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Eight-year-old Ally Burnett readies her rabbit for exhibit at the 72nd Glasscock County Junior Livestock Show Friday afternoon in the Garden City Community Center. More than 50 county youngsters exhibited animals in five categories — steers, swine, sheep, goats and rabbits — during the show, which concluded Saturday afternoon.

Winning tradition



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Samantha Kellemeier is shown with her Simmental steer Ammo, which was named grand champion steer at the 72nd Glasscock County Junior Livestock Show Friday afternoon in Garden City.

Ammo becomes Garden City girl's third champion at Glasscock Co. show

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

GARDEN CITY — Samantha Kellemeier isn't bored with winning, but she can be excused if she's getting used to the circumstance.

For the third time in her 4-H career, Kellemeier came up big at the Glasscock County Junior Livestock Show, exhibiting the grand champion steer at the event Friday afternoon.

"Oh, it's still fun," she said of winning at the event.

Life on the stock show circuit has become second nature for the 16-year-old Garden City High School student

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UPCOMING!

Howard County Junior Livestock Show

Wednesday, Jan. 14 - 3 p.m., Lamb Show followed by Goat Show
Thursday, Jan. 15 - 6 p.m., Rabbit Show
Friday, Jan. 16 - 9 a.m. Steer Show; 1 p.m. Barrow Show.
Saturday, Jan. 17 - 11 a.m. BBQ Lunch; 1 p.m. Stock Show Awards and Sale

County to mull bids on jail furniture

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Inmates could be moved into the new Howard County Jail as soon as April, officials say. With that in mind, the commissioners court plans to look at furniture and equipment bids for the facility Monday morning.

According to County Judge Mark Barr, the $11.57 million project is well ahead of original projections, which forecast an end to construction April 1.

"I'm extremely pleased with the way construction is going," said Barr. "We were recently looking at having construction completed near the end of this month, but some problems with the roof have bumped that forward to around the end of April. However, that's still ahead of the original schedule, and we're looking at being able to actually move the inmates into the jail the first of April."

Barr said the court will examine several bids for FFE — furniture, fixtures and equipment — during its Monday meeting.

"Our project architect, Jeff Heffelfinger, has looked at the bids and compared them, apples for apples," said Barr. "Some of them we're going to have to re-bid because we didn't receive any packages on them. We'll

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BSISD super interviews to begin

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees will begin interviewing superintendent candidates Monday, school officials announced.

The school board has scheduled three days of interviews — Monday through Wednesday — to talk to persons interested in heading up the school district. All three meetings will begin at 6 p.m. at the high school board room.


Galan

Board President Irene Galan said the board will interview six candidates — two per night — this week. Unless a consensus on a new superintendent is reached immediately, the board will schedule a "semifinal" round of interviews the following week.

Galan would not release the names of the candidates, other to say that all were from Texas and at least familiar with West Texas in general.

"When we started looking for a superintendent, we wanted someone to at least be from close to the West Texas area," she said. "We'll concentrate on somebody who is familiar with our demographic situation."

All interviews will be held in

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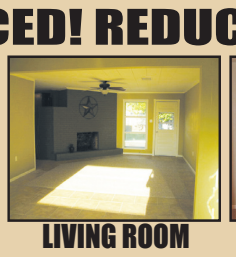
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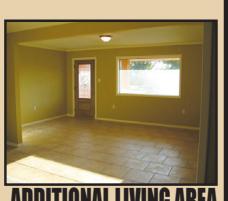
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No. 4 Brownfield pounds Steers, 75-43

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers are just a week away from starting the District 4-4A boys basketball season and continued to trudge through a tough non-district schedule Friday at Steer Gym.

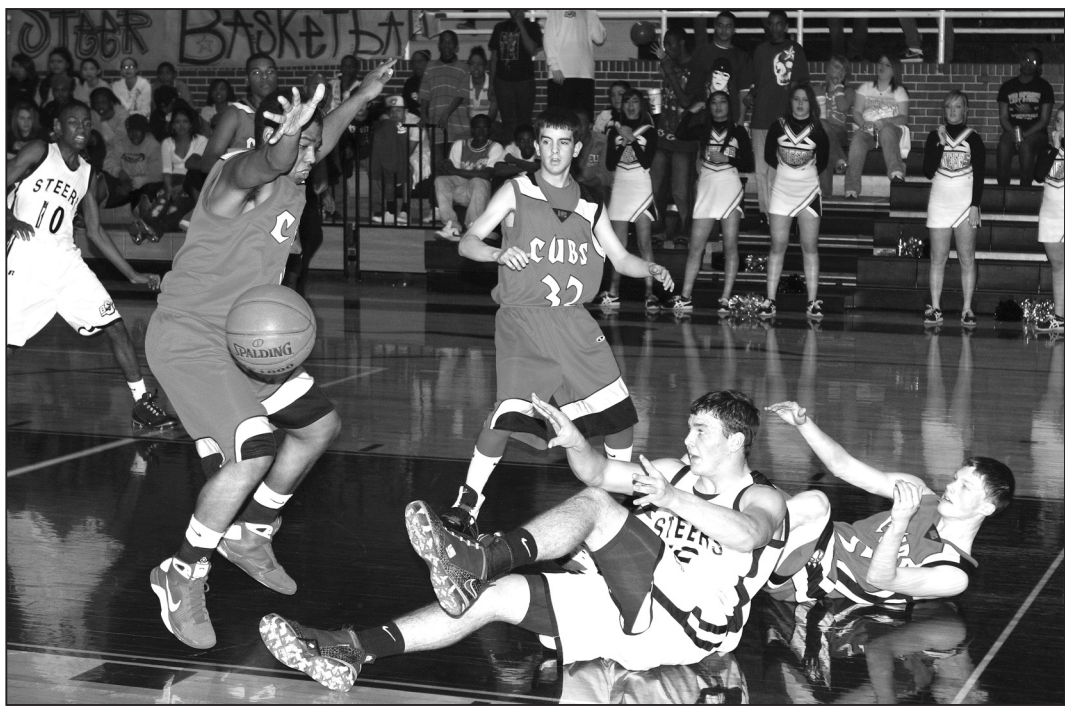
After losing to Class 3A's fifth-ranked team, Lubbock Estacado, last week, the Steers hosted the fourth-ranked Brownfield Cubs. The Cubs lived up to their ranking, blasting the Steers, 75-43.

"Brownfield's good and their constant pressure got to us," said Big Spring Head Coach Marcus Morris. "We didn't respond well to it. A lot of the blame has to go on me. We knew we were going to see the pressure, but that's a good basketball team and you can't simulate the type of pressure they're capable of in practice. We tried. The kids did their best, but it was just one of those nights, and Brownfield had a lot to do with that."

The game began to get away from the Steers late in the first period and carried over into the second s the Cubs entered halftime with a 38-19 advantage.

Big Spring kept the Cubs at bay in the third, but weren't able to cut into the margin at all. Brownfield continued to press throughout the

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Matt Ritchey (center) passes the ball from the floor after scrambling for a loose ball in a non-district game against the No. 4 Brownfield Cubs Friday at Steer Gym. The Steers lost, 75-43.

Frenship routs Lady Steers in 4-4A opener

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

There's little doubt about who is the team to beat in District 4-4A girls basketball.

The Frenship Lady Tigers left Steer Gym Friday night with a resounding win under their belts, throttling the Lady Steers, 92-26.

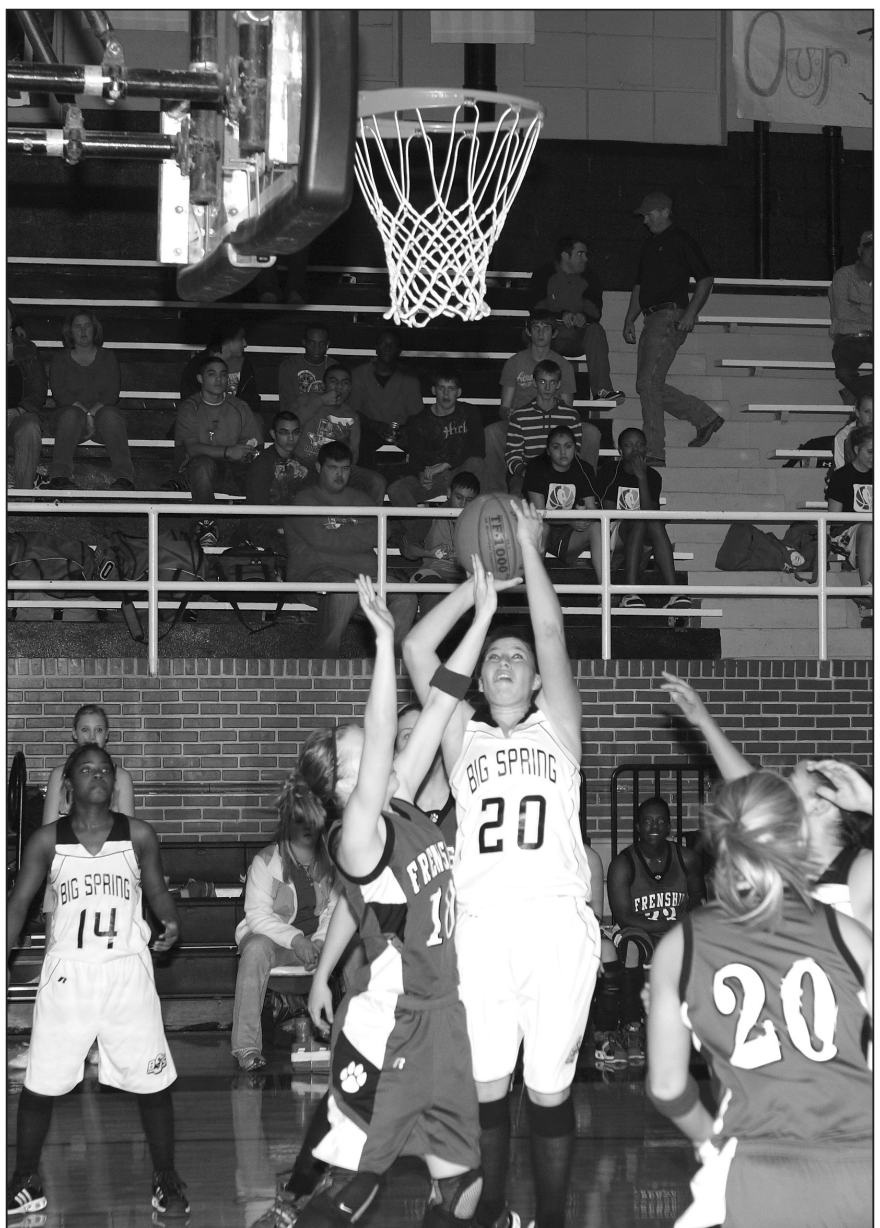
"Frenship is the best team in this district," said Big Spring Head Coach Mike Warren. "I hope our girls can see how good their program is. It's where we want to be someday. I hope the girls see how much work we have to do to get to that point. There weren't a lot of positives to take away from this game, but the girls played with good attitudes and they played hard. It's just one game. It's not going to make or break our goal to make the playoffs."

The rout was on from the beginning as Frenship held the Lady Steers to two points in the first period, while scoring 26. Big Spring was down 51-9 at halftime.

The Lady Steers had their best showing in the third period, scoring 12 points. Freshman Cerbi Ritchey began working her way into the post and scored all six of her points in the frame. Fellow freshman Taylor Seaton showed some jump shooting ability, sinking two mid-range jumpers in the stanza.

Big Spring couldn't keep up with the Frenship fast break. Warren did say he didn't feel the Lady Steers were intimidated by their opponent, though.

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Valerie Ross shoots for two in the Lady Steers' District 4-4A opener vs. Frenship Friday at Steer Gym. Frenship dominated the Lady Steers for a 92-26 victory.

Bulldogettes no match for No. 8 Jim Ned

Coahoma boys lose tight one to No. 6 Ira

By BRANDON HALLFORD
Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — The Coahoma Bulldogettes opened up their District 7-2A schedule Friday night, hosting the defending state 2A champion Jim Ned Lady Indians. By the time the night was over, the No. 8 Lady Indians left no doubt that they have every intention of returning to the postseason, destroying the Bulldogettes 79-42.

"We are just going to have to put this one behind us," Head Coach Randall Petty said. "We can't dwell on this game. We have to focus on our next game against Ballinger. I really believe that Jim Ned and Wall are going to make it out of our district, but it is going to be a battle for that last spot."

The Lady Indians busted out to a 24-9 advantage after one quarter and extended the margin further in the second, holding the Bulldogettes to just five points in the stanza. Jim Ned's dominance was largely due to a suffocating press, forcing Coahoma into 25 turnovers in the first 16 minutes of play. The Lady Indians took a 41-14 lead into the locker room.

"They press you from the start and just never let up," Petty commented. "They just stay on you and force you to make mistakes and they are good at what they do. They were just more physical and made fewer mental mistakes than we did."

With the score 65-20 heading into the final quarter, the Bulldogettes finally got on track, hitting five of their eight shots from behind the 3-point line. Unfortunately, it was too little, too late for Coahoma.

"We have a tendency to start hanging our heads if we start to fall behind and we can't be doing that if we expect to make it to the playoffs," Petty said. "I told the girls that we knew this was going to be a tough one and it was. Now we just have to go to Ballinger and even it out with a win there."

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Forsan sweeps past Midland Trinity

By JEFF LANE
Special to the Herald

FORSAN — The Forsan Buffaloes rebounded from just their third loss of the season last Tuesday, with a blowout victory over the Midland Trinity Chargers at Buffalo Gym Friday night, 66-28.

The Buffs (16-3) never trailed in the game, as they put it away early on, opening the game with a 17-0 run. Forsan led 37-13 at the halfway point and never let Trinity get anything going.

Jeremy Robbins led all scorers with 16 points and Evan Burton missed having a double-double by one rebound, hauling in nine boards and scoring 14 points.

Nathan Atkerson also scored in double figures, netting 12 points for the Buffs.

The Chargers were led by Jordan Wilson who scored 13 points, including two 3-pointers.

The Buffs will close out their non-district schedule Tuesday in Merkel against Baird and will open district play in Iraan Jan. 20.

Trinity	3	10	5	10	—28
Forsan	19	18	13	16	—66

Forsan (16-3): Jeremy Frietag 6, Jeremy Robbins 16, Jace Sandridge 8, Tristan Clay 8, Ryan Flores 2, Evan Burton 14, Nathan Atkerson 12.

Trinity: C. Brock 3, A. Heck 2, M. Schorr 6, C. Beeched 2, J. Wilson 13, R. Wilkes 2

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Sports in brief

Big Spring basketball boosters meeting Monday

The Big Spring Steers Basketball Booster Club is meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the Athletic Training Center.

All parents of Steers' basketball players from the junior high to the varsity level are encouraged to attend and discuss ways to support the Big Spring basketball teams.

For questions, call Sam Segundo at 268-3025.

Lady Steers Booster Club meeting Monday at ATC

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club is holding a meeting at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the ATC.

All parents of Lady Steers' athletes ranging from junior high to high school are encouraged to attend.

YMCA basketballers being introduced at Hawks' halftime

All Big Spring YMCA Youth Basketball League teams will be introduced at halftime of the Hawks' games Monday.

Girls and coed squads will take the court at the intermission for the women's game, which is scheduled for a 5:30 p.m. start, while boys teams will be introduced at halftime of the men's game, which starts at 7 p.m.

Howard will be hosting Western Junior College Athletic Conference foe Western Texas College that night.

All players, coaches and their families will be admitted free into the game.

For additional information, contact Rosie Franco at 466-3050 or Stan Feaster at 264-5045.

Lady Steers softball team raising funds at Pizza Inn

The Big Spring Lady Steers softball team will be having a fundraiser Thursday, Jan. 22, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Pizza Inn.

The Lady Steers will be helping with service and a portion of Pizza Inn's profits during that time will go to the team.

