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## WINTER WONDERLAND



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**More snow, cold forecast;  
lows to dip into the 20s**  
Herald Staff Report

A sudden onslaught of winter weather turned the historic spring in Comanche Trail Park into a snowy wonderland

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## GEO Group, Western Container, Midway Baptist win top awards

Herald Staff Report

As anticipated, thousands of people lined Gregg and Scurry streets Saturday for the annual *Big Spring Herald* Community Christmas Parade.

Hundreds more participated in the event, riding on

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floats — elaborate and simple — walking, or manning cars, bicycles, motorcycles and

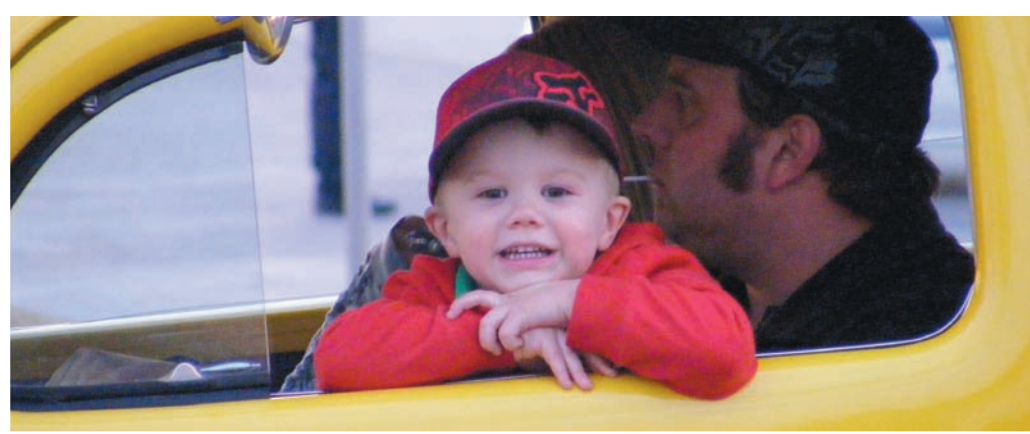
horses. GEO Group won the Grand Marshal's award. Western Container won the Publisher's Award and Midway Baptist received Best of Show.

Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home,

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Obituaries

Ana M. Ramirez



Ana M. Ramirez, 72, of Big Spring died Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011, at Midland Memorial Hospital. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Christina Segundo, pastor of Family Faith Center, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born May 9, 1939, in Sterling City to Sesaria and Pablo Medina. She married Mike G. Ramirez on May 9, 1959, in Sterling City. They moved to Big Spring in 1959. They owned and operated the Big Dipper Donut Shop. She retired in 1992.

She was very active in the women's ministry at Iglesia Bautista Central. She loved Elvis, her grandkids and great-grandkids. She especially enjoyed baking and shopping in cold weather.

She is survived by one son, Paul (Boyd) Ramirez of Big Spring; three daughters, Yvonne Goodner and husband Brian, Gina Valencia and Michelle Cervantes and husband Manuel, all of Big Spring; grandchildren, Gene (Bouder) Villarreal Jr., Alicia Merritt and husband Richard, Victor Woodruff, Chansea Armendariz, Stephanie Ramirez, Michael Ramirez, Zachary Salgado, Rose Lopez and her special granddaughter, who was also her caregiver, Ada Hernandez; great-grandchildren, Amanda Lopez, Casedy Cervantes, Manuel Cervantes IV, Kappi Moron and Owen and Coby Merritt; six sisters, Tommie Martinez and husband Eusebio of Corrigan, Texas, Angie Adame and husband Luis and Rachel Zavala, both of Nevada, Gloria Rodriguez, Lula Mendoza and husband Ruben and Yolanda Hernandez, all of California; and many aunts and uncles.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Mike, on May 19, 2004; one brother; and one son.

The family wants to give special thanks to the entire staff of West Texas Dialysis Center and Martin County Home Health Nurses.

Pallbearers will be Paul Ramirez, Gene Villarreal Jr., Johnny Ramirez, Pablo Ramirez, Salvador Calvio and Abel Hilario. Honorary pallbearers will be Alsa Club Members.

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

Paid obituary

Teri Nall



Teri Nall, 54, of Big Spring died Friday, Dec. 2, 2011, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Michael Willard officiating. Burial will be at Colorado City Cemetery.

She was born July 24, 1957. She worked in the cafeteria at the Big Spring High School. She also was a waitress at Ponderosa and Gregg's Grill.

She is survived by three sons, Michael Dean Nall, Cody James Nall and Gary Wayne Ellett Jr., all of Big Spring; two brothers, Boyd Lowe Nall of Texas City and Steven Dale Nall of Big Spring; four grandsons; four nephews; and mother-in-law, Jeanie Womack.

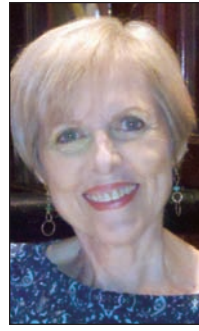
She was preceded in death by her parents, Jackie and Fred Nall; husband, Gary Ellett Sr.; sister, Marla Oyler; and grandson, Caden Brice Nall.

