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## Chamber touts Small Business Saturday

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

It's the biggest shopping weekend of the year, but the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce wants you to think small Saturday.

The Chamber, in conjunction with 11 local businesses, wants you to "Shop Small" during the Small Business Saturday event this weekend.

Debbie ValVerde, executive director of the chamber, said its only understandable that shoppers would head for the major retail outlets at the start of the Christmas holiday season, but she wants bargain hunters to not

overlook some of the shopping options that will be available from small businesses locally.

"We have a lot of small boutiques and stores, a lot of people selling unique gift items, right here in Big Spring, so why not shop here this weekend?" ValVerde asked.



As an added enticement, the first 18 shoppers at the participating stores (the complete list appears below) will receive a free canvas bag with various gifts included. Those gifts include discount coupons, stocking stuffer items, and "basically whatever the stores have thought up", ValVerde said.

Participating stores also will provide refreshments and holiday specials throughout the day, she added.

"This is the first year we're doing this," ValVerde said. "Hopefully, it catches on and we'll do it every year."

The following Big Spring stores are participating in the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Small Business Saturday event:

- Blissful Boutique, 1801 E. FM 700 — hourly door prizes, refreshments, discount coupons for future purchases.

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## A tradition of service



For more than a quarter-century, Patricia Aaron has given thanks by giving to others

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

For more than 25 years, Patricia Aaron of Big Spring has spent her Thanksgiving holiday time busily deboning and chopping turkeys. Aaron is a volunteer at the local Salvation Army, and has helped prepare the organization's annual Community Thanksgiving Meal since 1988.

"When my daughter started coming here for Girl Guards, I kind of got pulled in, and then every year after that I helped out with Thanksgiving. Deboning, chopping, things like that."

Aaron said she's been cooking most of her life.

"I've cooked," she said wryly. "My mother was a cook, and I learned from her."

The best part of the experience is the reactions of people who come to eat, she said.

"The smiles on people's faces who are thankful for the food," she said. "Last year I think we served over 600 people, some in and some deliveries."

In the past, Aaron has also worked on the

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline  
 Salvation Army volunteer Patricia Aaron works deboning turkeys for the Salvation Army's Community Thanksgiving Meal. This year is Aaron's 29th year volunteering for the event, held Thursday at the Salvation Army Headquarters.

## Bringing her son's condition into focus

Local mother hopes to establish nystagmus support group

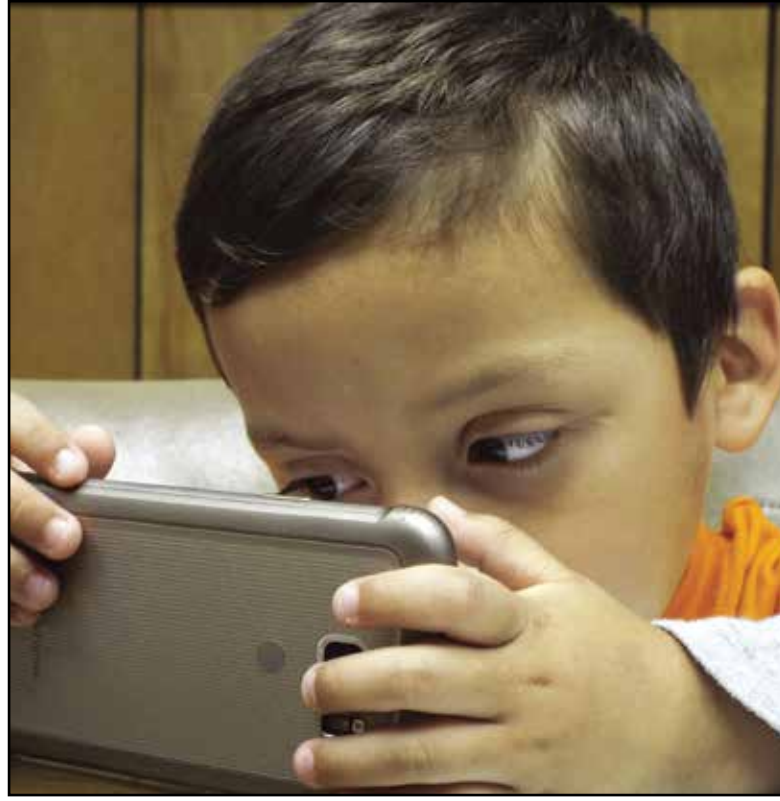
By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

The highlight of Selina Martinez's day is coming home to her young son, Justin.

A kindergartener, Justin enjoys watching SpongeBob SquarePants videos, listening to his mother read to him, loves to run and play, is friendly with other children his age, and has a passion for learning.

A typical child in many ways, Justin also has an atypical problem.

At the age of three months, he was diagnosed



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
 Justin Yanez watches a SpongeBob cartoon on his mother's smart phone.

## Have a laugh at Black Friday Comedy Show

By **AMANDA ELSTON**  
 Managing Editor

After a week of food, family, dishes, and traveling, The Courtyard will be the place to be to let locals take the night off by bringing big city entertainment to Howard County. On Friday, comedian Juan Villareal with opening act Flo Hernandez will be performing live at the Black Friday Comedy Show, presented by local entertainment promoting agency LT Entertainment.

Villareal, who has shared the same stage with the likes of Cedric the Entertainer,



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Obituaries

Mildred Hayworth



Mildred Hayworth, 87, of San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, passed away Monday, Nov. 21, 2016, in San Angelo.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 25, 2016, at Myers and Smith Chapel with Chaplain Kevin McSpadden officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mildred was born Aug. 10, 1929, in McKinney, Texas, to Josie Venie Dalton Alexander and James Sidney Alexander. She came to Big Spring in 1952 from McKinney and married L.D. Hayworth on Feb. 12, 1969, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Jan. 15, 2001. She relocated to San Angelo in 2008. She was a volunteer at Scenic Mountain Medical Center as well as Baptist Retirement Center. She was a homemaker, but also had been a service clerk at Sears. Her loves were cooking for others and working in her flower garden. She also loved fishing and R.V. camping, especially at Inks Lake. She was a mem-

ber of Immanuel Baptist Church in San Angelo, and was a member of Trinity Baptist Church while in Big Spring.

Mildred is survived by two sons, Tony Stewart and wife Robbie of Dublin, Texas, and Farley Hayworth and wife Tonda of Lubbock; four daughters, Beth Perry and husband Mike, Lydia Eubank and husband Alan, all of Lubbock, Melanie Craven of Lubbock, and Diann Mayo and husband Bobby of San Angelo; 17 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Mildred was preceded in death by her parents and husband along with two granddaughters: Jennifer Dominguez and Cathy Hickox; and three brothers, Hubert Alexander, Curtis Alexander, and Porter Alexander and son-in-law Richard Craven.

Grandsons will be pallbearers. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Baptist Retirement Community Auxiliary, 902 N. Main, San Angelo, Texas, 76903.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com).

*Paid obituary*

Take Note

The Salvation Army of Big Spring is seeking volunteers to ring a bell for their Red Kettle program this Christmas season.

Each year, more than 25,000 Salvation Army volunteers raise money through the program to help serve more than 3 million people in need during the holiday season from Thanksgiving to Christmas.

All money raised in the Red Kettle program stays in the communities where it is raised. For more information call 432-352-2005. If you don't have time to ring a bell, you can visit [RedKettleReason.org](http://RedKettleReason.org) to create an online kettle to raise funds for the program.

H-E-B is looking for non-profits agencies to set up information tables at the annual Feast of Sharing. Please contact Sandy Stewart at 432-935-1604 to reserve a spot. Feast of Sharing will be held on Dec. 11 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

A benefit for Bethine McNally will be held on Dec. 3. Mrs. McNally is a Big Spring ISD employee and the wife of the pastor of New Life Ministries C.O.G.I.C. She has been diagnosed with bilateral kidney cancer. The benefit will help support the McNally family in these difficult times. The money raised will go to the family's medical bills and daily expenses.

The benefit will include live music and food, as well as a silent auction. Anyone wishing to contribute to this event can make a financial donation or contribute an item to be auctioned off.

Please send donations to P.O. Box 168, Big Spring or Wells Fargo Account No. 775238120. For more information, contact Tamika Brawley at 325-895-4410 or at [mikasmiles325@gmail.com](mailto:mikasmiles325@gmail.com).

Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding.

To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

The next sacking session will be at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 5 and 6 at the old Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 N.W. Seventh St.

To get there, take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney, which is the block just past the Salvation Army retail store. Delaney turns into Seventh Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and the school is on the left.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost is \$8 per person.

Meetings

The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125.