Coahoma softball alumni needed for annual game

The 7th Annual Coahoma Softball Alumni Game has been scheduled for 1p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, and will be played at the Coahoma High School field. Former Bullodgette softball players are needed for the game.

Any former player interested in participating should call Amy Dunn at 263-2228 or 394-4323.

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- Blueberries and pomegranate juice also rank higher than many foods.



Sweet Lime and Blueberry Pomegranate Vinegar Marinated Chicken Breasts

Serves 4

4 4-ounce boneless skinless chicken breasts, rinsed and patted dry
Sweet Lime and Blueberry Vinegar Marinade recipe
1 medium lime, cut in wedges

Pour marinade over chicken breasts and turn pieces several times to coat evenly. Marinate 30 minutes.

Preheat a lightly oiled grill rack or grill pan over medium high heat. Remove chicken from marinade (discarding excess marinade). Cook chicken 4 to 6 minutes on each side or until no longer pink in center.

Serve with lime wedges.

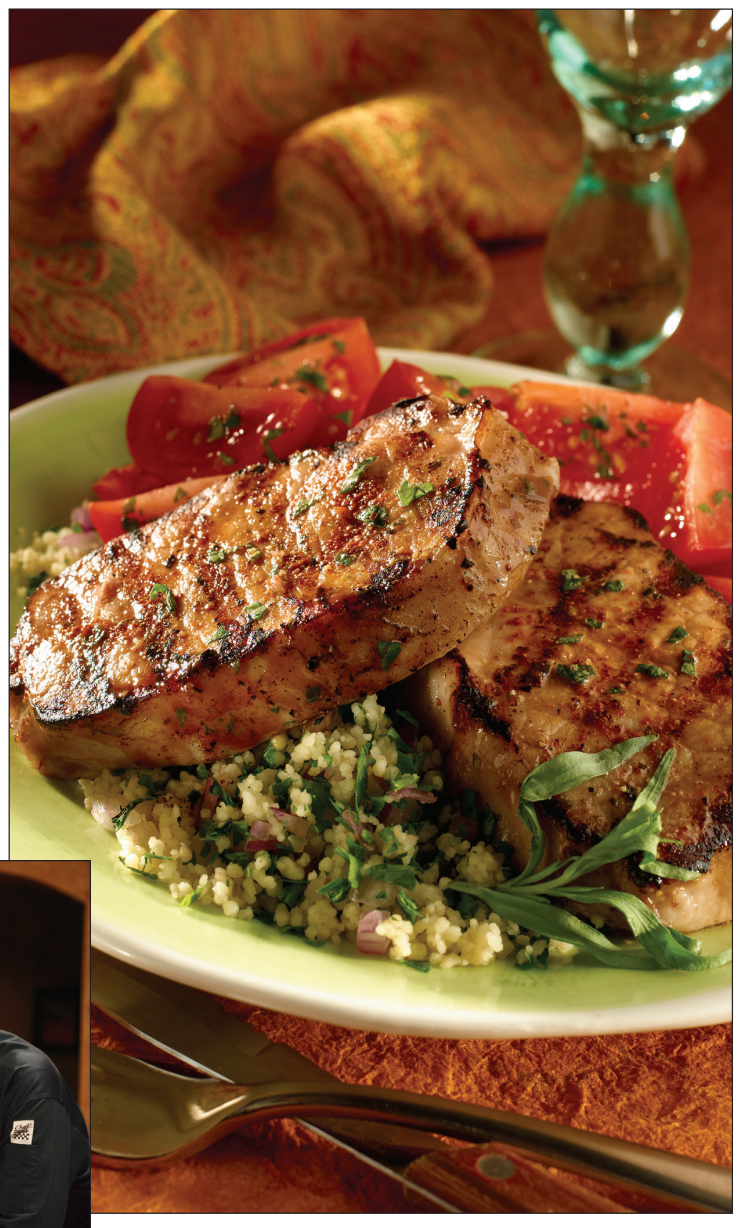
Sweet Lime and Blueberry Vinegar Marinade

Serves 4 (makes about 3/4 cup marinade total)

1/4 cup Pompeian Blueberry Pomegranate Infused Red Wine Vinegar
1/2 cup packed mint leaves
1 tablespoon grated lime rind
3 tablespoons lime juice
2 tablespoons Pompeian Extra Light Tasting Olive Oil
1 1/2 tablespoons sugar
3/4 teaspoon salt

Combine all ingredients in a blender, secure with a tight-fitting lid and puree until smooth.

Nutrition information per serving, 1/4 of recipe: 170 calories, 5 g total fat (1 g saturated fat, 0 g trans fat), 65 mg cholesterol, 290 mg sodium, 3 g carbohydrate, 0 g fiber, 2 g sugars, 26 g protein, Vitamin A 6%, Vitamin C 15%, Calcium 2%, Iron 6%







Blueberry Pomegranate-Tarragon Marinated Pork Chops

Serves 4

4 4-ounce boneless pork chops
Blueberry Pomegranate-Tarragon Marinade recipe
Paprika to taste

Pour marinade over pork chops and turn pieces several times to coat evenly. Marinate 30 minutes.

Preheat a lightly oiled grill rack or grill pan over medium high heat. Remove pork chops from marinade (discarding excess marinade). Sprinkle both sides with paprika. Cook pork 4 minutes on each side or until barely pink in center.

Blueberry Pomegranate-Tarragon Marinade

Serves 4 (makes about 1/2 cup marinade)

1/3 cup Pompeian Blueberry Pomegranate Infused Red Wine Vinegar
2 tablespoons Pompeian Extra Virgin Olive Oil
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1 1/2 teaspoons dried tarragon
1 garlic clove, minced
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon coarse ground black pepper

Combine all ingredients in a jar, secure with a tight-fitting lid and shake vigorously.

Nutrition information per serving, 1/4 of recipe: 190 calories, 9 g total fat (2.5 g saturated fat, 0 g trans fat), 65 mg cholesterol, 260 mg sodium, 1 g carbohydrate, 0 g fiber, 0 g sugars, 24 g protein, Vitamin A 0%, Vitamin C 4%, Calcium 4%, Iron 6%

Vegetable and Romaine Chopped Salad

Serves 4 (1 cup salad per serving)

Dressing:

1/4 cup Pompeian OlivExtra Plus
1 1/2 to 2 tablespoons Pompeian Açai Pomegranate Infused Red Wine Vinegar
2 tablespoons whole grain Dijon mustard
2 medium garlic cloves, minced
1 teaspoon sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt or to taste
Coarsely ground pepper to taste

Salad:

3 cups chopped romaine lettuce
1 cup chopped red cabbage
1/2 cup frozen green peas, thawed
1/2 medium celery stalk, thinly sliced
1/4 cup chopped red onion
1 1/2 teaspoons sesame seeds, toasted

Combine dressing ingredients in a jar, secure with a lid and shake vigorously until well blended.

Combine salad ingredients in medium bowl. Toss salad with one half the dressing (about 1/4 cup) until well blended. Refrigerate remaining dressing up to 1 week for later use.

Nutrition information per serving, 1/4 of recipe: 100 calories, 8 g total fat (0.5 g saturated fat, 0 g trans fat), 0 mg cholesterol, 150 mg sodium, 8 g carbohydrate, 3 g fiber, 3 g sugars, 2 g protein, Vitamin A 60%, Vitamin C 45%, Calcium 4%, Iron 6%

Asiago, Eggplant and Tomato Ratatouille

Serves 8 (1/2-cup servings)

1/4 cup Pompeian OlivExtra Plus
1 1/2 cups chopped green bell pepper
1 cup chopped onions
8 ounces eggplant, cut into 1/2-inch cubes (3 cups)
2 medium, fresh garlic cloves, minced
1 pint sweet grape tomatoes, halved
1/2 of a 15.5-ounce can, preferably no salt added cannellini or navy beans, rinsed and drained
1/3 cup Pompeian Burgundy Cooking Wine
3 tablespoons Pompeian Red Wine Vinegar
1/4 teaspoon dried red pepper flakes
1/2 cup chopped fresh basil, or to taste
1 ounce grated Asiago cheese

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in large nonstick skillet over medium high heat. Cook peppers and onions 4 minutes or until onions are translucent, stirring frequently. Add eggplant and garlic; cook 5 minutes or until eggplant is tender. Stir in tomatoes and beans, and cook 3 minutes. Add wine, vinegar, and pepper flakes. Cook 2 minutes or until tomatoes are slightly soft.

Remove from heat, stir in basil and salt and pepper to taste. Sprinkle evenly with cheese.

Nutrition information per serving, 1/8 of recipe: 130 calories, 8 g total fat, (1 g saturated fat, 0 g trans fat), 5 mg cholesterol, 115 mg sodium, 11 g carbohydrate, 4 g fiber, 3 g protein, Vitamin A 10%, Vitamin C 40%, Calcium 6%, Iron 4%

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Obituaries

Desirae Lynne Piercefield



Desirae Lynne Piercefield, 28, of Loveland, Colo., passed away Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009, after a year long battle with cancer. A memorial service will be held Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, at 4 p.m. at the Vineyard Church in Loveland, Colorado.

She was born Sept. 19, 1980, in Farmington, N.M., but grew up in Colorado. Desirae married Michael Jaye Piercefield in 1999. She graduated with honors from IBMC as a massage therapist in 2007.

Desirae is survived by her husband, Michael; two sons, Maximus (7) and MaKennen (6); her parents Wayde and Terri Krueger of Grand Junction, Colo.; her sister, Rachelle Krueger, of Loveland, Colo.; her grandfather, Tony Bacome, of California; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Desirae was preceded in death by her grandmothers, Peggy Sue Hare and Lois Elaine Bacome.

The family suggests memorials to the Trinity Baptist Building Fund, 810 11th Place, Big Spring 79720.

Police

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday (note: no arrest log was available):

• ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

• Grief share, sponsored by Home Hospice and the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (north end door), meets at 6 p.m.. Drop-ins are welcome. For more information, contact Sherry Hodne3tt at 264-7599.

•The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministeries, 1209 Wright St. Tuesday, Jan. 6, Teen Chaqllenge will be held at The Path. They will present a Rally for Jesus.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

Take Note

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglect children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. CASA currently has 10 active volunteers to serve the 55 plus children of Howard County in foster care. A class is forming in Howard County and 20 volunteers are needed. For more information on becoming a CASA volunteer, please contact Robyn LaForge at (432) 683-1114.

• West Texas Opportunities Inc., through a Job Access Reverse Commute project with the Texas Department of Transportation offers transportation to employment in Midland, on a limited schedule, Monday through Friday each week. This fixed route currently leaves Big Spring at 7 a.m. and makes a stop at the EZ Rider bus connection in downtown Midland. The route leaves Midland for the return to Big spring at 4:15 p.m. As a promotional introduction, no fare is charged. Beginning April 1, the daily fare will be from $3 to $8, round-trip, depending on the number of passengers using the service. For more information, call Victor Enriquez, JARC coordinator, at West Texas Opportunities, (800) 245-9028.

• The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded West Texas Opportunities Inc. $130,000 through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. WTO will assist current and former military personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Funding will serve Howard, Martin, Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry and Upton counties. For more information, contact Diana Martinez or Debbie Wilson at 110 Johnson in Big Spring or call (432) 267-9536.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Relay for Life team is selling cookbooks to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. The cookbooks can be purchased at the PBX operator's booth for $10 apiece. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 268-4952.

• HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lykken at 267-2915.

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call (877) 277-1618, the High Plains American Cancer Group Report Center. Anyone wishing to volunteer to drive in this program should call Sherry Hodnett, president of the Big Spring ACS Board, at 264-7599 at her office at Home Hospice.

• Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming a Compass Hospice volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

• All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.0, 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.

• Christ Community Fellowship is collecting infant car seats and carriers. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

• New Life Ministries Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

• The Pet Patrol helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

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

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

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63/30	67/29	62/34
Mainly sunny. High 63F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph.	Sunny. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 20s.	Sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.

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MONDAY

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.

• Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.

• The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.

• Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

• Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacieants meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

• Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

• The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Dragon Restaurant, 1300 S. Gregg. Everyone is welcome. Call 263-3869 for more information.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• The Big Spring chapter of the American Cancer Society meets at Home Hospice, located at 111 E. Seventh St. at noon Lunch is provided. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at (432) 264-7599.

• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.

• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

Lottery

Here are the winning numbers selected Friday in the Mega Millions lottery:23-25-30-45-50; Mega Ball: 8.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 4-5-33-8-36. Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-0-5-6. Sum It Up: 16.

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Rivalry adds edge to Eagles-Giants playoff

By TOM CANAVAN
AP Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The New York Giants and Philadelphia Eagles aren't only playing for a trip to the NFC title game. This one is personal.

Play a team in your own division three times in a season, and things get that way.

That's only the start, though.

Add in the 95-mile trek up or down the New Jersey Turnpike and the fact that Sunday's game will be the eighth between the teams in the last three seasons, and this rivalry can get downright nasty.

"There's a strong dislike for one another," Giants guard Chris Snee said. "Anytime you get a chance to knock out a divisional opponent, one you don't like, you get geeked up for these challenges. I think both sides would agree that to knock the other out would make the other one happy."

There is another element that will add to the intensity. The NFC semifinal at Giants Stadium matches the defending Super Bowl champions against the team that many think will be the 2009 version of the New York Giants.

"I don't think anybody has to do anything to get up for this game," New York cornerback Corey Webster said. "I think it is already built up. Everybody knows what is at stake. I just think every team is going to be prepared and ready to go and they are going to be very excited and our guys are going to be up for the challenge this weekend."

Of the seven previous games during the last three seasons, only two have been decided by more than 10 points, with the largest margin being 14.

The two games this season were decided by a combined 11 points. New York (12-4) won 36-31 in Philadelphia and the Eagles (10-6-1) returned the favor at Giants Stadium 20-14 on Dec. 7.

"I think the guys all know each other and everybody knows each other's number, jersey number, and all that bit," Eagles coach Andy Reid said. "But every game is different and if you come in saying you know the New York Giants, I think you make a huge mistake in the process of getting ready to play them."



AP photo/Bill Kostroun

New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning throws an incomplete pass on a fourth-down play as he is pressured by Philadelphia Eagles linebacker Trent Cole (58) and defensive end Darren Howard during the fourth quarter of an NFL game in East Rutherford, N.J., Dec. 8. The Eagles beat the Giants 20-14. The Giants and the Eagles meet Sunda in the NFC divisional playoffs.

While the scores were close, the statistics weren't. The Giants dominated time of possession (39:10) and total yards (410) in the first game, and the Eagles had the advantage in the second, holding the ball for almost 35 minutes, while outgaining New York 331-211.

Eagles safety Brian Dawkins said the Giants have always been a rival for him.

"I've always had respect for them," Dawkins said. "I'm not cushy with them, but I've always respected this team. It's always been a physical battle with this team. Every once in a game it's been a blowout, but, for the most part, it's usually some grind-out, close, defensive battle with this team. Since I've been here, this has been, to me, my biggest rivalry game."

The Giants come in as somewhat of a question mark. Tom Coughlin's team won 11 of its first 12 games, and then lost three of four in December. Their only win was an overtime decision against Carolina that wrapped up the conference's No. 1 seed in the next to last week of the regular season.

Adding to the team's woes was the season-ending suspension of Plaxico Burress in early December after the receiver accidentally shot himself in the thigh at a New York City nightclub.

Burress has been very successful against the Eagles since joining the Giants in 2005. A downfield threat, he forced Philadelphia to keep a safety deep.

Without him, the Eagles were able to play the safety closer to the line of scrimmage in the last game and they held New York's league-leading rushing game (157.4) yards to 88 yards.

Giants leading rusher Brandon Jacobs aggravated an injury to his left knee in the game and he did not return for the second half.

