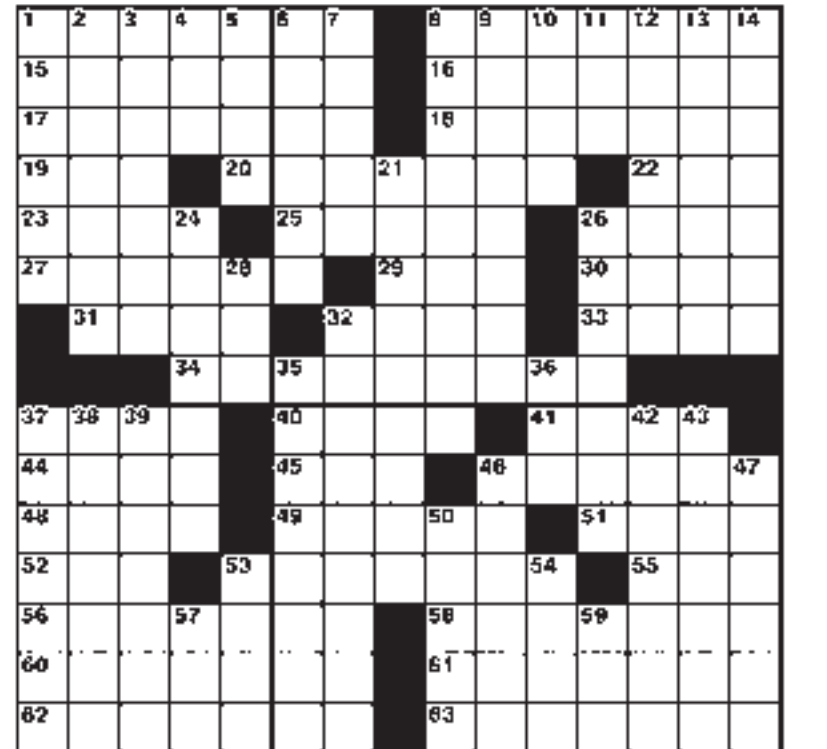
afraid to fail, and therefore, you'll succeed at a faster rate. You'll spend many happy hours with a true friend next month and into the new year. January brings the completion of a project, and you'll set new exciting goals, too. A victory for someone close to you will affect you favorably in March. Scorpio and Capricorn people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 14, 33, 1 and 19.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** The passage of the sun from Scorpio into Sagittarius will be nary too subtle. Indeed, this time of year often literally comes on like a storm. This year, the sun's entrance into the adventurous, expansive realm of Sagittarius happens on Tuesday. The solar journey through Scorpio dealt with themes of deep investigation and drastic change. As the sign of transformation, Scorpio energy loves to take hold at a basic level and alter the formulas by which we live and create ourselves. Looking back at recent weeks, you may note the ways in which your loved ones, colleagues and the people around you have changed. Indeed, even the landscape and the air we breathe seems altered. With the sun at a squared angle to dreamy Neptune for the first part of the week, there will be added events to punctuate the difference between "then" and "now." The solar journey through Sagittarius promises to open our minds and hearts to the possibilities ahead. There will be a partial solar eclipse on Thanksgiving Day, suggesting that the happiest moments will occur because we make them occur. Be mindful, proactive and forward-thinking about how you'll show loved ones appreciation and keep the peace.

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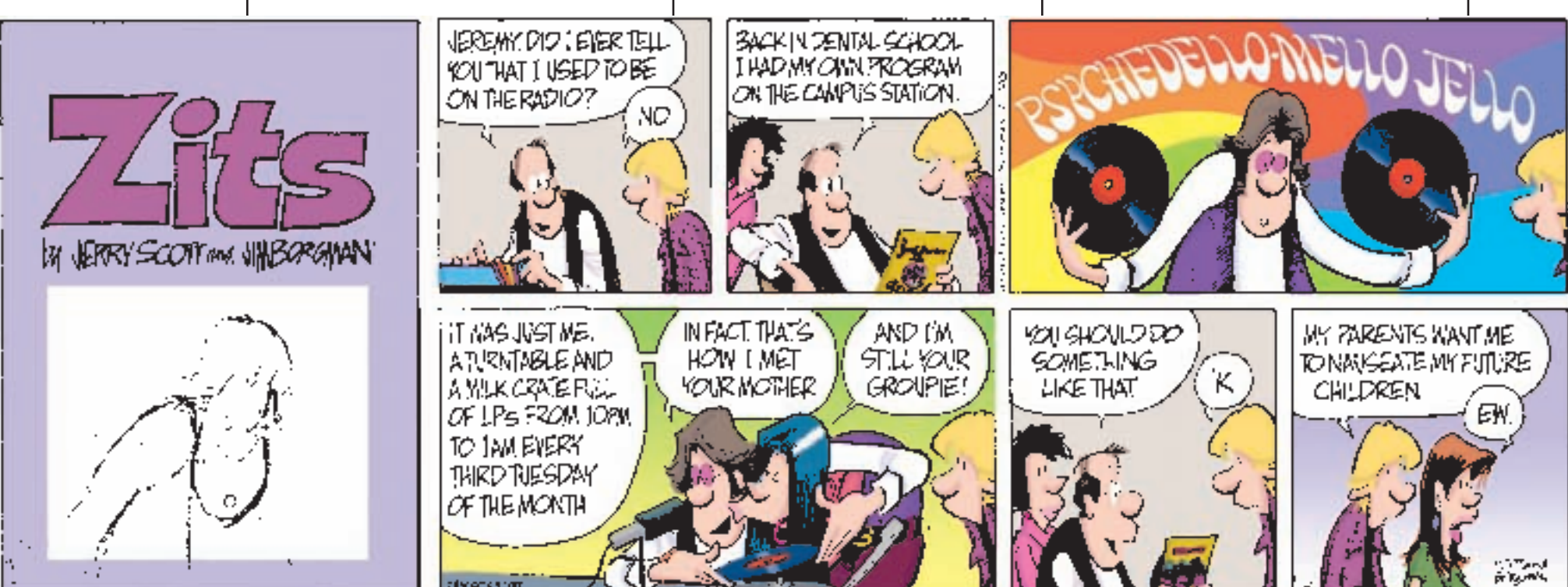
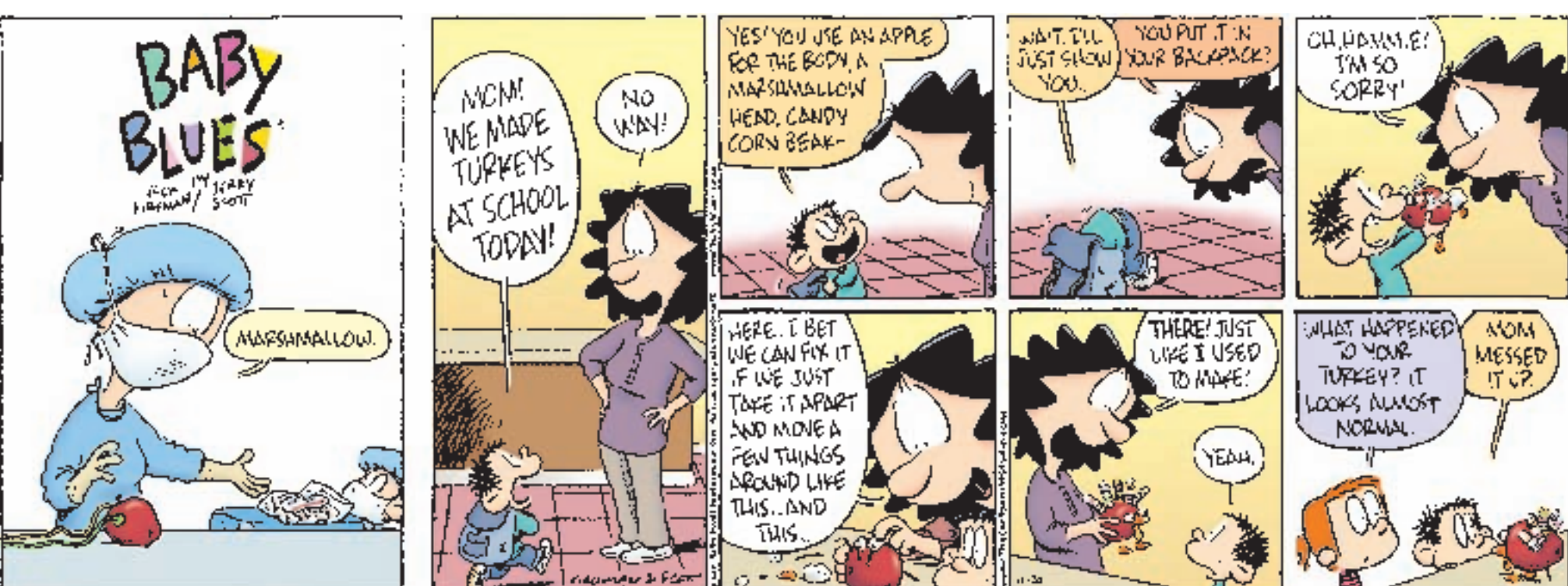
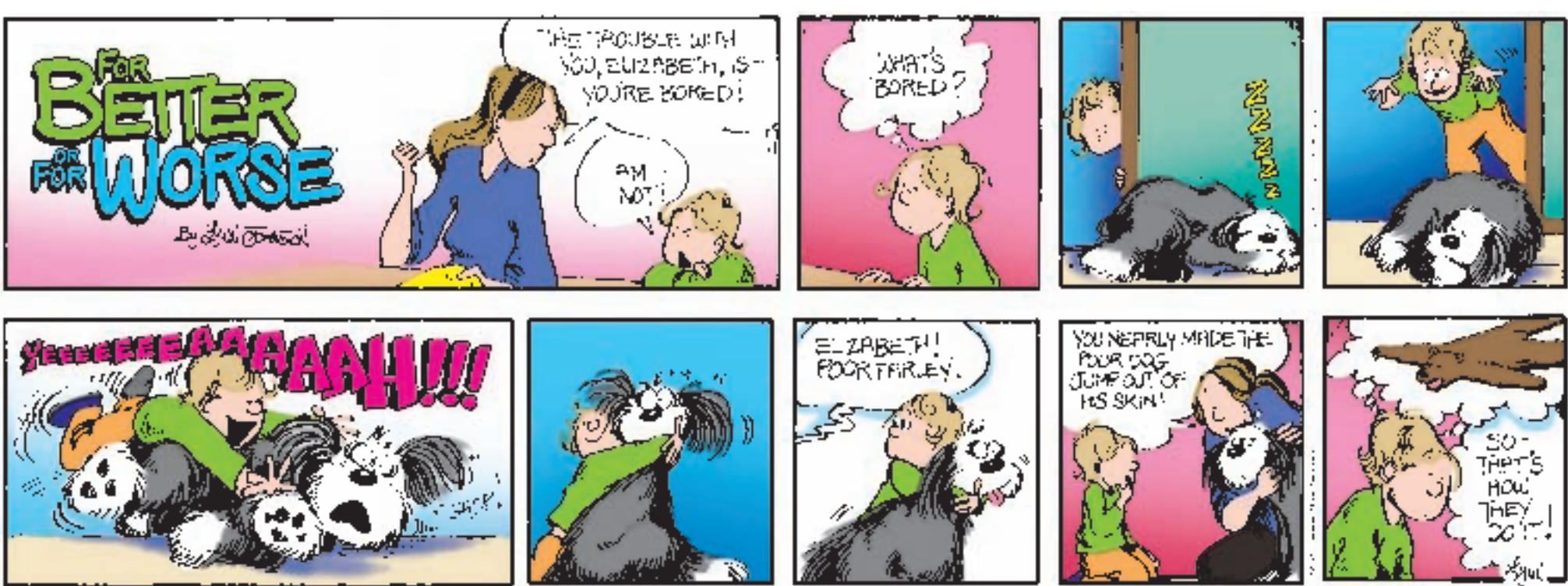
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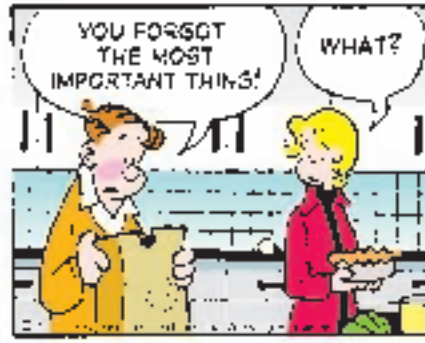
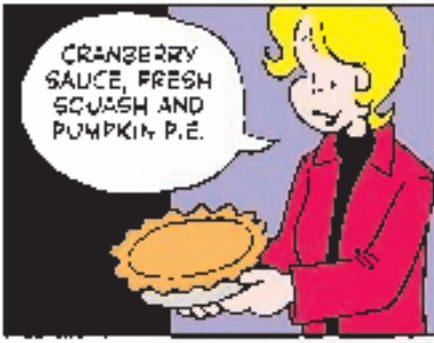
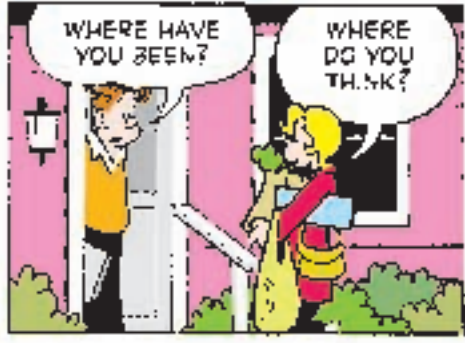


