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Parade winners

Here are the top award winners from the 27th annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade, held Saturday evening:

Best in show (interpretation of parade theme) — City of Big Spring.

Publisher's Award (best use of lighting) — HEB.

Grand Marshal's Award (best use of costuming) — Alon.



A pair of Santa's elves acknowledge the crowd during the 27th annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade on Saturday evening. For more photos from holiday events held this past weekend, see the special supplement inside today's edition.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Woman faces child abandonment charges

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A Big Spring woman was arrested Sunday afternoon on a charge of abandoning/endangering a child — criminal negligence after law enforcement officials say she left her 1-year-old infant in a vehicle unattended while she



Rios

went shopping at the local Walmart Supercenter. Katherine Rios, 23, of 306 N.E. Sixth St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of abandoning/endangering a child — criminal negligence.

According to Big Spring Police Department reports, officers were dispatched to Walmart — located in the 200 block of W. FM 700 — at approximately 4:33 p.m. after a shopper discovered the child in the vehicle, apparently unattended. "The person who called the incident in to dispatch found

the child at 4:20 p.m.," Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD said. "The child was in the vehicle, unrestrained with the windows partially down." Everett said the unattended child was also reported to the staff at the Walmart, at which time they began paging the owner of the vehicle.

"The mother was located at 5 p.m., so we know for sure the child was unattended for a minimum of 40 minutes," Everett said. "The woman told officers that she initially hadn't planned to take the infant with her and had forgot she was in the vehicle when

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Official: Syria moving chemical weapons components

BRADLEY KLAPPER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. and allied intelligence have detected Syrian movement of chemical weapons components in recent days, a senior U.S. defense official said Monday, as the Obama administration again warned the Assad regime against using chemical weapons on Syrian rebels. A senior defense official said intelligence officials have detected activity around more than one of Syria's chemical weapons sites in the last week. The defense official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly about intelligence matters. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, in Prague for meetings with Czech officials, reiterated President Barack Obama's declaration that Syrian action on chemical weapons was a "red line" for the United States that would prompt action.

"We have made our views very clear: This is a red line for the United States," Clinton told reporters. "I'm not going to telegraph in any specifics what we would do in the event of credible evidence that the Assad regime has resorted to using chemical weapons against their own people. But suffice it to say, we are certainly planning to take action if that eventuality were to occur." She didn't address the issue of the fresh activity at Syrian chemical weapons depots, but insisted that Washington would address any threat that arises. The senior defense official said the U.S. does not believe that any Syrian action beyond the movement of components is imminent. Syria is believed to have several hundred ballistic surface-to-surface missiles capable of carrying chemical warheads. Its arsenal is a particular threat to the American allies, Turkey and Israel, and Obama singled out the threat posed by the unconventional weapons earlier this

year as a potential cause for deeper U.S. involvement in Syria's civil war. Up to now, the United States has opposed military intervention or providing arms support to Syria's rebels for fear of further militarizing a conflict that activists say has killed more than 40,000 people since March 2011.

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Obituaries

Vernon M. Gill



Vernon M. Gill, 96, of Garden City died Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2012, at the Garden City Cemetery, located in Garden City, Texas.

He was born in Nolan County to Bob and Clara Holloway Gill. Vernon moved to Glasscock County in 1928 and graduated from Garden City High School in 1933. In 1935, he moved to Sterling County, where he met Glenda Cox. They married March 17, 1937.

Vernon worked on Claude Collins' ranch southwest of Sterling City from 1935 to 1945 and was the foreman for six years. In 1945, he moved his family back to Garden City. He and Glenda owned and operated the local drug store and general store from 1952 to 1972 and he was the Garden City Postmaster from 1950 until he retired in 1982.

All his adult life he ranched. He said regardless of what other work he did, he never could get ranching out of his system.

Survivors include his wife, Glenda Gill of Garden City; one daughter, Marceline Wright and husband Harold of Euless; two sons, Waymon Gill and wife Virginia of Amarillo and Van Gill of San Marcos; three grandsons, Tracy Gill, Eric Wright and Steven Wright; two great-granddaughters, Brooke and Mallory Gill; and one great-grandson, Dylan Wright.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister; and two brothers.

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

Paid obituary

Randell 'Wade' Compton



Randell "Wade" Compton, 50, of Dallas, formerly of Big Spring died Thursday, Nov. 29, 2012, in a Plano hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2012 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at the Greenwood Cemetery, in Greenwood.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2012, at the funeral home.

Survivors include his wife, Kay Compton of Dallas; one daughter, Brandi Willis and husband, Justin of Stephenville; three step-sons, Justin Belcher of Midland, Kevin Belcher and Terrell Belcher and wife, Stephanie, all of Big Spring; one step-daughter, Kandice Belcher of San Angelo; his father, Jimmy Compton of Big Spring; his mother, Marsha Mann of Big Spring; one brother, Jerry Mann and wife, Katie of Coahoma; three sisters, Jan Sanders and husband, Jim, and Terri Pearson and husband, Bobby all of Big Spring, and Tracy Toland of Plano; seven grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Wade was preceded in death by one grandson, Jayce Randell William Collins.

