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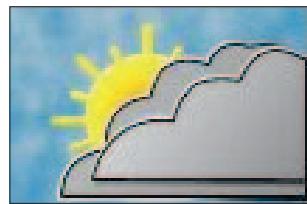
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Gail to light star Friday night

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Where do you put a 20-foot Christmas star that holds more than 700 lights?

Gail Mountain, of course. As they have for the past 14 years, members of this Borden County community will kick off the Christmas season Friday by turning on the lights to a mam-

moth star on the side of Gail Mountain, located in Borden County.

Sarah Sharp, who has been a part of the event's committee for more than a decade, said simple discussion among friends led to local resident — and her husband — Ross Sharp designing the star, which has become a West Texas attraction over the past several years.

"Some friends came to us to see if thought we could have something like a star built on Gail Mountain," said Sarah Sharp. "Ross designed it ... and the rest is history."

The lighting of the star officially starts the holiday season in Gail, and caps an evening of Christmas activities in the community.

"People come from all around

for the lighting of the star," said Sharp. "And there's no charge to anyone for the event. It's an excellent chance to get everyone together and help get in the Christmas spirit."

Sarah Sharp said the County Courthouse will open at 5 p.m. to serve refreshments, with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus greeting youngsters and posing for photographs in the district court-

room.

And while the visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus is nothing new to the annual event, how they will arrive at the courthouse is, according to Sharp.

"A couple from Brownfield will be providing a team of horses and a sleigh to transport Santa and Mrs. Claus to the

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GETTING READY FOR BIG FEED



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Libbie Dirks, right, and Connie Fowler prepare Thanksgiving dinners at the Salvation Army headquarters on W. Fifth Street Wednesday morning. The Salvation Army will serve holiday dinners from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Thursday.

Beware!

Police say shoppers need to be cautious during holiday season

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

According to local law enforcement officials, Santa Claus won't be the only figure creeping from house to house this holiday season.

Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department, said thieves will be out and about this holiday season, just waiting to fill their stockings with ill-gotten gains.

"That's what they look for," said Everett. "You're going around and looking for Christmas presents and they are walking around looking for things to steal. That's how they have Christmas. Whether it's your presents or your money, you can kind of look at it as if the thieves are out there shopping. That's what they do for a living. They steal."

While these holiday-wrecking hoodlums may seem impossible to stop, Everett said there are some things you can do to keep you and your vehicle from being a target while shopping this season.

"Don't put your packages and presents in the back seat of your car without covering them up," he said. "The best way to discourage criminals is to keep them (packages) out of sight and out of mind by putting them in the trunk. If you have to put them in the seat though, be sure to cover them up or obscure them in some way."

"If you put them in the trunk, it makes it a real pain for the thieves to get to them, and they don't necessarily want to be out there working on your

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City officials getting ready for freezing weather

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

With the mercury expected to drop near or below freezing during the holiday weekend, officials with the city of Big Spring are urging local

water customers to take precautions.

"We're really hoping people will take proper precautions as the temperature drops," said Todd Darden, assistant city manager and director of public works. "That

means leaving your hot and cold water dripping just enough to keep the pipes from freezing, as well as insulating any exterior pipes or fixtures."

"We also suggest people take old newspaper or towels and stuff them in

their meter boxes to help keep them from freezing. The boxes are underground, but they still sit in a void, so they are susceptible to the freezing temperatures and could burst."

Darden said area resi-

dents should also remember to insulate any sewer lines that are above ground or not buried at a safe depth, which would be 12 inches to 18 inches.

"If people don't take precautions, I expect we'll be handling quite a few

emergency water cut-offs," he said.

Darden said freezing temperatures can also cause numerous breaks in the city's main water lines — deemed "Code

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VAMC officials plan holiday activities

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

There's never a good time to be in the hospital, but to be there over the holidays is definitely the worst time.

Cognizant of that fact, officials at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center are planning several activities to help hospitalized veterans take their minds off the fact that they're away from their loved ones.

Starting Thursday, the VAMC will hold a variety of holiday-themed activities for hospitalized patients, said Iva Jo

Hanslik, community relations director.

"We try to let as many of them go home as we can," Hanslik said. "But for those who have to stay with us, we'll have as many activities as possible during the holidays to help keep them active."

A traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be served to the more than 30 patients. While the hospital will be normally staffed, out-patient and non-medical offices will be closed Thursday.

Several other activities are planned during Christmas season, starting with the traditional lighting ceremony —

complete with a visit from Santa Claus — on Nov. 30.

"We have a lot of groups who will come and honor our veterans during the holiday," Hanslik said.

Other scheduled holiday activities include:

- On Dec. 10, the American Legion Auxiliary will set up a gift shop so that hospitalized veterans can purchase Christmas gifts for family members.

- Veterans of Foreign Wars members will visit on Dec. 11, providing

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IN BRIEF

Howard men take trip to Arizona for tournament

The Howard College men's basketball team plays three games against nationally ranked opponents beginning today in the Scottsdale Community College Classic in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Howard tips off the class today against host Scottsdale, which was previously ranked No. 22 before opening the season 0-2.

Friday the Hawks play NJCAA Division I No. 4 ranked Inidan Hills Community College-Ottumwa (Iowa), which sports a perfect 4-0 record.

Howard finishes the classic against No. 3 ranked NJCAA Division II Cecil Community College of North East, Mary.

Howard is currently 11th in the nation in both offensive and defensive scoring average. The Hawks are scoring 100.75 points a game and giving up just 62.63 points per contest.

Crossroads region varsity sports weekly calendar

Here's a look at the upcoming Crossroads varsity sports schedule:

FRIDAY

Six-man, Division I area playoff game

Grady football vs. Ira 6:30 p.m. in Patricia at Lamesa Klondike.

SATURDAY

Class 1A, Division I area playoff game

Forsan football vs. Valley Mills, 7:30 p.m. in Brownwood at Gordon Wood Stadium.

TUESDAY

Big Spring girls basketball at Lamesa, 8 p.m.

Big Spring boys basketball at Lamesa, 8 p.m.

Coahoma girls basketball vs. Snyder, 6:30 p.m.

Coahoma boys basketball vs. Eldorado, 8 p.m.

Forsan girls basketball vs. Highland, 6:30 p.m.

Forsan boys basketball vs. Highland, 8 p.m.

Grady girls basketball vs. Wink, 6:30 p.m.

Grady boys basketball vs. Highland, 8 p.m.

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Big Spring girls basketball at Idalou Tournament.

Big Spring boys basketball at Andrews Tournament.

Coahoma boys and girls basketball hosting Coahoma Invitational Tournament.

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HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

Coahoma Bulldogs running back P.J. Daylong (center) stiff arms a Colorado City defender in action from Oct. 19. Daylong was a first-team all-district selection in District 5-2A. He was one of four Bulldogs chosen for the team.