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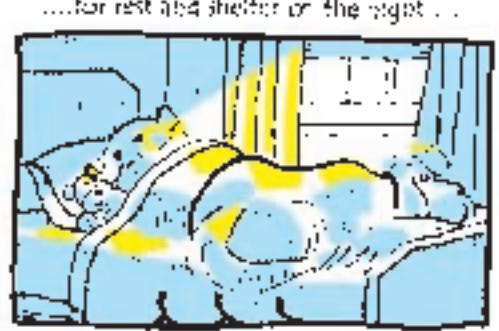
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# ROSE IS ROSE

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OKAY! OKAY!

I'M RAISING THE THERMOSTAT THREE DEGREES!

NOW SQUATTEL JIMBO

I DIDN'T EVEN HAVE TO ASK.

## THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REIHER



"HOW OLD ARE YOU NOW, MR. 'YOU'RE-AS-YOUNG-AS-YOU-FEEL'?"

"STOP LEARN! THOSE ARE MY FALSE EYELASHES!"

HAMLET

"IT WAS A TRAGEDY. I MISSED A FOOTBALL GAME TO SEE THIS"

"LORETTA WANTS TO REPLACE ME WITH AN APP."

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by TOM BATAK

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CLOSE.

ACTUALLY, THE BAND IS SELLING TURKEYS TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE FOOTBALL TEAM.

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AND THE FOOTBALL COACH HAS PROMISED TO HAVE THE TEAM HELP US SELL BAND CANDY IN THE SPRING.

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# Dear Margo: Whose money is it, anyway?

**Dear Margo:** Is it appropriate to open a discussion with my parents about their will when they are still healthy?

My mom and stepdad own five wooded acres and a lovely home they built themselves in a beautiful part of the country.

We three moved there when I was 12. The house was finished when I was in high school, and I lived in it for two years before going to college.

I have one older sister and an older stepsister, neither of whom has ever lived in that state, much less in that house.

Some years ago, I found out that my mom's and stepdad's wills specified an equal division between their children.

I anticipate problems with this when the time comes, mainly because of the personalities involved.

While I have no problem buying out my sister and stepsister, that might not be a financial option for me — assuming they would even be open to selling.

I foresee "my" house becoming my stepsister's vacation home, especially as she is much better off financially than my sister or me.

Even worse, the trees could be cut down and the land sold off to a developer. I would be absolutely heartsick if that happened.

Being as I am very emotionally tied to the area and to the house and am the only child to have ever lived there, would it be inappropriate for me to just ask my parents to change their wills?

I've known about this for years, but haven't had the courage to say anything. — *Bottom Third*

**Dear Bot:** Alas, it would be inappropriate because a couple gets to decide such matters for themselves.

There is nothing wrong with letting them know that you feel very attached to the house, but if it and the property are their main assets, which I suspect might be the case, they could not leave it to you and still be fair to the other two.

Perhaps this will make you feel less anxious, but there's an old saying I subscribe to: The things we worry about most often never happen. — *Margo, acceptingly*



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## When Clear Thinking Points to the Exit

**Dear Margo:** My boyfriend of six months is great — except for the fact that he isn't Christian and I am. At first I compromised my morals to be with him because I really liked him. Now, after all this time, I've grown to realize that what he wants is much different from what I want, not to mention we have quite different moral codes.

I know for some people what I'm saying would seem ridiculous, but I've been a Christian my entire life, and it means a lot to me. I love him, but I know the best thing to do is end it.

How do I do it so he will understand? And would it work to stay friends? — *Wanting To Make the Right Decision*

**Dear Want:** Good for you for thinking about important things before you make a commitment. The fact that your religion is important to you, a religion he doesn't share, is one reason to call it a day.

Another is that you recognize your dissimilar views of morality. Continuing ... you each want different things from life. All of this spells "mismatch."

I think this man will understand your decision when you explain that, after long thought, you believe the differences would do you in. As for remaining friends, time and his response to ending the romance will be the determinant. I salute you for dodging a bullet. — *Margo, admirably*

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his private parts and began rubbing.

My boyfriend immediately took my son back to the school to talk to the principal, but we can't seem to get any answers about how to remove this child from the mess he is creating for the other students.

I love this school and hope my youngest child will get in next year. I'm willing to take matters into my own hands, so please tell me what to do about Boyd. — *Need School Assistance*

**Dear Need:** Boyd's behavioral issues would be better addressed through the school counselor or a psychologist.

It is unfair that the rest of the class is held hostage to his behavior, especially when the school's current response doesn't seem to be helping. They should be dealing with this more proactively.

Try approaching the principal again. Explain that you want not only what is best for your child, but also for Boyd.

The school already may have insisted that he receive counseling, or they may have called Child Welfare to check into his home environ-

ment.

Right now, your choices are to remove your son from the school or teach him more effective ways to handle such disruptive behavior. The teacher should be able to help you with that.

