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Vehicles move cautiously up Third Street in winter conditions this week. The icy weather has caused many cancellations and postponements.

At latest notice...

Living Tree said still 'on'

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

The show must go on and it will. Evening performances for the First United Methodist Living Christmas Tree are expected to be held, despite chilly, inclement weather which has caused several annual holiday events to cancel or be postponed. "Half of our orchestra musicians are already in town," said Anna Gann, FUMC music minister. "We really hope the community can come out — if it is safe — and come enjoy our gift to the community." The annual Christmas musical is expected to have 250 participating including 150 choir members, 40 children, 50 orchestra musicians and 10 actors. Performances are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at 8 p.m. at the church, 400 Scurry St. One major change this year is the cancellation of the Saturday afternoon dress rehearsal which traditionally has been open to the public and usually draws a large crowd. A rehearsal is scheduled for 4 p.m. Saturday for the choir and participating children but is closed to the public. There is no charge for either performance but a ticket is necessary. Since inclement weather rolled into the area Thursday, Gann said tickets will be available at the door for those who have not been able to come by the church.

Contact Lyndel Moody at citydesk@bigspringherald.com or by e-mail at 263-7331, ext. 234.

U.S. Rep. candidate will be in Big Spring Monday

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Dr. Donald R. May, who is seeking the Republican nomination in the upcoming District 19 U.S. congressional race, will hold a town hall meeting in Big Spring Monday evening. Hall, who is challenging Republican incumbent Randy Neugebauer, will conduct



May

the town hall meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at the Hall Center for the Arts on the Howard College campus. Hall, a Lubbock-based surgeon, farmer and Tea Party activist, said he is running for the congressio-

nal seat to rein in both the size and reach of the federal government. "I am running for the House of Representatives because ... I am concerned with the direction our country is headed," he said in a statement. "A national debt spiraling out of control, the

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Christmas cheer...

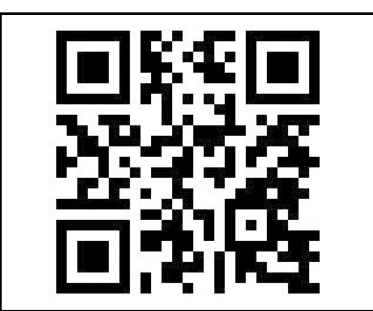
BSHS band set to perform Monday

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Icy weather may have delayed Santa's busy weekend in the Crossroads area but the public can still kick off the season with a little Christmas cheer. The Big Spring High School band will hold its annual Christmas concert at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the high school auditorium. The program will include a selection of Christmas songs and this will also be the last time for the public to hear the band's award

winning marching program which includes selections from the musical "Tommy." Concert goers are encouraged to bring canned food which will be donated to help restock the Salvation Army's food pantry. The Big Spring High School band is under the direction of Rocky Harris and assistant director Samuel Hale.

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Salem Road project put on hold for now

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Salem Road is going to be open to traffic a little longer than anticipated. A planned railway construction project on Salem Road near its intersection with Interstate 20 has been put on hold, at least for the remainder of their year, officials said. Howard County Road and Bridge Department Director Brian Klinksiek announced recently that Union Pacific was expanding its Coahoma siding, which would have resulted in a two-week closure of Salem Road north of the interstate.

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FISD board has routine agenda

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Forsan Independent School District trustees are expected to tackle a fairly routine agenda Monday night as construction bids for the new elementary school are not anticipated to come in until the middle of the month. "Our next big step in the project is to open bids for the site work," said FISD superintendent Randy John-

son. "This will be our first look at the costs which will happen on the 12th of December. Right now, the bids are out there. We're just waiting on them to come back. We will most likely have a board meeting the week before the Christmas break to open those bids. We hope then that leaves us with breaking ground sometime

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Obituaries

Bertha Mae Jolley

Bertha Mae Jolley, 85, of Big Spring, died Tuesday Dec. 3, 2013, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Memorial Services will be 2 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Ulysses Mathews of West Highway 80 Church of Christ officiating.

She was born Jan. 13, 1928, in Waurika, Okla. She spent most of her life in Howard County. She was very active in her church and worked in Nursing Services for the Big Spring State Hospital for many years. She was a cook in Big Spring at different restaurants as well as the original Settles Hotel.

She is survived by one daughter Paula Jolley of Big Spring; two sons Brian Jolley and Tommy Lee Mitchell, both of Big Spring; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents she is preceded in death by one son Ronnie Jolley and two daughters, Milinni Turner and Valerie Woods.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel. Please pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

George W. Ivy

The Rev. George W. Ivy died Dec. 4, 2013, at Scenic Mountain Hospital in Big Spring, Texas, at the age of 94.

He was born Oct. 29, 1919, to Lorenzo Price Ivy and Norah Robinson Ivy, in Van Zandt County, Texas. He married Ludene Mitchell Sept. 9, 1938. She preceded him in death Aug. 24, 2005.

He was a licensed minister with the Church of God, Cleveland, Tenn., beginning his ministry in 1948. He pastored churches in Haskell, Midland, Abilene, Lubbock, Amarillo and Fort Worth. He also served in the Navy in 1944 and 1945.

He is survived by his wife, Juanita of Big Spring, Texas; daughters, Betty Pruitt and husband Ken of Midland, Texas, Gay Lawhon and husband Floyd of Deland, Fla.; a son, Larry Ivy and wife Billie of Eula, Texas; eight grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great grandchildren; a stepson, Gary Osburn and wife Janet of Big Spring, Texas; a step-daughter, Janice Shields and husband Royce of Fort Worth, Texas; eight step-grandchildren; and six step-great-grandchildren; a brother, Loyd Ivy and wife Sarah of Mesquite, Texas; and a host of nieces, nephews, in-laws and many friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and four sisters.

Visitation will be Monday evening, Dec. 9, 2013, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at White's Funeral Home, 130 Houston Ave., Weatherford. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Dec. 10, 2013, at the Church of God Campground, Fort Worth Hwy., Weatherford. The Rev. Floyd H. Lawhon will be officiating, assisted by Pastor Eddie Prince. Interment will be at East Greenwood Cemetery immediately following the service.

Jimmy F. Samuels

Jimmy F. Samuels, 77, of Big Spring, died Friday, Dec. 6, 2013, in a Midland hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Blanche Moore

Blanche Moore, 87, of Big Spring, died Friday, Dec. 6, 2013, in a local hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Tim Ballard

Tim Ballard, 52, of Big Spring, died Friday Dec. 6, 2013, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel.

Police Blotter

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

- GARY DON GOODMAN, 19, of 1604 Benton, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram in a drug free zone.
- CHRISTOPHER AARON SALAZAR, 26, of 1602 Sunset, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces in a drug free zone.
- ASHLEY ANNA BURT, 26, of 1604 South Benton, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- ANIMAL PROBLEM was reported at the 1800 block of Mittel.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at the 100 block of First Street.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of Goliad and FM 700.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported at the 1500 block of Wood.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at the intersection of Eleventh Place and Settles.

Take Note

• Jury call for 118th District Court, scheduled for Monday, Dec. 9, has been cancelled. For more information, call 264-2223.

• Encompass Cares, a charity arm of Encompass Home Health, is collecting medical supplies and blankets for victims of the typhoon in the Philippines. Drop off your donations at the Encompass Home Health Office at 1900 Gregg in Big Spring through Friday. For more information, contact Arminae Ward at 432-634-5488 or call the local Encompass Home Health at 432-264-0044.

• From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Canterbury (1700 Lancaster) will host its annual Christmas Bazaar. The bazaar will feature Christmas décor, many type of homemade items and crafts — gifts of every sort and type and treats for every taste. Canterbury cookbooks will be available and there will be burritos for sale.

• Big Spring Professional Firefighters Honor Guard is giving away a Yeti Tundra 45-quart cooler, valued at \$330. For more information, call Lt. Jay Holt at 432-264-2315 or FF. Albert Cavazos at 806-559-6722. The cooler will be given away at 1 p.m. Dec. 20 at Fire Station 1, located at 1401 Apron Drive.




• A fund has been set up at Western Bank, 607 South Scurry, for the Ean Cook family, who lost their house and belongings in a fire. The account is in name of Charlene Cook, Ean's mother. Donations of clothing, food and living supplies will be greatly appreciated. To donate supplies call 816-5013 or 816-7810.

• Hangar 25 Air Museum's annual fundraiser is coming up in January. The Silver Wings Ball will be Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014, at the Hotel Settles. Evening events begin at 6 p.m. with a cocktail hour. Join us for a night of fine dining and dancing. Contact Hangar 25 Air Museum to purchase tickets for underwriting and sponsor opportunities. Underwriting opportunities range from \$250 to \$5,000. All underwriters will receive two tickets to the event and advertisement opportunities. Tickets for the event are \$50. Tickets for a chance to win a nights stay at the Hotel Settles are \$10 or six for \$50.

• The Big Spring Pow Wow Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main. Whether you are a Native American or interested in Native American culture and would like to be a part of the 10th anniversary of the Big Spring Pow Wow, you are invited. For more information, call Richard Lesser at 432-935-0125 or Randy McKinney at 432-267-4843.

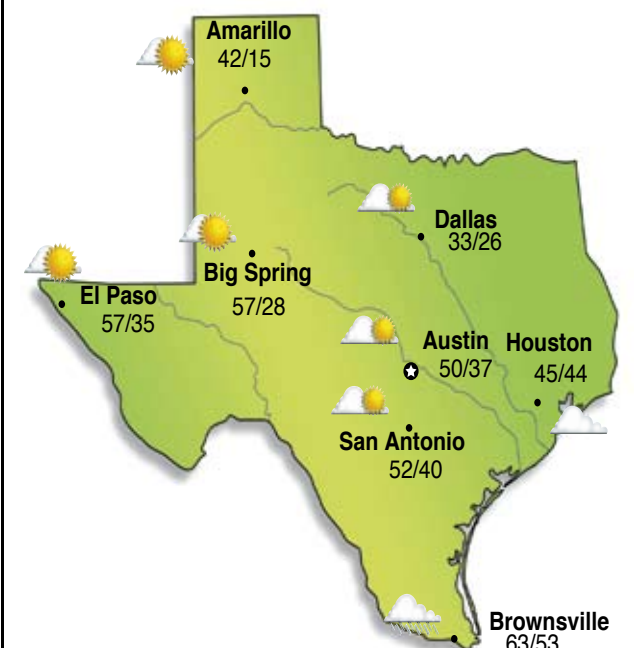
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Sun 12/8	Mon 12/9	Tue 12/10
		
57/28 Mostly sunny skies. High 57F. Winds SSW at 10 to 15 mph.	34/21 Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 30s and lows in the low 20s.	43/27 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the upper 20s.
Sunrise: 7:35 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:36 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:36 AM Sunset: 5:42 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	49	25	mst sunny	Kingsville	53	47	cloudy
Amarillo	42	15	mst sunny	Livingston	43	38	cloudy
Austin	50	37	pt sunny	Longview	39	31	pt sunny
Beaumont	44	42	rain	Lubbock	49	16	mst sunny
Brownsville	63	53	rain	Lufkin	42	39	cloudy
Brownwood	49	28	mst sunny	Midland	58	29	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	50	47	cloudy	Raymondville	58	50	rain
Corsicana	34	27	pt sunny	Rosenberg	44	44	cloudy
Dallas	33	26	pt sunny	San Antonio	52	40	pt sunny
Del Rio	54	36	mst sunny	San Marcos	50	38	pt sunny
El Paso	57	35	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	32	26	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	65	32	mst sunny	Sweetwater	51	25	mst sunny
Gainesville	29	21	pt sunny	Tyler	40	30	pt sunny
Greenville	30	23	pt sunny	Weatherford	33	21	mst sunny
Houston	45	44	cloudy	Wichita Falls	35	19	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	48	43	rain	Minneapolis	13	3	sn shower
Boston	32	28	cloudy	New York	35	32	cloudy
Chicago	27	21	sn shower	Phoenix	51	34	pt sunny
Dallas	33	26	pt sunny	San Francisco	49	37	rain
Denver	17	-1	pt sunny	Seattle	29	18	sunny
Houston	45	44	cloudy	St. Louis	31	23	cloudy
Los Angeles	59	38	rain	Washington, DC	32	31	mixed
Miami	80	74	pt sunny				

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Icy storm slams Southwest, shuts down North Texas

DALLAS (AP) — Freezing rain and stinging winds slammed the Southwest Friday and made a strangely blank landscape out of normally sun-drenched North Texas: mostly empty highways covered in a sometimes impassable frost, closed schools and businesses, and millions of residents hunkered down for icy conditions expected to last through the weekend.

Earlier this week, many in Texas were basking in spring-like temperatures that hit the 80s. But by Thursday, Texas was facing the same wintry blast that has slammed much of the U.S., bringing frigid temperatures, ice and snow.

The weather forced the cancellation of Sunday's Dallas Marathon, which was expected to draw 25,000 runners, some of whom had trained for months. A quarter of a million customers in North Texas were left without power, and many businesses told employees to stay home to avoid the slick roads.

Rob Yates, 44, of the Dallas suburb of Rowlett, had trained for four months to participate in the half-marathon Sunday — his first time competing at that distance. His wife and three children were going to attend the race to volunteer and cheer him on, he said.

Now, "I'll probably be catching up on some work," Yates said, laughing.

Yates spent Friday at home with his children,

who were outside pulling off icicles and wishing more snow had fallen. But Yates, originally from near Manchester, England, said he stayed inside with his wife.

"It's kind of unusual weather for Dallas, so they're just having fun with it," Yates said. "Me and my wife — adults are not particularly impressed with it."

Friday's storm stretched from South Texas, where anxious residents bagged outdoor plants to protect them from the cold, through the Midwest and Ohio Valley and up into northern New England and the Canadian Maritimes.

In California, four homeless people have died of hypothermia in the San Francisco Bay Area since last week, authorities said. One victim was found dead Nov. 28, and the other deaths were discovered in the last two days, Santa Clara County sheriff's Lt. Dave Lera said at a news conference Friday afternoon.

Lera said three of the victims died at homeless encampments in San Jose, while a fourth died in a garage "with the door opened."

Temperatures in San Jose fell to 30 degrees Friday morning, breaking the record low of 32 degrees for that date, which was set in 1904. The low on Nov. 28 was 45 degrees, according to the National Weather Service.

In North Texas, agencies

and residents haven't forgotten the disastrous week before the Super Bowl two years ago, when an inadequate response to a snowstorm crippled the region and left visitors stranded on impassable highways.

People in the Dallas area raided grocery shelves and home improvement stores Thursday in advance of what one store manager joked was the Black Friday of bad weather — "Ice Friday." Most people appeared to heed warnings Friday to stay inside.

Bundled up against the elements, Matthew Johnson was one of the few people braving the cold Friday.

"We're going to walk the dog and have fun outside, I guess," said Johnson, standing near his home in the Dallas suburb of Richardson.

The weather led to more than 1,000 cancellations at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, one of the nation's busiest airports and a key hub for Fort Worth-based American Airlines. Many travelers were stuck waiting — and hoping for another flight. Those arriving in North Texas were having trouble finding cabs as many drivers stayed home. Dallas-area light rail trains were not running.

"I don't let things like this stop me," said Dayo Bankale, a taxi driver at the airport Friday. "I'm not scared."

Rosibel Gutierrez Artavia, shivering in a light sweater as she waited for a taxi,

had traveled from Alajuela, Costa Rica, to suburban Fort Worth to see family. Relatives called her before she left Costa Rica to warn her to pack warm. But she got the call when she was already at the airport.

"I did not come prepared with snow clothes," Artavia said in Spanish.

But she was thankful the weather didn't prevent her from boarding a flight that got her from Houston to North Texas and close to her family.

"I prayed to God and he listened to me," she said.

Others didn't make it to Dallas at all.

Julie Bahbaz, 31, of Little Rock, Ark., was planning to run in the marathon but decided Friday not to try to drive the more than 300 miles to Dallas shortly before the race was canceled.

"I've been thinking about it for the last couple of days and hoping (the forecasts) were wrong, but apparently not," Bahbaz said.

