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TIME TO RING IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT



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Officials and members of the Big Spring Area Salvation Army kicked off the charity's annual Red Kettle Campaign on Friday in front of the Walmart SuperCenter. The local organization currently has kettles set up at the Trave America Truck Stop on Interstate Highway 20, Bealls department store in the Big Spring Mall and the Big Spring Post Office. Kettles located in front of the Walmart SuperCenter will be set up the day following the Thanksgiving holiday. For more information on the annual campaign or to volunteer as a bell ringer, call 432-267-8239.



Chamber cranks up toy drive

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**

Special to the Herald

"Tis the season for giving and time to fill the Chamber.

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is wanting to share the Christmas spirit

by hosting a toy drive benefiting area organizations.

"I got the idea while watching the news one night. I was so excited after seeing what I saw that I couldn't wait to come back and try and fill the chamber," Chamber Executive Director Debby ValVerde said.

The toy drive will benefit CASA, Cosacks Motorcycle Club Permian Basin Chapter, Hometown Christmas, The Salvation Army and Spring Tabernacle Ministries.

"We aren't trying to take donations away from organizations in town; we are trying to help them spread the holiday cheer," ValVerde said.

According to ValVerde, donations of new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls age 2 through 18 will be accepted.

"We aren't asking people to go out and spend a lot of money on toys, but we would like the community to take the time to go purchase a Barbie doll, some Hot Wheels, or a simple teddy bear and drop it by

"There are some children who don't have a whole lot at Christmas and to those children a simple doll or stuffed bear can mean the world to them."



ValVerde

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War-time instinct takes over in Texas train crash

By **JUAN CARLOS LLORCA**

Associated Press

MIDLAND, Texas — With the thunderous crack of a freight train slamming into a parade float carrying his fellow war veterans, Sudip Bose went to work.

A front-line physician in Iraq, Bose and other veterans instantly tended to the injured. They applied tourni-

quets and put pressure on wounds as their training and battlefield experience took over in the chaotic moments after the wreck at a railroad crossing in this West Texas city.

"Instincts kicked in," Bose said Friday, a day after the train traveling at more than 60 mph barreled into a flatbed truck adorned with American flags and filled with wounded veterans and their spouses.

Four veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan were killed — including an Army sergeant who apparently sacrificed



Bose

his life to save his wife, and 16 people were injured. Bose, who served in Fallujah and Baghdad, said the aftermath reminded him of a combat triage situation.

Some of the veterans who managed to jump clear of the wreck rushed to help the injured. Tommy Shoemaker, a special operations soldier, resuscitated one person and applied a tourniquet to a bleeding woman.

"They are trained for tragedy," said his wife, Pam Shoemaker of Monroe, La., who was with her husband on a float ahead of the one that

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HC trustees to seek at risk manager for project

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Howard College trustees will get an update on the building project on the college's San Angelo campus — including a recommendation for construction manager at risk — when they meet at 12:30 p.m. Monday in the student union building's Tumbleweed Room.

According to College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks, the project — estimated at \$12 million, with a final figure not yet established — will allow for construction of two new buildings on Howard's San Angelo campus.

"We expect to make the rec-

ommendation for construction manager at risk for the project," Sparks said. "The construction will be funded through revenue bonds, which come from the tuition and fees generated by the San Angelo campus alone."

Sparks said the buildings — one will provide classroom space, while the second will be designated for student services — represent a step forward for the junior college's San Angelo campus.

"We've had a presence in San Angelo for some time now," Sparks said. "This project will simply create a

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Iva 'Christene' Fewell Horn



Iva "Christene" Fewell Horn, 88, a 70-year resident of Big Spring died Friday, Nov. 16, 2012, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2012, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with Bishop Carl Condray officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Monday, Nov. 19, 2012, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Christene was born Aug. 12, 1924, to the late Orin Walter Fewell and Luella Jane McBride in Tulia, Swisher County, Texas. Her father died when Christene was only six years old, so she was raised by her mother and stepfather, Lawrence Cornelius Edwards. Christene graduated in 1942 from Happy High School in Happy, Texas.

She met Jack Horn while riding a Greyhound Bus from Amarillo, Texas, when he had finished a tour of duty serving in the United States Marines as a guard at the American Embassy in Beijing, China, just prior to World War II. They were married Nov. 12, 1942, in the Howard County Courthouse by Justice of the Peace Walter Grice.

Christene loved driving the school bus for the Big Spring Independent School District for more than 33 years and enjoyed students as they grew up and had their own children ride her bus. When her own children were in school she would decorate cookies each Valentine Day for students all over the school. Each cookie would have the name of every student in the classes where her children were. She helped with hundreds of school parties and carnivals as she raised her seven children.

She also enjoyed having a float each year in the Christmas parade. Her float designs always carried a message of love, peace or "Families being Forever." In the past five years her companion in the float was her best friend "E" from Burma. These two were very entertaining as they waved at the crowds from their decorated float.

She was an avid genealogist. For 32 years she set up her genealogy booth at the Howard County Fair to tell others how to research and find their past ancestors. Her love of genealogy resulted in her writing a family history book entitled "For the Love of Mac," which explained how the McBrides came to be in America and settled in various parts of the United States. She sold more than 1,000 copies.

Christene was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, where she served as the director of the Family History Librarian for many years. She also served as primary president and Sunday school teacher. She served as an officer in the PTA and the past president of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary.

She was an avid supporter and past den leader of the Boy Scouts of America. She started the first scout meeting for handicapped children in Big Spring. She loved playing the piano and has about 20 songs copy-righted where she wrote both the music and the words.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Jack Horn of Big Spring, the son of John Clinton Horn and Lucy Maben, early 1900 Big Spring pioneers. Her siblings who preceded her in death include brothers, Harlie Fewell of Amarillo, Texas, Thomas Edwards of Plainview; and sister, Clara Foster of Tulia, Texas.

Christene is survived by one sister, Dorothy Nickell of Russellville, Ark.; and one brother, Robert Loy Edwards and wife Dixie of Aurora, Colo.

Christene and Jack raised seven children, Joyce Ravellette Young, who lost two husbands, Ray Ravellette and Michael Young, Rosemary Eskridge and husband Gordon of Edmond, Okla., Beverly Mohn and husband David of Miles, Texas, Frank Horn and wife Wynonia of Agate, Colo., Marshall Horn and wife Joy of Big Spring, Corlynn Biesemeyer and husband Kurt of Gunnison, Colo., and Cheri Pardue and husband Robert of Cayce, S.C.

Christene is survived by her grandchildren, Kendall, Kelly, Kerry, Karen and Karl Ravellette, Samantha, Jennifer, Jeanna, Rachele and Sarah Eskridge, Michael and Richard Mohn, Wrylon, Walter, and Wraner Horn, Naquai, Lara, and Kami Horn, Christopher, Stanley and Kelly Biesemeyer; Christy, Michael, Leslie, Kevin and Eric Irwin (deceased), Shawn, Shawndra, Jeremy, Martin, Timothy, Jeffery and Maitlynn Pardue. She is also survived by 110 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Pall bearers will include her sons and sons-in-law. Honorary Pall Bearers include grandsons.

Christene Horn was well known and loved by many of the residents of Big Spring and cousins by the dozens. Many special friends and co-workers will think often of her for years to come.

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

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Michael L. Shockley

Michael L. Shockley, 72, of Big Spring died Friday, Nov. 16, 2012, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

CLINIC CLOSING

It is with heartfelt regret that I am announcing that effective **December 21st** my practice at The Life Clinic, located at 2601 Wasson Rd., Big Spring, Texas will be **closing**.

I will always be grateful to the people of this community for their support of me and Nurse Practitioners over the years. I have sincerely been blessed to be a part of so many lives and pray sincere health and healing over each of you.

Appointments will continue to be scheduled until **Dec. 21st**. Staff will remain at the office and records will be available for transfer until **Jan. 18th**.

We sincerely wish to provide continuity of care as you transition to other Primary Care Providers.

Sincerely,

Kim Shafer, RN, FNP-BC

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Obituaries
Claudine Samuel Winans
Dillard

Claudine Samuel Winans Dillard, 94, of Big Spring died Thursday, Nov. 15, 2012. The family will receive friends Sunday, Nov. 18, 2012, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with the Rev. Pat Ray, pastor of Prairie View Baptist Church, officiating.

Born on May 31, 1918, in Rocksprings, Texas, Claudine Winans came to the Vealmoor community in the late 1930s with her parents, Frank and Lue Winans, and brothers. Claudine attended Droan's Business College in Lubbock, Texas, and worked for a brief time at the Big Spring State Hospital.

Later, Claudine worked at the Caprock Compress, where she met and married Johnnie Ray Dillard. She and Johnnie lived in the Fairview Community for a number of years, after which she moved back to Vealmoor to care for her parents and their farm. She was a member of Prairie View Baptist Church.

Of all her names, Claudine, Sam and Aunt Claudine, Mamaw was her most cherished name of all. Mamaw is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Emma Lou and husband Terry Jenkins of Big Spring; grandson, Justin and wife Koby Jenkins of Big Spring; grandson, John Ross Jenkins and fiancé Lindsey Adams of Weatherford, Texas; and great-grandson, Riley James Jenkins of Big Spring. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews, Martha Lou Howard, James David Winans, Randy and Marshall Springfield, Janice McWhorter, Larry Winans and Gary Winans.

Mrs. Dillard was preceded in death by her parents; and siblings, Ray Winans, Hazel Winans Springfield, Clyde Winans and twin brother Claude Winans.

The family suggests memorials be made to The American Heart Association, 3205 W. Cuthbert Ave., Midland, Texas 79705.

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

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Joe T. Gamble



Joe T. Gamble, 88, of Big Spring died Friday, Nov. 16, 2012, at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, 2012, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Elwin Collum, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating. Burial with military

honors will follow at Colorado City Cemetery.

He was born Sept. 15, 1924, in Colorado City, Texas, to Mary Maxie (Prentice) and William Gamble. He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in World War II where he received a Purple Heart. He was a paint contractor and a member of the Howard County Sheriff's Posse. He loved kids and always had them around.

He is survived by three sons, Michel Gamble and wife Jaynie of Lake Colorado City, Terry Gamble and wife Galynn of Lake Colorado City and Perry Gamble and wife Wanda of Big Spring; one stepson, Buddy Owens of Big Spring; one stepdaughter, Janice Gaskins of Coahoma; three brothers, Mack Gamble and wife Helen of Dover, Ark., Vernon Gamble and wife Margaret and Prentice Gamble and wife Linda, all of Big Spring; two sisters, Frances Walden of Weatherford and Marie Metcalf of Georgia; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He also leaves his cherished friend and caretaker, Manuel Limon of Big Spring.

Pallbearers will be Logan Gamble, Justin Gamble, Matthew Gamble, Jack Owens, Gary Harris and Joe Owens. Honorary pallbearers will be Chris Evans, Nathan Greer, Joshua Rainey, Jordan Rainey, Stephen East, George Davila and Manuel Limon.

The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh St. Ste. A, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

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Police blotter

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

- ANDREW JUAREZ JR., 23, of 411 Trades, was arrested Friday on a warrant from another agency and a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive – giving false information.

- FORTUNATO ALVAREZ III, 24, of 1108 Lloyd, was arrested Friday on two warrants from other

Jack Neal Gray



Jack Neal Gray was born Sept. 21, 1921, in Taylor, Texas. He joined his heavenly Father on Nov. 15, 2012, at the age of 91.

Jack was preceded in death by his wife, Laura Bearfield Gray and by his parents, John Thomas and Amber Pearl Lord Gray. He was also preceded in death by siblings J.T. Gray and wife Rosa Neal, Linnie Gray Solomon and husband William, Myrtle Gray Grubbs and husband Luna, Irene Gray Hodges, Dorothy Gray Reno Russell and husband Bill and Clarence, who died as a child.

Survivors include five children, Johnnie Gray and wife Joyce of Sherwood, Texas, Larry Gray and wife Debbie of Yoakum, Texas, Gary Gray and wife Elaine, Steve Gray and his wife Terry and Laura Gray Lowery and husband Lee Dale of Big Spring, Texas. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Jack was born with smallpox and had one eye that never developed sight. The doctor that delivered him said it was a miracle that he lived. When he was two years old, Jack survived polio. Jack and his family moved from Taylor to San Angelo when he was five years old. He grew up in San Angelo, attending Fort Concho elementary, San Angelo Junior High, high school and college.

He had a great admiration and respect of his band director, Homer Anderson, which made an impact on the rest of his life. Jack excelled musically with many state and national honors. He enjoyed playing the saxophone in the high school band, Don's Campus Swingsters, the Ram Band and Buster Reed's Orchestra. His college professors declared Jack to be one of the best musicians in West Texas according to a 1941 issue of the San Angelo Standard Times. He was also the highest ranked graduate of San Angelo College in 1943.

Jack met Laura Bearfield while they were both working at JC Penny in downtown San Angelo. They were married in 1943. Jack and Laura had five children. Jack was a band director, teacher, counselor and superintendent of schools in several Texas towns for 39 years.

Jack spent most of his summers attending universities to further his education. He was always reading, listening and learning. He graduated from San Angelo College in 1943 with an applied arts diploma, from Texas A&I in 1950 with a BS in secondary education, from Texas Tech University in 1960 with a MA in music, counseling and administration and from the University of Wyoming in 1963 with a PhD in psychology.

Jack was chosen in 1966 as the American Educator of the Year by the Freedom Foundation.

In 1983, Jack and Laura moved to Big Spring to enjoy their retirement. Jack's wife, Laura, died in 2001 after almost 59 years of marriage.

Jack was a Boy Scout leader, Sunday school teacher and a deacon in the Baptist church. He also enjoyed playing in the Big Spring Community Band, attending the various activities of his children and grandchildren and working with his hands.

He set a wonderful example through his courage, convictions, love of people, music and education and by living his Christian beliefs. Jack was a loving Christian husband, father and educator with music in his soul. He will be greatly missed.

Jack's family appreciates all the loving care that Jack received from Home Hospice in Big Spring, from the Sterling County Nursing Home and from caregivers Annie Rushing and Marie Pipes.

A graveside service will be held at Fairmount Cemetery in San Angelo on Monday, Nov. 19, 2012, at 10:30 a.m. Arrangements are by Johnson's Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, make contributions to your favorite charity.

Family and friends may sign an online guestbook at johnsonsfuneralhome.com

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agencies and charges of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction, driving while license invalid and failure to control speed.

- DEEDRA ALVAREZ, 30, of 1311 Wood, was arrested Friday on a warrant for theft – more than \$500 and less than \$1,500.

- NATARIN WILLIAMS, 36, of Dallas, Texas, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.

- JASON DEAN DANIELS, 35, of 2406 Neil Rd., was arrested Friday on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction, possession of drug paraphernalia, wrong or fictitious registration and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2200 block of Johnson.

- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1500 block of E. Fourth Street.

- ASSAULT was reported in the 700 block of E. 11th Place.



We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the many acts of kindness, messages of sympathy, food and floral offerings received from friends and family during the loss of our Mother and Grandmother.

Special thanks to Pastor John McCullough, Berea Baptist Church, Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and the staff of Parkview Nursing and Rehab Center.

*God Bless You All
The Family of Edwina Welch-Reagan*

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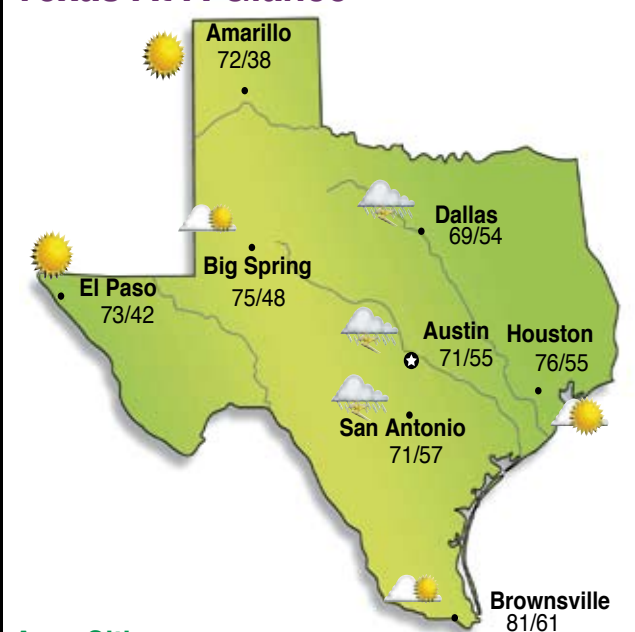
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Mon 11/19	Tue 11/20	Wed 11/21	Thu 11/22	Fri 11/23
75/48 Morning clouds followed by afternoon sun.	73/47 Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	71/53 Mostly cloudy. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s.	74/51 Few showers. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 50s.	69/46 Occasional showers possible. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 40s.
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Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	71	51	t-storm	Kingsville	79	57	pt sunny
Amarillo	72	38	sunny	Livingston	74	51	pt sunny
Austin	71	55	t-storm	Longview	69	52	pt sunny
Beaumont	75	53	sunny	Lubbock	75	39	mst sunny
Brownsville	81	61	pt sunny	Lufkin	74	54	pt sunny
Brownwood	71	53	t-storm	Midland	76	48	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	77	60	pt sunny	Raymondville	81	58	pt sunny
Corsicana	69	53	t-storm	Rosenberg	76	55	mst sunny
Dallas	69	54	t-storm	San Antonio	71	57	t-storm
Del Rio	73	60	t-storm	San Marcos	71	55	t-storm
El Paso	73	42	sunny	Sulphur Springs	68	52	rain
Fort Stockton	75	48	cloudy	Sweetwater	71	50	cloudy
Gainesville	67	50	rain	Tyler	70	55	cloudy
Greenville	67	50	rain	Weatherford	70	50	t-storm
Houston	76	55	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	70	49	rain

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	62	46	pt sunny	Minneapolis	53	34	pt sunny
Boston	48	34	pt sunny	New York	50	42	pt sunny
Chicago	55	45	cloudy	Phoenix	75	50	sunny
Dallas	69	54	t-storm	San Francisco	64	54	pt sunny
Denver	57	34	cloudy	Seattle	53	46	rain
Houston	76	55	mst sunny	St. Louis	60	51	cloudy
Los Angeles	66	51	pt sunny	Washington, DC	54	48	pt sunny
Miami	80	61	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

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Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

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TOYS

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 the Chamber," ValVerde said. "We as adults know the reason for the season, but in a child's eye, Santa and wrapped presents under the tree

are what Christmas is all about. "There are some children who don't have a whole lot at Christmas and to those children a simple doll or stuffed bear can mean the world to them. After all, nothing is better than seeing the smile on a

child's face when they open presents Christmas morning." Toys will be accepted at the Chamber until Dec. 14. Donations can be dropped off between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 432-263-7641.

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 place for us. We're very excited about this project and what it will do for student services." In other business, college trustees will consider:

- Discussion of the Big Spring campus' G.C. Broughton Ag Complex
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Weather Whys

Q: Does an "Indian Summer" occur everywhere in the U.S.?

A: Technically, no, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. The term "Indian Summer" is rather vague and has been around at least 300 years. "According to the American Meteorological Society's Glossary of Weather, an Indian Summer is in mid or late autumn, of unseasonably warm weather, generally with clear skies, sunny but hazy days and cool nights. In New England, at least one killing frost must precede this warm spell for it to be considered a true Indian

Summer," he points out. "But the book says that often, two or three Indian Summers can happen in one year.

Most people believe Indian Summers occur only in New England or the Midwest, but they can happen almost anywhere."

Q: Where else do they occur?

A: From the mid-Atlantic states to New England are the prime Indian Summer locations, but they also can occur in the Great Lakes region, the Ohio Valley, all along the Great Plains and even the Pacific Northwest, he adds.

"Usually, the term refers to locations that have a true winter, so Florida or parts of the Gulf Coast probably don't have true Indian Summers.

The term has been used since the 1700s to describe warm days during autumn, and in the 1855 poem Hiawatha, Longfellow mentions it, writing, "Gave a twinkle to the water, touched the rugged hills with smoothness, brought the tender Indian Summer to the melancholy north land."

Weather Whys is a service of the Department of Atmospheric Sciences at Texas A&M University.

CRASH

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was hit. Killed were Marine Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gary Stouffer, 37; Army Sgt. Maj. Lawrence Boivin, 47; Army Sgt. Joshua Michael, 34; and Army Sgt. Maj. William Lubbers, 43. Three people remained hospitalized Saturday morning, with one spouse in critical condition. A fourth injured person was transferred from Midland to another medical facility in Texas.

One veteran and three spouses remained hospitalized Friday, with one spouse in critical condition.

At the time of the crash, the veterans were on their way to a banquet in their honor and being cheered on by a flag-waving crowd. Their float was inching across a railroad track in Midland when the crossing gates began to lower.

Some of those seated on the float jumped off in wide-eyed terror just moments before the train seemed to appear out of nowhere and crashed into the flatbed truck.

Michael, one of the soldiers killed, pushed his wife off the float when he saw the train coming, his wife told Cory Rogers, a friend of the couple.

"His first instinct was to get her out of harm's way," said Rogers, who was not at the parade. "That's the kind of man he was, and I feel like it was his training as a paramedic and then as a soldier, choosing to put someone's life before your own."

A day after the crash, federal investigators were trying to determine whether the two-float parade had been given enough warning to clear the tracks.

Locals were struggling to cope with a tragedy at the start of what was supposed to be a three-day weekend of banquets, deer hunting and shopping in appreciation of the veterans' sacrifice.

"It's just a very tragic and sad thing," said Michael McKinney of Show of Support, the local charity that organizes the annual event and invited the two dozen veterans. "It's difficult when you're trying to do something really good and something tragic occurs."

National Transportation Safety Board member Mark Rosekind, standing near the intersection in downtown Midland where the crash took place, offered hope Friday that video would provide a fuller picture of what happened. Cameras were on both the lead car of the Union Pacific train and a sheriff's vehicle that was trailing the flatbed truck, Rosekind said.

The train was moving at 62 mph at the time of the crash, short of the 70 mph speed limit, Rosekind said. The speed limit was raised from 40 mph in 2006 to meet a growing demand for freight and to improve efficiency for passenger trains, Union Pacific spokeswoman Raquel Espinoza said.

NTSB investigators have not determined if the gate and other protective measures were updated when the speed limit was raised, Rose-

kind said. The agency plans to test signals for abnormalities Saturday.

Shoemaker said the flatbed truck she was riding on had just crossed the tracks and was moving slowly when she heard a train coming and looked back to see the lowered crossing gates bouncing up and down on the people seated on the float behind her.