Reid said that the running game is only half of the Giants' package. He noted quarterback Eli Manning, the Super Bowl MVP, had his best season, Kevin Boss has developed into a good young tight end and that Amani Toomer, Domenik Hixon and Steve Smith can be formidable receivers.

Hixon, who has replaced Burress in the starting lineup, dropped a 50-yard pass in the second quarter of the last game with the Eagles ahead 3-0. If he catches it, who knows how that changes the contest?

"I know people look at the run game and say, 'Hey, they are the best run team in the National Football League,'" Reid said. "Well, they sure are. They are a tremendous run team, but there is also another half of that you have to prepare for that makes it a difficult process to go through. It makes them a very good team."

Defensively, the Giants will have to find a way to slow down quarterback Donovan McNabb and halfback Brian Westbrook, who scored on a 40-yard pass and a 30-yard run in the last meeting. Westbrook also turned a screen pass into a game-deciding 71-yard touchdown in a 26-14 win

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Mr. & Mrs. Rau
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Bogart's Casa Blanca, Navasota

Kristen Diane Newton and Clayton Thomas Rau of San Antonio were united in marriage at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008, at an outdoor chapel at Bogart's Casa Blanca in Navasota.

The double-ring ceremony was performed by Minister Sean Lynch, friend of the bride and groom. Scripture reading was given by Brian Newton, brother of the bride.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Newton of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Newton and the late Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Langley, all of Big Spring.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Rau of San Antonio. He is the grandson of Mrs. Frances "Mimi" Kappelmann and the late Mr. Edgar J. Kappelmann and the late Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rau, all of San Antonio.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore a Maggie Sottero one-piece, slim-line gown featuring lace over delustered satin sparkling with bugle beads, sequins and seed beads. The bodice was accented with an empire satin sash that ties at the bottom of the back corset. The back of the gown also features detailed beading at the chapel train.

The bride wore her Mama Helene Langley's pearl necklace accompanied by diamond earrings given to her by her Mema, Chloie Newton. She also wore a sparkling crystal headpiece and matching veil. She carried a bouquet of red roses tied with satin ribbon.

The bride's sister-in-law, Page Newton of College Station, served as matron of honor. Nieces, Averie Diana and Addison Bobbie Newton of College Station, served as junior bridesmaids. They all wore black formal evening gowns and carried bouquets of red roses.

Spencer Rau, brother of the groom, served as best man. John Newton, brother of the bride, served as usher for his mother.

The parents of the bride hosted a reception and dinner at Bogart's following the wedding. The wedding cake was a four-layered Italian cream cake decorated with the couple's monogram and topped with red roses.

Kristen graduated from Forsan High School in 2001 and Texas A&M University with a degree in finance. She is a financial analyst for Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

Clayton graduated from Reagan High School in San Antonio in 2002. He will graduate in May 2009 from The University of Texas Health Science Center Dental School at San Antonio and will begin his dental residency with the U. S. Navy located at the Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The couple will honeymoon on Cozumel Island, Mexico, and make their home in San Antonio.

Contact the Herald at 263-7331

Military News



U.S. Air Force

Sgt. Cory Joe Baker, 19th Operations Support Squadron, has graduated Airman Leadership School at Little Rock Air Force Base. He received the "Distinguished Graduate" Award for being in the top ten percent of his class in academics and by exemplifying himself as a leader physically and in character. He has also received a Certificate of Achievement for achievements in professional military education, furthering the disciplines of mission, people and community of Little Rock Air Force Base.

He and his wife, Stephanie, are aircrew flight equipment specialists stationed at Little Rock AFB and have two children, Emily and Conley.

Cory is the son of Jesse and Connie Baker, and the grandson of Audie Baker of Big Spring.

Air Force Airman 1st Class Agustin L. Cansino has arrived for duty at Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, N.M.

Cansino, a physical therapy technician with less than one year of military service, is assigned to the 27th Special Operations Medical Operations Squadron.

He is the son of Silvia L. Fitzgibbens and Hector B. Cansino, both of Big Spring.









Courtesy photo

Winners from the Kentwood Elementary School third and fourth grade Science Fair.

Earth/Space: 1st, Danielle Conner; 2nd, Saleen Burchett; 3rd, Morgan Parnell.

Chemistry: 1st, Nina Clare; 2nd, Megan Doner; 3rd, Zak Baker.

Math/ Physics: 1st, Ryan Dimidjian; 2nd, Isaiah Rios; 3rd, Nolan Dominquez.

Life Science: 1st, Paige Davis; 2nd, Kaylee Dyer; 3rd, Nick Richardson.

Environmental: 1st, Ricky Prater.

Outstanding: Danielle Conner.



Courtesy photo

The Big Spring High School varsity cheerleaders won the Superior Showmanship Award along with eighth place in the cheer routine at the National Championship Competition in Dallas recently. They also placed 14th in the game day competition. The girls, coached by Marie Wells and Shana Brasel, spent many hours preparing for pep rallies as well as the national competition and provided Steers teams with moral support, encouragement, homemade treats and early morning sendoffs. "The girls and coaches want to thank all the sponsors who contributed funds. Without their support, the trip to nationals would not have been possible," a spokesperson for the group said. It was the first time Big Spring High School has performed in the National Championship Competition, according to organizers.

CHAMPION

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— this marks the eighth year she's exhibited animals at the Glasscock show.

"My brother and sister did it before me and I just kind of followed after them," she said.

This year, Kellemeier exhibited two steers — Ammo, the grand champion, and Bullet (she has a third steer named Shotgun; "I guess I have a thing for artillery," she joked). In the next month of two, she will take the animals to livestock shows across Texas, including events at San Antonio and Houston.

Raising a show animal is definitely a year-long process and it isn't cheap — Kellemeier's father, Sammy, estimated that just feeding Ammo costs $1,200, and that doesn't include related costs like medicine.

Then there's grooming.

In some ways, a livestock show animal is like a beauty pageant contestant — its grooming and appearance have to be stellar.

"On the morning of the show, we'll wash and dry them, then clip their hair," Samantha said. "Then we take a sort of spray glue and apply it to their legs, so the hair will stand up."

All this work can be a chore, but it does have its high points.

"We've had a lot of fun, too," Sammy said. "In February and March, which is the slow time at the farm, we'll take the animals to shows in San Antonio and Houston and that's kind of like a vacation for us."

Another fact of life for stock show exhibitors is that their animals will end up being sold. Ammo, for all his movie star appearance, will soon end up as a hamburger on somebody's plate.

Samantha accepts that fact, but admits to mixed feelings.

"Ammo's like a big, big puppy to me," she said. "Some of the animals I've raised were a bit ornery, so I wasn't too sad to see them go, but (Ammo and Bullet) I'll miss."

The 72nd annual Glasscock Junior Livestock Show, which concluded Saturday, awarded championships in five animal classes — steers, goats, sheep, swine and rabbits.

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COUNTY

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probably accept four or five of the bids, and I believe Jeff has some new ones for us to look at."

Barr said Heffelfinger won't be able to attend the meeting, but is expecting his associate, Justin Gilmore, to be present.

Also during Monday's meeting, commissioners will meet with County Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan to discuss a county-wide burn ban.

"Tommy came to use toward the end of the year and told us if we didn't get substantial rain, he was going to have to ask for a burn ban," said Barr. "And while a ban doesn't stop some of the causes of the fires, like electrical lines and railroad problems, it does help keep a higher level of awareness among local residents."

Despite the dangerous drought-like conditions already plaguing the Crossroad area, Sullivan said the number of wildfires is down compared to last year.

"Even with the winds, things aren't nearly as bad as they were two years ago. I attribute that to people being more diligent," said Sullivan. "Those who are burning are doing so with more care, and a lot of them are simply paying the $5 to take their trash to the landfill. A $5 fee is pretty fair when you compare it to a $1,000 fine."

Sullivan said he and his firefighters are currently on All-Call, where all available personnel respond to every reported fire.

According to Barr, commissioners are hoping the ban will help stave off the same type of devastating fires that ravaged Howard County this time last year.

"We don't want to go through what we went through then," said Barr. "Of course, there was a burn ban in effect then too, so everyone is pretty much holding their breath and hoping this year. It's going to be absolutely imperative that people act responsibly, or we'll be looking at a repeat."

Also during Monday's meeting, County Treasurer Teresa Thomas will discuss personnel considerations and the payroll report with commissioners, as well as deliver her quarterly report.

County Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson will discuss road maintenance and any proposed pipeline crossings.

County Clerk Donna Wright will discuss the approval of bonds for newly elected officials, while County Auditor Jackie Olson will go over invoices and purchase requests with commissioners. Discussion regarding the possible hiring of a grant writer is also on the agenda.

The meeting is to begin at 10 a.m. in the commissioners courtroom, located on the second floor of the county courthouse. For more information, call 264-2202.

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closed session, she added.

BSISD has been without a permanent superintendent since late June, when Michael Downes resigned after five years as CEO of the district.

Downes quit as a result of "distractions" caused by a months-long investigation into alleged improprieties at a previous stop in his education career. That investigation, spearheaded by the Texas Education Agency, eventually led to Downes surrendering his education certificates in December, meaning he can no longer hold any administrative or teaching positions in Texas public schools.

Former Hereford ISD Superintendent Dr. Michael Stevens has been heading BSISD on an interim basis since July.

Arrow Educational Services, a search firm headed by Mabank ISD Superintendent Dr. Russell Marshall, was hired by the BSISD board last summer to find candidates for the local position.

Dr. Marshalll said the firm collected about 30 applications for the post. From that number, AES narrowed the list to candidates it felt best fit BSISD guidelines for a new superintendent.

If all goes well, Galan anticipates the board naming a finalist for the position sometime in February. The new superintendent will likely assume full-time duties with the district this summer, she added.

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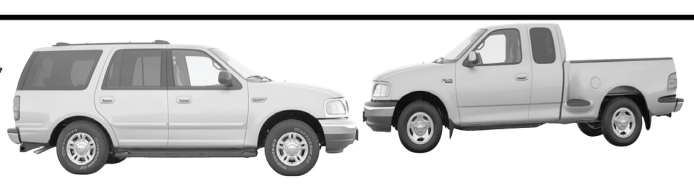
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Crabtree to declare for NFL draft Tuesday

DALLAS (AP) — Michael Crabtree's father says the Texas Tech receiver is going to the NFL, according to a newspaper report.

His father, also named Michael Crabtree, told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal on Friday that draft projections in the top 10 were too good to pass up. His dad says a nagging ankle problem in 2008 raised concerns about bigger injuries next season.

The receiver's father declined to comment to The Associated Press on Friday, saying his son was planning a Tuesday news conference to discuss his future.

Crabtree is the two-time Biletnikoff winner as the nation's top receiver. He had 3,127 yards receiving and 41 touchdowns in two seasons with the Red Raiders.

He is eligible for the NFL draft as a redshirt sophomore because he is three years removed from high school.

Several scouting services and draft experts project Crabtree as an early first round pick, potentially going in the top five.

LT officially listed as doubtful

SAN DIEGO (AP) — LaDainian Tomlinson was officially listed as doubtful by the San Diego Chargers on Friday, two days before they play at Pittsburgh in the AFC divisional playoffs.

Tomlinson himself said he was doubtful two days earlier, and there's a growing expectation that the 2006 NFL MVP won't play due to a detached tendon in his groin.

"I'm going to hold out hope, but I don't know if that's realistic," coach Norv Turner said.

Tomlinson played just over a quarter in Saturday night's 23-17 overtime win against the Indianapolis Colts before the injury forced him to the sideline after he scored on a 3-yard run.

Turner said there was no need to rule Tomlinson out before Sunday.

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Barkley to take leave of absence following DUI

By BRIAN MAHONEY
AP Basketball Writer

Charles Barkley is taking a leave of absence from the broadcast booth.

The announcement by Turner Sports came Friday, hours after police said the 45-year-old former NBA star was legally drunk when he was arrested Dec. 31 on suspicion of drunken driving in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Test results show Barkley had a blood-alcohol level of .149 percent, nearly twice the legal limit of .08 percent in Arizona.

Barkley will be off the air for a minimum of several weeks, and no return date has been set, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press. The person requested anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss it.

Barkley was stopped by a Gilbert officer working a regional DUI task force shortly after he left a popular nightclub at about 1:30 a.m. He failed field sobriety tests but was cooperative.

STEERS

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game, even when its lead ballooned to 30 points early in the fourth period.

Leading the way for the Steers was Jerrell Williams, who scored 15. Williams lost his best scoring compliment, though, as second-leading scorer Tyrone Clemons went down in the second period with a dislocated knee.

"Tyrone is a really good shooter and a big part of our offense," said Morris. "We're thinking he'll be out at least two weeks, but he'll have it looked at next week. He's a senior and a vocal leader. It definitely took some of the wind out of our sails. Someone is going to have to step up and fill in his spot. I think he'll be OK after some rest and we'll just see how his knee recovers."

Big Spring has one final non-district game before beginning league play Friday. The Steers will travel to Andrews at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday to face the Mustangs.

Morris notes there is still plenty for Big Spring to work on before starting 4-4A play.

"We've played a very challenging non-district schedule and that's not going to change once we get into district," said Morris. "I've put these guys against some tough teams. We played a ranked team tonight. We played one last week, too. We went to Kerrville and played Lake Travis, which is ranked No. 2 in the state in 4A. I don't think these guys' heads are down. I think they're still competing to win. We've got a challenge ahead of us, but I think a trip to the playoffs is not out of the question at all."

Brownfield 17 21 9 28—75
Big Spring 6 13 8 16—43

Brownfield (15-6): C. Davis 6 1-3 16, Lawrence 3 4-6 11, Swaringen 1 0-0 3, Ed. Saenz 1 1-2 4, De Los Santos 1 0-0 3, Mackey 4 2-2 11, Edwards 1 0-2 2, Soliz 2 0-3 4, Cantrell 4 3-4 12, Hudson 3 3-3 9, Totals 26 14-25 75.

Big Spring (6-13): Sam Segundo 1 2-2 4, Darius McCalister 1 1-2 4, Jerrell Williams 5 4-7 15, Jon Benavides 2 0-0 4, Tyrone Clemons 1 0-0 3, Chris Brooks 1 0-0 2, Pavel Plakhotny 1 2-2 4, Josh Harris 1 1-2 3, Xavian Parnell 1 0-0 3, Matt Ritchey 0 0-1 0, Sidney Parker 0 1-2 1, Totals 15 11-18 43.

3-point goals: BHS 9 (Davis 3), BSHS 4 (McCalister, Williams, Clemons, Parnell). Free throws: BHS 14-25, BSHS 11-18. Total fouls: BHS 24, BSHS 23. Fouled out: BHS 2 (Edwards, Soliz).

LADY STEERS

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"I don't think there was a factor in this game of us playing Frenship. Our girls are so young, I don't know that they're familiar with Frenship's dominance," said Warren. "I didn't see that cockiness I had heard about with Frenship, either. They're just a good basketball team. That's the best fundamental team I've seen in a long time."

Frenship was led by TaSheena Moore's 14 points, while Krista Ford hit for 13.

Ritchey and freshman guard Bridgette Tuitt led the Lady Steers with six apiece.

The Lady Steers continue District 4-4A play with a trip to Plainview Tuesday. Tip off is set for 6 p.m. Facing the Lady Bulldogs in the second district game of the season means the Lady Steers open league play against 4-4A's perennial favorites.

Warren feels this will help the team prepare for Abilene Cooper and Lake View, who he feels the Lady Steers match up better with.

"I think it's good to start with the best," he said. "After we play these two teams, I think we'll see we can play with Cooper and Lake View. We're only going to get better playing stronger teams. We're not going to get worse."

Frenship 26 25 21 20—92
Big Spring 2 7 12 5—26

Frenship (20-5): Tasheena Moore 4 5-6 14, Nicole Murdock 1 4-4 6, Lindsey Palmer 3 0-0 7, Kailey Moorehead 3 0-0 6, Maci McCabe 3 0-0 8, Lizzette Palmer 2 3-3 7, Kelsie Porter 4 0-0 8, Akura Thomas 3 1-2 7, Krista Ford 5 2-2 13, Nana Atkins 3 1-1 7, Meagan Chambers 4 1-2 9, Totals 35 17-20 92.