Guadalupe "Lupe" Pattin

Guadalupe "Lupe" Pattin, 58, of Big Spring, died unexpectedly Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2016, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending with Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 11/25	Sat 11/26	Sun 11/27	Mon 11/28	Tue 11/29
<b>58/46</b> Chance of afternoon showers. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 40s.	<b>66/52</b> Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 50s.	<b>73/45</b> Partly cloudy and windy. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	<b>66/42</b> Windy with times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 40s.	<b>58/36</b> Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise: 7:24 AM Sunset: 5:42 PM	Sunrise: 7:25 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:26 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:27 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:28 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM

Texas at a Glance



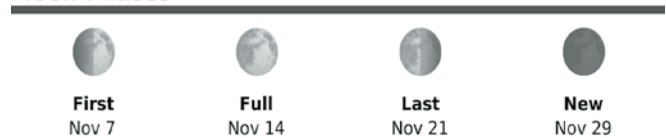
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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	66	43	Sunny	Kingsville	78	55	Cloudy
Amarillo	60	40	Sunny	Livingston	68	45	M Cloudy
Austin	72	47	Sunny	Longview	66	42	M Sunny
Beaumont	74	48	T-Storms	Lubbock	64	38	Sunny
Brownsville	83	65	Sunny	Lufkin	65	43	P Cloudy
Brownwood	68	40	Sunny	Midland	66	45	Sunny
Corpus Christi	76	58	Sct T-Storms	Raymondville	85	62	M Sunny
Corsicana	68	45	Sunny	Rosenberg	70	47	Showers
Dallas	67	45	Sunny	San Antonio	76	49	M Cloudy
Del Rio	74	49	Sunny	San Marcos	72	46	P Cloudy
El Paso	67	42	M Sunny	Sulphur Springs	65	43	P Cloudy
Fort Stockton	65	46	Sunny	Sweetwater	66	44	Sunny
Gainesville	64	40	M Sunny	Tyler	66	42	Sunny
Greenville	65	41	Sunny	Weatherford	67	43	Sunny
Houston	72	52	M Cloudy	Wichita Falls	65	40	M Sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	68	52	M Cloudy	Miami	79	71	M Cloudy
Boston	44	32	Sunny	Minneapolis	36	30	Light Snow
Chicago	45	35	Cloudy	New York	49	39	P Cloudy
Dallas	67	45	Sunny	Phoenix	73	53	Sunny
Denver	53	32	Sunny	San Francisco	58	46	M Cloudy
Houston	72	52	M Cloudy	Seattle	51	45	M Cloudy
Los Angeles	70	51	Sunny	Saint Louis	56	37	Showers

Moon Phases



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- Blum's Jewelers, 1801 FM 700 — 20 percent off Seiko watches, 50 percent off jewelry case.
- Dazzling Decor, 1304 Scurry — 25 percent off store-wide on regularly priced items only.
- Elrod's Furniture, 2309 Scurry — close-out sale on La-Z-Boy recliners, 25 percent off all accessories.
- Gaze Flowers & Gifts, 1515 E. FM 700 — 10 percent off food items.
- Merle Norman, 1201 S. Gregg — 25 percent off all lipsticks.
- Southern Blush, 1203 Scurry — 20 percent off sweaters, plus other surprises.
- Splurge Boutique, 308 Scurry — first 18 customers receive free "I Am" hand cream; with every \$100 purchase, get "I Am" perfume (while supplies last).
- Suggs Hallmark, 1801 E. FM 700 — First 50 customers get a free bag, and anything that fits in the bag is 20 percent off (cannot be combined with any other promotion or discount).
- Queens of the Dude Ranch, 221 S. Main — Secret Santa coupons, refreshments, door prize.

## SHOW

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Paul Rodriguez, Steve Harvey, and Jamie Foxx, is headlining Friday's bill at the Big Spring venue. With over 22 years of comedy under his belt, he has been showcased on HBO, Showtime, and has been on BET's Comic View a record eleven times.

"We had a fabulous show in September," said Tiffany Morrow of LT Entertainment. "It was on such short notice and on a Thursday night but we packed out The Courtyard and it was a good show so we decided to schedule another one."

The show will also feature opening act and special guest Flo Hernandez. According to Morrow, he was voted improv's funniest comedian of the year and has also been featured on HBO, BET, and Showtime.

"We are bringing some famous and long tenured comedians to Big Spring," said Morrow.

While platinum VIP seating has been sold out, gold VIP seating for \$50 a seat and \$30 general admission tickets are still available.

Both of the VIP tickets come with chicken tacos, among other items, served by Big Spring's Lumbre Bar and Grill.

"It starts at 8 p.m. and the doors open at 7 p.m.," said Morrow. "For people doing VIP we will also be serving around 7 p.m. The \$50 tickets are better seats that are closer to the stage. Alcohol is available to anyone (through the venue)

though."

After the comedy show, the Black Friday party doesn't end. Included with admission is access to the official after party where local band The Loco Motives will be performing. Beer and liquor will be served at the after party as well.

While LT Entertainment has been around for 15 years in the form of founder L.T. Hinojos, Jr, he recently combined forces with Morrow to bring big city entertainment to Big Spring.

"I recently started new with Tiffany," said Hinojos. "I've been doing it on my own for 15 years mainly in DFW. I'm from Big Spring and I moved back to Midland almost five years ago. I just wanted to do some events more for Big Spring."

Hinojos said that in addition to the Black Friday comedy show, the duo have more shows in the works for the area.

"I've got some events scheduled for next year," he said. "Not just comedy, but bringing quality entertainment to Big Spring so people from here don't have to travel to Dallas, Midland, Odessa, Austin, stuff like that."

To buy tickets for Friday's Black Friday Comedy Show featuring Juan Villalareal with Flo Hernandez, go to [showclix.com/event/blackfridaycomedy](http://showclix.com/event/blackfridaycomedy) or call Morrow at 432-270-2989.

"I just wanted to do something for friends and family that are coming into town in Big Spring," said Hinojos. "If you've got friends and family in town, come do something different and come out to the comedy night. I think everyone needs a good laugh."

## AARON

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Thanksgiving Day serving line, but won't this year.

"I do it when I can," she said. "This will be about the second year I won't be able to, because I'm on a walker."

Even though she spends her volunteer time preparing the turkeys, that's not Aaron's favorite part of the feast.

"Dressing," she said. "Dressing with the giblet gravy on it."

"She's been here all day deboning turkeys. That's monumental," Salvation Army Corps Officer Lt. Josh McKain said of Aaron's efforts. "Wow. We couldn't do it without volunteers. They free up some hands to do some additional work that we couldn't do if it weren't for volunteers."

For some people, volunteers make the difference between getting a Salvation Army Thanksgiving meal, and doing without, McKain said.

"We have some people that come and help deliver meals to people in the community," he said. "Without them, we couldn't do that. There would be some hungry people out there, some shut-ins, who can't make it down to our center."

To learn more about Salvation Army activities, call 267-8239 or visit [www.salvationarmyusa.org](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org).

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with nystagmus, a condition which causes his eyes to constantly sway side to side.

"My mother-in-law noticed his eyes were constantly swinging from side to side," said Selina. "Him, being my first born, I really didn't know that wasn't the norm. We went to an optometrist, and he diagnosed him with congenital nystagmus.

"Often when ever it happens, it can be with no family history," Selina continued. "In our case we didn't have any family history with it at all. It can be transferred down by generation through your genes."

According to the Nystagmus Network website, nystagmus is a complex eye condition characterized by involuntary movements of the eye. The eyes can sway back and forth, as in Justin's case, or up and down. It's cause by an abnormal function of the part of the brain or inner ear the regulates eye moment and positioning.

"Currently, there is no cure for nystagmus," Selina said. "The best we can do is help him."

The condition makes it hard for Justin to eat

with utensils as focusing on a center point is difficult. To help, the family was able to obtain a specialized bowl and spoon for Justin through the Texas Division of Blind Services.

"Physically, it causes delays," Selina said. "It took him a delay in walking. When he gets older, he will not be able to drive at all because its (eyes) constantly in motion."

Also, Justin tends to be susceptible to headaches and migraines, Selina said.

"With him, we struggled with temper tantrums," she said. "If you think about it, your eyes are constantly swaying from side-to-side. I would get frustrated too. He does have trouble reading. It takes a little longer to read than other kids. As long as he has large print, he develops just fine."

In an attempt to help ease the condition, Justin underwent strabismus surgery to tighten the muscles in his eyes

and slow the swaying movement.

"After the procedure we noticed a huge difference with his eyes," Selina said. "His eyes are able to focus a lot easier. They were going twice as fast as they are now. But since he is still growing, he will need a few more procedures when he is older, when he hits those growth spurts."

Around 1 in 1,000 people are diagnosed with nystagmus, according to the Nystagmus Network, a website Selina found and has heavily relied upon to educate herself about the condition.