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Isaac H. LaRue

Isaac H. LaRue, 74, of Coahoma died Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Elizabeth (Libby) Jones Jacobus



1937-2011  
Libby Jacobus died peacefully at home, surrounded by her family Dec. 1, 2011. She grew up in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1954. She lived in Midland-Odessa and Dallas, and some years in Arkansas and New Mexico. She attended Christian College in Missouri, TCU and the University of New Mexico graduate school. She was a member of the sorority Kappa Alpha Theta and the Junior Leagues of Midland and Little Rock, Ark.

She is survived by her children, Ann Jacobus Kordahl, William R. Jacobus, Sarah Lacy Jacobus, Todd H. Jacobus and their families; eight grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter; as well as the Brock and Jones families.

She is predeceased by her parents, Truman and Dotsy Jones of Big Spring, and in 1941, by John Allen Brock of Abilene.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Presbyterian Communities and Services Foundation for Faith Presbyterian Hospice. Please mail checks to 6100 Colwell Blvd., Suite 225, Irving, Texas 75039, or go online at [www.prescs.org/foundation](http://www.prescs.org/foundation).

Arrangements are by Aria Funeral Home and more information is at (tribute site). A memorial service is planned for Jan. 14, 2012, at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church in Dallas. Please send family condolences and sign online register book at [www.ariacremation.com](http://www.ariacremation.com)

Paid obituary

Winford Clyde 'W.C.' Odell



Winford Clyde "W.C." Odell, 87, of Big Spring died Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Monroe Teeters officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery at 2 p.m.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

W.C. was born Feb. 25, 1924, in Lenorah, Texas, and married Mary Belle Hildreth on Aug. 25, 1941, in Big Spring. He served in the United States Army Air Corp during World War II and was stationed at Webb Air Force Base. He and his wife worked in several places around Texas and New Mexico. He retired as a maintenance technician for Montgomery Wards. W.C. was a Christian and a faithful member of Berea Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife of 70 years, Mary Odell of Big Spring; two sons, Ronald Odell and wife Patsy of Amarillo and David Odell and wife Susan of West Minister, Colo.; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one brother, Paul Odell and wife Rosie of Enterprise, Ala.; one sister, Betty May Fuller and husband James of Clifton; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Winford was preceded in death by his parents, William and Annie (Reid) Odell; seven brothers and two sisters.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Berea Baptist Church's Lottie Moon Missionary Offering, 4202 Wasson Rd., Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

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 <b>35/25</b> Mostly cloudy skies early, then partly cloudy in the afternoon. Cold.	 <b>46/27</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the upper 20s.	 <b>55/29</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 20s.	 <b>49/25</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the mid 20s.	 <b>56/32</b> Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 30s.
Sunrise: 7:33 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:34 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:35 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:35 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:36 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM

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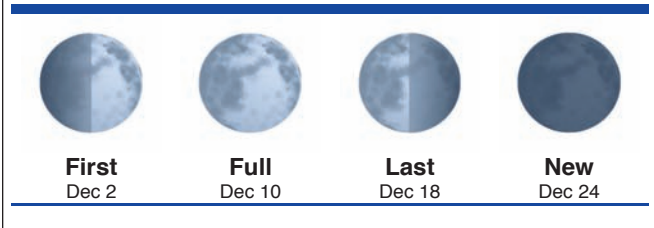
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	39	24	pt sunny	Kingsville	54	38	cloudy
Amarillo	22	14	sn shower	Livingston	47	35	cloudy
Austin	46	32	cloudy	Longview	46	35	pt sunny
Beaumont	50	41	cloudy	Lubbock	30	17	sn shower
Brownsville	57	41	cloudy	Lufkin	50	37	cloudy
Brownwood	42	28	pt sunny	Midland	33	25	sn shower
Corpus Christi	51	40	cloudy	Raymondville	58	40	cloudy
Corsicana	44	30	pt sunny	Rosenberg	48	39	cloudy
Dallas	44	30	pt sunny	San Antonio	49	36	cloudy
Del Rio	48	33	pt sunny	San Marcos	47	32	cloudy
El Paso	37	23	sn shower	Sulphur Springs	44	32	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	32	25	sn shower	Sweetwater	36	25	pt sunny
Gainesville	40	26	pt sunny	Tyler	45	33	pt sunny
Greenville	42	28	pt sunny	Weatherford	40	25	pt sunny
Houston	49	40	cloudy	Wichita Falls	39	22	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	66	50	rain	Minneapolis	22	16	sunny
Boston	56	40	rain	New York	59	43	rain
Chicago	37	24	cloudy	Phoenix	51	33	sunny
Dallas	44	30	pt sunny	San Francisco	58	44	sunny
Denver	29	11	sunny	Seattle	45	35	pt sunny
Houston	49	40	cloudy	St. Louis	41	28	pt sunny
Los Angeles	63	38	sunny	Washington, DC	60	45	rain
Miami	80	69	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



JoAnn Castleberry

JoAnn Castleberry, 66, of Stanton died Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011, at her residence. Her services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Modesto Requejo

Modesto Requejo, 64, of Big Spring died Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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# World briefs

## Facing bankruptcy, U.S. Postal Service plans

### unprecedented cuts to first-class mail next spring

WASHINGTON (AP) — Unprecedented cuts by the cash-strapped U.S. Postal Service will slow first-class delivery next spring and, for the first time in 40 years, eliminate the chance for stamped letters to arrive the next day.