Witnesses described people screaming as the warning bells at the crossing went off and the train blasted its horn.

Daniel Quinonez, who was waiting in his vehicle as the parade went by, said the float on the tracks could not go anywhere because of the one right in front of it.

"It was a horrible accident to watch happen right in front of me," he said. "I just saw the people on the semi truck's trailer panic, and many started to jump off the trailer. But it was too late for many of them."

Another witness, Joe Cobarobio, said only a few seconds elapsed between the time the crossing gates came down and the train slammed into the flatbed truck with a "giant cracking sound."

Federal Railroad Administration records reviewed by The Associated Press show there were 10 collisions at the

crossing between 1979 and 1997. But no accidents had happened in the past 15 years, the NTSB's Rosekind said.

Six drivers were injured in those accidents. The trains involved were moving slowly at the time, between 15 and 25 mph.

A key question for investigators is whether, after the speed limit was raised, the timing of the crossing gates was changed to give cars and trucks enough time to clear the tracks, Robert Chipkevich, who headed NTSB's rail investigations unit until retiring in 2010, said in an interview.

Investigators also will look at whether traffic lights in town prevented the flatbed truck in front from moving ahead, he said.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288
 Hubert (H.D.) Barber, 82, died Thursday. Funeral services were at 1 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial followed at Mount Olive Memorial Park.
 Claudine (Sam) Dillard, 94, died Thursday. The family will receive friends Sunday from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.
 Joe T. Gamble, 88, died Friday. The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial with Military Honors will follow at Colorado City Cemetery.
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LETTERS

Voter turnout

TO THE EDITOR:

I was not pleased with the outcome of the presidential election! A lot of people choose not to vote. They didn't want Obama, but they didn't like Romney's religion, so they sat on their hands. But they need to realize that if you don't vote for the opposing candidate, you are casting a vote for the one in office.

I also found two people who have never registered to vote in their adult life. I was taken aback. In my opinion, other than your birth certificate that proves you are an American citizen, your voter registration card is the most important document you can have.

People should never take their vote for granted. It is, and always will be, a special privilege!

LILLIE HENDRICKS
BIG SPRING

It is fixable

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm sorry the prisoners in our new jail are having such a rough time.

I do not want to see anyone beaten, starved, frozen or in a hot cell. Nor do I want them pampered.

Their food may be cold, but it's food. Think of how many children go hungry each day with no food.

Hopefully, when they get out, they'll think twice about doing the same thing that put them in jail.

If our city had the money to hire more law enforcement personnel, or if there were qualified persons to hire, it wouldn't happen.

You must know our nation's workforce is crumbling due to drugs and alcohol.

All businesses are having problems hiring and keeping workers.

You cannot hire an ad-

dict to supervise other addicts.

If our country government would establish more rehabilitation centers than prisons, we might see a change.

Our city workers are working day and night on water breaks because our city has no one to hire. Too many are going to the oilfield.

In the past, our infrastructure, etc. was not tended to, so things were left to fall apart.

Our present mayor, Tommy Duncan, and city officials are doing their best to keep our heads above water and offset prior problems.

With no money, no workers to cover the load, biased news media and a divided city, there's no much to work with.

Oh, but there is money. Only a few elite can touch it, so its no help for our city as we need it now.

We can only work with what we have.

If we cannot fix our problems, what legal, sane CEO will risk their business in Big Spring?

On the top side, Big Spring has good things to offer.

On the underside, we have too many important things to tend to.

I have wondered how someone who once had a home, car, food, etc. could end up on the streets.

Yes, there's drug and alcohol problems. There's also higher and higher taxes due to prior mismanagement of government officials, causing the rise to a heavy tax burden.

The situation is fixable.

God says in his holy scriptures if we will humble ourselves and call out to Him, believing, He will hear and help us to heal.

Herein lies our hope.

DEAN KRAUS
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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

The answer, Lord, is in Your words.

Amen

Ann Garms was one of a kind

At Thanksgiving time, thoughts turn to friendships. They come like gentle waves kissing parched beaches, each of them welcome.

It is a season to value friendships, particularly when death takes a friend away.

Such are my memories — sweet as the aroma of holiday foods — of Ann Garms, who died recently at age 95.

Life was not a gallop for her. Instead, she maintained a steady gait, focused on an exceedingly small universe.

It included Brownwood First Baptist Church, Howard Payne University, line dancing, "pink lady" hospital volunteer work and frequent phone conversations with Cleta Garms, her Andrews, TX, sister-in-law. She never flew on a plane and rarely left Brown County.

Many would conclude that her life was simple and monotonous. And they would be wrong.

We first met soon after I finished college in the early 60's. She prepared the papers for my car purchase at Weatherby Motor Company, where she worked for 35 years.

I noticed her quick smile then, and easily recognized her upon my return as HPU president in 1985. I knew she was a friend of the university, and often delivered bags of popcorn to her home, where she always provided a gracious reception. She invariably placed the gift in her little pantry. (Some 27 tons of corn and 40 years ago, popcorn became my "calling card.")

Ann enjoyed university events, although was never an HPU student. Her only formal education was at an Abilene business college.

However, she was "Ph.D. wise" — no, more than that. Her life was well-ordered with much wisdom. This widow of 34 years was fulfilled, optimistic and active throughout life.

She ate sensibly, exercised and rarely needed medication. The only medicine she had in her home was aspirin. Ann was hospitalized just twice in her life, both times briefly.

She happily set her own pace in a hurrying world and was easily the most frugal person I've ever known. But, I can count on one hand's fingers individuals whom I believe equal her generosity.

HPU is primary beneficiary of an estate she guarded carefully. She viewed ordinary personal spending as "taking away" from the bequest about which few others knew. One day, she called to ask "permission" to buy an automatic garage door opener. Only this year did she purchase a clothes dryer; she used it once. Ann drove her 20-year-old car until a few days before her death.

Most of her wardrobe was provided by Cleta, who, along with Cleta's late husband, Harold, "connected" her with HPU. (Cleta and Harold, both teachers, were awarded baccalaureate and master's degrees by HPU. He was co-captain of the 1954 football team and was invited by several teams to try out for professional football.)

Ann wrote delightful letters in longhand, each character delicately shaped, and was keen of mind to the end. Once she sent a salmon patty recipe, calling later

to advise adding baking powder to "puff 'em up."

I'd agreed to speak at her memorial service, but was out of the country when she died.

At the service, HPU's Louise Sharp revealed a secret to which only she remained privy.

"One day, Ann asked me to come by her house," Sharp said. "She took me straight to her tiny pantry, which was hip-deep in Dr. Newbury's 'presidential popcorn.' Ann never wanted to hurt his feelings or for him to think she was giving it away, so it stacked up. I simply don't like his popcorn — too salty," she added.

Clearly, that was "Ann being Ann." She would never knowingly hurt anyone's feeling, even if it meant storing popcorn, no matter how stale, for months on end.

Donors and donees can be friends. We were. Ann taught me and others much. She personified the old admonition of fundraisers: "Don't give 'till it hurts; give 'till it feels good!'"

Soon her estate will provide one of the largest endowed scholarships from an individual in the 124-year history of HPU.

So, despite her stance on my popcorn, she demonstrated her love for Christian higher education. Thoughts of my friend draw me ever closer to a biblical scripture for my own epitaph. Current HPU President, Dr. Bill Ellis, may want to consider it, too: And it came to pass the beggar died.

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A very special veteran

Active duty and military veterans have always had a prominent place in my Senate office.

On my staff today, there is more than 50 years' combined service. Military and veterans' affairs are extremely important to me, and having veterans on staff has helped to better address their needs and the needs of military families.

The same applies to other Congressional offices. The Army Congressional Fellowship program is dedicated to building strategic relationships between the armed forces and Congress, educating select officers and civilians. A fellowship lasts for 24 months and includes both studying for a master's degree in legislative affairs at George

Washington University and serving on the staff of a member of Congress. I am proud to have employed a military fellow throughout my 19 years in the Senate (including one, Dave Davis, who became my Legislative Director and Chief of Staff).

One of the newest Fellows has just been announced...and he is a Texan. I met Captain Lewis Larkin O'Hern III at the Center for the Intrepid in San Antonio. A West Point graduate and decorated war hero, Captain O'Hern served seven months as an infantry platoon leader in Afghanistan. He was wounded in 2010 by an IED, losing both legs and his right hand. Through his own hard work and exceptional medical care, Captain O'Hern is walking again, with the use of a cane.

Because Captain O'Hern showed a commitment to overcoming challenges and his personal strength, I recommended him to the Army Chief of Staff, General Ray Odierno, for a Congressional Fellowship. We both

agree that Captain O'Hern will be an invaluable resource. Not only can he speak directly to the challenges our wounded veterans face, he joins the other Fellows in bringing a first-hand account of the human cost of war to Capitol Hill. No government or elected official should vote on sending our sons and daughters to fight for our liberty without understanding exactly what we are asking them to do.

The expertise the Congressional Fellows bring to Washington is essential, and I am grateful that in continuing their educations, these men and women have chosen to continue to serve as well.

I give thanks every day to those who choose to go into harm's way to protect our freedom. Having them in my office helps me see their experience and value to our great country.

Kay Bailey Hutchison, a Republican, is the senior U.S. senator from Texas.



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► **Odd news**

Ecuador officials reject donkey as candidate

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — The demand of dozens of citizens has been denied in the Ecuadorean city of Guayaquil: There will be no jackass running for the legislature.

At least 40 people paraded their candidate through the city's streets to the electoral council offices. Mr. Burro even wore a tie. But officials refused to even let them in the door on Thursday, even though backers had dummied up a mock voter registration card showing the candidate's photo superimposed on a man wearing a business suit.

Donkey backer Daniel Molina told local television stations the goal was to call voters' attention to the seriousness of the February election, not to insult any party.

Shipping containers to become condos in Detroit

DETROIT (AP) — Plans are moving forward to use empty shipping containers to build a \$3.4 million, 20-unit condominium complex in Detroit.

The Detroit Free Press reports a model unit and sales center will break ground in mid-December near the Wayne State University campus. First proposed in 2008, the project known as Exceptional Green Living on Rosa Parks stalled amid the national real estate market tumble.

Leslie Horn is CEO of Three Squared, the Detroit-based business that's working on the project. She says the sales center will help potential buyers understand shipping container architecture. The project would stack empty containers four high, cut in windows and doors, install plumbing, stairways and heating, and add amenities.

Horn says construction on the project is expected to begin in 2013.

German police stop man with mobile office in car

BERLIN (AP) — Forget texting while driving. German police say they nabbed a driver who had wired his Ford station wagon with an entire mobile office.

Saarland state police said Friday the 35-year-old man was pulled over for doing 130 kph (80 mph) in a 100 kph zone while passing a truck Monday.

Built on a wooden frame on his passenger seat they found a laptop on a docking station tilted for easy driver access, a printer, router, wireless internet stick, WLAN antenna, and an inverter to power it all.

A navigation system and cellphone mounted to the windshield completed the array.

Since there was no evidence he used the office while moving, he got away with a €20 (\$153) speeding ticket and a possible fine for having unsecured items in his car.

Honor among thieves: Robber gives ex-con pass

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — A 51-year-old Wichita man has his wallet back after a would-be robber recognized him as a former fellow inmate.

Wichita police say the man was walking home from work late Wednesday when he was approached by two young men, including one with a gun.

The gunman demanded the victim's wallet and cellphone. As the older man handed over his wallet, the second suspect realized they had spent time together in prison.

Police say the suspects then stopped the robbery, returned the wallet and apologized before leaving the scene.

No arrests had been made Thursday. The victim told police he didn't think he could identify the robbers.

Swimmer's belly button ring gets caught on drain

GREELEY, Colo. (AP) — Firefighters in Colorado say a woman's belly button ring became entangled with a drain cover in a shallow splash pool but that she was freed without injury.

Authorities say the woman became stuck Wednesday as she floated on her stomach with her child in a shallow pool at the Greeley Family Funplex.

Firefighters tried to turn the ring to free her but then started to drain the pool while working to manipulate the ring.

They said Thursday that she eventually was freed and she wasn't hurt in the process.

Fibbers vie for World's Biggest Liar crown

LONDON (AP) — Fantastic fibbers vied at a remote pub in northwestern England on Thursday for the title of world's biggest liar.

Judges were deliberating into the night after two hours of competition at the Bridge Inn in the Lake District hamlet of Santon Bridge. Contestants had five minutes to impress the judges with a whopping but convincing lie.

Last year's winner was nuclear power plant worker Glen Boyland, for an improbable story about racing snails with Prince Charles.

Politicians and lawyers are barred from entry, as they are considered to have an unfair advantage.

The competition was founded in honor of 19th-century Bridge Inn landlord Will Ritson, who was renowned for his tall tales.

The event was sponsored by local brewer Jennings, which has produced a World's Biggest Liar ale to mark the event.

Police: RI man's fake \$100 bills had wrong face

ATTLEBORO, Mass. (AP) — A Rhode Island man police say used counterfeit \$100 bills to make purchases at a Target store made a critical mistake.

The bills had a picture of President Abraham Lincoln on them. Real \$100 bills bear a picture of Benjamin Franklin. Lincoln's portrait graces the \$5 bill.

Dana Leland of Central Falls, R.I., was held on \$1,000 cash bail after pleading not guilty Wednesday in Attleboro District Court to charges of uttering a counterfeit note and possession of a counterfeit note.

Police tell The Sun Chronicle (<http://bit.ly/XbZccR>) the 29-year-old Leland used the fake notes on three consecutive days at the North Attleborough store to buy items worth less than \$25.

Leland's lawyer said her client has struggled with drug and alcohol problems and untreated mental health issues, and had a relapse.

Utah city settles with man who flipped off officer

OREM, Utah (AP) — A man who was pulled over and cited after flipping off a Utah police officer in 2010 has agreed to drop his complaint after the city of Orem agreed to pay

him \$2,500 in damages and promised not to ticket anyone else for the on-scene gesture.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Utah had threatened a lawsuit on behalf of Seth Dame, saying an officer violated Dame's constitutional right to express himself after Dame flipped him off on June 25, 2010.

"Allowing police to detain and charge people for impolite behavior would grant police wide discretionary power to harass people they do not like," said John Mejia, Legal Director of the ACLU of Utah, in a statement Thursday. "Any police overstep of power to crack down on expression, even rude expression, is therefore worth serious attention."

The city declined to prosecute the case, but ACLU claimed the incident violated Dame's First Amendment free speech rights and his Fourth Amendment protection against unlawful search and seizure.

In the settlement, Orem agrees it shouldn't have stopped Dame solely for giving the finger, and won't do so in the future. The police department also agreed to continue training its officers about First Amendment protection.

Ohio drug defendant asks judge for 1 more joint

CINCINNATI (AP) — A judge's offer to allow an Ohio drug defendant the chance to stay out of prison if he'd give up marijuana might have just gone up in smoke.

Hamilton County Common Pleas Judge Melba Marsh says she was astonished by the response from 19-year-old Damaine Mitchell on Wednesday.

The Cincinnati Enquirer reported Thursday that Mitchell told the judge he likes smoking weed and staying off it so he could stay out of prison would be "a challenge." He told the judge he could try to quit but made a request: Could he "at least get one more joint in?"

The judge quickly said no. She wants Mitchell back in court next week before she decides what to do with his trafficking case.

A message left for Mitchell's attorney hasn't been returned.

Nudists sue to block proposed ban

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A group of San Francisco residents is suing the city to block a proposed ban on public nudity.

A lawsuit filed Wednesday in federal court in San Francisco claims an ordinance that city officials are considering would violate the civil rights of people who want to bare their bodies for personal or political reasons.

The Board of Supervisors is scheduled to vote on the measure next week. It would prohibit nakedness on city streets, sidewalks and plazas at all times except during permitted fairs and parades, such as the city's annual gay pride event.

Lawyer Christina DiEduardo filed the case as a dozen or so of her clients stood outside the courthouse in varying states of undress.

DiEduardo says the ban is too broad and would inhibit the free speech of nudists who can't afford a permit.

Loose gorilla alert? Road sign hacked

LOOMIS, Calif. (AP) — A prankster is changing the message on an electronic traffic warning sign in Northern California.

The sign is supposed to tell people that a road in the Placer County city of Loomis will be closed for pipeline construction.

Instead, it read, "Smoke Weed Everyday" last week. The Sacramento Bee reports it has also read, "Caution Loose Gorilla!"

Placer County Water Agency Senior Engineer Tony Firenzi told the Bee it took skill to change the message.

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In addition to close ties with top generals, women in Petraeus scandal had visited White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Their close ties to the military community giving them unusual access to top generals, Paula Broadwell and Jill Kelley even visited the White House on separate and apparently unrelated occasions before a sex scandal brought down former CIA Director David Petraeus.

Neither woman met with President Barack Obama during their visits, a White House official said.

Petraeus resigned as CIA director last week after acknowledging an affair with his biographer, Paula Broadwell. In briefings Friday with lawmakers on Capitol Hill, the retired four-star general was apologetic and regretful and insisted that his resignation was related only to his personal behavior.

Jill Kelley, the Tampa, Fla., socialite who initiated the investigation that revealed the affair, and her twin sister had two "courtesy" meals at the White House mess as guests of a midlevel White House aide in September and October, the White House official said. Kelley and her family also received a White House tour on the weekend before the Nov. 6 election.

Broadwell, who was writing a book about Petraeus and eventually became his paramour, attended meetings in June 2009 and June 2011 on Afghanistan-Pakistan policy in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building, which is located in the White House complex, the official said.

Israel broadens assault on rocket operations, Hamas targets in Gaza

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israel bombarded the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip with nearly 200 airstrikes early Saturday, the military said, widening a blistering assault on militant rocket operations to include the prime minister's headquarters, a police compound and a vast network of smuggling tunnels.

The new attacks followed an unprecedented

rocket strike aimed at the contested holy city of Jerusalem that raised the stakes in Israel's violent confrontation with Palestinian militants and dramatically extended the battlefield.

Israeli aircraft also kept pounding their original targets, the militants' weapons storage facilities and underground rocket launching sites. They also went after rocket squads more aggressively. The military has called up thousands of reservists and massed troops, tanks and other armored vehicles along the border with Gaza, signaling a ground invasion could be imminent.

Militants, undaunted by the heavy damage the Israeli attacks have inflicted, have unleashed some 500 rockets against the Jewish state, including new, longer-range weapons turned for the first time this week against Jerusalem and the Tel Aviv heartland. Following those attacks, the military deployed an Iron Dome rocket defense battery in central Israel on Saturday. The system, devised precisely to deflect the Gaza rocket threat, was deployed two months earlier than planned, the Defense Ministry said.

Nine people, including eight militants, were killed and dozens were wounded in the various attacks early Saturday, Gaza health official Ashraf al-Kidra said. In all, 39 Palestinians including 13 civilians and three Israeli civilians have been killed since the Israeli operation began.

Trip to Asia allows Obama to refocus attention on effort to secure U.S. influence in region

WASHINGTON (AP) — In his first trip abroad since the summer heat of the re-election campaign, President Barack Obama will seek to reinforce American influence in Southeast Asia in spite of the large shadow cast by China. He will become the first U.S. president to visit Myanmar, an appreciation for its steps toward democratization, as well as Cambodia.

The four-day trip beginning Saturday will be the president's fourth to Asia. It comes amid unusual challenges at home, including opening discussions

with lawmakers about dealing with the nation's fiscal health and a sex scandal that's roiling his national security team.

Still, Obama is eager to return to foreign policy matters that were put on the back burner by the campaign. The unprecedented visit to Myanmar, also known as Burma, gives the trip a historic edge while shoring up a strategic regional goal sought with stops in Thailand and in Cambodia, where he will attend the East Asia Summit in Phnom Penh.

The Asia trip underscores Obama's efforts to establish the United States as an Asia-Pacific power, a worldview defined by 21st century geopolitics but also by Obama's personal identity as America's first Pacific president. Obama was born in Hawaii.

"Continuing to fill in our pivot to Asia will be a critical part of this president's second term and ultimately his foreign policy legacy," deputy national security adviser Ben Rhodes said ahead of the trip.

Myanmar welcomes Obama with graffiti and a shopping list

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — When Arker Kyaw heard President Barack Obama was coming to Myanmar, he gathered 15 cans of spray paint and headed for a blank brick wall under cover of darkness. Kyaw, whose passion is graffiti, labored from 3 a.m. until the sun came up. Passing taxi drivers and the occasional pedestrian gave him signs of encouragement as Obama's grinning, uplifted face took shape against a background of the American and Myanmar flags.

"I wanted to welcome him," said Kyaw, a 19-year-old with a sweep of styled hair and a penchant for skinny jeans.

The next day, someone — a rival graffiti artist, suspects Kyaw — scribbled over his handiwork with a can of black spray paint.

Before dawn Saturday, as he watched for cops between tea breaks, he painted another wall with an image of Obama scrawled with the words "hello again." He sees it as a shout out from the youth of Myanmar, and hopes Obama will glimpse it during his six-hour visit to the country, the first by a U.S. president.

Word of Obama's historic visit has spread quickly around Yangon, which is readying itself with legions of hunched workers painting fences and curbs, pulling weeds and scraping grime off old buildings in anticipation of the president's Monday arrival.

Coast Guard searches for 2 missing workers in Gulf after oil rig fire; 4 others are badly burned

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The eruption of a fire on an oil platform in the Gulf of Mexico — which left two workers missing and four others badly burned — is a vivid reminder of the dangers involved in offshore drilling and the risk it poses to the gulf's ecosystem and shoreline.

The Coast Guard was searching early Saturday for two workers missing after the fire broke out Friday, sending an ominous black plume of smoke into the air reminiscent of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon explosion that transformed the oil industry and life along the Gulf Coast.

The blaze, which started while workers were using a torch to cut an oil line, also critically injured at least four workers who had burns over much of their bodies. The four were being treated late Friday at the burn center at Baton Rouge General Medical Center.

Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Bobby Nash said late Friday that a Coast Guard cutter was continuing its search into the night, and that a broader rescue effort would resume after daybreak Saturday.

The images Friday were eerily similar to the massive oil spill that killed 11 workers and took months to bring under control. The fire came a day after BP agreed to plead guilty to a raft of charges in the 2010 spill and pay a record \$4.5 billion in penalties.

Congressman, elected to fill term, has 6 weeks to make his mark

WASHINGTON (AP) — Driving from Michigan in his Ford F150 pickup truck, David Curson arrived in Washington a week ago. He set up an office last Sunday, was sworn in as a congressman on Tuesday and by Friday had logged his first votes and given his first floor speech — one that stretched a bit past the one minute he'd been allotted.