"It's based out of the UK," she said. "They will schedule conferences about once a year for us to go to. They provide us more information on how we can cope with nystagmus. Things we can do to make every day easier."

Nystagmus has two forms, congenital which appears in the first few months of life, and ac-

quired which occurs later in life. Nystagmus is the most common form of visual impairment among children, the Nystagmus Network states.

"In town a lot of people will look at him and think why is his eyes moving so fast, and we have to sit there and explain to him that he does have a condition," she said.

And because of her past experiences, Selina wants to raise awareness and to form a support group.

"I started a West Texas Nystagmus Support Group (on Facebook), so that way we can get other parents together and if they want to get more information about the condition, I can answer questions. What I've done to help him cope so far as dealing with this condition," she said.

Her biggest frustration is a lack of support groups locally for families, a place where families can go and know they are not alone in the daily management of the condition, Selina admitted.

"I want to start something locally that way we can get together if they have kids his same age. We can get together so that they know they are alone. They are not the only ones that have this condition," she said.

One of her biggest

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fears regarding her son was eased a little this year when Justin entered first grade. She worried how the other children would treat him but said he seems to get along with the other students, and is happy when he returns home happy, she said.

"He is the best part of my day," Selina said. "Even though we struggle with this, I know we did something right."

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# World's tallest waterslide to be demolished after boy died

By JIM SUHR

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A 168-foot-tall Kansas waterslide on which a state lawmaker's 10-year-old son was killed last summer will be demolished once the unfolding investigation of the tragedy is finished, the water park's operators said.

Schlitterbahn Waterparks and Resorts and the family that runs it said in a statement Tuesday that the "Verruckt" ride at the Schlitterbahn park in Kansas City, Kansas, will be permanently removed from its tower "once the investigation is concluded and we are given permission by the court."

"In our opinion, it is the only proper course of action following this tragedy," the statement read, adding that "all of us at Schlitterbahn have been heartbroken over the tragedy that occurred on Verruckt."

Billed as the world's tallest waterslide, Verruckt has been closed since Caleb Thomas Schwab died on the ride Aug. 7. The boy was decapitated in the accident, a person familiar with the investigation previously told *The Associated Press* on condition of anonymity because that person was not authorized to speak publicly about the boy's death.

Two women in the raft with Caleb were injured.

Attorneys for Caleb, the son of Republican state Rep. Scott Schwab, and the women are independently investigating the accident. No charges or lawsuits had been filed as of Tuesday. Messages left by the AP after business hours Tuesday for the attorneys were not immediately returned.

Verruckt, which is German for "insane," featured

multi-person rafts that made a 17-story drop at speeds of up to 70 mph, followed by a surge up a hump and a 50-foot descent to a finishing pool.

Riders were required to be at least 54 inches tall. They were harnessed with two nylon seatbelt-like straps, one crossing the rider's lap, the other stretching diagonally like a car shoulder seatbelt. Each strap is held in place by long straps that close with fabric fasteners, not buckles. Riders hold ropes inside the raft.

Riders are weighed to ensure each raft carries between 400 pounds and 550 pounds.

States' regulations of waterslides and other amusement rides have faced scrutiny following Caleb's death.

Kansas is known for its light regulation of amusement park rides, and the Texas-based company that operates Schlitterbahn lobbied legislators to help ensure that it remained responsible for its



AP photo

Riders slide down Verruckt, the world's tallest water slide, at the Schlitterbahn Kansas City Waterpark in Kansas City, Kan., in 2014.

own inspections.

Kansas mandates annual inspections of permanent amusement park rides but allows private inspectors to do the checks, rather than requiring a state inspection.

A document released by the state Department of Labor after Caleb's death showed that all of Schlitterbahn's rides passed private inspections in June.

# Suspect in fatal police shooting upset over custody battle

By JIM SALTER and DAVID WARREN

Associated Press

The suspect arrested in the ambush shooting of a San Antonio police detective has said he was angry about a child-custody battle and "lashed out at somebody who didn't deserve it."

Otis Tyrone McKane was being led by police to the Bexar County Jail late Monday when he told reporters that he was angry with the court system for not letting him see his son and took it out on Detective Benjamin Marconi.

"I've been through several custody battles, and I was upset at the situation I was in, and I lashed out at someone who didn't deserve it," McKane said. He said he wanted to apologize to the family of the slain officer.

McKane, 31, of San Antonio, remained jailed on a \$2 million bond after his arrest on a capital murder charge Monday afternoon in the fatal shooting of Marconi. The detective was shot as he sat in his squad car Sunday after making a traffic stop. Authorities have said a gunman walked up to Marconi's driver's-side window and fired.

It was one of several weekend attacks against law enforcement in multiple states.

The San Antonio detective and officers shot in Missouri and Florida

were conducting routine tasks Sunday when they became the targets of violence. Marconi was writing a traffic ticket.

"I think the uniform was the target and the first person that happened along was the first person that (the suspect) targeted," San Antonio Police Chief William McManus said.

In Missouri, a St. Louis police sergeant was shot twice in the face Sunday evening while he sat in traffic in a marked police vehicle. He was released from a hospital Monday.

Law enforcement officials say there's been an alarming spike in ambush-style attacks. Sixty officers, including the San Antonio detective, were shot to death on the job this year, compared with 41 in all of 2015, according to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. Of the 60 killed, 20 were purposely targeted by their assailant compared with eight last year, the group said.

Police officers also were shot and injured during traffic stops in Sanibel, Florida, and Gladstone, Missouri, on Sunday night, but authorities have not suggested those were targeted attacks. All the shootings come less than five months after a black military veteran killed five white officers at a protest in Dallas — the deadliest day for American law enforcement since Sept. 11, 2001.

Race was a factor in the Dallas attack, but police have not said if race played a part in any of the attacks on Sunday. In San Antonio, the suspect is black and the officer was white. In St. Louis, the suspect was black, but police have not released the officer's race. Most killings of police officers are carried out by white men, and most people shot and killed by police are white, said Craig W. Floyd, president of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.

Chief McManus said McKane was arrested without incident after the car he was riding in was stopped Monday afternoon on an interstate.

Surveillance video shows the suspect at San Antonio police headquarters about four hours before the 50-year-old Marconi, a 20-year veteran of the force, was shot. The suspect asked a desk clerk a question but left before receiving an answer, said McManus, who declined to say what the man asked.

"I don't know why he was in headquarters. We have some ideas," he said.

St. Louis Police Chief Sam Dotson declined to name the 46-year-old officer who was shot and wounded there. He said the officer is a married father of three and has been with the department for about 20 years.

"This officer was driving down the

road and was ambushed by an individual who pointed a gun at him from inside of his car and shot out the police officer's window," Dotson said.

The suspect, 19-year-old George P. Bush III, was wanted for questioning in recent violent crimes that included several robberies, a carjacking and perhaps a killing, Dotson said without elaborating.

"We believe he knew he was good for those crimes and that we were looking for him," Dotson said. "That's why he aggressively attacked a police officer."

Police said Bush was later killed in a shootout with officers. On July 7, Micah Johnson shot and killed five law enforcement officers who had been working to keep the peace at a protest in downtown Dallas over the fatal police shootings of black men in Minnesota and Louisiana. Ten days after that attack, a man wearing a ski mask and armed with two rifles and a pistol killed three officers near a gas station and convenience store in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. And earlier this month, two Des Moines, Iowa-area police officers were fatally shot in separate ambush-style attacks while sitting in their patrol cars.

"It's always difficult, especially in this day and age, where police are being targeted across the country," McManus said.

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# Don't give up the ship

Mayflower replica gets a makeover

By WILLIAM J. KOLE,

Associated Press

PLYMOUTH, Mass. (AP) — The Mayflower II, a replica of the ship that brought the Pilgrims to America's shores in 1620, is getting a massive makeover. And it's not just cosmetic.

Its hull is rotting; beetles are gorging themselves, Thanksgiving-style, on some of its timbers; and half of what lies beneath the waterline needs replacing.

"We have issues all over the ship," said Whit Perry, director of maritime preservation and operations at Plimoth Plantation, which maintains the replica that Britain built and sailed to the U.S. as a gift of friendship in 1957.

"She needs major structural frame repair and planking," he said. "Without a project of this magnitude now, her days would be numbered — and that would be tragic."

Over the next 2½ years, skilled craftsmen with the Henry B. duPont Preservation Shipyard at Connecticut's Mystic Seaport will complete a \$7.5 million overhaul to get the vessel ship-shape for 400th anniversary festivities in 2020.

An estimated 25 million people from around the globe have boarded the 60-year-old ship. Generations of schoolchildren have clambered above and below decks to learn about the original Mayflower and the hardy settlers it carried to the New World.