The estimated \$3 billion in reductions, to be announced in broader detail later Monday, are part of a wide-ranging effort by the Postal Service to quickly trim costs and avert bankruptcy. They could slow everything from check payments to Netflix's DVDs-by-mail, add costs to mail-order prescription drugs, and threaten the existence of newspapers and time-sensitive magazines delivered by postal carrier to far-flung suburban and rural communities.

That birthday card mailed first-class to Mom also could arrive a day or two late, if people don't plan ahead.

"It's a potentially major change, but I don't think consumers are focused on it and it won't register until the service goes away," said Jim Corridore, analyst with S&P Capital IQ, who tracks the shipping industry. "Over time, to the extent the customer service experience gets worse, it will only increase the shift away from mail to alternatives. There's almost nothing you can't do online that you can do by mail."

The cuts would close roughly 250 of the nearly 500 mail processing centers across the country as early as next March. Because the consolidations would typically lengthen the distance mail travels from post office to processing center, the agency would also lower delivery standards for first-class mail that have been in place since 1971. Currently, first-class mail is supposed to be delivered to homes and businesses within the continental U.S. in one to three days; that will be lengthened to two to three days, meaning mailers could no longer expect next-day delivery in surrounding communities. Periodicals could take between two and nine days.

## GOP rivals hope Herman Cain's demise will

### reinvigorate their struggling campaign for president

WASHINGTON (AP) — A day after Herman Cain shuttered his Republican candidacy for president, struggling GOP hopefuls looked to pick up the fallen candidate's tea party following and upset a primary dynamic that has pushed Mitt Romney and Newt Gingrich to the forefront.

Gingrich's campaign, ramping up its operations in early nominating states, was meeting with former Cain aides and advisers now looking for jobs. While Cain's endorsement remained up for grabs, Gingrich and his rivals were looking to schedule one-on-one meetings this week with the former pizza executive.

Reps. Ron Paul of Texas and Michele Bachmann of Minnesota said Sunday they expected Cain supporters would fall in line behind them because of their messages on limited government, despite their low standing in the polls. Meanwhile, last-place rival Rick Santorum predicted he now had a good chance of winning the Iowa caucus.

While such brazen predictions are

probably overstated, the 11th-hour press comes at a crucial time and could upset an already volatile race for the GOP endorsement. A month before the first vote is cast in the Iowa caucus and five weeks before the New Hampshire primary, most GOP candidates were looking to a week of heavy campaigning in Iowa ahead of the next debate, scheduled for Saturday. The stakes are possibly the highest for Mitt Romney, who could be hurt the worst if Cain supporters rally behind Gingrich.

"A lot of Herman Cain supporters have been calling our office and they've been coming over to our side," said Bachmann. "They saw Herman Cain as an outsider and I think they see that my voice would be the one that would be most reflective of his."

## Teen sexting of photos may be less common than thought, depending on definition, research says

CHICAGO (AP) — Teen sexting of nude photos online or via cellphone may be far less common than people think, new research suggests.

Only 1 percent of kids aged 10 to 17 have shared images of themselves or others that involve explicit nudity, a nationally representative study found.

Roughly the same number said they'd shared suggestive but less graphic photos; while 7 percent said they'd received either type of picture.

The research suggests texting of sexual photos among younger kids is extremely rare but more common among older teens.

The results are reassuring, showing that teen sexting isn't rampant, usually isn't malicious, and is generally not something parents should panic over, said lead author Kimberly Mitchell, a research assistant psychology professor at the University of New Hampshire.

Previous reports said as many as one in five young people — 20 percent — have participated in sexting. But some surveys included older teens and people in their early 20s.

And some used definitions of sexting that included racy text messages without photos, or images "no more revealing than what someone might see at a beach," authors of the new study said.

## Markets signal optimism that Merkel, Sarkozy will agree on plan to save the euro

PARIS (AP) — Financial markets are signaling optimism that the leaders of Germany and France will deliver a cohesive plan that saves the euro through stricter oversight of government budgets.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy and German Chancellor Angela Merkel are meeting in Paris Monday. They will try to agree on a plan that would tighten political and economic cooperation among the 17 European Union countries that use the euro.

European stocks rose and bond yields fell on rising expectations that the leaders from all 27 EU countries would sign on to whatever plan Merkel and Sarkozy agree.

Italy's 10-year yield dropped 0.17 of a percentage point to 6.39 percent a day after the country's new government agreed a package of austerity and growth measures.

## U.S. complying with Pakistani demand to vacate air base used by American drones, ambassador says

ISLAMABAD (AP) — The United States is vacating an air base in Pakistan used by American drones that target Taliban and al-Qaida militants, complying with a key demand made by Islamabad in retaliation for the NATO airstrikes that killed 24 Pakistani soldiers, the U.S. ambassador said Monday.

The move is not expected to significantly curtail drone attacks in Pakistan since Shamsi air base in southwestern Baluchistan province was only used to service drones that had mechanical or weather difficulties.

But Washington's decision to leave the base shows how the NATO attacks on Nov. 26 have plunged the already strained U.S.-Pakistan relationship to an all-time low. The crisis threatens U.S. attempts to get Pakistan to cooperate on winding down the Afghan war.

Pakistan immediately retaliated by blocking its Afghan border crossings to NATO supplies and giving the U.S. 15 days to vacate Shamsi — a deadline that falls on Dec. 11. Islamabad is also boycotting an international conference in Bonn, Germany, aimed at stabilizing Afghanistan.