The 64-year-old Democrat has no time to waste. In six weeks, he'll be gone.

In Congress' packed lame-duck session, Curson is a curiosity: He is one of four members of the House sworn in this week to fill a partial term, but he's the only one who didn't win a full, two-year term to go with the temporary gig. In January, he'll drive his truck home, replaced by Republican Rep.-elect Kerry Bentivolio, whom Curson beat out for the partial term. Curson did not run for a full term, only opting to run in the special election after other Democrats took a pass.

The seat was left vacant when Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, a Republican, quit Congress during the summer after he failed to qualify for the ballot because of questions about petition signatures.

Curson, a burly, bearded ex-Marine and United Autoworkers union representative says he didn't even realize for sure that he'd won until midafternoon the day after the election.

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Egypt: Train hits school bus; 49 children killed

MAMDOUH THABET

Associated Press

ASSIUT, Egypt — A speeding train crashed into a bus carrying children to their kindergarten in southern Egypt on Saturday, killing at least 49, officials said. Distraught families searched for signs of their loved ones along the tracks and angry villagers berated officials in the aftermath of the latest disaster to hit the country's railway system.

The bus was carrying more than 50 children ages 4 to 6 when it was hit near al-Mandara village in Manfaloot district in the province of Assiut, a security official said. He said it appeared that the railroad crossing was not closed as the train sped toward it.

Egypt's railway system has a poor safety record, mostly blamed on decades of badly maintained equipment and poor management.

Books, school bags and children's socks were strewn along the tracks near the blood-stained, mangled bus. Parents of the missing wailed as they looked for signs of their children. An Associated Press reporter at the scene

said many of the remains were unrecognizable.

A woman who called herself Um Ibrahim, a mother of three, was pulling her hair in distress. "My children! I didn't feed you before you left," she wailed. One witness said the train pushed the bus along the tracks for nearly a kilometer (half mile).

As one man picked up a body part he screamed: "Only God can help!" Two hospital officials said between seven and 11 wounded were being treated in two different facilities, many with severed limbs.

All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

Accidents traced to negligence regularly left scores dead during the rule of ousted President Hosni Mubarak, who was accused of valuing loyalty over competence in many appointments of senior officials. Widespread corruption under his three decades in power has also been blamed for the underfunding of government services, particularly in poor provinces outside Cairo.

The railway's worst disaster took place in February 2002 when a train heading to southern Egypt caught fire, killing 363 people. Media re-

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ports quoted official statistics saying that the rail and road accidents claimed more than 7,000 lives in 2010.

This is the worst such tragedy since the country's first freely elected president, Mohammed Morsi, took office this summer. Egypt's Transport Minister Mohammed el-Meteeni resigned in the wake of the crash, the state news agency reported, but some

activists have accused Morsi of continuing the mistakes of his predecessor.

Morsi said in a short televised address from his office that he had tasked the state prosecutor with investigating the crash. "Those responsible for this accident will be held accountable," he said.

But some activists who helped engineer last year's uprising against Mubarak said that government negligence toward citizens is no longer acceptable.

"President Mohammed Morsi is responsible and must follow up personally," one such movement, the April 6 group, said in a statement. "He is the one who chose this failed government whose disasters increase day after day."

In a heated discussion on one of the state-owned radio stations, callers and the presenter expressed outrage and demanded an immediate overhaul and modernization of the train system. Like most government bodies, employees at the Ministry of Transportation complain of poor pay and poor working conditions.

Earlier this week, metro

workers went on strike to protest their working conditions, inadequate equipment and management.

Saturday's accident comes one week after two trains collided in another southern province, killing four people. Some of the country's train accidents are blamed on an outdated system that relies heavily on switch operators instead of assistance from technology.

Residents in Assiut complained that there were not enough ambulances in the area that could respond quickly enough and that the ambulances themselves were ill-equipped to deal with the emergency.

At al-Mandara village, angry families and locals gathered near the tracks, shouting at officials. Some chanted: "Down with Morsi!"

Sheik Mohammed Hassan, a villager, said the government should be paying more attention to its domestic problems instead of focusing its attention to the violence in neighboring Gaza.

"The blood of people in Assiut is more important than Gaza," he said.

Former church member says he was stalked by team

MITCH WEISS

Associated Press

RUTHERFORD-TON, N.C. — A man who claims he's being stalked for helping a 22-year-old man escape a North Carolina church that abused him for being gay says the harassment won't stop him from encouraging others to leave.

Jerry Cooper has filed false imprisonment and stalking complaints against four members of the Word of Faith Fellowship church.

The complaints stem from Cooper's visit to the Rutherfordton area in October with Michael Lowry, who's accused the church of holding him against his will.

Lowry filed a complaint with the Rutherford County sheriff's department in February about the abuse. He returned to the area with Cooper on Oct. 16 to talk to the sheriff's department about the case and to prove to himself that he was free of the church's grip, Lowry told The Associated Press.

During the visit, Cooper and Lowry also drove by the church. That's when they were spotted by the church's security team, who followed them and later tried to block their car from leaving a mall parking lot, Cooper said.

"They didn't want to let us leave," Cooper said. "It's typical of their intimidation tactics."

On Friday, the four men — Jason Gross, Chris Hall, Randy Fields and Gilbert Carmona — appeared in Rutherford County court. The case

was continued until Jan. 4.

All of the men refused to comment about the case. They ignored questions as they walked out of the courthouse.

Church spokeswoman Carol Reynolds said the allegations are unfounded. She said that Cooper "is on a mission from God to destroy the church." She said he has been sending harassing emails to the church for years and that Lowry's allegations were also false.

"We all love Michael," she said, adding she was shocked to find out about the allegations.

Lowry's case has drawn the attention of civil rights groups that are urging the sheriff's department to take action.

"I'm not out to destroy anyone," said Cooper, who changed his last name and lives in an undisclosed location because of the alleged harassment. He has a safe house where former members have sought refuge over the years. "I'm not out to destroy them. My main purpose is I know people who are in there who are going through what Michael is going through."

This is the latest controversy to surround the church founded in 1979 by Sam and Jane Whaley. The church, which has 750 members and operates a 35-acre complex in the rural community of Spindale, has been accused for years of enforcing extensive control over its congregation.

Jane Whaley said she's upset her church has become a target again. She said they have spent mil-

lions in the past fighting off claims of abuse.

"You hope it goes away and it gets worse," she told the AP through tears.

Former members say they were told by church leaders where to live and work, what to read, how to dress and when to have sex with their spouses.

Word of Faith also practices "blasting," a form of hands-on, high-pitched, screaming prayer. The church says it doesn't celebrate Christmas and other holidays because of their pagan origins.

Word of Faith was investigated twice in the late 1990s for its treatment of children but was cleared of any wrongdoing.

Cooper said he joined the church 20 years ago. At the time, he had just graduated college with a psychology degree and was working in Georgia as a mental health counselor. He said he wanted to become a missionary, like his parents, and had heard that Word of Faith Fellowship held bible classes.

At first, Cooper said, there was a real fellowship.

"They were very dynamic, very outwardly passionate about what they were doing. Their main purpose was to train people to teach and preach in the streets. It really was exciting. I was 25 years old and I was ready to go out and do some things. I just got caught up in it all," he said.

But then things began to change. He said church leaders began pressuring him to cut ties with his family —

especially around the holidays.

They told him where to work and what to do with his life. And then they forced him and others to work on "church projects." That usually meant performing manual labor at ministers' homes — painting, mowing the grass or fixing the roof.

When Cooper decided to leave, he said he had to keep it a secret. So one day, he told church leaders he was going to work — but then drove to a friend's house in Kentucky, where he went to college.

Over the years, he tried to help others leave the church, even getting arrested once for trespassing when he showed up at a church service a few years ago, he said.

When Cooper heard that Lowry had left the area, he decided to reach out to him. But he said what he heard from Lowry was shocking.

Lowry told the AP he fled after the church had confined him to a building on church grounds because he was gay. Lowry claims that from August to November 2011 he was taken to the building and beaten and abused. The doors were locked. He had no communication with his family. And "blastings" were common. It was all part of the church's way of trying to cure him of being gay.

He said his family, who have been church members for more than 20 years, knew what was going on but didn't help.

Lowry said the church

released him to his parents in November 2011, but Lowry said he had enough. He convinced his parents to take him to a hotel, where he called friends who helped him flee. He spent time in Michigan with relatives before moving to Cooper's safe house.

"You can't imagine what I went through," Lowry said.

Brent Childers, executive director of gay rights group Faith in America, said the Lowry case was disturbing. His group says it addresses harm done to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people by "misguided religious teaching."

He said he's pushing law enforcement officials to investigate the allegations as a hate crime.

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ethanol bio-refinery that would bring millions of dollars in investment and dozens of high-paying jobs to hog country.

But to many scientists and environmentalists, Arundo looks less like a miracle than a nightmare waiting to happen. Officials in at least three states have banned the bamboo-like grass as a "noxious weed"; California has spent more than \$70 million trying to eradicate it. The federal government has labeled it a "high risk".

► Take Note

• Big Spring State Hospital patients are in need of warm clothing. Clean items should be taken to the Community Relations Office near the south entrance of the hospital, 1901 N. U.S. Highway 87. Clothing that cannot be used by the patients will be taken to the hospital's Chalet Resale Shop for sale to raise money for patient needs. Men's clothing and larger-sized clothing are always in need. For more information, call Melissa Adams, BSSH program coordinator, at 432-268-7730.

• Whiting Oil and Gas

Big Spring employees are organizing a fund drive to help families in need throughout the community. The drive will be held through Dec. 20. Food donations (non-perishable) can be dropped off at the Whiting Big Spring Field Office, 5306 South Service Road. For more information, call the local office at 432-264-0004 and ask for Cindy Klaus, Vickie Reynolds or Mark Strickland.

• An account for Bill Griffen has been established at the Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union, 1110 Benton. Griffen, a

Big Spring resident, recently passed away and the family is in need of funds for funeral arrangements.

• An account has been set up at Western Bank for Kristen Lasater and family, who lost their home to a house fire Monday afternoon. The account number, for those wanting to make a donation, is 1004597.

• An account has been set up at Citizen's Credit Union for Emma Leos, who was recently diagnosed with colon cancer.

• Jo Anna Bailey, an aide for many years at Washington Elementary School, has been diagnosed with cancer. A medical donation account has been established for her at the Big Spring Education Credit Union, located at 1110 Benton. Your generosity will enable her to have much-needed tests and treatment.

• Compass Hospice is in need of your help. If you would be interested in offering your love and God's comfort to those who are suffering, or to their families, contact Michelle Coutermarsh at 263-5999 or come by 602 S. Main.

Volunteers are needed in many categories including patient care. You may give as much or as little time as you wish. Any amount of time is greatly appreci-

ated. Training is offered free of charge.

• An account has been established at Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union in the name of Glenda Berger, who has been diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer. Donations will be used to help defer medical costs and mounting bills. All donations are greatly appreciated. Call Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union at 800-299-6761.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432-268-7535.

• Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.

• An account has been established at American State Bank to help

defray medical expense for Brad "Ghost" Ugstad, a local resident who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. All donations will be appreciated.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. 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. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information,

contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

• The Salvation Army is holding its annual fan drive and is in need of heaters. Community members can donate new or used heaters. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone served with legal documents should call the office at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

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Grady avenges loss to Ropes in playoff

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

ACKERLY — Grady (8-3) opened its season with back-to-back losses, including a narrow, 56-48 defeat at the hands of the Ropes Eagles (7-4) in the Wildcats first game of the year.

After winning six of its last seven regular season games, Grady — under the tutelage of first year Head Coach Chris Kuykendal — met Ropes once again Friday in the first round of postseason action.

This time, a much-improved Wildcat squad upended the Eagles in a convincing, 80-56 win.

Grady trailed 16-0 early in the affair, but rallied back to take a 44-22 heading into the second half.

“I think we put two portions of a game together tonight on offense and defense,” Kuykendal told the Midland Reporter-Telegram. “We fell behind early and they couldn’t stop our offense once we got going.”

Grady will travel to Hermleigh for a game against the Petersburg Buffaloes (10-1), which is tentatively set for 6 p.m. Saturday.

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Texans not looking past Jacksonville

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans say they won’t fall for the dreaded letdown this week.

The Texans (8-1) have plenty of reasons to feel overconfident heading into Sunday’s game against Jacksonville (1-8). They’ve won three in a row, remain unbeaten against AFC opponents, and they dominated the Jaguars in Week 2. Jacksonville, meanwhile, has lost six in a row and will face the Texans without Maurice Jones-Drew, who’s out for the fourth straight game with a sprained left foot.

Houston arrived home about 5 a.m. on Monday after a 13-6 win in Chicago. Coach Gary Kubiak says his players didn’t celebrate the

win long, just like it they didn’t dwell on their 42-24 loss to Green Bay.

By Wednesday, the big victory over the Bears was forgotten, and the Texans were focused on the Jaguars.

“I think what we’ve done a good job of is, our guys just understand how important it is to just go to the next week,” Kubiak said. “If you sit there and get beat on a given day and you just beat yourself for three or four days and it lingers, it usually goes into the next. You learn to let that go. You have to learn to let big games go, too.”

Texans star receiver Andre Johnson says the team has

See **TEXANS**, Page 4B

Pacers get biggest win over Mavs in 15 years

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indiana Pacers’ offense finally matched their impressive defense.

The result was their biggest win over the Dallas Mavericks in 15 years.

David West and George Hill each scored 15 points to help the Pacers beat the Mavericks 103-83 on Friday night. It was the largest margin of victory for the Pacers in the series since a 104-80 win on March 26, 1997.

West and Hill, the Pacers’ top two scorers, had combined for 5-for-19 shooting and 10 points in Wednesday’s loss to Milwaukee. On Friday, the Pacers shot 47 percent from the field in their first blowout win of the season. They had gone six games without scoring at least 100 points.

Hill said much of their success against Dallas came from subtle changes by coach Frank Vogel.

“Coach challenged us that we needed to change immediately,” Hill said. “He came in with different types of offensive sets that kind of helps us as athletes, who we are on this team, young and athletic. It kind of helped us and challenged us to make plays for others and not just ourselves. I like the direction that we’re going.”

Vogel said there was a lot to dislike about the way the offense had been performing. “I didn’t like being 30th (last) in scoring and 30th in field goal offense,” Vogel said. “I didn’t like being standing around. I didn’t like the speed in which we were running our offense. I didn’t like the lack of physicality in our screening. There was a lot to not like. So changes were needed.”

Those changes See **MAVS**, Page 4B



Courtesy photo/Valerie Avery

Grady’s Brandon Lucas (25) passes the ball to E.J. Rodriguez (4) during Friday’s 80-56 playoff victory against the Ropes Eagles (7-4). The Wildcats (8-3) will play Petersburg (10-1) on Friday in Hermleigh.

Forsan falls to Quanah 41-6

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

CLYDE — Brendan Roman, senior running back for Forsan, picked up a Quanah fumble at the one-yard line and ran it in for a 99-yard touchdown early in the first quarter during the Buffaloes (6-5) bi-district outing against the 8-3 Indians on Friday.

Unfortunately for the Buffs, a holding penalty caused the score to be recalled.

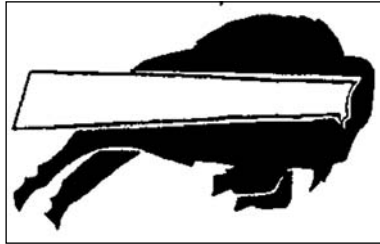
That would set the tone of Forsan’s season-ending, 41-6 loss. Five interceptions and a lost fumble coupled with costly penalties proved insurmountable for Head Coach Jason Phillips’ squad.

“Going in, we were feeling good,” Phillips said. “The turnovers were huge. That killed us.”

Quanah promptly scored — several times — putting 41 unanswered points on the board as Indian quarterback Clay Robertson completed 18-of-32 passes for 208 yards. Forsan was

outgained on the ground 281 yards to 100. The combination of Forsan quarterbacks — senior quarterback Marcus Cervantes and sophomore Polo Morin only managed to complete five-of-23 passes.

A rally was still viable for the



Buffs, who trailed 21-0 at the start of the fourth quarter, but Quanah would tack on 20 more points before Roman finally found the end zone on a 16-yard rushing touchdown with just minutes left in the outing to avoid a shut out.

Roman led the Buffs with 67 yards rushing in the final game of his career and accounted for the only Forsan score.

“I am proud of the (seniors),” Phillips said. “They were a big part of our program’s success. Hopefully we can build on the foundation they helped start.”

Phillips has some talent on which to build, too. Due to injuries to several starters throughout the year, Phillips was forced to start junior varsity players, giving the underclassmen valuable varsity experience.

“Overall, it was a great year for us,” Phillips added. “Especially with the injuries, we persevered. We played bad football for a couple games and had our backs against the wall going into the Winters game, but we made the playoffs two years in a row. Next year, we want get past the first round.”

Quanah moves to the area round and will face Sundown (8-2) on Friday.

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Cowboys hope for strong showing against Browns

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IRVING, Texas — Both coaches get questions about their job security. Both quarterbacks have to answer to unsightly interception numbers.

Other than that, Dallas and Cleveland are in very different places going into Sunday’s game at Cowboys Stadium.

The Cowboys (4-5) made it through the difficult, road-heavy part of their schedule with their playoff path barely navigable, but barely nonethe-less. Tony Romo and company now get five of the season’s final seven games at home, and only one of those opponents — Pittsburgh — has a winning record.

The Browns (2-7) have more reason to think about next season than postseason as they come off their bye week. After the Cowboys, Cleveland

and rookie quarterback Brandon Weeden still have the Steelers twice and a Peyton Manning.

“I think you try to stay away from the schedule, whether it’s good or bad,” Dallas tight end Jason Witten said. “You really can’t worry about what’s outside, and what record, and who’s playing who. You’ve got to worry about your opponent that upcoming week. This league’s too hard to try to do anything else other than that.”

Two weeks ago, Romo was far ahead of Weeden and the other four rookie NFL starters with 13 interceptions. But Weeden and some veterans are closing in after Romo had consecutive turnover-free games against Atlanta and Philadelphia. The Cowboys didn’t beat the Falcons, but they rallied past the Eagles sparked in part by a Romo scramble

and completion that kept Dallas from trailing going into the fourth quarter.

Dallas fans have always wondered what would happen if Romo ever combined risky magic acts with stingy ball protection, and they might find out in three straight home games ending with a Philadelphia rematch Dec. 2.

“Every week he’s going to be challenged the same way,” coach Jason Garrett said. “We never want to get to the point where he’s got it down pat. He doesn’t have it down pat. Nobody does. That position is too challenging. So you’ve got to make sure you’re thinking about it the right way every week, you’re taking care of the ball every week and you pick your spots every week.”

Every week seems to bring on new issues for Garrett. He spent the week before the Cowboys

beat the Eagles addressing questions of whether suspended New Orleans coach Sean Payton would take his job after a report that the NFL had voided his contract with the Saints. He also had to answer criticism from his old coach, Jimmy Johnson, about whether the Dallas practice facility was a “country club.”

On the day of the Philadelphia game, Cowboys owner Jerry Jones had to respond to a report that ousted Cleveland president Mike Holmgren was interested in Dallas after he said he might return to coaching when the Browns let him go. It’s no secret that Jones and Holmgren are close, but Holmgren emphatically said he would never show interest in somebody else’s job while they still had it.

The Philly win quieted the chatter, but a loss See **COWBOYS**, Page 4B



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No. 4 Stanford women upset No. 1 Baylor 71-69

HONOLULU (AP) — Brittney Griner and No. 1 Baylor were planning a sunny Hawaiian visit — some snorkeling, surf and three games to extend the country's longest active winning streak to 45.

Instead, the Lady Bears will leave the Aloha State short of their expectations after a 71-69 loss to No. 4 Stanford in the first game of the Rainbow Wahine Classic on Friday night. Griner's turnaround shot on the last play bounced off the rim at the buzzer, ending the fifth longest winning streak in NCAA women's basketball history at 42 games.

"It's been a long time since that bunch lost. I hope they feel like anybody or any competitor feels after a game that you lose," Baylor coach Kim Mulkey said. "I hope they don't forget it and it bothers them."

Griner scored 18 of her 22 points in the second half, helping the Lady Bears rally from a 14-point deficit in the first half. It was the Lady Bears' first defeat since losing to Texas A&M in the regional finals of the 2011 NCAA tournament. Baylor went 40-0 last year with no team coming within five points of the Lady Bears.

Stanford also ended Connecticut's NCAA record 90-game run in 2010.

Stanford coach Tara VanDerveer said the Cardinal came in knowing they needed to limit Griner and play better than they did in the NCAA semifinal.

"Our game plan was never let Brittney Griner be 1-on-1," she said. "We were doubling

her as hard as we could."

Baylor played the last 35 minutes without preseason All-America guard Odyssey Sims, who strained her hamstring early in the first half.

"You lose your All-American point guard that early in the game, it kind of takes you out of flow of things," Mulkey said.

Destiny Williams made her first 3-pointer of her career to pull Baylor (2-1) within one late in the game. Toni Kokenis made one of two free throws. Baylor got the rebound and advanced the ball to halfcourt before calling timeout to set up the final play.

Griner caught the ball in the low block and with three players draped on her, the 6-foot-8 star's shot fell harmlessly off the rim setting off a wild celebration by the Cardinal at midcourt.

"We knew where the ball was going — it's a matter if we're able to make the play. It's hard to make a play on Griner," Ogwumike said. "You knew it was going to Griner and she was going to turn around and shoot."

Baylor was the heavy favorite to repeat as champion with their entire starting lineup back from last season. The Lady Bears cruised to an easy 89-51 victory over No. 6 Kentucky on Tuesday before heading to Hawaii for the three-game Rainbow Wahine tournament.

Mulkey said that Baylor wasn't used to playing close games during its streak.

"We didn't respond very well, we got back in the game

but we didn't execute some things and we didn't do some things defensively," Mulkey said.

While the Lady Bears returned mostly intact this year, Stanford lost All-American center Nnemkadi Ogwumike to graduation after last season.

Without Sims, the Lady Bears trailed by 14 points before rallying to 31-29 at the break. Stanford focused on Griner on defense and took advantages of missteps by Baylor on the other end to get second chances and open looks.

Griner was dominant in the second half, scoring 10 of Baylor's first 12 points and just under half its points for the final half. The Lady Bears gave up on shooting 3-pointers, allowing Griner to carry them. The attempted only three after ending the first half 1 for 11.