Forsan faces Valley Mills for area crown

Playoff slated for 7:30 p.m. Saturday

 By **JEFF LANE**

Special to the Herald

FORSAN — After winning their first playoff game in more than two decades, the Forsan Buffaloes (6-5) move into the area round of the 2007 Class A, Division 1 playoffs to face the Valley Mills Eagles.

Valley Mills (7-3), which finished third in District 13-1A, enjoyed a bye week to open the playoffs while the Buffs knocked off the Winters Blizzards, 16-7.

The game will be played at Gordon Wood Stadium in Brownwood at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. The winner will play the winner of the Seymour/Valley View game, taking place Friday night in Wichita Falls.

The Buffaloes will once again be slated as the underdog, but mainly because of lack of playoff experience. The Eagles were a semifinalist last year before losing to the McCamey Badgers, 28-7.

Forsan Head Coach Tommy Thompson does not mind the underdog role, but is not nearly content with just being in the area round.

"Don't get me wrong. We are thrilled to have advanced this far," said Thompson. "However, we are not ready to quit playing football. No matter what the odds say."

The Buffs may actually carry the momentum going in, enjoy-

ing a two-game winning streak. Meanwhile, Valley Mills lost its final two games before having last week off.

Both teams prefer to run the ball and operate out of the spread. The Eagles get the check mark for the size advantage, but the Buffs have more team speed and will try and nullify that size and wear down the Eagles' big linemen, according to Thompson.

Thompson said Forsan will also attempt to create matchup problems with its receivers, especially with wide out Jeremy Robbins and tight end Adam Bailey. The big, speedy receivers have become favorite targets of quarterback Alex Huckabee and Thompson feels Robbins and Bailey could be in position to make big plays with good protection from the Buffs' offensive line.

"Valley Mills has a line that averages about 230 pounds per guy," Thompson said. "We will have to execute perfectly with our inside blocking scheme as well as maintain blocks when we go outside or drop back to pass."

"We did not have as much success as we'd like running the ball last week," Thompson continued. "We can use our passing game to our advantage though and hopefully that will open up the run and we can stay with our ball"

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HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

Grady Wildcats end Leighton Fields turns up the field after catching a pass in regular season action from Nov. 8. The Wildcats play the Ira Bulldogs in a six-man Division I area round playoff game at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Lamesa Klondike.

'Dogs, Buffs populate 5-2A's All-District team

 By **JONATHAN HULL**

Herald Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Two rival schools. Eleven all-district football players between them.

With all three of its schools eliminated from the playoffs in the opening bi-district round, District 5-2A released its all-district team this week with four Coahoma Bulldogs and seven Stanton Buffaloes populating the list.

No position receives more attention on the football field than quarterback and Stanton gets to boast the district's first-team selection at signal caller. Senior Garret Fulton wasn't a typical quarterback in a state seeing most schools adopt a spread offensive attack. Fulton was much more dangerous with his legs than his feet. However, according to Stanton Head Coach Lee McCown, it wasn't even Fulton's running ability that gar-

nered him the most attention this season.

"His actions speak for themselves. He had a great ability to run the ball," noted McCown, "but it was his leadership that I think most coaches noticed. You could tell he was in command when he was on the field."

Fulton also thrived at the safety position, earning second-team defensive honors for his play. He led Stanton with five interceptions. Coahoma Head Coach Jay Kennedy heralded Fulton as a player that had to be accounted for no matter where he lined up.

"We had to scheme around him on both sides of the ball," Kennedy said. "We had to key on him when he was at quarterback and we shied away from him at safety."

Fulton's backfield mate Robbie Noland was also named to the first-team offense. Noland led the

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Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback

Forsan's Kody Willis carries a Winters Blizzards' tackler in the Buffs' 16-7 win Saturday to claim a bi-district championship. Forsan faces Valley Mills at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Gordon Wood Stadium in Brownwood in the area round of the Class 1A playoffs.

Grady prepped for run-happy Ira

 By **JONATHAN HULL**

Herald Sports Editor

LENORAH — The high school football playoffs bring a new challenge for the teams fortunate enough to qualify. With each round, a new matchup brings a new obstacle on the road for a state title.

For Grady's Wildcats, the challenge of their regional round matchup in the six-man Division I playoffs is represented by the rushing attack presented by the Ira Bulldogs. The Bulldogs are led by Andy Rivera, who earlier this season ran for 522 yards and 10 touchdowns on 22 carries in a single game.

"It's definitely going to be a challenge for us," said Grady Head Coach Joe Helms. "We know what they want to do and they know that we know what they want to do. We're going to be keying on stopping their ground game, but they know that's how we're scheming."

Ira and Grady take the field at 6:30 p.m. Friday in Patricia at Lamesa Klondike's stadium. Ira is coming off of a bi-district championship after defeating New Home, 56-8.

Grady, however, received a bye week after clinching a postseason berth with a 50-46 victory over Rankin in the final regular season game of the season. Helms isn't sure how the off week will affect his team, but expects his players to respond to a once-familiar opponent.

"It's difficult to say how the kids will react. I would've liked to have kept going after winning a big game over Rankin," Helms said. "However, the bye week did give us a chance to mend. We're the healthiest we've been since the start of the season. So there's good and bad that come with the bye week. We might come out a little flat to start the game, but I think we'll get our heads straight

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Obituaries

John William 'Jay' Clanton



John William "Jay" Clanton Sr., 77, passed into glory at his home on Monday, Nov. 19, 2007, after a brave battle with cancer.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Clanton; children, John William Jr. "Pete" and Linda Clanton, Pam Burgess, Patti and Kenny Brown and Tammi Clanton; special family friends, Larry Pults and Oscar Espinoza; grandchildren Irena Kelley, Raeanna McCutcheon, Joan Clanton, Daniel and David Higginbotham, Chelsea Partlow and Morgan Clanton; and four great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two brothers, James Clifton Clanton and Auldon Ely Clanton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Mary Clanton, and four sisters.

Jay was born in Big Spring on May 15, 1930, the youngest of seven children. During his life he was a building contractor in Big Spring, building the Clanton Addition. He was an Apostolic minister in Vanderpool and Center Point and lived the majority of his life in Kerrville. He was employed by Mooney Aircraft for many years, was the director of public works for the City of Kerrville and an entrepreneur.

He served as an elder for Trinity Church of Center Point and enjoyed snowmobiling, four-wheeling and spending time with family and his many friends.

Visitation will be held Thursday, Nov. 22, 2007, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Kerrville Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Friday, Nov. 23, 2007, at 10 a.m. in the chapel of Kerrville Funeral Home. Graveside services will follow on Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007, at 10 a.m. at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Springs with the Rev. Don Davis officiating.

Nephews will serve as pallbearers.

In lieu of floral arrangements, the family requests memorials be made in John's name to Vistacare Hospice and to the American Cancer Society.

The family wishes to extend special thanks to Marie and the staff of Vistacare Hospice, Dr. Klaus Schroeder and Dr. Thomas Smith.