Police in Arlington, about 20 miles west of Dallas, reported one driver was killed when his car slammed into a truck. Authorities in Oklahoma reported two weather-related traffic deaths.

Storms this week dumped 1 to 2 feet of snow in parts of Minnesota and Wisconsin and draped many communities in skin-stinging cold. The temperature in parts of North Dakota on Thursday was a few degrees below zero, but wind chill pushed it to nearly 40 below.

Reindeer escapes from Santa at Colorado mall

DILLON, Colo. (AP) — A runaway reindeer broke free from Santa Claus at a Colorado mall Thursday while the Big Man was inside visiting with children.

KYSL in Summit County reports that the reindeer escape happened outside the La Riva Mall in Dillon.

While Santa was inside listening to children's Christmas wish lists, the reindeer jumped over its enclosure, leading police officers on a healthy jog through town.

The reindeer was located on the other side of a nearby reservoir. The Summit County sheriff's office brought in another reindeer to lure the runaway and get it back into a trailer.

Couple accidentally gets bag of cash at drive-thru

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A suburban Nashville couple got more than they expected in their to-go order in a McDonald's drive-thru: A bag of cold cash.

WTVF-TV reports thousands of dollars in cash packaged for a bank deposit had been placed in a paper to-go bag near the drive-thru orders on Tuesday morning. An employee mistakenly passed the bag to Greg and Stacye Terry, who had just been looking for breakfast.

The employee realized the mistake almost immediately and followed the Terrys to their home a short distance away.

Meanwhile, the couple was ready for breakfast.

"My husband opened the bag and discovered the money inside," Stacye Terry said. "He said, 'You are not going to believe this.'"

"The second that he said it was their deposit, my first thing was let's get in the truck and take it back."

They said they had a good laugh and even took photos of the cash before returning it to the employee. They posted a picture to Facebook of the wads of bills in plastic bags with what look like yellow deposit slips.

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outrageous growth in the size of our federal government and a massive federal power grab called ObamaCare are destroying our liberty.

"I will represent you by actively addressing the problems that threaten

our nation," he added. "I will bring West Texas values and common sense to Washington. I will directly confront Barack Obama, Harry Reid, Nancy Pelosi, and others on the Progressive Left.

May was born in Illinois and raised on his family's farm, which he and his wife, Jane, still

operate. His early undergraduate major was in nuclear physics and his subsequent major and early graduate studies were in immunological chemistry. He received a bachelor's degree with honors in microbiology in 1968 from the University of Illinois, Champaign, and his MD

from the University of Illinois College of Medicine, Chicago, in 1972. He was an intern at the Northwestern University Memorial Hospitals in Chicago and completed his residency in ophthalmology in 1976 and a fellowship in retina surgery in 1977, both at the University of Illinois Eye and Ear In-

firmary in Chicago. He was a Major in the United States Air Force and was on active duty at the Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center, San Antonio, from 1977-79. May has been on the faculties of the University of Illinois, the University of Texas, the University of California, Tulane University, and

the Texas Tech Health Sciences University. Neugebauer and Hall will meet in the March Republican primary. Neal Marchbanks of Lubbock is the lone announced Democratic Party candidate.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234.

SALEM

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But Mother Nature has put a halt to those plans, at least for awhile.

Klinksiek said this week that, because of

recent bad weather and the expectation of even more in the coming days, UP has postponed the siding project until at least January.

"Because of the icy weather we had recently, that caused Union

Pacific to fall behind schedule on their projects," Klinksiek said. "As a result, they won't start expanding the siding until after the first of the year and Salem Road will not be closed until then."

For more information,

contact the road and bridge department at 432-264-2267.

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in January."

The elementary school is part of a \$23 million bond passed in May. That bond also included extensive renovations to the secondary campus.

In Monday's meeting, — set for 7 p.m. in the board room, 411 W. Sixth St., Forsan — trustees will hold a public hearing on the Texas

Academic Performance report. The district as a whole and both campuses met academic standards from TEA for the previous school year. Also on the agenda, trustees will:

- Hear the enrollment report, reports on the high school and elementary campus.
- Approve TASB policy updates.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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A Critical Ear

Karl Marx and the 'Nutcracker'

Karl Marx would have hated the "Nutcracker Suite"... and not just because that was his pet name for his shrew-like wife.

It was tradition that was Marx's problem. He believed tradition should be tossed away because it made us slaves to the old ways. Those of us of a different persuasion believe that tradition is the continuation of something good and noble in us that deserves to be preserved.

Christmas represents more tradition than any other holiday and nothing represents Christmas tradition more than the "Nutcracker Suite." Purists might call it the "ballet" but it's so much more than that.

The "Nutcracker" is a classic story of Christmas that crosses national borders and cultures. (Tchaikovsky was a pre-revolutionary Russian, after all.) It represents the universality of Christmas without pigeon-holing it as the exclusive property of some religious sect.

As if to emphasize that point, there is the music. Its appeal is likewise universal. It contains some of the most recognizable and beautiful melodies in the classic repertoire and the accompanying ballet of talented adults and children only enhance the experience.

On December 14, I will be taking my three granddaughters in the hope of heightening their cultural senses in a delightful way and maybe creating an annual tradition amongst us that sees granddad as someone other than an old grump in need of a nap. And though I will have to pay for my ticket, my granddaughters go for free. What a deal! Free by the way, is not a Christmas tradition.

So if when you think of Christmas your mind conjures up Charles Dickens' version with your dead partner's face on a door knocker; or "You'll shoot your eye out, kid," with a Red Rider B.B. gun; or "Every time a bell rings, an angel gets its wings," take advantage on that evening of this great chance to mold a new and wholesome experience with your kids or grandkids or just by yourself.

And while we are all doing it, "God bless us.... everyone."

Rick Hamby is a local attorney and playwright.

Editor's Note: "The Nutcracker Suite" will be presented at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium and will feature the Midland Festival Ballet and the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra.

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DAILY PRAYER

Give us patience, dear Lord, to deal with drivers who seem to have no idea what turn indicators are for.
Amen

An expression for every occasion

Dr. Mavis P. Kelsey Sr. established several medical clinics around Houston. He retired in 1986 and since then has written books on genealogy, history, medicine, art and architecture. He is co-author of a book published in 2007 by A&M Press on Texas courthouses. His latest book is titled "Texas Sayings & Folklore," published by Bright Sky Press.

"If you look in my book, you'll find all kinds of expressions," says Dr. Kelsey. "One of them is: I've seen a lot of changes and I'm agin' every one of 'em."

The book has approximately 100,000 acronyms, expressions, admonitions, advice, proverbs, maxims, oxymorons, phrases, puns, quips and sayings he collected over a two- or three-year period.

"I just kept running into sayings and remembered a lot of them. I just started writing them down on slips of paper and the first thing you know I was doing a book on them."

The book is divided into sections: money, medicine, weather, old age, romance, food

and drink, travel, time and other topics. A phrase in the section of Folk Speech of Northeast Texas reads, "Don't never fool with nothing that ain't none of your business."

He has one about talking and being careful about what you say: "Words spoken can never be controlled. Once you've said it, you're stuck with it." Another: "Words are like toothpaste. Once out of the tube, you can't put them back."

The book has sayings of famous people. Davy Crockett said, "Be sure you're right, then go ahead." Mark Twain said, "Truth is not hard to kill, but lies are immortal."

Here are some more: "Eggs cannot be unscrambled" and "You can't unring a bell." A few more: "God made the country, man made the town." "The generous pocket will never be empty." Also, "What the world needs is more warm hearts and less hot heads." Here's an old one: "It's too late to shut the door after the horse is out of the barn."

He says the oldest saying he has found dates back to 5,000 BC, more than 7,000 years ago: "Wealth is hard to come by and the poor are always with us."

Dr. Kelsey, a fifth generation medical doctor whose family came to this country before

the American Revolution, is a graduate of A&M University and the University of Texas Medical School. He started his book with the sayings he heard as a child.

"If you start collecting them, you'll find out you've got maybe several thousand. I've written all these on paper with a ball point pen."

In his introduction to the book, Dr. Kelsey quotes W. M. Thackeray: "There are a thousand thoughts lying within a man that he does not know till he picks up a pen to write."

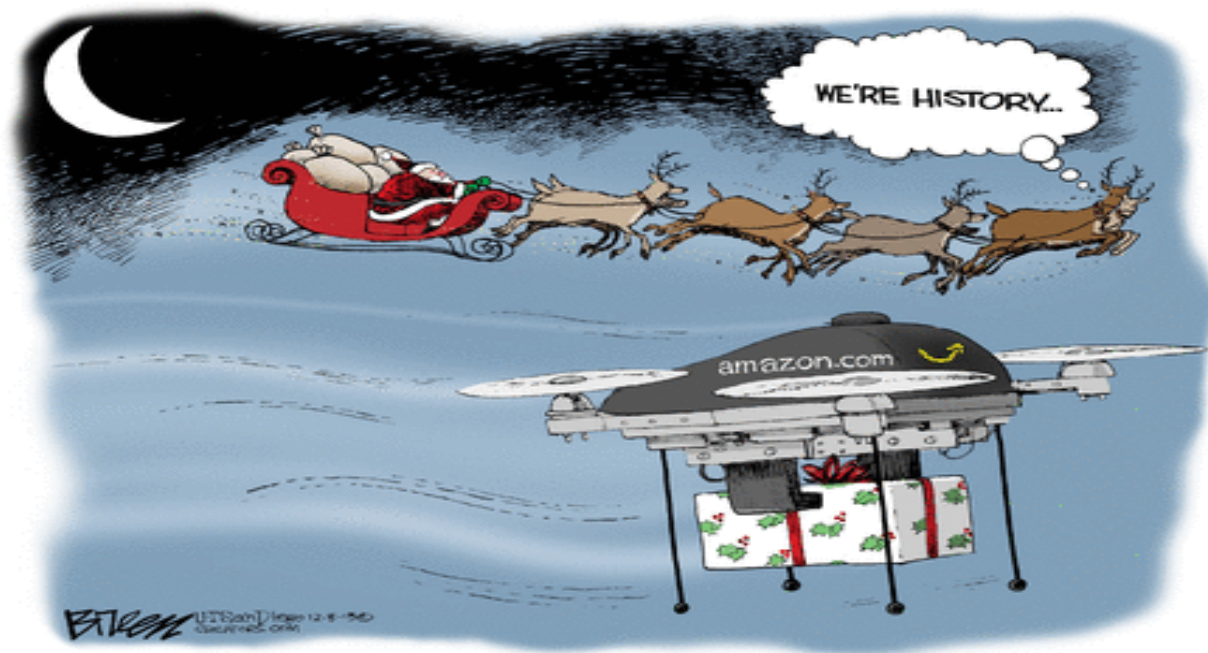
Dr. Kelsey is 101 years old. His book on sayings was published last year. He lives in a heavily wooded section of Houston in the house he had built in the early 50s.

"It was the first house out here and there were no roads. Now the neighborhood is full. There's so many billionaires around here they'll pay four million dollars for a lot with a house on it, tear down the house and build a mansion."

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TUMBLEWEED SMITH



Wherefore art thou, simpler stage?

In his play, As You Like It, debuted some 410 years ago, Will Shakespeare said "all the world's a stage."

We can only guess whether theatre audiences nodded in agreement or shook their heads vigorously to object. Most of them likely were ambivalent, much like "players" on the world's stage today, when we face more issues than anyone cares to count.

So let us consider an addendum to his quote: "and cameras as well as microphones."

We, the populace, may whimper, protest, mutter, lament or whatever. We are now at that place where sights and sounds are part of public records. Such has been stuffed into our collective pipes, ours to smoke, whether or not we inhale.

Nations spy on nations, corporations on competitors, political parties on each other, and, of course, traffic cameras on motorists.

We may "cry uncle" or not, but it is clear that "uncle's" intrusions have taken over like kudzu, tentacles fully engaged.

More info whizzes about in cyberspace than mere mortals can imagine. The U.S. mail, though, provides sobering reminders.

One came in a foreboding envelope from the City of Fort Worth the other day. It was addressed to me, and I opened it hastily, not dreaming that contents would apply to my wife, not to me.

Lo — and throw in "behold," too — the document, somewhat harshly worded, alleged that

a motorist driving a vehicle registered in my name "did then and there commit the following violation...failure to stop at a red light." Supporting evidence included photos shot from three angles, as well as a video. The "knock-out" blow was unmistakable — a picture "front and center" of my car's license plate.

I did what any spouse with a lick of sense would do. Racing to my calendar, I prayed that it would provide proof of my being other-where on the fateful day.

Hallelujah! I was in Dallas — driving our "good" car. I was "committing" a speech in the morning and visiting with a friend's family gathered in a hospital surgery waiting room in the afternoon.

After establishing innocence, it was mine to inform my wife that she had committed a grievous traffic infraction and to contact the county tax office. After all, it seems best to get both our vehicles in her name. That way, she can open future such notifications herself.

She doesn't believe she had done anything wrong, of course. After all, she's been driving for a full half-century, never having received a citation.

Stopped just once for driving a "teensy-weensy" bit over the speed limit, she cried real tears that rolled down reddened cheeks. The officer put away his citation pad, apologizing for causing any inconvenience.

Alas, while tears worked on the officer, they do no good for an emotionless camera. The \$75 check for the fine has been mailed, so officially, the matter is closed. The saga continues verbally, however....

Views of such matters depend on whose foot the shoe pinches.

Ours is major surgery; yours is minor, probably even "out-patient." I could probably stand your minor illness on my eyeball.

Brenda "sort of" remembers the errant turn, vowing that the light was primarily amber, maybe with the slightest "pinkish" hue.

My guess is that it was at the epicenter of red—the brightest hue sold at the paint store.

The recent holidays were joyous with convergence of kids and grandkids. At mid-morning, though, "technological overkill" tempered Thanksgiving joy. Daughter Jana and her hubby received frantic phone calls from Tyler. Police, they learned, had converged on their home, responding to a "911" call. Relax, it was a false alarm. After all, no one was home.

Some phone line fault triggered the "911" call. (Emergency responders explained that such calls are often the result of such breaches.)

Jana was chagrined. Kinfolks and neighbors inspected every room, making sure the home was free of intruders. With disarray associated with both the holidays and "getting out of town," Jana had postponed housecleaning until right after Thanksgiving. She winced at the thought of others seeing the, uh, mess.

Ah, this stage on which we mortals strut may be far better illuminated than we like....

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Letters

Let's stop this

To THE EDITOR:

There is a program coming on the Discovery Channel on Sunday night that should be banned. It is called "Naked and Afraid."

Our media morals have slipped so much in the past several years, but to air a program of naked people should be offensive to any parent, grandparent and the general public. The old standard of "social redeeming value" had long ago been pushed to the limit. True, they blurred the private parts, but young people still know what is being shown.

I cannot believe the Discovery Channel has stooped to this form of entertainment. I hope enough people agree with me to stop this before it airs. If it is not stopped, please let the sponsors know what you think of them if they continue sanctioning this kind of entertainment.

Decency has to start somewhere so start it with this program and take control of modesty again on our air waves. The FCC has no control on what is shown on private channels, so they cannot help. Do your part now to stop this.

JOEL MILLER
BIG SPRING

Way to go!

To THE EDITOR:

As you know, I have always wanted to "Make A Difference" in the appearance of Big Spring, my home town!

I had an encouraging call last night from a friend who lives on Jeffrey Road. She told me that her neighbor, Dale Patterson decided his road needed some tender loving care. They would have helped him, but they had company and he got busy and cleaned up the whole street by himself. That is what I call "a dedicated citizen" for his street's appearance. I wish we had more of those taking responsibility of their property, street and/or general area. We could turn around the appearance Big Spring and surrounding communities.

"Way to go Dale" and a big thanks!