But this Thanksgiving, there's

nothing but an empty slip on the waterfront near Plymouth Rock, where the national treasure usually sits.

It won't return until 2019 from dry dock in Mystic, where a live webcam has been set up to provide 24-hour views of the reconstruction.

"This is an opportunity to preserve a piece of history and allow millions more people to experience her," said Plantation spokeswoman Kate Sheehan. "Immigration, journeys, where we come from: These are profound questions, and they're really relevant in our current political climate."

Although a crowdfunding campaign to raise \$250,000 fell short this month, Sheehan said private donors, corporate sponsors and government agencies so far have contributed more than \$7 million. The ultimate goal is to amass \$12 million and create a cash reserve for future maintenance.

"It's vital to preserve it," said Harold Closter, director of the Smithsonian Affiliations, a partnership that includes the Plantation and the Mayflower II. "The ship itself, even though it's a replica, is such a central icon of the peopling of America."

Perry took over stewardship of the



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In this Nov. 18, 2016 photo, workers at Mystic Seaport move the Mayflower II from the dock into the ship-lift to be hauled out of the Mystic River at the Henry B. duPont Preservation Shipyard in Stonington, Conn. The 1957 replica of the vessel that brought the Pilgrims to the new world in 1620, will undergo a complete overhaul in time for festivities in 2020 that will mark the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrim landing.

Mayflower II and the restoration project in 2014, after spending a decade caring for similarly square-rigged ships in Jamestown, Virginia.

The first step was what he calls "exploratory surgery" — carefully removing planks and X-raying iron hardware to grasp the full scope of the damage.

Experts determined the 106-foot ship is in surprisingly decent shape for a wooden vessel exposed to six decades' worth of the elements. That's good news, because junking the ship and building a new Mayflower from scratch — an option once under consideration — would have cost \$15 million.

But they also found enough rot and other deterioration to warrant renewing 40 percent to 50 percent of the vessel.

Another unpleasant discovery: A species of beetle that normally lives on land somehow got aboard and attacked the bottom. Perry insists the infestation is merely "a minor nuisance" because the wood the beetles were feasting on already needed replacing.

The Mayflower II will be restored and refitted using the same materials and methods employed to build it. BoatSmiths will use white oak from Connecticut, Massachusetts, Kentucky and Virginia, and 20,000 board feet imported from Denmark.

"We're getting the ship ready for its next 60 years of life," Perry said. "In 2019, hopefully we'll see her sailing back to Plymouth in her full glory. That's an incredibly exciting prospect for me."

## Grumpy Cat counts down to the new year with top pet peeves



AP Photo/Richard Drew — Grumpy Cat

NEW YORK (AP) — Grumpy Cat's got a message just in time for the holidays and she doesn't care how you feel about it.

In vintage David Letterman style, the grumpster has posted her Top 10 pet peeves on her new blog at Pawculture.com, but absent is the multimillion-dollar thing that might just annoy her the most:

money talk.

As in, exactly how many truckloads of Benjamins is that cat worth these days, what with gobs of licensed products, endorsement deals and other projects stuffed into her short four years on the planet?

Her human, Tabatha Bundesen, wouldn't say or even come close to providing a ballpark. She has, in the past, debunked the idea that the Friskies brand ambassador is now a \$100 million sensation. "Every day is still kind of a pinch me moment," Tabatha summed up.

The tiny and extremely mellow cat's other human, Bundesen's brother and Grumpy empire overseer, Bryan Bundesen, also wouldn't remotely discuss Grumpy's bank during a recent New York media swing.

So about those pet peeves. Among them:

— "If one more person tells me to smile, I'm going to lose it."

Grumpy's permanent frown has to do with a condition she was born with, feline dwarfism. So get over it.

— "I have had it up to here with the social media. I don't want friends in real life. What makes you think I'd want them on a computer?"

Yeah, so forget those 1.9 million followers on Instagram and 10 million on Facebook.

— "Humans love selfies. I know this because they always ask to take them with me. But what is up with those sticks?"

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## From the dead: HG Wells ghost story published for first time

By HILLEL ITALIE

AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Here's an odd story, from long ago: A man by the name of Meredith has converted a room in his house to a cluttered, dirty study. Meredith has a taste for Scotch whisky and one day asks a visiting friend, the story's narrator, if he doesn't notice something odd about the ceiling. "Don't you see it?" he said. "See what?"

"The — thing. The woman."

"I shook my head and looked at him."

"All right then," he said abruptly. "Don't see it!"

This brief hybrid of ghost tale and detective story is called "The Haunted Ceiling" and its author is H.G. Wells, later known for such science-fiction classics as "The Invisible Man" and "The Time Machine." He apparently wrote "The Haunted Ceiling" in the mid-1890s, when he was around 30, and left it unseen by others. It debuts this week, more than a century later.

"The atmosphere of this story was vintage Wells in that his stories always had the theme of an individual who is completely alone and is struggling to understand something mysterious," said Andrew Gulli, managing editor of The Strand Magazine, a literary quarterly in which "The Haunted Ceiling" appears.



AP Photo/File

**This Nov. 8, 1937, file photo shows author H. G. Wells. Wells'**

"At times, you'll finish the story questioning whether you've read something either psychological or macabre."

Gulli says he found "The Haunted Ceiling" after contacting the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and asking for materials from the school's Wells archive. After looking through over 3,000 pages of manuscripts, he came upon the story and realized it was unpublished. "The Haunted Ceiling" is so obscure that two Wells scholars, Patrick Parrinder and Michael Sherborne, said they had never seen it before. Judging from the style and content, they guessed it dated to around 1895, when ghost stories were popular and Wells was both prolific and in need of money.

"So the puzzle is, why was

this one either never sold, or if sold never published?" says Parrinder, whose books include "Shadows of the Future: H.G. Wells, Science Fiction, and Prophecy."

Wells was a versatile writer and completed some notable paranormal tales. In "The Story of the Inexperienced Ghost," a man relates an occult encounter, becomes more and more agitated, collapses and dies, the narrator observing that "whether he did indeed pass there by that poor ghost's incantation, or whether he was stricken suddenly by apoplexy in the midst of an idle tale — as the coroner's jury would have us believe — is no matter for my judging."

Sherborne does not consider "The Haunted Ceiling" a masterpiece, but praised the way "Wells focuses the tale through a skeptical narrator, an active personality who looks likely to provide the passive victim with a reassuring solution, only for a supernatural element to be reintroduced after all at the end."

"It's not one of Wells' very best stories," he added, "but it is a skillfully assembled anecdote which would, I think, be very effective as a self-contained magazine item."

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## The original Gerber baby turned 90 on Sunday

AP — The baby food maker says Ann Taylor Cook celebrated her 90th birthday on Sunday.

Cook was about 4 months old in 1927 when her image was sketched in charcoal by a family friend. The drawing was submitted to Gerber a year later when Gerber put out a call for images to be used in its new baby food advertisements. Cook's picture became the company's official trademark in 1931.

Cook became a mother of four and taught literature and writing in Tampa, Florida, for 26 years before retiring in 1989.



AP Photo/Chris O'Meara, File

**In this Feb. 4, 2004, file photo, Ann Taylor Cook, poses at her Tampa, Fla., home with a copy of her photo that is used on all Gerber baby food products. Gerber says Cook turned 90 on Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016.**

## Disneyland Haunted Mansion painting sells for \$172,500


LOS ANGELES (AP) — An animatronic doll from Disneyland's It's a Small World ride and an original "stretching portrait" from the park's Haunted Mansion attraction were the top-grossing items at a recent auction of Disney memorabilia in Los Angeles.

The portrait brought in \$172,500 and the Small World animatronic doll sold for \$80,500

at Van Eaton Galleries' "Souvenirs of Disneyland" auction.

The gallery announced Monday that the auction raised more than \$1.2 million.

Other popular lots included a collection of rare Disneyland postcards, which sold for \$69,000, and a sparrow from the Enchanted Tiki Room attraction that fetched \$34,500.



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## News in brief

### Germany 'repulsed' by Hitler salutes at US far-right event

BERLIN (AP) — The German government expressed revulsion Wednesday at Nazi-style salutes such as those performed at a recent far-right event in Washington, but said it was confident the United States can tackle the issue.

Video published by The Atlantic showed participants at the event Saturday raising their arms in salute during a speech by Richard Spencer, head of the white-nationalist National Policy Institute.

"Speaking generally, whenever we see videos from anywhere showing people raising their hand to do Hitler salutes we are repulsed," German government spokesman Steffen Seibert said Wednesday after being asked about the clip.

"It goes against the principles and values of our politics," he added.

Nazi Germany was responsible for genocide and war that resulted in the deaths of tens of millions of people in the 1930s and 1940s. After the war, Germany made it a criminal offense to display Nazi imagery — including the salute, which was usually accompanied by the cry "Sieg Heil!" which translates as "hail victory."