**Dear Annie:** I sent a check and a card to a friend's son who graduated grade school last spring.

I have not seen or spoken to this friend for nearly 10 years, since she moved out of state. The last contact we had was when she sent me a thank-you note for the wedding gift I sent her.

Her son's check was cashed within days, but I have yet to receive an acknowledgement of any kind.

Should I mention to my friend that my feelings were hurt? Or should I simply stop sending gifts, since this

seems to be our only form of communication? — *California*

**Dear California:** You are not obligated to send gifts to someone with whom you have no other contact.

A simple card with your best wishes is sufficient. However, your friend's son should have sent a thank-you note.

Since it has been quite a while, it provides a good excuse to call your friend for a chat. While you are catching up, simply ask, "By the way, did Johnny get the gift I sent?"

**Dear Annie:** I feel compelled to respond to "Maine Husband," the caregiver of a wife with multiple sclerosis.

I, too, am married to a beautiful, intelligent, elegant lady who is wheelchair bound and suffering the ravages of multiple sclerosis.

Although we have an incredible and loving aide who assists in the mornings, I am her sole caregiver.

As caregivers, we work so hard at arranging, running and controlling our lives that it is easy to shut others out.

Or, if help is offered, we say "no" because the helper may do things differently.

I'm sure "Maine" is exhausted and depressed. He needs to learn how to participate in the festivities on terms acceptable to him.

He also should make arrangements occasionally to escape his responsibilities without feeling guilty.

Most of all, he needs to learn how to request and accept help. — *Pennsylvania*

**Dear Pennsylvania:** Thank you for your wise

words.

**Dear Readers:** Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Please consider opening your home to those who are alone on the holiday, and invite them to share your meal.

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**Dear Annie:** My son is in the second grade at a terrific private school. Unfortunately, there is an out-of-control boy who has been in his class since kindergarten.

"Boyd" is in the principal's office nearly every day because he throws temper tantrums, curses the teacher, bullies and otherwise behaves inappropriately.

The principal usually lectures him and lets him return to the class he was disrupting, although this year alone, he's been suspended twice for three days.

My son came home yesterday and told me Boyd put his hand on

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### Buffalo Chicken Wing Soup

6 cups milk  
3 cans cream of chicken  
3 cups shredded, cooked chicken  
1 cup sour cream  
¼ cup hotpepper sauce

Combine all ingredients in slow cooker. Cover and cook on low 4-5 hours. Serve with tortilla chips.

— *Julie Bacon*

### Texas Beef Dip

1 pound ground beef  
¾ cup chopped onion  
½ clove garlic, minced  
½ cup chopped, green pepper  
1 (8 oz) can tomato sauce  
¼ cup Ketchup  
1 teaspoon sugar  
¾ teaspoon dried, crushed oregano

1 teaspoon salt  
1 (8 oz) package cream cheese  
1/3 cup Parmesan cheese  
¼ teaspoon black pepper

Put beef, onion, garlic and green pepper in skillet. Cook until meat is brown and onions are tender. Stir in tomato sauce, ketchup, sugar, oregano, salt and pepper. Cover, simmer 10 minutes. Spoon off excess fat. Remove from heat. Add cheeses. Heat until cream cheese is melted and combined. Serve warm. Dip Doritos. Makes 3 cups.

— *Loma Jean Wynn*

### Minted Nuts

1 cup sugar  
½ cup water  
¼ cup light corn syrup  
10 marshmallows  
1 t peppermint extract  
10 drops food coloring (optional)  
3 cups pecan or walnut halves

Mix sugar, water and syrup in a 2 quart sauce pan. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Cook for 238 degrees or until soft ball forms which flattens on removal from cold water. Remove from heat. Stir in marshmallows, peppermint and food coloring until dissolved. Stir in nuts until well coated. Turn onto waxed paper. Separate nuts while still warm. Makes 1¼ pounds.

— *Mamie Lee Dodds*

### Peppy Mexican Cornbread Bites

1½ cups cornmeal  
¾ teaspoon soda  
¾ teaspoon salt  
¾ can (17 oz) cream style corn  
1 can (7½ oz) Rotel  
3 eggs, beaten  
1 can (10 oz) whole green chiles  
¾ pound grated cheddar cheese  
1/3 cup bacon dripping

In large mixing bowl, combine cornmeal, soda, salt, milk, corn, tomatoes and eggs.

Cover bottom of 9x12x2 inch baking pan with bacon fat. Spread 1/3 batter evenly in pan. Arrange opened green chiles (drained) over batter. Sprinkle about ¾ of grated cheese on green chiles. Spoon on remaining batter and top with remaining cheese. Bake in 375 degree oven for 40-45 minutes.

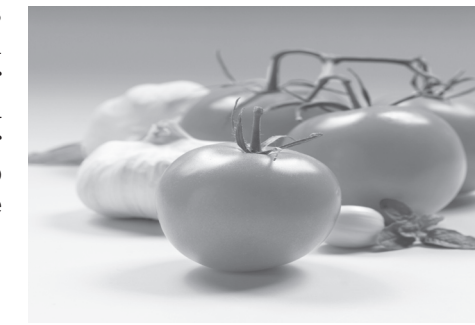
Cool 15 minutes and cut cornbread into small squares with sharp knife. These bites can be made ahead and frozen.

— *Lou Knight*



### Spinach Dip

3 (10 oz) chopped spinach  
1 cup chopped green onions  
1 (16 oz) sour cream  
2 tsp sea salt  
1½ tsp oregano  
1 tsp dill  
2 cups mayo  
½ cup lemon  
— *Lois Hughes*



# Appetizer

### Corn Soup

½ pound bacon, diced  
1 pound potatoes, peeled and diced  
2 ten-oz packages, frozen corn kernels, thawed  
3 cups water  
1 t thyme  
1 t salt  
½ t black pepper  
1 cup half and half

Sauté bacon until crisp; drain fat. Add potatoes, corn, water, thyme, salt and pepper. Simmer, covered 25 minutes until potatoes are tender. Stir in half and half just to heat.

For a touch of whimsy and a novel texture, sprinkle the soup with popcorn before serving.

— *Mamie Lee Dodds*



### Cranberry Walnut Relish

2 cans whole cranberry sauce  
1 cup coarsely broken walnuts or almonds, toasted  
1 cup orange marmalade  
1 T lemon juice

Empty cranberry sauce into a bowl. Spread walnuts in a shallow pan. Toast until brown or 350 degree oven about (12 minutes). Stir together whole cranberry sauce, walnuts and marmalade. Chill. Serve as meat accompaniment.

— *Mamie Lee Dodds*

### Toasted Turkey Appetizers

2 cups cooked turkey, cubed  
3 T butter  
¼ cup chopped onion  
3 T flour  
1 t salt  
1 cup milk  
1 t Worcestershire sauce  
Thinly slice rye bread or round crackers  
Grated sharp cheddar cheese.

Melt butter, cook onions in butter until golden brown. Stir in flour and salt. Add milk. Cook, stirring until thick. Stir in Worcestershire sauce and turkey. Mix well to thoroughly blend flavors. Spread one teaspoon of turkey mixture on rye bread or crackers. Sprinkle with cheese. Place on cookie sheet and toast in hot oven, 425 degrees, 3 to 5 minutes or until cheese melts. Serve hot garnished with whole cranberry sauce.

— *Mamie Lee Dodds*



# Casseroles

## Cheesy Chicken Noodle and Broccoli Soup

2 (10 ounce) packages frozen broccoli in cheese flavored sauce  
 2 (19 ounces ) cans Progresso white meat chicken noodle soup (100 percent)  
 1 can cream of chicken soup  
 1 can cheddar cheese soup  
 1 teaspoon salt  
 ½ teaspoon pepper

Cook broccoli as directed on package. Heat soups in crock pot or sauce pan. Add broccoli. Cook until thoroughly heated, stirring occasionally. Serve with crackers, chips or any type of bread desired.  
 — Loma Jean Wynn

## Johnny Surprise Breakfast Casserole

Coat a 9x13 pan with Pam  
 Brown 1 lb. regular sausage — do not drain. Spread sausage in bottom of pan Cover sausage with grated cheese.

Mix Batter:  
 1 cup Bisquick, 7 eggs, and ½ to ¾ cup milk

Pour batter on top of cheese. Bake at 350 for 35 minutes.  
 — Mandi Rodgers

## Meat and Tators Casserole

2 lbs. Ground meat  
 1 c. onion chopped  
 2 cans cream of chicken soup  
 1 pkg. Frozen tator tots  
 8 oz. Shredded cheddar cheese

Brown ground meat and onions. Drain off fat. Put meat in the bottom of 9x13 baking dish. Heat 2 cans of soup with 1 can of water until thinned to consistency of cake batter. Cover meat with tator tots. Pour soup evenly over tator tots. Sprinkle cheese on top. Cover with foil and bake at 350 degrees for 40 min.