PAT SIMMONS
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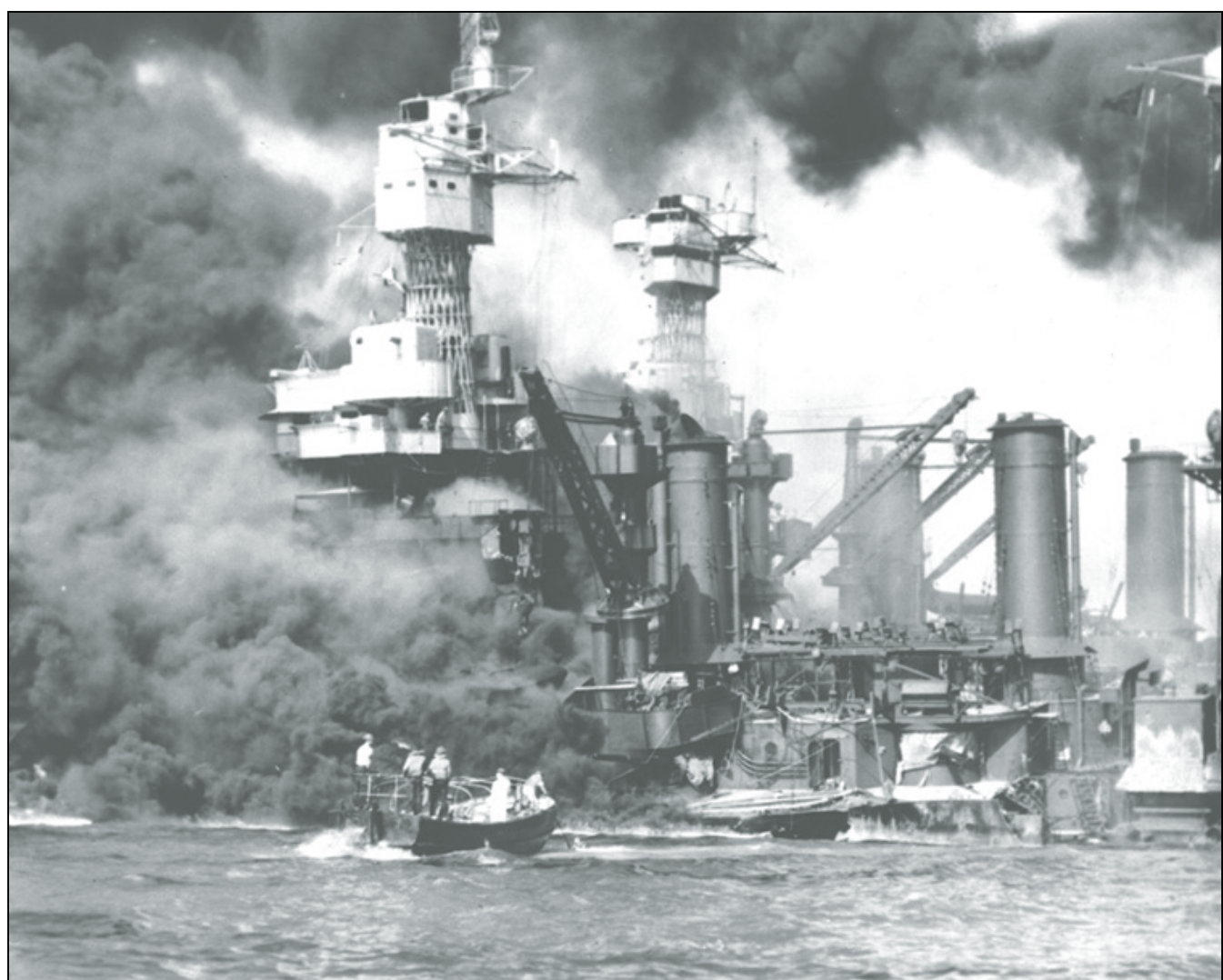
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The U.S.S. Arizona under attack at Pearl Harbor.

AP WAS THERE

Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor

The Associated Press

EDITOR'S NOTE — On Dec. 7, 1941, Eugene Burns, AP's chief of bureau in Honolulu, couldn't get out the urgent news of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, which drew the U.S. into World War II, because the military had already taken control of all communication lines. In Washington, AP editor William Peacock and staff got word of the attack from President Franklin D. Roosevelt's press secretary. In the language and style used by journalists of his era, including the use of a disparaging word to describe the Japanese that was in common use, Peacock dictated the details of the announcement. Seventy-two years after their original publication, the AP is making the dispatches available to its subscribers.

FLASH

WASHINGTON — White House says Japs attack Pearl Harbor.

BULLETIN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP) — President Roosevelt said in a statement today that the Japanese had attacked Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, from the air.

The attack of the Japanese also was made on all naval and military "activities" on the island of Oahu.

The president's brief statement was read to reporters by Stephen Early, presidential secretary. No further details were given immediately.

At the time of the White House announcement, the Japanese ambassadors, Kichisaburo Nomura and Saburo Kurusu, were at the State Department.

FLASH

WASHINGTON — Second air attack reported on Army and Navy bases in Manila.

First lead Japanese

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 — (AP) — Japanese air attacks on the American naval stronghold at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and on defense facilities at Manila were announced today by the White House.



The family of **Elvira Hilario** would like to thank everyone who sent beautiful floral arrangements, food/paper goods, called us with a kind word, sent a card or was there to help with anything that needed to be done. The sudden loss of **Elvira Hilario** was made a little easier with the love and support we received from our friends and family. Your expressions of sympathy were greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten. A special thanks to Dr. Kup, Dr. Shroff, Dr. Hamman, Pro 02, InHome Care, Linda Herrera from Hair by Jose, SMMC ER & ICU Staff.

Only this terse announcement came from President Roosevelt immediately, but with it there could be no doubt that the Far Eastern situation had at last exploded, that the United States was at war, and that the conflict which began in Europe was spreading over the entire world.

This disclosure had been accepted generally as an indication this country had all but given up hope that American-Japanese difficulties, arising from Japan's aggression in the Far East, could be resolved by ordinary diplomatic procedure.

BULLETIN

Second lead Japanese

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 — (AP) — Japanese airplanes today attacked American defense bases at Hawaii and Manila, and President Roosevelt ordered the Army and Navy to carry out undisclosed orders prepared for the defense of the United States.

Announcing the president's action for the protection of American territory, Presidential Secretary Stephen Early declared that so far as is known now the attacks were made wholly without warning — when both nations were at peace — and were delivered within an hour or so of the time that the Japanese ambassador had gone to the State Department to hand to the secretary of state Japan's reply to the secretary's memo of the 26th.

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Police: Pa. newlyweds killed man for thrills

SUNBURY, Pa. (AP) — A couple married for just three weeks lured a man to his death with a Craigslist ad because they wanted to kill someone together, police said.

Elytte Barbour told officers before his arrest Friday night that he and his wife, Miranda, had planned to kill before, but their plans never worked out until last month when Troy LaFerrara responded to an online posting that promised companionship in return for money, authorities said.

Elytte Barbour, 22, and Miranda Barbour, 18, face criminal homicide charges in LaFerrara's death. His body was found Nov. 12 in an alley in Sunbury, a small city about 100 miles northwest of Philadelphia. The couple had recently moved to nearby Selinsgrove from North Carolina.

According to Sunbury police, Elytte Barbour told in-

vestigators he hid in the backseat of the couple's SUV as his wife picked up LaFerrara at a mall Nov. 11. He told police that, on his wife's signal, he wrapped a cord around LaFerrara's neck, restraining him while Miranda Barbour stabbed him.

The 42-year-old Port Trevorton man was stabbed 20 times, police said.

Miranda Barbour was charged Wednesday. She initially denied knowing LaFerrara, but her story evolved as investigators gathered evidence, including the discovery that the last call re-



ceived by the victim's cellphone was made from her number, according to a police affidavit.

The affidavit said Miranda Barbour acknowledged meeting the victim in Selinsgrove and driving with him to Sunbury, where they parked. She said LaFerrara groped her and she took a knife from between the front seats and stabbed him after he put his hand around her throat, ac-

ording to the affidavit.

Police said Miranda Barbour had told them she purchased cleaning supplies at a department store after stabbing LaFerrara, then picked up her husband and took him to a strip club for his birthday. On Friday, police said, Elytte Barbour told them he was the one who had purchased the cleaning products, an account investigators said was backed up by surveillance footage.

Following his wife's arrest, Elytte Barbour told The Daily Item of Sunbury that Miranda Barbour, whom he married Oct. 22, regularly hired herself out as a "companion" to men she met on various websites, a business venture he said he supported because it didn't involve sexual contact.

Barbour said his wife made

anywhere from \$50 to \$850 by meeting with men for such activities as having dinner together or walking around a mall. The ads she placed on websites including Craigslist all said upfront that sex was not part of the deal, he said.

"She is not a prostitute," he said. "What she does is meet men who have broken marriages or have no one in their lives, and she meets with them and has delightful conversation."

Elytte Barbour didn't have an attorney at his arraignment Friday night. A phone message left for his wife's public defender early Saturday was not immediately returned.

Sunbury police Chief Steve Mazzeo told The Daily Item that investigators will also be looking into the death of a man with whom Miranda Barbour had a 1-year-old child. He would not elaborate.

Cops: NH teen missing 2 months wrote letter to mom

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — A teenager who disappeared nearly two months ago mailed her mother a letter several weeks after she was last seen, law enforcement officials said Friday.

The FBI and New Hampshire attorney general's office said 15-year-old Abigail Hernandez wrote her mother on Oct. 22. The letter was postmarked Oct. 23, two weeks after she was last seen on Oct. 9, but the family didn't get the letter until Nov. 6.

Senior Assistant Attorney General Jane Young said the delay may have been caused by the letter going to a post office box and not the Hernandez house.

Police said they didn't disclose the letter until they could verify it was authentic. They are not releasing the letter or any of the contents and won't say where it was mailed from.

Law enforcement officials said the letter, which they called unprecedented in similar investigations, has given them hope, though they still have "grave concerns" for her safety.

Abigail was last seen after leaving Kennett High School in North Conway. Police have said she walked her normal route toward home and sent several text messages to a friend between 2:30 and 3 p.m. At first, police said she made it home, but they later said she hadn't. Police also at first said she made a call about 6:30 p.m. that day but later said that, too, was wrong.

The last signal her phone sent was at 3:07 p.m. from the west side of Cranmore Mountain Resort, 2.5 miles from her home.

"Though she could have left willingly,



AP photo
Abigail Hernandez was last seen after leaving Kennett High School in North Conway. A \$20,000 reward and activation of the FBI's tip line, 1-800-CALL-FBI,

someone now could be coercing her," said Kieran Ramsey, the FBI special agent in charge who is leading the investigation. "Someone now may be manipulat-

ing her."

Asked if Abigail had run away before, Young said: "This is not a characteristic that we have seen before from her."

Police asked people to

be on the lookout for the dark-haired girl. They said neighbors should ask themselves whether a young woman had recently moved into the area.

Young said because Abigail has no financial means, police believe she's getting help "either from a friend or, as we fear, a foe."

"We implore Abby that if she hears this, if she's able to see this, contact us," she said. "We will do everything we can to reunite her with her mother. If it's a good citizen, a good Samaritan, who has her who thinks you're helping her, I can assure you, you're not."

Since she vanished, police have consistently said they have no evidence to suggest anything suspicious and are treating this as a missing-person's case.

A \$20,000 reward and activation of the FBI's tip line, 1-800-CALL-FBI, have yielded a few leads but no solid information.

Her family has made pleas for her safe return, and the community has rallied around them, holding vigils, helping search, printing posters and sponsoring billboards seeking information.

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Pa. museum tells blind visitors: Please touch!

PHILADELPHIA (AP), Angel Ayala has never been a big fan of museums. Blind since birth, the high school student says the exhibits are so sight-dependent that he can't enjoy them.

But he's making an exception for the Penn Museum, an archaeology and anthropology center that offers touch tours for the blind and visually impaired. Ayala can now feel the eroded limestone of an ancient Egyptian sarcophagus and the intricate hieroglyphs on the statue of a pharaoh.

"When I touch things, it's my version of a sighted person's eyes. It tells me way more than a

person describing it would ever," Ayala said.

The institution, which is part of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, began offering the tours last year in an effort to make their extensive collections more accessible. Museums should serve the community at large, and that includes the sighted as well as the sighted, said program coordinator Trish Maunder. "Just because a person has low vision or can't see, doesn't mean that they're not completely interested in culture or learning about ancient artifacts," Maunder said.

Most major U.S. metro areas

have at least one museum that offers some type of hands-on experience, from touching objects with bare hands or gloves to feeling replicas, according to Art Beyond Sight, a group that makes visual culture accessible to the blind and visually impaired.

Such accommodations began well before the Americans with Disabilities Act and have increased as museums "have transformed from institutions that house objects to institutions that work with audiences," said Nina Levent, executive director of the New York-based art organization.

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Samaritans risk it all

NEW YORK (AP) — A personal trainer jumps down onto the subway tracks to save an unconscious man as a train barrels down. A trucker stops to pull a driver from a burning car. A quick-thinking plumber uses his belt as a tourniquet to save a woman badly injured in a crash.

In New York City, which often has a keep-to-yourself, don't-get-involved reputation, at least a dozen good Samaritans this past year were willing to risk their own safety to save a stranger.

"It's the way I was brought up: Always look out for each other," said Dennis Codrington, the personal trainer who, along with two others, helped pull up a bleeding, unconscious man who had fallen onto the tracks of the No. 1 train late one February night.

Codrington was headed home from a party when he saw the 6-foot-tall man at the edge of the platform and then disappear. About 55 people are struck by New York subway trains and die every year, and the 24-year-old Codrington wasn't going to let this guy be one of them.

So he and the two oth-

ers jumped down to hoist the bleeding, heavy stranger up — as the time clock flashed that another train was due in the station in one minute.

"It was really nerve-racking," Codrington said. "But we couldn't leave him there."

Miami emergency room doctor Ben Abo found himself in a similar dilemma at a New Jersey commuter train stop in Greenwich Village during his summer vacation to New York City. The 32-year-old was headed back to Jersey City, where he was staying, when a straphanger took an extra step and fell off the platform.

"He went down right over the edge. He was walking as if the platform was still there and wanted to take another step," Abo said.

The man fell head-first and lay on the tracks, bleeding heavily. Abo looked to see if a train was coming and jumped in, yelling for the two dozen people on the platform to pull a fire alarm and get help.

Sweating, he heaved the man up overhead, back onto the platform, as someone helped from above, and he then tried to pull himself back up,

too. He felt a gush of wind and saw headlights reflecting off the wall.

"I said to myself: 'You have one chance to get up,'" he said.

He made it and set to work trying to stop the bleeding, while a crowd gathered around him — holding up smartphones to take video.

Psychologists say some people have the right mix of qualities it takes for risky heroic acts — altruism, courage, knowing the right thing and being reflexive about it, as well as the ability to inhibit fear that stops most people from getting involved.

"It's not one hero gene. It's a very complex set of characteristics that converge and that person is unique, and thank God for them," said psychologist Dr. Rachel Yehuda at Mount Sinai Medical Center.

Ervin Straub, a professor emeritus of psychology at the University of Massachusetts, who has studied altruism extensively, said crowds in a big city can work against such heroism by creating a "diffusion of responsibility."

"When there are a bunch of people around, there is often a 'Why me? Somebody else can do it,'" he said. "But if someone else developed a strong sense of responsibility, they are not likely to wait. By seeing the others' passivity, their feeling of responsibility may kick in."

A gaggle of videotaping onlookers surrounded 44-year-old plumber David Justino this summer as he tried to stop a tourist from bleeding to death after an out-of-control taxi struck her, severing one leg and badly injuring the other. He used his belt as a tourniquet and poured bottled water over her severed limbs, which were gushing blood.

"I had no choice," he said. "I had to help her, someone had to."

Truck driver Alex Mitchell, 37, of Queens, was alone on the Long Island Expressway two months ago at about 1 a.m. when he saw a man in an SUV driving erratically, then crash into a tree. Mitchell pulled over and ran to the scene.

"There was a flickering of lights, and by the time I got there, it was a big ball of fire and smoke," he said. He reached the man, yanked him up and helped him away from the burning vehicle.

"The only thing I was thinking was, 'We have to get out of here before this thing goes up,'" he said.

Both Mitchell and Justino have since contacted the people they saved to see how they're doing; the tourist, Sian Green of England, is healing.