The family suggests memorials be made to Patriot Guard Riders, Inc., c/o Jon Tatum, 19220 E. Kinightsbrides, Owasso, Okla. 74055.

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Lajuana Carole Montgomery



Lajuana Carole Montgomery, 77, passed away Friday, Nov. 30, 2012 at Parkview Nursing Home in Big Spring.

Graveside services will be 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2012, at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa. The family suggests, in lieu of flowers, please send a donation to your favorite charity.

Lajuana was born Feb. 7, 1935 in Stamford, Texas. She was raised in Stamford and married James Elwood Montgomery Sept. 26, 1955, in Stamford. They made Odessa their home, where she remained until July 2011, when she moved to Big Spring. Elwood preceded her in death Feb. 11, 1997.

Lajuana was a cashier for Furrs Grocery in the late 1950s and helped open Michael's Arts and Crafts in Odessa in 1984, where she worked as a cashier until 2007.

Lajuana is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Elwood; her sisters, Mae Mallory Jackson and Devon Jackson Haught; and her granddaughter, Carol Fletcher.

Lajuana is survived by her daughter, Sharon Thomas Fletcher and her husband, Jim of Odessa; her son, Les Montgomery and his wife, Nova of Big Spring; three grandchildren; three great-granddaughters; her brother, Nickey Jackson and his wife, Audy of Forney; and several nieces and nephews.

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William 'Bill' Dickson



William "Bill" Dickson, 76, of Coahoma died Friday, Nov. 30, 2012, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Craig Wascom and the Rev. Billy Guy officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2012, at the funeral home.

He was born Oct. 30, 1936, in Fresno, Calif. and married Dana Reeves June 25, 1960 in Stockton, Calif.

He was a member of First Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include his wife, Dana Dickson of Coahoma; two daughters, Deidrei Dickson of Big Spring and Dr. Loretta Dickson and husband, Dr. Joseph Calabrese of Lockhaven, Penn.; one son, Sgt. Major William Andrew Dickson and wife, Michelle of Fort Riley, Kan.; two granddaughters; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant son, Jonathan David Dickson; two brothers, Charles Andrew Dickson Jr. and Edwin Earl Dickson; and one sister, Jo Ann Dickson.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- JUAN MANUEL GONZALEZ, 34, of 2310 S. Runnels, was arrested Sunday on charges of failure to signal within required distance and driving while license invalid - DWI related.
- GONZALO HERNANDEZ GONZALES, 36, of Bonham, Texas, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ANSELMO HILARIO JR., 27, of 1409 Bluebird, was arrested Sunday on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- CHARLES RENE LANDRY, 21, of 1708 W. Third St., was arrested Sunday on charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, theft of a firearm, disregarding a red light and no driver's license - when unlicensed.
- HOWARD BRANDON JOHNSON, 28, of 1511 S. Scurry, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- JABREYA VASHAE LOUDERMILL, 26, of 2507 Albrook, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- KATHERINE RIOS, 23, of 306 N.E. Sixth St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of abandoning/endangering a child - criminal negligence.
- DOMINGO RIOS JR., 24, of 3206 Auburn, was arrested Sunday on warrants for evading arrest or detention, driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction and driving while intoxicated.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported: In the 800 block of E. 15th Street. In the 700 block of Douglas. In the 700 block of E. 12th Street.
- FORGERY was reported in the 1000 block of S. Gregg Street.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 68 inmates at the time of this report.

- TONY ANTHONY ARREDONDO, 21, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- MICHAEL LEE MORRIS, 25, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction and a motion to revoke probation for resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- ROBERTO VASQUEZ II, 21, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a previous conviction and municipal warrants for illegal/unsafe backing and violation of a promise to appear.
- HEATH ALLEN RICHARDSON, 33, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - open container.
- JAMES WILSON TUBBS, 34, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid and driving while intoxicated.
- ROBERT KEITH THOMPSON JR., 23, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation, public intoxication and municipal warrants for displaying expired registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility (two counts) and failure to appear (two counts).
- PEDRO LARA, 42, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- MITCHELL ALAN DUSH, 34, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention and public intoxication.
- BRANDON DENNIS OLIVETTE, 20, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the Martin County Sheriff's Office on charges of prohibited weapon, miscellaneous Class C offense and minor in possession of tobacco.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 12/5	Thu 12/6	Fri 12/7	Sat 12/8	Sun 12/9
69/41 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.	73/49 Sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	80/46 Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 40s.	72/43 Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.	75/44 Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 40s.
Sunrise: 7:32 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:33 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:34 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:34 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:35 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM

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Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	69	44	sunny	Kingsville	86	61	pt sunny
Amarillo	62	36	sunny	Livingston	79	53	t-storm
Austin	79	52	pt sunny	Longview	73	53	t-storm
Beaumont	80	59	t-storm	Lubbock	66	36	mst sunny
Brownsville	85	63	pt sunny	Lufkin	78	58	t-storm
Brownwood	74	44	sunny	Midland	70	42	sunny
Corpus Christi	83	61	pt sunny	Raymondville	86	62	pt sunny
Corsicana	74	52	pt sunny	Rosenberg	81	55	t-storm
Dallas	73	51	pt sunny	San Antonio	80	55	pt sunny
Del Rio	79	54	pt sunny	San Marcos	80	52	pt sunny
El Paso	71	42	sunny	Sulphur Springs	70	50	t-storm
Fort Stockton	70	44	sunny	Sweetwater	68	43	sunny
Gainesville	70	42	pt sunny	Tyler	74	54	pt sunny
Greenville	71	48	pt sunny	Weatherford	72	44	pt sunny
Houston	81	55	t-storm	Wichita Falls	71	41	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	74	54	cloudy	Minneapolis	38	24	sunny
Boston	55	50	pt sunny	New York	58	51	cloudy
Chicago	55	30	pt sunny	Phoenix	77	52	mst sunny
Dallas	73	51	pt sunny	San Francisco	64	61	cloudy
Denver	57	40	pt sunny	Seattle	52	42	rain
Houston	81	55	t-storm	St. Louis	62	40	rain
Los Angeles	68	54	cloudy	Washington, DC	67	52	pt sunny
Miami	77	66	rain				

Moon Phases



• ANTHONY ROBERT SANCHEZ JR., 25, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated - second offense.

• ALMA DARLENE FINLEY, 61, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of assault by contact.

• BENARDO JACINTO HILARIO, 24, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on municipal warrants for driving while license invalid and failure to appear.

• PILAR ANN HILARIO, 32, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• JABREYA VASHAE LOUDERMILL, 26, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• OSCAR HERNANDEZ, 52, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on charges of bail jumping - failure to appear and public intoxication.

• HOWARD BRANDON JOHNSON, 28, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• ANSELMO HILARIO JR., 27, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• CHARLES RENE LANDRY, 21, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, theft of a firearm, disregarding a red light and no driver's license - when unlicensed.

• LUIS SOTELO VILLA, 47, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication and municipal warrants for displaying expired registration and failure to appear.

• JUAN MANUEL GONZALEZ, 34, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on failure to signal within required distance and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction.

• GONZALO GONZALES, 36, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• DOMINGO RIOS JR., 24, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of driving while intoxicated, evading arrest or detention and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

• KATHERINE DAWN RIOS, 23, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of abandoning/endangering a child - criminal negligence.

News in brief

Administration debate on pace of troop withdrawals from Afghanistan hinges on risk assessments

WASHINGTON (AP) — The debate over how many U.S. troops will remain in Afghanistan after 2014 comes down to risky business.

There is a risk that leaving too few troops after 2014 would stop or stall the already slow development of the Afghan army and police, whose competence — and that of the Afghan government as a whole — is crucial to ending the war successfully.

On the other hand, keeping too many foreign troops beyond 2014 might only prolong Afghanistan's dependence upon them, while Western forces absorb even more casualties. Perhaps the greatest risk is that a wrong calculation by the U.S. on troop levels could enable the Taliban and affiliated insurgents to regain lost territory and influence.

President Barack Obama has pledged to wind down the 11-year-old war, even as Congress presses for an accelerated withdrawal. The intent, approved by NATO in 2010, is to remove combat forces by the end of 2014 but to continue yet-to-be-defined security assistance.

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta has described the broad outlines of a post-2014 plan that amounts to a scaled-down version of what U.S. and NATO forces are already doing: fighting terrorists, training and assisting the Afghan forces, and providing logistical support.

Workers who escaped fire at Bangladesh garment factory want old jobs back, fear loss of pay

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — As 112 of her co-workers died in a garment-factory fire, Dipa Akter got out by jumping from the third floor through a hole made by breaking apart an exhaust fan. Her left leg is wrapped in bandages and she has trouble walking.

Now she wants back in.

"If the factory owner reopens the factory sometime soon, we will work again here," the 19-year-

old said. "If it's closed for long, we have to think of alternatives."

Major retailers whose products were found in the fire have disavowed the Tazreen Fashions Ltd. factory, but workers who survived have not. They can't afford to.

Factories like the one gutted Nov. 24 are a rare lifeline in this desperately poor country, and now many of the more than 1,200 surviving employees have no work and few prospects.

DNA of John Wayne Gacy, other executed inmates, could help solve coldest cases

CHICAGO (AP) — Detectives have long wondered what secrets serial killer John Wayne Gacy and other condemned murderers took to the grave when they were executed — mostly whether they had other unknown victims.

Now, in a game of scientific catch-up, the Cook County Sheriff's Department is trying to be creative: They've created DNA profiles of Gacy and others and figured out they could get the executed men entered in a national database shared with other law enforcement agencies because the murderers were technically listed as homicide victims themselves when they were put to death by the state.