Baylor took a 55-54 lead with 7:11 left in the game on a layup from Williams. It was the Lady Bears first lead since early in the first half. They extended it to four points before Stanford rallied behind Kokenis, who made two free throws and a jumper to tie it at 60.

The game was back and forth until the final minute when Tinkle and Chiney Ogwumike gave Stanford the lead for good.

Mulkey said the team will use the loss as motivation.

"You don't ever want to lose. You're in Hawaii, you're not under the normal circumstances of a regular practice schedule. You're enjoying the beach and not having as much time to prepare," Mulkey said.

COWBOYS

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to last-place Cleveland wouldn't help Garrett.

"All your focus has to be on this week and getting one win," Witten said. "I thought we did a good job of that amongst the distractions outside."

Browns coach Pat Shurmur has a stronger case for distractions than Garrett. He has a new owner, a new president, and a 6-19 record in his second season. His roster is young and promising, starting with rookies Weeden, an older-than-usual newcomer who has 12 interceptions but is showing improvement, and receiver Josh Gordon, who leads first-year receivers with 417 yards and is tied for first with four touchdowns. Trent Richardson is third among rookie running backs with 575 yards.

Whether playing for Shurmur or playing for pride, the Browns say they'll play. "Playoffs or not, when you're out there, you never want to get beat," Browns cornerback Joe Haden said. "People in here ... rock, paper, scissors, you don't want no one to beat you. It's just the nature of the NFL, that no matter when you're out there, you're fighting to win."

If Shurmur doesn't keep his job, Cowboys defensive coordinator Rob Ryan could be a candidate to replace him. Ryan was the defensive coordinator in Cleveland for two seasons prior

to coming to Dallas, and the reunion has been a hot topic this week.

Ryan's first season in Dallas wasn't good, but the Cowboys are holding steady at eighth in total defense despite losing star linebacker Sean Lee and safety Barry Church for the season, along with extended absences for several other key players.

"I don't think we'll be able to take a whole lot away from his time here because really, I mean, the personnel is nearly, totally different," said Browns offensive lineman Joe Thomas. "I know guys on the defense love playing for him. He's a guy who's tough to prepare for because of how detailed he is and how he calls his games."

While the Cowboys prepare for a rare rash of home games, there is debate about whether cavernous Cowboys Stadium is much of an advantage. Dallas is 1-2 this season and 14-13 since the \$1.2 billion showplace opened — with just two November wins. Local radio chatter is filled with complaints that the place people go to worship the Cowboys is about as loud as a church on Sunday.

"That's all on us," said cornerback Brandon Carr, who had his first interception for the Cowboys and his first career touchdown on the return against the Eagles. "We have to create the atmosphere. We've got to defend our home turf. Once you start doing that, then the fans will take some pride in us playing at home."

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resulted in Indiana's second-best offensive output of the season. Roy Hibbert and Sam Young scored 14 points apiece for the Pacers,

who had lost two straight before beating the Mavericks and their former coach, Rick Carlisle.

Vogel said the Pacers needed a win to keep a positive outlook. Indiana (4-6) improved to 3-1 at home.

"We talked about re-establishing a belief in ourselves as a basketball team, belief in ourselves individually that we're capable to do great things and continuing to believe in our teammates that are struggling," Vogel said. "It's an important element in getting yourself out of a rut and getting a team out of a rut it to continue to trust that we have good players on this team that when the ball's moving and we're sharing it that we're going to be pretty good."

O.J. Mayo led the Mavericks (5-5) with 19 points. Vince Carter and former Pacer Darren Collison both dropped in 10 points for Dallas.

Dallas led 49-48 at half-time even though In-

diana shot 54 percent. The Pacers made just 6 of 14 free throws in the first half and were out-rebounded 22-15.

Dallas fell apart after that, being outscored 28-18 in the third quarter.

"The game got away from us," Carlisle said. "A lot of guys got hot. Collectively, I think their collective will was stronger than ours. After a really encouraging first half and a couple minutes in the third quarter, it just went the other way."

Lance Stephenson's layup early in the second half tied the game at 51, and Hibbert's free throw put the Pacers ahead. Indiana expanded the lead to 59-54 on a 3-pointer by Stephenson.

A 3-pointer by Young pushed the Pacers ahead 70-59 with 4:02 left in the third quarter. Stephenson hit another 3 to make it 75-61 with 2:39 left in the third quarter. Indiana led 76-67 at the end of the period.

Stephenson scored 10 points in the third quarter as the Pacers held the Mavericks to 28 percent shooting in the period.

A three-point play by Gerald Green gave the Pacers an 83-69 lead and a 3-pointer by Young pushed Indiana's lead out to 18 points.

"We put ourselves in good position to win the game in the first half, then we come out and we couldn't stop anything in the second half," Mavericks forward Shawn Marion

said. "I don't know why we are doing these things. We can't seem to sustain anything. We are continuing to have lapses, mental lapses."

Pacers forward Paul George said he hopes the strong performance is the start of a trend. Indiana entered the season as one of the favorites in the Eastern Conference, but the Pacers have struggled to score without Danny Granger, a former All-Star who is out with an injured left knee.

"We don't want to look too far ahead," George said. "We still have a lot of work to do. It's a good start. It looks like we're starting to get things together. We haven't lost hope. We're fine."

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learned to expect success, a fresh attitude for a franchise that's endured its share of struggles and heart-breaking losses over the years.

The players set bold goals in the preseason, saying anything short of a Super Bowl berth would feel like a disappointment.

A second straight AFC South title seemed like a foregone conclusion a few weeks ago, but Indianapolis is mounting a surprising challenge after winning four straight games. The Texans, though, are right where they thought they'd be and have learned to treat every game with equal importance, no matter the caliber of the opponent.

"One thing we know is you can't take anybody lightly in this league," Johnson said. "We approach every game the same. We're going to prepare and go out and work hard during the week and get ready for Sunday. You can't look

past anybody because anybody could be beaten any Sunday."

Still, it's hard to see how an upset could happen.

The Jaguars have been outscored 82-39 in their last three games and rank last in total offense (263.6 yards per game) and 29th in total defense (389.1 yards per game). Blaine Gabbert has been sacked 21 times and completed only 58 percent of his passes.

Jacksonville coach Mike Mularkey is trying to keep a positive vibe and insists his players are close to turning the corner.

"We're going to stay the course," he said. "This is the way things are going to get done. This is the way we're going to win. I think they know that. The staff believes it. They're very resilient. I think they're a mentally tough team. They come in. They're prepared every week. I've been on teams that don't do that. They pay attention to everything that's being said to them and they know it's from the heart. Good things are in sight. I don't know

when that is. I hope it's this week."

The Texans were the clearly superior team on Sept. 16, manhandling the Jaguars' defense and setting a franchise record for possession time (43 minutes, 17 seconds). Arian Foster rushed for 110 yards and Houston's offense produced 411 yards and went 8 for 17 on third-down conversions.

Jacksonville mustered 117 yards, in part because the offense only had the ball for 17 minutes.

The Jaguars went 0 for 9 on third downs in that game.

Defensive end J.J. Watt had one of his best games that week with 1½ sacks, two pass deflections, a fumble recovery and six tackles. Watt continues to lead the NFL with 10½ sacks and all defensive linemen with 10 passes defensed, despite opposing teams' efforts to double- and triple-team him in recent weeks.

"You start to see more and more attention," Watt said. "As you see, other guys are stepping up and mak-

ing big plays, which is awesome. That's going to help take attention away from me. I've said it all along, if you want to double-team me that's perfectly fine. You're going to have to deal with 10 other guys who are great playmakers."

While not as overwhelming as it was in that game, Houston's defense has consistently shut down teams every week, with the exception of the Packers. The Texans have held seven opponents below 20 points and are allowing an NFL-low 16 first downs per game.

Watt says the weekly focus has become more about the Texans reaching their own standards than worrying about the opponent.

"We're fully aware of what they're capable of," he said, "but we're also fully aware of what we're capable of. We're going to go out there and play Texans football. We're going to do what we do and just like every single week, we know that if we take care of our business and do what we're capable of, we'll be just fine."



Celebrating the

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Sandwiches are a delicious, easy and affordable way to enjoy a healthy meal any time of day. From satisfying meat-and-cheese combos, to sandwiches piled high with savory vegetables, to the many "PB and" combinations, the possibilities for outstanding sandwiches are limitless. But all the deliciousness starts with one key, wholesome ingredient — bread.

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To help you and your family get your "daily fix of six," The Grain Foods Foundation has partnered with celebrity chef and sandwich aficionado Bryan Voltaggio to create these sensational sandwiches. To find more great sandwich recipes, visit www.gowiththegrain.org or GoWithTheGrain on Facebook and Twitter.



Bryan Voltaggio, chef
Photo courtesy of Under A Bushel Photography



The Banana, PB and Honey

Makes 6 sandwiches

- 12 slices enriched white bread
- 6 bananas, sliced
- 1 cup spiced peanut butter (see recipe)
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 ounces butter, at room temperature

Lay out two slices of enriched white bread on a cutting board. Spread both slices of bread with peanut butter. Set one aside.

Take one slice and top with sliced bananas, then drizzle with honey. Place the reserved slice of bread on top.

Brush top and bottom of sandwich with room temperature butter.

If you own an electric sandwich maker or Panini press, place sandwich inside for 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 minutes. If you do not have a sandwich

press, place sandwich in a sauté pan on top of your stove, set at medium heat; and cook for 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 minutes on each side.

While cooking, combine cinnamon and the sugar in small bowl.

Remove sandwich and while still hot, season liberally with cinnamon and sugar.

Cut in half and serve while hot.

Spiced Peanut Butter

Yield 1 cup

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 3/4 teaspoons honey
- 1/8 teaspoon ginger powder
- 1/8 teaspoon cinnamon, ground

Mix all ingredients together in a bowl until well blended.

Place the peanut butter in an airtight container and store in the refrigerator for 6 to 8 weeks.

The Pastrami Reuben

Makes 6 sandwiches

- 12 slices rye bread
- 24 ounces sliced beef pastrami
- 12 slices Muenster cheese, thin
- 1 1/2 cups sauerkraut, prepared and drained
- 1/2 cup Thousand Island dressing
- 2 ounces butter, at room temperature

Lay out two slices of rye bread on a cutting board.

Top first piece of bread with one slice of Muenster cheese, then about 2 ounces of sauerkraut, 4 ounces (or roughly three to four thin slices) of pastrami, and a second slice of Muenster cheese. Set aside.

Spread second piece of bread with Thousand Island dressing, then place on top of the other half of the sandwich.

Brush top and bottom of sandwich with butter.

If you own an electric sandwich maker or Panini press, place sandwich inside for 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 minutes. If you do not have a sandwich press, simply place sandwich in a sauté pan on top of your stove, set at medium heat. Cook for 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 minutes on each side.

Remove sandwich and while still hot; cut in half and serve.

The Pilgrim

Makes 6 sandwiches

- 12 slices seven-grain bread
- 24 ounces turkey, sliced
- Orange Cranberry Compote, as needed (see recipe)
- Sage Cream Cheese, as needed (see recipe)
- 4 tablespoons butter, at room temperature
- Seasoning salt, to taste (see recipe)

Lay out two slices of seven grain bread on a cutting board.

Spread Orange Cranberry Compote evenly across one slice of bread. Set aside.

Spread Sage Cream Cheese evenly across second slice of bread, then top with about four ounces of turkey.

Place slice of bread with the Orange Cranberry Compote on top of turkey.

Brush top and bottom of sandwich with room temperature butter.

If you own an electric sandwich maker or Panini press, place the sandwich inside for 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 minutes. If you do not have a sandwich press, simply place the sandwich in a sauté pan on top of your stove, set at medium heat, and cook the sandwich for 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 minutes on each side.

Remove sandwich and while still hot, season liberally with seasoning salt. Cut in half and serve while hot.



Orange Cranberry Compote

Yield 1 cup

- 1/2 pound cranberries
- 1 orange, quartered
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Pepper, to taste

In medium sauce pot, cook cranberries, orange and sugar for approximately 20 minutes at a low simmer, then stir in a pinch of salt.

Remove pieces of orange, and pour into blender or food processor. Puree until smooth, then lightly season with pepper.

Sage Cream Cheese

Yield 2 cups

- 2 cups cream cheese, at room temperature
- 15 sage leaves, finely chopped
- 1 garlic clove
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

In bowl, combine cream cheese and sage using a rubber spatula, mixing well. Grate (or very finely chop) garlic, adding to bowl. Season to taste with salt.

Seasoning Salt

Yield 1 cup

- 1/4 cup sea salt
- 3 juniper berries, toasted and ground
- 1 orange, zested

Lightly toast juniper berries in a pan, then place in a spice grinder and blend. Combine juniper, salt and orange zest in a mortar and pestle, and combine all evenly.

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Club News

Daughters of the Republic

The Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter, NS-DAR, met Nov. 10 at the Big Spring Country Club with Hollis McCright presiding.

Hostess Sue Ann Damron decorated the tables with a patriotic red, white and blue theme.

R. Scott Scampini, chief of domiciliary services at the Big Spring Veterans Healing Center, presented a program outlining the center's history and services. The center opened in June of 2011 and served 124 men and women veterans last year. Current census stands at 35 veterans. Mr. Scampini issued an invitation to all to attend the Veterans Healing Center open house Dec. 5.

Sue Ann Damron presented Mr. Scampini with a gift and card.

Regent Hollis McCright led members in the DAR rituals.

Members Charlene Ragan, Sue Ann Damron and Anne Witherspoon were elected to represent the Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter as delegates to the TS-DAR convention to be held March 13-16 in Houston.

Donations were accepted from members for the Veterans Christmas Fund.

Special guests attending were: Speaker R. Scott Scampini, wife Ellen and daughter Rachel of Midland, and sisters Geraldine Posey and Nell Burgess of Big Spring.

The next meeting will be Dec. 8 at the Heritage Museum.

Big Spring Art Association

The Big Spring Art Association will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library for its monthly meeting.

Featured guest speaker will be Tammy Schrecengost, curator of the Heritage Museum. Tammy is a lifelong resident of Big Spring and has been with the museum for 15 years. She began in the collections department and worked on entering each donated photograph into the system. There are now more than 10,000 photographs in the digitalized system. Tammy has compiled and written five books: "Big Spring and Howard County," "Big Spring Revisited," "Webb Air Force Base 1942-1977," "Then and Now" and recently a book on the newly refurbished Settles Hotel.

Tammy is the mother of three children and five grandchildren. Other activities which keep her busy are restoring furniture, photography, gardening and raising her farm animals, which include goats and chickens.

The BSAA meetings are open to the public and anyone interested in all aspects of the arts is invited to attend. For anyone interested in joining the organization, the yearly dues are \$15. Bring a friend and join us Tuesday.

Rachel Zoe tries her hand at gift wrap

NEW YORK (AP) — A pretty package can make up for a so-so gift, says stylist-designer Rachel Zoe.

Don't underestimate the power of stylish wrapping paper, a beautiful bow and a thoughtful card, says Zoe, who has crafted her own paper designs for an online home-goods marketplace.

She is among the tastemakers who have partnered with the website for the One Kings Lane Holiday Charity Series.

Other participants include Rachel Roy, Stacey Bendet of Alice & Olivia, Lela Rose and Katie Lee.

Zoe's products will benefit Save the Children, Orphan Aid Africa, The Bone Marrow Foundation and The Edible Schoolyard Project, among others.

"The same rules apply to gift giving and gift-wrapping as they do to getting dressed, serving food: Presentation is everything!" she says.

Zoe's One Kings Lane

wrapping goods, with animal prints and metallic colors, inspired by her fall and resort fashion collections, will complement the other things she likes to use to trim special packages, including pages from glossy magazines and the fashion illustrations that still appear in some newspaper ads.

She's been known to unwrap gifts keeping perfectly folded lines and undo bows to keep them pristine so she can use them again.

New associate dean Gladden joins UHCL

University of Houston-Clear Lake welcomed Big Spring native Dr. Samuel Gladden as professor of literature and associate dean of the School of Human Sciences and Humanities.

Gladden joined the school Aug. 1 to fill a position left vacant by the retirement of Associate Professor Emeritus of Psychology Howard Eisner.

"I was drawn to UH-Clear Lake for four reasons: its history of excellence and innovation, its commitment to shared governance, its unusual physical facilities and its magnificent setting," explained Gladden, who came to the university from the University of Northern Iowa. "When I visited campus in April, I was struck, too, by the extraordinarily high levels of energy and participation by faculty and staff in the search process."

In Iowa, Gladden served as the special assistant to the dean in the College of Humanities, Arts and Sciences as well as the associate head in the Department of Languages and Literatures. He noted that he was excited to be a



Gladden

part of UH-Clear Lake at this historic time as the university moves toward completing the four-year initiative.

"As we move toward the start date for our four-year initiative, I will work closely with our division chairs, program conveners and program faculty to ensure that we are introducing exciting, high-quality courses that will appeal to the new population of students we will serve," added Gladden. "At the same time, I will encourage faculty to maintain our commitments to excellence and innovation in serving our existing populations of upper-

division undergraduate and graduate students."

School of Human Sciences and Humanities Dean Rick Short agreed and is enthusiastic when speaking of UH-Clear Lake's future and the addition of Gladden to the school.

"We are excited to have Dr. Gladden on board as we prepare for an historical time at UH-Clear Lake," said Short. "He comes to us with an extensive background in higher education that will benefit the university as a whole and the students in UH-Clear Lake's School of Human Sciences and Humanities."

Gladden earned his doctorate in Literature from Texas A&M University. He attained international scholarly recognition in his field when he was invited to Oxford, England, to present his published works of 19th Century British literature. As a result, he was made a permanent member of the Oxford Round Table.

Gladden is a 1986 graduate of Big Spring High School and the son of L.K. and Helen Gladden of Big Spring.

Peckenpaugh a Distinguished Youth of Texas Scholar candidate

Hannah Nicole Peckenpaugh, daughter of Nadine Reyes and Harold Peckenpaugh of Big Spring, has been selected as a candidate in the Distinguished Youth of Texas Scholarship and Recognition Program.

The event will be held Nov. 23-25 at the Marriott Rivercenter Hotel in San Antonio. During the competition, two students will be chosen to receive a \$1,000 scholarship and serve as a state program titleholder for a year. In all, more than \$5,000 in



Peckenpaugh

awards and prizes will be presented to various participants.

The Distinguished Youth Program is designed to recognize girls in grades 2-7 who rank high academically and who are leaders in their schools and communities. Judging criteria includes scholastic record, service to school and community, personality project and interview.

Program finals will be held Sunday afternoon and culminate in naming of the new Little Miss of Texas and the new Young Miss of Texas.

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Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Blueberry waffles; Lunch: Cheese enchiladas, chicken fajita, refried beans, salad, hot cinnamon apples.
Tuesday: Breakfast: Biscuits and sausage; Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, Hot Pockets, lettuce/tomato, corn, carrots, sliced peaches.
Wednesday: Holiday.
Thursday: Holiday.
Friday: Holiday.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, juice, milk; Lunch: Beef and cheese chalupa, salad, refried beans, applesauce, milk.
Tuesday: Breakfast: Pancake wrap, cereal, juice, milk; Lunch: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, strawberry cup, roll, milk.
Wednesday: Holiday.
Thursday: Holiday.
Friday: Holiday.
• High school students also have the option of fruit bowls and juice at lunchtime.

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Apple Jacks, juice, milk; Lunch: Spaghetti, pears, salad, peas, milk.
Tuesday: Breakfast: Sausage roll, juice, milk; Lunch: Ham and cheese sandwich, carrots, peaches, peas, Orange Smiles, milk.
Wednesday: Holiday.
Thursday: Holiday.
Friday: Holiday.

What's shaking fashion? Well, it's an adult-quake

NEW YORK (AP) — This season's clothes aren't taking their cues from club kids, college students or teenage rebels. There's something grown-up about some of the most popular looks: They're a little refined and very wearable, but they've avoided being stodgy or, worse, just plain old.

Some of the influence could be coming from pop culture with "The Great Gatsby" and "Anna Karenina" among the most anticipated movies before year's end, and the popularity of TV period pieces such as "Downton Abbey," "Mad Men" and "Boardwalk Empire." No flannel PJ bottoms or ripped jeans there.

On fall-winter runways, Marlene Dietrich lookalikes appeared at Donna Karan, Charles Dickens-inspired characters at Marc Jacobs and the models at Louis Vuitton seemed poised for a romantic rendezvous on the Orient Express.

Polished sophistication can be tempting after going periods over the past decade that have alternately favored bohemian, aggressive and blingy looks.

"I'm not a psychologist, I'm just a fashion designer," says Banana Republic creative director Simon Kneen, "but the air of fashion is a little more elegant right now. ... We're not in a moment when casual feels like the right mood."

Some of the trends on retail racks include rich jewel tones of purple, blue and green, lace handiwork and refined accessories including brooches, opera gloves and top-handle bags.

The newness is coming from the feeling of aristocracy with a dash

of opulence, says Brooke Jaffe, director of fashion accessories at Bloomingdale's.

"Dressing from the top of society is where trends are coming from, not street trends. We started our fall trend report with the jewelry category, specifically 'fantasy jewelry.' Where's that coming from? The royal family? 'Downton Abbey'? I'm not sure, but we believe 120 million percent in fancy and opulent jewelry," she says.

Buttery, work-appropriate leather pants, equestrian jackets, quilting and gilded baroque embellishments are also on the sophisticated shopping list, says Brandon Holley, editor-in-chief of Lucky magazine.

It's not just fashion experiencing this adult-quake, says Tom Morton, North American chief strategy officer for forecasting and advertising company Havas Worldwide. He prepared a report that dealt with the "pushback against youth obsession."

"People are going where the money is," Morton says. A side effect of the economic downturn is that teenagers and 20-somethings

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Wrong Abbey Road: Station draws lost Beatles fans

RAPHAEL SATTER

Associated Press
LONDON (AP) — It's a mystery tour, but it's hardly magical.

More than nine miles (14 kilometers) from the striped crosswalk made famous by the Beatles album "Abbey Road," this drab transit station in east London keeps drawing confused fans of the Fab Four into unwanted jaunts through a gritty, industrial area just south of London's Olympic Stadium.

Abbey Road Station has no relation to the Beatles' Abbey Road Studios, the birthplace of the eponymous album and a London tourist landmark. The glass-and-metal station is wedged among a train depot, warehouses, and gloomy public housing projects, a world away from the leafy, suburban street pictured on the album's cover.

It didn't take long for American visitor Christie Johnson, 22, to figure out she was in the wrong place.

"It didn't look right," the Denver resident said. She and her embarrassed host — English student Melody Vettrano — wanted to see the iconic crosswalk on a whim.