— Verla Paige

## Sweet Potato-Orange and Apple Casserole

2 large cooked sweet potatoes (about 1½ pounds)  
 2 medium cooking apples  
 2 T. butter or margarine  
 3 T. brown sugar  
 ½ t. cinnamon  
 ½ cup fresh orange juice

Remove skins from cooked sweet potatoes; slice ¼ inch thick. Peel and slice apples ¼ inch thick. In a buttered 9 inch pie pan, arrange alternate layers of sweet potatoes and apples. Dot each layer with butter or margarine using 1 T. in all, and sprinkle with brown sugar mixed with cinnamon. Pour orange juice over all. Bake in a preheated moderate oven (375 degrees), 15 minutes. Remove from oven and dot with remaining butter (1-T) or margarine. Return to oven and continue baking 15 minutes or until top is browned. 6 servings

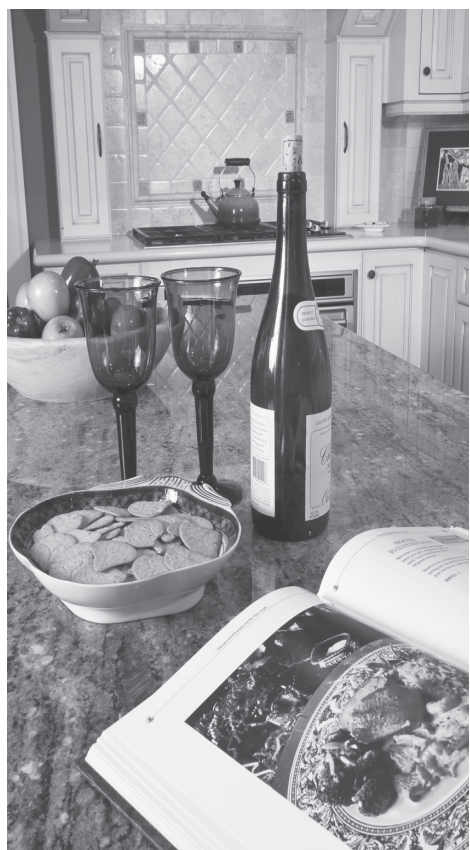
— Mamie Lee Dodds

## Tator Tot Casserole

2 pounds ground beef  
 1 can potato soup  
 1 tsp salt  
 ¼ tsp pepper  
 1 can cream of chicken soup  
 ½ can water  
 1 pound grated cheese  
 1 package Tator Tots (32 ozs.)

Brown and drain ground meat. Heat soups and water mixture. Pour over meat. Spread cheese over the above. Cover with tator tots. Bake in 350 degree oven until brown, about one hour.

Serves 6 to 8 people.  
 — Loma Jean Wynn



## DORIS'S CREAMED MUSHROOMS

1 envelope dry cream of mushroom soup mix  
 2 cups water  
 4 cups fresh mushrooms  
 3 tablespoons diet margarine  
 1 tablespoon lemon juice  
 Dash of salt  
 Dash of pepper

Add soup mix to water; boil gently, stirring now and then, for about 10 minutes; Saute mushrooms in margarine in large skillet until browned on all sides. Pour soup and lemon juice over mushrooms. Season. Yield: 6 cups

## GREEN BEAN SPECIAL

1 wafer-thin strip bacon  
 1 clove garlic, minced fine  
 1/4 cup onion, chopped fine  
 2 tablespoons green pepper, chopped fine  
 1 cup tomatoes, chopped  
 2 1/2 cups green beans  
 1 1/4 teaspoons salt  
 1/8 teaspoon pepper  
 1/2 teaspoon oregano  
 1/3 cup water  
 Cook, drain, and crumble wafer-

thin strip of bacon. Pour out all fat, leaving a light coating in pan. Saute garlic, onion, and pepper until onion is golden. Stir in bacon and remaining ingredients; cover. Cook gently until beans are tender (about 15 minutes). Yield: 4 1/2 cups

## BREADS

### STUFFING

(For chicken, turkey, or meat)  
 1/2 cup celery, chopped fine  
 1/2 cup onion, chopped fine  
 1/2 cup mushrooms, chopped fine  
 1/4 cup diet margarine  
 8-ounce package herb- seasoned stuffing mix  
 1 cup boiling water

Saute celery, onion, and mushrooms in margarine until onion is golden. Add stuffing mix to boiling water, then toss all together. Mix well. Yield: 6 servings

## CAKES

### PAM'S QUICK LAYER CAKE

Nonnutritive sweetener equivalent to 1 cup sugar

Dash of salt  
 2 cups flour  
 3 teaspoons baking powder  
 1/3 cup diet margarine  
 1 egg  
 3/4 cup nonfat milk  
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extra  
 1/2 teaspoon almond extract  
 1 cup pecans, chopped extra fine

Preheat oven to 375F. Sift sweetener, salt, flour, and baking powder together three or four times. Cut in margarine with pastry blender or knife until mixture resembles cornmeal. Beat egg until lemon-colored and thick; add nonfat milk and extracts. Add to first mixture gradually. Add nuts and stir well. Pour into two well-greased 8" layer pans. Bake about 25 minutes or until tester comes out clean. Cool; remove cake form pans. Cool further on wire rack. Yield: 12 wedges

### COFFEE SPONGE CAKE

2 cups nonfat mild  
 2 tablespoons instant coffee  
 Nonnutritive sweetener equivalent to 3/4 cup sugar  
 2 envelopes unflavored gelatin  
 6 egg whites

Scald nonfat milk. Dissolve coffee, 1/3 sugar substitute (equivalent to 1/4 cup sugar), and gelatin in scalded milk; chill until slightly thickened. Beat four egg whites stiff; fold in coffee mixture. Pour into mold; chill until firm. Beat remaining two egg whites, gradually adding remaining sugar substitute, continue beating until stiff. Spread over mold with spatula, bringing to edges. Yield: 10 servings

### ORANGE CUPCAKES

1/2 cup diet margarine  
 Nonnutritive sweetener equivalent to 1 cup sugar  
 2 eggs, beaten  
 2/3 cup orange juice, strained  
 1/4 teaspoon salt  
 2 cups flour  
 2 teaspoons baking powder

Preheat oven to 325 F. Cream margarine and sweetener; add remaining ingredients. Beat one minute or longer in mixer at high speed. Pour into baking-cup-lined muffin tins. Bake until brown. Cool and frost, if desired. Yield: 30 cupcakes

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### CRANBERRY PUNCH

8 cups artificially sweetened cranberry juice cocktail  
3 cups unsweetened pineapple juice  
Nonnutritive sweetener equivalent to 1/2 cup sugar  
4 cups artificially sweetened ginger ale

Combine juices and sweetener; chill. Stir in chilled ginger ale just before serving. Add ice cubes. Yield: 15 cups

### CRANBERRY SIP

1 Cup cranberries, washed  
2 whole cloves  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1 cut water  
Nonnutritive sweetener equivalent to 1-1/2 cups sugar  
1/4 orange juice  
1/4 lemon juice  
Dash of salt

Combine cranberries, spices, water, and sweetener; cook until cranberry skins burst. Strain; add remaining ingredients. Chill Yield: 2-1/2 cups

### NONNIE'S CRANBERRY COCKTAIL

4 cups artificially sweetened cranberry juice  
3 cloves  
1 stick cinnamon  
Nonnutritive sweetener equivalent to 1 cup sugar  
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice  
2/3 cup fresh orange juice  
Dash of salt

Combine first four ingredients; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer a few minutes, then remove

from heat. Add citrus juices and salt; chill. Serve very cold. Yield: 5 cups

### "DELISHUS" PUNCH

1 dozen cloves, whole  
1 orange, thinly sliced  
1 lemon, thinly sliced  
4 cups artificially sweetened cranberry juice cocktail  
1 cinnamon stick  
1 teaspoon allspice  
2 tablespoons lemon juice  
Nonnutritive sweetener to taste

Put a clove in each slice of orange and lemon. Place fruit slices in a pitcher. Combine cranberry cocktail and spices; heat to boiling over low heat. Add lemon juice, add sweetener to taste and strain hot mixture into pitcher over fruit. Serve in punch cups garnished with fruit slices. Yield: 8 cups

### OLGA'S MINTY DRINK

1/4 mint leaves, chopped fine  
Nonnutritive sweetener equivalent to 1/2 cup sugar  
1 cup water  
1/2 cup fresh lemon juice  
2 cups fresh orange juice  
4 cups artificially sweetened ginger ale

Combine first tree ingredients; bring to a boil. Cool and strain. When ready to serve, add remaining ingredients; pour over crushed ice in chilled glasses. Yield: 8 cups

### NONALCOHOLIC EGGNOG

2 eggs  
1/2 cup dry nonfat instant powdered mild  
2 2/3 cups water, ice cold  
Nonnutritive sweetener equivalent to 2 tablespoons sugar  
3 teaspoons vanilla  
1 teaspoon rum flavoring

Place all ingredients in blender; mix well. Pour into cups and serve. Yield: 4 cups

### IMITATION WINE

2 cups unsweetened grape juice  
Nonnutritive sweetener equivalent to 1/2 cup sugar  
2 cups artificially sweetened fruit-flavored carbonated beverage, chilled  
4 cups artificially sweetened ginger ale, chilled  
Combine ice and sweetener; chill. Stir in carbonated fruit flavored beverage and ginger ale just before serving. Add ice cubes. Yield: 5 1/2 cups

## SOUPS

### ASPARAGUS SOUP

2 cups asparagus, cooked  
3 cups water  
4 bouillon cubes, any flavor  
Dash of thyme  
1/8 teaspoon salt  
Dash of pepper