The department's hope is to find matches of DNA evidence from blood, semen or strands of hair, or skin under the fingernails of victims that link the long-dead killers to the coldest of cold cases. And they're hoping to prompt authorities in other states to submit the DNA of their own executed inmates or from decades-old crime scenes.

"You just know some of these guys did other murders" that were never solved, said Jason Moran, the sheriff's detective leading the effort, noting that some of the executed killers ranged all over the country before the convictions that put them behind bars for the last time.

5 states to extend classroom time for almost 20,000 students in bid to boost achievement

WASHINGTON (AP) — Open your notebooks and sharpen your pencils. School for thousands of public school students is about to get quite a bit longer.

Five states were to announce Monday that they will add at least 300 hours of learning time to the calendar in some schools starting in 2013. Colorado, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and Tennessee will take part in the initiative, which is intended to boost student achievement and make U.S. schools more competitive on a global level.

The three-year pilot program will affect almost 20,000 students in 40 schools, with long-term hopes of expanding the program to include additional schools — especially those that serve low-income communities. Schools, working in concert with districts, parents and teachers, will decide whether to make the school day longer, add more days to the school year or both.

A mix of federal, state and district funds will cover the costs of expanded learning time, with the

Ford Foundation and the National Center on Time & Learning also chipping in resources. In Massachusetts, the program builds on the state's existing expanded-learning program. In Connecticut, Gov. Dannel Malloy is hailing it as a natural outgrowth of an education reform law the state passed in May that included about \$100 million in new funding, much of it to help the neediest schools.

Spending more time in the classroom, education officials said, will give students access to a more well-rounded curriculum that includes arts and music, individualized help for students who fall behind and opportunities to reinforce critical math and science skills.

Suspect in Alaska barista murder found dead in cell, police cite links to 7 other killings

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Investigators say a man found dead of an apparent suicide in an Alaska jail was not only suspected of killing an Anchorage barista but may be linked to seven other possible slayings around the country.

Israel Keyes, who had also confessed to killing a Vermont couple, was found dead in his cell Sunday, authorities said at a news conference that included U.S. Attorney Karen Loeffler, the FBI, and Anchorage police.

Keyes was facing a March trial in Anchorage federal court for the murder of 18-year-old Samantha Koenig, who was abducted from a coffee kiosk in the city last February. He was later arrested in Texas after using the victim's debit card.

Anchorage police chief Mark Mew said Keyes confessed to killing Koenig, as well as killing Bill and Lorraine Currier of Essex, Vt.

The bodies of the Curriers have never been found. They were last seen leaving their jobs on June 8, 2011. Co-workers reported them missing the next day.

Senate dodges sticky issue of gun rights for mentally incompetent veterans in defense bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Should veterans deemed too mentally incompetent to handle their own financial affairs be prevented from buying a gun?

The issue, for a time last week, threatened to become the biggest sticking point in a \$631 billion defense bill for reshaping a military that is disengaging from a decade of warfare.

Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., sought to amend the bill to stop the Veterans Affairs Department from putting the names of veterans deemed too mentally incompetent to handle their finances into the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, which prohibits them from buying or owning firearms.

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., objected, saying the measure would make it easier for veterans with mental illness to own a gun, endangering themselves and others.

"I love our veterans, I vote for them all the time. They defend us," Schumer said. "If you are a veteran or not and you have been judged to be mentally infirm, you should not have a gun."

Japan orders inspections after tunnel collapse

TOKYO (AP) — Japanese officials ordered the immediate inspection of tunnels across the country Monday after nine people were killed when concrete ceiling slabs fell from the roof of a highway tunnel onto moving vehicles below.

Those killed in Sunday's accident were traveling in three vehicles in the 4.7-kilometer (3-mile) long Sasago Tunnel about 80 kilometers (50 miles) west of Tokyo.

The tunnel, on a highway that links the capital to central Japan,

opened in 1977 and is one of many in the mountainous country.

The transport ministry ordered that inspections be carried out immediately on 49 other tunnels around the country.

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By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A K J 10 5
♥ A 6
♦ K Q 4
♣ 8 7 5

ing an alternate form of Stayman along the way.
Radin won the heart lead with the king and could count 10 top tricks in spades, hearts and clubs. If West had the ace of diamonds, two diamond tricks could be made by leading twice toward the K-Q-4 without having to risk a spade finesse.