"There's good people in this world, very good people in this world that I can't thank enough," Green said on NBC's "Today" show.



President Obama lights National Christmas Tree

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama threw the switch, bathing the National Christmas Tree in lights and giving an otherwise dreary day in the nation's capital a festive and seasonal spirit. He later singled out Nelson Mandela, the beloved South African anti-apartheid leader who died Thursday, for special gratitude.

"He blessed us with tremendous grace and unbelievable courage," Obama said. "We are all privileged to live in a world touched by his goodness."

Before lighting the tree, Obama acknowledged the cold and rainy weather and proposed an abbreviated countdown before flipping on the lights. "We're going to start at 5; since it's

little wet we shouldn't start at 10," he said.

As soon as the tree burst into color, singing diva Aretha Franklin took to the stage for a spirited version of "Joy to the World."

Joining Obama for the 91st annual tree-lighting ceremony were first lady Michelle Obama, daughters Sasha and Malia, and mother-in-law Marian Robinson.

The first lady read "'Twas the Night Before Christmas," taking turns with a Sesame Street Muppet named Abby.

After performances by Franklin, the tenor trio Forte, Janelle Monae, Joshua Bell, Mariah Carey and Prince Royce, Obama joined the performers on stage to show off a few dance steps and close out the program.

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By Steve Becker
A Frequently Fatal Weakness

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Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
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♥5
♦6 2
♣J 6 4

WEST
♠K 7 4
♥K 9 8 2
♦A Q
♣10 7 5 3

EAST
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♥Q J 10 7 4
♦7
♣K 9 8 2

SOUTH
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♦K J 10 9 8 5 4 3
♣A Q

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 5♦ All Pass
Opening lead — three of clubs.

In general, more contracts are won or lost on the opening lead than at any other stage of the play. But while it is true that some players are more successful than others in choosing leads, there are times when no one would find the winning lead.

Take this case where South opened with five diamonds. West felt strongly tempted to double, but followed the more conservative course

by passing. He had no clear-cut opening lead, and, after considerable thought, chose a club.

This was not a resounding success, because declarer won the club, played the ace and another heart — which he ruffed in dummy — and discarded his last heart on the ace of spades. South then led a diamond and lost two trump tricks to make exactly five diamonds.

Irritated by the outcome, West later polled 10 experts to see what they would have led against five diamonds. As usual, there was a lack of unanimity among the top players. Seven of them agreed with the opening lead, two favored a low heart, and one chose a low spade.

All of them thus missed the only lead that could set the contract: the ace of diamonds, followed by the queen! Against this opening salvo South is absolutely helpless and, in fact, winds up down two!

It just goes to show that even the expert has an Achilles' heel. When it comes to opening leads, he, in common with lesser mortals, will frequently fail to find the most effective one. Less-accomplished players will no doubt take some satisfaction from this.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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Massive crowds, world leaders to honor Mandela

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — South Africa expects overwhelming crowds and a host of world leaders to attend services honoring late President Nelson Mandela, though with the ceremonies only days away officials acknowledged Saturday they couldn't offer any specifics.

Across the country, South Africans already have begun honoring Mandela, who died Thursday at age 95, with hundreds flocking to the street outside his home in the Johannesburg neighborhood of Houghton.

Official services begin Tuesday with a major memorial planned at FNB Stadium on the edge of Soweto. Minister in the Presidency Collins Chabane told journalists Saturday he expects massive crowds far beyond what the stadium's 95,000-person capacity could hold. He said there would be "overflow" areas set up.

"We can't tell people not to come," he said.

He couldn't offer specifics about how crowds would arrive there with all roads to the venue closed by police or who

would serve as a master of ceremonies.

At Mandela's house in Houghton, hundreds of people gathered Saturday where they sang liberation songs and homages to Mandela. They walked through the streets of Houghton, past expansive, stately homes carrying bundles of flowers and images of Mandela. One young girl, held by her father, carried flowers torn from a garden, weeds included.

Precious Ncayiyana, a pharmacist, carried a painting of Mandela made from old newspaper clippings about him. His left eye bore the number 4664, Mandela's former inmate number, while his right eye said Madiba, his clan name.

Ncayiyana said she planned to drive the painting's artist to Pretoria so he could make a painting of the leader's body lying in state.

"It's my way of contributing to Madiba's legacy. He's gone, but his spirit lives on," she said.

As the chanting and cheering behind her grew louder, she raised her voice to add: "If you see someone you can

help, it doesn't cost anything. ... That's what he taught us."

Those planning Mandela's funeral include the former president's family, the federal government, the military and the African National Congress political party. Despite some prior planning by authorities as Mandela grew frail and suffered bouts of hospitalization in recent years, many of the details remain up in the air.

It's unclear which ceremony world leaders will attend, either Tuesday's stadium memorial or the planned funeral service Dec. 15 in Qunu, the Nobel Peace Prize laureate's rural hometown in Eastern Cape Province. Chabane said South African officials were briefing diplomats Saturday about the arrangements.

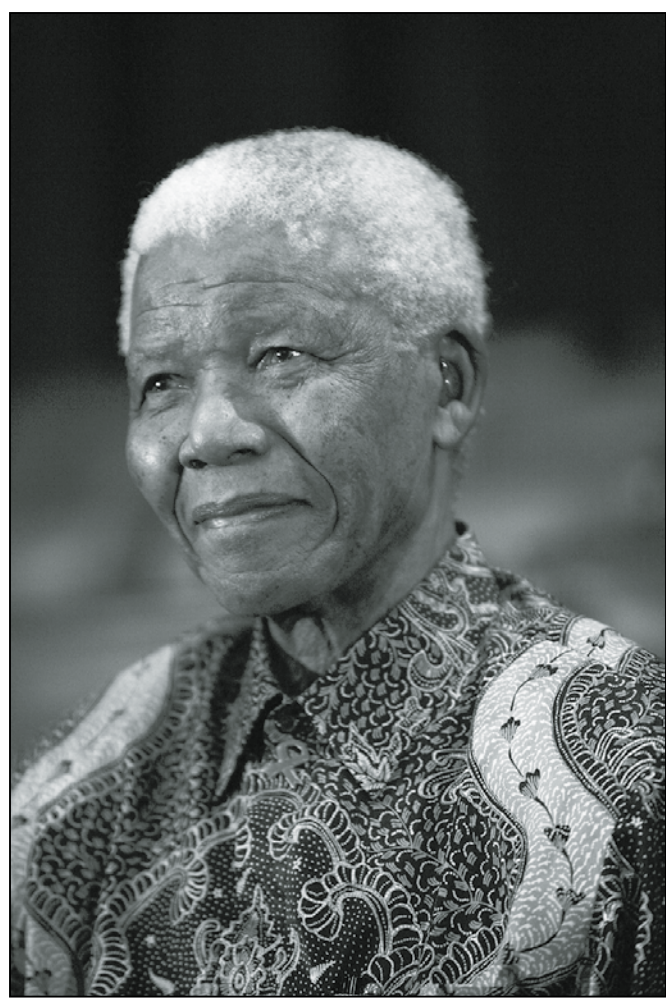
U.S. President Barack Obama and his two predecessors, George W. Bush and Bill Clinton, already have indicated they will attend services in South Africa honoring Mandela.

Mandela's body won't be at the stadium event Tuesday, Chabane said. His body will rest

in state Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at the Union Buildings in Pretoria, South Africa's capital. Mandela's body will held overnight those days at 1 Military Hospital on Pretoria's outskirts, Chabane said. He called on residents to line the streets to serve as an honor guard as Mandela's body passes twice each day.

ANC members will hold a ceremony on Dec. 14 at Waterkloof Air Force Base near Pretoria before Mandela's body is flown to Qunu, Chabane said.

Sunday has been declared a national day of prayer and reflection over Mandela's death. The government has announced that a special sitting of the two houses of parliament will be held on Monday to pay tribute to Mandela, the



country's first black and democratically-elected president.

Tributes to the former anti-apartheid activist continued to pour in from around the globe Saturday. Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe, who has been in power since his country's independence from Britain in 1980 and supported Mandela's ANC during its struggle against the apartheid regime, paid his first public tribute to the de-

ceased leader on Saturday.

Despite himself being accused by critics of increasingly authoritarian rule, Mugabe praised Mandela as a champion of democracy and "an unflinching fighter for justice."

"Mr. Nelson Mandela's renowned and illustrious political life will forever remain a beacon of excellence," Zimbabwe's state-run newspaper The Herald quoted Mugabe as saying.

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Kubiak out at Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Gary Kubiak pulled the Texans out of the NFL basement and remains the only coach to take them to the playoffs.

That wasn't enough to save his job, not with the

Texans mirrored in an 11-game skid that has dropped them back to the bottom of the league.

Houston fired Kubiak on Friday, one

day after the Texans lost 27-20 at Jacksonville and continued their stunning fall for a team that expected to make a Super Bowl run. Houston (2-11) was flagged 14 times for a franchise-record 177 yards.

The 52-year-old Kubiak was hired in 2006 and led the team to AFC South titles in 2011-2012, the highlights of his eight-year tenure as coach of his hometown NFL team.

The Texans said they couldn't wait any longer to start turning things around, not with the losses and undisciplined play piling up.

"What's taken place

with this organization is unacceptable," general manager Rick Smith said. "We've got three weeks left of an evaluation process and we've got to right the ship."

Kubiak thanked the team for giving him his head coaching job in the NFL.

"Though we came up short this season, the work, effort and sacrifice

they gave me and this organization over the last eight seasons is not to be taken for granted," he said in a statement provided by the Texans. "We had a great run here and we will never forget our back-to-back AFC South championships. Coming back home was a dream come true for all of us. This will always be our home."

Kubiak's overall record is 61-64, with a 2-2 mark in the playoffs. Owner Bob McNair said the decision to let him go was a hard one.

"It was difficult

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Gary Kubiak



HERALD file photo/Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Howard College's Travis Charles takes a shot during last week's 89-78 win over Midland College. Charles, who added 20 points during the WJAC opener, has played a big role in new HC Head Coach Scott Raines' offense. The Hawks are off to an 11-1 start. Both the Hawks and Lady Hawks will be on Christmas break until late December. Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan and other surrounding schools have cancelled hoops tournaments which were slated for the weekend due to bad weather and unsafe driving conditions. Most teams will resume action Tuesday.

Local briefs

HC to host 8th Annual Hawk Buddies hoops clinic postponed

Boys and Girls in grades kindergarten through eighth are welcome to attend the 2013-14 Hawk Buddies, which has been postponed until Saturday, Jan. 18. due to weather.

Sponsored by Howard College Women's Basketball and longtime corporate sponsor Wells Fargo.

Under the instruction of Head Coach Earl Diddle, Assistant Coach Addie Lees and the Lady Hawk basketball squad, enrollees will enjoy a morning of learning basketball skills, followed by a pizza party.

Each participant will receive a Howard Hawk basketball and his or entire family will be allowed into all Hawk basketball home games for the duration of the season. A 'Buddies Night' will be held Feb. 13 at halftime during a home game against Frank Phillips College where attendees of the Hawk Buddies camp will be recognized.

Cost will be \$20 per camper and enrollment is limited. For more information, contact Diddle at 264-5043, or Lees at 264-5155. Registration begins the morning of the camp from 8:30 -9 a.m., unless prior arrangements have been made.

Big Spring Little League meeting set

Big Spring Little League will be holding an organizational meeting for the 2014 season Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center (ATC).

Forsan's Kolby Self set to be honored

Kolby Self, a senior at Forsan High School, was named 'Built Ford Tough Player of the Week' recently for his contributions on the football field.

Big Spring Ford and Forsan High School will be hosting an event at FHS on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., where Self will be officially recognized for the award The public is invited to attend.

Cowboys eye playoffs heading into final stretch

CHICAGO (AP) — Jason Garrett wasn't interested in a history lesson.

The way he sees it, the shortfalls in recent seasons have no bearing on the playoff push the Dallas Cowboys are trying to sustain heading into the final stretch.

They head into Monday's game against the fading Chicago Bears with back-to-back wins and a share of the NFC East lead.

"A lot of people step back and say, 'This team won eight in a row and won the Super Bowl. This team lost their last three,'" said the Cowboys coach. "It has nothing to do with us. What has to do with us is today and our preparation for Chicago. We want to play one good ballgame. That's really what we're focused on. We'll let everyone else figure out what the history of the world is."

"We've got to focus on us right now," he continued. "This football team has very little to do with the 2012, '11, '10, 1966 team — it has nothing to do with it. So we need to focus on us and what we need to do to get ourselves ready to play one ballgame."

For the third time in three full seasons under Garrett, the Cowboys (7-5) go into December with a chance to make the playoffs. Now, they'd like to clinch a spot.

They won three straight to go to 8-6 last season, only to lose to New Orleans and Washington. The Redskins game was the second straight playoffs-or-bust finale, so if Garrett wasn't in a reflective mood, it's not hard to see why.

The Bears (6-6) would just as soon not look back, either.

They've dropped six of nine after a demoralizing 23-20 overtime loss at Minnesota that fueled questions about coach Marc Trestman's decisions and reduced their playoff hopes to a long shot.

Trestman found himself facing questions for having Robbie Gould attempt a 47-yard field goal on a second down in overtime rather than try to shorten the distance as the Bears were moving the ball well enough.

Gould, operating on little sleep

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Sports Calendar

TUESDAY

Boys Basketball

- Lubbock Monterey at Big Spring, 9th, 5 p.m.; JV, 6:30 p.m.; Varsity, 8 p.m.
- Post at Coahoma, JV, 5 p.m.; Varsity, 8 p.m.
- Forsan at Garden City, JV, 5 p.m.; Varsity, 6:30 p.m.

Girls Basketball

- Post at Coahoma, JV, 4 p.m.; Varsity, 6:30 p.m.
- Forsan at Lamesa, JV, 5 p.m.; Varsity, 6:30 p.m.

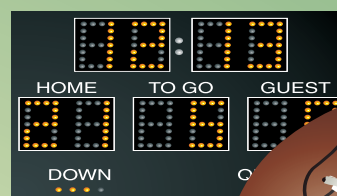
Swimming

- Big Spring at Odesa High Dual, Ector Junior High, 5:30 p.m.

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Yankees, Mariners reach agreement on 2B Cano

SEATTLE (AP) — Robinson Cano is trading pinstripes for the Pacific Northwest.

The free agent second baseman and the Seattle Mariners have reached agreement on a deal, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press on Friday.

ESPN reported earlier Friday that the contract was worth \$240 million for 10 years.

The person told the AP that the deal was pending a physical that had not yet been scheduled. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because there was no official announcement.

Music mogul Jay-Z, whose Roc Nation has partnered with CAA Baseball to represent Cano, was in Seattle for talks that began Thursday and stretched into Friday.

Agent Brodie Van Wagenen of CAA Baseball and Juan Perez of Roc Nation Sports also were in attendance.

Cano had spent his entire career with the New York Yankees and was a five-time All-Star. He played in 160 games last season and hit .314 with 27 homers and 107 RBIs.

The Yankees had offered \$175 million over seven years. New York went 85-77 last season and missed the playoffs for only the second time in 19 years; Seattle went 71-91 and hasn't been in the playoffs since 2001.

"He was a great Yankee. He was a great player. I think everybody tried hard to get the deal done. We just never got close enough obviously. We wish him the best. We hope he has a long, healthy career," Yankees managing general partner Hal Steinbrenner said Friday. "We're going to keep going. We're still looking at all the same guys that we were looking at a week ago or two ago. We're going to continue to improve. We're not done spending."

The Mariners weren't saying much of anything.

"We are not able to confirm any news regarding Robinson Cano at this time. If and when an agreement is completed and finalized, we will announce," the team said in a statement.

The deal would be tied for the fourth-richest contract in baseball history and a striking blow from a franchise that's done little to get noticed for the past decade.

Only the two deals signed by Alex Rodriguez — first with Texas and then the Yankees — and Joey Votto's contract with Cincinnati were worth more. Albert Pujols also signed a \$240 million deal with the Los Angeles Angels.

Cano posted a .899 on-base plus slugging percentage last season and finished fifth in American League most valuable player voting.