Puree asparagus. Boil water; combine with bouillon cubes, thyme, salt, and pepper; add asparagus; simmer 5 minutes. Yield: 5 cups

### TARRAGON SOUP

2 tablespoons onion, chopped  
2 tablespoons celery, chopped very fine  
1 tablespoon diet margarine  
2 cups tomato juice  
1/2 teaspoon dried tarragon  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/8 teaspoon pepper  
Dash of Tabasco sauce, if desired  
Saute onion and celery in margarine until onion is golden; add remaining ingredients; Bring to a boil. Lower heat; simmer 5 minutes  
Yield: 2 1/3 cups

## SALADS

### SWEET AND SOUR CUCUMBER SALAD

1/2 cup water  
1 cup cider vinegar  
Nonnutritive sweetener equivalent to 2 tablespoons sugar  
2 tablespoons dill pickle, chopped fine  
1 1/2 teaspoons salt  
2 cucumbers, sliced thin  
1 stalk celery, sliced thin

Boil water, vinegar, sweetener, pickle, and salt. Place cucumbers and celery slices in glass jar; pour boiling liquid over; cover and refrigerate overnight. Drain before serving. Yield: 2 cups

## VEGETABLES

### EGGPLANT DELIGHT

1 onion, sliced thick  
1/4 green pepper, chopped fine  
2 tablespoons diet margarine  
3 cups eggplant, peeled, cubed  
2 cups tomatoes  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/8 teaspoon pepper

Saute onion and pepper in margarine in medium skillet, tightly covered, until soft. Add eggplant cubes, tomatoes, salt, and pepper, cover. Simmer until eggplant is tender (about 10 minutes). Yield: 6 cups



### Crock Pot Fajitas

3 to 4 pounds inexpensive roast  
1 onion  
1 bell pepper  
2 cups dry pinto beans  
1 can chopped green chilies  
1 package fajita seasoning  
2 teaspoons salt  
1/4 teaspoon garlic  
1 can Rotel tomatoes  
1 can cream of mushroom soup  
2 cups water

Rub roast with chili powder. Place in bottom of crock pot. Chop onion and pepper. Put on top of roast. Add dry beans, green chilies and fajita seasoning.

Mix salt, garlic, can tomatoes, mushroom soup and water. Pour over the roast. Cook on high for 12 hours. Yes, 12 hours. Stir every two to three hours.

Stir at end to break up meat. Serve with tortillas, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, cheese, picante sauce and sour cream

— *Loma Jean Wynn*

### Chicken-n-Rice

1 cup of rice  
1 can cream of chicken  
1 can cream of mushroom  
1 can cream of celery  
1 can of water  
Pepper to taste

300 degrees for 3 hours or 350 degrees for 2 hours.

Mix all ingredients in casserole dish. Lay chicken on top. Cover with foil.

— *Mandi Rodgers*

### Meat Loaf

2 lb. ground beef  
2 large green bell peppers, chopped  
2 eggs  
1 4 oz can tomato sauce  
2 large onions, chopped  
1 cup bread crumbs  
1 sm. pkg. salt cracker crumbs  
1 tsp. salt  
1/4 t. black pepper

Mix together. Put into greased loaf pan and bake at 350 degree oven. For about 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Serves four to six.

— *unknown*

# Entrees

### Pork Chops with Fresh Cranberry Sauce

3 T. flour  
1/4 T. pepper  
4 center-cut loin pork chops (1/2 inch thick, about 1 1/4 pounds total)  
1 T. vegetable oil  
1 T. butter  
1/2 cup apple juice  
1/2 cup chicken broth  
1 T. brown sugar  
1 T. grated orange zest (optional)  
1 cup cranberries, fresh or frozen  
2 scallions

In a shallow bowl, combine the flour and pepper. Lightly dredge the pork chops in the seasoned flour. Reserve the dredging flour. In a large skillet, warm the oil over medium-high heat until hot but not smoking. Add the chops and cook until browned on both sides, 2 or 3 minutes per side. Remove the chops to a plate and cover loosely to keep warm. Add butter to the skillet and melt. Stirring 1 T. (tablespoon) of reserved flour and stir until the flour has absorbed all of the butter. Stir in apple juice, broth, brown sugar, orange zest and cranberries; bring to a boil over medium high heat. Return the pork chops and any juices that have accumulated on the plate to the skillet, reduce heat to low and cover. Simmer 5 minutes. Turn the chops over and simmer, covered another 5 minutes. Meanwhile, coarsely chop the scallions. Stir the scallions into the sauce and serve the chops with some of the sauce spooned over them. 4 servings

Working time-15 minutes  
Total Time-25 minutes  
*Note-While cranberries are plentiful, buy a few bags and freeze. No preparation is needed. For most recipes it is not necessary to thaw them.*

— *Mamie Lee Dodds*

### Honey Apple Turkey Breast

3/4 cup frozen apple juice, thawed  
1/3 cup honey  
1 T. ground mustard  
1 bone-in turkey breast (6 or 7 pounds)

In a small saucepan, combine the apple juice, honey, and mustard. Cook over low heat 2 or 3 minutes or just until blended; stirring occasionally. Remove skin from turkey, if desired; place on a rack in a foil-lined roasting pan. Pour honey mixture over turkey. Bake uncovered for 2-2 1/2 hours, or until meat thermometer reaches 170 degrees; basting with pan juices every 30 minutes. Cover loosely with foil if turkey browns too quickly-cover and let stand 15 minutes before serving. Yield 12-14 servings

— *Mamie Lee Dodds*



# Salads

## Fruit and Rice Salad

2 cups cooked rice  
1 (20 ounce) can  
crushed pineapple, drained  
2 cups miniature marshmallows  
½ cup sugar  
3 med. apples, cored and cubed.  
½ cup sliced  
red maraschino cherries  
1 c. heavy cream, whipped

Combine cooked rice, pineapples, marshmallows and sugar in bowl. Toss gently to mix. Cover, refrigerate at least 3 hours. Fold in apples and cherries. Fold in whipped cream. Chill 1 hour. Makes 18 (½ cup) servings.

— Loma Jean Wynn

## Coca Cola Salad

2½ cans dark bing cherries,  
cut in 1/4s  
2 can chunk pineapples, diced  
2 8 oz Coca Colas  
2 boxes cherry Jello  
1 cup chopped nuts  
1 small package cream cheese,  
diced  
½ pint cream (whipped)

Drain juice from fruits; use ½ the pineapple juice; heat in a saucepan. Add Jello and dissolve in the juice. Cool juice and Jello mixture. Add the Coca Cola. Place in refrigerator until mixture starts to congeal. Remove from refrigerator, add cherries, pineapple, nuts and cheese. Chill until firm. Add whipped cream and return to refrigerator to chill again.

— Mamie Lee Dodds



## 24 Hour Cole Slaw Salad

1 pkg. lb. cole slaw mix  
1 onion chp.  
1 jar pimentos, drained  
8 oz can mix veg, drained  
¼ t. salt  
¼ t. black pepper  
¼ t. garlic salt  
¼ cup white vingar  
¼ cup veg. oil

Mix pkg. slaw, pimentos and seasoning together. Add mix veg and mix well. Pour vingar and oil on top. Store in an airtight bowl. Toss before serving. Keeps 10 days.

— Unknown



# Breads

## Pineapple Walnut Bread

2 cups flour  
½ cup sugar  
2 t. baking powder  
¼ t. soda  
½ cup chopped walnuts  
2/3 cup whole bran cereal  
2/3 cup pineapple juice  
from canned fruit  
2/3 cup crushed pineapple,  
drained  
1 egg, well beaten  
2 T. melted shortening

Sift together the first five ingredients and mix in nuts. Combine cereal, juice, and fruit and let stand 15 minutes. Then add eggs and shortening. Combine the flour mixture and cereal mixture, blending well. Bake in a loaf pan 350 degrees for 1 to 1½ hours.

— Mrs. Mamie Lee Dodds

## Cranberry Orange Cornbread

1 package cornbread mix  
2 eggs, well beaten  
1 cup cranberry orange relish

Combine ingredients. Pour into a 9x9x2 inch pan. Bake 25-30 minutes at 400 degrees. Cut into squares and serve warm.

— Mamie Lee Dodds



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### Meatball Soup

1 pkg- frozen meatballs  
small handful of spaghetti noodles  
1 zucchini, diced  
1/2 diced onion  
2 garlic cloves, diced  
2 pinches of oregano-rub between fingers to release flavor  
2 pinches of basil- rub between fingers to release flavor  
small can of tomato sauce  
15 oz. can of diced tomatoes  
2 cups of frozen veggies — any combination  
2 cups of vegetable broth  
salt and pepper to taste  
olive oil

Heat oil in large soup pot on med/high, add onions and soften for about 3 minutes. Add garlic and cook for one minute. Add all remaining veggies and saute for about seven minutes, stirring often.

Add oregano and basil while veggies are cooking. Next add both tomato products, stir then add broth. Salt and pepper at this time.

Add in meatballs and let cook for about five minutes. Add noodles, think of the okay symbol you make with your thumb and finger. That is about all you will need and break them in half. Add enough water so that everyone enjoys the show, turn down to medium heat and let simmer till noodles are cooked.

This recipe was inspired by one of our local residents. She made this recipe and told me how to make it.