So at trick two, Radin led a diamond to dummy's queen. If East had ducked smoothly, she could have given declarer a major headache. As it was, though, East took the first diamond and returned a heart to dummy's ace. Radin then cashed the king of diamonds and ran her clubs to produce this position as the last club was led:

West
♠ 9 7
♥ 7
♦ J

East
♠ Q 4 3
♥ Q
♦ Q

South
♠ 8 6
♥ 10
♦ 2

WEST
♠ 9 7
♥ 8 7
♦ J 10 9 7 3 2
♣ 10 4

EAST
♠ Q 4 3 2
♥ Q J 5 4 2
♦ A 8
♣ 9 3

SOUTH
♠ 8 6
♥ K 10 3
♦ 6 5
♣ A K Q J 6 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1 NT Pass 2♦ Pass
3♣ Pass 3♥ Pass
3 NT Pass 4♣ Pass
4♥ Pass 6 NT

Opening lead — nine of hearts.
This deal occurred in the 1990 world women's pairs in Geneva. North-South were Kathie Wei and Judi Radin of the United States, who narrowly missed adding a second world pairs title to the one they earned in 1978.

Six clubs would have been a much safer spot for North-South, but after Radin opened the South hand with an offbeat one notrump — ostensibly showing a balanced hand of 14-16 points — Wei not unreasonably drove to the slam in notrump, utiliz-

On the club deuce, West discarded her heart. Dummy's diamond was then let go, and East had to part with a spade in order to guard against South's ten of hearts. Reading the situation perfectly, Radin cashed the A-points — Wei not unreasonably brought home the slam.

Tomorrow: A sophisticated play.
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she went inside."

Bond has been set at \$3,000 and Rios was still in the custody of the detention center at the time of this report, according to jail officials.

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SYRIA

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Clinton said that while the actions of President Bashar Assad's government have been deplorable, chemical weapons would bring them to a new level.

"We once again issue a very strong warning to the Assad regime that their behavior is reprehensible, their actions against their own people have been tragic," she said. "But there is no doubt that there's a line between

even the horrors that they've already inflicted on the Syrian people and moving to what would be an internationally condemned step of utilizing their chemical weapons."

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"Classic" Ann Landers®: Weight problem could be more than a lack of self-discipline

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

Dear Ann Landers: Jack Sprat and I have something in common. Our wives are both too fat. I don't know about Jack, but I haven't had sex with my wife in four years. She has gradually ballooned in size and is now at least 100 pounds overweight. There are no physical reasons for her to be so heavy. It is simply a lack of self-discipline. She loves to eat and denies herself nothing.

I love my wife and would never be unfaithful, but making love to this woman is physically and emotionally impossible. She is very sensitive about her weight and refers to herself jokingly as being



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"pleasingly plump." Ann, pleasingly plump she is not. She is just plain fat, and her obesity has turned me off to the point that I am impotent. Incidentally, I am an insulin-dependent diabetic, but my sex drive is still strong.

Please tell me, Ann, how do I solve this problem that has made my marriage bed a place where nothing happens? — *Jack Sprat II*

Dear Jack: The reason for your wife's obesity may be rooted in something deeper than her lack of self-discipline. One hundred pounds of excess baggage could be the result of compulsive eating, but please don't rule out a metabolic problem. I hope you will urge your wife to get a physical checkup. After that, she needs some counseling — to find out not what she is eating but what is eating her.

And you, my friend, should discuss with your doctor the reason nothing is happening in your marriage bed. While your wife's additional weight may be a turnoff, your diabetes could be a contributing factor.

Dear Ann Landers: My 21-year-old stepson lives with my husband and me. He is a good student at a nearby college and doesn't drink or do drugs. He does, however, bring his girlfriend home frequently, and she stays until the next morning — in his bed, I should add.

My husband doesn't see anything wrong with this, but I believe unmarried people should not be having sex, and they certainly should not invite their girlfriends to stay overnight when they are living in their parents' home. How can I convince my husband and stepson that this is not appropriate behavior? — *Out-Voted in California*

Dear Out-Voted: I agree that it is not acceptable for your stepson to invite a young woman to stay overnight in your home without your approval. But you are not going to change the behavior of a 21-year-old and shouldn't try. You do, however, have the right to say, "NOT IN OUR HOUSE." Tell your husband I said so.

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The Grady Lady Wildcats came in first place at the Rangerette Shootout Basketball Tournament at Midland Greenwood over the weekend. Ellyn Avery led the Lady Wildcats with 31 points as Grady defeated the Greenwood Rangers 54-52 in the championship game Saturday.



Steers get OT win, Forsan tops Coahoma at hoops tourneys

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

Big Spring vs. San Angelo Lake View

SAN ANGELO — The Steers may have opened the Doug McCutchen Memorial Basketball Tournament with a 62-39 loss against Bastrop, but provided a thrilling, come-from-behind win Saturday in overtime in a match against San Angelo Lake View.

Down by four with only 17 seconds remaining, Big Spring's Ty Sealy nailed a three-point shot to bring the Steers within one. Tyler Graves put the game on ice for the Steers with a three-point basket of his own as time expired to give BSHS a 57-56 victory.

The Steers will meet Lake View again Tuesday as the Chiefs travel to Big Spring. Varsity game time is slated for 7:30 p.m., J.V. At 6:15 p.m. and

freshmen as 5 p.m.