Big Spring (6-13): Linzee Yarbar 1 0-0 2, Taylor Seaton 2 0-0 4, Valerie Ross 1 0-0 3, Desiree Anderson 2 0-0 4, Bridgette Tuitt 3 0-0 6, Cerbi Ritchey 2 2-3 6, Crystal Woodson 0 1-2 1, Totals 11 3-5 26.

3-point goals: FHS 5 (McCabe 2), BSHS 1 (Ross). Free throws: FHS 17-20, BSHS 3-5. Total fouls: FHS 10, BSHS 15. Fouled out: FHS 1 (Porter).

COAHOMA

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The Lady Indians had four players reach double figures led by last year's state tournament Most Valuable Player Shelby Easterling with 16.

Kylie Gee paced the Bulldogettes with 13, while Kalea Neff scored nine.

Coahoma 9 5 6 22—42
Jim Ned 24 17 24 14—79

Coahoma: Kylie Gee 13, Kalea Neff 9, Kenzie Stone 6 Alex Moore 6, Shelbi Paige 4, Ashley Martin 2, Kristyn Pulis 2.

Jim Ned: Easterling 16, Rita Day 15, Lilly Taylor 14, Lindsey Doherty 11,

Ira 53, Bulldogs 52

IRA — Coahoma's Bulldogs dropped a heartbreaker Friday night in Ira, losing to the No. 6 ranked Bulldogs, 53-52.

The teams battled to a 37-37 tie in the first half, but Coahoma came out of the locker room cold and Ira took full advantage.

Coahoma trailed by 6 heading into the final stanza, but rallied to pull within 1 with seconds to play.

Coahoma had two good looks at the basket, with the last coming with 11 seconds on the clock, but neither fell through. Coahoma was forced to foul, but Ira missed both charity shots.

Coahoma set a full court play with five second remaining and got off a 3-point shot before the buzzer that went through. However, the shot was called off due to a traveling infraction.

Josh Paniagua and Cody Sheppard scored 44 of the Bulldogs' 52 points, totaling 22 apiece.

The Bulldogs play at Stanton Tuesday for their final non-district game of the season. They begin District 7-2A Friday at Colorado City. Head Coach Kim Nichols says the one thing the Bulldogs need to work on before starting league play is consistency.

"We are yet to play a full four quarters in a game," Nichols said. "We can't go into district like that. We've got to get much more consistent."

Coahoma 10 17 6 19—52
Ira 9 18 12 14—53

Coahoma (17-4): Josh Paniagua 22, Mikey Mendoza 6, Jovi Paniagua 2, Cody Sheppard 22.

Ira: Dunn 11, Cotton 1, Sanchez 15, Calley 3, Shafer 6, Fine 16

Free throws: C 6-12, Ira 11-22. 3-point goals: Ira 2 (Sanchez). Total fouls: C 21, Ira 11. Fouled out: None.

FORSAN

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Lady Buffs 58 Trinity 36

Amanda Longorio scored 21 points and grabbed seven rebounds as the Forsan Lady Buffaloes improved to 19-3 on the season, easily handling the Midland Trinity Lady Chargers, 58-36.

After a close first period, Forsan took control of the tempo, and essentially put the game out of reach, going on a 20-0 run to start the second frame.

Trinity scored the final five points of the half, but the damage was done and the Lady Buffs took a 29-11 lead into the locker room at the half.

Late in the third, the Lady Chargers drew to within 12 points, but a Forsan run of 12-0 ended any threat of a comeback as the Lady Buffs went on to secure the 22-point win.

Also scoring in double figures was Miranda Park with 14 points. Park and Shelby McDonald both scored twice from 3-point range.

Kendall Myers led the Lady Chargers with 10 points while Kalli Davenport netted nine.

The Lady Buffs play Tuesday against Baird in Merkel and will open district play in Iraan Jan. 20.

Trinity 6 5 15 10—36
Forsan 9 20 11 18—58

Forsan (19-3): Shelby McDonald 8, Tori Gauer 8, Miranda Park 14, Shelby Jones 3, Sandi Golleher 4, Amanda Longorio 21.

Trinity: Erlandson 5, Cepero 3, Willingham 2, Meyers 10, Davenport 9, Parrish 2, Olive 2.



Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bad and Badder

North dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q J 3
♥ 7 6
♦ 10 8 6 4 3 2
♣ 5 4

WEST
♠ 10 9 6 5 4
♥ 10 9
♦ J 7
♣ 7 6 3 2

EAST
♠ 8 2
♥ J 5 2
♦ K Q 9 5
♣ Q J 10 9

SOUTH
♠ A K 7
♥ A K Q 8 4 3
♦ A
♣ A K 8

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
3 NT	Pass	5 ♥	

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

One would certainly expect that a partnership playing in the final of a world championship would find a way to reach the odds-on grand slam in hearts with the North-South cards. Yet when this deal occurred in the closing match between England and the United States in the 1987 Bermuda Bowl, neither pair got to seven hearts. But no one could have guessed just how far off the mark they would be.

The auction shown occurred at the first table, where North-South were Britain's Jeremy Flint and Bob Sheehan. The bidding, which looks very peculiar but is correct, requires some explanation.

The British pairs at both tables were playing a system in which various opening bids denied holding the values for a standard opening bid. Thus, in the bidding shown, North's one-club opening showed a weak hand, while South's two-club response was strong and artificial. North's two-heart bid was also conventional, showing a near-worthless hand, after which both players took conservative views to stop in five hearts. With the trumps divided 3-2, North easily scored all the tricks after ruffing a club in his hand.

Flint and Sheehan naturally thought they would lose substantially on the deal, since they fully expected their American counterparts to reach at least a small slam. However, no one could have anticipated what happened at the other table, where the bidding went:

North	East	South	West
Pass	1 ♦	2 ♣	All Pass !

The British East's one-diamond opening sowed the seeds of disaster for the U.S. South, Hugh Ross, thought he was showing the equivalent of a strong two opener when he bid two clubs in this situation. However, that was not the partnership agreement, and North passed!

Ross did well to finish with eight tricks, but it mattered not. Much to the surprise of Flint and Sheehan, they wound up gaining 420 points for bidding a mere game on a hand that was cold for a grand slam!

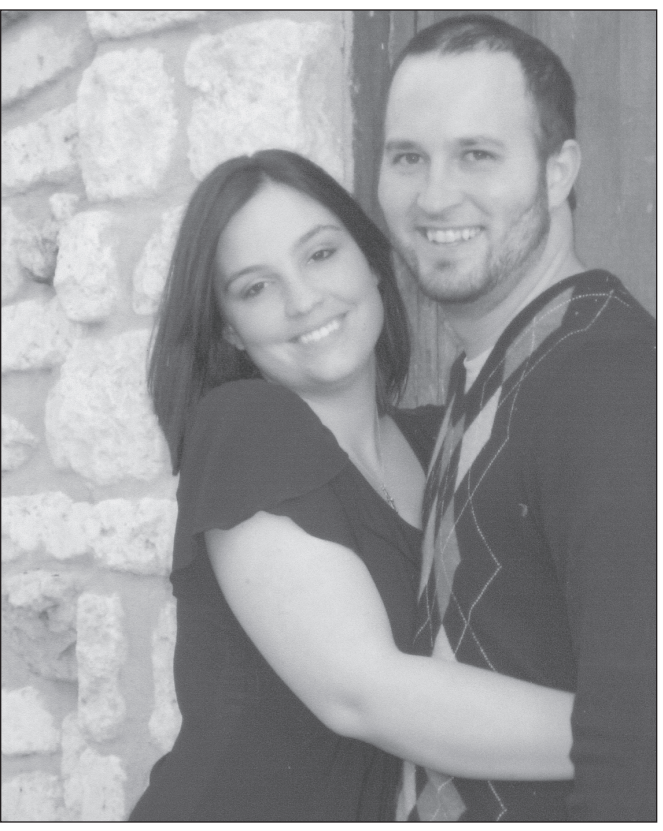
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Engagements

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McFerran-Tucker



The parents of Anthony (Tony) Tucker and Katie McFerran announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their children. Anthony and Katie will unite in marriage at 3 p.m. Feb. 21, 2009, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Cindy Jo Gibbens and Michael David McFerran of New Braunfels. She is the granddaughter of Denise and Jack Haitt of Longmount, Colo., and George McFerran and the late Katherine McFerran of Garden Grove, Calif.

The future groom is the son of Danny and Elfi Tucker of Big Spring. He is the grandson of William and Laneta Tucker of Sand Springs and Felix and Rosaura Perez of Big Spring.

Katie is a graduate of New Braunfels High School and is attending San Antonio College.

Tony is a graduate of Coahoma High School and Angelo State University. He has a bachelor of arts degree in communications. He is employed by Sundance Printing and Copying in New Braunfels.

Feb. 21, 2009
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

Stork Club



Ricauter Cantu Delon Jr.
Jan. 3, 2009

Monica Morelion and Ricauter C. Deleon of Big Spring announce the birth of their son, Ricauter Cantu Delon Jr. "Baby Pete" at 4:29 p.m. Jan. 3, 2009, weighing 6 pound and 18 ½ inches long.

His maternal grandparents are Rosie Rodriguez and Estevan Valencia. His paternal grandparents are Elena Cantu and Ricauter T. DeLeon.



Cheyenne Renee Hale
Dec. 20, 2008

Laura Hale announces the birth of her daughter, Cheyenne Renee Hale at 3:12 p.m. Dec. 20, 2008, weighing 7 pounds and was 18 inches long.

Her maternal grandparent is Carolyn Vasquez of Anthony, Kan.

Fermin Rudy Gutierrez Jr.
Dec. 31, 2008

Fermin and Laura Gutierrez of Big Spring announce the arrival of their son, Fermin Rudy Gutierrez Jr. at 12:22 p.m. Dec. 21, 2008, weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 19 ½ inches long.

His maternal grandparents are Abraham and Irene Yanez of Big Spring and his paternal grandson are Rudy and Guadalupe Gutierrez of Big Spring

Fermin was welcomed home by sibling Claudia Gutierrez.

Life Policies

The Big Spring Herald has instituted a 600 word limit for all wedding submissions.

All wedding articles will be edited to fit the above listed policy.

All submissions for Sunday's life section must be turned in by noon Wednesday to be published in Sunday's edition.

Submitting articles by the deadline does not guarantee publication in the Sunday Life Section.

The *Herald* attempts to publish articles in a timely manner but because of space limitations submissions may held until the following week.

For more information, call 263-7331

Menus

Big Spring Senior Center

Monday
roast beef, gravy, green peas, rolls, margarine, tossed salad, dressing, peach cobbler, milk
Tuesday
chicken tenders, honey mustard sauce, black-eyed peas, glazed carrots, rolls w/ margarine, mixed fruit w/citrus, milk
Wednesday
Sloppy Joes on a bun, mustard, pickle relish, potato wedges, cucumber salad w/sour cream, ambrosia, milk
Thursday
Mexican chicken casserole, refried beans, yellow squash, guacamole, tortilla chips w/picante sauce, lemon pudding, milk
Friday
broccoli & cheese soup, crackers, milk, tuna salad on a croissant roll, potato chips, peanut butter cookies, milk

Big Spring ISD

Monday
bagels w/cream cheese, fruit juice and milk
Tuesday
sausage patties, biscuits, pears, milk
Wednesday
breakfast pizza, fruit juice, milk
Thursday
PBJ Uncrustables, applesauce cups, milk
Friday
honey bun, fruit juice, milk, goo-gurts

Forsan ISD

Monday
Breakfast: cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch:grilled cheese sandwich, chicken & noodle soup, pickle spears, strawberries & bananas, crackers, milk
Tuesday
Breakfast: sausage on a stick, juice, milk
Lunch: beef tacos, lettuce & tomato, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fancy gelatin, milk
Wednesday
Breakfast: scrambled eggs, toast, juice, milk
Lunch: chicken patty sandwich, tater tots, southwest beans, orange smiles, milk
Thursday
Breakfast: cinnamon rolls, yogurt, juice, milk
Lunch: spaghetti w/ meat sauce, seasoned corn, tossed salad, French breadsticks, peaches, milk
Friday
Breakfast: biscuits, sausage, juice, milk
Lunch: chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, baby carrots, fresh apples, hot rolls, milk

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Club News

TOPS

TOPS TX No. 21 met at 5:30 p.m. Monday with nine members present. Laura Sickles led the cheer and conducted the meeting. The TOPS pledge was led by Duffy Yancey, the KOPS pledge was led by Ethel Cassady and the welcome song, led by Olnee Menges, was sung by all.

The weigh-in began at 5 p.m. and was a great success with almost all members showing a weight loss. The weight recorder told the group that the club had a total loss in 2008 of 81.25 pounds.

There was no weekly best loser this week because it is the first weigh-in of the new year and a fresh start for everyone.

Awards for 2008 were given to members losing at least 10 pounds or more, they were Leola Newton, Carol Smith and Frank Sickles.

The best TOPS loser for the last six months was Frank Sickles. The best KOPS who maintained her goal or less was Ethel Cassady. Frank Sickles also received an award for perfect attendance.

TOPs members welcome all visitors. Weigh in begins at 5 p.m. and the meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Meetings are held every Monday evening at the Fellowship Hall of the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad. If you have a weight problem and need help and encouragement to get your weight back in control, please come and meet with TOPS — Take Off Pounds Sensibly. It really does help.

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STALKING: KNOW IT. NAME IT. STOP IT. NATIONAL STALKING AWARENESS MONTH JANUARY 2009

January Is National Stalking Awareness Month

Victim Services of Big Spring Launches Community Stalking Awareness Campaign

BIG SPRING, TX. - During January 2009, communities across the country will observe National Stalking Awareness Month, a time to focus on a crime that affects 1.4 million victims a year. This year's theme, "Stalking: Know It, Name It, Stop It." challenges the nation to combat this dangerous crime by learning more about it.

Stalking is a crime in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. One in 12 women and one in 45 men will be stalked in their lifetime, for an average duration of almost two years, and most victims are ordinary Americans. Victims may experience psychological trauma, financial hardship, and even death. Eighty-one percent of victims stalked by an intimate partner were also physically assaulted by that partner,, and seventy-six percent of female homicide victims were stalked prior to their death.

Yet many victims underestimate the seriousness and impact of the crime. At first, they may view stalking as "creepy" but not dangerous. They may think that ignoring or confronting stalkers will stop them. But stalkers almost never stop, and confronting a stalker may escalate the violence.

Even when victims see the danger and report the crime, stalking may be hard for authorities to recognize, investigate, and prosecute. Unlike other crimes, stalking is not a single, easily identifiable crime but a series of acts, a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause that person fear. Stalking may take many forms, such as assaults, threats, vandalism, burglary, or animal abuse - as well as unwanted cards, calls, gifts, or visits. Stalkers may use a range of devices - such as computers, Global Position System devices, or hidden cameras - to track their victims' daily activities. Stalkers fit no standard psychological profile, and many have been known to follow their victims from one jurisdiction to another, making apprehension by the authorities even more difficult.

By learning more about stalking, communities can support victims and combat the crime. "If more people can recognize stalking," said Shann Smith, Victim Services, Director, "we have a better chance to hold offenders accountable. Knowledge can help communities support victims and prevent tragedies."

For additional resources to help promote National Stalking Awareness Month, please visit http://stalkingawarenessmonth.org and www.ovw.usdoj.gov.

Victim Services of Big Spring
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EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEW

AARP Tax Aide program gives valuable help

It's almost income tax time. And while we're still a few months away from that April 15 deadline, the local AARP is preparing to kick off its annual Tax-Aide program.