The family invites you to leave a message or memory at www.kerrvillefuneralhome.com by selecting obituaries. Select "sign guestbook" at the bottom of the individual memorial.

Arrangements are under the direction and personal care of Kerrville Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Bay Moates Buchanan

Bay Moates Buchanan, 91, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2007, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 23, 2007, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Chaplain Brian Michaelz, of The Howard County Emergency Chaplain Corps, officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born June 26, 1916, in Colorado City to Sophie and J.L. Moates. She had been a resident of the Luther Community since 1935, coming from Colorado City. She and her husband Sam Myers Buchanan farmed and ranched in Luther since 1941.

She is survived by two sons, James Buchanan and his wife, Gerry, of Luther and Sam Buchanan and his wife, Linda, of Big Spring; one daughter, Judy Smith and her husband, Randy, of Roby; one sister-in-law, Dorothy Moates of Big Spring; nine grandchildren, Shelley Lamb, Christy Sims, Harper Buchanan, Sammie O'Brien, David Patterson, Keely Green, Brady Buchanan, Justin Smith and Clinton Smith; and 15 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers, C.A. Moates, H.L. Moates and Aubry Moates; and one sister, A.V. Nixon.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.co.

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Support Groups

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

MONDAY

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) TX. 21, weight loss support group meets at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third St. at 5 p.m. TOPS provides members with information, motivation and fellowship in attaining and maintaining their physician-prescribed weight goals. For more information, call Alex at 264-6921 or 1-800 392-8677.

John B. McMillan



John B. McMillan, 85, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2007, at his residence. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Elwin Collom, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born March 13, 1922, in Woodson to Grace and John Wiley McMillan. He married Cora Oceal Wilson on Oct. 23, 1942, in Lubbock. He was a retired pipe fitter and welder. He had been a resident of Big Spring for 16 months, coming from Brownwood where he had lived for 20 years.

He is survived by his wife, Cora Oceal McMillan of Big Spring; two sons, James Ronald McMillan and his wife, Sandy, of Columbia City, Ore., and Charles Michael McMillan of Orchard City, Wash.; one daughter, Joella Beesinger and her husband, Alvin, of Everett, Wash.; one brother, Gerald Eugene McMillan of Weatherford; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Sandra Kay McMillan.

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

Barbara Jane (Petty) Ervin

Memorial services for Barbara Jane (Petty) Ervin, 74, of Harker Heights were held Saturday, Nov. 17, 2007, at 2 p.m. at Hallmark Lanes in Killeen under the direction of Killeen Memorial Funeral Home and Cemetery.

Mrs. Ervin was born on Dec. 19, 1932, in Big Spring. She married John T. Ervin on Nov. 9, 1952, in Big Spring.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, John T. Ervin; three sons, John Ralph Ervin and wife, Kathy, of Sonoma, Calif., James Chris Ervin and wife, Elaine, of Plano and Delbert Wayne Ervin and wife, Peggy, of Joshua; a daughter, Debbie Rodriguez and husband, Dan, of Warrensburg, Mo.; 18 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Ervin served as president of the Women's Bowling association and was a member of the Killeen/Fort Hood Bowling Hall of Fame. She also graduated from the Harker Heights Police Academy and was a member of the Harker Heights Citizens On Patrol program.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to Happy Hill Farm Academy/Home, 3846 N. Highway 144, Grandbury 76048.

Ernestine Herring Schroeder

Ernestine Herring Schroeder, 91, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2007, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

• The Big Spring High School junior class will meet Nov. 29 at the Big Spring High School library at 6:30 p.m. to form committees and vote on the 2008 prom theme. All juniors and their parents are encouraged to attend and all participation will be greatly appreciated. For more information, contact Carrie Fox at 816-9687, Karen Martin at 213-1388 or Bebe Johnson at 213-2105.

• Angel Food delivery is from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at North Birdwell United Methodist Church. Orders for December delivery will also be taken at this time.

• A bake sale to raise funds for the Howard County Bible Class program will be held from 8 a.m. until noon Saturday at the St. Paul Lutheran Church parish hall, 811 Gregg. The event is sponsored by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

• Pediatric flu vaccinations for children ages 6 months to 35 months are now available at the Texas Department of State Health Services clinic in College Park Shopping Center. Cost is \$10, although no one will be turned away for inability to pay. For more information, call 263-9775.

• Vendors are needed for the Christmas Bazaar at Canterbury South for Saturday, Dec. 1. Hours for the bazaar are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Prissy Stanley at 263-1238 or leave a message.

• St. Mary's and friends of St. Mary's are holding a lap blanket drive to place approximately 400 lap blankets in the hands of every nursing home patient in Big Spring. Blankets can be taken to the church office, 1001 Goliad, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Connie Fowler at 267-2713.

A beginning crochet class is being held at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the church's Parish Hall.

• Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming an Odyssey Healthcare volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call

Bulletin Board

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

FRIDAY

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
• Dance at the Senior Center to Monroe Casey and the Prowlers, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

MONDAY

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 213-1342 for more information. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.; meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.
• The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Dorothy Lamb meeting room in the Howard County Library.
• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
• 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.
• Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
• 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.

THURSDAY

• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.
• League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628. The public is invited.

Take Note

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.O. 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.

• 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 Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

• 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.

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Buffaloes in rushing, racking up more than 1,000 yards.

"Robbie is a big tailback," McCown said. "It's a great accomplishment for him to have a 1,000-yard season. He's definitely a player teams had to key on."

Joining Fulton and Noland in the first-team all-district backfield is Coahoma's P.J. Daylong.

"P.J. was our most consistent threat on offense this season," Kennedy said. "When we were struggling to move the ball early on this season, P.J. was still producing. He turned out to be a very good receiver, too. He picked up on a system that he fits perfectly. He and Josh (Paniagua) gave us a great 1-2 punch at the receiver position."

Paniagua received a dual honor as a first-team selection at wide receiver and cornerback. The sophomore might've been even more productive as a receiver had he not have had to start three games at quarterback.

"Josh was the best pure wide-out in the district in my opinion," raved Kennedy. "He's sure handed and runs great routes."

Joining Paniagua as a first-team selection on offense and defense is Stanton's Adam

Evans. Evans was a unanimous selection as both the top center and defensive end in the district.

"Adam is one heck of a football player," McCown said. "His desire to play the game is second to none. He works harder than anyone I've ever seen and studies more film than anyone on the team. He's always prepared."

"Center is a position that's often overlooked," Kennedy noted. "He really stands out when you watch him play. He was the best center in our district."

Also, doubling up as an all-district selection on the offensive and defensive line was Coahoma's Damian Bailey. Bailey received second-team honors at both offensive and defensive tackle.

"Damian was our most consistent lineman," Kennedy said. "He worked extremely hard in the weight room and in his conditioning to get to where he is."