He's been one of the most durable players in baseball for the past seven seasons, missing only 14 out of 1,120 games since the start of the 2007 season. He's a career .309 hitter who has averaged 24 homers and 97 RBIs per season.

Cano has hit at least 25 homers and had a slugging percentage above .500 in every season since 2009.

Cano could be the anchor for a lineup that's lacked consistency at the plate most of the past decade.

Between 2009 and 2012, Seattle's offense ranked last in baseball in batting average, and was near the bottom in runs scored and homers.

The Mariners showed some pop this past season with 188 home runs — second-most in baseball — but 52 of those came from the combo of Kendrys Morales and 41-year-old Raul Ibanez, both free agents.

It's the second straight offseason Seattle will have made a massive financial commitment after giving a \$175 million, seven-year deal to ace Felix Hernandez last

winter.

Seattle has plenty of financial room to make significant cash commitments because the only major contracts on the books for 2014 are for Hernandez and Hisashi Iwakuma, and only Michael Saunders and Justin Smoak are entering arbitration.

Helping provide room to increase the payroll is the Mariners' investment in a new regional sports network that is expected to net Seattle significant revenue in the coming years and it's not a surprise the club was able to make such a staggering offer.

But finalizing a deal with Cano won't solve all of Seattle's problems.

It's a start, immediately adding a legitimate slugger to the middle of a lineup that finally showed some pop last season after years of floundering with one of the worst offenses in baseball. The Mariners have plenty of other problems to solve, including adding another established starter to their rotation and finding solutions for an outfield filled with questions.

The potential acquisition of Cano could mean a move is made with Nick Franklin or Dustin Ackley.

Franklin became Seattle's starting second baseman for the majority of last season after an early promotion from the minors. He showed flashes at the plate but slumped badly in the later months of the season and his defense was always a concern.

Ackley was Seattle's second baseman of the future when he was selected with the No. 2 overall pick in the 2009 draft, but went through his own hitting swoon. Ackley was demoted to the minors to try to find his swing and was moved from second base to playing in the outfield.

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after the birth of his son, missed wide right, and Minnesota's Blair Walsh answered with a 34-yarder.

That sent the Bears to their sixth loss in nine games, a serious blow to their playoff hopes.

They trail Detroit by a game in the NFC North, with the Lions holding the head-to-head sweep, and their shot at the wild card is just about out of range.

The Bears would have been facing an uphill climb even if Jay Cutler and Lance Briggs returned from their injuries, and Trestman said they will not play this week.

"December is when you put yourself in position to try and make a playoff push, and unfortunately we're not in control of our own destiny now," long snapper Patrick Mannelly said.

Here are five things to look for in this game:

WHO'LL STOP THE RUN: How badly have the Bears struggled against the run? They rank 32nd in that category, but that only tells part of the story. They've allowed 199 yards rushing or more in four of the past six games and have given up 1,843 on the season, eclipsing last season's total (1,627). The 5.0 yards per carry they're giving up ranks as the third-highest average in club history.

RESTED COWBOYS: Before returning to practice on Thursday, the Cowboys had 10 out of 21 days off because of their bye and a Thanksgiving game.

"It feels like a new season all over again," Jason Hatcher, the team leader with a career-high nine sacks. "We just got to approach it that way and keep doing what we doing."

STINGIER ROMO: The Bears intercepted Tony Romo five times in last year's win at Dallas. He hasn't been so generous this year.

Romo has just seven interceptions and has thrown more than one in a game only once this season.

"I think Tony has matured in every way since I've been around him," Garrett said. "I think his understanding of the game and what we're doing on offense and what the defense is trying to do is better and better. I think his understanding of football has improved."

HELLO AGAIN: New Bears defensive tackle Jeremiah Ratliff had little to say about facing his former team for the first time.

A four-time Pro Bowl pick, Ratliff was released by Dallas in mid-October and signed by Chicago early last month.

"It's just football," he said. "I don't get caught up in all that silly rivalry stuff or some payback."

Ratliff missed the last six games of 2012 with a groin injury that required surgery, and never practiced for Dallas this season. He was in on 23 defensive snaps against the Vikings and hopes to play a bigger role this week.

DITKA'S MOMENT: Mike Ditka is finally getting his No. 89 retired. The Bears will honor the Hall of Fame tight end and championship coach at halftime, paying tribute to the only person in the NFL's modern era to win a title with the same team as a player (1963) and coach (1985).

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for me because I think so much of Gary," McNair said. "We've been evaluating it every game and asking the question, 'What's in the best interest of the organization?' We're at the point now where we need to go ahead and make some changes because losing like this is unacceptable."

He added: "We're here to have a winning culture and this year has not contributed to that."

The Texans said defensive coordinator Wade Phillips would serve as interim coach for the rest of what has been a miserable season. McNair said NFL and head coaching experience were important factors in filling the job, and that the 66-year-old Phillips will be considered.

Kubiak suffered a mini-stroke Nov. 3 in a frightening scene, collapsing at halftime during a game against the Colts and being rushed to a Houston hospital. He suffered a transient ischemic attack, which occurs when blood flow to the brain is briefly interrupted, typically by a blood clot or narrowed blood vessels. Experts say they are often a warning sign for a future stroke, particularly within three months of a TIA.

Kubiak returned to coach, but the Texans

have been unable to rebound from injuries to top players including quarterback Matt Schaub, running back Arian Foster and linebacker Brian Cushing, who was lost for the second straight season.

McNair pointed to messy play and the handling of second-year quarterback Case Keenum as reasons for the move before the end of the season.

"I think the last straw was losing," McNair said. "We've got a lot better talent than Jacksonville and to lose to them twice, to their credit they played harder, played smarter and to have them beat us on that is not acceptable. If a team's going to beat us because they're better than we are, or have better ability that's fine, but we expect to go out and play hard and play smart, and we didn't play smart."

Kubiak, a former NFL quarterback who calls the team's plays, has long been known as a top offensive coach, mentoring quarterbacks in Denver under Mike Shanahan and then Schaub and Keenum in

Houston.

He was hired in 2006, along with Smith, after the Texans finished a franchise-worst 2-14. Smith spent 10 years with Kubiak while the coach was offensive coordinator of the Broncos. Smith was Denver's defensive assistant for four seasons before moving into the front office for his last six years with the Broncos.

The pair helped transform the Texans, which began play in 2002, from league laughingstock to contender. The team went 6-10 in their first year and 8-8 in each of the next two seasons. Expectations were high in 2010 after Houston finished at 9-7 for its first winning record in 2009. The Texans instead fell to 6-10, which led to many fans calling for Kubiak's firing.

His original contract was due to expire after the 2010 season, but McNair defended him several times amid the bumps.

Last year, the Texans announced contract extensions for both Smith and Kubiak, rewarding them for taking the team to the playoffs last

year for the first time. Kubiak's three-year agreement has him under contract through 2014.

McNair said at the time he offered Kubiak a four-year deal, but the coach preferred to make it for three.

Kubiak made his mark as Denver's offensive coordinator under Shanahan, winning two Super Bowls. An eighth-round pick out of Texas A&M, he spent nine years as John Elway's backup. He finished his career 4-1 as a starter, all in emergency relief of Elway.

"You always hate to see guys fired," Broncos coach John Fox said. "It happens, it's tough. But you never like to see that. He's a good friend and a heck of a coach, a guy I have a lot of respect for and it's unfor-

tunate."

The Texans also fired special teams coordinator Joe Marciano and replaced him with assistant Bob Ligashesky, who is in his 10th NFL season and first full year with Houston. Other recent departures from the Texans include assistant head coach Alex Gibbs (for Seattle) and offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan went to join his father in Washington.

Keenum, Phillips and

the rest of the Texans will get three weeks to show what they have to McNair and company. With Kubiak out, it is clear that the evaluation process could have stiff consequences as the team tries to rebuild.

"We have a young quarterback in Case Keenum and we need to find out if he's capable of being a starter or capable of being the backup," McNair said. "The way you find out about that is by playing him."

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Tannehill's Dolphins, Roethlisberger's Steelers look to find a way into packed AFC



Miami WR Brian Hartline (right) celebrates with QB Ryan Tannehill after the pair connected for a touchdown during last week's win over the New York Jets.

AP photo

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Mike Tomlin's sideline two-step against Baltimore on Thanksgiving night did more than just earn the Pittsburgh Steelers coach a \$100,000 fine and a smudge on his otherwise well-polished resume. It also overshadowed the perilous position his team found itself in after a 22-20 loss.

When Ben Roethlisberger's 2-point conversion attempt smacked off Emmanuel Sanders' hands and fell incomplete, what little margin for error the Steelers (5-7) had entering December vanished.

A loss to the equally enigmatic Dolphins (6-6) on Sunday would doom the Steelers to a second straight non-winning season for the first time this millennium and give the team an early start on an offseason filled with questions to which there are no readily apparent answers.

A win would keep the future at bay a while longer. Four straight to end the regular season could change the conversation entirely.

"This is our playoff game right here," Roethlisberger said. "It's been that way the last couple weeks, and it's going to keep being that way until the end."

Miami finds itself in better position, but only slightly. The Dolphins, whose season has been pockmarked by accusations of bullying that make's Tomlin's misstep look comical, have won two of three. They did so behind a defense playing with a kind of snarl that has taken some of the pressure off second-year quarterback Ryan Tannehill.

The Dolphins are tied for fifth in the league in sacks (37) and ninth in points allowed. Miami held the New York Jets to a field goal in a 23-3 romp last week while getting to quarterbacks Geno Smith and Matt Simms four times, including three sacks by defensive end Olivier Vernon.

"It's been a collective effort by the entire defensive guys," Miami coach Joe Philbin said. "I think everybody ribs everybody, but I think as long as we get the quarterback on the ground I don't think anybody really cares who gets it."

Only Tom Brady and Drew Brees have found a way to score more than 23 points against the Dolphins this season. And while Roethlisberger is hardly a

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Woods takes 2-shot lead into the weekend

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — For the final tournament at Sherwood Country Club, Tiger Woods seems intent on leaving a lasting impression.

He only missed one fairway Friday in the World Challenge. He putted for birdie on every hole. Only once was he under stress to make par. And when he finished his second round with a pair of pars, Woods matched his course record with a 10-under 62 and was in a familiar position going into the weekend.

Woods, a five-time winner at Sherwood, had a two-shot lead over Zach Johnson.

"It was fun to watch," said Graeme McDowell, who tied for the second-best round of the day and fell six shots behind.

Woods was at 11-under 133 and will be paired in the last group Saturday with Johnson, who missed a few good birdie chances on the back nine but still managed a 68. Johnson is a two-time runner-up at the World Challenge, both times to Woods.

Matt Kuchar had a 68 and was three shots behind, and no one else was closer than five shots.

Woods had little reason to believe he would tie his course record at Sherwood, which he set in 2007 during one of his victories. Nothing was going right on the practice range. And even though he opened with two birdies, the pin was accessible on No. 1 and the second hole is a par 5 that featured a front pin.

"I hit a good tee shot down No. 1, good second shot in there to a kick-in, and it still didn't feel very good," Woods said. "But think the third hole was a nice shot in there. It was the first swing I made, even during warm-up, that felt really good, and I tried to keep that feeling the rest of the day. And I did. I hit a lot of good shots after that."

It was the 10th time Woods has shot 62 or lower in a tournament. He went on to win six of those events. The exceptions were the 1999 Byron Nelson Classic (61 in the first round), the 2005 Buick Open (61 in the second round) and the 2012 Honda Classic (62 in the final round).

This is his final event of the year, though Woods has been around long enough to keep it in perspective.

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Harden has 34, Rockets defeat warriors 105-83

HOUSTON (AP) — The Rockets' offense is one of the best in the NBA. However, against Golden State on Friday night, it was the defense that was the key.

Houston leaned on its defense in the first quarter while jumping out to a double-digit lead it didn't relinquish.

James Harden scored 34 points, Dwight Howard had 22 points and 18 rebounds, and the Rockets beat the Warriors 105-83.

Terrence Jones added 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Rockets, who had lost two straight. Harden shot 13 for 22 from the field and 7 for 9 on free throws two nights after shooting 3 for 17 — including 0 for 10 on 3-pointers — against Phoenix.

Howard was 12 for 20 on free throws as the Rockets finished 25 for 39 from the line. Houston was also 45 percent from the field.

"That's the way we play," Harden said. "If we don't get after them on the defensive end, it's going to be tough for us. We were getting huge stops and getting out in transition. We did a good job early in the game of putting pressure on their guards, and we got things going our way."

Stephen Curry led the Warriors with 22 points and five assists, but was just 5 of 14 from the field while making all 11 free-throw attempts. Harrison Barnes had 14 points and seven rebounds, Kent Bazemore added 12 and David Lee 11 points as the Warriors

saw their two-game win streak end.

Golden State shot 36 percent from the field, including 2 for 16 on 3s.

The Rockets led 61-37 at halftime and pushed the advantage to 28 on Harden's three-point play less than 2 minutes into the third quarter.

Golden State pulled to 74-50 on Jermaine O'Neal's jumper midway through the third, and the Warriors resorted to 'Hack-a-Howard' with 5:40 remaining in the period.

Howard made 2 of 4 from the line, and the Warriors pulled to 76-54 on O'Neal's layup with 5:06 to go in the quarter. Howard connected on the next two free throws, and the Warriors went away from hacking him.

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"Two more rounds," he said. No one is ready to concede this tournament to Woods, except for those at the far end of this 18-man field.

Hunter Mahan had an 80, Dustin Johnson had a 79 and Rory McIlroy, coming off a win at the Australian Open, had a 77.

"Amazing what Tiger did out there. It's just some incredible golf," Kuchar said. "I kind of felt sorry for Graeme McDowell. I saw he posted a 5-under-par round, and it must have felt like it was 2 or 3 over. It's tough when you're paired with a guy like that. It makes you feel like you're not doing much. But the rest of us just go about our business."

Even after watching what he felt like was an exhibition — Woods' golf, not the tournament — McDowell figured he could still defend his title if he could nail down the speed of the greens, which are running on the fast side.

That's what set Woods apart on another chilly day at Sherwood. Not only did he make the putts, he rarely was in a position where he had to stress over par. The lone exception came on the par-3 12th, when Woods was in such a precarious spot above the hole that he had no intention of trying to make birdie. He would have had to start the ball high on a ridge to get it to roll near

the hole, and that would mean more speed going by. So he aimed for the low side and made the 10-foot par putt coming back.

"I don't think I've seen them quite this fast unless we get Santa Ana's blowing when it's dry," Woods said. "I mean, this is the last tournament of the year for a lot of us. I'd think they'd make it a little easier on us. But they gave it to us pretty good the last couple days. You miss the ball in the wrong spots, you're making bogeys."

Woods never went more than two holes without a birdie. One of the few times he was above the hole, Woods hit his putt on a perfect line with the right pace and dipped his knees when it dropped in the right side of the cup.

Even as he dropped further behind, McDowell couldn't help but appreciate a flawless round of golf.

"I enjoyed that," he said. "It was cool to see that kind of golf. He was under control. He hit it down the middle of every fairway. He didn't have that kind of violence with his speed through the ball."

Woods said he was similar to the 61 he shot this summer at Firestone, where he went on to win by seven shots.

"I think Firestone is obviously a much more difficult golf course than Sherwood," Woods said. "But as far as quality ball-striking, I hit it equally as good today, if not even better."

What could challenge Woods, along with everyone else, is a forecast of rain and then wind for the final two days.

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slouch, he'll also be playing behind an offensive line that will have its sixth starting combination on the season after center Fernando Velasco tore his Achilles tendon and is lost for the year.

"That's been a thing since I've been here," running back Jonathan Dwyer said. "We have trouble keeping guys healthy, but we have belief that whoever is out there it going to be able to make plays when the time comes."

Five things to keep an eye on as the Dolphins search for their first win in Pittsburgh in 23 years:

WALLACE'S HOMECOMING: Miami wide receiver Mike Wallace spent four seasons in Pittsburgh, develop-

ing into one of the league's top deep threats and making the Pro Bowl in 2011. What Wallace didn't get, however, was a long-term contract from the Steelers, at least not one he wanted to sign. He took \$60 million and fled to Miami last spring, and for all the thrills he provided, he has no doubt what Heinz Field is going to sound like when his No. 17 flashes onto the video board.