U.S. Ambassador Cameron Munter said in a local TV interview that Washington was doing its best to comply with Pakistan's demand to leave the air base.

## European observers say Russia's vote slanted in favor of Putin's party, marred by violations

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's parliamentary election was tilted in favor of Prime Minister Vladimir Putin's party and marred by violations, but voters still took advantage of having a choice, European monitors said Monday.

The monitors from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and other European institutions said in a statement that Sunday's vote was marked by the convergence of the state and Putin's United Russia party, limited political competition and a lack of fairness.

The European observers said the vote was tainted by frequent procedural violations and instances of apparent manipulations, including serious indications of ballot box stuffing.

"To me, this election was like a game in which only some players are allowed to compete," mission head Heidi Tagliavini said at a news conference.

Despite the uneven playing field and allegations of violations during the vote, United Russia party saw its parliament majority weaken sharply to just about 50 percent in Sunday's vote.

## Police arrest protesters refusing to dismantle wooden structure erected in DC park

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Park Police arrested dozens of Occupy D.C. protesters who refused to dismantle an unfinished wooden structure they built in a park overnight.

On Sunday morning, police told them they'd need a permit and gave

them an hour to disassemble it.

When the protesters failed to comply, officers arrested several protesters. After an hours-long standoff, an inspector posted a notice on the structure and later more protesters inside it were arrested.

Police say 31 people have been arrested and that they have dismantled the structure. By late Sunday, six protesters who had been on the roof came down.

## Egyptians vote in 2-day runoffs as Islamist candidates contest each other, secularists

CAIRO (AP) — A trickle of Egyptian voters headed to the polls Monday for two days of runoffs in the country's first parliamentary elections since Hosni Mubarak's ouster, a balloting in which Islamist parties already captured an overwhelming majority of the votes in the first round.

Turnout in the morning hours appeared lower than expected and the trickle of voters at some polling stations was a sharp contrast to the massive lines during the first round a week ago, when the turnout was nearly 60 percent — the highest in Egypt's modern history.

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## SNOW

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overnight, as lower temperatures and high humidity dropped several inches of snow on the Crossroads area during the early morning hours.

More snow is expected throughout today, with the high temperature only expected to creep above freezing at 33 degrees. Tonight's low could dip to 26 degrees. Similar temperatures — without the snow — are being forecast for

Tuesday, with temperatures expected to begin warming up Wednesday and Thursday.

Oncor Electric Delivery experienced some problems during the early morning hours, possibly due to excess strain on power lines due to the snow. According to Oncor officials, the outage was mostly on the west side of Big Spring, affecting approximately

1,600 homes, with smaller outages being reported at various points in the city throughout the morning.

Many area school delayed morning classes, opting to begin their days at 10 a.m. instead of their normal times.

Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan, Stanton, Grady, Sands, Howard College and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf began classes at 10 a.m. Lakeview Headstart cancelled its classes for the day.

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East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	9	3	0	.750	362	247
N.Y. Jets	7	5	0	.583	290	260
Buffalo	5	7	0	.417	278	304
Miami	4	8	0	.333	246	220
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	9	3	0	.750	310	189
Tennessee	7	5	0	.583	249	229
Jacksonville	3	8	0	.273	138	200
Indianapolis	0	12	0	.000	174	358
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	9	3	0	.750	296	192
Pittsburgh	9	3	0	.750	268	195
Cincinnati	7	5	0	.583	266	250
Cleveland	4	8	0	.333	175	240
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	7	5	0	.583	256	292
Oakland	7	5	0	.583	274	308
Kansas City	5	7	0	.417	163	268
San Diego	4	7	0	.364	249	275

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	7	5	0	.583	283	244
N.Y. Giants	6	6	0	.500	287	315
Philadelphia	4	8	0	.333	271	282
Washington	4	8	0	.333	202	256
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	8	3	0	.727	362	252
Atlanta	7	5	0	.583	269	244
Carolina	4	8	0	.333	290	324
Tampa Bay	4	8	0	.333	218	329
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
X-Green Bay	12	0	0	1.000	420	262
Detroit	7	4	0	.636	316	246
Chicago	7	5	0	.583	291	242
Minnesota	2	10	0	.167	246	330
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
X-San Fran	10	2	0	.833	288	161
Seattle	5	7	0	.417	216	246
Arizona	5	7	0	.417	232	269
St. Louis	2	10	0	.167	140	296

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#### Thursday's game:

Seattle 31, Philadelphia 14

#### Sunday's games:

Kansas City 10, Chicago 3

Houston 17, Atlanta 10

Denver 35, Minnesota 32

Carolina 38, Tampa Bay 19

Pittsburgh 35, Cincinnati 7

N.Y. Jets 34, Washington 19

Miami 34, Oakland 14

Tennessee 23, Buffalo 17

New England 31, Indianapolis 24

Baltimore 24, Cleveland 10

San Francisco 26, St. Louis 0

Arizona 19, Dallas 13, OT

Green Bay 38, N.Y. Giants 35

#### Monday's game:

San Diego at Jacksonville, 8:30 p.m.

# Cowboys fall in OT

GLENDALE (AP) — Add another excruciating loss for the Dallas Cowboys in the desert.

LaRod Stephens-Howling caught a short pass from Kevin Kolb and zipped 52 yards for a touchdown in overtime to give the Arizona Cardinals a 19-13 victory Sunday, snapping the Cowboys' four-game winning streak.