Seibert said the fact that the incident is being widely discussed in the United States was a good sign. "We have great faith in American civil society, media and politics to address such bad developments, such terrible events," he said.

White-nationalist groups have existed in the United States for decades but drew increased attention last summer when activists showed up at the Republican National Convention to celebrate Donald Trump's nomination as the party's presidential candidate.

Spencer, who is credited with coining the term "alt-right," was filmed Saturday saying "Hail Trump, hail our people, hail victory!" to cheers from the audience.

### Tutor says she took exams for Mizzou athletes; probe started

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — The University of Missouri is investigating a former tutor's allegations that she took entrance exams and completed entire courses for student-athletes at the school.

The Kansas City Star (<http://bit.ly/2fPPDhP>) reported that Yolanda Kumar on Tuesday acknowledged the authenticity of her Facebook posting in which she made the allegations and apologized for her actions. The Associated Press wasn't able to reach Kumar, as she didn't reply to Facebook messages and doesn't have a listed phone number.

In her posting, Kumar didn't specify which sports the athletes played, but she said the cheating was encouraged by at least two academic coordinators "for athletes in revenue-generating sports." She wrote that she self-reported the cheating on Nov. 2 and resigned Nov. 7.

The school issued a statement saying it is reviewing the allegations and that it informed the NCAA,

which is working with it on the matter.

### UK serial killer convicted of murdering 3 men he met online

LONDON (AP) — A British chef was convicted Wednesday of murdering three young men whom he met online, plied with lethal drug-spiked drinks and raped, before leaving their bodies in and around a graveyard near his home.

Jurors found serial killer Stephen Port guilty of three murders and more than a dozen additional offenses, including rape and sexual assault, involving several other men.

Port, 41, denied all the charges against him.

The U.K.'s independent police watchdog is investigating why detectives did not initially link the deaths of the three men whose bodies were found near Port's home in east London over a 15-month period.

Prosecutors said Port invited the men, who all were in their 20s, to his home, where he gave them drinks containing deadly doses of the psychoactive drug GHB so he could rape them while they were unconscious.

The men — Gabriel Kovari, Daniel Whitworth and Jack Taylor — all overdosed on the drug. Port then dumped their bodies in and around a graveyard near his apartment.

He took elaborate action to cover up the killings, planting a fake suicide note in the hand of one victim and stashing drugs on the body of another.

Police only began investigating the deaths as potential homicides when the family of Port's final victim, Taylor, pressed for action.

But jurors at London's Central Criminal Court convicted him of the murders and a range of other offenses that included three rapes and three sexual assaults of men who survived their encounters with Port.

Jurors are still deliberating on one other murder charge.

### Lufthansa pilot strike

#### forces 1,800 flight cancelations

BERLIN (AP) — German airline Lufthansa canceled nearly 900 flights on Wednesday and scrapped another 912 scheduled for Thursday after pilots launched a two-day strike in a pay dispute.

The Cockpit union initially called members out on a 24-hour strike Wednesday. Late Tuesday night, after Lufthansa tried and failed to have courts block the walkout, it said that they would also strike on Thursday.

The company canceled 876 of the Lufthansa group's planned 3,000 flights on Wednesday, among them 51 long-haul flights, and said that around 100,000 passengers were affected.

It later canceled 912 of roughly 3,000 scheduled flights scheduled for Thursday, including

82 long-haul flights and affecting about 115,000 passengers. The airline expressed "complete incomprehension" at Cockpit's decision to extend the strike.

Other Lufthansa group airlines such as Eurowings, Swiss and Austrian Airlines aren't affected by the strike. Lufthansa said that Swiss and Austrian Airlines increased their capacity on flights to Germany, using bigger planes than usual.

The latest strike by Cockpit is the 14th since April 2014 in the long-running dispute. It comes as Lufthansa restructures to meet increasing competition from Gulf airlines and European budget carriers.

### 4 Boston officers injured when car flees traffic stop

BOSTON (AP) — Four Boston police officers investigating a report of a man with a gun have been taken to the hospital after two were dragged and two were narrowly missed by a fleeing car.

Superintendent Randall Halstead says two plainclothes officers approached the vehicle in the city's Dorchester neighborhood at about 12:30 a.m. Wednesday. As they tried to speak to the driver, the vehicle sped away, dragging the two officers.

Two uniformed officers providing backup were narrowly missed by the fleeing vehicle.

None of the injuries is considered life-threatening. The officers' names were not immediately made public. Police are still looking for the vehicle, they describe as a gray or silver Chevrolet, possibly with Connecticut plates.

### CNN, Tapper sorry for banner that said 'if Jews are People'

NEW YORK (AP) — CNN and host Jake Tapper have apologized for an on-screen banner Tapper says "horrified" him when it appeared during his show.

The vacationing Tapper responded to outraged viewers with Twitter posts explaining he's "furious."

The offending phrase appeared Monday during a discussion among substitute host of "The Lead" Jim Sciutto and two journalists about Republican President-elect Donald Trump's support from the alt-right.

The segment focused on a white nationalist leader whose anti-Semitic declarations Sciutto called "hate-filled garbage." An on-screen caption stated, "Alt-Right Founder Questions if Jews are People."

CNN has issued a statement calling the caption "poor judgment" and saying it very much regrets it and apologizes.