AARP spokesperson Gloria Hopkins said the program is designed to help people that might not otherwise be able to file a tax return by helping residents make sense of the tax laws and forms that seem to get more and more complicated with each successive year.

The program provides free federal tax preparation assistance to those who cannot afford professional tax help — senior citizens, people with disabilities, those that cannot speak English and those with low-to-moderate income.

In fact, the program is a necessity for many area residents who can't afford to have their taxes prepared professionally, and the heart and soul of the operation are volunteers.

AARP volunteers explain many special tax credits and deductions and how people may claim them on their tax returns. They help complete returns, as well, right down to any refunds that might be due the taxpayer.

AARP volunteers will begin doing taxes on Jan. 26 and continue on each Monday until just before the April 15 tax deadline.

"People need to be sure to bring all of the pertinent information with them, including a tax booklet if one was received through the mail, W-2 forms and 1099 forms," Hopkins noted. "They also need to bring any forms that show their 2008 earnings and their 2007 tax returns. We also need a social security card for every person named on the return and a photo ID for the person filing."

The possibility that another stimulus payment from the federal government could be in the works could make preparing tax returns more difficult than in years past, but Hopkins says the staff will be ready.

"We handled last year, so there's no reason we can't make it through this year," Hopkins said. "We're also looking at some changes in the way homeowners treat their property taxes. In the past, property owners had an itemized deduction. But this year they're part of the standard deduction. So homeowners need to be sure to bring proof they paid their 2008 property taxes."

Taxpayers also need need to show how much they received in last year's round of stimulus payments if they received one. It won't affect the amount of taxes you pay, but the IRS is requiring it be included in your returns.

And as always, those who cannot physically get to the senior center can still get help.

"For those that are homebound and can't get to the center with their tax information, if they will call us, we'll be happy to pick up the information and get the taxes ready," Hopkins added.

The Senior Center is located at 1901 Simler Drive on the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

For more information on the program contact Hopkins at 267-6733.

And as tax season approaches, we want to recognize Hopkins and her volunteers to provide a valuable free service in our community.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Even when there are problems at hand, Lord, You are still with us.

Amen

He's crazy ... crazy like a fox



SUSAN ESTRICH

As the weeks pass since Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich was publicly drawn and quartered by U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald, the man has simply refused to give up. The Energizer bunny has nothing on this guy. I can't say he's earned my respect — respect would definitely be the wrong word — but he's proved that some of the oldest, and worst, rules of politics still hold true. Hang in there long enough and you can survive anything. Anything. Poor Eliot Spitzer. He would still be governor of New York.

It is far from clear that Blagojevich is actually a criminal, as opposed to an accused criminal. His mouthing off on tape about what he could "get" for Barack Obama's Senate seat was stupid, offensive, tasteless and inappropriate. It was unbecoming any public official — far, far worse than the former New York governor's tasteless stupidity in traveling to D.C. to meet up with a hooker barely older than his daughter.

But Spitzer's activity was a betrayal of his wife, not his constituents. Blagojevich was playing with the public trust. Whether he broke the law is another question.

Of course it's against the law to sell a Senate seat. But Blagojevich didn't sell the seat — he might have, but he never got that far. In our system, you can think anything you want and say almost anything you want. It's what you do, as opposed to what you say, that can get you in trouble.

There's no law against talking about selling a Senate seat, as long as you don't enter into an agreement, explicit or implicit, with someone else to do it; that's a conspiracy. An agreement to do something wrong and any overt act in furtherance of the conspiracy (contacting one of the potential candidates, for instance) by any of the conspirators can turn all of them into federal felons.

The way prosecutors usually deal with guys like Blagojevich, who say things they shouldn't but can't be prosecuted for, is to drag them in front of a grand jury and ask them if they ever said what they know they said.

Then, when under oath, if they deny ever saying it, they're guilty of perjury. Think Scooter Libby.

Public officials are particularly bad about shutting up in these circumstances; only professional criminals understand that the embarrassment of looking like a criminal is nothing compared to the reality of being punished for committing an actual crime. Indeed, even without the grand jury, which gets you to perjury, you can turn a person into a felon if they simply make a false statement to a government official — no oath required.

But there's no evidence that Blagojevich did either of those things.

Because of the leaks and impending public disclosure, U.S. Attorney Fitzgerald was forced to move on Blagojevich before he had a chance to do to him what he did in his Valerie Plame investigation: get everyone in front of a grand jury where they could say that they never said what they actually did say. Which means that there is a chance, a very real chance, that Blagojevich could beat this.

He knows that. That's why he's going nowhere. He also knows that if you just hang in there and make some smart moves, you can make other people almost as uncomfortable as you are about what you've done wrong.

That's what he did this week by sending Roland Burris, a decent and honorable man who would have been the only African American in the Senate, to be turned away by the Secretary of the Senate. Lucky for the rest of us, Barack Obama is the president-elect, and so those who would turn Burris' rejection into a racial affair are having a little more trouble than they otherwise would. But it hasn't stopped the effort. The Congressional Black Caucus is not the only group in town saying that it is wrong to turn away the one black member of the Senate, and the drama will continue to play out in coming weeks.

Maybe Burris can get the signatures he needs back in Illinois. Maybe the Senate in D.C. will cave. In the meantime, Blagojevich is going to work every day, and Fitzgerald has his work cut out for him. It's very hard to get a guy who can stand the heat out of the kitchen.

Illinois may be short a senator, but Blagojevich is still cooking with gas.

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Again we have been reminded of the compassionate and big hearted families that have chosen to make Big Spring their home. With the holidays of 2008 coming to an end, we feel compelled to share an example of that sincere heartfelt compassion.

As parents, we know our children will leave home and start their own adult lives but we hope and plan for their return at the holidays. However, there are times when that anticipated return cannot happen. This was the case during our Thanksgiving holiday.

Our son, Matthew Thomas, who had joined the Navy and completed basic training at Great Lakes Naval Station, was in his "A" School and liberty or leave was not adequate for his return home to share our Thanksgiving holiday.

We received a call from a family — Paul, Susie and Jason Welch — who had been neighbors years ago that they were going to be in the Chicago area and wanted our son's phone number to see if he and friends would want to share their Thanksgiving.

As it worked out, these wonderful people drove 1-1/2 hours one way through Chicago to pick up our son and two of his shipmates. They took them to their mother's home and fed them and shared a family's love with them. They they drove them back 1-1/2 hours to be back at their barracks in time for roll call.

As if this was not enough, they gave each sailor money to help them with things they may need. All this was done because of their love for other people and to share that love with others, in this case, three young sailors away from home on a holiday meant to be shared by family and who were faced with only sharing that holiday with their new adopted family — fellow sailors.

This shared compassion and love was felt by those three sailors and their families who knew that their children, now sailors, would not be alone.

We only hope to one day be able to repay them for the kindness and love they shared with our son and his friends. Our most heartfelt "thank you" goes to them and their other family members who

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Change definitely in the air



ANNETTE BRIDGES

Change is the word of the day or perhaps even the year. But change what, why and how?

Change for the mere sake of change can be meaningless and sometimes destructive. Without a defined purpose, change is a hollow word. One definition of change means to become different. It doesn't specify whether the difference will be for better or worse.

This is probably why some say beware of change simply for the sake of change. Although too much change can be pointless or even dangerous, too little change results in stagnation, idleness, and laziness. Both usually lack reason and vision.

For many, a new year includes new beginnings, and a new beginning often requires a change of some sort. A change is usually needed to not repeat past mistakes. But perhaps a new beginning is not so much a call for a change as it is a call for correction, progress, growth, improvement, reform.

A change in one's point of view is usually required in order to gain a new outlook. And a new perspective promises to result in fresh ideas, unforeseen opportunities, exciting inspirations and bold revelations.

Some folks caution, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." But I for one have often welcomed the idea of change and making changes. Before I met my husband, my life had long been filled with changes.

My mom and I moved frequently, so there wasn't one location or house I thought of as home. Home was wherever my mom was. Every time we moved, we cleaned out and disposed of any unnecessary or unwanted items to make room for the new. My mom said this helped us rid ourselves of clutter and make the most of our new space. So our many changes in where we lived helped us to be more productive, efficient and creative.

Regardless of where we were living or how long we had lived there, my New Year tradition included rearranging and redecorating my room. There were usually new items received at Christmas to find a place for. So I enjoyed cleaning out my room and also rearranging the furniture and changing the wall décor, too.

Was it absolutely necessary that I make all the changes to my room each year? Probably not. But somehow making the changes was invigorating and encouraged my high anticipation for a New Year filled with new experiences and discoveries.

Although I have lived with my husband in the same house for 28 years now, I have still continued my New Year tradition, even if only in small ways. To make room for Christmas decorations each year requires that I pack up and store various home décor. So my fun begins when packing up Christmas decorations. As I unpack all my stored home décor, I rearrange where I place items, finding new ways to use old things. It's always amazing to me how making simple changes can make the old feel new again.

For me, change has been more of a good thing rather than bad. This is not to say I've not experienced difficult changes that required challenging adjustments. Deaths of family members and friends as well as moves that involved separation from good friends or family were not easy changes. And there have been times when I was forced to change schools or a job before I wanted to.

My life experiences have convinced me, however, that when one door closes, another opens. I believe God is always with us guiding and moving us forward. And God provides comfort and encouragement as well as infinite opportunities and possibilities. There are always new discoveries to be made and growth to be experienced.

Remember this, my friends, when you are faced with changes. You may discover that it's often your own perspective which keeps you from seeing an open door. And you may find a change in direction can lead you to the perfect occasion, the right set of circumstances or a golden opportunity.

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Rolling Chargers seek to surprise Steelers

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

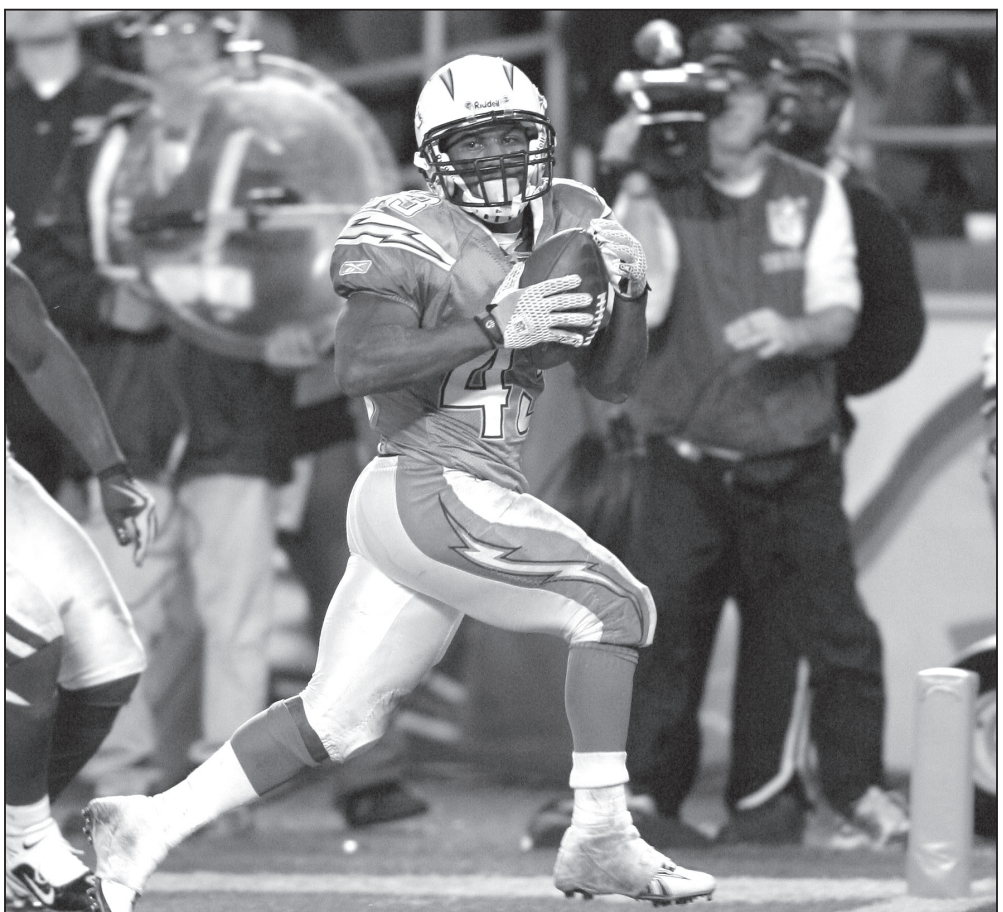
PITTSBURGH — The San Diego Chargers' travels to Pittsburgh are filled with curiosities, a remarkable run of odd games, unexpected results and strange scores, comebacks that succeeded and game plans that failed.

There was the AFC championship game where the Chargers drew motivation from a dance video. The first and only NFL tournament. And the latest oddity, the only 11-10 score in NFL history earlier this season.

In a city where they've never won during the regular season or lost during the postseason, the Chargers are hoping the surprise element kicks in again during their AFC divisional playoff game Sunday.

They're not favored — they rarely are in Pittsburgh, where they're 2-13 — but that hardly discourages a team that couldn't have anticipated a return trip after being 4-8 not long after that one-of-a-kind, one-point loss Nov. 16.

Going back to the chilly East Coast, going against the NFL's top-ranked defense, probably doesn't seem as daunting now that the Chargers, against long odds, are averaging 34.4 points during a five-game winning streak. The latest surprise was their 23-17 overtime decision last weekend over Indianapolis, which had won nine in a row.



AP photo/Denis Poroy

San Diego Chargers running back Darren Sproles scores the winning touchdown in overtime during an NFL AFC wild-card playoff game in San Diego Jan. 3. Sproles and the Chargers are hopeful they can surprise the Steelers, much like they did the Colts last week, in Sunday's AFC divisional playoff.

As the Steelers' Hines Ward said, "They've been in the playoffs for five weeks now."

"When I think back to the 14-2 season (in 2006) when we had the home playoff game and got beat, you wonder if it was a little too big for us," quarterback Philip Rivers said. "I think the fact that we've been in these types of games now ... going to Pittsburgh will be right up there, a similar type deal."

How fine? A Steelers defense led by Defensive Player of the Year James Harrison that statistically ranks among the NFL's best in a quarter-century may determine that. Rivers was held to 159 yards passing, was sacked for a safety and the running game produced only 66 yards in Pittsburgh's regular-season win.

Still, the Steelers were set back by 13 penalties and needed Jeff Reed's 32-yard field goal with 11 seconds remaining to win a game remembered for its final play, Troy Polamalu's fumble return touchdown that was incorrectly overturned by referee Scott Green and his crew.

Talk about unusual.

Despite having a 300-yard passer (Ben Roethlisberger), a 100-yard rusher (Willie Parker) and a 100-yard receiver (Ward), and outgunning San Diego 410-213, the Steelers never got into the end zone, at least on a play that counted. Obviously, the score wasn't all that was strange.

Maybe the Steelers got their weird game against San Diego out of their system before the playoffs this time.

In the most disappointing loss of the Bill Cowher era, the Steelers lost 17-13 to San Diego after leading by 10 in the 1995 AFC championship game. So much for the Super Bowl dance video they rehearsed a few days before.

In January 1983, San Diego came from 11 points down in the fourth quarter to beat Terry Bradshaw's Steelers 31-28 in the NFL's one-and-only tournament-format playoffs, after a players strike shut down the regular season for two months.

Those remain the Chargers' only two victories in Pittsburgh in 15 attempts.

"All the records don't mean anything right now," Steelers right tackle Willie Colon said. "You've just go to be able to match their intensity. They've got a swagger about them, you can see it on the tape, they're bouncing around and yelling, so it's going to be an intense game."

Not letting Darren Sproles play as he did against Indianapolis, with 105 yards rushing and 328 total yards, is a necessity for Pittsburgh. Making sure wide receiver Vincent Jackson's head is into the game, following his arrest on a drunken driving-related charge, is one for San Diego.