It marked the third time since 2008 that the Cowboys have lost in Arizona in heartbreaking fashion. What made it worse was that Dallas should have won it, but the Cowboys called a timeout just before Dan Bailey's 49-yard field goal sailed through the uprights at the end of regulation.

Bailey's next try was short and to the left, sending the game to overtime. Bailey, who also missed a 53-yarder, came in with one miss all season.

Last Christmas, Arizona beat Dallas 27-26 on Jay Feely's 48-yard field goal with 5 seconds to play. In 2008, the Cardinals won in

overtime 30-24 on a blocked punt.

Stephens-Howling dodged a host of would-be Cowboys tacklers to scamper in with the score. Kolb completed 16 of 25 passes for 247 yards in his first game in five weeks.

Tony Romo was 28 for 42 for 299 yards for the Cowboys.

Arizona (5-7), which has won four of five, beat a team with a winning record for the first time this season. The Cowboys (7-5) remained alone in first in the NFC East because the New York Giants (6-6) lost to undefeated Green Bay.

Each quarterback was sacked five times.

The Cardinals won the toss and got the ball for the first and only possession in overtime.

Kolb's 16-yard pass to Andre Roberts, who had six catches for 111 yards, advanced the ball to the Dallas 47, but a false start penalty moved it back to the Arizona 48.

On first-and-15, Kolb threw a short swing pass

to the 5-foot-7 Stephens-Howling. The play easily got the first down, but the diminutive back stayed on his feet, avoided would-be tacklers and made a couple of nifty cuts en route to the end zone.

Kolb, out with turf toe and bruise on the side of his right foot since Oct. 30, was rusty early, but after halftime, he was 9 of 14 for 203 yards.

Bryant had eight catches for 86 yards but DeMarco Murray managed just 38 yards on 12 carries. Beanie Wells gained 67 yards on 20 attempts, including a 5-yard touchdown run.

Kolb directed a quick six-play, 79-yard touchdown drive early in the fourth quarter to tie it at 13. The big plays were his passes of 40 and 22 yards to Andre Roberts. Wells' TD run up the middle tied it with 13:08 remaining.

The Cardinals had to punt from the end zone late in the game after Early Doucet dropped a

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# Texans win sixth straight

HOUSTON (AP) — The surging Atlanta Falcons appeared to have the advantage heading into Sunday's game against the Houston Texans, whose rookie quarterback T.J. Yates was making his first NFL start.

It didn't turn out that way.

Yates threw a touchdown pass, Arian Foster rushed for 111 yards and Houston overcame another injury to Andre Johnson to beat Atlanta 17-10.

The Texans (9-3) have won a franchise-record six straight games, a remarkable feat considering they're down to their third-string quarterback and have played the bulk of their streak without their star receiver.

"This is a league of talented players," Falcons coach Mike Smith said. "First-teamers, second-teamers, third-teamers — I think we had the advantage on paper, but you've always got to go out and play the game. It doesn't matter who was on the other side."

Johnson left in the third quarter after hurting his left hamstring. He injured his right hamstring in Week 4, underwent minor surgery and sat out six games.

Coach Gary Kubiak said after the game that he was told the injury was not severe, but he couldn't be certain until Johnson underwent tests Monday.

The Falcons (7-5) sputtered offensively much of the day and lost for just the sec-

ond time in seven games. Houston's top-ranked defense knocked down two passes by Matt Ryan in the end zone in the closing seconds.

"We had opportunities to make some plays and we didn't make them," Ryan said. "It's disappointing."

Atlanta hadn't allowed a 100-yard rusher in its previous 14 games and entered having allowed the second-fewest yards rushing per game in the NFL.

"We figured they would run the ball (and) that is what they did," Atlanta linebacker Curtis Lofton said. "They mixed the run with the pass and they kept us off guard. We really couldn't pin our ears back and play solid defense."

Yates was thrust into his pro debut last week in Jacksonville when Matt Leinart broke his collarbone. Leinart was starting in place of Matt Schaub, who broke his right foot in Houston's previous game.

Smith wasn't surprised that the Texans were able to play well with Yates at quarterback.

"It is a system offense," Smith said. "It is based on the running game and, so, regardless of whom the quarterback is, there are the same actions."

After Johnson went down, Foster ably took over the offensive load, carrying 10 times on Houston's decisive drive. Foster

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# Packers survive Giants to remain undefeated in NFL

EAST RUTHERFORD (AP) — The Green Bay Packers are still perfect and heading to the playoffs.

Aaron Rodgers engineered a last minute drive to set up a 30-yard field goal by Mason Crosby on the final play and the Green Bay Packers remained undefeated and clinched a playoff berth with a 38-35 victory over the New York Giants on Sunday.

Rodgers hit three passes of more than 18 yards on the drive in the final 58 seconds as the Super Bowl champion Packers (12-0) won their 18th straight game and handed the Giants (6-6) their fourth straight loss.

New York, which was blown out by New Orleans Monday night, tied the game on a 2-yard Eli Man-

ning touchdown pass and a 2-point conversion run by D.J. Ware with just under a minute to play.

However, Rodgers, who threw four touchdown passes, wasn't going to settle for overtime after a touchback on the ensuing kickoff.

On first down, he completed a pass to Jermichael Finley just over the outstretched hands of rookie linebacker Jacquian Williams and the tight end rumbled 24 yards up the right sideline to the 44.