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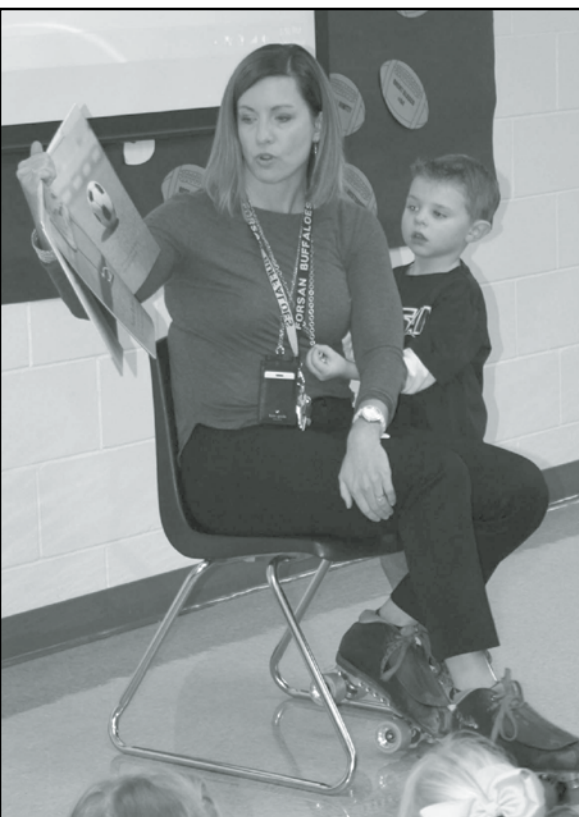
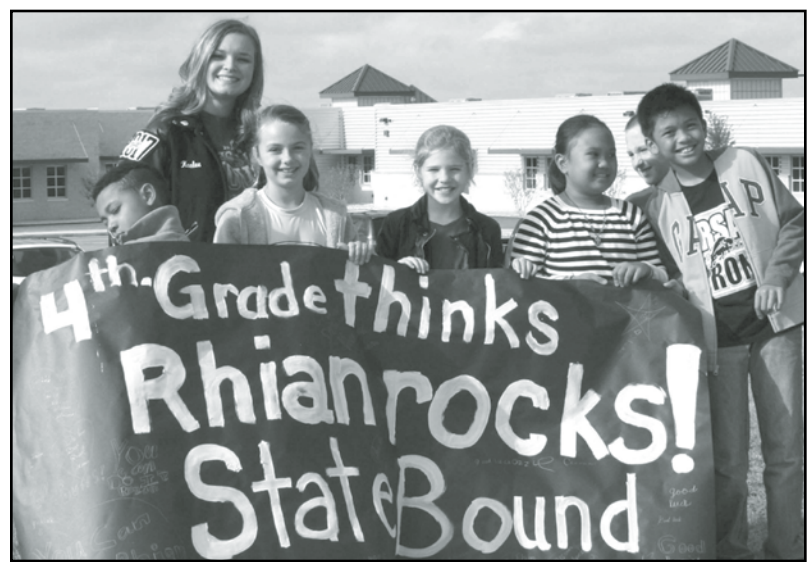
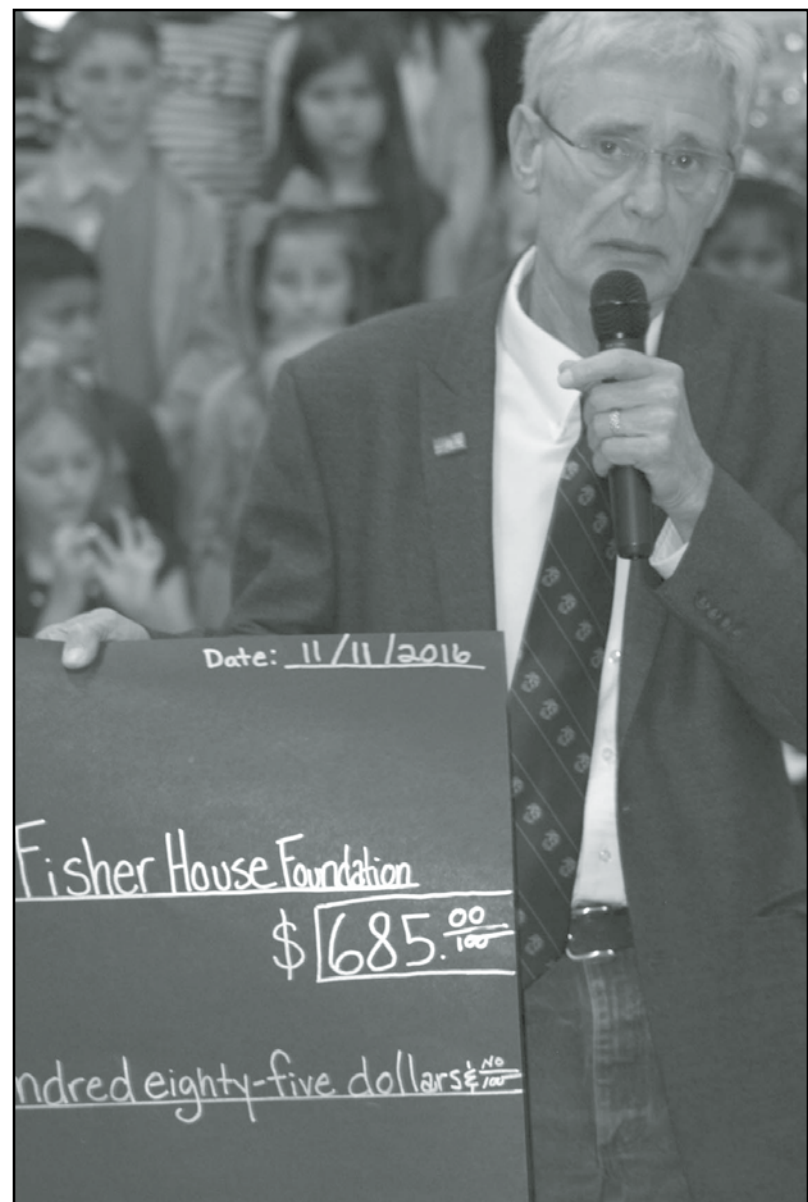
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From honoring veterans and showing support for a high school track star to collection money for a veterans organization and donating to the Salvation Army food bank, Forsan Elementary students were busy with community service work this past month. Pictured clockwise starting above, the elementary school held a program to honor U.S. veterans during Veterans Day. Charlie Lewis, a U.S. Marine veteran, shows off a donation the students raised for the Fisher House Foundation for veterans. Students showed support for Rhian Cunningham, a Forsan High School track member, as she left for the UIL State Cross Country meet. Rhian placed 33rd out of 148 and ran her personal best with a time of 12:57. Fifth grade student council is pictured with donations to the Salvation Army food pantry. The school raised a total of 1346 cans. Mrs. Stacey Park's first grade class won the pickle party by donating 242 cans of food. A student was chosen to "Jump For George (Washington)". This is an attendance incentive that is awarded each six weeks. She is wearing a hat for "Hat Day" to raise funds for a local family in need. Elementary principal Hanna Carter, while wearing her roller derby blades, read aloud to a group of children during a reading challenge.



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## A history of Thanksgiving in America

Thanksgiving is a special holiday enjoyed by all of us. It's a day to relax and enjoy family, friends, ballgames, and food, if we are not the ones doing the meal preparation. However, there may be some things about Thanksgiving you didn't know.

Did you know that the first American Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621, to commemorate the harvest reaped by the Plymouth Colony following a harsh winter? In that year Governor William Bradford proclaimed a day of thanksgiving. The colonists celebrated it as a traditional English harvest feast, to which they invited the local Wampanoag Indians who were celebrating their own harvest festival.



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The Pilgrims were particularly thankful to Squanto, the Native American who taught them how to catch eel, grow corn and who served as an interpreter for them. Squanto had learned English as a slave in Europe and travels in England. Without Squanto's help the Pilgrims might not have survived in the New World.

Irregular celebrations continued thereafter and gradually became an annual day of thanksgiving. This did not occur on any set day; however, days of thanksgiving were celebrated after fall harvests throughout the colonies.

All 13 colonies did not celebrate Thanksgiving at the same time until October 1777. George Washington was the first president to declare the holiday in 1789. He again proclaimed a Thanksgiving holiday in 1795.

President John Adams declared Thanksgivings in 1798 and 1799. No Thanksgiving proclamations were issued by Thomas Jefferson, but James Madison renewed the tradition in 1814, in response to resolutions of Congress, at the close of the War of 1812. Madison also declared the holiday twice in 1815; however, none of these were celebrated in autumn. A thanksgiving day was annually appointed by the governor of New York from 1817 and by 1858 proclamations appointing a day of thanksgiving was issued by the governors of 25 states and two territories.

By the mid-1800s, many states observed a Thanksgiving holiday and the poet and editor Sarah J. Hale began lobbying for a national day of Thanksgiving. In 1863 President Lincoln, looking for ways to unite the nation, declared the last Thursday in November as a national day of thanksgiving.

In 1939, 1940, and 1941 Franklin D. Roosevelt, seeking to lengthen the Christmas shopping season, proclaimed Thanksgiving the third Thursday in November. Controversy followed so Congress passed a joint resolution in 1941 decreeing that Thanksgiving should fall on the fourth Thursday of November, where it remains.

But it may interest you to know that the city of El Paso claims that the very first thanksgiving was held there on April 30, 1598. It was not a harvest celebration but a day of mass celebration for the expedition party of the Spanish leader Don Juan de Oñate.

At any rate, happy Thanksgiving. I hope you enjoy the holiday and if you are a football fan, how bout them Cowboys!

*Darrell Ryan is the Big Spring ISD director of school safety.*



# Steer Pride Corner

Courtesy photo/Big Spring ISD Washington Elementary School recently held a Parent Read Night where parents were encouraged to come read with their children. The Big Spring High School Lady Steers also participated.



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## Name That Food

No one knows exactly what was served at the first Thanksgiving feast, but historians have some ideas.

Fill in the blanks to name some foods that might have been served.

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2. CO\_\_ N

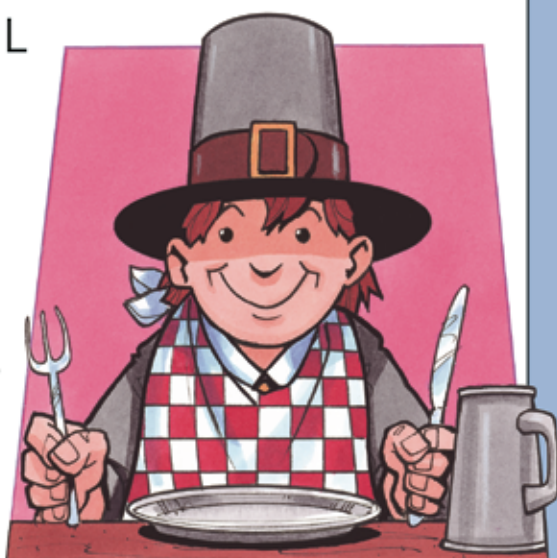
3. VE\_\_ IS\_\_ N

4. SEA\_\_ OO\_\_

5. CA\_\_ OTS

6. TU\_\_ IPS

7. PUM\_\_ KI\_\_



Answers: 1) Wildfowl 2) Corn 3) Venison 4) Seafood 5) Carrots 6) Turnips 7) Pumpkin



## The Youngest Pilgrims

When the Mayflower set sail for the New World in 1620, several children were onboard. Some were toddlers, some were teens and some were in-between. One baby, Oceanus Hopkins, was born on the ship. Another, Peregrine White, was born after the ship had docked.

Having children in the New World was important to ensure the survival of the Pilgrim colony. The first winter in the New World was very cold, and many of the adults got sick. Some even died. Many of the children, however, survived, and they helped take care of the sick and do whatever other else was needed.

Eventually the young Pilgrims grew up, got married and had children of their own. Peregrine White, for example, lived to age 83 and had three children and several grandchildren. He and the other young Pilgrims helped the colony grow.