Stanton's Freddy Erives joins Bailey on the second-team offensive line as a guard. Erives also doubled as the Buffaloes' punter and earned second-team honors for his efforts.

"Freddy was a first-year starter at guard and he showed a lot of athleticism at the position. We like to pull our guards a lot and he did that very well," McCown said. "He's been bug-

ging me to let him punt for some time. It's not often you see a No. 50 kicking the ball. He did a great job and helped us a lot with field position."

Stanton had a second kicking specialist receive all-district notoriety. Kicker Irving Pastrana was named the district's first-team kicker. Pastrana made 21 of 26 extra points and was one of two on field goals. The one field goal he made put Stanton up by 10 on Anson and essentially clinched the game for the Buffaloes.

"There were times this season Irving won games for us," McCown said. "His consistency with extra points made the difference in our 21-20 win over Reagan County. He accepted his role as the team's kicker and did a fantastic job of it."

Pastrana's twin brother Jonathon was a second-team selection at fullback. McCown noted that Jonathon's lead-blocking abilities were key for most of Noland's and Fulton's yardage totals.

Coahoma's Corey Roberts saw time at fullback for the Bulldogs, but it was his abilities as a slot receiver and a middle linebacker that earned him all-district honors. Roberts was a first-team middle linebacker and second-team receiver.

"Corey is a great and versatile athlete," Kennedy noted. "He

was our most consistent defensive player and was always around the football."

Joining Roberts as a first-team linebacker is Stanton's Mark Garcia who let opposing offenses know about his presence with ferocious tackles.

"Mark brings a lot of force behind his tackles," McCown said. "It's unfortunate that he missed some playing time this season, but his abilities shined when he was on the field."

All four of Coahoma's all-district selections return to the field next season. Stanton says goodbye to Fulton, Evans, Erives and the Pastrana brothers as they graduate this year.

5-2A All-District Teams and Awards
(* indicates unanimous selection)
District MVP - *Travis Adams, Sr., FB/LB, Haskell
Offensive MVP - *Weston Rutkowski, Sr., QB, Haskell
Defensive MVP - Troy Steele, Jr., LB, Merkel
Offensive Newcomer - Tanner Thompson, Soph., QB, Hawley
Defensive Newcomer - J.C. Johnson, Fr., LB, Colorado City
First Team Offense
Quarterback - *Garret Fulton, Sr., Stanton; Running backs - Robbie Noland, Jr., Stanton; P.J. Daylong, Jr., Coahoma; Rich White, Sr., Merkel; Guy Workman, Sr., Merkel; Josh Harris, Jr., Hawley; Fullback - Seth Manly, Sr., Hawley; Receivers - Jake Richards, Sr., Stamford; E.J. Boalts, Sr., Merkel; Simon Reyna, Sr., Colorado City; Josh Paniagua, Soph., Coahoma; Tight End - Derek Agraz, Sr., Haskell; Center - *Adam Evans, Sr., Stanton; Guards - Jarred Easley, Jr., Hawley; Moses Munoz, Sr., Haskell; Landry Mullins, Jr., Merkel;

Tackles - Chris Hardesty, Soph., Hawley; Clyde Frierson, Sr., Haskell; Kicker - Irving Pastrana, Sr., Stanton.

First Team Defense
Nose Guards - Donte Pryor, Jr., Stamford; Larry Aguirre, Soph., Anson; Defensive Tackles - *Simon Rodriguez, Fr., Haskell; Billy Gonzales, Sr., Colorado City; Jacob Atkins, Jr., Stamford; C.J. Thomas, Sr., Merkel; Defensive Ends - *Adam Evans, Sr., Stanton; Derek Agraz, Sr., Haskell; Linebackers - *Aaron Rodriguez, Sr., Haskell; *Mark Garcia, Jr., Stanton; Keagan Thomas, Jr., Merkel; Corey Roberts, Jr., Coahoma; Cornerbacks - *Weston Rutkowski, Sr., Haskell; Josh Paniagua, Soph., Coahoma; Safeties - Tyler Newberry, Jr., Merkel; Greg Guzman, Sr., Haskell; Punter - Chisum Cope, Sr., Merkel.

Second Team Offense
Quarterback - Chisum Cope, Sr., Merkel; Running backs - Alfredo Ventura, Sr., Colorado City; Dewayne Wesley, Sr., Stamford; Greg Guzman, Sr., Haskell; Fullback - Jonathon Pastrana, Sr., Stanton; Receivers - Derrek Gutierrez, Jr., Colorado City; Corey Roberts, Jr., Coahoma; Jerick Acosta, Jr., Stamford; Tight End - Boone Dugan, Sr., Hawley; Center - Taylor Oakley, Jr., Stamford; Guards - Freddy Erives, Sr., Stanton; D.J. Rodriguez, Sr., Haskell; Tackles - Damian Bailey, Jr., Coahoma; Dustin Stiewert, Sr., Merkel; Kicker - Donte Pryor, Jr., Stamford.

Second Team Defense
Nose Guard - Chad Taillon, Sr., Hawley; Defensive Tackles - Mario Atkinson, Sr., Colorado City; Damian Bailey, Jr., Coahoma; Defensive Ends - Derek Howell, Soph., Merkel; Moses Munoz, Sr., Haskell; Linebackers - Cash McMeans, Jr., Stamford; Jesse Duke, Sr., Hawley; Jonathan Martinez, Jr., Haskell; Brandon Feagan, Jr., Hawley; P.J. Daylong, Jr., Coahoma; Cornerbacks - Chris Ellison, Jr., Merkel; Jake Richards, Sr., Stamford; E.J. Boalts, Sr., Merkel; Safeties - Garret Fulton, Sr., Stanton; Manuel Garza, Jr., Colorado City; Punters - Aaron Rodriguez, Sr., Haskell; Freddy Erives, Sr., Stanton.

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SHOPPERS

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lock in a situation where they can be seen. From time to time we try to patrol the parking lots of the mall and some of the stores looking for that sort of thing."

Most importantly, Everett said, be aware of what is going on around you.

"Be aware of what's going on around you," he stressed. "If you'll sit up at the front doors of Wal-Mart or the mall, you'll see people walking up and down the parking lots just looking in cars. After a minute or two you can tell they're not looking for their car or headed for

their car. What they're doing is scoping out the inside of your vehicle to see if you have any packages or purses or anything laying loose like that.

"We also suggest that people keep their doors locked whenever they go inside a store, and make sure you take your keys with you. If someone gets into your car to steal a radio or wallet and they find the keys, you're probably going to lose your car. We generally recover the cars that get stolen around here, but a lot of time they're not in any kind of condition to be driven."

Everett said it may seem downright unholiday-like to be so suspicious this Christmas, but

it's much safer to err on the side of suspicion than to be caught unaware.

"A lot of people will walk outside and in between cars and really not be aware of what's going on around them," said Everett. "You need to pay attention to whether or not people are there or they seem to be watching you. I would rather have someone be suspicious of me if I'm standing out in the parking lot than to not even notice me."