"I don't think everything ended on the highest note," Wallace said. "I know between myself and the organization, we all know what the deal was, so I am good with it."

TOMLIN'S TANGO: Tomlin called his foray onto the field against the Ravens when he nearly tripped Baltimore's Jacoby Jones "embarrassing, inexcusable, illegal, a blunder." He stressed it wasn't intentional and remains adamant it will not provide a

distraction.

"The only thing we can control is our preparation and, ultimately, our play this week," he said. "That's the now and what's immediately ahead of us. I try to relay that sentiment and attitude to our team, and I think it's something they embrace."

CORRALING CLAY: The rapid development of third-year tight end Charles Clay has given Tannehill more options when defenses turn their attention to Wallace and Brian Hartline. Clay's next score will give him as many this season as he had in his first two seasons combined. He'll be facing a defense that has struggled at times against talented tight ends and will start two rookies at linebacker.

SNOW GLOBE?: The early forecast for Sunday is a wintry mix of sleet and snow with temperatures hovering

around the freezing mark. It sounds nearly as nasty as Miami's last trip to Pittsburgh, which was played in a monsoon on a field that looked more like a slip-and-slide. The Steelers won 3-0 on a field goal with 17 seconds left.

The Dolphins haven't done much in foul weather lately, though they could take some inspiration from the University of Miami, which beat Pittsburgh at Heinz Field the day after Thanksgiving with the thermostat set at a brisk 31 degrees.

THE OTHER WALLACE: Journeyman Cody Wallace will make his first NFL start on Sunday as the third center to play for the Steelers this year. Wallace played all of 58 snaps in five-plus seasons before signing with Pittsburgh in September.

"He's a capable guy," Roethlisberger said. "He's been here a while, so he'll be ready."



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Parades: An Age Old Tradition In Big Spring



In dresses and suits Big Springers circa 1900 turned out to celebrate the victorious ending of WWI, or so it is speculated.

The bottom photo of a parade float is dated 1905 and possibly depicts the name of a former Big Spring business.

All photos are courtesy of the Heritage Museum located at 510 Scurry. Hours of operation are Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Herald Lighted Christmas Parade in 28th Year

The Herald Christmas Parade is in its 28th year and has 80-plus entries in the lineup. Although the Herald has sponsored the parade since 1985, Big Spring has had parades as far back as the early 1900s.

The history of parades in Big Spring is sketchy at best, but early photos provided by the Heritage Museum give us an idea of what locals deemed celebratory at the time.

The Herald Lighted Christmas Parade has become part of the Holiday tradition for Big Spring families. For those who have lived here long enough many may remember watching the parade as a child and are now bringing their own children and grandchildren to the event.

The parade and community events add to the festive atmosphere that Christmas brings and it's one of those things that provides a break

from the mundane.

The word parade often brings to mind visions of elaborately constructed exhibits reminiscent of sets from a play mounted on a flat bed trailer.

By definition a float is a decorated platform either built on a truck or towed behind one. They are so named because the first floats were decorated barges on the River Thames in England for the Lord Mayor's Show.

More and more often extensively decorated vehicles are being seen. Slogans or encouraging words for a favorite team written on the windows with shoe polish and cardboard signs attached to the sides of the car. Paper streamers and balloons are sometimes seen flapping in the wind from antennas and mirrors.

People love parades. They will line up by the hundreds in the worst weather just to watch the brightly colored

and elaborately decorated floats go by.

But it's human nature to want to see and to be seen. Parade floats have been in existence since the dark ages. And, as with most things it seems, parades and floats have their roots in the church.

In the 14th and 15th century Europe, the church mounted passion plays that depicted theatrical scenes about the life and death of Jesus, complete with sets and actors, onto large wagons and would take to the road in caravans to remind the public of the importance of worship.

In 1699 New Orleans integrated festive floats in their Mardi Gras parade instead of just revelers in costumes and masks walking down the street.

The Rose Bowl parade was created in 1889 and features floats made entirely out of flowers and plants.

But by the 1930s creating



floats as an artistic endeavor gave way more or less as an advertising platform to boost company sales or to underwrite the cost of construction.

Today's more famous floats such as the Tournament of Roses Parade and Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade sport high tech gadgetry and automated movements.

The Herald's annual Christmas Parade may not be as high tech, but it will still be a sight to see. Reportedly, the Herald's parade has never been cancelled, but because of freezing rain, sleet and below freezing temperatures, this year's parade has been postponed.

By Andrea Medlin



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Navy Master Chief Petty Officer Priscilla Kirsh, daughter of Patricia Richter, of Lamesa, Texas, recently reenlisted for four years of active Naval service while serving aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN75). Kirsh is a 1988 graduate of Lamesa High School in Lamesa.

► Club News

Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met Monday, Dec. 2, in the Cactus Room of Howard College.

With Jan Hansen presiding, Kathryn Wiseman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the invocation.

Teresa Darden's minutes of the November meeting were approved as well as the financial report from Debbie Wegman.

We were reminded to drop by Heritage Museum to see our tree decorated by Peggy Hopper, Lisa Brooks and Leslie Williams.

Greg Brooks was recognized as a guest.

Sandra Rhodes-Bartlett gave a report on the upcoming "Doing Your PART" award to Max and Kay

Moore's home in Kentwood.

We have been awarded a Green Bag grant from HEB and will be handing out bags at a later date. Johnny Womack gave a report on our successful Recycles Day.

We will receive a check for this effort soon. Willia Ledford thanked all who helped plant our experimental garden at the Dora Roberts Center. This was a labor of love.

New officers for 2014 are: Peggy Hopper-President, Lisa Brooks-Vice President, Teresa Darden-Secretary and Debbie Wegman-Treasurer.

Our training session was well attended and helpful for our entry in the State competition. Next meeting - Jan. 6.

Public art project elicits the profound, profane

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — It is public art made of private wishes.

In a phenomenon spreading across the globe, oversized blackboards, painted on buildings and freestanding displays, invite passers-by to complete the sentence: "Before I die I want to ..."

Answers, some profound, some profane, are written on stenciled lines with pieces of sidewalk chalk picked from the ground below.

"... make my dad proud."

"... find the yin to my yang."

Since artist Candy Chang created the first wall on an abandoned house in her New Orleans neighborhood in 2011, more than 400 walls have gone up in the United States and

more than 60 other countries, including Kazakhstan, Mexico, Iraq, Haiti, South Korea and South Africa.

"... be happy."

"... see Italy."

"I've been surprised by how quickly people have dropped their guards and written sincere and sometimes heartbreaking things on these walls," said Chang, who said the first wall was inspired by the loss of a loved one.

"It reassures me that I'm not alone as I try to make sense of my life."

"... eat more everything."

"... get my wife back."

"... slow down for a moment and maybe even stop."

"It's an honest mess of the longing, anxiety, joy, pain, gratitude, insecurity and wonder you find in every

community. ... It's like collective therapy in public space," said Chang, responding to questions via email. Chang earned a master's degree in urban planning and sees in public spaces the potential to unify and communicate.

Her own entries have ranged from "enjoy more places with the people I love" to "revive a ghost town."

"I don't know if maybe you're more likely to do it because now it's out there for the world to see, there's just something magical about stuff like this," said Sara McAlister, 22, after stopping to write on a former factory building in Syracuse.

"I think putting it out there, even considering the question, is going to make a difference."

"Travel the world,"

"brighten someone's day," wrote McAlister, a bartender who recently finished a master's degree in social work at Syracuse University.

"And between you and me, I wrote, marry this one over here," she said, nodding toward her boyfriend, Patrick Kraushaar, 26, who was writing "inspire someone positively" and "make my family proud."

"It's almost like positive imagery," Kraushaar said after putting his chalk down. "It helps bring it to fruition, maybe?"

Building owner Rick Destito painted the "Before I Die" wall after seeing the idea on Facebook.

"It's such a simple idea but it resonated so much with me because there are so many things that I want to do before I

die," said Destito, who is transforming the former gear factory into artist and rehearsal studios. He has watched people of all ages and backgrounds stop and write, some lingering, others dashing off a hope and hurrying off.

"... see a cure for autism."

"... grow a moustache."

"... get clean."

Nyquis Turner, 16, stopped to write, "play in the NFL."

"Find a cure for cancer. Be famous," Lynn Morehouse read from one of two boards that went up last month in Providence, R.I. "Some of them are funny. Some of them are a little off the wall. ... I like it."

"... find alien life."

"... tell my dad I'm gay."

Chang said a universal theme is personal well-being, citing repeat entries like: "come to terms with who I am," "have no regrets," "forgive and be forgiven," "heal."

A hardcover book, "Before I Die," released earlier this month by St. Martin's Press, permanently captures some of the answers, which are often otherwise erased to make room for more. "Some walls reflect the current politics of the region," Chang said. "But for the most part, the walls have shown just how universal our hopes are."

"We want to love and be loved," she said. "We want to see the world. We want to help others. We want to understand who we really are."

► Menus

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Breakfast, apple or cherry strudel, string cheese assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, corn dog, pizza dippers with sauce, baked beans, tomato and cucumber cup, apple pineapple delight, fresh fruit bowl and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, breakfast club sandwich, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, meaty queso wit tortilla chips or peanut butter and jelly sandwich or grilled cheese sandwich, refried beans, garden salad, orange smiles and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, blueberry waffle, turkey sausage, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, chicken patty or beef and bean burrito, French fries, fresh veggie cup, fruity Jell-O, fresh fruit bowl and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, breakfast burrito, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, meaty macaroni or chicken nuggets, breadsticks, garden salad, baby carrots, pears and milk.

Friday: Breakfast, French toast, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, cheese pizza or pepperoni pizza or ultimate taco salad, broccoli salad, corn, fresh fruit cup, fresh fruit bowl and milk.

Senior Center

Monday - Lasagna, Italian vegetables, garlic bread, peach cobbler and milk.

Tuesday - Ham wit pineapple glaze, black-eyed peas cabbage, cornbread, tapioca pudding and milk.

Wednesday - Beef tips wit gravy, buttered rice, mixed vegetables, sliced tomatoes, brownies and

milk.

Thursday - Patty melt, French fries, lettuce/tomatoes, mixed fruit, chocolate chip cookies and milk.

Friday - Chicken pot pie, potatoes/peas/carrots, oven okra, pear halves, rolls and milk.

Sands ISD

Monday: Breakfast, sausage kolache, oven roasted potatoes, juice and milk. Lunch, beef and bean burrito, broccoli bites, garden salad, orange smiles.

Tuesday: Breakfast, cheddar omelet wrap, juice and milk. Lunch, southwest chicken casserole, garden salad, charro beans, salsa and cinnamon applesauce.

Wednesday: Breakfast, breakfast pizza, juice and milk. Lunch, salisbury steak with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, strawberries and bananas, roll and a brownie cookie.

Thursday: Breakfast, waffles with sausage, juice and milk. Lunch, breaded pork chop, garden salad, savory green beans, sliced peaches, breadstick and pudding.

Friday: Breakfast, cinnamon roll, bacon, juice and milk. Lunch, hot dog, sweet potato fries, cucumber dippers, fresh seasonal fruit and chocolate chip cookie.

New Hope Christian School

Monday - Grilled cheese sandwiches, tomato and cucumber slices, porn and beans and milk.

Tuesday - Chicken strips, mashed potatoes and cream gravy, buttered corn, bread and milk.

Wednesday - Beef stroganoff, lima beans, pears, bread and milk.

Thursday - Sweet and sour chicken, stir fry vegetables, banana halves, rice and milk.

Friday - Barbecue on a bun, French fries, vegetable sticks and milk.

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Monday: Breakfast



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Wednesday: Breakfast, sausage patty, biscuit and gravy, smoked sausage with cheese in flour tortilla, buttered toast, dry cereal

variety, chilled apricots, fresh whole fruit and 100 percent fruit juice.

Thursday: Breakfast, mini maple pancakes, French toast sticks, buttered toast, dry cereal variety, chilled mixed fruit, fresh whole fruit and 100 percent fruit juice.

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Holiday Prep 101: Easy ways to get your family and home ready for the festivities

(Family Features) — From hectic trips to the shopping mall to the costly expenses of gift giving, the holidays can bring about many frustrations. With a little bit of organization you'll be ready to take on the holidays and enjoy the spirit of the season.

The many expectations of the holidays can make even the most laid-back people a bit stressed out. This year, face the festivities with a few tips to help you keep things in control, giving you extra time to sit back and enjoy this special time with family and friends.

Here are a few tips for a

carefree, relaxed holiday:

Organize your spending budget

Holiday expenses can pile up fast, especially if you haven't set a budget for gifts. Though it may be too late to set aside a monthly allotment for your big shopping bonanza, it's important to sit down with your family to come up with a number that won't set your finances back well into the new year.

Stock up on essentials

Avoid the hectic, last-minute rush by ensuring you have plenty of holiday essentials on hand. Some must-

have items include holiday cards, stamps, gift wrapping supplies, and, perhaps the most important of items, batteries. Look for long lasting types, such as Energizer(r) Ultimate Lithium batteries, which are ideal for pairing with high drain devices like digital cameras, GPS devices and video game controllers. These high performing batteries are the world's longest lasting AA and AAA batteries in high-tech devices and now hold power for up to 20 years when not in use. For more information, visit www.energizer.com.

Clear some space

With the many gifts you're soon to receive, getting rid of old, unused clothing and household items is a great idea for clearing out clutter. Figure out what you haven't used and donate it to charity or someone else who will put it to good use.

Check it twice

After you've made a list of all the family and friends you need to buy presents for, look over it again to ensure you haven't missed anyone or any additional items. For instance, if purchasing popular gifts, like children's toys and flashlights, be sure to also include a set of batteries,

such as Energizer(r) Max(r) batteries. These batteries have a shelf life of 10 years. They hold power so you always have it when you need it most.

Compare before you buy

Check online for the best deals on high-end items, such as electronics and jewelry. Though this process may be a little time consuming, it can save you big bucks.

Whether you're afraid of over-extending your finances or you just need a little direction for clearing the pre-holiday clutter, use this list to help keep your life in order during this busy season.

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Consortium speakers tout Permian Basin's oil status

By MONIQUE CHING

San Angelo
Standard Times

Audience members cheered as Bernard Weinstein, associate director of the Maguire Energy Institute, displayed a graph showing the U.S. is the worldwide leader in barrels of oil equivalent per day in petroleum and natural gas production.

"We're No. 1," Weinstein said emphatically. "This is an exciting time. We're No. 1, Texas is No. 1, the Permian Basin is No. 1 — that's a good place to be."

In Texas "the Permian Basin is still the Big Kahuna," he said.

Weinstein, who also teaches at the Cox School of Business at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, was one of many economic experts to speak at Tuesday's inaugural meeting of the West Texas Energy Consortium at Howard College.

More than 200 people attended, traveling from all over West Texas. Among them were state Rep. Drew Darby, representatives for Sen. Robert Duncan, San Angelo



City Manager Daniel Valenzuela and other local leaders.

Tom Tunstall, research director at the Institute for Economic Development and the University of Texas at San Antonio, delivered the keynote address. Tunstall, who conducted several economic impact and workforce studies of the Eagle Ford Shale, presented initial findings on the study that the West Texas Energy Consortium com-

missioned.

The consortium was organized by Workforce Solutions boards in the Concho Valley, West Central Texas and Permian Basin regions.

"There's a slow trendline in terms of growth," Tunstall said, indicating a graph of economic growth associated with the oil and gas industry in West Texas. "We haven't seen the inflection point yet."

The study looked at trends from 2012 to cre-

ate an economic impact forecast through 2022. It focuses on the oil and gas industry in a 10-county core that includes Glasscock, Reagan, Irion and Sterling counties. The study also analyzes indirect economic impact of oil and gas activities that spill into a neighboring six-county area, which includes Coke, Coleman, Runnels and Tom Green counties.

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Energy Watch



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The stock market continues to set new record highs on a regular, if not daily, basis.