A 24-yard pass to Jordy Nelson down the left sideline moved the ball to the New York 29 and an 18-yard pass to Greg Jennings two plays later moved the ball to the 12.

Green Bay called time out with 3 seconds to go, and then Crosby delivered

his winning kick.

The Packers would clinch the NFC North if Detroit lost to New Orleans on Sunday night.

For the Giants, everything wasn't terrible. Dallas also lost, leaving New York a game behind the Cowboys with four games to go. The two teams will play twice over that span.

Rodgers, who was harassed by Giants front and sacked three times, finished 28 of 46 for 369 yards. He threw touchdown passes of 7 and 13 yards to Donald Driver, 20 to Jennings and 12 to Finley.

Linebacker Clay Matthews also returned an interception 38 yards for a score in the second quarter.

Manning finished 23 of

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# LSU to face Alabama in BCS championship

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The Crimson Tide edged out Oklahoma State in the final round of voting and will play the top-ranked Tigers in the BCS national championship game on Jan. 9 in New Orleans.

It's not exactly a rematch the public was clamoring for — at least outside of Southeastern Conference territory. And it certainly will do nothing to quiet the critics of the Bowl Championship Series or the calls for a college football playoff.

But like it or not, the BCS has ensured that the SEC — home to both

schools — will run its streak of national championships to six in a row.

The Cowboys made a late surge by beating Oklahoma 44-10 on Saturday night, and closed the gap between themselves and Alabama in the polls. But it was not enough to avoid the first title game rematch in the 14-year history of the BCS.

The Tigers (13-0) beat the Tide 9-6 in overtime on Nov. 5 in Tuscaloosa.

Alabama (11-1) finished second in both the Harris and coaches' polls by a wide enough

margin to make up for the fact that Oklahoma State was ahead in the computer ratings.

The Cowboys (11-1), champions of the Big 12, will play in the Fiesta Bowl.

As the power-brokers in college football begin to plot how top-tier bowls will be set up in the future, the 2011 season is once more exposing the flaws in the current system.

Oklahoma State and Alabama, two teams with perfectly good arguments to play for a national championship, wound up fighting over one spot, with subjective voters and mysterious computer ratings — the formulas of which are not even publicly known — doing the choosing.

Alabama, with the nation's No. 1 defense, won out and will play for its second BCS crown in three years.

Oklahoma State, with one of the most potent offenses in the country, gets its first BCS appearance as a consolation prize.

A rematch between LSU and Alabama in the title game seemed almost a foregone conclusion heading into conference champion-

ship weekend.

But with Alabama idle, Oklahoma State made one last, dramatic statement against the Sooners on Saturday night in Stillwater. And the Cowboys had an impressive resume, beating three teams ranked in the final BCS top 15. Alabama had only one such victory.

So instead of Sunday being a coronation there was drama — and another BCS controversy.

Working in Alabama's favor was its dominance throughout the season — all of the Tide's victories have been by at least 16 points — and the

fact that no other team has challenged LSU this season.

The Tide and Tigers played a hard-hitting defensive slog billed as the Game of the Century. And it was exciting in the way Notre Dame and Army's scoreless tie was exciting in the 1946 version of the Game of the Century.

But many fans around the country were ready for something else.

Immediately the talk of rematch started, pro and con. But Oklahoma State was in position to keep it from happening. The Cowboys were undefeated.

Bowl in February 2008 when Tom Brady and company were a game from perfection.

The Giants let the Packers know early they were going to be in a for a battle this week.

Manning and Beckum, who had one catch all season, combined on a 67-yard catch and weaving run for a touchdown on the third play of the game.

Rodgers tied the game with a 12-yard TD pass to Finley on Green Bay's second possession, only to see New York take the lead on a 38-yard field goal by Tynes.

New York seemed to be in control until Manning made a mistake on the first play of the second quarter. Manning threw a sideline pass to Ahmad Bradshaw and Matthews returned it 38 yards for a touchdown.

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scored with 6:05 left, and then it was up to the Texans' defense to finish.

Atlanta got the ball back with 59 seconds left, and Ryan threw a deep pass to Julio Jones to the Texans 25. But Ryan overthrew Roddy White in one corner of the end zone and Kareem Jackson swatted away a pass to Jones in the other corner as time expired.

"I had the opportunity to make that play and I just had to come up with the catch at the end," Jones said.

Ryan completed 20 of 46 passes for 267 yards, but also threw two interceptions.

Johnson pulled in a 50-yard pass from Yates to the Atlanta 5 in the second quarter. Yates then snapped a quick pass to Joel Dreessen for his first career TD.

Ryan completed three passes to Tony Gonzalez to get the Falcons moving. Atlanta drove and finished with a 19-yard field goal by Matt Bryant.

Yates took a hard hit from John Abraham early in the third quarter, but Abraham was disappointed they weren't able to disrupt him more.

"It was our fault for not getting him down," Abraham said. "We got a few good pressures on him. But there's a difference between making him move and making him take hits and get-

ting him on the ground. We didn't get him on the ground that much. He did a good job."

Ryan kick-started Atlanta's best drive of the game with an 18-yard pass to Gonzalez. Jones made an over-the-shoulder catch to the Houston 4, and Ryan found White wide-open for the tying score with 1:46 left in the third quarter.