Well I've slept since then and could not remember everything, so I tweaked it and made it the way I wanted it to taste.

I recently ran into this resident and told her to be on the lookout for it in print. This is a nice change from chicken noodle soup and the heavy holiday meals. It's full of flavor, veggies and warmth!! Serve this with a hearty slice of Italian bread.

Enjoy!



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### Sweet Carrot Souffle

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

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

This recipe may qualify as vintage, it is something that I discovered when I was twenty and living on my own.

Now I had just gotten off work and had some boneless/skinless chicken thighs thawed out and was trying to think of how I could cook them.

Back then my pantry was as empty as my wallet, there wasn't much to go with. I was looking around and saw a couple of ingredients and went with them.

I got out a microwave safe dish and put the chicken in it, adding all the other ingredients and cooked until done.

So good.... Now I have been cooking this for 16 years two to four times a year until 2006, that is when I discovered the other white meat.

Don't get me wrong I loved the chicken, but after trying it with pork chops, I have never cooked chicken this way again.

Chicken in microwave is a good college kid meal, but I have never cooked pork chops in microwave. Serve this dish with a side and veggy.

Enjoy!

This recipe is inspired by an occasional trip my husband and I take to the local Furr's Cafeteria. I always look to see if they are having it when I go and it becomes my dessert.

Last year around this same time I decided to give it a try at my Thanksgiving meal with invited guests and no one was the wiser.

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

Enjoy!



### Soy Chops

4-8 pork chops/pork steaks  
 soy sauce  
 garlic powder  
 cayenne powder  
 olive oil  
 water

In a frying pan on med/high add a little of the oil. Place pork chops and heavily add soy sauce, then sprinkle with garlic powder and cayenne according to your heat level. Cook about 3 minutes, turning over repeat soy, garlic and cayenne. Continue till done but keep in mind the thinner your chops the less time is needed to cook so don't over cook. Cook a couple minutes on both sides till no more pink. Remove all chops and add about 1/4 cup of water and whisk together, scraping the goodies off the bottom of pan. This becomes a little extra sauce to pour over chops or as I like to pour into a small bowl for dipping.

### Scalloped Potatoes

4 or 5 large potatoes  
 1 med. onion  
 1 stick butter  
 2½ cups evaporated milk  
 1 cup grated cheese  
 1 tsp. salt  
 ½ tsp. pepper

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Melt butter in a 9"x13" baking dish. Peel and wash potatoes. Slice them thin and place in melted butter in baking dish. Cover with peeled and thinly sliced onion, sprinkle with salt and pepper. Add milk. Cook 35 minutes. Add grated cheese and cook additional 20 to 25 minutes.

— Verla Paige

### Maple Butter Glazed Carrots

1 cup water  
 1 t. salt  
 2 pounds carrots, pared and cut in half cross wise  
 ¼ cup maple syrup  
 ¼ cup butter or margarine  
 1 t. leaf marjoram, crushed  
 1 t. salt  
 ¼ t. pepper

Bring water to a boil with 1 t. salt in a medium size heavy saucepan. Add carrots, return to boiling, cook covered at simmer 15-20 minutes or until carrots are just tender. Drain thoroughly.

Cook maple syrup, butter, marjoram, salt and pepper in a large skillet over low heat 2-3 minutes or until bubbly and caramel like in consistency.

Add carrots; toss gently to coat in the maple butter. Cook over low heat until carrots are glazed and liquid is absorbed.

— Mrs. Mamie Lee Dodds



# Vegetables

### Mashed Buttered Squash and Yams

2 pounds butternut squash  
 2 pounds yams or sweet potatoes  
 ¼ cup melted butter or margarine  
 1 t. salt  
 ½ t. ground ginger  
 1/8 t. pepper

Pare squash, cut in half, remove seeds, cut into 1 inch pieces. Pare yams or sweet potatoes, cut into 1 inch pieces. Combine squash and yams, 2 cups boiling water and 1 t. salt in a large saucepan. Bring to boiling; lower heat, cook 25 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Drain.

Whip vegetables with butter, salt, ginger and pepper in a large bowl with a wire whisk or at high speed with an electric mixer until smooth and fluffy. Serve hot.

— Mrs. Mamie Lee Dodds

### Cream Style Corn Cake

1 7 oz can cream style corn  
 ½ cup sugar  
 ½ cup brown sugar, packed  
 2½ cups flour  
 1 tsp. baking powder  
 ½ cup chopped nuts  
 ½ cup raisins  
 3 eggs  
 1 cup oil  
 1 t. salt  
 1 t. vanilla

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Combine corn, sugars and flour. Add eggs. Beat well. Combine drying ingredients and add to oil mixture. Stir in nuts and raisins. Pour into a greased 9x13 inch pan. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes.

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### Steamed Cabbage

1 med. cabbage, cut into wedges  
 ½ tsp. salt  
 ½ t. black pepper  
 ¼ tsp. garlic salt  
 ¼ t. veg. flakes  
 ¼ t. veg supreme  
 ¼ t. onion salt  
 ¼ t. red pepper  
 1 t. instant onion flakes  
 ¼ t. instant garlic flakes  
 ¾ cup cold water  
 paprika

Wash cabbage, remove core. Arrange cabbage in layers. Adding seasons and water. Sprinkle top with paprika. Steam one-hour or until done. Serves 4.

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### Spicy Shrimp and Rice

- 1 onion, thinly sliced
- 1 red bell pepper, thinly sliced
- 1 yellow bell pepper, thinly sliced
- 4 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 pkg of med size shrimp, peeled/cooked
- 1 15oz can of diced tomatoes
- 1 can of chicken broth
- 1 15oz can of tomato sauce
- Creole or old bay seasonings
- oil
- crushed red pepper flakes
- 4 cups of cooked rice

Cook your rice now if you need to. In a large skillet add some oil, onions and bell peppers. Add some seasonings and saute for about 10 minutes until soft, add garlic and saute two more minutes. Add diced tomatoes and red pepper flakes according to your heat level. I use a lot. Stir in tomato sauce and chicken broth and let simmer on med. for about seven minutes, add shrimp and simmer three more minutes to warm up shrimp. Pour over your cooked rice and enjoy!



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**T**his recipe was inspired by a dish I had at a church Christmas party. The host of the party had some really great food off the grill and one of the dishes was a spicy shrimp stuff. I had it on some Spanish rice and it was so yummy!

I asked the host a few times for the recipe and came up empty handed. It was so good that I kept craving it for a few weeks so I decided to do it my way and was just as pleased.

I had some leftover rice and combined the two and was a very happy lady, I didn't even have to share with my husband who doesn't like shrimp.

This recipe can be substituted with bite size chicken and you can also add some canned or frozen okra. This in it self was a meal, but serve with a side salad and some crusty french bread or corn bread.

Enjoy!



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## More Casual Cooking with Kris Recipes

This recipe is a tried and true one for many people and for many years. I wanted to share an easy but sometimes overlooked recipe. I also wanted to show case it for the younger generation that are growing up with fast food.

I think a number of past generation recipes are being lost because they are not taught to our children, which in turn leaves their children having no sense of what real flavors and veggies are.

This recipe is Hungarian inspired like most goulash. It is a stewing of beef or lamb and vegetables mainly seasoned with paprika. There is no exact science to making this dish and the variations are mind boggling.

The way I make mine today is not they way I use to make it, nor is it the way I grew up with it.

Goulash in a nutshell is a hodgepodge of ingredients put into a pot and flavored with love. Now my mom use to refer to it as everything but the kitchen sink. This can be made with ground chicken or turkey, but remember anything goes. Now when making mine I have two staples that are a must outside of the obvious and that is corn and a bean, like pinto or kidney. You can add an assortment of veggies that are left over in the fridge, can veggies or frozen.

Just remember this is a guideline recipe for your creation. Paprika, chilli powder are the main seasoning and that is what I use to use, but I have changed that in the last few years.

Don't be afraid of experimenting, because some of the best creations come from oopses. Now I grew up eating goulash with mash potatoes, so in my house that is a must. You can also serve it with corn bread or buttered white bread (that is what I like) and a little dinner salad wouldn't hurt.

Enjoy!



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### Goulash

- 1-2 lbs of meat (I use gr. beef)
- 2 cups of a small noodle (like elbow)
- 1 15oz can corn
- 1 15oz can of sliced carrots
- 1 15oz can of pinto and or kidney bean
- 1 small can of tomato sauce
- 1 15oz can of diced tomatoes
- 1 15oz can of green beans
- 1 small onion diced
- 2-3 garlic cloves chopped
- Menudo mix  
(Can be found in the Mexican spice section)
- salt and pepper to taste

In a large pot on med/high place meat and onions and begin to brown the meat. Salt and pepper to taste. Stirring often cook until meat is brown and looks cooked and onions are soft.

Add garlic and cook for about two more minutes. Add your seasoning, mine is menudo mix. Add enough for about 1-2 tbs. Stir and add all tomato and veggies with the liquid in can.

If using frozen or fresh, you can add water after all ingredients are in the pot. Salt and pepper again as needed.

Add noodles and enough water to just cover. Bring to a boil for about 10 minutes stirring often. Lower to med/low and continue cooking for about 20 minutes until noodle are done.