At the nearby Star Newsagents, 36-year-old Paramjeet Kaur said her convenience store saw an average of a dozen Beatles fans a day.

Outside, 19-year-old Nathan Johnson said he was constantly seeing visitors stride across the small, uneven intersection outside the station to recreate the pose struck by Paul McCartney, John Lennon, Ringo Starr and George Harrison on the 1969 album cover — even if the newcomers have come

to the wrong place. "All the time," Johnson said, smiling.

London counts at least 11 Abbey Roads, with potential tourist pitfalls in neighborhoods such as Barking or Bexleyheath, both of which are on the outer edges of central London. In the British capital as elsewhere the common street name harkens back to the medieval priories that once dotted the area.

But Abbey Road Station, which opened last year, is the only one in London to bear the name. Given the Beatles connection, some have urged the capital's transit authority to modify its maps.

Transport for London officials said Tuesday there are no plans to change the station's name.

Spokesman Allan Ramsey said in a statement that it is unfortunate that some visitors get confused but that

the problem could be remedied if visitors just did their homework.

Christie Johnson, a semi-professional soccer player, said she wasn't too disappointed to have gone to the wrong Abbey Road, explaining that she wasn't that big of a Beatles fan anyway.

She said she mostly just wanted a picture of herself on the famous crosswalk to show her friends. Now, she'll have a different story to tell.

"I'll say we tried," she said. "It'll get a good laugh."

At the London Beatles Store, which sells Fab Four memorabilia, owner Howard Cohen said the mix-up over the location of the studio is not new — because there are so many Abbey Roads in London — but that the mishaps have been exacerbated by the new Abbey Road Station in a distant part of the capital.

"We get so many people coming in looking for the studios that we have maps printed up with directions, free, as a service," he said. "It's a bit confusing."

Even worse, he said, are the hapless tourists who arrive at Liverpool Street Station in central London and believe they, in fact, are in Liverpool, the Beatles' hometown.

"They ask how to get to Penny Lane and Strawberry Fields," he said, referring to places in Liverpool made famous by Lennon-McCartney songs.

The answer, sadly, is 210 miles (340 kilometers) to the north.

How to get to the Beatles' Abbey Road: From central London, take the Jubilee Line north to St. John's Wood Station. Then walk west for three blocks on Grove End Road. Abbey Road will be on your right.

Something special's happening in the Circle.

November Activities

- Nov. 19** — Games, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Hobbs **New Mexico, 9:00 a.m.
- Nov. 20** — Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.
Supper Club "Cowboy's", 5:30 p.m.
- Nov. 21** — Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m.
Movie, 1:00 p.m. "Man on a Ledge"
- Nov. 22** — *Happy Turkey Day!*
- Nov. 26** — **Games, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Nov. 27** — Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.
Supper Club, "Cowboy's", 5:30 p.m.
- Nov. 28** — Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m.
Movie, 1:00 p.m. "War Horse"
- Nov. 29** — Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.
Just Peachy's Cafe, 10:00 a.m.
- Nov. 30** — Midland Shopping, 9:00 a.m.

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Healthy Woman event to explain changes at Family Medical Center

Special to the Herald

Changes are taking place for Family Medical Center. In light of those changes, Healthy Woman — a Scenic Mountain Medical Center Resource — is featuring Practice Manager of Family Medical Center Mitzi Knight as the guest speaker for the November Healthy Woman and Lunch-n-Learn event set for Nov. 29 at

11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. “There will be two times for the community to come out and hear about the changes taking place at FMC. We want to make sure that everyone who wants to be able to come and hear this presentation,” Amanda Duforat, Healthy Woman co-coordinator at SMMC, said. Both sessions will take place in the Senior Circle Activity Room on the fourth floor of Scenic Mountain and are free to the pub-

lic. A meal will be served at the 11:30 a.m. presentation, which will serve as the Senior Circle Lunch-n-Learn for November. “We understand that not everyone can get away at lunch time so we want to provide an option for those wanting to come out and hear about the changes happening at FMC,” Duforat said. “The focus of this event is to keep the public informed about what’s

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Energy Watch



Bhupen Agrawal is branch manager and a managing director — investments for the Wells Fargo Advisors Midland office.



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

Consider the obstacles to success in turning our huge ship, the American economy, in the right direction. Domestically, somewhere between 20 and 23 million people are unemployed or under-employed. Of those who are unemployed, more than forty percent have been out of work for six months or longer. In addition, companies are not confident in the sustainability of the recovery and are uncertain what their tax burden will be, what regulatory environment they will be operating in, and how much it will cost to hire an additional employee. Clarity out of Washington on any of these issues has been almost nonexistent.

Internationally, the euro zone is still a mess and Chinese growth has slowed. Based on recent data, nearly fifty percent of revenues for companies in the S&P 500 comes from outside the United States. The euro zone represents a consumer base of more than 300 million people. China, with more than one billion citizens who are trying to fight their way into the middle class, will no doubt become big a consumer of American goods and services over time. The slowdowns in these two regions are a major concern and, to some extent, outside our realm of influence.

When the new Congress is seated in January, we expect the first order of business will be to wrangle over the “fiscal cliff,” which we doubt the lame-duck session of Congress will be able to resolve. Will there be some sort of compromise that limits the damage to the U.S. economy but dampens economic growth next year? That is possible. And we also suspect there will be some gridlock. This opinion is entirely based on the last two years of Congressional inaction. Post-election, the Republicans retain control of the House of Representatives and the Democrats keep control of the Senate, although neither party will have a sixty seat supermajority. The old adage, “Gridlock is good for the stock market,” may have been mostly true for many decades, but we think that attitude has just about run its course.

In this next Congress and Presidential term, we think the markets will demand a plan: A plan to attack the growing national debt and to bring more certainty to the business community, sooner rather than later. Whether it is a Simpson-Bowles type of plan or a Paul Ryan type of plan, in the beginning it might not really matter to the market. Investors just want a plan and some cooperation among our elected officials that shows we can address the important issues and make a few tough decisions.

If such a plan is adopted, we believe business and consumer confidence would benefit and, with the right amount of pressure on the rudder, the U.S.S. American Economy would start to turn in the right direction.

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Amanda Duforat photo
Chamber Executive Director Debby ValVerde, left, Jan Foresyth and Sherry Hodnett network during the Breakfast Blitz held at Jake Witzel on Thursday morning. The event was sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.



SURE signup period nears

Howard County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Karla Hoelscher announced producers can enroll in the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program for 2011 crop year losses. Filings began Oct. 22. Under the 2008 Farm Bill, SURE authorizes assistance to farmers and ranchers who suffered crop losses caused by natural disasters occurring through Sept. 30, 2011. “Eligible producers who experienced a 2011 crop loss can contact the Howard County FSA office to learn more about the SURE program,”

said Hoelscher. “All eligible farmers and ranchers must sign up for 2011 SURE benefits before the June 7, 2013 deadline,” she said. To qualify for a SURE payment, the producer’s operation must be located in a county that was declared a disaster for 2011 and have at least a 10 percent production loss that affects one crop of economic significance. Producers with agricultural operations located outside a disaster county are eligible for SURE



Hoelscher

benefits if they had a production loss greater or equal to 50 percent of the normal production on the farm. In Texas, 213 counties received a primary Secretarial Disaster Designation and 41 counties received a contiguous Secretarial Disaster Designation during 2011. This means that all 254 counties in Texas can apply for SURE benefits as long as all other eligibility requirements are met. To meet program eligibility requirements, producers must have obtained a policy or plan of insurance for all insurable crops through the Federal Crop Insurance

Corporation and obtained Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage on non-insurable crops, if available, from FSA. Eligible farmers and ranchers who meet the definition of a socially disadvantaged, limited resource or beginning farmer or rancher do not have to meet this requirement. Forage crops intended for grazing are not eligible for SURE benefits. For more information on SURE program eligibility requirements contact the Howard County FSA office at 432-267-2557 or visit the website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/sure>.

‘How to’ web chats available to businesses

WASHINGTON — The start of the holiday season also signals the end of another year. Small businesses are gearing up for holiday sales and they’re looking for ways to minimize their tax burdens, both of which can be crucial to a business’ success in the New Year. Now is a good time to get tips and advice on how to maximize both, with help from the U.S. Small Business Administration. November’s web chats will feature experts who will give tips on how to boost holiday marketing strategies, and how to prepare now for tax filing season.

The November web chats and links are:
November 19, 1 p.m. EST: “Holiday Marketing Tips & Ideas” with Caron Beesley, SBA blogger, marketing communications consultant, and small business owner. Learn how to maximize your holiday profit and how to help increase sales volume. Participants can join the live web chat, and also post questions beforehand by visiting Web Chat Event: Nov 19.
November 28, 1 p.m. EST: “Getting Your Small Business Ready for the Tax Filing Season” with Edward S. Karl, vice president

of taxation for the American Institute of CPA’s (AICPA) and the AICPA tax staff. Learn useful and practical tips for year-end tax savings strategies and tax provisions that may affect your business. Participants can join the live web chat, and also post questions beforehand by visiting Web Chat Event: Nov 28.
The web chats can also be accessed at www.sba.gov under the What’s New tab.
To see past web chats and related media content, visit SBA’s Small Business Learning Center at <http://www.sba.gov/sba-learning-center/search/chat>.

Texas employers add 36,600 jobs in October

AUSTIN — Employers added 36,600 total nonfarm jobs in October in Texas for a total of 277,400 jobs added over the year. The state’s unemployment rate dropped to 6.6 percent in October from 6.8 percent in September. The unemployment rate in Texas remains well below the national rate of 7.9 percent. “Private sector employers in Texas continue to drive our state’s economic growth, having added 269,000 jobs over the year for an annual growth

rate of 3.0 percent,” said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar. “The Texas economy continues to show strength compared to the national private sector, which has experienced an annual growth rate of 1.8 percent.” Over the last year, 10 of 11 major industries in Texas have shown positive growth. Six of the major industries displayed monthly gains in October. Education and Health Services grew more than any other industry

over the month, adding 13,700 jobs for the largest monthly gain in the series’ history. Over the year, this industry added more than 43,000 jobs and is one of four industries in Texas showing an annual growth rate of 3.0 percent or higher. “It’s good to see the state’s unemployment rate drop by half a point over just the last two months,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. “I encourage those looking for work to visit their

local Workforce Solutions Office to help them seize the opportunities offered by Texas’ diverse economy.” Leisure and Hospitality employment by 8,700 positions in October. Overall, this industry has added 51,800 jobs over the past year, more than any other industry. The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) had the lowest October unemployment rate in the state at 3.3 percent. The Odessa MSA came in second at 3.9 percent.

Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:
 Sherri Monique Aldridge, 1507 E. Sixth St., Big Spring
 Amanda Nicole Bair, 1103 E. 15th St., Big Spring
 Jessica Lynn Banks, CR 1200, Lubbock
 Nancy Ramirez Banuelos, 1515 A Sycamore, Big Spring
 Johnny Barraza, 429 Westover, Big Spring
 Tiffany Burke-Mendoza, 1503 Robin, Big Spring
 Vanessa Calderon, 1504 Kentucky, Big Spring
 Charles Campanella, 2511 Fisher St., Big Spring
 Emerlinda Chavarria Cano, 215 N.E. Ninth St., Big Spring
 Donald Cervantes, 1211 Lloyd, Big Spring
 Trystan Taelor Cevallos, 3912 E. Hwy. 350, Big Spring
 Crisleda Chavera, 1601 Grand Ave., Sweetwater
 Kimberly Gayle Conaway, 1800 N. Birdwell, Big Spring
 Melissa Crawford, 1207

Mulberry, Big Spring
 Jennifer R. Crow, 1714 Fort Worth, Brownwood
 Stephen Cruz, 12222 Blanco No. 1605, San Antonio
 Julie E. Davis, 5202 Bangor Ave. Apt. K301, Lubbock
 Stefan Deal, 102 Casie Ln. Apt. 1, Fort Worth
 Manuel Delosrios, 707 Lorilla, Big Spring
 Teana Demeny-Roberts, 5601 N. Service Rd., Big Spring
 Delores Dohnalik, 1500 Stones Throw, Horseshoe Bay
 Josepy James Eckert, 1123 Newhaven Trail, Pearland
 Maria Luisa Elizondo, 603 S. Second, Meadow
 Kristi L. Elliot, 603 E. 12th St., Big Spring
 John Randall Evatt, 4301 W. 49th St. Apt. 329, Amarillo
 Kristen Falcon, 2606 Fairchild, Big Spring
 Sharlamarr Frink, 3723 Monclair, Odessa
 Joey Lee Garcia, 3102

Ave. C, Snyder
 Joe Nick Garfias Jr., of 1309 Runnels, Big Spring
 Rosa M. George, 509 W. Second, Stanton
 Allen David Gilbert, 1507 Johnson, Big Spring
 Joseph Blake Gist, 3500 Cedar Run, Abilene
 Becky Lynn Gonzales, 2201 Runnels, Big Spring
 Roxanne Deanda Gonzales, 539 Westover Apt. 211, Big Spring
 Eunice Torres Gonzalez, 7311 Westmoor, Odessa
 Whitney Marquez Gray, 2934 Old Anson Rd., Abilene
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 Gloria Annette Henry, 100 Ash, Coahoma
 Ruby G. Hernandez, 1002 N. Main St. Apt. 48, Big Spring
 Ashley Rae Hodge, 3214 Drexel, Big Spring

Danny Holt, of 125 Farney Rd., Lorena
 April M. Horton, 1705 Charles, Portsmouth, Ohio
 Bradley Ryan Horton, of Linda Lane, Big Spring
 Dana Michelle Hudgins, P.Q. Box 837, Coahoma
 Regina Hunt, 804 Longhorn, Welch
 Ashley Nicole Islas, 1104 Wood, Big Spring
 Brian Ivanchan, 1208 Mulberry, Big Spring
 Justin Lee Jernigan, 2302 Lynn, Big Spring
 Irene Castillo Johnson, 2502 Cheyenne, Big Spring
 Lonnie Malcolm Johnson, 1211 Ridgeroad, Big Spring
 Donald Jones, 3718 Ave. V, Snyder
 Nickolas Vance Jones, 304 Circle, Big Spring
 Jason Earnest Key, 900 Abrams, Big Spring
 Albert Leal, 2522 Albrook, Big Spring
 Jesse Campbell Lockett, 538 Westover Rd. Apt. 141, Big Spring

Robert Lee Lopez, 503 E. 18th, Big Spring
 Aaron Christopher Mack, 2134 Bonham, Odessa
 James Elijah Marlow, 2001 Runnels, Big Spring
 Todd Vincent Martin, 409 Woodcrest, Midland
 Joe Martinez, 2525 Fairchild, Big Spring
 Manuel Martinez Jr., 702 NE Iowa, Lamesa
 Fidel M. Martinez, 705 N.W. Eighth St., Big Spring
 Ronnie Trevino Martinez, 1109 E. 11th place, Big Spring
 Norman James McNeese, 1098 LCR 317, Colorado City
 Betty Jane McWilliams, 2511 Hunter, Big Spring
 Cory James Michalewicz, 1106 Briscoe Cove, Hutto
 Nicholas Craig Mills, 3225 Cornell, Big Spring
 Chelsea Kristyne Millspaugh, 7403 N. Service Road, Big Spring
 Robert Paul Newton, 715 Dealy, Big Spring
 Melissa Nieto, 615 Tulane, Big Spring
 John Randall O'Harrow, 107 S. Main, Big Spring
 Abigail Lynn Ortega, 700 E. 17th St., Big Spring
 Nancy Ortega, 1111 E. 14th, Big Spring
 James Michael Perez, 626 Tulane, Big Spring
 Fred Allen Perry, 1425 E. Sixth, Apt. 107, Big Spring
 Joshua Plaia, 1401 E. 18th, Big Spring
 Jarum Renee Pryor, 802 N. Plaza, Big Lake
 Bobbie Ann Ritchie, 803 St. Francis, Stanton
 Michael Neal Roberts, 538 Westover, Apt. 103, Big Spring
 Oliva Rosa Rodriguez, 1201 Settles, Big Spring
 Roberta Garza Rodriguez, 1103 Stanford, Big Spring
 Lisa J. Rubio, 1303 Sycamore, Big Spring
 Anastasia Clarice Sanders, 1401 Culpepper Ave., Wilson
 Brittany Nicole Savell, 425 E. Davis Rd., Big Spring
 Kennedra Wynell Shelton, 400 N. Fourth, Corsicana
 Amy Leigh Shifflett, 209 N. Main, Coahoma
 Angela Gay Smith, 102 N. Ash, Coahoma
 Charles Ray Smith, 2911 W. Highway 80, Apt. 155, Big Spring
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 Timothy Donald Taylor, 4000 W. Highway 80 No. 18, Big Spring
 Trinity Renee Terrazas, 2202 Morrison, Big Spring
 Glenn Joe Thompson, 1111 Jeffery, Big Spring
 David Wayne Turner, 3204 Irving, Snyder
 Abram Unger, 503 NE Fourth, Seminole
 Brittanika Kay Upchurch, 4303 Princeton, Midland
 Alonzo Vasquez, 306 W.

Seventh St., Iraan
 Anthony A. Vasquez, 710 Willia, Big Spring
 Timothy Shea Wargo, 624 State, Big Spring
 Charles Watson, 804 W. I-20 Apt. 127, Big Spring
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 Michael Wade Welch, 700 S. Aylesford, Big Spring
 Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. 28, Big Spring
 Calvin Williams, 1313 Mulberry, Big Spring
 Mary Lou Wilson, 610 N.E. Ninth, Big Spring
 Frances Elena Yanez, 1610 Cardinal, Big Spring
 James Edward Young, 3313 Auburn, Big Spring
 Dennis Anthony Zaragoza, 4534 Sinclair, Big Spring
 Mary Esther Zubiata, 1103 S. 11th Place, Big Spring

Marriage Licenses:
 Fedencio E. Regino, 25, and Ashley Marie Gutierrez, 25, both of Big Spring.
 Christopher Michael Olivera, 37, and Laura Deanna Hernandez, 28, both of Big Spring.
 Tony DeLaGarza, 47, and Delores D. Shade, 50, both of Big Spring.
 Jessie D. Lugo, 27, and Alexandra R. Vejar, 25, both of Coahoma.
 Eric A. Kiker, 38, and Janey M. Murley, 37, both of Big Spring.
 Richard Whitesides, 47, and Jody L. Wilfong, 44, both of Colorado City.

District Court Filings:
 Susan Kraynik vs. Lauren Smith, protective order.
 In Re Elizabeth Loerine Woods, family.
 In Re Dallas Ranae Guzman, family.
 Portfolio Recovery Assoc. vs. Elena G. Rodriguez, civil.
 Landover Production Comp. vs. Discovery Operating Inc., civil.
 In Re Kylee Zane Borchadt, name change.
 Crownrock L.P. vs. George F. King, civil.
 Christopher Allen vs. Kristi D. Allen, divorce.
 In Re Dekaysha Lynett Parker, family.
 In Re Braxton Leon-James Brownfield, family.
 Crystal Gale Watkins vs. Jerry Don Watkins, divorce.
 Kassie Renee Carrillo vs. Jose Humberto Carrillo Jr., divorce.
 Tammy Lynn Kennedy vs. Russell Leon Kennedy, divorce.
 Dustina Dionne Withroder vs. Michael Harold Fields, divorce.
 Lisa Vera vs. Bod Patel, protective order.
 In Re Sarah E. Jones, family.
 In Re David S. Higgins, family.



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A ribbon cutting was held at Insure All of West Texas, located at 408 E. FM 700 Suite 1, in recognition of their membership to the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Stop in their location to find out more information about the services they provide.



Amanda Duforat photo

A-Healthy-Weigh, new Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce member, was recognized with a ribbon cutting Wednesday morning. The shop — which provides Herbalife health shakes and products — is located at 700 Runnels and is owned and operated by Heather and Jimmy Hopper. For more information about Herbalife or to find out hours of operation, call 432-213-5403.

TxDOT recognizes employees' efforts

ABILENE — The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) recently hosted its annual Safety Awards Banquet to recognize employees for outstanding efforts in vehicle, equipment and personal safety. Employees from the Howard County maintenance section and Big Spring area office were recognized for their years of service as safe operators (no vehicle or equipment incidents) and no injury. Maintenance employ-

ees receiving awards included Josh Caudill, Gino Cervantez, Gary Cole, Greg Cotton, Daniel DeHoyos, James Gilbert, Roy Gomez, Richard Kriesen, Ruth Leubner, Darrell Nichols, Ramon Ortega, Roberto Rios, Michael Shankles, Dale Sneed and Julian Valle. Area office staff who were recognized included Cassie Caudill, Doug Greshan, Kyle Lacey, Jimmy Marquez and David Wittie.

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 going on so that they can utilize our services as they need them without a whole lot of effort.”
 During the presentations, Knight will be speaking about doctor changes at the clinic and Gregg Street location,

new practices opening and some of the services provided at both locations.
 “Sometimes people forget that there are two locations for FMC and for those who haven't been to either location in a while might have missed some doctors leaving or may not know that new doctors have arrived,” Knight said. “My main hope is to get

people up to date on both locations so that we can better serve them when the time comes and they need our services.”
 Admission to the event is free, but reservations can be made by calling Duforat at 432-268-4842 or Anita Cline, Healthy Woman co-coordinator, at 432-268-4721. Reservations need to be made by 5 p.m. Nov. 26.