Janet Yellen, the likely new head of the most powerful central bank in the world, has told us that interest rates will likely remain very low for a long period of time. All this while the economy continues to plod along at a below-trend pace and the number of unemployed or underemployed people remains quite high by historical standards.

Welcome to the new normal — or at least what appears to be normal for the time being and, one could rationally argue, the foreseeable future.

After all, investors who have been on the sidelines, some of them for years, are not exactly screaming to get back into the market. The "herd" has not yet jumped on the stock bandwagon, at least not from our vantage point.

Many contrarians would interpret a sudden meaningful flow of retail investors' funds into the market as a sure sign that the end of the rally were near. The stock market can usually trade higher for longer than most pundits expect when not many are chasing it and "everyone" is looking for a pullback.

And that, in this strategist's opinion, is what has been going on for the last few months, if not much of this year. However, valuations are not stretched, based on our current work, and the economy will likely improve a bit in the coming year.

Right now, the S&P 500 is trading slightly above our year-end 2013 target range, but below the level where we see stocks finishing 2014.

So, should the stock market keep doing what it has been? Not quite. The market has already priced in a continuation of the Federal Reserve's easy-money policies and some improvement in the domestic and global economy in the coming year. We are optimistic that equities will be higher a year from now, but it is unlikely the road to that destination will be straight.

Last weekend, as we were digging through a closet looking for holiday decorations, we stumbled upon my son's favorite childhood toy — his Buzz Lightyear action figure. Our son is now off at college, and Buzz does not save the day much anymore, but his battle cry made me think of the stock market and the Fed's quantitative easing bond-buying program.

"To infinity and beyond!" is how some are thinking about the stimulus efforts and the direction of the stock market. Possibly so, but we expect some volatility in the intermediate term.

And with volatility often comes opportunity. Be ready.

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Unemployment drops to 7 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. job market is proving surprisingly resilient.

Solid job growth in November cut the U.S. unemployment rate to 7 percent, a five-year low. The robust gain suggested that the economy may have begun to accelerate. As more employers step up hiring, more people have money to spend to drive the economy.

Employers added 203,000 jobs last month after adding 200,000 in October, the Labor Department said Friday. November's job gain helped lower the unemployment rate from 7.3 percent in October. The economy has added a four-month average of 204,000 jobs from August through November, up sharply from 159,000 a month from April through July.

"It's hinting very, very strongly that the economy is starting to ramp up, that growth is getting better, that businesses are hiring," said Joel Naroff, president of Naroff Economic Advisors.

The job growth has also fueled speculation that the Federal Reserve will scale back its economic stimulus when it meets later this month.

It "gives the Fed all the evidence it needs to begin tapering its asset purchases at the next ... meeting," said Paul Ashworth, an

economist at Capital Economics. Stock investors were heartened by the news. The Dow Jones industrial average surged nearly 178 points in early afternoon trading.

The unemployment rate has fallen nearly a full percentage point since the Fed began buying bonds in September 2012 and has reached 7 percent earlier than most analysts had expected.

In June, Chairman Ben Bernanke had suggested that the Fed would end its \$85 billion in monthly bond purchases after the unemployment rate reached 7 percent. The Fed's bond purchases have been intended to keep borrowing rates low.

Bernanke later backed away from the 7 percent target. He cautioned that the Fed would weigh numerous economic factors in any decision it makes about its bond purchases. Many economists still think the Fed won't begin to cut back until January or later.

While the Fed weighs its options, U.S. employers may finally be gaining enough confidence in the economy, 4½ years after the recession officially ended, to ramp up hiring. In addition to the solid job gain and the drop in unemployment, Friday's report offered other encouraging signs:

— Higher-paying industries are

adding more jobs. Manufacturers added 27,000 jobs, the most since March 2012. Construction companies added 17,000. The two industries have created a combined 113,000 jobs over the past four months.

— Hourly wages are up. The average rose 4 cents in November to \$24.15. It's risen just 2 percent in the past year. But that's ahead of inflation: Consumer prices are up only 0.9 percent in that time.

— Employers are giving their workers more hours: The average work week rose to 34.5 hours from 34.4. A rule of thumb among economists is that a one-tenth hourly increase in the work week is equivalent to adding 300,000 jobs.

— Hiring was broad-based. In addition to higher-paying industries, retailers added 22,300 jobs, restaurants, bars and hotels 20,800. Education and health care added 40,000. And after years of cutbacks, state and local governments are hiring again. In November, governments at all levels combined added 7,000 jobs.

Still, the report contained some sour notes: Many Americans are still avoiding the job market, neither working nor looking for work. That's one reason the unemployment rate has fallen in

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OIL

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Although growth has been modest and estimates conservative, Tunstall noted that once oil companies figured out “where the sweet spots were” in the Eagle Ford Shale, economic impact jumped from \$25 billion in 2011 to \$61 billion in 2011 in the 20-county area of that study.

“It could go from steady growth to something much more exponential in nature,” Tunstall said.

Luke Legate, spokesman for the Joint Oil and Gas Education Initiative Association, followed Tunstall’s address and applauded the consortium for trying to stay ahead of the industry and encouraging regional collaboration.

“You’re positioned well to handle some of this growth,” Legate said. “Open communication between the industry and a community is vital.”

Legate emphasized the importance of planning, so communities can harness the development and the challenges that come with it, such as increased needs in public safety, traffic infrastructure and water.

Having a unified voice can help rural communities tell state lawmakers which areas to put money toward, Legate said.

He added that the oil industry increasingly is moving toward water recycling and using non-potable or brackish water.

“The industry does have a financial incentive to use less water,” Legate said, as companies want to save on hauling costs. “The industry is looking to innovate. You’ll see more and more use recycling.”

Some have begun to explore

the use of synthetic gels instead of water, he said.

Also speaking on regional collaboration was Arlene Loyd, director of business retention and expansion for Odessa Economic Development, who led one of the conference’s afternoon breakout sessions.

Loyd is trying to gather feedback and information from West Texas communities to collect on one website that businesses can use to access information about a city or county.

“Businesses go into the website. ... They try to work around the city government,” Loyd said.

She envisions a single website that contains or directs businesses to comprehensive information about each community, such as demographics, apartment surveys, directories of local officials and zoning maps.

Loyd also stressed the importance of communities sharing best practices and sample ordinances with each other to collectively prepare for the growth.

“You want to have the policies in place,” Loyd said, showing Colorado City’s recreational vehicle park ordinance, written by Brownwood’s city attorney, as an example. “If you’re not crazy about that, then you need to write guidelines now.”

Speaking on the shale formations in West Texas, Tunstall said drilling a horizontal well has gotten cheaper, at \$6 million to \$8 million per well, whereas it used to cost \$10 million to \$12 million per well.

“The shale in West Texas is different than the Bakken Shale,” he said. “It’s not continuous. It’s gooier but deeper.”

Although it was difficult to make natural gas price forecasts in the past, Tunstall said prices have stabilized more re-

cently. Prices bottomed out at \$2 per thousand cubic feet in 2012, but are predicted to stabilize at \$4 to \$7 per thousand cubic feet in the next decade or so, Tunstall said. A cubic foot of space holds about 7.48 gallons.

Speaking on energy independence, Tunstall said for the first time since 1995 the U.S. has reached a point where it’s producing more oil than it is importing.

“Texas is producing more oil than it has in 30 years,” he said.

About 46 percent of the nation’s energy production comes from four states, Weinstein said: Colorado, North Dakota, Texas and Wyoming. However, with the increase of production comes the increase of push-back, Weinstein said.

“There’s going to be more and more local concern with the good, the bad and the ugly,” Weinstein said. “Texas is not immune from what I call the ‘anti-fossil fuel group.’”

About 6 million people in Texas live within a mile of an oil or gas well, which is about 1 in 4 people, Weinstein said.

He added that federal entities, such as the Environmental Protection Agency, are trying to take over oil and gas regulation.

“There’s no evidence the states are doing a poor job,” Weinstein said.

Weinstein and other experts agreed that negatives — such as increased crime, traffic and strain on infrastructure — are inevitable, but they are manageable if communities plan ahead.

“Some communities say, ‘Not in my backyard,’” Loyd said. “It will be in your backyard, so you need to make a plan for it. If it’s not in your backyard, it’s going to be in your neighbor’s backyard.”

JOB

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recent months. The percentage of adults either working or searching for jobs remains near a 35-year low.

And America’s long-term unemployed are still struggling. More than 4 million people have been out of work for six months or longer.

That figure was essentially unchanged in November. By contrast, the number of people who have been unemployed for less than six months fell last month.

Among companies that are ramping up hiring is Eat24, which handles online restaurant deliveries. Eat24, based in San Francisco, expects this month to hire 10 to 15 salespeople, mobile application developers and data analysts, on top of its 150-person workforce.

“The economy is picking up a little bit,” said Amir Eisenstein, the chief marketing officer. “In the last couple of years, the mobile market has boomed.”

The steady decline in unemployment, from a high of 10 percent four years ago, is welcome news for the White House. But Jason Furman, President Barack Obama’s top economic adviser, said the plight of the long-term unemployed points to the need to extend emergency unemployment benefits.

About 1.3 million people who’ve been out of work for six months or more will lose unemployment

aid if a 5-year-old program to provide extra benefits expires on Dec. 28. The Congressional Budget Office has estimated the cost of an extension at \$25 billion. Some Republicans on the Hill have balked at the cost.

But on Thursday, House GOP leader John Boehner said he was willing to consider extending the program.

Friday’s jobs report follows other positive news. The economy expanded at an annual rate of 3.6 percent in the July-September quarter, the fastest growth since early 2012, though nearly half that gain came from businesses rebuilding stockpiles. Consumer spending grew at its slowest pace since late 2009.

But if hiring continues at its current pace, a virtuous cycle will start to build: More jobs typically lead to more pay, more spending and faster growth. That said, more higher-paying jobs are needed to sustain the economy’s momentum. Roughly half the jobs that were added in the six months through October were in four low-wage industries: retail; hotels, restaurants and entertainment; temp jobs; and home health care workers.

Consumers have been willing to spend on big-ticket items. Autos sold in November at their best pace in seven years, according to Autodata Corp. New-home sales in October bounced back from a summer downturn.

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Jesse Paul Lopez, 1011 Scurry, Big Spring

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Aaron Christopher Mack, 2134 Bonham, Odessa

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Joe Martinez, 2525 Fairchild, Big Spring

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Cory James Michalewicz, 1106 Briscoe Cove, Hutto

Yolanda Rachel Mier, 511 Nolan, Big Spring

Eddie Glen Mills, 5142 PDQ Rd., Colorado City

Chelsea Kristyne Millspaugh, 213 Circle, Big Spring

Jacob Montoya, 1009 S. Kelly, Odessa

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Martin Sosa Puga, 1614 Settles, Big Spring

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Linda Eva Rodriguez, 2519 Gunter, Big Spring

Veronica Romero, 103 Becker, Big Spring

Lisa J. Rubio, 1303 Sycamore, Big Spring

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Kennedra Wynell Shelton, 400 N. Fourth, Corsicana

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Jimmy Marmolejo Ybarra, 1315 Mesa, Big Spring

James Edward Young, 3313 Auburn, Big Spring

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Marriage Licenses
David H. House, 40, and Deborah D. Barr, 39, both of Big Spring.

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Mario Eliazar Rodriguez, 28, and Merian Crystal Franco, 29, both of Big Spring.

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Grantee: Chelsea Sheppard
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Date: Oct. 2, 2013

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Grantee: Jody and Tammy Griffith
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Property: Sec 35, blk 33, T-1-S, T&P Ry Co. Survey, Howard County
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Grantee: Michael S. and Kimberly K. Baeza
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Date: Oct. 7, 2013

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Grantee: Bill Byrum and Dora V. Byrum, co-trustees of the Byrum Living Trust, dated March 9, 1993
Property: Sec 30, blk 31, T-2-N, T&P, RR Co. Survey, Howard County
Date: Oct. 7, 2013

Grantor: Jason Douglas Spradlin and Amanda R. Spradlin
Grantee: Gaylord and Roxann Rich
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Date: Oct. 8, 2013

Grantor: Anne Homan Vincent
Grantee: Cajun Development Corporation
Property: Lot 5, blk F, Campeste Estates (unrecorded subdivision) in sec 17, blk 32, T-1-S, T&P, RR Co. Survey, Howard County
Date: Oct. 8, 2013

Grantor: Sylvia H. Dockery
Grantee: Guadalupe Zarate
Property: E/65’, lots 5 and 6, blk 16, Original Town of Big Spring
Date: Oct. 9, 2013

District Court Filings
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Howard County, et al vs

Lumellia Johnson and Rosa Lee Gamage – tax
Howard County, et al vs Ector J. Jaramillo – tax
Howard County, et al vs Pete James and Charlotte Jean Bateman FKA Charlotte James – tax
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Howard County, et al vs Maria Elena Larez – tax
Howard County, et al vs Laura Leos and Bobbie Woodruff – tax
Howard County, et al vs Lourdes A. Luna, as custodian for Jorge L. Luna Jr. and Jorge L. Lunas Jr. - tax
Howard County, et al vs M. Grella, LP – tax
Howard County, et al vs Joey Martinez – tax
Howard County, et al vs James Craig Richardson – tax
Mulberry Properties LLC vs Larry Friedman – civil
Jennifer E. Blackmon vs Steven B. Blackmon – divorce
Gary Bess vs Yelonda Bess – divorce
Jolene Evon Burris vs Robert Allen Burris Jr. - divorce
Leslie Kayla Franks vs Christopher Clint Enriquez – protective order
Filiberto Martinez vs Steven Wolf, Wolf Farms Property LLC, Wolf & Wolf Farms Inc., Arthur Tony Daringer aka A.A. Daringer and Arthur A. Daringer and Daringer Enterprises Inc. - other injury or damage
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Kubiak out at Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Gary Kubiak pulled the Texans out of the NFL basement and remains the only coach to take them to the playoffs.

That wasn't enough to save his job, not with the

Texans mirrored in an 11-game skid that has dropped them back to the bottom of the league.

Houston fired Kubiak on Friday, one

day after the Texans lost 27-20 at Jacksonville and continued their stunning fall for a team that expected to make a Super Bowl run. Houston (2-11) was flagged 14 times for a franchise-record 177 yards.

The 52-year-old Kubiak was hired in 2006 and led the team to AFC South titles in 2011-2012, the highlights of his eight-year tenure as coach of his hometown NFL team.

The Texans said they couldn't wait any longer to start turning things around, not with the losses and undisciplined play piling up.

"What's taken place

with this organization is unacceptable," general manager Rick Smith said. "We've got three weeks left and we've got to right the ship."

Kubiak thanked the team for giving him his head coaching job in the NFL.

"Though we came up short this season, the work, effort and sacrifice

they gave me and this organization over the last eight seasons is not to be taken for granted," he said in a statement provided by the Texans. "We had a great run here and we will never forget our back-to-back AFC South championships. Coming back home was a dream come true for all of us. This will always be our home."

Kubiak's overall record is 61-64, with a 2-2 mark in the playoffs. Owner Bob McNair said the decision to let him go was a hard one.

"It was difficult

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Gary Kubiak



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Howard College's Travis Charles takes a shot during last week's 89-78 win over Midland College. Charles, who added 20 points during the WJAC opener, has played a big role in new HC Head Coach Scott Raines' offense. The Hawks are off to an 11-1 start. Both the Hawks and Lady Hawks will be on Christmas break until late December. Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan and other surrounding schools have cancelled hoops tournaments which were slated for the weekend due to bad weather and unsafe driving conditions. Most teams will resume action Tuesday.

Local briefs

HC to host 8th Annual Hawk Buddies hoops clinic postponed

Boys and Girls in grades kindergarten through eighth are welcome to attend the 2013-14 Hawk Buddies, which has been postponed until Saturday, Jan. 18, due to weather.

Sponsored by Howard College Women's Basketball and longtime corporate sponsor Wells Fargo.

Under the instruction of Head Coach Earl Diddle, Assistant Coach Addie Lees and the Lady Hawk basketball squad, enrollees will enjoy a morning of learning basketball skills, followed by a pizza party.