Sproles had only one carry against Pittsburgh on Nov. 16 but — despite being only 5-foot-6 — is taking on an increasingly bigger role in the offense with 1,100-yard rusher LaDainian Tomlinson limping on a sore groin.

The Steelers not only need to find Sproles, but their own game as well. This is their first meaningful contest since a 31-14 loss at Tennessee on Dec. 21 cost them home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs. They finished 12-4, compared to San Diego's 8-8.

That's three weeks without worrying whether they won or lost, and — despite the Steelers' 10-1 record in divisional home games — it sometimes takes time to regain that, "Hey, this counts" attitude.

Ask the Colts, who lost to the Chargers last year and to the Steelers in January 2006 under similar circumstances.

Roethlisberger's concussion also is a Steelers worry.

He was injured in a game that meant nothing, a 31-0 rout of Cleveland on Dec. 28, and experienced headaches for nearly a week.

Roethlisberger played possibly the worst game of his career, throwing four interceptions in Oakland in 2006, the last time he returned from a concussion.

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over the Minnesota Vikings last weekend in the playoff opener.

The win was the fifth in six games for the Eagles, who are the conference's hottest team.

McNabb wanted no part in a comparison between the Eagles of this year and last year's Giants, who got hot late in the season en route to the title.

"It's easy to say that at this point," McNabb said. "They went on and won the Super Bowl. We are just in the second round. Maybe as we continue on, maybe. But we just want to kind of be the Eagles of 2009. I mean, it's easy to sit back from afar and say that, but I don't see it right now."

What both teams will agree upon is that Sunday ought to be a great game.

"There's excitement and a lot of anticipation, but mostly, really it's exciting," Giants defensive end Mathias Kiwanuka said. "This is where you want to be. I mean, there's not a lot of teams left. Everybody started with the same mentality. We all have friends and former teammates around the league and they all say the same thing: 'I'd much rather be in your shoes than out there on the greatest beach in the world.'"

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"I don't think we need to do that because he is feeling better, and if he gets up Sunday and he's feeling good, we may want him to be one of the 45," Turner said.

Pro Bowl tight end Antonio Gates (ankle) is listed as questionable and kicker Nate Kaeding (groin, ankle) is probable. Tomlinson and Gates missed practice all week. Kaeding missed practice Thursday and Friday after spraining his ankle in practice Wednesday.

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Circuit City Stores Inc. in talks with interested parties

By MICHAEL FELBERBAUM
AP Business Writer

RICHMOND, Va. — Circuit City Stores Inc. said Friday it is in talks with two parties that could buy the company or provide additional financing for it to stay in business.

Circuit City, the nation's second-largest electronics retailer after Best Buy Co., filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in November as it faced pressure from vendors, heightened competition and waning consumer spending. Its Canadian operations filed for similar protection.

The Richmond, Va.-based company on Monday filed a motion under seal with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court seeking approval for its sale as a going concern, either as separate units or as individual assets. An expedited hearing is scheduled Friday afternoon.

Circuit City said Friday the "highly motivated and interested parties" it is talking with, which it did not name, are considering providing additional financing to allow the company to sustain operations and restructure. The parties have substantially completed due diligence, the company said.



AP photo

Circuit City is negotiating with two parties for financial banking or purchase.

Circuit City has been exploring strategic alternatives since May, when it opened its books to Blockbuster Inc. The Dallas-based movie-rental chain made a takeover bid of more than $1 billion with plans to create a 9,300-store chain to sell electronic gadgets and rent movies and games. Blockbuster withdrew the bid in July because of market conditions.

Circuit City said the current talks could result in a sale, or the company and its lenders could amend its debtor-in-possession credit agreement before a Jan. 16 sale hearing. An auction of the company and its assets would take place Jan. 13.

"While the company is optimistic that a transaction can be successfully finalized, no assurance can be given that this will occur," the company said in a statement.

If no deal is finalized, Friday's motion seeks permission for the company to liquidate its assets.

The company said that, as

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Energy Watch



Bhupen Agrawal is branch manager and a senior vice president of investments of A.G. Edward's Midland office. He is also a member of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association.



Bill Franks, AAMS, is a senior assistant to the branch manager. He is also a member of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association.

The freshness of a new year and new hope helped by a very popular president-elect will likely combine to take stocks higher into the Jan. 20 inauguration. Then the reality will hit that one's actions speak much louder than words. This is true for any new president transitioning from campaigning to governing.

As we bid good riddance to 2008, which closed out with the worst annual return since 1931, we believe traders will have an improved environment to operate in 2009 and that the market will be higher a year from now — how much higher, we have no strong conviction at this time. We do feel the gigantic stimulus programs certainly will work; it is only a question of when and to what degree.

However, we believe the mood of investors will be much more sober this year than in past years. The giant leveraging and great risk-taking attitude of the 1990s and the 2002-2007 bull market are gone for a long time. We do believe traders and investors will be wealthier a year from now, but probably not as quickly nor as dramatically as in the 1990s. With the dramatic loss of personal wealth, consumer spending and lifestyles will likely become more financially conservative (as they should). Therefore the economic recovery will probably take more time as corporations will be less likely to hire workers and choose to expand their business more slowly than in periods following less severe recessions.

A slow growth economy and a less robust stock market can be much healthier in the long term; it's the old "tortoise" vs. the "hare" syndrome. A cautiously optimistic approach to 2009 makes sense after the horror story of 2008. Sentiment remains bullish on a contrary opinion basis, but is not as bullish as it was Nov. 20-21 when a probable bottom was made. Money on the sidelines remains very bullish at a record $8.85 trillion or 74 percent of the market value of U.S. companies and both mood and momentum have improved. For the past five weeks, bad news is being somewhat ignored and good news is receiving additional attention. We will continue to watch and report with great interest.

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West Texas Centers receives assistance for Adults in Crisis

West Texas Centers' Adult Crisis Prevention Fund was given a $1,000 boost Monday from Big Spring's Wal-Mart store.

Wal-Mart store manager Tim Walsh and Assistant Store Manager Manny Negron presented West Texas Centers for MHMR CEO Shelley Smith with a $1,000 donation benefitting the Adult Crisis Prevention Fund.

The Adult Crisis Prevention Fund provides money to adults living with mental illness who are in an emergency situation.

"The funds are used to prevent life's emergencies, such as food or utility bills from sidetracking their recovery from mental illness," Smith said.

"We are very appreciative of the donation and excited that this donation will enable us to help our consumers with items that state funding does not cover."

West Texas Centers Mental Health clinics often serve people who need emergency services, West Texas Centers Director of Mental Health Janet Payne said.

"We often receive requests from our consumers seeking assistance with food, utilities, clothing or just common necessities and this donation definitely allows us to assist with some of those emergency needs."

West Texas Centers for MHMR provides services for adults and children living with mental illness and mental retardation.

The region's Early Childhood Intervention program, more commonly known as Little Lives ECI is managed by West Texas Centers.

West Texas Centers is the designated mental health authority for 23 rural counties in West Texas, including Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Fisher, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Howard, Kent, Loving, Martin, Mitchell, Nolan, Reeves, Runnels, Scurry, Terrell, Terry, Upton, Ward, Winkler and Yoakum counties.



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Wal-Mart Assistant Store Manager Manny Negron (left) and Walmart Store Manager Tim Walsh (right) present West Texas Centers for MHMR Deputy Director of Administration Gail Wells, West Texas Centers Director of Mental Health Janet Payne, and West Texas Centers CEO Shelley Smith with a $10,000 check for the Center's Adult Crisis Prevention Fund. The fund provides emergency money to adults living with mental illness who face emergency crisis situations.

Crude oil falls below $40 Friday for first time in 2009

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Oil prices dipped below $40 per barrel Friday for the first time this year as the government reported the nation's worst annual job losses since World War II.

People are traveling less, manufacturers are slashing production and there are job cuts across almost every sector of the economy, leading to a severe drop-off in energy use.

PB Cotton Conference set Jan. 20 in Martin County

The Permian Basin Cotton Conference will be conducted Tuesday, Jan. 20 at the Martin County Community Center in Stanton.

This conference is coordinated by County Extension Agents from Midland, Martin, Howard, Glasscock, Reagan and Upton Counties. This year's program includes a diversity of topics relating to crop production in the Permian Basin, and is centered around our largest grown commodity, which is cotton.



Tommy Yeater

Presentation topics include cropping technologies, agriculture policy and current and future cotton markets. Speakers will include:

• Dr. Todd Baughman, Extension Agronomist, Cotton Weed &

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SNB Top Employee

Michelle Hendricks was recently named State National Bank Employee of the Year for 2008. She is pictured with Jim R. Purcell, left, bank president, and John Currie, chairman.

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LETTERS

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also shared that special Thanksgiving with three sailors away from home and family.

Lonnie and Shann Smith
Big Spring

To the Editor:

Christmas 2008 in my home town was the best ever. Helping my sister, Jeanie Knocke, with the Salvation Army tree led to the beginning of what is now "Home Town Christmas."

Big Spring native Deane Mansfield Kelley heard of our efforts to make Christmas happen for children in need. A friend supplied a list of children needing warm clothing, along with a wish list, and from there it grew until volunteers provided Christmas for approximately 40 children and families.

The children's stories could go on and on and they will break your heart. A single father of four had been robbed of his Christmas paycheck and had nothing. We delivered gifts and food completely unexpectedly to this little family. They had little heat, no gifts but as each child helped carry things into their home, without exception each one said thank you so much with no prompting from their father. They had very little materially, but they had manners and gratitude. When asked what else he might need, the father said, "Ma'am I only need a job ."

One second grader, when asked by her teacher what she wanted for Christmas, replied, "Nothing, because I won't get anything. There is no money."

Another small child asked for a warm blanket for Christmas.

A first grader was reported by her teacher as needing clothes that fit because she kept a long oversize coat on all day to cover up hand-me-down clothes that were too small.

We went to one home that had a small tree, no presents and the mother was walking to her job daily, in the cold, with no coat.

This was only the tip of the iceberg of the need we discovered right here in our community.

If you were one of those who dreaded Christmas, having to buy and do for people who had everything and there was no joy in giving, you missed the true joy of Christmas. If you want a reason for the season, it is very close to home and very easy to find. Those volunteers who gave their time and money to make this happen all said seeing the smiles and those little eyes light up was the greatest gift of all. Getting outside yourself and doing for others will give you far more happiness that any wrapped gift under the tree. Helping others is a win-win for the giver and the receiver and it is so easy to do.

This was all pulled together by the seat of our pants in one week and concluded with each child receiving four or five wrapped gifts that they wanted and had no idea they could have. One little girl wanted skates, which we couldn't find, only to get them, along with a pick-up truck load of food, brought to us by one of our Christmas angels late the night before we delivered.

It is now January and those precious little ones have never left my mind. Bless their hearts. They want so little, need so much and, in the innocence of childhood, they don't even know what they do not have.

One way to get past the gloom of our world situation is to think about what we can do in our town. A fun way to start is by shopping the sales right now for next year.

Thanks to all who helped in this happening — Ben Ella Stewart; Kate Guthrie; Renae Ferguson; Peggy Wilson; Laura and Russ McEwen; Beverly and Clyde McMahon; Penni, Kaddo and Kadden Kothman; Connie and Johnny Earp; Janette Bentley; Emma Jean Johnson; Jimmy Johnson; Brandon Johnson; Beverly Herring; Cindy Carlisle; Karla Canada; and Verna Davis. Special thanks to Deane, Jeanie, Connie, Wells Fargo employees and all anonymous donors.

Margy Thompson has already started a fund for this year's project at Wells Fargo Bank. Anyone interested in helping in any way can contact any of those involved or Jeanie Knocke for Home Town Christmas at Wells Fargo Bank, 400 Main, Big Spring 79720.

Kathy Johnson
Big Spring

To the Editor:

The ghosts of our legacy of racial inequality continue to haunt us and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s holiday calls for a renewed commitment to racial equality as a national goal and priority.

Dr. King lamented that during his life most white Americans were not sincerely committed to genuine equality but to mere "improvement." He observed a fundamental ambivalence whereby the white majority wants to condemn blatant acts of injustice and yet preserve their position of social dominance.

He concluded that the majority of the dominant culture is suspended between two opposing attitudes: "They are uneasy with injustice, but unwilling to yet pay a significant price to eradicate it."

King's insights resonate with the conviction of many today that while laws have been changed and many racial barriers have been removed, and some political and social gains have been achieved, racism is still a lingering social cancer that pervades much of society.

Racism is still not a relic of the past.

As believers in God, we approach social issues from a faith perspective grounded in a concern for human dignity and full human flourishing. The heart of the race question is moral and religious, and is overcome by a change, conversion, of heart. The existence of racial intolerance and discrimination is not only a social injustice but racism is absolutely irreconcilable with Christian faith and belief as it mocks

God-given equal dignity granted to all human beings. Racism fractures the unity of the human family.

Racial injustice and poverty, moral scandals that are deeply intertwined, are the results of human agency. They need not exist. This means that social reality can be other than the way it is. Social life is created by human beings, by human choices and decisions. This means that human beings can change it by changing attitudes, behaviors, patterns and structures, and therein lies the hope for the beginning of a new dialogue of how we should all live and work together as sisters and brothers of one human family.

The Most Rev. Michael Pfeifer
Bishop
Diocese of San Angelo

To the Editor:

For 42 years I have been a Christian and a Southern Baptist. While doing research for a writing assignment, I came across the following statements and was shocked and deeply saddened:

Dr. Bruce Ware, professor of Christian theology at the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky., and president of The Council of Biblical Manhood and Womanhood (TCBMW), a Southern Baptist organization, said on June 27, 2008, from the pulpit of a Baptist church in Denton, "One reason men abuse their wives is because women rebel against their husband's God-given authority. Women want their own way and rebel ... and that is sin."

Dr. Page Patterson, president of the Southern Baptist Convention (1998-200) and current president of Southwestern Seminary, stated when asked about women in the May 14, 1997, edition of The Atlanta Journal, "I think everyone should own at least one."

Former director of the TCBMW Timothy Bayly said, "Compassion for victims of domestic abuse has been a potent weapon in the hands of those opposing God's universal law of father-rule."

Can you imagine Jesus hanging around on the ninth hole with these guys, laughing and nodding in agreement and being a part of the conversation? Not!

Psychologist Dr. Mary Pipher says, "Language is weaponized when it is used to objectify, depersonalize, dehumanize, to create 'other.' Once a person is labeled as 'not like us,' the rules for civilized behavior no longer apply."

Nathaniel Hawthorne said, "Words, so innocent and powerless as they are, as standing in a dictionary, how potent for good or evil they become in the hands of one who knows how to combine them."

Shame on us! I make a motion that we change. Any seconds?

Mary Gruben
Rotan

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County Court Decisions:

Probated Judgment: Adrian Hilario, theft - more than $50 less than $500, $750 fine, $324 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Laura Luena Yanez, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, $500 fine, $278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Robby Carroll Atkinson, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, $500 fine, $278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).

District Court Filings:

Orlando Payen vs. Jessica Payen, divorce.

Misty Nelson vs. Lucas Hughs, protective order.

Michelle Futrelle vs. James Larry Futrelle Jr., divorce.

Stephany Sledge Fowler vs. Kelly Michelle Wingert, injury or damages with a motor vehicle.

Jeffry Rhodes vs. Michelle Rhodes, divorce.

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Jesse P. Flores Jr. vs. Amanda Delgado Flores, divorce.