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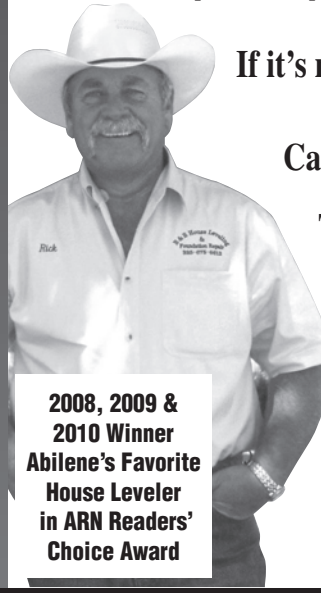
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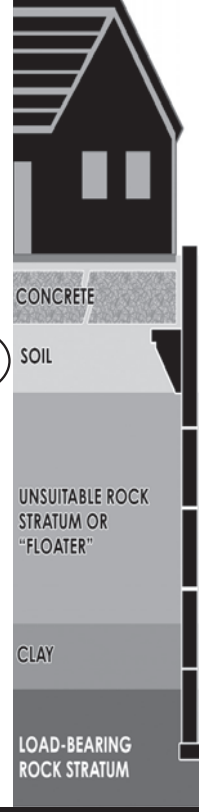
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's amazing how many people don't take action. You'll be different from most. You see an opportunity to improve yourself that seems almost too obvious to be real. It is real, and it will work for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Family members need you in ways they aren't saying. It's as though they expect you to read their minds. Can you blame them? You've proved to be pretty good at this in the past.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Having a good laugh at least once a day is a stress reducer. You may need to turn up the prescription to once every three hours over the next

few days to combat environmental tension producers.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's so much going on in your mind now that you'll have to trick yourself into staying present. Your sign mate Steve Martin once tweeted, "It's a beautiful day where I am. I only wish I were where I am."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Usually, you live by the mantra, "A place for everything and everything in its place." Yet there are some new additions to your possessions that have yet to find a good home. Figure it out today; you've a busy week ahead.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Though your family hasn't always gotten along, you feel that if you hold the intention of harmony, fun and togetherness, it will be enough to inspire peace. Indeed, your neutral, easygoing attitude will be contagious.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll give all of your energy to the things you want and simply ignore the rest. This produces a heavenly mood that you can ride into what promises to be a lovely evening.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Many people search for love without success. The fact that you have people in your life whom you love and who love you is one of the great blessings of a lifetime — and something you won't take for granted today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Someone will offer you a lot of advice. If you take this as a challenge, you quickly will get bogged down by the magnitude of it all. Instead, pick and choose what applies best to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The happy, easy energy you exude will open doors. You don't have to walk through those doors, but it's a free and wonderful feeling to know that you have the option.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Just when you think you know what you're looking for in a partner, someone will come along with a very different profile, and you'll be

strangely drawn in. This relationship will broaden your horizons.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 18). Your luck will change for the better. You'll strike a pleasing arrangement before Venus enters Sagittarius mid-December, and the financial benefit continues in 2013. Love comes to you in mysterious ways. It takes work and compromise to bring a joint project to fruition in February. You'll love the payoff. Aquarius and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 12, 19, 30 and 45.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: If you go by the retail calendar, Christmas starts earlier each year. Many major chain stores had Christmas merchandise out in September this year, and surveys suggest that a high percentage of shoppers started Christmas shopping long before Halloween. It may relieve some pressure and bring a degree of peace to know that the planets have a more dependable schedule. In celestial terms, the official start of the holiday season happens when the sun enters Sagittarius on Wednesday, and the spirit continues through the Capricorn solar rule.

The Aquarius moon at the start of the week reminds us that this is the time of year when lonely people need extra care and needy souls are more vulnerable to hardship. Mercury retrograde helps us remain judicious in our offerings so we can give where it will matter most.

As the nights grow longer and the days shore up, our human animal instincts emerge with the goal to find warmth. Seeing as most live in artificially heated environs, this instinct takes form on an emotional level, and we reach out to friends and family for support, fellowship, good will, good times and reassurance.

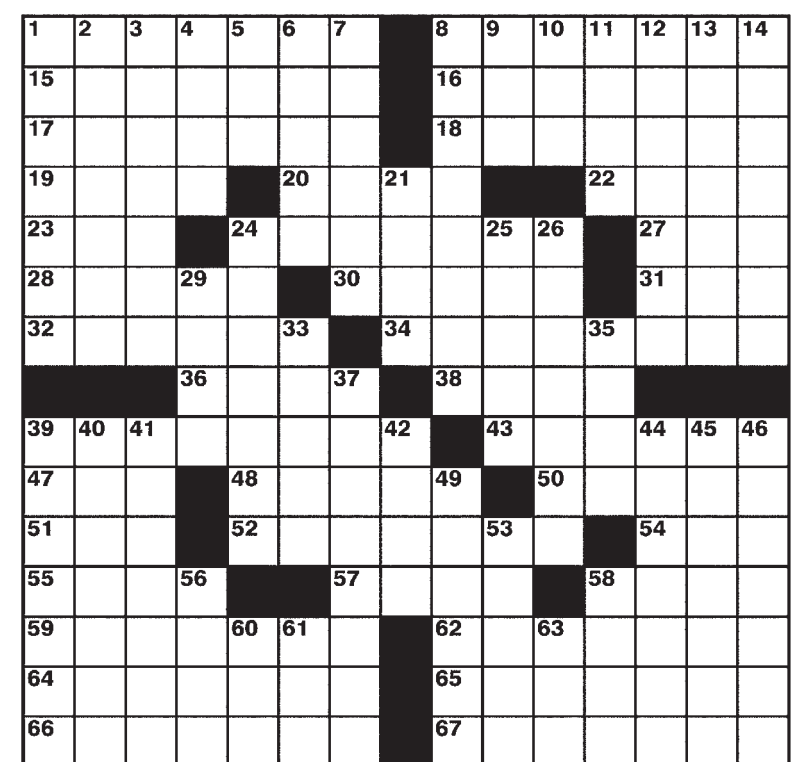
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Newsday Crossword

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TO: T. P. Weathered, J. Frank Atkinson, Jessie Robinson, and Georgiann Robinson if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of such person if he should be deceased, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, trustees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managers or other governing persons of the above named persons or entities, who own or claim some interest in the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lts 11-12, Bk 10, Original Town of Coahoma, Howard County, Texas: Assessed Value:\$1,000.00 Amt. owed-\$59.40

Lt 9, Bk 15, Saunders Addn., City of Coahoma, Howard County, Texas: Assessed Value:\$3,938.00 Amt. owed-\$233.97

A tract of land out of the NE/4 of Sc. 47, Bk 31, T&P, Ry. Co. Survey, T1N, Howard County, Texas: described by metes and bounds on the attached Exhibit "B", Assessed Value:\$6,440.00 Amt. owed-\$382.64

Lt 7, Bk 1, Donald Addn., City of Coahoma, Howard County, Texas: Assessed Value:\$20,513.00 Amt. owed-\$332.72

Lts 1-6, & N12.5 of Lt 7, Bk 11, Original Town of Coahoma, Howard County, Texas: Assessed Value:\$24,901.00 Amt. owed-\$1,479.50

Lt 3, Bk 22, Saunders Addn, City of Coahoma, Howard County, Texas: Assessed Value:\$7,800.00 Amt. owed-\$282.10

Lt 3, Bk 1, Donald Addn., City of Coahoma, Howard County, Texas: Assessed Value:\$20,926.00 Amt. owed-\$765.31

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$3,535.64, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against CJ FOWLER PROPERTIES, LLC, JOE G. FOWLER AKA JOE FOWLER AND CYNTHIA D. FOWLER AKA CINDY FOWLER and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on December 20, 2010 in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. CJ FOWLER PROPERTIES, LLC, JOE G. FOWLER AKA JOE FOWLER AND CYNTHIA D. FOWLER AKA CINDY FOWLER, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5928 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 17th day of December, 2012 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 1st day of November, A.D. 2012.

Jury Gomez
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#7568 November 11 & 18, 2012

Legals

Forsan Independent School District is soliciting proposals for CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT -AT- RISK (CMAR) Services for the following generally described scope of work:

- A. Construction of a new Field House with dressing rooms, training rooms and coaches offices. Building to be load bearing masonry with steel joists, metal deck and TPO roofing.
- B. A small load bearing masonry building with public toilets and concession.
- C. Alterations to existing Field House into a weight room area.

The design of the facilities is in progress and design development drawings will be presented at the pre-proposal conference.

Sealed proposals will be received by Mr. Randy Johnson, Superintendent, Forsan Independent School District, in the Boardroom of the Administration Office, 411 West 6th Street, Forsan, Texas 79733, until 4:00 p.m., local time, Thursday, December 4, 2012. They will then be opened and read aloud. Any proposals received after the deadline will be returned to the sender unopened.

Proposal Documents and related documents may be examined and acquired from the Architect beginning Monday, November 19, 2012:

Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc.
1700 W. Wall, Ste 100
Midland, TX 79701
432-267-1447

A mandatory pre-proposal conference will be held at Forsan ISD Administration Office, 411 West 6th Street, Forsan, Texas 79733 on Tuesday, November 27, 2012, at 4:00 p.m., local time.
#7578 November 18 & 25, 2012

Legals

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS The Big Spring Independent School District shall receive sealed bid proposals until 2:00 P.M., December 10, 2012, on the following:

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#7570 November 11 & 18, 2012

Legals

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of CAROLYN HANSON, Deceased, were issued on November 13, 2012, in Cause No. P-14119, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: BRITT CHASE HANSON.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: BRITT CHASE HANSON
P.O. Box 495
Osage Beach, Missouri 65065

DATED the 13th day of November, 2012.

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#7579 November 18, 2012

Legals

NOTICE OF SALE ABANDONED VEHICLE

In compliance with article 683.02 Transportation Code. I will proceed to sell at the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on **Wednesday November 28, 2012**, at 10:00 a.m. to the highest bidder.

Abandoned Motor Vehicles at the described locations and the times listed below.

- 1976 Chevy Pickup
Vin#CCL146J180007
Tag#0911HT5
- 1997 Plymouth Breeze
Vin#1P3EJ46C6VN681531
Tag#071WVR
- 1996 Isuzu Rodeo
Vin#4SCK58V1T4306582
Tag#4WVZB
- 1995 Saturn Ion
Vin#2E3HD56T8SH540730
Tag#FCS035
- 1996 Ford Pickup
Vin#2FTHF2516TCA16373
Tag#BD19879
- 1997 Dodge Intrepid
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Tag#EVL1169
- 2006 Ford F-150
Vin#1FTRX12W06NB63043
Tag#36JGS4
- 2005 Ford F-150
Vin#1FTRW08L53KB84560
Tag#237557
- Nissan Datsun
Vin#
Tag#

Any questions, please contact the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office.

The successful bidder upon payment of the money to The Glasscock County Sheriff's Office, is entitled to take possession of the vehicle and apply for a title free and clear of all liens and claims to ownership. All vehicles are sold as is, without warranty or guarantee of performance.
#7582 November 18 & 27, 2012

Annie's Mailbox®

Dear Annie: Not too long ago, my life was perfect: great marriage, good kids, well established in our community and a fantastic sex life. Three years ago, at the age of 49, my husband retired after a 30-year career in law enforcement. He retired with no plans, hobbies, friends or passions. Now our life is hell.

Four months before his retirement, my husband became stressed, and his entire personality changed. He has periods of obnoxious highs, but most days are violent lows. He sleeps 12 hours a day, has gained more than 50 pounds and complains constantly of health issues (although numerous doctor visits show nothing). He slams doors, throws things, is verbally abusive and makes threats of physical violence.

Everything he says is negative, and he spends a great deal of time making his family feel horrible and unworthy. He is paranoid and controlling. I quit my job in my mid-20s to be an at-home mom. He threatens to cut me off financially and reminds me

that it's his car, his home, his money. Prior to his retirement, we were happy, talked about everything and couldn't keep our hands off of each other. Now, we never talk, and sex happens twice a year. Everyone in the family has suggested he get help, but he says it's all our fault. People avoid us, we have no friends, and our kids steer clear. It breaks my heart.

I love my husband deeply, but cannot stand the monster he's become. How do I get this man help when he clearly does not want it? It's taking a terrible toll. — *Want My Husband Back*

Dear Want: Your husband may be bipolar, his retirement may have triggered severe depression, or his anxiety may have pushed him over the edge. But he needs professional assistance. His behavior sounds increasingly abusive, which could be dangerous to those around him. Since he seems willing to see a physician, please notify the doctor in advance of your husband's behavioral issues. Also contact NAMI (nami.org) and the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (dbsalliance.org). And we strongly recommend the National Domestic Violence Hotline (theline.org).



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: My best friend doesn't have a car. I give her rides to work, to the supermarket and out to eat. She knows my schedule, and sometimes I have to lie to her because all this chauffeuring becomes too much for me. When I'm not able to give her a ride, she calls me a liar and won't speak to me for days.

I've known her for 10 years. I love her and don't want to lose her friendship. What can I do? — *Male Best Friend in N.J.*

Dear N.J.: This "friend" is taking advantage of you. If you've had enough, tell her, "I can't afford to keep giving you rides unless you chip in for gas." Or, if driving her is simply inconvenient, you can tell her that (but nicely). It might help if you both try to remember that you are doing her a favor, and not the other way around. Her anger is manipulative, and you should not respond to that sort of blackmail.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Mom of Nos. 2 through 4," who wrote that her mother-in-law favors her oldest granddaughter.

My oldest sister, "Tara," was everything to my grandmother. My younger sister and I were just "there." It got worse as we got older, and we began resenting our grandmother. She could have had a very rich, loving life if she had treated us all alike. Instead, she never had the opportunity to know us and died a lonely woman. None of her grandchildren came to visit, and she often wondered why.

I guess what goes around really does come around. The mother-in-law will be the one who loses out. — *Made It Through and Doing Fine*

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Energen Resources Corporation, 3300 North "A" St, Bldg 4, Ste 100, Midland, Texas 79705 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Glorieta-Clearfork formation, A.M. Bell lease, Well Number(s) 74W. The proposed injection well(s) are located 7 miles East of Coahoma, in the latan, East Howard Field, in Howard County.

Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2400 to 3500 feet.

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

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).
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The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Glorieta-Clearfork formation, Murray B. lease, Well Number(s) 13W. The proposed injection well(s) are located 6 miles East of Coahoma, in the latan, East Howard Field, in Howard County.

Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2300 to 4000 feet.

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

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'Star Wars' figures, dominoes in Toy Hall of Fame



By CAROLYN THOMPSON

Associated Press

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Luke Skywalker and Princess Leia outmuscled little green army men for a spot in the National Toy Hall of Fame. "Star Wars" action figures join centuries-old dominoes in the class of 2012, which was announced by the Rochester hall Thursday.

A national selection committee chose them from among 12 finalists, plucking the most ancient and most modern toys from the list.

"Star Wars" action figures went on the market in 1978, following the 1977 release of the 20th Century Fox movie. The 3 3/4-inch figures of Han Solo, Chewbacca, R2-D2 and company were sold until 1985 and again from the mid-1990s to today.

Museum officials say their phenomenal popularity inspired other toy makers to tie their products to movies and television series and they note the

toys' appeal extends to adults who continue to collect them.

"They are a force to be reckoned with," said Patricia Hogan, curator at The Strong museum, which houses the Toy Hall of Fame.

More than 20 lines of "Star Wars" figures have launched, propelling the film series' merchandise sales to \$20 billion over the past 35 years. The action figures were first made by Kenner, which was bought by Tonka and later Hasbro.

Dominoes originated in China in the 1300s and appeared later in Europe in a slightly different form. A standard set of 28 tiles represents all possible results when rolling a pair of six-sided dice, with the addition of two blank sides. Although there's a variety of ways to play with them, the cascading toppling of lined-up tiles put the "domino effect" into the American lexicon.

The toys beat out plastic green army men, the board game Clue, the Fisher-Price Corn Popper, Lite-Brite, the Magic 8 Ball, the pogo stick, sidewalk chalk, the electronic game Simon, the tea set and Twister.

Officials at the Toy Hall of Fame say anyone can nominate a toy and thousands of suggestions come in every

Congratulations to the 2012 Inductees—
Dominoes and
Star Wars Action Figures!



year. An internal committee of curators, educators and historians chooses the finalists and then a national selection committee votes for the winners.

To date, 49 toys have made the cut. They range from classics, like Play-Doh and Slinky, to the less

obvious, like the stick and cardboard box.

Longevity is a key criterion for getting into the 14-year-old hall. Each toy must be widely recognized, foster learning, creativity or discovery through play, and endure in popularity over generations.

"Play is an essential activity, critical to learning and to human development," said Christopher Bensch, The Strong's vice president of collections. "Play is also a window into understanding American culture."

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Dear Margo: When molestation is a memory

Dear Margo: It's hard for me to even type this, as it's been hush-hush for so long, but I was abused by my grandfather between the ages of 3 and 5. I only remember a few things distinctly:

He would put his hands up my dress and rub my belly, and lick the inside of my ears. I remember feeling something was very wrong and pulling my dress down while telling him, "No!"

Thankfully, for whatever blessed reason, it stopped. It was still fresh in my mind, however, when I was between 7 and 10, as I made up "rules" for myself to not initiate conversation, to respond with short sentences and to attempt to avoid any physical contact when going to visit him and his girlfriend, now wife. They moved to another part of the country when I was 12, and I've only seen them a handful of times since.

I'm now a 20-something college graduate, happily engaged and living far away from all of

them.

Several months ago, my father brought up the memories during a visit, apologizing for not doing something about it at the time, but in the same breath saying it was not molestation, and that it must have been misunderstood because there was no way his father meant it as anything but innocent playing with his first granddaughter. It took my breath away as a sea of memories came back.

I'm close with my parents, so during a discussion with my mother, I brought up my father's reminding me of those events that I had essentially wiped from my memory. My mother became very emotional and confided that my father's sister also had been molested, but as a teenager.

My mother also expressed sympathy that she felt unable to protect me from my grandfather, and that my father did not stand up to my grandfather.

I'm planning a wedding now and am reluc-

tant to have this man around kids. (Many of our friends have young children who will be there.) Should I invite him to the wedding? I have never sought counseling for this, but maybe it would be helpful. — A. C.

Dear A.: You sound as though you have dealt with this situation well and are remarkably sanguine about your parents. But if you feel there's residual angst about this, by all means, see a therapist. As for the wedding, do not invite the perv, I mean Gramps. The statement will be understood by those who need to understand, and I find the exclusion a mature response and one which I hope brings you quiet satisfaction. — Margo, *beneficially*

Six Brothers, One Watch...

Dear Margo: I'm a 40-year-old man, the youngest of six brothers. Our father recently passed away. My oldest brother, "Hal," went through Dad's things

the day after the funeral. Five years ago, it was common knowledge that I had given Dad a nice watch. Now that he is gone, I was hoping for that watch to come back to me. I asked about the watch and am not getting any straight answers. Now I'm starting to believe one of the other brothers has it and is keeping quiet. Should I just let this go to keep the peace in the family or press to find out who decided to keep it for himself? — *Sad in New Jersey*

Dear Sad: My guess as to the new owner of the good watch would be Hal, but I'm not sure how you could "press to find out" short of searching his house. It is too bad only one brother went to the house, but that's what happened. Though it's cold comfort, there are often hard feelings when there is anything to be inherited. — *Margo, realistically*

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A Deducible Deduction

East dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ Q J 9 4

♥ A 3

♦ 9 6

♣ K 9 8 7 2

WEST

♠ 6 2

♥ K J 7 5 4

♦ K Q J 10

♣ 10 3

EAST

♠ 7 5

♥ 10 9 8 2

♦ A 7 4 3

♣ Q J 6

SOUTH

♠ A K 10 8 3

♥ Q 6

♦ 8 5 2

♣ A 5 4

The bidding:

East South West North

Pass 1♠ Pass 3♠

Pass 4♠

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

The most difficult part of declarer play is to determine how the defenders' cards are divided and where certain key cards are located. Fortunately, there are clues in almost every hand that should enable declarer to achieve this goal and so allow him to attain the maximum result possible.

Consider this case where South failed to take advantage of a significant clue. West led the king of diamonds, which held, and continued

with the ten, won by East with the ace. East returned the ten of hearts, covered by the Q-K-A. South later lost a heart and a club, and so went down one.

On the surface, it seems that South did nothing wrong. He had four losers, and he lost them. But it is not that cut-and-dried. The fact is that South missed his cue when he covered East's ten of hearts with the queen. He should have played the six instead!

Undoubtedly, he played the queen in the hope of finding East with the king. However, this was not a realistic view, since the defenders could have arranged for West to be on lead at trick three instead of East, and would have done so if East had had the king of hearts. Their plays clearly indicated that West had the king.

Had South played the six on the ten, he could have made the contract by taking the ace, drawing trumps, ruffing a diamond in dummy, cashing the A-K of clubs and then leading a heart to the queen.

West would take the king, but, with only hearts and diamonds left, he would be forced to return one or the other. This would allow declarer to ruff in dummy while discarding his remaining club, and the seemingly unmakeable contract would come sailing home.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.

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Twinkies reach end of the line

NEW YORK (AP) — Twinkies may not last forever after all.

Hostess Brands Inc., the maker of iconic childhood treats including Ding Dongs, Wonder Bread and Drakes, is winding down its operations after struggling to keep up with rising labor costs and the ever-changing tastes of Americans, who have grown accustomed to a dizzying array of new snacks flooding supermarket aisles every year.

The company, whose roster of brands date as far back as 1888, filed a motion to liquidate Friday with U.S. Bankruptcy Court after striking workers across the country crippled its ability to maintain production.

Hostess CEO Greg Rayburn said in an interview that there was no buyer waiting in the wings to rescue the company. But without giving details, he said that there has been interest in some of its 30 brands, which include Dolly Madison and Nature's Pride snacks. Experts agreed that it was likely the biggest brands would survive.

Hostess, based in Irving, Texas, filed for Chapter 11 protection in January, its second trip through bankruptcy court in less than three years. Unlike many of its competitors, Hostess had been saddled with high pension, wage and medical costs related to its unionized workforce. The company also faced intensifying competition from larger companies such as Mondelez International, the former snack unit of Kraft Foods that makes Oreos, Chips Ahoy and Nabisco.

The shuttering of Hostess means the loss of about 18,500 jobs. Hostess said employees at its 33 factories were sent home and operations suspended Friday. Its roughly 500 bakery outlet stores will stay open for several days to sell remaining products.

The move to liquidate comes after a long battle with its unions. Thousands of members of the Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers International Union went on strike last week after rejecting a contract offer that slashed wages and benefits. The bakers union represents about 30 percent of the company's workforce.

A representative for the bakers union did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Although many workers decided to cross picket lines this week, Hostess said it wasn't enough to keep operations at normal levels; three plants were closed earlier this week. Rayburn said Hostess was already operating on thin margins and that the strike was a final blow.

"The strike impacted us in terms of cash flow. The plants were operating well below 50 percent capacity and customers were not getting products," Rayburn said.

The company had reached a contract agreement with its largest union, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, which this week urged the bakery union to hold a secret ballot on whether to continue striking.

Ken Hall, general secretary-treasurer for the Teamsters, said his union members decided to make concessions after hiring consultants who found the company's financials were in a dire situation.

"We believed there was a pathway for this company to return to profitability," Hall said, noting that the liquidation could've been prevented if the bakery union had agreed some concessions as well.

Although Hall agreed that it was unlikely anyone would buy the entire company, he said "people are going to look for some fire sale prices" for some of the brands. For now, he expects Hostess products will be on shelves for another week or so.