Each participant will receive a Howard Hawk basketball and his or her entire family will be allowed into all Hawk basketball home games for the duration of the season. A 'Buddies Night' will be held Feb. 13 at halftime during a home game against Frank Phillips College where attendees of the Hawk Buddies camp will be recognized.

Cost will be \$20 per camper and enrollment is limited. For more information, contact Diddle at 264-5043, or Lees at 264-5155. Registration begins the morning of the camp from 8:30-9 a.m., unless prior arrangements have been made.

Big Spring Little League meeting set

Big Spring Little League will be holding an organizational meeting for the 2014 season Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center (ATC).

Forsan's Kolby Self set to be honored

Kolby Self, a senior at Forsan High School, was named 'Built Ford Tough Player of the Week' recently for his contributions on the football field.

Big Spring Ford and Forsan High School will be hosting an event at FHS on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., where Self will be officially recognized for the award. The public is invited to attend.

Cowboys eye playoffs heading into final stretch

CHICAGO (AP) — Jason Garrett wasn't interested in a history lesson.

The way he sees it, the shortfalls in recent seasons have no bearing on the playoff push the Dallas Cowboys are trying to sustain heading into the final stretch.

They head into Monday's game against the fading Chicago Bears with back-to-back wins and a share of the NFC East lead.

"A lot of people step back and say, 'This team won eight in a row and won the Super Bowl. This team lost their last three,'" said the Cowboys coach. "It has nothing to do with us. What has to do with us is today and our preparation for Chicago. We want to play one good ballgame. That's really what we're focused on. We'll let everyone else figure out what the history of the world is."

"We've got to focus on us right now," he continued. "This football team has very little to do with the 2012, '11, '10, 1966 team — it has nothing to do with it. So we need to focus on us and what we need to do to get ourselves ready to play one ballgame."

For the third time in three full seasons under Garrett, the Cowboys (7-5) go into December with a chance to make the playoffs. Now, they'd like to clinch a spot.

They won three straight to go to 8-6 last season, only to lose to New Orleans and Washington. The Redskins game was the second straight playoffs-or-bust finale, so if Garrett wasn't in a reflective mood, it's not hard to see why.

The Bears (6-6) would just as soon not look back, either.

They've dropped six of nine after a demoralizing 23-20 overtime loss at Minnesota that fueled questions about coach Marc Trestman's decisions and reduced their playoff hopes to a long shot.

Trestman found himself facing questions for having Robbie Gould attempt a 47-yard field goal on a second down in overtime rather than try to shorten the distance as the Bears were moving the ball well enough.

Gould, operating on little sleep

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Sports Calendar

TUESDAY

Boys Basketball

- Lubbock Monterey at Big Spring, 9th, 5 p.m.; JV, 6:30 p.m.; Varsity, 8 p.m.
- Post at Coahoma, JV, 5 p.m.; Varsity, 8 p.m.
- Forsan at Garden City, JV, 5 p.m.; Varsity, 6:30 p.m.

Girls Basketball

- Post at Coahoma, JV, 4 p.m.; Varsity, 6:30 p.m.
- Forsan at Lamesa, JV, 5 p.m.; Varsity, 6:30 p.m.

Swimming

- Big Spring at Odesa High Dual, Ector Junior High, 5:30 p.m.

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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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Shakespeare wrote, "Assume a virtue, if you have it not." The problem is that not everyone is good at pretending. The Pisces moon helps in this matter, lending great powers of imitation. Those who dare to enact their virtue will be so convincing that by the end of the day they actually may have the virtue they are pretending to have.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). What if you found out that the whole world was made for you instead of the other way around? Would it change the way you enjoy it? Today's pleasures are not to be missed.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're in the mood to work whether or not you have to. It will feel good to know you're getting ahead. Your excellence today paves the way for greater excellence in the future.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

You'll feel better because you make the conscious choice to see things around you differently. You don't actually have to change anything you do. Just flirting with another point of view is enough to make a difference.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're ready to take some advice -- the kind that will require several hours to follow. Since you're going to be putting a great deal of effort into this, you should listen exclusively to those with a proven success story.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Group efforts are favored. You'll be interacting with people you don't know well. When conflict arises, welcome it. This is an opportunity to see who you're (SET ITAL) really (END ITAL) dealing with.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Before you do what you planned, consider that your day could go a few different ways and that your options drastically differ. Think of that person you admire so much. What would that person choose?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There will be some kind of frenzy to contend with. It may seem that no one is looking out for you. This is a sign that it's on you to see that your own best interests are served.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Anyone who talks about what kind of person they are is waving a major red flag in your face. Usually, people are the opposite of what they proclaim, at least some of the time.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have stories you haven't learned how to tell yet. Casual conversation will lead to self-revelation. People who find you interesting will help you figure out which topics you could mine.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll do the job you were assigned to the best of your ability regardless of impediments such as difficult people with horrible personalities. You'll get your chance to speak up, but not today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The reason you don't want to accept help is that at this juncture, you wish to rise to a level of personal confidence that can only be developed through self-reliance.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll exercise your will, but whether you get your way or not will seem to be under someone else's control - for now. You count, and your actions will matter in the long run.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY: (Dec. 8). No more distractions. It's your year to fully live in the moments. Your needs collide with the needs of others in January, and the crash results in a beauty that no one could have planned. There's a chance for stellar publicity in February. As your reach expands so does your wallet. Spring brings love in abundance. Libra and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 3, 22, 11 and 9.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Mars newly traversing Libra will set a cooperative tone for ambitious endeavors, but not right away. First comes the shakeup. The spirit of cooperation will settle in after the dust does. Egos have to be adjusted. While the order is being established, some people will fight for a different position from the one people want to put them in. It may help to realize that no position is really better or worse except in the mind of an individual. It's all about what best

suits the individual personalities. Another theme of the week hits on a more personal level: Love hurts, and it heals. Water-sign trines help us realize that the disease and the medicine are one and the same. Also, there's a rainbow of other things love does in between the first flinch and the curative moment. Love's process may knock us around, but this storm will quickly pass. Even when we feel all better, we won't be the same. We'll either be immune to what we experienced, or we'll be more vulnerable to it and therefore aware that we must avoid it in the future.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: As a young girl, Nicki Minaj created fantasy characters and alter egos to escape from the turmoil of reality. Sagittarius is the sign of adventurers, and a rich fantasy life can stand in when real-life adventures are not possible. Minaj was born when the sun, Mercury, Venus, Uranus and Neptune were all in the passionate, fiery sign of Sagittarius.

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11 Amts. often rounded
15 2013 Literature Nobelist
16 Cracker ingredient
17 Head shots
19 Matches
20 Retrospective fodder
21 Words to a teaser
25 Things getting chipped away at?
28 Like some much-studied columns
31 Draining creation
32 PR concern
33 Often-bracketed addition
37 *The Cookie Never Crumbles* author
39 *Uomo's* counterpart
40 Understand intuitively
41 What's supposed to bring many happy returns?
44 Needle point
45 Piece of peace
46 Advocacy group
48 Installment plan of a sort
50 Wound up
51 Catch up
53 Order to move
57 One may be removed many times
62 Perry Square locale
63 Convenience on the way out

- 64 Makeup accessory
65 Allowing no bullets to get through?
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1 Many have file names
2 Witch-hazel enhancer
3 Eagle cousin
4 UN organ
5 *Quinque* +1
6 Poirot's pal
7 Dog supporter
8 Purée used for a Jelly Belly flavor
9 One leaving
10 Deceive
11 Some music-box activity
12 Mule carriers

- 13 Laser ___
14 Quick procedure?
18 They fill some breaks
22 What "thee" often follows in Shakespeare
23 Blah alternative
24 Kitchen burner
26 Musical beginner
27 Mideast money
28 For love
29 All-new
30 Something to stick with?
34 *Rick & Bubba Show* home
35 Unlikely to be lost
36 Rattled
38 Not in a cast, maybe

- 42 Backpack carrier on some western trips
43 *Cinderella* mouse
47 Less likely to leave things out
49 Advances
50 Emotional attack
52 Cease, in slang
54 ___-American détente
55 Alternative to the Fiesta
56 Part of a philatelist's dotted line
57 Green coat?
58 Choice for a future cushion
59 A coup could end it
60 Good deal
61 Fitness Buddy or Fruit Ninja

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New consumer tips for Obama's fixer-upper website

WASHINGTON (AP) — It doesn't rival Amazon and Travelocity, but President Barack Obama's much-maligned health insurance website finally seems to be working reasonably well most of the time.

Still, consumers are well-advised to verify, not just trust.

More than 3.7 million people visited HealthCare.gov this week — and it didn't crash, administration spokeswoman Julie Bataille deadpanned Friday on a call with reporters.

Officials say 29,000 people enrolled the first two days of the week, exceeding total signups for the 36 states served by the federal site during October, the month of its launch.

Work has shifted from zapping technical gremlins that frustrated consumers to cleaning up garbled enrollment files that the system has been delivering to insurers.

"The new process put in place this week is making a difference," acknowledged Karen Ignagni, head of the largest industry group, America's Health Insurance Plans. "The enrollment files are getting better, but there is

more work to be done to ensure consumers are covered."

While not calling it an "error rate," Bataille says mistakes on those files are now affecting 1 in 10 transactions with insurers, down from an estimated 25 percent. She still recommends that consumers verify enrollment with their insurer, and — importantly — pay their first month's premium by Dec. 31.

The web is now the gateway to subsidized private health insurance for people who don't have job-based coverage. Along with the federal site, 14 states and Washington, D.C., are running their own. As Obama invites consumers back to take a second look, here are some of the changes you can expect:

SPEED AND AVAILABILITY

Independent testers question the blazing Internet speeds claimed by techies at the Health and Human Services Department, and some of the state websites, but confirm there's been noticeable progress.

"The trend is in the right direction ... but

there are still things they can do to make the user experience better," said Michael Smith, a vice president of engineering at Compuware Corp., which helps companies monitor the technical performance of their websites.

As of Friday morning, the number of states where consumers are experiencing unacceptably long wait times had been cut to 9, down from 26 states in late October. Conversely, Compuware now rates 17 states as "acceptable," up from just six in October.

Compuware defines "unacceptable" as more than 8 seconds average response time to load the home page. The government claims a response time of less than 1 second. But Smith says that is likely being measured from computers with fast Internet connections and doesn't account for the experience of consumers with less than ideal access, which is incorporated in his company's testing.

Compuware says availability — a measure of consumers' success accessing the site — is up to 98 percent, close to the standard for commercial websites.

HealthCare.gov is being measured against the standard for health care industry sites.

WINDOW-SHOPPING

Many consumers were puzzled and frustrated when the federal website went live because it would not let them browse health plans without first setting up an account. That's the opposite of how e-commerce generally works. Most websites ask consumers to open an account after they're ready to purchase.

The flaw drove many people to an accounts creation page that turned out to be riddled with bugs and contributed to the system's early woes.

On Monday, HHS announced the deployment of a window-shopping function that lets prospective customers see plans and prices in their area, including previously unavailable details such as deductibles and cost-sharing, as well as provider networks.

RESET BUTTON

People who got stuck in the system can now zap away their old appli-

cations and start over.

To do that, you log into your account, select the application in progress and hit "remove."

You have to follow that by closing and reopening your web browser. Then you log back in and start a new application.

The reset process may not be entirely foolproof because HHS advises consumers to reach out to the call center at 1-800-318-2596 if they have trouble.

ORDERLY LINES

To help stave off problems during periods of high user volume, the website now has a queuing system. Consumers can request email notifications of when is a good time to come back. The feature kicked in this week as people flooded back to check out the revamped website.

The site can now handle 50,000 simultaneous users. Each visitor spends an average of

20 to 30 minutes on the site. In theory, the site will support more than 800,000 consumer visits a day.

The big spikes in traffic are still to come. Expect that to happen after the middle of this month, since Dec. 23 is the last day that people can apply for coverage that will take effect Jan. 1. Even heavier volume is likely toward the end of open enrollment March 31, as procrastinators jump in.

Confident that the site is stable, the government is emailing people who got stuck in the system and inviting them back.

Still, reaching the White House goal of 7 million sign-ups seems like a tall order. The government initially projected that 1.2 million people would have enrolled by the end of November, and the actual number is likely to be only a fraction of that.

Stock market jumps after jobs report

NEW YORK (AP) — Good news was finally good news for the stock market on Friday.

Stocks rose sharply after the government reported a fourth straight month of solid U.S. job gains, the latest encouraging sign for the economy.

The strengthening job market focused investors on the nation's improving economy instead of concerns about the Federal Reserve's stimulus, snapping a five-day losing streak for stocks.

Stocks had been falling this week after a string of positive economic reports made investors worry that the Fed would soon pull back on its \$85 billion in monthly bond purchases, which have kept long-term interest rates low and supported the stock market.

Now that hiring is showing consistent strength, investors seem to be letting go of their worry that the economy isn't ready for the Fed to start weaning the U.S. off that stimulus.

"The jobs report was outstanding," said Randy Frederick, a director of trading and derivatives at Charles Schwab. "It's refreshing to see the markets react positively, because we've been in a mode for so long of 'good news is bad news.'"

Employers added 203,000 jobs last month after adding 200,000 in October, the Labor Department announced before the U.S. stock market opened on Friday. November's job gain helped lower the unemployment rate to 7 percent from 7.3 percent in October.

Stocks jumped at the open and moved higher throughout the day. The Dow Jones industrial average rose by as much as 200 points in early afternoon trading before easing back slightly be-

fore the close.

The Dow closed up 198.69 points, or 1.3 percent, to 16,020.20. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 20.06 points, or 1.1 percent, to 1,805.09, its biggest gain in a month. The Nas-

daq composite climbed 29.36, or 0.7 percent, to 4,062.52.

All 10 sectors in the S&P 500 index rose. Industrial stocks and others that tend to rise the most when the economy is growing posted some

of the biggest gains. The jobs report showed that manufacturers added 27,000 jobs, the most since March 2012.

General Electric rose 49 cents, or 2 percent, to \$26.94. Plane maker Boeing increased \$2.45, or 2 percent, to \$135.18.

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The Ultimate Guy's Gift Guide for Under \$25

Whether it's friends or family, finding the right gift for the men in your life can be a challenge.

Whether they insist they don't need anything or they can't think of anything on their wish list, holiday shopping for sons, brothers, husbands and dads can often prove to be difficult. Here are some affordable stocking stuffers and gift ideas for every guy at any age without breaking the bank.

Check out this holiday guy's list to check off yours!

Grooming essentials
Truly the gift that keeps on giving, one can never go wrong with grooming must-haves that keep your guys looking and feeling fresh. Pamper them with an all-in-one shaving kit. A variety of kits exist, including minimal sets with essentials to get him started to full collections offering the complete grooming experience.

Everyday necessities
It goes without saying that basic necessities

will go to good use. Every fellow needs a drawer fully supplied with soft, comfortable undergarments.

Keep the gentlemen in your life stocked up on all the socks, briefs and under shirts they need to get them through their days. Some products, such as Hanes Cushion Crew socks and Tagless ComfortBlend boxer briefs provide all-day comfort and quality perfect for every guy on your list. For more information, visit www.hanes.com.

Tools for DIY guys
A man who fixes everything around the house needs the proper tools to get the job done right.

You don't need to go big with gifts for mister fix-it since he will most likely want to pick out his own rotary tool or power drill. Go for something a little more functional like a multi-tool, which can provide up to 18 basic tools in a convenient, compact design. Or a new power belt to get him excited about that project he said he would "get around to."

This is our first year to have The Elf on the Shelf in our home. My three boys have absolutely loved it! They get up every morning and rush to see what he's gotten in to. My boys have been bugging me to hang Christmas lights, but I'm terrified of heights and I have been putting it off. Well, I guess our Elf was listening and while the boys were away at church Wednesday evening, he used some elf magic and sprung in to action! When the boys returned home they couldn't figure out how those lights got on the house if no one was home.

Luckily, I received a text from Santa Claus moments later which included pictures of his good elf Woody, hanging our lights. Plus, Woody left the boys a note:

I used some elf magic, to make myself grow.



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How is Santa gonna find this place, if it isn't all aglow?

Submitted by Brianne Rich, 2612 Rebecca.

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