Forsan vs. Coahoma

GARDEN CITY — At the Bearkat Booster Club Classic basketball tournament in Garden City, rivals Forsan and Coahoma — both of whom had players named to the All-Tournament team — clashed Saturday.

The Buffaloes, led by Tyler Evans' 18 points and Dillon Bagnall's 17 charged past the Bulldogs 57-47.

Aric Hernandez added 11 points and Ane Sanders chipped in six.

The Lady Bulls came out on top of the Bulldogettes on Saturday, 41-33, and went undefeated at the tournament, winning four straight games.

FHS Head Coach Lindsey Schmidt was pleased with her squad, who due to injuries was left with

only seven girls who could play.

"They played really hard," Schmidt said. "We played really well on defense. I'm proud of their effort. They came out on top of the Bulldogettes in three days and brought it every single night. Reagan Haggard played hard and had a great defensive game and Maria Ortiz stepped up big for us, too. They all played well."

The success at the tournament has given the Lady Bulls confidence, but Schmidt is preparing for the long haul.

"We are going to take it one game at a time," Schmidt added. "But if we can keep coming out and playing hard, I think we can go far."

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Romo sets TD mark, Cowboys down Eagles

SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas

— Tony Romo will look back someday and see he had more touchdown passes than Troy Aikman. Right now he just wants to win games and get back to the playoffs, where his predecessor in Dallas made his mark by winning three Super Bowls.

Romo threw three second-half touchdown passes to answer a strong game by Philadelphia's rookie duo of Bryce Brown and Nick Foles, and the Cowboys

sent the Eagles to their eighth straight loss with a 38-33 victory Sunday night.

Romo broke Aikman's franchise record with his 166th touchdown on a third-quarter pass to Dez Bryant that tied the game. The Cowboys (6-6) needed more to keep their postseason hopes alive, and Romo came through in the fourth quarter with another tying toss and a go-ahead score.

"That kind of gets put aside, obviously, when you're playing and right in the middle of where we are at with the play-

off picture," Romo said. "Saying all of that, it's a neat thing when you look at the other guys. Troy, obviously, being a guy if you're in any discussion with him in anything, you're doing something right."

The record-breaker was vintage Romo. He scrambled to his right and threw back across the field to Bryant, who weaved through the Philadelphia defense to tie the score at 17.

Romo tied it again at 24 on a throw to Miles Austin, and had one more answer after Brown and Foles led the Eagles to a

go-ahead field goal. He threw deep to Bryant for 35 yards on third down, and Bryant found his way into the end zone again by taking a screen pass 6 yards just inside the pylon for a 31-27 lead with 5:40 remaining in the game.

Romo was 10 of 10 in the second half, completing his last 12 passes to finish 22 of 27 for 303 yards with no interceptions and a 150.5 passer rating. Bryant had six catches for 98 yards.

"To me, I can still picture him when he

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Texans clinch with win over Tennessee

NASHVILLE, Tenn.

(AP) — Antonio Smith picked up the ball J.J. Watt forced Titans running back Titus Johnson into fumbling, and the Texans' defensive end ran from the Houston 37 all the way to the end zone.

Smith walked around the end zone holding the ball up just in case he'd scored a touchdown.

Officials insisted the play had been whistled dead after Smith recovered the ball, so the Houston Texans forced

five more turnovers and also had six sacks in beating the Tennessee Titans 24-10 on Sunday to clinch a second straight playoff berth.

"They blew the whistle," Texans coach Gary Kubiak said. "I think it could be a touchdown for us but unfortunately they blew a whistle, and it's not. There's nothing you can do about it. We did a great job of getting turnovers all day long."

Easy for Kubiak to

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Blockbuster BCS main event, iffy undercard

RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

NEW YORK — The penultimate Bowl Championship Series gave college football a national championship matchup low on controversy and loaded with star power.

No. 1 Notre Dame against No. 2 Alabama in Miami on Jan. 7 for the national title. No complaints.

That Fiesta Bowl with No. 5 Oregon against No. 7 Kansas State looks good, too.

After that, well, you can see why so many fans are so eager to get rid of the BCS.

No. 4 Florida goes to the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans to face No. 22 Louisville, a Big East team that was unranked as recently as

last week.

Then again, at least the Cardinals are ranked. Big Ten champion Wisconsin will be the first five-loss team to play in the Rose Bowl when it faces No. 8 Stanford in Pasadena, Calif.

Then there's the Orange Bowl in Miami, where No. 13 Florida State will face No. 16 Northern Illinois, the Mid-American Conference champion that took advantage of the lackluster Big Ten and Big East champions to slip into the BCS with a 12-1 record.

"It's a great story," Orange CEO Eric Poms said Sunday night, trying to put the best spin possible on a matchup that looks like a potential mismatch. "I think we'll be just fine."

Meanwhile, here's a list of

teams that won't be playing in the BCS

— No. 3 Ohio State. The Buckeyes' postseason ban helped put the Badgers in the Rose Bowl.