"Frankly it's tragic, particularly at this time of year with the holidays around the corner," Hall said, noting that his 6,700 members at Hostess were now out of a job.

Kenneth McGregor, a shipper for Hostess in East Windsor, Conn., arrived at the plant Friday morning and said he was told he was laid off immediately.

He blamed the bakery workers union for rejecting a proposed contract.

"They screwed us big time," he said.

In a statement on the company website, CEO Rayburn said there would be "severe limits" on the assistance the company could offer workers because of the bankruptcy. The liquidation hearing will go before a bankruptcy judge Monday afternoon; Rayburn said he's confident the judge will approve the motion.

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aren't entering the economy as early as their counterparts did a generation ago, he explains.

Meanwhile, famous faces aren't leaving the stage as they age: Morton points to the popularity of Paul McCartney at the Olympics and Bruce Springsteen on the presidential campaign trail. Even James Bond is 50 — and actor Daniel Craig, who portrays him, is 44.

Just passing a newsstand in Manhattan, Morton noted the celebrities on the covers of the glossy magazines — Jessica Alba, Eva Longoria and David Beckham, all in their 30s, and "everyone else was even older."

And saying something is "modern" or "contemporary" is no longer shorthand for "young."

"You look at the Apple store. It's what contemporary life looks like, but there's not an upper age limit on it. ... There was an assumption of people growing out of things, but that's not happening," Morton says.

Adam Glassman, creative director of O, The Oprah Magazine, says more people are comfortable in their own skin. Women aren't necessarily using fashion and beauty as a tool to look younger, he observes. Instead, they're using those tools to be the best 40-, 50- or 60-year-old they can be.

"When young people wear it, they looked pulled together, polished. When older women wear it — and, yes, they do have to be careful

about going too far this way or they risk looking a bit like a dowager — they like the trends of being more covered, the return to hosiery and vintage jewelry. A lot of women appreciate sleeves on dresses," he says.

Younger women are learning that sophistication doesn't mean matronly, and they're seeing these grown-up styles as a fast track to confidence and credibility, Glassman says.

One might think the plugged-in culture that allows one to run a business from a local coffee shop is an excuse to dress down, but it's not Kneen says. "You're never doing just one thing. You have to prepare yourself for the unexpected: What meeting you'll be called into unexpectedly, who you'll bump into, if you'll have coffee with a friend or go from there to dinner."

He adds: "It's just easier to be a little dressed up."

Knowing you look the part of a responsible, respectable adult can make you stand a little straighter, says Jacqueline Durran, the costume designer of "Anna Karenina." She worked with Kneen on looks inspired by the film to be sold at Banana Republic during the holiday season.

"As I see with my working in costuming, the act of simply putting on a piece of clothing can truly transform someone's attitude and make them carry themselves in a different way," says Durran. "This obviously translates beyond acting to everyday dressing, which is about feeling confident in what you're wearing and looking poised in all situations."

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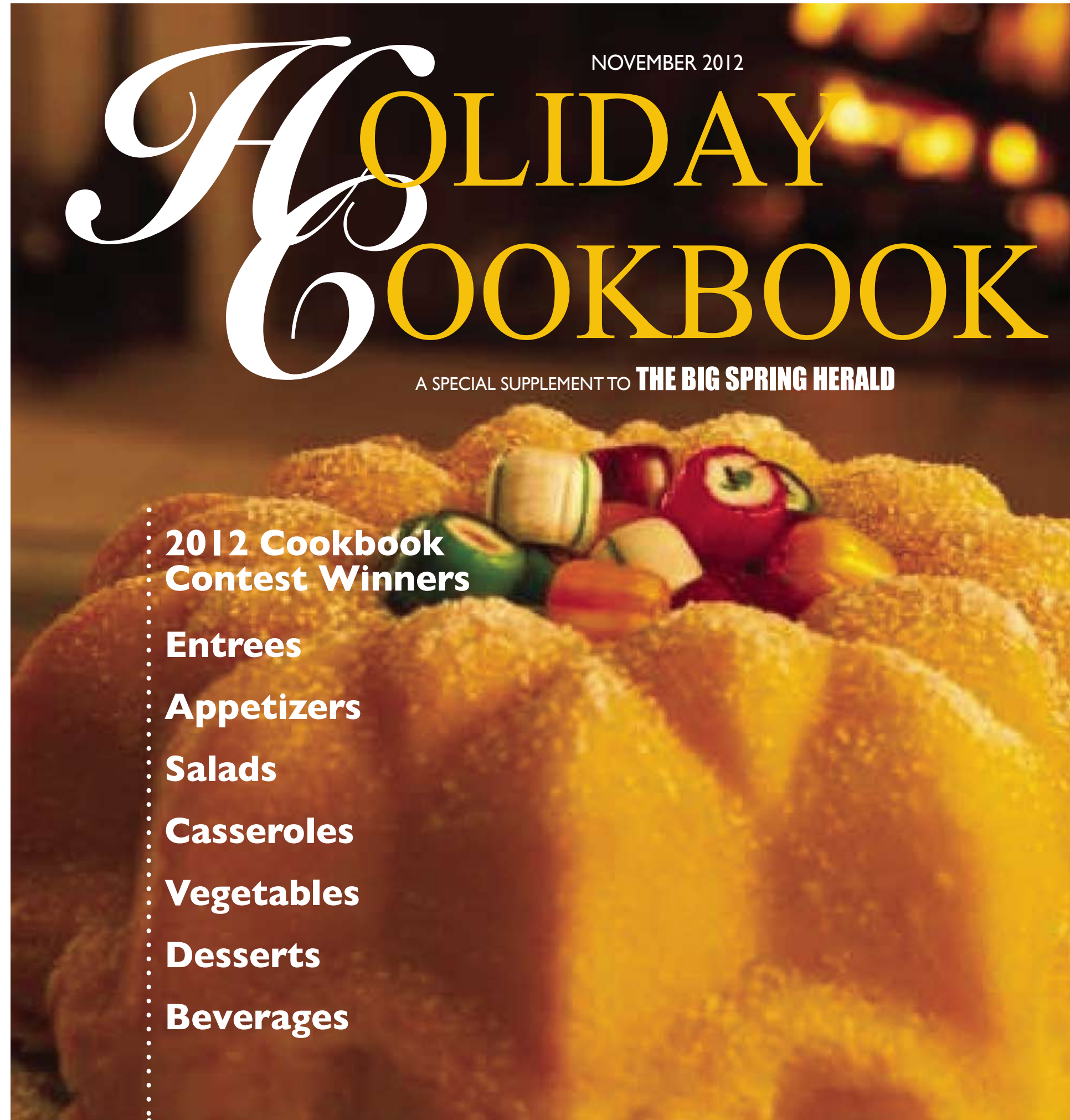
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Desserts

Cranberry-Orange Bread

2 c. sifted flour
1 c. sugar
1 ½ t. baking powder
½ t. soda
1 t. salt
2 c. fresh cranberries, cut in halves

1 orange, juice and grated peel
2 T. melted shortening
1 egg, well beaten
Sift together the first five ingredients. Add nuts and cranberries. Combine orange juice, grated peel and shortening in a measuring cup and add enough water to fill cup ¾ full. Stir in beaten egg. Pour mixture into the dry ingredients and stir just to mix.

Spoon mixture into a greased (9"x5"x2") loaf pan, spreading evenly, but making the corners and sides a little higher than the center.

Bake in a moderate oven (350°) about one hour. Remove from pan and cool on a rack.

Not a dessert bread necessarily. This is the favorite Christmas bread from a friend in Wisconsin who grows cranberries. The bread freezes well.

— Mamie Lee Dodds

Walnut-Date Bread

¾ cup walnuts finely chopped
1 cup sliced dates
1 ½ tsp. soda
½ tsp. salt
¼ cup shortening
¾ cup boiling water
2 eggs
½ tsp. vanilla
1 cup sugar
1 ½ cups flour

Combine nuts, dates, soda and salt in a mixing bowl. Add shortening and boiling water. Let stand 15 minutes, stir to blend. Beat eggs slightly, add vanilla. Stir in sugar and flour and stir until dry ingredients are moistened. (Very stiff mixture). Add to date mixture, mixing until well blended. Grease 4 empty soup cans. (10 ½ or 11 oz. size). Pour batter into cans, filling 2/3 full. Cover with aluminum foil. Bake at 350° 25 minutes. Remove foil and bake 10 minutes longer or until center tests done. Cool 15 minutes and remove from cans. Cool completely.

— Mamie Lee Dodds

Pineapple Nut Bread

2 ½ cups flour
1 cup sugar
½ t. salt
¼ t. ginger
1 ½ cups rice chey cereal crushed to ¾ cup
½ cup chopped nuts
1 egg slightly beaten
2 T. vegetable oil
1 can (8 oz) unsweetened crushed pineapple undrained
¼ cup water
Preheat oven to 350°. Grease 8

1/2x4 ½ x2 ½ inch loaf pan.

Mix together flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and spices. Stir in chex and nuts. Combine egg, oil, pineapple and water. Add to dry ingredients all at once. Stir just until thoroughly moistened. Spread evenly in pan. Bake 65-70 minutes or until tester inserted in center comes out clean. Let cool 15 minutes before removing from pan.

Makes 1 loaf.

— Mamie Lee Dodds



Desserts

Carrot Pecan Cake

1 ½ c. salad oil
2 c. sugar
2 c. sifted flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. soda
1 tsp. salt
2 tsp. cinnamon
4 eggs
3 c. grated raw carrots
1 c. finely chopped pecans
Orange Glaze
Combine oil and sugar & mix well. Sift together remaining dry ingredients. Sift half of dry ingredients into sugar mixture; blend. Sift remaining dry ingredients alternately with eggs, one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Add carrots and mix well; mix in pecans. Pour into lightly oiled 10" tube pan. Bake in slow oven (325°) about 1 hour and 10 minutes. Cool in pan upright. Remove from pan. Split cake into 3 horizontal layers. Spread orange glaze between layers and on top and sides.

Orange Glaze
1 cup sugar
¼ cup cornstarch
1 cup orange juice
1 tsp. lemon juice
2 Tbsp. butter
2 Tbsp. grated orange peel
½ tsp. salt

Combine sugar and cornstarch in saucepan. Add juices slowly and stir until smooth. Add remaining ingredients. Cook over low heat until thick and glossy. Cool and spread on cake.

The cake freezes well before glazing. If frozen, thaw 2 hrs. in wrapper before glazing.

— Mamie Lee Dodds

Breakfast in a Cookie

½ c. whole bran cereal
½ c. orange juice
1 ½ cubes butter (¾ cup), softened
¼ c. sugar
1 egg
¼ cup honey
1 ½ tsp. vanilla
1 c. flour
1 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. soda
½ tsp. salt
1/3 cup non-fat dry milk
2 tps. grated orange peel
1 c. rolled oats
1 c. chopped nuts
1 c. raisins

Combine cereal and orange juice in a bowl. Let stand. Combine butter, sugar, egg, honey and vanilla. Blend with soaked cereal. Sift flour, baking powder, soda, salt and milk with the bran mixture, add orange peel, oats, nuts and raisins.

Mix well and make drop cookies. Bake at 375° for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. Makes 4 dozen cookies.

— Mamie Lee Dodds

Molasses – Cranberry Pudding

3 cup flour
½ cup sugar
2 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
2 tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. ginger
2 ½ cups cranberries
1 cup unsulphured molasses
¾ cup warm water
¼ cup melted butter

Sift together flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and spices. Stir in cranberries. Combine molasses, water and butter; stir into flour mixture. Pour into a greased 9x13 inch pan, or into 2-8 inch square pans. Bake at 350° 20-25 minutes. Serve with nutmeg sauce or ice cream or whipped cream.

Nutmeg Sauce
1 T. cornstarch
1 cup sugar
¼ t. salt
1 ¼ cups water
2 T. butter
¾ t. nutmeg

Combine first three ingredients in a sauce pan; stir in water. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until mixture thickens and comes to a boil. Remove from heat, stir in butter and nutmeg.

Yields about 1 ½ cups.

— Mamie Lee Dodds

Date Oatmeal Cake

1 cup quick-cooking oats
1 ½ cups dates, cut in pieces
1 ½ cups boiling water
1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1 cup sugar
¾ cup shortening
3 eggs
2 cups sifted flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1 ½ tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. cinnamon

Lemon Butter Cream Frosting
Place oats and dates in bowl; pour water over all; stir; let stand 20 minutes. Gradually add sugar to shortening, creaming well. Add eggs, one at a time, beating after each addition.

Stir in oatmeal mixture. Sift together flour, baking powder, salt, soda and cinnamon. Add to above mixture and mix well.

Pour into (13"x9"x2") paper-lined pan. Bake in moderate oven 350° 45-50 minutes. Cool on rack.

Frost with Lemon Butter Cream Frosting

¼ cup soft butter or margarine
¼ tsp. grated lemon peel
2 cups sifted confectioners sugar
2 Tbsps. lemon juice
Cream butter and lemon rind. Add sugar and lemon juice alternately, creaming until spreading consistency.

— Mamie Lee Dodds

Appetizer

Okra Roll-Ups

2 Jars pickled okra
1 b. sliced ham (long package not square)
1 8 oz soft cream cheese
garlic powder to taste
Mix garlic powder and cream cheese. Take ham out one slice at a time and put on paper towel and pat dry. Drain the okra and cut off both ends of the okra. I turn the okra and stand it up on the big end that I cut off and let it drain on a paper a few minutes. Take a piece of ham and spread on a layer of cream cheese. Then take the okra line up on one edge of the ham. Sometimes it takes more than one piece of okra to fill up the length of the ham. Once you have your okra the length of the ham, roll it up with the seam side down then it is ready to slice into bite-size pieces.

— Donna Wright

Halloween Pumpkin Cheese Ball

1 6oz package cream cheese
2 cups grated cheddar cheese
3 tablespoons minced onion
1 teaspoon ground cumin
2 cups nacho cheese tortilla chips, crumpled
top of bell pepper for garnish (stem).

3 tablespoons salsa
In mixer, combine cream cheese, cheddar cheese, onion, salsa and cumin until creamy. Scoop mixture into plastic wrap to form a ball. Chill for at least 2 hours. When ready to serve, roll in crumbled tortilla chips and top with bell pepper steam to resemble a pumpkin stem.

— Loma Jean Wynn

Sausage Bread

350° 30 min.
1 pound sausage
1 can Grade biscuits
9 eggs (beat well)
2 cups grated cheddar cheese
Brown sausage and cool. Add eggs and cheese. Tear biscuits (six pices for 1 biscuit). Mix all together. Pour into well greased Bundt pan.

— Sue Tindol

Sausage Cups

serves about 30
1 pound ground sausage
2 packages mini fillo shells
1 cup Monterey Jack Cheese, shredded
1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded
½ cup ranch dressing
preheat oven to 350°
crumble sausage into a medium skillet. Cook over medium heat until browned. Drain. Set aside to cool slightly.
Arrange fillo sheets on a parchment lined cookie sheet.
Mix cooled sausage cheeses and ranch dressing together.
Fill fillo shells. Bake for 10 minutes until bubbly.

This is great for those holiday parties as well as a great brunch appetizer4

— Ellen Austin

Oyster Crackers

15oz Oyster Crackers (I buy Great Value brand, use 1 and ½ bags)
1 cup canola oil
1 package of original ranch dressing – dry

Add seasoning of your liking, I use: garlic powder, onion powder, lemon pepper and cayenne pepper.
Put Oyster Crackers in a a cake pan. Put all the other ingredients in a small saucepan and heat up but don't boil. Stir the whole time you are heating it up. Pour over oyster crackers and stir well. Put in a 350° oven for about 15 to 20 minutes. Stir about every 5-10 minutes.

— Jacque Moore



Joel's Hot Salsa

4-28oz. cans mini petit diced tomatoes
2 medium onions
10 large jalapeno pepper
5 habanera peppers
10 cloves of garlic
salt to taste

Puree one can of tomatoes with the solid (chopped) ingredients. May have to puree several batches to get it all chopped up. Pour puree and remaining tomatoes into a large sauce pan and cook over medium heat 45 minute, stirring to prevent sticking. While cooking, wash and sterilize 8 pint canning jars and lids. Fill each jar with in 1/2 inch of top. Wipe rim of jar before loosely attaching the lid and ring. After filling the jars, put into a pre-heated water bath, making sure all jars are covered with 1 inch of boiling water. Boil jars and contents for 45 minutes. As soon as the jars are taken out of the boiling waters, seal them tightly by screwing the ring top down. (Caution, use towels to tighten the rings and holding the jar.)

This make very hot sauce (runny nose and sweating). Peppers may be adjusted to suit taste. I make one jar for my wife using only ¼ jalapeno pepper per pint and no habaneras. I use plastic gloves while chopping peppers.

— Joel Miller

Cranberry Walnut Relish

make 1 quart relish
2 1-lb cans whole berry cranberry sauce
1 cup toasted, coarsely chopped walnuts or almonds
1 cup orange marmalade
1 T lemon juice
Empty cranberry sauce into a bowl. Spread walnuts into a shallow pan. Toast in 350° oven 15 minutes. Stir together cranberry sauce, marmalade and walnuts. Chill. Serve as meat accompaniment

— Mamie Lee Dodds

Black Bean Corn Salsa

2 cups black bean, drained
½ cup sliced green onion
1 cup chopped tomatoes
2 cups whole kernel corn, drained
½ to 1 t ground cumin
½ t chopped jalapeno pepper
salt to taste
Combine ingredients in a small bowl. Serve with corn chips.

— AD Dodds III



Cranberry Corn Relish

1 can whole cranberry sauce
1 can whole kernel corn, drained
¼t cinnamon
¼t cloves
¼ cup vinegar
¼ cup minced onion
1t prepared horseradish
Combine all ingredients except horseradish in a saucepan. Simmer for 14 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove form heat; stir in horseradish. Chill. Makes about 2 ½ cups.

— AD Dodds III



Casseroles

Meat Loaf Supreme

1 lb. ground beef
1 clove garlic, minced
1 can (10 ¾ oz.) condensed vegetable soup
1 can (10 ¾ oz.) condensed Golden Mushroom Soup
1 Tbsp. Worcestershire Sauce
2 cups water
3 Tbsp. butter
¾ cups milk
2 cups instant mashed potato flakes

Cook beef and garlic in 10" skillet on high – medium heat until beef is well browned. Pour off and discard any fat. Stir beef, vegetable soup, ½ can mushroom soup in a 3 quart shallow baking dish.

Heat the remaining soup, water and batter in a 2 qt. saucepan over medium-high heat to a boil. Remove sauce pan and stir in the milk.

Slowly stir in the potatoes, spoon the potatoes over the beef mixture. Bake at 400 for 20 minutes or until potatoes are lightly browned.

— Loma Jean Wynn



Preacher's Casserole

1 lb. ground beef
4 medium onions, chopped
2 cups finely chopped celery
2 cups chow mein noodles
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 can tomato soup
1 ½ cups water
1 tsp. chili powder
Set aside ¼ cup of noodles for topping.

Brown meat, add onions and celery, cook until transparent. Mix other ingredients, salt and pepper to taste.

Pour into greased casserole; top with crushed noodles and bake at 350° for 45 minutes.

— AD Dodds III

Baked Grits With Cheese

1 small onion, chopped
2 T. butter
2 cups water
Salt
½ cup grits
½ t. Tabasco Sauce
Dash of pepper
¾ lb. grated cheddar cheese
2 egg whites, stiffly beaten
¼ lb. grated cheddar cheese
Saute onion in batter until clear.

In a heavy sauce pan, boil 2 cups water. Slowly add a little salt and grits. Reduce heat and cook 3 minutes or until mixture is thick. Remove from heat and add the onions, Tabasco Sauce, pepper, and ¾ lb. cheese. Fold in egg whites. Turn mixture into a lightly greased casserole. Sprinkle with the ¼ lb. cheese. Bake at 400° for 30 minute.

Serves 6.

— Mamie Lee Dodds



Celery Au Gratin

6 cups sliced celery (about 2 bunches)
1 package, (9 oz.) sharp cheddar cheese
Salt
½ cup butter (1 stick)
2 cups coarse soft bread crumbs (4 slices)
2 T. flour
½ t. salt
1/8 t. salt
2 cups milk
2 T. grated Parmesan cheese

Cook celery in boiling water in medium-size saucepan, 14 minutes. Drain. Shed enough of the cheese to make 1 ½ cups; cut the remaining into small cubes; set aside.

Melt butter in medium size saucepan; measure out 4 tablespoons and drizzle over bread crumbs in a small bowl; toss lightly to mix.

Sift flour, salt and pepper into remaining melted butter in a saucepan; cook, stirring constantly until bubbly. Stir in milk, continue cooking and stirring until sauce thickens and boil 1 minute.

Stir in cheese until melted (shredded) then Parmesan and celery. Spoon into shallow 8 cup baking dish. Sprinkle with bread crumbs & cheese cubes. Bake at 350° 15 minutes.

— Mamie Lee Dodds

Desserts

Butterfinger Pie

3 large Butterfingers – crushed
1 – 12 oz. carton Cool Whip
1 – large Graham Cracker Crust
Fold crushed Butterfingers into entire carton of Cool Whip. Mix well – gently – pour into Graham Cracker Crust.
Place in freezer overnight. Return any unused portion to freezer.
Gloria McDonald

Fluffy Pumpkin Pie

1 – can pumpkin
1 – can Eagle Brand Milk
1 – small instant vanilla pudding mix
1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
1 cup Cool Whip
1 graham cracker crust
Mix first four (4) ingredients. Fold in Cool Whip. Pour into Graham Cracker Crust. Place in refrigeration.
— Gloria McDonald

Cake Cookies

1 box white or yellow cake mix
1 – 8 oz. brick cream cheese
1 – stick butter – room temp *(Do not substitute)
1 – tsp. vanilla
1 – egg
Mix all ingredients & chill for 2 hours or freeze for 40 minutes. Roll into golf size balls. Roll balls in powder sugar. Bake 12-15 min. - 350°. May sprinkle with powder sugar when done.
— Gloria McDonald

Hopscotch Candy

½ cup peanut butter
1 cup package butterscotch morsels
1 3 oz (2 cups) La Choy Chows Mein Noodles
2 cups Kraft Miniature Marshmallows
Combine in top of double boiler: peanut butter, butterscotch & place over hot (not boiling) water until butterscotch melts. Stir until blended. Add chow mein noodles & marshmallows & stir until well coated.

Drop by spoonful onto wax paper. Chill until set. Yields approx 30.