"Also for the ladies with purses, we suggest that they don't just hold them by the strap and just leave them hanging. That makes them really easy to take. If they have straps on them we suggest you keep them over your shoulder so you can keep

one arm over them and keep them secure. Also be sure that you don't leave money that's in your purse visible."

While personal safety devices such as pepper spray and stun guns may seem like a plausible protection plan for some holiday shoppers, Everett said there are some very serious implications to consider.

"I have mixed feelings on that because from what I've seen, people with those types of personal protection items end up getting them used on them," he explained. "One of the things you have to remember is if you have something like that with you, you have to be prepared to use it and use it in a timely manner."

VAMC

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Christmas dinner and playing Bingo with hospital patients.

• A group from Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene will bring gifts for patients on Dec. 14.

• The hospital will hold its annual Christmas party for all long-term residents

on Dec. 18.

And Hanslik added that more groups are welcome.

"We have lots of things coming up," she said. "And there will be more groups added to the calen-

dar as the month goes on."

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STAR

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courthouse this year," said Sharp. "They will also be giving sleigh and buggy rides to the children, which is something totally new to the event. We really think the kids are going to love it."

While getting their photo taken with Santa, youngsters can also register to win a four-foot stocking stuffed with prizes.

The courthouse will also be the drop-off point for the community's "Toys for Tots" program. Residents are encouraged to donate toys and other items suitable for chil-

dren from toddler size up to teenagers.

The donated items will go to the Buckner's Children's Home in Lubbock, Ms. Sharp said, and the deadline to donate a toy is Dec. 14.

Refreshments will be served at both the courthouse and museum, which will also open at 5 p.m. for the festivities, and hayrides will be held throughout the evening.

Once the star is lit — approximately 7 p.m. — it will remain on 24 hours a day until Jan. 1, Ms. Sharp said.

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FREEZE

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Blue" by city officials — something he's hoping to avoid during the current cold snap.

"As long as the temperature warms up gradually, we should be OK," said Darden. "However, if the warmer weather comes back quicker than we're expecting, we could certainly see a lot of main breaks in the city."

And while the final outcome of the city's "Code Blue" is ultimately up to Mother Nature, Darden said city repair crews do

have something else working in their favor.

"We've seen a pretty drastic reduction in the number of main breaks, even during Code Blue, thanks to the water line replacement program we've been working with over the years," said Darden. "The newer pipes aren't as susceptible to the weather changes, among other things. However it goes, we'll be ready."

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Jimmie "Hoppy" Daniels, 68, died Monday.

Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

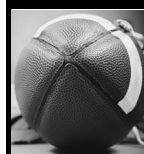
Fay Buchanan, 91, died Tuesday. Funeral Services will be at 11:00 AM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD



By Eddy Pitchford

Thanksgiving Day prompts many thoughts and reflections. I remember visiting grandparents and cousins. I think back to the Thanksgiving spent in a hospital. I recall the year met my then fiancé's extended family. I remember the year my wife and I were unable to be with family and shared a dinner with a lonely, family-less man. I think back to the Thanksgiving six weeks after our baby died. I smile as I picture my dad sleeping off his turkey dinner with our seven-month old daughter asleep on his chest. I remember telephone calls to family members on military assignments. I mentally replay stories told, exaggerated and retold.

As I anticipate being with family this year, I look forward to laughing with that earlier mentioned daughter, who is now in college. I expect a few journeys down memory lane. I will probably think about my family that is scattered by miles and years. I will visit my in-laws and marvel at the way they glorify God. I will watch the Cowboys compare Romo to Aikman to Staubach with a Thanksgiving tribute to Longley. I will ponder the working of God in my life and the blessing of ministry. I will lovingly look at my wife and know God has graciously blessed me.

If I am wise, I will remember I am making memories for future reflection. If I am really wise, I will praise God as the source of my blessings and know Thanksgiving is more about a cross than a turkey.

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Five Hawk baseball players sign with D-I schools

By ERIC C. RODEWALD
Special to the Herald

The Howard College baseball team had five of its members sign NCAA Division I letters of intent during the early signing period which runs from Nov. 14-21. Those five athletes are Tyler Ladedorf, shortstop, University of Oklahoma; Matt Curry, first baseman, Texas Christian University; Colt Simon, left handed pitcher, University of Nebraska; Cameron Monger, outfielder, University of New Mexico; and Pedro Villarreal, right handed pitcher, University of Texas-Pan American.

Howard Head Coach Britt Smith was happy to see three starting position players and a pair of pitchers signed NCAA Division I Scholarships for the 2008-2009 season.

"I thought it was good to have that many kids sign early. We're excited to have them and we are certainly happy for them," Smith stated. "We have been in a position the last four years where almost every good freshman we have had we have lost to a four-year school. We would of lost Matt and certainly would of lost Tyler, but they weren't qualifiers out of high school so we got those guys back or we would have been in the same boat we were in the last couple of years — having really talented players, but we can't ever keep our guys long enough to see the fruits of our labor."

TYLER LADENDORF,
Shortstop
University of Oklahoma
Ladendorf had more than just four-year schools courting him. He was previously drafted by the New York Yankees and San Francisco Giants. Last season, he

led the nation in stolen bases swiping 65 without being caught.

As the Hawks' starting shortstop, Ladendorf hit .425 as a freshman and furthered his high level of play over the summer competing in the Texas Collegiate League (TCL), even being selected to play in the TCL All-Star Game.

"It was a chance where you could play in front of a lot of teams, both professionally and collegiately during the summer," Ladendorf stated.

According to Ladendorf, he made the decision to be a Sooner early in order to focus on playing the game.

"I just wanted to get that out of the way and locked up so I can just go out and play without having any burden really in the Fall or the Spring," Ladendorf said. "I feel good about the decision. Oklahoma told me I would start at shortstop. Obviously you have to go in and earn a position, but that made it a big deal. That had a big effect on whether I made my decision to go there or not."

When Smith had the opportunity to get Ladendorf, he was willing to take a gamble on the Des Plaines, Illi., native despite the shortstop's previous shoulder injury.

"We were one of only a couple of programs willing to take a chance on him since he was coming off of surgery out of high school," Smith stated. "For us, it was a no brainer. We knew what we were getting and we liked him. Even if he didn't heal 100 percent we thought he would be more than adequate for this level. It's a testament to his hard work as he prepared his body and it rebounded well from the surgery."



Courtesy photo
Five Howard College baseball players inked national letters of intent to play at various NCAA Division I schools for the 2008-2009 season Monday. From left: Colt Simon, Pedro Villarreal, Matt Curry, Tyler Ladendorf and Cameron Monger. Back: Howard College Baseball Coach and Athletic Director Britt Smith

Smith said the sky is the limit for Ladendorf.