Notes: Gonzalez has a catch in 175 consecutive games, the league's longest active streak. Gonzalez also reached 60 receptions for the 13th consecutive season, an NFL record. ... The Texans had a positive turnover ratio (plus-1) for the eighth time in 12 games. ... Houston has already matched its highest single-season wins total (9-7 in 2009).

40 for 347 yards. He had a 67-yard touchdown pass to Travis Beckum and touchdown tosses of 4 and 2 yards to Nicks. Brandon Jacobs scored on a 1-yard run after a rare interception of Rodgers and Lawrence Tynes kicked two field goals with a 50-yard in the fourth quarter getting New York within 28-27.

Rodgers hooked up with Driver on a 7-yard TD with 3:34 to go to push the lead to 35-27.

However, Manning hit tight end Jake Ballard on two 15 yard passes and connected with Victor Cruz for 22 yards to set up the game-tying score that New York thought would send the game to OT.

Rodgers had other ideas, though, and the Packers continued their run at trying to match Miami's perfect season in 1972.

It's not surprising New York gave them a game. The Giants ended the Denver Broncos perfect season at 11 games in 1998 and they knocked off the New England Patriots in the Super

By Steve Becker

**Famous Hand**

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ A K J  
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 ♣ J 9 8

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 ♠ 8 4  
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 ♦ J 9  
 ♣ A 6 4 2

**EAST**  
 ♠ Q 9  
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 ♦ K 10 5 3 2  
 ♣ K Q 10 7 5

**SOUTH**  
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third-down pass that would have given Arizona a first down. Bryant returned the punt to the 22, but an illegal block in the back penalty against Orlando Scandrick pushed it back to the Dallas 40.

On third-and-11 from the Cardinals 46, Romo threw 15 yards to Bryant to the Arizona 31 as time slipped away. That set up Bailey's missed field goal.

As usual, there was a huge contingent of white-jerseyed Dallas fans, a fact apparent not only from the color of their apparel but from the loudness of the cheering when the Cowboys did something good.

But the team could not cash in on early opportunities.

The Cowboys were in Arizona territory six of the seven times they had the ball in the first half, yet led only 10-3 at the half.

On Dallas' second possession, Bailey tried a 53-yarder, his longest since coming to the NFL, but was wide right, just his second miss in 28 attempts this season.

Later in the first half, Bailey's 50-yard attempt bounced off the right upright and through to tie it at 3.

Arizona, meanwhile, was mired in awful field position most of the first half.

An exception came after Dallas' missed field goal. The Cardinals got the ball on their 43. Kolb threw 15 yards to Roberts, then Stephens-Howling ran 15 yards to set Jay Feely's 48-yard field goal that put Arizona up 3-0 with 4:13 left

in the third quarter.

Dallas finally got the game's first touchdown late in the first half. DeMarcus Ware's 15th sack of the season pinned the Cardinals at their own 2 and Bryant's 14-yard punt return put Dallas at Arizona's 33. Romo found Jason Witten over the middle for 28 yards to the Arizona 5, then Romo threw to a wide-open Bryant for the touchdown. That put Dallas up for good, 10-3 with 3:09 to go.

Each team mounted long drives that resulted in field goals in the third quarter.

Arizona took the second-half kickoff and went 74 yards in 12 plays. Kolb's 3-yard run made it fourth-and-goal inches from the goal line and the Cardinals were going to go for it, but a false start penalty on Brandon Keith moved the ball back to the 6, and Feely's 23-yarder cut it to 10-6.

Dallas followed with a 13-play, 65-yard drive. With the Cowboys having first down on the Arizona 17, Romo was

sacked for the fourth time for a 7-yard loss. That led to Bailey's 37-yard field goal that boosted the lead to 13-6 with 34 seconds left in the third quarter.

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Dist/Div: Odessa  
Contract 6235-17-001 for ROAD-SIDE MOWING in MARTIN County, etc will be opened on January 10, 2012 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$105,468.00.

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.  
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Legals

**INVITATION TO BID**  
The Colorado River Municipal Water District and Garney Companies are soliciting supplier participation including those that qualify as SWMBE's for the following: Bid Package 4. Pre-Purchase of Electrical Equipment for the Ward County Water Supply Expansion Project. Bid Deadline is December 22, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. Bids will be received at CRMWD 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, TX 79721-0869 For more information contact Marcus Grace at (816)536-6485 or email mgrace@garney.com Garney Companies, Inc is an Equal Employment/Opportunity Employer.  
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**"It Pays To Read Big Spring Herald Classifieds"**

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Venus uses her feminine wiles to ease the tension between Mercury (word) and Mars (deed). For those who put their foot in their mouth yesterday, today brings forgiveness. And if harsh words were exchanged, the conflict can now be made right with heartfelt apologies. In any case, it's good to have the truth out in the open.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Good living becomes a rather simple and straightforward process today. You'll help others get what they need when they need it, and then you'll appreciate the smiles and happiness that follow.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). The ones who say you are only as strong as your weakest attribute are being unrealistic and pessimistic. No one can be good at everything. Use your strengths, and let the rest work itself out.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You enjoy comfortable, warm spaces. But to really feel at home in a space, it

also must afford you a good deal of privacy. Alone time is necessary to your health and well-being, so guard it like it's sacred.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You are feeling spiritually open, which will attract goodness to you, but also will make you vulnerable to negative attachments. Your best protection is to think happy, high-minded thoughts.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). There's a fog of poetic energy that settles around you. Use it! The poet Lord Byron said, "Poetry is a distinct faculty — it won't come when called. You may as well whistle for a wind."