*Note* if using a stew meat of sorts cook for an extra 20 minutes before you add the noodle step. Now your house will begin to stink good while your potatoes are boiling and the corn bread is in the oven. Take that takeout!

### Goulash

November 20, 2011

### Chocolate Locket

- Base
- 1 ½ cup graham crumbs
- ¼ cup powdered sugar
- 1/3 cup melted butter

- 2 packages 8 oz. cream cheese
- ¼ cup powdered sugar
- 2 tbsp milk
- 1 (8 oz )container whipped topping
- 2 small packages chocolate instant pudding

Whip cheese, sugar and milk until creamy. Fold in half whipped topping 9x12 pan.

Chill

Mix pudding with 3 ½ cups milk. Pour over cheese. Layer. Chill several hours or overnight. Spread remainder. Whipped topping and top with chocolate or nuts.

— Lois Hughes

### Cinderella Pumpkin Cake

- 2 c. sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 c. salad oil
- 2 c. sifted flour
- 2 tsp. soda
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- ½ tsp salt.
- 2 c. canned pumpkin

Beat sugar and eggs until light. Add oil and continue beating. Add pumpkin and mix well. Add dry ingredients and bake in a greased bundt pan or angel food pan at 350 degrees for 55 minutes. Let cake stand in pan for 10 minutes, then turn out on rack or cake plate.

Frost with  
**Coachman's Icing**

- 1 (3 oz.) pkg. cream cheese
- 1 lb. box powdered sugar
- 1 stick margarine
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Beat well (tint a light orange and decorate w/chocolate curls) opt.

— Vernetta Hill



### Ice Cream Cake

- 1 box Betty Crocker Yellow Cake Mix (flavor optional depending on flavor of ice cream you use)
- 1 Pint Softened Blue Bell Ice Cream (I used Moo-Ilennium Crunch) Can use any flavor
- 3 Eggs
- 1 Cup Water
- ¼ cup finely chopped pecans

Mix cake mix, water, and eggs for 2 minutes. Add softened ice cream to cake mix and mix for 1 minute. Fold in chopped pecans. Grease and flour two 9-inch layer cake pans and pour evenly into both pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool completely before frosting.

### Frosting

- 2 each ¾ oz. Instant coconut pudding (or any flavor to match flavor you choose for cake)
- 2 ½ Cups milk separated
- 1 Cup Whipping Cream (whipped)

Combine 1 ½ cup milk and ¾ oz. Instant pudding until well blended (I use mixer). Spread between layers of cake. Combine 1 cup milk and ¾ oz. Instant pudding until well blended. Fold in 1 cup whipping cream (whipped)

Frost complete cake and ENJOY  
— Nina Wood



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# Desserts

### Dairy White Fudge

- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) Cream Cheese, softened
- 2 T. butter
- 2 Lbs. White Almond bark, broken in small pieces.
- 1 to 1 ½ cups pecans

In a mixing bowl, beat cream cheese till fluffy; set aside. In the top of a double boiler, melt butter, Add almond bark; heat and stir till melted and smooth. Pour over the cream cheese; beat till smooth and glossy, About 7-10 minutes. Stir in nuts. Pour into a greased 9" pan. Store in refrigerator.

—Verla Paige

### Milky Way Cake

- 8 small Milky Way candy bars
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 t salt
- ½ t soda
- 2 sticks margarine or butter
- 4 eggs
- 2½ cups flour
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 2 cups chopped pecans
- 2 t vanilla

Melt candy in top of a double boiler. Cream butter, add eggs one at a time, beating each time. Add candy mixture and beat well. Mix flour, salt, and soda. Add to mixture alternately with milk. Beat well after each addition. Stir in vanilla and pecans. Pour into a greased and floured tube pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 1½ hours.

— Mrs. Mamie Lee Dodds

### Richie's Delights

- 2 cylinders crescent rolls, seperated
- 16 mini musketeer bars, any flavor
- 2 Tbl spns melted butter

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Wrap each candy bar with a crescent roll. Seal well. Brush tops with melted butter. Bake on cookie sheet for 10-12 minutes or until crescents are light brown. Can top with glaze or chocolate sauce. Makes 16 pieces.

— Mary Churchwell

### Pecan Cream Candy

- 2 ½ c. Sugar
- ½ c. Milnot milk®
- ½ c. White syrup
- 1 Stick oleo
- pinch salt

When the above comes to boil, cook for 3 minutes. Take from fire and add tsp. Vanilla and 2½ c. pecans. Beat 3 or 4 minutes. Drop by spoonfuls onto waxed paper.

— Vernetta Hill



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# Desserts

## Applesauce Carrot Cake

¼ cup butter or margarine  
1 cup sugar  
1½ cups firmly packed brown sugar  
2 eggs  
¾ cup shredded carrots  
2¼ cups applesauce  
3 cups all-purpose flour  
1½ cups whole wheat flour  
1 T. soda  
1½ t. nutmeg  
1½ t. cinnamon  
1½ t. all spice  
1 cup chopped walnuts  
1 cup raisins

Cream butter, gradually add sugar, beating well. Add eggs one at a time beating after each addition. Stir carrots into applesauce. Combine flour, soda and spices. Add to creamed mixture alternately with applesauce mixture, beginning and ending with flour mixture, mixing well after each addition. Fold in walnuts and raisins. Pour batter into a greased and floured 10 inch tube pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour and 20-25 minutes or until cake tests done. Cool in pan 10 minutes before removing from pan. Let cool.

— Mrs. Mamie Lee Dodds

## Cranberry Coffee Cake

2 cups sifted flour  
2 t. baking powder  
¾ t. salt  
½ cup sugar  
5 T. butter  
1 egg beaten  
½ cup milk  
2½ cups fresh cranberries, coarsely ground topping

**Topping**  
¼ cup flour  
½ cup sugar  
3 T. butter

Sift flour, baking powder, salt and sugar together. Cut in butter with a pastry blender, or two knives, until crumbly. Mix beaten egg and milk, add to flour mixture. Stir slowly to mix then beat until well blended. Spread batter evenly into 8x8x2 inch greased baking dish. Sprinkle chopped cranberries evenly over the top.

For Topping-Mix flour and sugar together. Cut in butter. Sprinkle over cranberries. Bake at 375 degrees for 30-35 minutes.

Makes 9 coffee cake squares.  
— Mrs. Mamie Lee Dodds

## No Guilt

### Chaco-Pumpkin Muffins

1 (15 oz.) Can pumpkin  
1 (18.25) box devils food cake mix

Add nothing else, Mix well. Pour batter into 12-cup lined muffin pan. Bake 20 minutes at 400 degrees.

— Mrs. Mamie Lee Dodds

## Christmas Apple Pudding

½ cup sugar  
½ cup brown sugar  
1 egg  
2 T. butter, melted  
1½ cups flour  
1 t. soda  
½ t. salt  
½ t. baking powder  
1 cup chopped nuts (pecans or walnuts)  
1½ cups applesauce  
1 cup raisins  
½ cup green can dried cherries, chopped  
½ cup red can dried cherries, chopped

Blend eggs, sugar and butter. Sift dry ingredients and add to mixture. Stir in nuts, applesauce, raisins, and cherries. Pour into 11x7x1 ½ inch baking pan. Top with Brown Sauce.

### Brown Sauce

1 ½ cups brown sugar  
1 T. butter  
1 ½ cups boiling water

Combine and pour over pudding. Bake 40 minutes at 375 degrees.  
— Mrs. Mamie Lee Dodds

## Old-Time Chess Pie

9" crust  
2 cups sugar  
2 T. flour  
½ cup butter, melted  
4 eggs beaten  
½ Tsp. Vanilla

Heat oven to 400 degrees. In a large bowl, combine sugar and flour. Stir in butter, eggs, and vanilla. Use a whisk or fork to combine into a smooth, thick filling. Pour into crust. Bake for 10 min. Then lower to 350 degrees Bake till center is firm-about 30 to 40 min.

— Verla Paige

## 7-Up Cake

### with Pineapple Frosting

1 box yellow cake mix  
3-oz. Pkg. Vanilla instant pudding  
¾ c. vegetable oil  
4 eggs  
10-oz. Bottle 7-up

### Frosting:

3 eggs, beaten  
1 T. flour  
1 small can pineapple  
1 Tsp. Margarine  
1 cup sugar  
1 cup coconut

Combine pudding and cake mix, oil, and eggs. Add 7-up. Bake in greased and floured Jelly Roll pan for 25 to 30 min. at 350 degrees.

For Frosting—Cook sugar, eggs, flour, pineapple, and margarine over med. heat till thickened. Remove from heat and beat in coconut. Pour over partially warm cake. Set aside to cool

— Verla Paige

## Crockpot Candy

16 ounces can salted peanuts or mixed nuts  
16 ounces dry roasted peanuts  
1 (12 oz) package chocolate chips  
1 (8 oz) package Heath Toffee Bits  
2 packages white almond bark  
1 pkg. German chocolate bar (4 oz)

Combine all ingredients in a large crockpot on low. Forget for 3 hours. Stir to blend. Dip out into pieces on waxed paper. Let cool until firm. Makes a lot! Get someone to help you dip.

— Loma Jean Wynn

## More Casual Cooking with Kris Recipes

This recipe is like a warm fuzzy blanket wrapped in love. Thank goodness it doesn't taste like a warm fuzzy blanket, because it's super delicious.