## Jokes

Q: What kind of music did the Pilgrims like?

A: Plymouth Rock.

Q: Why was the Thanksgiving soup so expensive?

A: It had 24 carrots!!!

## What Rhymes with...



List 10 words that rhyme with "eat."

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Some answers: beat, beet, feet, feat, meat, meet, neat, peat, seat

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### Fact or Fiction?

## New World Challenge



The Pilgrims set sail for the New World in 1620. Here are some questions about the Pilgrims and their journey. How many can you answer correctly?

- At first the Pilgrims were going to make the journey to the New World on two ships, the Mayflower and the Speedwell. **Fact or Fiction?**
- The Pilgrims brought many things with them on their journey, including tables and chairs. **Fact or Fiction?**
- The Pilgrims wore black and white clothes on their trip. **Fact or Fiction?**
- The Pilgrims wore shoes with buckles on their trip. **Fact or Fiction?**
- There were over 100 people on the Mayflower. **Fact or Fiction?**
- Men came first to the New World and sent for the women later. **Fact or Fiction?**
- Some Pilgrims got sick on the ship. **Fact or Fiction?**
- One Pilgrim died on the ship. **Fact or Fiction?**
- Others died soon after the ship had docked. **Fact or Fiction?**
- The Pilgrims planned to settle in what is now known as New York but ended up in Massachusetts instead. **Fact or Fiction?**

Answers: 1) Fact, 2) Fiction, space was limited so the only furniture the Pilgrims brought with them were chests and boxes, 3) Fiction, the Pilgrims wore brown, green and other colors, they wore black and white on Sundays and other special occasions, 4) Fiction, buckles did not come into fashion until much later, 5) Fact, 6) Fiction, men, women and children all made the journey, 7) Fact, 8) Fact, 9) Fact, 10) Fact

# Ezekiel Elliott exceeding expectations for Cowboys

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Ezekiel Elliott didn't dwell for long on the moment that most made him look like a rookie with the Dallas Cowboys: his benching over two fumbles against Washington in the second game of his career. The fourth overall pick in the draft faces the Redskins again Thursday, now as the NFL's rushing leader for a team with nine straight wins rather than the player coming off a rough debut against the New York Giants in the only loss for the Cowboys (9-1). "Just reps, that's all it is," the 21-year-old former Ohio State star said. It's a little more than that for someone who embraced the expectations as a lofty pick for a franchise that drafted two Hall of Fame running backs, Tony Dorsett and all-time NFL rushing leader Emmitt Smith. Elliott's physical style fits well with one of the NFL's best offensive lines. He can flip from punishing to graceful in one play while catching passes and blocking blitzes. Oh, and that breakaway speed, as seen on an 83-yard screen pass for a touchdown that



Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott (21) carries the ball as Baltimore Ravens' Terrell Suggs (55) and others attempt the stop in the first half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Nov. 20,

sparked a sluggish offense in a win at Pittsburgh. "His coach in college said he's the best player he's ever had with the ball not in his hands," coach Jason Garrett said. "He's a young player, but he's a very mature player. He picks things up quickly. And I think he's got a tremendous competitive spirit." Those traits helped Elliott handle the expectations — one of the few things he doesn't share with fellow rookie sen-

sation and road-game roommate Dak Prescott. The fourth-rounder from Mississippi State replaced injured quarterback Tony Romo and improbably led Dallas to the best record in the NFL, eventually taking the job from Dallas' 10-year starter. Elliott's impact — 138 yards per game from scrimmage and 10 touchdowns — helped Prescott, too. "I think it's just him being himself and not letting the pressure or anything get to him,"

backup running back Alfred Morris said. "Even the first couple of weeks, it started a little rough for him. He didn't let that bother him." Morris can't help but mention Prescott when describing Elliott's success because he went through the same thing four years ago with Robert Griffin III in Washington. The standout combo of Griffin and Morris helped the Redskins reach the playoffs. "It's been fun to See DAL, Page 17

# Texans focused on moving on after tough loss to Oakland

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans dealt with a fan's handheld laser pointed at quarterback Brock Osweiler's eyes, questionable play on two key plays and a would-be touchdown that was whistled dead in a loss to Oakland on Monday night. Sure, the Texans were unhappy with all of those things, but a day later they know that dwelling on what happened in Mexico City won't do them any good this week. The message for the Texans was clear on Tuesday: It's time to move on. They really have no other choice but to put the 27-20 defeat behind them with the San Diego Chargers heading to town in six days and Houston needing a win to remain in control of the AFC South. Houston (6-4) remains atop their division, but the loss put them within one game of the second-place Colts. "The feeling in that locker room after that game is there's a lot of football left and we have a lot to build on from that game," coach Bill O'Brien said. "Being in first place is a good thing. The other teams in the division are playing pretty decent. So we've got to understand what is coming down the road here, but the first thing is San Diego, getting a good start on them on Wednesday." O'Brien didn't want to discuss any of the calls from Monday night on Tuesday, but he did address the laser pointer after learning more about what happened since his post-game news conference. He said that running back Lamar Miller had it pointed in his face along with Osweiler. "It doesn't even enter your mind that someone would bring a laser into a game and point it at one of your players ... I think that's terrible," O'Brien said. "I don't know what you can do about it." Houston's pass defense entered the game ranked third in the NFL and the Texans had a rush defense that was among the worst in the league. On Monday night, the Texans allowed just 30 yards rushing, but were hurt by the receiving of the Oakland's running backs, who combined for 199 yards receiving. "There were some missed tackles," O'Brien said. "But on a positive note, we held them to 30 yards rushing."

# Colts preparing to go with backup plan against Steelers



Indianapolis Colts quarterback Andrew Luck (12) is tackled by Tennessee Titans linebacker Aaron Wallace (52) during the first half of an NFL football game in Indianapolis, Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Scott Tolzien and Stephen Morris stood together in the corner of the end zone at Tuesday's practice. Suddenly, the two healthy Indianapolis Colts quarterbacks were the center of attention as they went through the routine of taking snaps and fine-tuning their footwork. It may be the same way Thursday night. With Andrew Luck missing a second straight practice because he remains in the NFL's concussion protocol, Indy is preparing to dust off the backup plan for this week's game against the Pittsburgh Steelers — just in case. "Last year we had musical chairs at the quarterback position and we were still able to win games, still able to play good football and that's what we have to do now," linebacker D'Qwell Jackson said. "We've finally got some

momentum and we'll be ready for this challenge." If Luck can't go, it won't be exactly like last season when the Colts (5-5) plugged in former Super Bowl starter Matt Hasselbeck. This time, coach Chuck Pagano's options appear to be relying on the rarely used Tolzien, the never-used Morris, some combination of the two or perhaps even running back Frank Gore out of the wildcat formation. None are ideal for a team looking to build momentum and improve their playoff chances, but they won't have a choice if Luck isn't cleared Wednesday. Tolzien's most extensive work came in 2013 when he was promoted from the Green Bay Packers' practice squad to the active roster after Aaron Rodgers broke his collarbone. He was pressed into action when backup Seneca

Wallace was injured and started the next two games before being benched. Tolzien has thrown just one regular-season pass since 2013. Morris hasn't even done that much. In his third season in the league, the former University of Miami starter has never appeared in a regular-season game — even for last season's quarterback-needy Colts. Heck, he hasn't even been promoted from the practice squad to the active roster yet. "I think Scott's no different than Matt. Matt was here a longer period of time. So we're going to do what we have to do to win the football game," Pagano said Tuesday. Pagano certainly has shown he has a knack for adapting on the fly — especially under seemingly impossible odds. When Luck missed nine

games with multiple injuries last season, including the final seven games with a lacerated kidney and partially torn abdominal muscle, Indy won six. The first five came with Hasselbeck and Charlie Whitehurst at the helm. The sixth came courtesy of Josh Freeman and Ryan Lindley pairing up in the season finale, less than a week after joining the team. The circumstances were sometimes difficult. Hasselbeck's second win came on a Thursday night at Houston and on a week he had been ill. But it was the Freeman-Lindley combo that really turned heads. Both were signed in the lead up to the season finale and with neither knowing the playbook, Pagano split up their duties. It worked perfectly as the Colts pulled out a 30-24 victory over Tennessee.