"He has the world in the palm of his hand and a great opportunity in front of him to either sign professionally or take advantage of a really good scholarship from Oklahoma," Smith stated.

An appreciative Ladendorf is thankful that Smith took a chance on him.

"The things he has done for me; I don't know how I will ever pay him back. The deal of him going out there on a limb and putting his neck out for me in a tough situation, not only could I have not been ready for the fall, but the spring as well.

But doing the things we do day in and day out have helped my shoulder," Ladendorf stated. "The things that he has done has helped all of us out tremendously."

COLT SIMON,
Left handed pitcher
University of Nebraska

Although Simon will only face teammate Ladendorf in practice this season, the possibility of the two squaring off down the road is very real as Simon inked a national letter of intent with the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

A transfer from the University of Texas at Arlington, Simon said his opportunity to come to

Howard will prepare him to play in the Big XII.

"It was a good decision on my part. UTA wasn't the place for me," Simon said. "I am having a lot more fun here than at UTA and Coach (Jack) Giese has really helped me."

First-year Howard Pitching Coach Jack Giese, a native of Arlington, has already added a pitch to Simon's repertoire.

"Coach Giese helped my changeup and you need a third pitch to be able to pitch in the Big XII and I didn't have one before I got here," Simon stated.

With his decision to be a Husker, Simon said he's

excited to use his experience gained at Howard to play at the next level.

"I have always wanted to play in the Big XII," Simon said. "I saw Nebraska play in the Ballpark at Arlington, which is right by my house. It will be pretty cool to play for them."

CAMERON MONGER,
Outfielder
University of New Mexico

In Monger's case, he figured if you can't beat them why not join them as he has signed to play for the University of New Mexico and coach Ray Birmingham guided New Mexico Junior College to

GRADY

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quickly."

Another intangible that could be cause for concern for the Wildcats is that a potential rematch with district rival Rankin could be on the horizon if both Grady and Rankin survive their regional contests. Rankin must defeat Ropes in order to advance.

Helms said he thinks his kids will be focused on the task at hand, though.

"We haven't played Ira in a couple years, but they are a fairly big rival

for us," Helms said. "We're not that far apart and the kids know each other from track meets and other sports. I think we'll be pretty geared up to play them."

An intangible that could potentially effect both teams in the weather. A rain and snow mixture is in the forecast for Friday night with temperatures expected to drop around freezing level.

"I expect the weather to hurt Ira more than it'll hurt us," Helms said. "They run the ball all the time. That's what they prefer to do. They don't have much of a passing threat and running becomes hard in condi-

tions like we might be facing. We can do a variety of things on offense and I think that gives us an advantage."

Regardless of the weather, Helms feels Grady's defense matches up well with Ira's offense.

"I think we're more suited to defend Ira better than we were Garden City or Rankin," Helms explained. "Garden City as a more powerful run team than Ira. Ira plays more to our strengths. Garden City and Rankin

could hurt us with the pass as well. Ira doesn't really pass the ball. I

think we're in a good position to advance another round in the playoffs."

BRIEFS

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Garden City boys and girls basketball hosting Garden City Tournament.

Forsan boys and girls basketball at Garden City Tournament.

Grady boys and girls basketball at Garden City Tournament.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

How Would You Play This One?

West dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 10 8 4 2
♥ K J 9
♦ 7 6
♣ A K 7

WEST

♠ 5
♥ 7 6 2
♦ A K Q J 8
♣ Q 8 6 3

EAST

♠ K 3
♥ Q 8 4
♦ 9 5 2
♣ J 10 5 4 2

SOUTH

♠ Q J 9 7 6
♥ A 10 5 3
♦ 10 4 3
♣ 9

The bidding:

West 1♦ North Dble East Pass South 2♣

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

When there are no clues to indicate otherwise, the chance of winning a finesse against a particular card is 50 percent. Additionally, the chance of winning one of two finesses is 75 percent.

For this reason, a declarer who needs to win just one of two finesses to land his contract has good reason to feel confident. Nevertheless, he still should try to improve on the odds if he can find a way to do so.

Today's South faced just such a situation. After West had taken two diamonds and shifted to a club, the chance of making 10 tricks seemed

to depend on a successful finesse in either spades or hearts. But declarer found an alternative that made it unnecessary to try either finesse.

After winning the club return, South ruffed a club and led the queen of spades. Had declarer elected to finesse, he would ultimately have had to guess which defender had the heart queen, and he might easily have gone wrong in view of West's opening bid.

But South decided against the spade finesse for two reasons. First, there was the slight chance that playing the ace might catch the singleton king, since the opponents held only three cards in the suit.

More important, though, was the fact that if East followed suit to the spade, whether with the king or the three, the contract would become a dead certainty. So South went up with the ace, cashed the king of clubs, discarding a diamond, and exited with a spade.

He didn't care which defender won this trick. Whoever did would have to yield a ruff-and-discard or lead a heart, eliminating all guesswork for the queen.

Once West followed to the first spade, playing the ace could fail only if West had started with all three trumps. Even then, declarer still had the two-way heart finesse in reserve, giving him a second chance to make the contract.

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OUR VIEWS

Our warmest Thanksgiving wishes to all

As we look to the sky today in its beautiful West Texas splendor ... as we watch the leaves turn color and gently float to the ground in advance of winter ... as we gather 'round the dinner table to share food with friends and family, let us give pause.

Thanksgiving is truly a time to give thanks ... for our good fortune, our friends, our family and so many other things in life we enjoy.

But this day is more than turkey and dressing and cranberry sauce, and it is more than the football games television networks pitch at is as "part of the Thanksgiving tradition." And it is certainly more than a day off.

What is the Thanksgiving tradition?

In reality, its tradition lies within each of us, doesn't it?

Let's not forget as we give thanks for the various blessings we have received in life, that there are those in our community less fortunate.

To that end, let us give thanks for the opportunity to help others in the same manner we would want to be helped, were the shoe on the other foot.

From our extended family at the *Herald*, we wish that today we could all understand the true meaning of Thanksgiving and experience the warmth and joy of sharing our wealth with others.

Happy Thanksgiving.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I have three grandsons playing football. The oldest one is in Division I and they are played in the championship game on Saturday.

The youngest two (twins) were playing flag football. They also played on Saturday. Their team did not win a game all season, but you would not know it if you talked to them.

They were every bit as excited as the oldest grandson. They were playing in the Super Bowl! They were walking on air.

This has been a fun experience for them. I understand that all the flag teams got to play on Saturday. These kids are kindergarten through second grade. They are just little boys.

There are some mean-spirited people who are

bad mouthing these little boys because they didn't win a game. Shame on you. They are little boys learning to play the game. I hope and pray that they do not overhear some of these awful people bad mouthing them.

I appreciate the board for letting these little ones have this awesome experience. It has been said that they should not get to play because they did not win. And it has been said they are only getting to play in the Super Bowl because parents complained. This is not true. I want to thank all the coaches and board members that gave their time to these kids. I know it is not always easy and there is always someone that is mad at you.