Back when I was 22 years and living in Blacksburg, Va. there was this restaurant that we went to called Pargo's.

The soup of the day sounded really good and I had some. Well it was so good I never looked back and have been making it this way ever since.

Now repeat after me, there is not an ounce of fat, nor a single calorie to sabotage my New Year's resolution. Cheese and bacon are a food group and my friends, I will not have any negative thoughts while I inhale a second bowl. I love me and all my curves.

Serve with crackers and a side salad.

Enjoy!



## Creamy Cheesy Potato Soup

10 - 12 med size potatoes  
4-6 slices of bacon  
1/2 diced onion  
1 carton of heavy cream  
1-2 cups of cheddar cheese  
salt and pepper

Peel and dice potatoes like you are making mashed potatoes. Place in large pot and just cover with water, salt and pepper, bring to a boil. While potatoes are boiling, dice bacon and on med heat begin to cook. Add a small splash of oil and onions and let saute with bacon till tender and bacon is just crisp. Remove from heat.

Check on potatoes to see if soft and continue boiling till they are soft. Stirring occasionally as potatoes become soft use a wire whisk and help break down the potatoes. You will have some chunks and some that will thicken the soup. When potatoes are soft and you have mashed some of them add onion and bacon and heavy cream. Continue to boil on med heat now while soup heats up the cold cream.

When soup is warm and cooked a little longer and is thick add the cheese and let that melt for about 10 more minutes.

Serve hot!



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

**H**ave you ever noticed when you are talking with someone that they use a word real often. Have you ever been told that you use a particular word real often?

Well I do and I have. I seem to have a grammar issue of changing the sound of a word or its meaning in order to meet my needs.

I'm sure to some it might drive them crazy, but I see it as a harmless quirk and I have plenty of those. I have three words that I seem to abuse, but I don't mind. They are stuff, basically and what's his name. I know the last one isn't technically a single word, but in my world it is. The word stuff is my favorite!!

I use it for everything and in most situations, like when I move I write on the outside of the boxes kitchen stuff, bathroom stuff and stuff stuff, which means it's stuff I need to go through that doesn't have a proper home.

I've been told by others that I use the word basically a lot, so I started noticing and I figured out that I use it to round off the story telling in a conversation I am having. Now the word what's his name I use as a crutch for a name when my memory rolodex is a little behind in coming up with a name while I am talking to someone.

I have been known to even use it when I couldn't think of my husband's name fast enough. Like I said these are little quirks I have and if you spend any time with me you will notice strange word reference coming out of my mouth.

So this recipe is inspired by my favorite word and a combination of trying to come up with something while raiding my staples.

I was thinking of simple ingredients and using up my frozen shrimp when all of a sudden my 'let's use some of this stuff' and 'oh I have some of that stuff' and the rest is history. Serve this up with a cold garden fresh salad and good french bread.

*Enjoy!*

### Shrimp and Noodles in White Wine Sauce

2 cups of cooked/uncooked shrimp peeled/deveined  
 1/2 sliced onion  
 2-3 garlic cloves chopped  
 1/2 cup sliced red bell pepper  
 1 lbs of noodles (spaghetti) or 4 cups of cooked rice  
 2 cups of fresh baby spinach in a bag  
 1/3 cup of white wine (drinking wine)  
 1/2 stick of butter  
 1/2 cup of milk or heavy cream  
 3 Tlbs of Parmesan cheese  
 salt and pepper to taste  
 crushed red pepper flakes (optional)

Put noodles or rice on to boil or cook. In a large skillet add butter onions and dash of salt. Saute for about 3 minutes, add bell pepper and saute for additional 2 more minutes. Add garlic for 1 minute and crushed red flakes if desired. Add white wine and let cook for about 2 minutes, add shrimp and cook for 3 minutes. Add milk and cheese cook till slightly thickened. Salt and pepper to taste. Add spinach and turn off heat or keep on warm till noodles or rice is complete.

## Desserts

### Pecan Pie

Topping:  
 3 eggs  
 ¼ cup sugar  
 1 cup light corn syrup  
 1 tsp vanilla

Combine and set aside.

Pie:

1 (8 oz) cream cheese-softened  
 1/3 cup sugar  
 ¼ tsp salt  
 1 tsp vanilla  
 1 egg  
 1 unbaked deep dish pie shell  
 1 ¼ cup chopped pecans

Preheat over 350 degrees F.

In a medium bowl, mix cream cheese, sugar, salt, vanilla, and egg until combined. Pour into pie shell. Top with chopped pecans. Pour topping over pecans. Bake for 45 minutes. Serve warm or at room temperature.

— *Lois Hughes*

### Easy Peanut Butter Cookies

Heat oven to 350 degrees  
 In a medium bowl mix well:  
 1 cup peanut butter,  
 creamy or crunchy  
 1 large egg  
 1 cup granulated sugar

Make 1 inch balls and place on cookie sheet about 2 inches apart. Using a fork flatten cookies in a criss-cross pattern. Bake for 7-10 minutes. Cool slightly and transfer to wire rack. Cool completely. Makes about 2 dozen cookies. Store in airtight container.

— *Mary Churchwell*

### Chocolate Overdose Cake

1 chocolate cake mix  
 1 chocolate pudding small  
 4 eggs  
 ½ cup water  
 ½ cup oil  
 1 cup sour cream

Mix well together then fold in 1 cup small chocolate chips. Bake 350 for 55 minutes in bundt cake pan.

— *Loise Hughes*



## Beverages

### Friendship Tea Mix

1 (18oz) jar orange-flavored instant drink (Tang)  
 1 cup sugar  
 ½ cup instant tea  
 ½ cup pre-sweetened lemonade mix  
 1 3 oz pkg apricot or peach flavored gelatin  
 2½ tsp ground cinnamon  
 1 tsp ground cloves  
 Boiling Water

Combine all ingredients except water in a large bowl. Stir Well. Store mixture in air tight container.

To Serve: Place 1½ Tablespoons mixture in a cup or mug. Add 1 cup boiling water and stir well. Can vary mixture and water to taste. Yields about 50 servings.

— *Mary Churchwell*

### Spicy Cranberry Punch

6 cups cranberry juice  
 ½ cup packed brown sugar  
 ½ cup water  
 ½ t ground cinnamon  
 ½ t ground cloves  
 ½ t ground allspice  
 ½ t ground nutmeg  
 46 oz can pineapple juice

(10 min) Simmer all ingredients except pineapple juice, stirring occasionally. Stir in pineapple juice. Bring to a boil. Serve hot or cold — Garnish with orange or lemon slice if desired.

— *unknown*

### Rob Ethridge's Wassail

½ gallon apple cider  
 1 quart pineapple juice  
 1 cup brown sugar  
 3 cinnamon sticks  
 5 cloves

Put juices in the bottom of a 20 cup coffee maker. Place all dry ingredients in the top of the coffee maker. Plug in and let perk for about 20 minutes

Serves a bunch

— *Loma Jean Wynn*

### Friendship Tea

1 (16 oz) jar orange-flavored instant breakfast drink  
 1 cup sugar  
 ½ cup presweetened lemonade mix  
 ½ cup instant tea  
 1 (3oz) package apricot-flavored gelatin  
 2½ t cinnamon  
 1 t. ground cloves  
 boiling water

Combing first seven ingredients in a large bowl, mixing well. Store mixture in an air-tight container.

To Serve: Place 1 ½ tablespoons of mixture in a cup. Add 1 cup boiling water and stir well. Yield about 50 cups.

— *Mamie Lee Dodds*





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## Healthy Thanksgiving Recipes from Scenic Mountain Medical Center

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Watch this month's *Health eCooking* video recipe on [SMMCCares.com](http://SMMCCares.com) for a Thanksgiving pumpkin pie dessert that has fewer than 125 calories per serving. There's always room for this light pumpkin "pie" served in individual dessert cups. Made with pumpkin and gingersnap cookies, this beautiful pumpkin pie recipe is sure to become a Thanksgiving dinner favorite.

### Pumpkin Pie in a Glass Recipe

- 1 1/2 cups skim milk
- 1 box (1 oz) instant butterscotch pudding mix
- 1 cup pure canned pumpkin
- 1/2 tsp pumpkin pie spice
- 1/4 tsp ground ginger
- 1 1/2 cups fat free whipped topping
- 4 oz gingersnap cookies, crushed
- 8 cinnamon sticks, optional
- 24 pomegranate seeds, optional



In a medium bowl, beat milk and pudding mix with a handheld mixer for 2 minutes. Add pumpkin and beat for another minute. Add pumpkin pie spice and ground ginger, and beat for 10 more seconds. Using a spatula, fold in 1 cup of the whipped topping.

In each of 8 shallow dessert cups, place 2 tablespoons of the gingersnap crumbs and top with 1/2 cup of the pumpkin mixture. Top each with a dollop of whipped topping, and garnish with any remaining gingersnap crumbs. Garnish with cinnamon sticks and pomegranate seeds, if desired.

Yield: 8 servings

Nutrition Facts (per serving): Calories: 123; Fat: 1g; Saturated Fat: 0; Cholesterol: 1mg; Sodium: 142mg; Carbohydrates: 24g; Fiber: 3g; Protein: 2g

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