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	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	8	2	0	.800	271	180
Miami	6	4	0	.600	218	216
Buffalo	5	5	0	.500	253	215
N.Y. Jets	3	7	0	.300	179	244

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	6	4	0	.600	181	215
Indianapolis	5	5	0	.500	263	273
Tennessee	5	6	0	.455	181	265
Jacksonville	2	8	0	.200	193	265

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	5	5	0	.500	199	187
Pittsburgh	5	5	0	.500	238	215
Cincinnati	3	6	1	.350	199	226
Cleveland	0	11	0	.000	184	325

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	8	2	0	.800	272	243
Kansas City	7	3	0	.700	222	187
Denver	7	3	0	.700	239	189
San Diego	4	6	0	.400	292	278

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East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	9	1	0	.900	285	187
N.Y. Giants	7	3	0	.700	204	200
Washington	6	3	1	.650	254	233
Philadelphia	5	5	0	.500	241	186

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	6	4	0	.600	320	283
Tampa Bay	5	5	0	.500	235	259
New Orleans	4	6	0	.400	285	286
Carolina	4	6	0	.400	244	246

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	6	4	0	.600	231	225
Minnesota	6	4	0	.600	205	176
Green Bay	4	6	0	.400	247	273
Chicago	2	8	0	.200	157	237

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	7	2	1	.750	219	173
Arizona	4	5	1	.450	226	190
Los Angeles	4	6	0	.400	149	187
San Francisco	1	9	0	.100	204	313

### Big 12 This Week: Texas-TCU for 6 wins, Texas Tech finale

By The Associated Press  
Here are some things to watch in the Big 12 Conference in Week 13, which will be the end of the season for three teams — and maybe a fourth:  
**GAME OF THE WEEK**  
TCU (5-5, 3-4 Big 12) at Texas (5-6, 3-5). With all the uncertainty about Texas coach Charlie Strong's future, the winner Friday gets bowl eligible. This is the last chance for Texas, which goes into its regular-season finale after a stunning overtime loss at Kansas. TCU has two chances to get to six wins. Texas junior D'Onta Foreman has 12 consecutive 100-yard rushing seasons and is the nation's leading rusher with 1,863 yards in his 10 games — he has 1,008 the last four. TCU allowed 343 yards rushing last week to Oklahoma State, which had two 100-yard rushers.  
**BEST MATCHUP**  
Texas Tech QB Patrick Mahomes vs. Baylor de-  
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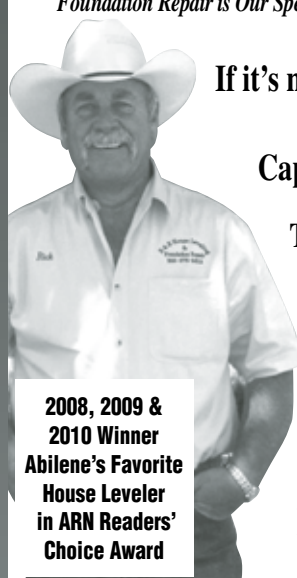


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watch, especially him and Dak," Morris said. "I know I keep throwing Dak in there, but they're so good together. It's pretty cool to see and I'm just sitting back and kind of admiring, like, man, just keep it up, keep it up, keep it up."

Elliott started the season under the cloud of a domestic violence investigation in Ohio over an incident during the summer. He has been cleared legally, but not

by the NFL.

It hasn't affected Elliott's generally cheery demeanor in the locker room — during the week or on game days.

After the Cowboys broke the club's regular-season record with their ninth straight win last Sunday against Baltimore, Elliott chided 14th-year tight end Jason Witten about his age yet again.

It was something about the 34-year-old Witten having played football longer than Elliott had been alive.

"Yeah, think about it," Elliott said Tuesday, not backing down from his claim. "If you count his high school, college

and pro years. I'm 21. Do the math."

Well, it doesn't quite add up. But that's not really the point. The effect on Elliott's older teammates — which is all of them — is the point.

"He's a totally different player from Week 2 and that's all credit to him by the way he approaches practice, the way he goes out there and just 'beasts' it and has fun throughout practice," receiver Dez Bryant said. "We just go out there and enjoy it."

Besides the sluggish start to the season, Elliott has had slow starts to games. He didn't touch the ball in the second quarter against the

Ravens and had 26 yards rushing at halftime.

But Elliott finished with 97 yards for his eighth straight game with at least 92 while breaking Dorsett's club rookie rushing record of 1,007 yards. He need-

ed 25 carries (a rough-and-tumble 3.9-yard average) against the NFL's top rushing defense.

"The teams I've been on and been successful, they are physical teams," said Elliott, who has 1,102 yards rushing.

"There are not many teams that want to do that for four quarters and that's a mentality. I think that's the championship style. I think championship teams all have that."

**BIG 12**

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defense. OK, Mahomes is coming off a season-low 219 yards passing in a woeful 66-10 loss to Iowa State. But the nation's leading passer (406 yards per game, 35 TDs) plays his season finale Friday since Tech (4-7, 2-6) can't get bowl eligible. The Bears are the Big 12's top passing defense (199 yards per game, giving up only eight TDs with 10 interceptions). In the first two times Mahomes faced the Bears in the Dallas Cowboys' NFL stadium, he threw for 1,013 yards and nine TDs.

**INSIDE THE NUMBERS**

Kansas State coach Bill Snyder goes for his 200th victory as head coach of the Wildcats (6-4, 4-3). They host Kansas (2-9, 1-7) in the Sunflower Showdown on Saturday. ... No. 7 Oklahoma

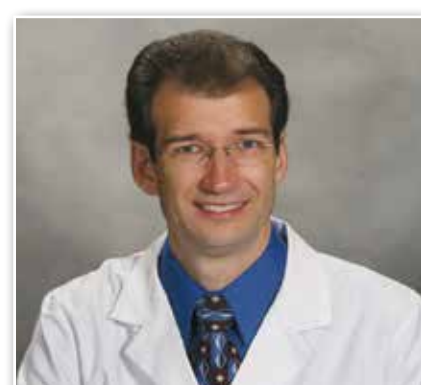
(9-2, 8-0, No. 8 CFP) and No. 10 Oklahoma State (9-2, 7-1, No. 10 CFP), with a combined 15 consecutive wins between them, are the only Big 12 teams with Thanksgiving weekend off. They will settle the league title Dec. 3 in Norman. ... Just how lopsided was last weekend's win for Iowa State? The Cyclones (3-8, 2-6) set school records for points in a conference game (66), margin of victory in a conference game (56) and points in a quarter (31).

**LONG SHOT**

It seems unlikely Iowa State and Kansas will again win Big 12 games on the same weekend. Both play their finales, the Cyclones at home against West Virginia, and the Jayhawks at Kansas State. Before last weekend, the last time they both won Big 12 games on the same day was in November 2007.

**IMPACT PERFORMERS**

Iowa State QBs Jacob Park and Joel Lanning. Park, a former Georgia transfer, has become the primary QB and has averaged 238 yards passing with eight TDs total over the past four games. Lanning, a nine-game starter, has been a running threat of late. He had a career-high 171 yards rushing against Tech with five TDs.



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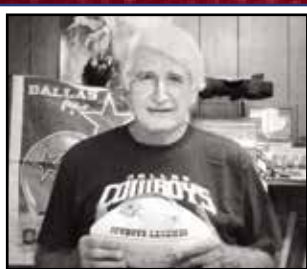


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**Rules:** Find this week's games between the merchants' ads on this page. Choose the teams you think will win. Clip and fill in the official entry blank on this page with your team choices. The entry with the most correct picks will win \$50 and a Pizza Inn Gift Certificate. You must be 18 to enter. *No Photo Copies Accepted.* In the event of a tie, the tie breaker will determine the winner. For the tie breaker, the entry with the correct team will win. If both entries have guessed the same team, the second tie breaker will be the one closest to the total points. Decisions of the judges are final. Employees and family of *The Big Spring Herald* are ineligible. All entries must be received at one of the participating merchants by 1 p.m. Friday of the week played. **Do not drop your entry form at the Big Spring Herald.** Winners will be announced in the next *Pigskin Contest Page*.

### Pigskin Picks Entry Form

**Team**

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. _____</li> <li>2. _____</li> <li>3. _____</li> <li>4. _____</li> <li>5. _____</li> <li>6. _____</li> <li>7. _____</li> <li>8. _____</li> <li>9. _____</li> <li>10. _____</li> </ol>	<p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Phone Number: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tie Breaker - Circle the winner and note total points scored <b>SAN FRANCISCO vs. MIAMI</b></p> <p>Score: _____ + _____ = _____</p>
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**Increase Your Chances To Win!!**  
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# JN Bowen

## Week #13 Winner

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Forsan vs. Ansoin</li> <li>2. Garden City vs. Borden County</li> <li>3. Tennessee vs. Chicago</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. New York vs. Cleveland</li> <li>5. New England vs. New York Jets</li> <li>6. Seattle vs. Tampa Bay</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Texas Tech vs. Baylor Bears</li> <li>8. TCU vs. Texas Longhorns</li> <li>9. San Diego vs. Houston</li> <li>10. Los Angeles vs. New Orleans</li> </ol> |
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