— Gloria McDonald

Angel Food Puffs

½ cup carbonated orange flavored drink (can use strawberry or lemon-lime)
½ tsp. almond extract
1 – 16 oz. box Angel Food Cake Mix
Cooking spray.
Preheat oven to 350°
Combine 1st 3 ingredients in large mixing bowl.
Beat with mixer at medium speed until smooth
Drop batter by heaping teaspoon onto baking sheet – sprayed with cooking spray.
Bake for 9 minutes – or until light brown. Remove from pan immediately.
— Gloria McDonald

Al's Apple and Cranberry Bread Pudding

12 Croissants, store bought
1 Granny Smith Apple – diced
½ cup dried cranberries
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup heavy cream
4 eggs
2 egg whites
1 tablespoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon nutmeg
2 capfuls French Vanilla Extract
Tear croissants into small pieces in a large bowl. Mix in rest of ingredients. Bake in a sprayed 13x9 pan, uncovered, for 1 hr. @ 350°
Vodka Sauce:

Cook alcohol off of 2 shots of whipped cream vodka in an 8 in. sauce pan. Melt in ½ lb. unsalted butter. Whisk in 1 cup powdered sugar, slowly until a smooth consistency is reached.
Serve bread pudding hot with vodka sauce drizzled over the top.
Enjoy!
— Alfonso Baca III



White Chocolate Bread Pudding

2 loaves day old French Bread
½ lb. of white chocolate chips
2 cups sugar
1 Tbs. cinnamon
1 tsp. nutmeg
2 quarts heavy cream
10 eggs
8 egg yolks
3 capfuls French Vanilla Extract
Tear bread into small pieces in a large bowl. Mix in all the dry ingredients. Add wet ingredients.

Let sit for 30 minutes before baking in a sprayed 13x9 pan, uncovered, for one hour @ 325°
Rum Sauce:
Cook alcohol off of 1 ½ cups of spiced rum in an 8 in. sauce pan. Melt 1 lb. unsalted butter in rum. Whisk in 1 lb. powdered sugar, slowly, until a smooth consistency is reached.

Serve Bread Pudding hot with rum sauce drizzled over the top.
Enjoy

— Alfonso Baca III

Puppy Chow

(for kids)
1 – 12 oz. bag chocolate chips
1/3 – cup peanut butter
6 cups Crispix Cereal
1 cup powdered sugar
Place chocolate in a large bowl & microwave for 1 minute. Stir until chips are melted. Add peanut butter. Stir. Pour cereal into a large bowl. Pour chocolate mixture over cereal. Spoon sugar into a large Ziploc bag. Add cereal mixture & shake.

Kids love this & perfect for road trips.

— Gloria McDonald

Wesson Oil Cake

2 cups flour
2 cups sugar
2 tsp. baking soda
½ cup cocoa (plus two spoons)
1 ½ cup Wesson Oil
1 cup buttermilk
2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
Mix all ingredients and then add one cup of hot water to the mixture, mix well. Pour into a greased 9x13 pan and bake 40-45 minutes at 350 degrees.

Icing:

1 cup sugar
3 Tbsp. cocoa (plus a little more)
Dash of salt
1 cup milk

Cook until almost thick and real glossy. Add 1 tsp. vanilla and 3 Tbsp. butter, stir until mixed thoroughly. Punch holes with a fork in the cake while still hot. Pour the icing over the cake while both are still hot. Enjoy!

— Jacque Moore

Cactus Candy

1 Cactus Leaf
3 c. sugar
¼ c. water
2 T. orange rind
1 T. lemon juice
Remove the spines from cactus leaf, peel and cut into half inch pieces.

Cover with water and soak overnight. Drain and cut the pieces into cubes. Add sugar, water, orange juice and lemon juice. Cook until the syrup is absorbed. Just before the syrup is completely absorbed, you can add food coloring if desired. Watch carefully while it cooks. Dry the pieces on racks, the drier it becomes, the longer it will keep.

— A.D. Dodds III

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Desserts

Pumpkin Crisp

Serves about 20
2 cans pumpkin (15 oz.)
3 eggs
1 can evaporated milk
1 ¼ cups sugar – 1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon ginger
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
1 yellow cake mix
1 cup chopped pecans
1 ½ cup butter
1-8 oz. carton cool whip
Ground nutmeg
Stir together the first 8 ingredients.

Pour into a lightly greased 13x9 inch baking dish.

Sprinkle cake mix evenly over the pumpkin mixture.

Sprinkle pecans over the cake mix.

Drizzle melted butter over the pumpkin mix, cake mix and pecans.

Bake at 350° for 1 hour. Let stand 10 minutes or until cool.

Top with cool whip. Sprinkle nutmeg on top of cool whip.

— *Loma Jean Wynn*

Special “Kookies”

1 cup brown sugar
1 cup white Karo
1 ½ cups crunchy peanut butter
4 ½ cups Special “K” Cereal
Bring brown sugar & Karo to a rolling boil. Add peanut butter – stir until peanut butter melts.

Stir in cereal. Drop by spoonfuls onto wax paper.

— *Gloria McDonald*

Old Fashioned

Carmel Pie Dessert

2 cups sugar
3 ½ cups milk
5 eggs, separated
4 Tbsp. flour
2 Tbsp. margarine
1 Tbsp. vanilla

You will need to brown sugar in a large deep skillet. Brown 1 cup sugar to golden brown. This will be real syrupy. Stir constantly, then pour 3 cups milk over this syrup and put on low heat and stir until sugar is dissolved. This takes a while. While this is dissolving, beat 5 egg yolks, then add about ¼ to ½ cup of milk and mix well together. Then mix your remaining 1 cup of sugar and 4 tablespoons of flour together, then add this to your milk mixture and mix well. When the sugar is melted, slowly add this to the skillet. This is your thickening. Add 2 tablespoons margarine and 1 tablespoon vanilla. Cook until thick. Pour into baked pie shell then top with your favorite meringue and brown.

Meringue:
3 egg whites
1/2 tsp. vanilla
¼ tsp. cream of tartar
1/3 c. sugar

Let egg whites stand at room temperature 30 minutes. In mixing bowl, beat egg whites, ½ teaspoon vanilla, and cream of tartar on medium speed until soft peaks form. Gradually add 1/3 cup sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time, until stiff peaks form. Spread meringue over hot filling. Bake at 350 degrees oven for 15 minutes.

— *Donna Wright*

No Bake Pineapple Marshmallow Dessert

1 package (16 oz.) large marshmallows
2 cups milk
1 ½ teaspoons lemon juice
1 can (20 oz.) crushed pineapple, drained
2 cups heavy whipped cream, whipped
2 cups graham cracker crumbs (about 32 sq.)

½ cup (1 stick) butter, melted
In a heavy saucepan over low heat, melt marshmallows and milk. Remove from the heat, cool, stirring occasionally. Stir in lemon juice. Fold in pineapple and whipped cream.

Combine cracker crumbs and butter.

Press 1 ½ cups into greased 13x9x2 pan. Spread with the pineapple mixture. Sprinkle with remaining crumb mixture.

Refrigerate for 2 to 3 hours before serving.

Yield: 12 to 16 servings.

— *Ellen Austin*

Hawaiian Pound Cake

Cream Together
1 cup oleo
2 cups sugar
Add
2 cups flour
5 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup coconut
1 cup chopped pecans
Spray Bundt pan with Baker’s Joy. Bake 1 hour at 325°.

Topping
¾ cup sugar
¾ cup water
½ stick oleo
1 tsp. almond extract
Mix sugar & water, boil 3 minutes, add oleo & almond extract. Pour over hot cake while still in pan.

— *Gloria McDonald*

Lemon Bite Size Cakes

1 yellow cake mix
4 eggs
1 lemon pudding (3.5 oz.)
¾ cup oil
Beat 2-3 min. slow – then med. for 2 min.
Mini Muffin Pan
Spray pan, fill ½ full. Cook 12 min. at 350°. Pop out on wire rack.

Glaze
1 pound power sugar (sift out lumps)

3 tablespoons oil
1 tablespoon water
¼ to ½ cup fresh lemon juice

To Glaze

Stick fork in bottom of each muffin. Submerge completely in glaze. Place on wire rack to cool.

— *Gloria McDonald*

Dream Cake

1 Duncan Hines Dutch Chocolate Cake Mix
1 instant pudding dutch chocolate

½ cup oil

1 cup applesauce

4 eggs – room temperature

Mix all above ingredients. Beat (by hand) 2-3 minutes. Spray Bundt pan with Baker’s Joy. Bake at 350° for 45-55 minutes. Cool in pan.

Glaze

Mix: 1 cup powdered sugar
2 tablespoons sweet milk

Remove cake from pan, drizzle icing over cake.

— *Gloria McDonald*



Entrees

Ham and Cheese Pie

(for Breakfast)
325°, 1 Hour
1 8oz can crescent rolls
1 1/2 cups chopped ham
8 oz. Monterrey Jack cheese
2 TBS. Parmesan cheese
2 green onions (chopped)
2 Lg eggs

Use 5 triangles and press into bottom of prepared deep dish pie plate. Bake 325° for 1 hr. Let stand for 10 minutes before cutting to serve.

— *Sue Tindol*

Salisbury Venison Patties

2 lbs. ground venison
1 chopped onion
1 tablespoon chopped garlic
1 tsp. garlic salt
salt and pepper to taste
Mix this and make patties.

In a skillet, add 2 tablespoons of margarine and some olive oil and heat to a medium heat. Then add patties and flip and brown, then remove from pan and set aside. Then to the mixture in the skillet, add 1 package of fresh sliced mushrooms and let it simmer until soft but not too done. Add the flour mixture below. Then add the patties back into the mixture and let simmer for another 15 minutes. Great served with noodles.

Then mix:
2 tablespoons flour
2 tablespoons Red Wine vinegar
1 can of French Onion Soup mix
Enough water added to the soup to make 1 ¾ cup.

— *Donna Wright*

Beef Taco Bake

1 lb. ground beef
1 can (10 3/4oz) condensed tomato soup
1 cup picante sauce
½ cup milk
6 flour tortillas – 8” or 8 corn tortillas-6”, cut into 1” pieces
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese (about 4oz)

Cook beef in 10” skillet over medium high heat until well browned, stirring often to separate meat. Pour off and discard any fat.

Stir the soup, picante sauce, milk, tortillas and half the cheese in the skillet.

Spoon the beef mixture into a 2 quart shallow baking dish. Cover the dish.

Bake at 400° for thirty minutes or until the beef mixture is hot and bubbling. Sprinkle with remaining cheese.

— *Loma Jean Wynn*

Cran Apple Chicken

—slow cooker—

6 servings.

6 boneless, skinless chicken breast, halves

1 cup fresh or frozen cranberries
1 green apple, peeled, cored and sliced

1 T brown sugar

1 cup unsweetened apple juice or cider.

Place chicken in slow cooker. Sprinkle with cranberries and apple. Mix brown sugar with apple juice. Pour over chicken and fruit. Cover and cook on low for six to eight hours.

— *Mamie Lee Dodds*

Turkey and Oyster Pie

6 servings
2 cups of cooked, diced turkey
1 cup leftover turkey gravy
1 cup milk
½ cup oysters
1 T butter

¼ t Cayenne pepper

1 T parsley

1 T chopped celery

1 T chopped pimienta

1 recipe plain pastry

Combine turkey, gravy, milk and oysters. Heat to boiling. Simmer 10 minutes or until edges of oysters curl.

Melt batter and flour and blend. Add to turkey mixtures. Heat to boiling. Add seasonings, parsley and pimienta. Fill a 9” pastry-lined pie pan with turkey filling. Adjust top crust. Bake 350° oven until golden brown. (about 40 minutes) Serve hot, topped with rounds of cranberry sauce.

— *Mamie Lee Dodds*

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Spinach Parmesan Soup

1 bunch fresh spinach (about 3/4lb) or one 10 oz package frozen spinach

2 T butter or margarine

1 green onion, chopped

2 cups half and half or milk

2 T flour

½ t celery salt or plain salt

½ t nutmeg

1 cup chicken broth

1 cup Parmesan cheese (shredded)

croutons

Wash and stem fresh spinach, chop coarsely. In a large sauce pan, melt the butter. Stir in the spinach and onion. Saute 3-4 minutes until tender. (If using frozen spinach add it to the pan. Cover and cook. Stirring occasionally until spinach thaws — about 12 minutes)

Spoon into blender container. Whisk until smooth. Mix half and half or milk with flour, thyme, celery, salt and nutmeg. Combine with chicken broth and spinach in sauce pan. Cook over medium heat until thickened. Stir in cheese. Serve hot with a sprinkling of croutons over each portion.

— *Mamie Lee Dodds*

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Entrees

Broccoli & Cheese Soup

4 large potatoes
1 onion, chopped
4 carrots, chopped
1 can whole kernel corn, drained
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 can cream of chicken soup
1 can cream of celery soup
1 lb. Velveeta cheese

Cut up potatoes, onion and carrots. Cover with enough water to cover the vegetables. Cook until tender. Add corn, soups and chopped broccoli. Cook until broccoli is tender. Add one pound of Velveeta cheese and heat until cheese is melted.

— Donna Wright

Vegetables

Barbecue Fries

1/3 cup of your favorite barbecue sauce
3 tablespoons olive oil
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 1/2 lb. russet potatoes (about 3 medium size) cut lengthwise into 8 wedges
In a large bowl, whisk together

barbecue sauce, olive oil and pepper. Add potatoes wedges and toss until all potatoes are covered. Spread the potatoes on a foil lined rimmed baking sheet in a single layer. Roast until golden brown and tender, 25 to 30 minutes.

Great with a barbecue slider.
— Ellen Austin



Salads

Honey Chicken Salad

6 Chicken Breast
1/2 cup honey
2-4 tbs. mayonnaise
1 Large shallot or 1 small red onion – diced
1 celery stalks - diced
1 bunch of grapes – cut in halves or quarters
salt & pepper to taste

Boil chicken in a 6 to 8 quart pot of water with salt and pepper. When cooked thoroughly, cool chicken into small pieces. Coat with the honey and mayonnaise. Add shallots, celery and grapes. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Chill and serve.

— Alfonso Baca III

Cranberry Salad

1 1/2 cups sweet cider
1 pkg. lemon flavored gelatin
1/4 t salt
1 (1b) can whole berry cranberry sauce

Heat 3/4 cup cider to boiling, stirring in gelatin until dissolved. Add remaining cider. Stir in salt. Cool. Stir in cranberry sauce and chill until firm.

— Mamie Lee Dodds

Brunch Fruit Salad

serves 10
1 20 oz. can pineapple chunks
2 large firm bananas, cut in 1/4" chunks
1 cup green grapes
1 can (15oz) mandarin oranges, drained

1 Golden Delicious apple, sliced
1 Red Delicious apple, sliced
1/2 cup sugar
2 Tbsp. cornstarch
1/2 cup orange juice
1 Tbsp lemon juice
Drain pineapple, reserving juice. Combine fruit in large bowl, set aside

In saucepan, combine sugar and cornstarch, mix

Add orange juice, lemon juice and pineapple juice, stir until smooth

Bring to boil, reduce heat
Cook and stir for two minutes
Pour over fruit, mix gently
Cover and refrigerate until serving.

— Loma Jean Wynn



Desserts

Cheese Apples

1 can Apple Pie Filling
1 1/2 cups grated cheddar cheese
1 stick butter, softened
1 cup sugar
1 cup all purpose flour
Pour pie filling into 8 inch sq. pan. Mix all ingredients and sprinkle over apple filling.
May be served as a side dish or dessert.

Oven Temp: 350° Time 30-45 min.
— Sue Tindol

Christmas Snow Mousse

This has been a family holiday favorite for over 50 years.

2 packages unflavored gelatin
1 cup cold water
3 cups scalded milk*
1 1/2 cups sugar
1 pint whipping cream
1 box vanilla wafers, crushed
1 cup finely chopped pecans, divided into thirds

Soften the gelatin in 1 cup cold water. Pour dissolved gelatin into hot milk. Add 1 1/2 cups sugar and stir until dissolved. Chill in the refrigerator 1-2 hours until it just begins to set. (Chilling can be speeded up by placing the bowl into a pan of ice water.) Whip cream and fold into chilled mixture.

In the bottom of a 9 by 13" pan, layer 1 cup finely crumbled vanilla wafers and sprinkle with 1/3 of the chopped nuts. Gently spoon one half of the mix on top of the crumbs. Top with 1 cup crumbs and 1/3 of the nuts. Spoon the rest of the milk mixture into the pan. Top with a few vanilla wafer crumbs and the rest of the nuts.

Chill overnight. To serve, cut into squares and spoon into individual dessert dishes.

*Heat milk to just under boiling. (about 4 minutes in microwave) Spoon off the film that forms on the top of the milk.

— Mary Wright

Pumpkin Spice Ice Cream Cake

1 Box Betty Crocker Spice Cake Mix
1 Pint softened Blue Bell Pumpkin Ice Cream
3 eggs
1 cup water
Mix cake mix, water and eggs for 2 minutes. Add softened ice cream to cake mix and mix for 1 minute.

Grease and flour two 9 inch layer cake pans and pour evenly into both pans. Bake at 350 for 30-40 minutes. Test with toothpick until it comes out clean. Cool completely before frosting.

Frosting
2 each 3/4 oz Instant Pumpkin Spice Pudding
2 1/2 cups milk separated
1 cup whipping cream (whipped)
Combine 1 1/2 cup milk and 3/4 oz. instant pudding until well blended (I use mixer). Spread between layers of cake. Combine 1 cup and 3/4 oz. instant pudding until well blended. Fold in 1 cup whipping cream (whipped).

Frost complete cake. Enjoy
— Nina Wood



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Pecan Cobbler

2 tablespoons flour
1 stick butter
6 eggs
2 cups sugar or splenda, 1 cup brown sugar or splenda brown
1 cup dark syrup or sugar free syrup
1 1/2 cups light corn syrup white
1 teaspoon vanilla
4 cups chopped pecans
Melt butter in pot add flour make paste or roux. Cook until mixture begins to thicken and bubble. Pour into crust in bottom of baking pan 9x12. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Bake for 1 hour.

CRUST

3 cups flour
1 cup shortening
1 teaspoon salt
1 egg
1 tablespoon vinegar
6 tablespoons very cold water
Mix egg and vinegar together and set aside. Cut shortening, flour and salt together till size of peas. Mix in egg, vinegar and water. Combine till you can make 3 balls.

— Joyce Jones

Honey Bars

These are wonderful for treats for kids or adults. My grandson gave me the recipe.

3/4 cup oil
1/2 cup honey
1 cup sugar
1 egg
1 cup chopped pecans
2 cups flour
1 teaspoon soda
1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon salt
Mix ingredients in order given. Spread on greased cookie sheet. Bake 15 min. at 350° or till brown.

Glaze: 1 cup powdered sugar, 1 tablespoon water, 2 tablespoons mayonnaise, 1 teaspoon vanilla.

Mix all together. Drizzle on hot cookies. Allow to cool. Then cut into squares. Delicious.

— Sue Tindol



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Salads

Fresh, Sweet Potato Salad

6-8 servings
 4 cups shredded raw sweet potatoes (about 3 medium)
 1 medium apple, not peeled and chopped
 ½ cup chopped pecans
 ½ cup sour cream
 ½ cup mayonnaise
 1 t grated lemon peel

2 T lemon juice
 2 T honey
 ¼ t tarragon
 ¼ t salt
 ½ t pepper
 Combine the first 3 ingredients in a large bowls. Stir well, pour dressing (last 8 ingredients mixed well) over sweet potato mixture. Stir well. Cover and chill.
 — Mamie Lee Dodds

Beverages

Christmas Cocktail

2 large frozen pink lemonade mixed with water
 1 cup sugar
 2 oranges – sliced thin
 3-4 lemons – sliced thin
 1 large bottle Marichino Cherries – juice & all
 Mix & let stand 2-3 hours. Before serving – add 1 pint vodka
 Makes a punch bowl full
 — Gloria McDonald

7-Up Punch

1 – lg. can pineapple – crushed
 1 – 12 oz. package frozen strawberries – thawed
 1 – 46 oz. can pineapple juice
 1 – cup grinadine
 6- 7 oz. bottles 7up orange rind curls
 Chill fruit & juice, combine all fruits in a bowl. Stir in juices & grinadine.
 Pour in 7up – slowly. Mix gently. Add ice & orange curls.
 — Gloria McDonald

Beverages

Southern Orange Delight

4 cups ginger ale
 5 tablespoons grenadine
 6 tablespoons orange juice
 4 scoops orange sherbet
 Blend together ginger ale, grenadine and orange juice. Chill about an hour in refrigerator.
 Scoop 1 scoop of sherbet into one of four glasses (I like to use fancy cocktail glasses).
 Pour orange mixture over sherbet. Add orange slice to edge of glass.
 Very refreshing on a hot day.
 — Ellen Austin

Harvest Punch

8 tsp. tea
 2 c. boiling water
 1 ½ c. sugar
 3 c. orange juice
 1 c. lemon juice
 2 c. grape juice
 2 quarts boiling water
 Steep tea in 2 cups of boiling water for five minutes. Strain. Dissolve sugar in warm liquid. Add fruit juices and 2 quarts of boiling water. Garnish with orange and lemon slices. Serve hot. Makes 30 cups.
 — Mamie Lee Dodds

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Tasty Pumpkin Pie

Sugar-free crust

- 1/3 cup butter-flavored vegetable shortening
- 1 cup flour
- 3 tablespoons ice water

Pumpkin filling

- 1 15-ounce can pumpkin
- 1/2 cup egg substitute
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 12-ounce can evaporated skim milk

Directions

Put flour and shortening into a small bowl. With two knives (or a pastry blender), cut shortening into flour until thoroughly mixed. Work on the crust at this time, not after adding water.

Add water and use a fork to toss quickly. Handle as little as possible. It can be a bit crumbly when you put it onto plastic wrap. Form a ball as you wrap it tightly and refrigerate for 30 minutes. When ready to make the crust, sprinkle a little flour on a large piece of plastic wrap. Put dough on the floured wrap. Turn once to get flour on both sides. Cover with a second piece of plastic wrap. Use a rolling pin to roll crust to fit a 9-inch pie pan.

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. In a medium bowl, whisk pumpkin with egg substitute, sugar, and spices. Add evaporated milk; stir thoroughly. Pour mixture into pie shell.

Bake at 425 degrees for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 degrees and keep baking for 30 minutes longer or until tester inserted in center of pie comes out clean. The center will get firmer as it cools.

Serves eight

Each serving contains about 278 calories, 42 g carbohydrates, 7 g protein, 6 g fat, 91 mg sodium, and 3 g fiber.