God bless all of you.

SHERYL SCHNEIDER
COAHOMA

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we funnel our energy towards knowing You, Lord.
Amen

Having a lot to be thankful for

When you struggle to come up with a better Thanksgiving message than "I'm thankful the actions of our incompetent Congress and trigger-happy President didn't result in anything big blowing up," it might be a sign that things have not gone that well this year. The major positive of 2007 seems to be that our nation's situation hasn't gotten much worse and no major new enemy wants to kill us all.

Unfortunately, all of the same old enemies still hate us and we seem woefully incapable of doing much to stop them. Osama bin Laden could be hiding out in the German pavilion at Epcot Center wearing a "my name is Osama" badge and not only would we not find him, we'd spend billions of dollars looking for him someplace else.

It appears that whoever our Commander in Chief has looking for the terrorist leader would be tricked if bin Laden hid behind his hands during a game of peekaboo. Looking for bin Laden has, of course, not been a priority because it was much more important to execute Saddam Hussein, who had absolutely nothing to do

with the 9/11 attacks.

Executing Hussein, seemingly the only person able to keep Iraq from a state of endless civil war, has destabilized the Middle East and given Iran the green light to develop nuclear weapons. So, now instead of one easy-to-control dictator armed with those "Scud" missiles which tend to fly a few feet before crashing into the ground, we have multiple madmen with weapons that could actually cause mass destruction.

In addition to our crazy friends in Iran, we also have a madman running North Korea, and a government in Pakistan led by one of these men who wear a military uniform at all times. Like a CEO who wears a Halloween costume to work everyday, someone dressed like Captain Crunch while conducting affairs of state does not exactly inspire confidence.

On the domestic front we have \$100 barrels of oil, \$3.50 gallons of gas and a mortgage industry less stable than a Pamela Anderson marriage. The values of our houses have dropped, our retirement savings make it unlikely we'll ever enjoy a senior discount and not working at the same time and the planet may or may not soon burst into flames.

Personally 2007, though not without some fine moments provided by my wife and son, was not a banner year. It is in this area,

however, where I think everyone must find their own reasons to be thankful, grateful and hopeful.

You and I cannot control the swirling chaos caused by our government or hope to insulate ourselves from the legion of madmen, financial pitfalls and other boogymen who might do us harm. We can, however, hold on to those closest to us and do what we can to make their lives a little bit better.

So, I'm thankful for my wife, my son and our many dear friends. I'm thankful that my brother got engaged to someone amazing and that one of my closest friends had a wonderful, healthy daughter. And, while I'm sorry that she had to learn this, I'm thankful and proud that my mother learned how to take quite a few punches to the face and still come out for the next round.

I'm also thankful and grateful to have learned that there are at least a few people in my world, who despite their own personal tragedies, still found time to be where they were needed.

Most importantly, perhaps, I'm thankful that tomorrow is another day and probably a better one at that.

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What we really spend on security

Back in February 2006, the Bush administration requested, and Congress later approved, roughly \$463 billion in funding for the Defense Department. But when it comes to what American taxpayers really spend on national security, this is just the tip of the iceberg. All told, the United States spent nearly \$1 trillion on security in fiscal year 2007, which ended on Sept. 30.

In addition to the money allocated to the Pentagon each year as part of the Defense Department's "base budget," hundreds of billions of dollars are spent on other federal programs that are a direct result of the United States supporting and maintaining its military.

For example, the United States spent \$173 billion last year on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and other costs the Pentagon and other costs the Pentagon are related to the "Global War on Terror." According to the Congressional Research Service, \$166 billion went to the Pentagon, \$6 billion went to the State Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development and \$1 billion went to the Veterans' Administration. So far this year, the White House has requested \$196 billion for similar war-related expenses.

The government also spent \$43 billion on homeland security, not including \$17 billion funded through the Defense Department budget. The additional money went through a number of other federal agencies, including the

Department of Homeland Security (\$29 billion), the Department of Health and Human Services (\$4.3 billion) and the Justice Department (\$3.1 billion). Homeland security funding is one of the fastest growing areas of federal spending, quadrupling since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The White House further revealed that it spent \$43 billion on intelligence-related activities last year. This announcement, the result of legislation passed by Congress in 2006, was the first time in a decade the government had officially released this figure. Roughly, 80 percent is thought to be funded through the Pentagon's annual budget, leaving an estimated \$8 billion in additional intelligence spending.

Veterans' benefits accounted for \$73 billion in federal spending last year to provide for those who've served their country in the past. Of this, \$30 billion was for hospital and medical care and \$42 billion for disability pensions and the G.I. education program. According to a recent analysis by the Congressional Budget Office, the cost of caring for veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars could add \$13 billion or more annually to this total.

And the list goes on. According to the White House, the government paid \$433 billion in interest on the national debt, and a conservative estimate puts the cost of past military spending attributable to this debt at \$99 billion annually.

The government paid \$44 billion in pension benefits for retired military personnel. It also provided \$55 billion for pay and benefits for civilian employees of the Defense Department (DoD), and a further \$22 billion in pensions for

Pentagon retirees.

The State Department provided almost \$5 billion in military aid to foreign countries, and over \$1 billion for international peacekeeping operations. It provided a further \$420 million for such things as countering the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, combating terrorism, and clearing landmines. The military's space program accounted for roughly 20 percent of NASA's budget, or \$3 billion.

In all, the United States spent an estimated \$990 billion last year on defense and other security-related activities. And even this figure is incomplete. It doesn't include, for instance, pay and benefits for non-DoD federal employees working on security issues for the Department of Homeland Security, State Department, or Department of Justice or Treasury. Nor does it include interest payments on past debt from paying veterans' benefits or retirees' pensions. It doesn't include the majority of the State Department's operating budget, although we must assume that at least some of our government's diplomatic initiatives are directed at promoting U.S. security.

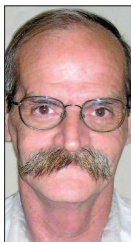
Last year the total federal budget was roughly \$2.8 trillion dollars. Former Sen. Everett Dirksen is often credited with saying, regarding government spending, that "a billion here and a billion there, and soon you're talking real money." Well, in a \$2.8 trillion annual budget, \$1 trillion in security spending is real money.