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have to be able to feel a person's intentions in order to deem them trustworthy in your book. Unpredictable and complicated people will warrant further observation. Take your time.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Many times you follow through with an action simply because you want to know what will happen next. Your motive will be simple, and that is precisely why it works so well.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). For you, it's not

enough to merely show up and do what you're supposed to do. You will dedicate yourself to taking things to the next level. You'll inspire others to do the same.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You will be affected by the decisions of someone very far away from you, but these decisions do not have to throw you off your path. There's a way to make it all work.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). In games of "good cop, bad cop," you don't care which cop you play. It's the end result — getting compliance from the perpetrator — that matters most to you. You and a partner will work together toward an optimum end.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). This may be a strangely emotional day for you. There may be very little difference in the structure of your day from the way it was last week, but you are different, and that's enough to change everything.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You know what you believe, and articulating it will help you know it even better. So make a record of where you stand on this very day. The action will give you a surge of personal power.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Dec. 5). January features exciting and unusual interactions. You have something to learn from those whose interests are diametrically opposed to your own. You'll accomplish far more than you even anticipated in April. You'll push through barriers to give your talent expression. June brings commercial opportunities. Cancer and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 2, 31, 24 and 18.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I'm a Taurus who will be turning 45 this April, and I'm dreading getting older. Maybe it's because I'm ruled by Venus, but I'm really afraid of losing my looks and attractiveness. I'm afraid of being alone and unhappy. I went to a plastic surgeon, but I'm not sure I can afford all that he wants to do. What do you think?"

Stop the surgeon! You could very well be on your way to the happiest and most beautiful stage of your life, no cutting necessary! In collecting figures on the emotional well-being of British citizens, the British government has statistics to suggest that after middle age, people get happier as they get older.

Similar studies have been performed in China, Japan, Africa and the United States that point to the same conclusion. After age 46, people get happier. Earth signs Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn have particularly tenacious personalities, and this manifests in their physicality, as well. These signs become not only happier but more beautiful as they gain a stately presence, grow into their own style and let their inner beauty dictate choices instead of merely following along with society.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Walt Disney was born on this day in 1901. The icon of imagination who fathered The Walt Disney Company and changed the shape of the entertainment world forever was born under the independent-minded, curious, passionate and worldly influence of Sagittarius. Disney's natal moon was in Libra, the sign of art, beauty and relationships. Mars, Jupiter and Saturn were in ambitious Capricorn.

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**"CLASSIC" ANN LANDERS®: No family sympathy**

*Editor's Note: Hundreds of Ann Landers' loyal readers have requested that newspapers continue to publish her columns. These letters originally appeared in 1999.*

**Dear Ann Landers:** I want to express my sympathy to "J.F. in Racine, Wis.," regarding his hearing loss. I have been going through this for many years. The people you think would be the most sympathetic (my family) seem to be the least tolerant.



MARGO HOWARD

People outside the family tend to be understanding, and oddly enough, my family is very nice to strangers who have this same problem, but not to me.

My wife screams that I am driving her crazy, and my oldest daughter just makes fun of me. The other daughter says "never mind" when I ask

her to repeat something. The oldest son gives me a dirty look, goes in his room and shuts the door.

The other son is like his mother — he just yells. When I sit at the dinner table, I might as well be eating next door.

They ignore me, so I usually eat with the grandchildren. They don't seem to mind that I can't hear too well. When I ask them to repeat something, they do so graciously, and nobody gives me a dirty look.

Please print this letter. It will make me feel better. — Deaf in Chatsworth, Calif.

**Dear Chatsworth:** Here's your letter, and I hope it will generate some sympathy and understanding. You certainly have mine, because my hearing is also less than perfect, and I appreciate it when

people don't mind repeating for my benefit.

**Dear Ann Landers:** A reader recently complained about the markings on plus-size clothing.

My complaint is the location of the plus-size departments. Over half of all women in North America wear size 14 and up, but the stores find the furthest point available to display these garments.

The size 2s are always by the door and hit you in the eye when you enter. When a large woman sees how small they are, she becomes depressed.

I am 5 foot 10 and need plus sizes to accommodate my height. I refuse to hide in the corners when I shop, so now I buy clothes through catalogs that make us Big Mamas feel attractive. Don't print my

name, Ann, just sign me — Big Mama from Chicago

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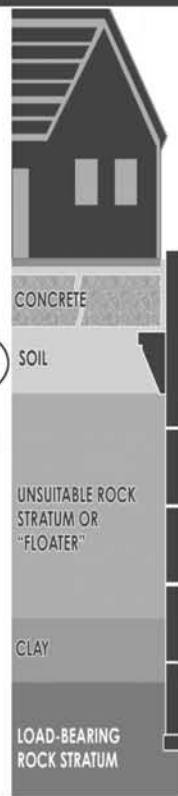
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**PARADE**

Continued from Page 1A the Circuit Riders Cowboy Church, Cub Scouts of America, The Dance Gallery, First Baptist Church Mother's Day Out, Texas Sports Sup-

ply & Screen Printing and United Way were among the other floats that caught the judges' attention.

"We'd like to say thank you to all the participants. This was one of the largest parades we've had in the

26 years the Herald has been holding it," said Rick Nunez, parade coordinator.

"We invite everyone to plan to enter next year's event," he added.

The parade is always held the first Saturday in December.