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Property: Lot 26, Block 7, Stanford Park
Date: Dec. 8, 2008

Grantor: David Parrish
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Property: A portion of Lot 4, Block 2, Lockhart Addition
Date: Dec. 8, 2008

Grantor: Rhonda Smith
Grantee: Michelle Hamby
Property: Lot C, Block 2, Highland Addition
Date: Dec. 9, 2008

Grantor: Michael V. Creel and Joye Jayne Creel
Grantee: Joe Rodriguez
Property: A .5 acre tract out of Section 7, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Dec. 9, 2008

Grantor: Ola M. Jackson
Grantee: Fred Weatherby and Amy Weatherby
Property: A .8 acre tract out of Section 19, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Dec. 9, 2008

Grantor: Michael James McGrath
Grantee: Cindy Pittman
Property: Lot 10, Block 4, Kentwood Unit No. 1
Date: Dec. 11, 2008

Grantor: Wanda Bristo
Grantee: CDR Properties
Property: Two tracts out of Section 21, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Dec. 11, 2008

Grantor: Treadway Clyde
Grantee: Bunky Atkinson
Property: The S/75 feet of Lot 1, Block 79, Original Town
Date: Dec. 11, 2008

Grantor: Mildred D. Hayworth
Grantee: Frank Long and Glenda Long
Property: Four tracts out of Section 22, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Dec. 12, 2008

Grantor: Wells Fargo Bank
Grantee: Southwest Alliance of Asset Managers
Property: Lot 5, Block 4, Stanford Park
Date: Dec. 12, 2008

Grantor: Delbert Eugene Scroggins
Grantee: Pat Porter
Property: A 10 acre tract out of Section 105, Block 29, W&NW RR Co. survey
Date: Dec. 12, 2008

Grantor: Bobby Davis and Tonya Davis
Grantee: C.L. Lunsford and Linda May
Property: A 2 acre tract out of Section 5, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Dec. 12, 2008

Grantor: Linda Carol Porter and Daniel Porter Jr.
Grantee: Jana Murphree and Kristi Halliday
Property: Lot 2, Block 5B, Central Park Addition
Date: Dec. 15, 2008

Grantor: Deborah Wyatt Melton
Grantee: Jimmy Miller and Ellen Miller
Property: Lot 2, Block 23, College Park Estates
Date: Dec. 16, 2008

Grantor: Lee G. Reed
Grantee: Jimmy Miller and Ellen Miller
Property: Lot 1, Block 3, Canyon View Subdivision
Date: Dec. 16, 2008

Grantor: Taryn N. Cox and Taryn Wash
Grantee: Derek W. Wash
Property: A 19.9 acre tract out of Section 105, Block 29, W&NW RR Co. Survey
Date: Dec. 17, 2008

Grantor: Linda S. Odom
Grantee: Robert H. Kloepfer Jr.
Property: A 20 acre tract out of Section 27, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Dec. 17, 2008

Grantor: Gloria Moore and John Moore
Grantee: Lynne McWilliams
Property: The E/2 of Lot 6, Block 3, Clanton Addition
Date: Dec. 19, 2008

Grantor: Evelyn J. Brown
Grantee: Jim D. Wilson
Property: A 1.1 acre tract out of Section 18, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P Rr co. Survey
Date: Dec. 22, 2008

Grantor: Lynn Richard Barnett and Connie Barnett
Grantee: Property Pros of Texas LLC
Property: Lot 4, Block 5B, Amended Central Park Addition
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Grantee: Property Pros of Texas LLC
Property: Lot 29, Block 7, Stanford Park
Date: Dec. 23, 2008

Grantor: Ariel A. Brumley and Cung-Yueh Brumley
Grantee: Prudential Relocation
Property: Lot 15, Block 3, College Park Estates
Date: Dec. 23, 2008

Grantor: William Bryan Newton and Page Newton
Grantee: Horace E. Tubb
Property: Lot 7, Block 3, Indian Hills
Date: Dec. 23, 2008

Grantor: Marijann Stevens
Grantee: Santos Lujan Jr. and Marylou Lujan
Property: Lot 1 and part of Lot 2, Highland South
Date: Dec. 23, 2008

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien:

Grantor: Jean Broughton, John Wilson, John T. Ferguson and Lonnie Newton
Grantee: Sonny Glen Kinard
Property: A tract out of Section 28, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Dec. 4, 2008

Grantor: George E. Wilson and Irene Wilson
Grantee: Leslie Kay Elrod DBA LKE Properties
Property: Lot 8, Block 1, Jerald Smith Addition
Date:Dec. 5, 2008

Grantor: Jimmy Anderson and Cristi Anderson
Grantee: Billy R. Walton
Property: A 4.5 acre tract out of Section 45, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
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Grantor: Javier Jaime and Evangelina Jaime
Grantee: Roberto Baltazar and Dora Rodriguez
Property: Lot 6, Block 5, Douglass Addition
Date: Dec. 11, 2008

Grantor: Horace E. Tubb
Grantee: Ricardo Soto and Bertha Soto
Property: A 24.9 acre tract out of Section 105, Block 29, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Dec. 12, 2008

Grantor: Jack J. Ovadia
Grantee: Roland Gore
Property: Lots 9 and 10, Block 18, Cole & Strayhorn Addition
Date: Dec. 12, 2008

Grantor: Justin W. Edwards and Raela Edwards
Grantee: Gary Matthews and Vivian Matthews
Property: Lot 1, Block 26, Monticello Addition
Date: Dec. 15, 2008

Grantor: Pamela Gail Powell and Alan Powell
Grantee: Jay L. Briscoe
Property: A tract out of Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Dec. 15, 2008

Grantor: Donald C. Priddy and Helen Priddy
Grantee: Patti R. King
Property: Lot 8, Block 16, Kentwood Unit No. 2
Date: Dec. 15, 2008

Grantor: Teresa Michelle Long
Grantee: Karen Kay Hagar
Property: Lot 28, Block 8, Suburban Heights
Date: Dec. 15, 2008

Grantor: Craig Olson
Grantee: Lana F. Anguiano
Property: Lot 3, Block 10, Edwards Heights
Date: Dec. 16, 2008

Grantor: Laverne Hull Dean
Grantee: Bakulbhai Patel
Property: Lots 1-5 and part of 6, Block 11, Government Heights
Date: Dec. 16, 2008

Grantor: Eugene Bryant
Grantee: Wesley F. Johnson and Susan Pogue
Property: A 2 acre tract out of Section 29, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Dec. 17, 2008

Grantor: Danny Coldiron and Karen Coldiron
Grantee: Richard L. Spencer and Tracye Spencer
Property: Tracts 21 and 22, Section 18, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Dec. 17, 2008

Grantor: Don Richardson and Sharion Richardson
Grantee: Richard L. Spencer and Tracye Spencer
Property: A 1.4 acre tract out of Section 18, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Dec. 18, 2008

Grantor: H. Dickie Bailey and Theresa Bailey
Grantee: John Newton
Property: Lot 13, Block 2, Edgemere Subdivision
Date: Dec . 23, 2008

Grantor: Property Pros of Texas LLC
Grantee: MCBW Properties LTD
Property: Lot 4, Block 5B, Amended Central Park Addition; and Lot 29, Block 7, Stanford Park
Date: Dec. 23, 2008

Grantor: Christene R. Larue
Grantee: Raymond Fontana and Vickie Fontana
Property: Lots 7-12, Block 7, Furrh Addition
Date: Dec. 23, 2008

Grantor: Viola Earlene Verbosh
Grantee: Steve Bingham
Property: Lots 1 and 2, Block 35. College Heights
Date: Dec. 23, 2008

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Resistance Management.

• Dr. Calvin Trostle, Extension Agronomist, Wheat and Grain Sorghum Production and Management.

• Mr. Ricky Wright, Congressman Conaway's Office, Legislative Agriculture Policy.

• Mr. Brett Cypert, National Cotton Council, Cotton Market & Policy Update.

• Randy Boman, Extension Agronomist, Fertility Requirements Of Cotton In These Economic Times.

A representative of the USDA Farm Service Agency will be present to give an update on the next Farm Bill. Also, agronomists of Monsanto and Bayer will conduct a panel discussion concerning new technologies available currently and in the future for cotton seed. A second panel discussion with seed company representatives will also be conducted where they will discuss current cotton varieties and their performance in Permian Basin Cotton Fields.

Cost to attend the conference is $15 per person before Friday, Jan. 16. Registration at the door is $20 per person. Registration includes a catered lunch.

Continuing education units for licensed private pesticide applicators will be earned for attending this conference. For any further information, or to receive a pre registration packed, contact your local Extension Office at the numbers listed below.

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planned, it closed 155 stores in the U.S. in November and December that were not performing well or were "no longer a strategic fit."

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Circuit City, which has posted losses for seven of the last eight quarters, operates more than 565 stores in the U.S. and 765 retail stores and dealer outlets in Canada.

Bush, fellow WWII aviator reunited on carrier

By STEVE SZKOTAK
Associated Press



AP Photo/Houston Chronicle, Smiley N. Pool

Former U.S. President George H.W. Bush is seen at his office in Houston. The Navy's newest nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, named after Bush, was to be commissioned Saturday during a ceremony at Naval Station Norfolk in Virginia. Behind him is a portrait of the USS San Jacinto, the carrier he served on during World War II.

NORFOLK, Va. — One was a privileged New Englander, a product of private schools and the doors they opened. The other was a kid from Sacramento whose father ran a service station and grocery.

Both heeded the call to serve their country in the months after the Dec. 7, 1941, attacks on Pearl Harbor, flying torpedo planes from a converted aircraft carrier in the Pacific Fleet. Sixty-seven years after war brought these very different teenagers together, the two were united Saturday during the commissioning of the aircraft carrier George H.W. Bush.

The ship's namesake became a president and Lou Grab, who chose the quieter path as an educator, were among the thousands attending the commissioning of the nuclear-powered carrier.

Grab, now 86, was invited by his fellow torpedo bomber from the USS San Jacinto to attend the ceremony at Naval Base Norfolk, which was one of the first stops he and Bush made before steaming through the Panama Canal to war, with a few stops in-between. Bush is 84.

President George W. Bush, crew members of the San Jacinto and a long list of dignitaries were also due in this Navy town for the commissioning. The president will deliver the principal address. Dorothy "Doro" Bush Koch, the daughter the 41st president, will give the order to "man our ship and bring her to life!"

George H.W. Bush and Lou Grab each learned to land their aircraft on carriers — actually, converted ferries — on Lake Michigan. At age 18, Bush was the youngest U.S. pilot in World War II, and Grab wasn't much older.

During a mission over the Pacific, Japanese anti-aircraft fire hit Bush's plane. Two crewmen were killed. Bush parachuted into the sea and was rescued by the Navy submarine USS Finback.

Grab earlier had dodged a bullet.

"I had the same strike that morning and they missed me," he said during an interview Friday in the lobby of his hotel in downtown Norfolk. "Here I am."

Bush's rescue by the Finback is depicted in a "tribute room" of the carrier. He is seen in a grainy image in an inflatable raft seemingly no bigger than an inner tube. The sub carried him away from the Jacinto, to Hawaii for a month, before he hitched ride back to the carrier.

He later was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and three Air Medals for his Navy service in the Pacific theater.

Another aviator was among the surviving crew members and their families who were positioned in folding chairs on Pier 14, where the carrier towered over a long line of guests. Some 17,000 were expected for the commissioning.

"There's only three of us left, including George," John Raquepau said of the San Jacinto torpedo aviators. The Michigan native who now lives in the Tampa Bay, Fla., area, said he flew 360 missions.

"I wouldn't miss this for anything," said Raquepau, 85.

Like many of his generation, Grab is reluctant to discuss his own exploits, and is self-effacing about a life committed to education, as a teacher, elementary school principal and administrator.

"He was very smart," Grab said of Bush. "He went to all those private schools. I went to public schools. I was just a plodder."

After the war, the two lost touch. Then, after the newlywed Bushes moved to Texas and George Bush got into politics, Grab saw his old war buddy being interviewed on TV.

"I said, 'My God. There's George.' I sent him a letter and wished him well. He sent me a letter and he said if you ever need anything, let me know," Grab said.

The bond was renewed. The families exchanged Christmas cards. They saw each other at reunions with other war buddies.

Grab and Bush remain lean and fit despite their years, though the former president was using a cane Friday when he visited the carrier. They also maintain a playful sense of humor.

The two married 10 days apart in 1945. "Barbara and George married. Connie and George married. I think that's significant," Grab said.

On Thursday, after Grab visited his old pal at the carrier, the former president gave a greeting to be relayed to Grab's wife, one that dated to the couple's earliest days together.

"George was kidding me about going home to hot Connie," Grab said with a laugh. "She doesn't particularly enjoy that."

6 Texas prisoners set to die in January

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Texas is wasting little time this new year claiming its annual notoriety as the nation's most active capital punishment state.

Convicted killer Curtis Moore, condemned for the slayings of three people during a drug-ripoff robbery in 1995 in Fort Worth, is set for lethal injection this week in what would be the first execution in the United States in 2009.

It's the first of eight scheduled punishments this month in the U.S., all but two of them in Texas. The 18 prisoners put to death in Texas last year accounted for about half of the 37 executions carried out in the country. Since the U.S. Supreme Court in 1976 allowed capital punishment to resume, 423 Texas inmates have been put to death.

Moore, 40, was set to die Wednesday. Two more executions are set for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Huntsville Unit next week, then three more the following week.

The six Texas inmates set to die in January are among at least 14 with execution dates already this year. Three more are set to die in early February, four in March and another in April. Nationwide, they are among more than two dozen with dates already in 2009, according to statistics kept by the Death Penalty Information Center.

"The only thing I could speculate is it's a result of the backlog created by the moratorium," said Kristin Houle, executive director of the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty.

A Supreme Court review of a Kentucky case that questioned whether lethal injections were unconstitutionally cruel stalled punishments from September 2007 until the justices last April okayed the method.

"There's some general fallout from the fact we weren't executing anyone for eight or nine months," Houle said. "I think we're seeing this throughout the country."

Alabama, for example, carried out no executions in 2008. Already for 2009, however, five are scheduled for that state.

In Texas, where a record 40 prisoners were put to death in 2000, execution dates are set by trial court judges from the county where the prisoner was convicted. For inmates now with scheduled dates, legal appeals either are exhausted or in the final stages in appeals courts.

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Israel pounds dozens of Hamas targets

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli forces pounded dozens of targets and edged closer to Gaza City on Saturday while southern Israel was largely spared militant rocket fire in one of its quietest nights in the two-week offensive against Hamas.

The Israeli military said more than 15 militants were killed in heavy fighting Saturday with its ground forces inside Gaza. Its aircraft attacked more than 40 targets throughout Gaza, striking 10 rocket-launching sites, weapons-storage facilities, smuggling tunnels, an anti-aircraft missile launcher and gunmen. Flames and smoke could be seen rising into the sky over Gaza City.

Palestinian hospital officials confirmed only four deaths, but fighting has hindered paramedics from collecting bodies and treating the wounded.

Eight people were killed by Israeli tank fire Saturday in the town of Jebailiya, Palestinian medical officials said.

The dead appeared to be civilians, paramedics on the scene said.

The Israeli army said it was investigating the incident.

Obama team releases plan to create new jobs

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Barack Obama's economic team on Saturday announced its goal for new jobs, increasing the target to 3.5 million new positions to help boost a troubled economy that has dominated the incoming administration's agenda.

Obama released a report from his economic team that claimed a $775 billion economic stimulus package he is proposing would create well more than the 3 million jobs contained in his first draft. His top advisers note that the plan was subject "to significant margins of error" because of the uncertainties of economic modeling and no one — including his own economists — know what version of his plan Congress will pursue.

Even so, Obama's top aides were not going to wait, despite unclear limits on their report.

"These numbers are a stark reminder that we simply cannot continue on our current path," Obama said Saturday in his weekly radio and YouTube broadcast address.

"If nothing is done, economists from across the spectrum tell us that this recession could linger for years and the unemployment rate could reach double digits — and they warn that our nation could lose the competitive edge that has served as a foundation for our strength and standing in the world," he said.

Obama wants clean break with Bush intel practices

WASHINGTON (AP) — As President-elect Barack Obama assures intelligence officials that his complaints are with the Bush administration, not them, there are growing hints from Democratic Senate allies that spy agency veterans will not be prosecuted for past harsh interrogation and detainee policies.

Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Dianne Feinstein told The Associated Press in an interview this week that there is a clear distinction between those who made the policies and those who carried them out.

"They (the CIA) carry out orders and the orders come from the (National Security Council) and the White House, so there's not a lot of policy debate that goes on there," she said.

"We're going to continue our looking into the situation and I think that is up to the administration and the director."

Feinstein declined to comment on whether her committee would take specific action to offer legal cover to those involved in harsh interrogations that some critics say amount to torture.

Vice President-elect Biden visits Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S. Vice President-elect Joe Biden arrived in Afghanistan on Saturday for talks with the country's leaders, as surging Taliban violence claimed the lives of more American troops.

Biden and South Carolina Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham will meet with President Hamid Karzai and U.S. Gen. David McKiernan, head of the NATO-led force in Afghanistan, said Col. Greg Julian, a U.S. military spokesman.

"It is just a quick visit to Kabul to meet with the leadership and make the initial introduction as part of a roundtrip to the region," Julian said.

The U.S. is rushing 20,000 American troops into Afghanistan to combat a Taliban insurgency that has sent violence to record levels.

In 2008, 151 American troops died in the country, more than in any other year since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion to oust the Taliban.

Biden's visit follows his trip to neighboring Pakistan, where aides said he met with President Asif Ali Zadari, Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani and Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi.

Sen. Feinstein, new chair of intelligence committee, in spotlight as 111th Congress opens

WASHINGTON (AP) — There's a new, yet familiar, face of female political power in Washington. California Sen. Dianne Feinstein is the incoming chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee — the first woman to hold the job.

But Feinstein, a veteran of many skirmishes on Capitol Hill, didn't wait to take the gavel before asserting her prerogatives in the opening days of the 111th Congress.

Her public pronouncements on President-elect Barack Obama's pick to head the CIA and on the controversy surrounding his open Illinois Senate seat earned her an apology from Obama and tart words from her own party leader.

They also said plenty about the tenacious, strong-willed woman who will play a key role in shaping Obama's plans to restore credibility and morale to U.S. intelligence operations — presuming she doesn't run for governor of California instead, as many Democrats in her home state hope she will.

"I have reached a stage in my life where I'm going to speak out and I'm going to say what I think is right," Feinstein, 75, said in an interview with The Associated Press on Thursday.

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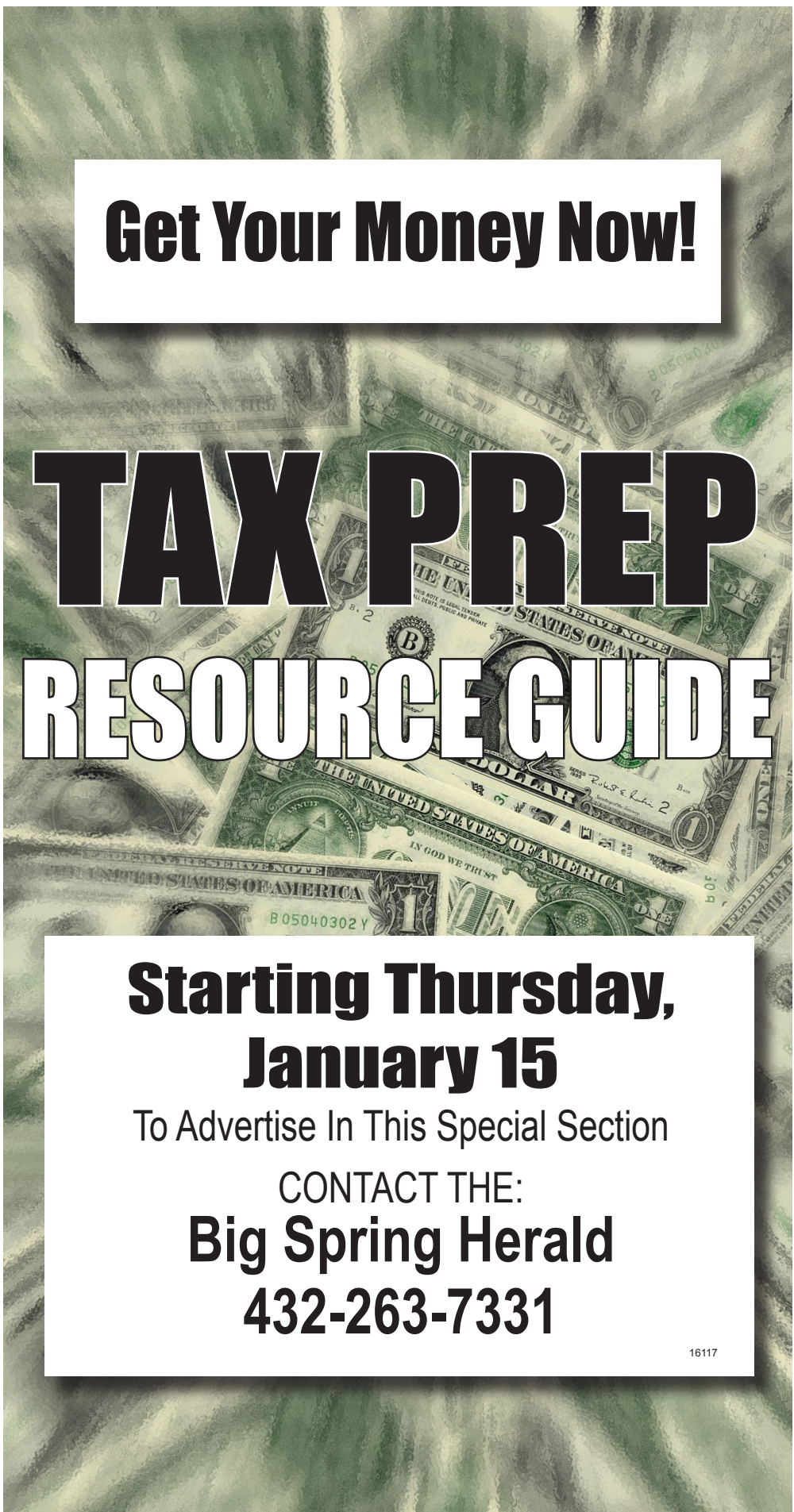
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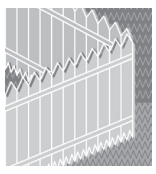
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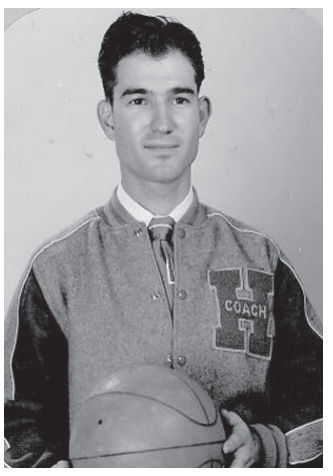
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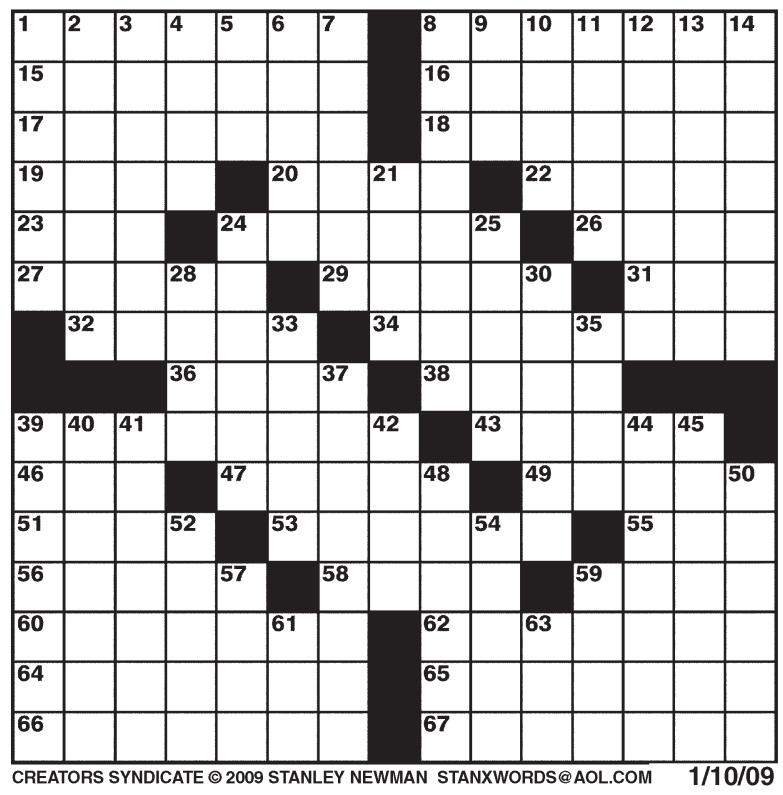
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22 Like some passages
23 Capitalize on
24 Wooded
26 Held up, maybe
27 Turmed back, in a way
29 Tintype type
31 Human Rights Day mo.
32 Not adventurous
34 Least self-sufficient
36 One of a number of things taken to the cellar
38 Patriot's target
39 Chief
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12 Cause
13 They often have long roads
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24 Least bit
25 Wedding-picture subject
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35 Having no basis
37 Exhibiting refinement
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40 Echo
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

As far as planetary personalities go, Mercury is a scamp. And when he's in one of his moods the plot of our day can change in an instant. The retrograde journey that commences today seems orchestrated for the sole purpose of testing our patience. Try and take a humorous and high-minded approach to his rascally dishonesty.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You love the person who can make you feel flustered and off balance, who can engage you in a vigorous discussion and lead you where you normally wouldn't go. Such a person is on the scene today.


HOLIDAY MATHIS

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When you follow your own bliss, you draw admiration and love of those around you — though often not right away. There are those who revile a self-directed person. Spot potentially nasty people and avoid them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Just when you thought you knew what would fascinate you the most, new introductions shift your perspective. There is so much in the world to enjoy and admire. Make no commitments so you have plenty of room to explore.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There is something inside you that needs expression. And though you rightly sense that your expression will be unique, understand that the feeling behind it is not. Encourage others to be creative with you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The struggle is mostly in your head — you against the ideas that keep you from. You don't have to be terminally ill to be fighting for your life. In small ways, everyone does it daily.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you share someone's suffering, you do so without pretense. Others find it comforting to know that they are not alone and that they don't have to act as if they are feeling any certain way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). St. John considered joy the noblest human act. It used to be so easy for you to work yourself into an effervescent mood, and today it takes a little more work. In that effort you find your nobility.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Avoid systems in which you are the lone responsible party. You are the one with the brains and money, but you need to delegate responsibilities. Hire smart people and relax.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have witnessed many walking the same path you now traverse who were ultimately diverted from their goals. Learn from them. If need be put on a horse's blinders. Keep looking straight ahead.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The difficult job you face is physically taxing, but the reward it offers your heart, head and wallet is worth the energy you exert. Although you may be covered in dust at the end of the day, you are satisfied.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Like someone from a fairytale, you posses unmatched charm. With a sparkling smile and an air of magic you spread joy and take great delight in serving as a bridge builder to those whom you encounter.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A bleak picture is one without tools for change. But upon close inspection tools are discovered to be omnipresent. Civilized society began with mud used as a writing tool. There is a way to proceed. Create the needed tools.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Plucky Mercury is up to his old party tricks. It's the fun retrograde game he plays every now and again to keep the planetary fete pumping.

Things won't go nearly as planned, but that doesn't mean all is ruined. Try and see unexpected twists of fate as lovely surprises instead of a cosmic practical jokes. It's like Mercury is setting up a challenging little obstacle course for us to work our way through from now until the end of the month.

The miscommunications, long lines and unanswered calls could actually be a wonderful thing for relationships. Some bonds could use a little shakeup — it's a fine way to find out how much one party appreciates the other.

And in new relationships, the Mercury retrograde could wreak the sweetest kind of havoc. Getting to love is not so easy, but the difficulty makes a downright cinematic story.

As is pointed out by the best screenwriting teachers in Hollywood, the movies that fall under the category of "romance" or "romantic comedy" are not about love at all, but about the treacherous or wonderfully wonky journey to finding love.

Such journeys are to be expected as Mercury traverses backward through Aquarius.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: The queen of hip-hop soul, Mary J. Blige has eight Grammys in place of crowned jewels, and that's just fine by her.

Capricorn's nature is to climb to the career pinnacle, but once they get there they immediately start seeing different mountains they have yet to scale.

The satisfaction is fleeting and that's what keeps these ambitious sea goats striving for mastery in several areas of their art.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am married to a wonderful man. He is my high-school sweetheart, and we have been together for 15 years, married for seven.

I believe he is faithful, but something has been troubling me a lot.

Whenever he goes away for a weekend with his friends, he meets girls at the bar and talks to them. I could live with that, but what bothers me is they exchange contact information, become Facebook friends and stay in touch.

I have explained to him that this upsets me, but he continues to do it. Am I out of line for worrying? — Disturbed in Canada

Dear Canada: No, dear, your lines are fine. A married man should not be meeting women in bars and taking down their phone numbers, e-mail addresses or anything else.

Unless he brings them home and introduces them to you, he has no business getting so friendly.

The fact that he knows it upsets you yet continues to do it indicates he has no respect for your feelings. Get some marriage counseling — with or without him.

Dear Annie: A few years ago, my elderly mother noticed someone had been drawing money in $500 increments from her checking account.

This went on every month for two years. Mom initially attributed the drain of money to having plumbing, roofing, electrical and other housing problems.

Because I work and live far away, I didn't realize she wasn't as sharp as she used to be.

A very nice 40-something woman had offered to sit for people who wanted to take trips.

Mom developed a friendship with her, and the woman not only housesat, but would take Mom to the doctor and market once in a while.


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With full access to my mother's house, she called the bank and ordered an ATM card in my mother's name, picked it up from the mailbox and activated it from Mom's phone.

She then ordered other credit cards, which, fortunately, arrived after we found out what was going on and were able to stop her.

When we reported the crime, the detective showed us the driver's license of the woman, but in that picture, she had bright red hair and wore tons of makeup.

It also showed a different birth date, and her name was spelled with a slight alteration. The DA said these changes are the sign of a habitual criminal.

My mother could not get past the altered appearance to see that it was the same woman and, consequently, was unable to identify her.

Mom is now scared to death of anyone who comes to the door and is brokenhearted to have loved and trusted a person who betrayed her.

I am sending this to you hoping you can get the word out to families of other seniors who live alone and may be victimized. We know this parasite is still out there. — Southern Daughter

Dear Daughter: Thanks for the warning. We're sorry to say there are plenty of scam artists looking to take advantage of anyone with a kind and trusting nature. Please be careful.

Dear Annie: I was very disturbed by the letter from "Have Medical Coverage But No Doctor."

As a young physician in my 30s, I've been forced to move back into my parent's house. After a decade of training and living on below-average wages, I have compiled a mountain of debt and don't even own my car. Yet people still expect their doctors to provide them medical care for free or even at a financial loss. It is the insurance companies that have abandoned people. To top it off, I've just been sued by a patient who somehow believes I should have diagnosed her breast cancer when I only saw her once for a broken toe. How am I supposed to use the skills

I've trained so hard to obtain without sacrificing my own livelihood? — Desperate Doctor in a Harsh New World

Dear Doctor: If we could solve this problem, we'd ask for a cabinet post.

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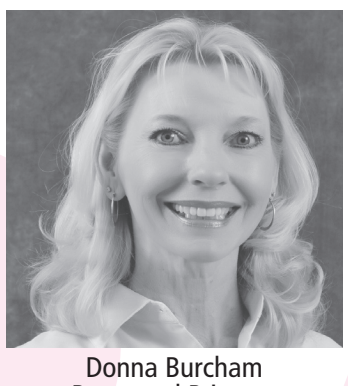

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