— No. 6 Georgia, No. 9 LSU, No. 10 Texas A&M and No. 11 South Carolina couldn't get in because of the rule that permits no more than two teams from one conference.

— No. 12 Oklahoma was all but a lock for the Sugar Bowl, before NIU took the backdoor to being a BCS buster.

"We're 12-1," Northern Illinois quarterback Jordan Lynch told ESPN. "We forced tons of adversity this year. We won tons of games. ... We definitely deserve

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Miami, Tannehill fall to division-winning Pats

MIAMI (AP) — Savoring victory in the visitors' locker room, the New England Patriots wore division championship caps and T-shirts.

With a quarter of the regular season still to go, the Patriots clinched their fourth consecutive AFC East title Sunday by beating familiar foil Miami 23-16.

While a playoff berth is assured, the Patriots trail Houston by two games in the race for the No. 1 confer-

ence seed. As a result, the Dolphins (5-7) hurt their already slim playoff chances.

"Too many mistakes," coach Joe Philbin said. "To beat a good opponent in December, you have to play better."

Tannehill went only 13 for 29 for 186 yards, and twice he failed to connect with Hartline for potential long gains.

"We just didn't hit the shots that were there," Tannehill said. "I'm still kicking myself."

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ARIES (March 21-April
19). It gets very boring if
everyone thinks the
same. There will be lively
discussions around the
table. Extreme
differences of opinion
keep everyone thinking,
arguing, living.

TAURUS (April 20-May
20). Those who need you
will get the best of your
attention while the one
who wants you waits
patiently. When you're
not sure how much to
reveal, say less.

GEMINI (May 21-June
21). Because you are
conscious of all you say
to the world, you'll be
able to control that
message to a great
degree. The nonverbal
part will be the most
informative.

CANCER (June 22-July
22). If you were a movie
today, you would be rated
G. You will present
yourself in a way that is
appropriate for all

audiences. Your target
audience includes males
and females ages 0 and
up.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).
You'll be delving into
artistic areas that are
difficult to describe to
anyone who isn't directly
involved in the process.
Trust your instincts in
this regard. You'll have
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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.
22). Turn up the chill
factor, and feel great
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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.
23). You may feel that you
don't have the tools or
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want. This may be true,
but what is stopping you
from attaining them? It
will be easier than you
think.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.
21). You may feel like you
can't move from a
situation, but you're not
really stuck, either.
There's a good reason
why you're in your
current position. Now
you'll be objective and
analytical about getting
out of it, too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov.

22-Dec. 21). You will be
tempted to take on only
the jobs you know you
can do well. But you are
capable of much more
than you think. Say "yes"
to a task that's certain to
make you stretch.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-
Jan. 19). It's precisely
because you are confident
that you feel free to
change your appearance.
You realize that the
outside doesn't matter as
much as the inside, and
you experiment
accordingly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-
Feb. 18). Today's worries
aren't real; they're just a
feeling that you've
become used to
conjuring. Stop worrying,
and you will suddenly
realize there is nothing to
worry about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March
20). There's something to
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yourself in the mirror.
Your opinion of yourself
will catch on. So declare
yourself attractive, clever
and vital to the action.
The rest of the world will
declare it, too.

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(Dec. 3). Amazing things
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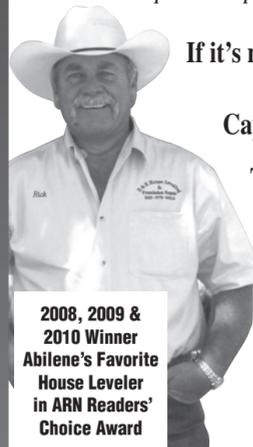
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TEXANS

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be charitable after his Texans set a franchise-record for wins in a season by improving to 11-1 with their sixth straight victory. They also improved to 6-0 on the road — the NFL's only unbeaten team away

from home. And just for good measure, they also swept the Titans, the team they replaced in Houston, for only the second time as a franchise.

Schaub also threw for 207 yards and two touchdowns, including a 54-yarder to Lestar Jean on the opening drive to put Houston ahead

to stay. Arian Foster scored on a 2-yard TD run as the Texans led 21-3 at halftime to avoid any overtime drama after needing extra time to beat Jacksonville and Detroit in a span of five days in their last two games.

"Our defense really won the game for us," Schaub said. "They cre-

ated all those turnovers and stops on fourth down."

Tennessee outgained the Texans 354-332 in total offense with Locker throwing for 309 yards in the debut of offensive coordinator Dowell Loggains.

He took over when Chris Palmer was fired a week ago.

BCS

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to be in there."

Maybe the Huskies can become this year's Boise State and shock the Seminoles. The fear is the team that lost to Iowa and barely beat Kansas will be more like the Hawaii version of BCS buster — a 41-10 loss to Georgia in the 2008 Sugar Bowl — than the Utah-kind. The Utes beat Alabama 31-17 in the '09 Sugar Bowl.

If the undercard doesn't look like much, the main event has the making of a potential blockbuster.

"The tradition of Alabama and Notre Dame brings special attention to it, but we're just trying to be the best team on Monday, Jan. 7," Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly said Sunday night. "All of that tradition, what's happened in the past, is not going to help us Jan. 7, but we do respect the traditions."

The Irish clinched their spot a week ago in Los Angeles by completing a perfect regular season against rival Southern California.

Alabama earned its spot Saturday, beating Georgia 32-28 in a thrilling Southeastern Conference title game.

The program that coach Paul

Bryant turned into an SEC behemoth in the 1960s and '70s, winning five national championships and sharing another during his tenure, is again dominating college football with a modern-day version of the Bear leading the way in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Coach Nick Saban and the Crimson Tide are on the verge of one of the great runs in history. Alabama would become the first team to repeat as champs since the BCS was implemented in 1998, and it would be the 11th time a team has won consecutive AP titles since the poll started in 1936. Alabama is already one of seven programs to repeat. The Tide has done it twice. Notre Dame is another.

Alabama also won the 2009 BCS championship under Saban. The last team to win three major national titles in four seasons was Nebraska, which went back-to-back in 1994 and '95 and finished No. 1 in the final coaches' poll in 1997.

In a world full of spread-the-field, hurry-up offenses, Alabama is a bastion of traditional football.

The Tide put its no-frills muscle on display Saturday, mashing Georgia with 350 yards rushing, behind tailbacks Eddie Lacy and T.J. Yeldon.

The Tide has been more potent offensively this season than last

to make up for a defense that has slipped, but only a bit. Alabama leads the nation in total defense (246 yards per game) and is second in points allowed (10.7 per game).

When Kelly was hired at Notre Dame three years ago, he looked at Alabama and the SEC, which has won six straight BCS titles, and decided the Irish needed to play like that.

Kelly built his reputation and winning teams at previous stops on fast-paced spread offenses. In South Bend, Ind., he has put the fight back in the Irish, who have won eight AP national titles — only Alabama has as many — but none since 1988.

Notre Dame has allowed the fewest touchdowns in the country (10) and is sixth overall in total defense (286 yards per game).

The face of the Irish isn't a strong-armed quarterback or speedy ball carrier. It's middle linebacker Manti Te'o, a 255-pound offense wrecker with a nose for the ball. The senior has seven interceptions and is a likely Heisman finalist.

In two years, college football switches to a four-team playoff to determine its champion, and a new way of filling the other marquee bowls. It probably won't cure everything that ails the post-season, but it's safe to say many won't miss the BCS.

COWBOYS

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would walk out there when he first got on the Cowboys," owner Jerry Jones said. "Defensive

coaches would just pull their hair out with frustration because they couldn't stop him on the field. They would say, 'Well, he has to play right. He can't throw across the defense. He can't be shoving that ball in the middle of these defensive players. That won't win in the NFL.'"

The Eagles' slide continued despite 169 yards rushing and two touchdowns from Brown a week after he set a team rookie record with 178 yards on the ground.

After Romo's go-ahead touchdown pass, Dallas went up by 11 when Morris Claiborne returned Brown's fumble 50 yards for a touchdown.

"The offense was compensating for us all night long," Claiborne said. "Whenever we gave up a touchdown, they came back with a touchdown to keep us in the game."

Brown's fumble snapped a streak of eight straight scoring drives by both teams. It was the second straight week that he mixed big runs with critical fumbles after losing the ball twice in last week's loss to Carolina.

"Up until that fumble, he had done a heck of a job," Eagles coach Andy Reid said. "He was trying to get every stinking yard he possibly could."

Philadelphia (3-9) had a chance for an improb-

able rally when Damaris Johnson returned a punt 98 yards with 31 seconds left. After a failed 2-point conversion, the Cowboys recovered the onside kick, ran out the clock and improved to 126-126 since the start of the 1997 season.

Foles, who was 22 of 34 in his third start in place of Michael Vick, led the Eagles to a 27-24 lead early in the fourth quarter on a 43-yard field goal by Alex Henery, who now has the longest current field goal streak at 21 after Cleveland's Phil Dawson had a kick blocked Sunday.

"It was a tough loss," Foles said. "I'm proud of our team with the way they fought. We have to keep working and stick together."

Dallas running back DeMarco Murray, who started after missing six games with a sprained right foot, finished with 83 yards and a touchdown.

The Cowboys welcomed Murray back by running him three straight times to start the game after calling 52 straight pass plays from the second quarter to the end of a Thanksgiving loss to Washington. He finished with 23 carries.

"I knew once I got out there I wasn't going to want to come out," Murray said. "I wasn't expecting to get that much work."

Brown, who started his first game since high school when he filled in for LeSean McCoy last week, went in untouched on both of his scoring plays in the first half. He scooted around the left side for a 7-0 lead and trotted through a big hole up the middle to make it 14-3 midway through the second quarter.

Vick and McCoy are sidelined by concussions.

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