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Weekend Forecast

This week's games

						
Grady vs. Ira	Grady	Grady	Grady	Grady	Grady	Grady
Forsan vs. Valley Mills	Forsan	Forsan	Forsan	Valley Mills	Forsan	Forsan
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Fort Stockton vs. Andrews	Andrews	Andrews	Andrews	Andrews	Andrews	Fort Stockton
Monahans vs. Snyder	Snyder	Monahans	Snyder	Snyder	Snyder	Snyder
Sweetwater vs. Vernon	Vernon	Vernon	Vernon	Vernon	Sweetwater	Vernon
Texas at Texas A&M	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas
Oklahoma St. at Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
Missouri vs. Kansas	Missouri	Kansas	Kansas	Kansas	Kansas	Missouri
USC at Arizona St.	USC	USC	Arizona St.	USC	Arizona St.	Arizona St.
Boise St. at Hawaii	Boise St.	Hawaii	Hawaii	Hawaii	Boise St.	Boise St.
Virginia Tech at Virginia	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech
Florida St. at Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida
Clemson at South Carolina	Clemson	South Carolina	Clemson	South Carolina	Clemson	South Carolina
Alabama at Auburn	Alabama	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn
Jets at Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys
Packers at Lions	Packers	Packers	Packers	Packers	Packers	Lions
Texans at Browns	Texans	Texans	Texans	Browns	Texans	Texans
Redskins at Buccaneers	Redskins	Buccaneers	Redskins	Buccaneers	Buccaneers	Buccaneers
Last Week	11-9	15-5	16-4	15-5	13-7	14-6
Overall	152-88	165-75	170-70	164-66	148-92	159-81

HOWARD

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national power before leaving to take over the UNM program.

"I chose UNM because I already know Coach Birmingham and so I thought it was a good fit," Monger said. "They have nice facilities and good weather out there. I'm looking forward to going out there and winning a lot of baseball games."

Monger batted .438 as a freshman and was ranked eighth nationally stealing 38-of-43 bases. Similar to his fleet of foot teammate Ladendorf, Monger attributes much of his success and ability to play at the Division I level to Smith.

"Coach Smith is one of the best coaches when it comes to helping people get to the next level," Monger said. "He had a big part in it. Coach Birmingham and him talked about it a lot. I have no doubt that if it wasn't for Coach Smith I wouldn't be going anywhere."

MATT CURRY, First baseman Texas Christian University

Returning close to home was one factor Curry figured in prior to signing with the Horned Frogs of Texas Christian University.

"It's only forty minutes from my house," Curry stated. "They have a chance to go to the College World Series every year."

Possibly making a trip to Omaha in June was another reason Curry chose TCU in hopes of fulfilling a childhood dream.

"It's what I have wanted to do since I was a little kid" Curry said.

Curry said to have an opportunity to return close to home and play for a good Division I program can be directly attributed to the Howard coaches.

"Coming to Howard was good for me," Curry said. "Coach Smith is one of the best coaches I have ever played for and he's a great guy. He is cool on and off the field and has helped me a lot with my swing."

Curry's swing last season produced a school record 28 doubles while batting .435 with 10 home runs. He is slated to be the Hawks starting first baseman this spring.

PEDRO VILLARREAL, Right handed pitcher University of Texas-Pan American

The biggest upside for Villarreal in signing with UTPA is the opportunity to make an impact on the mound while earning an education.

"UTPA offered me a full scholarship and that's what I really wanted," Villarreal said. "I really like the campus there and it's a good program to go to."

During his freshman season, the right hander showed signs of improvement thanks in large part to the coaching staff and looks forward to continuing his progression towards becoming a Division I pitcher.

"Last year the coaches really worked with me mechanically and mentally getting me prepared," Villarreal stated. "This year, hopefully they will help me get even better so I can go to UTPA and make a difference."

Obviously with five Division I signees, Smith is looking forward to a promising spring.

"We were really young last year. We had 35 freshmen. Granted, we were hoping we would have some of the guys back and when we did, we knew we would have a good core group to work around this year," Smith said. "We are excited after we all spent a lot of hard work to get to this point. It's a benefit of all the hard work they have put in."

Smith said the step up to the next level, either collegiately or professionally, takes more than just skill.

"Obviously you are not going to get to the professional level without talent, or the DI level for that matter, so what we have done is take talented kids and taught them how to work. There is a big difference between just going out and practicing for the game next week or whatever it is," Smith stated. "We taught them how to work for the future and about preparing every single day as if they have the intention to play pro ball."

FORSAN

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control game plan."

The Buffs' defense will have its work cut out for them, according to Thompson, trying to contain Eagles' quarterback Dalton Piske who is the centerpiece of the Valley Mills offense and is a threat to run and throw.

"We have only seen the film they gave us, but

their offense goes as the play of their quarterback goes," said Thompson. "He is very talented and can hurt you with a big play if you lose focus. We will have to stick to our assignments and pressure him into doing things faster than he wants to."

Both teams will have to fight through weather conditions as well, as temperatures are expected to drop into the 20s by game time.

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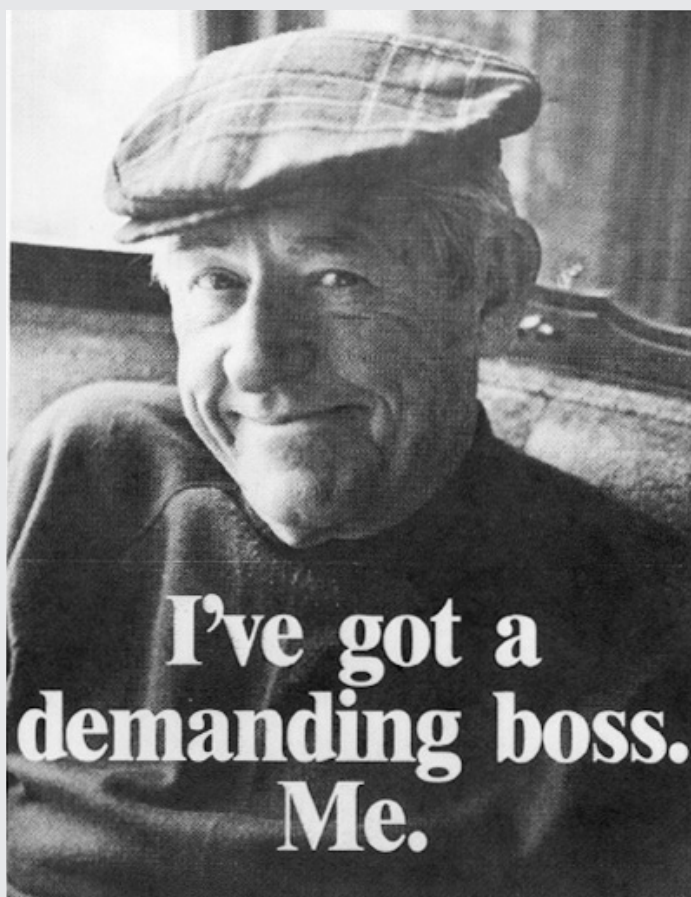
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
Happy Thanksgiving! The sun's entry into Sagittarius sets the holiday

season off on a high note. The goddess of luck, Fortuna, listens to our blessings and prayers with a twinkle. Fortuna is depicted as blind, symbolizing the capricious rise and fall of our own. Optimistically,



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Contract Documents will also be on file at the following plan rooms: Associated General Contractors: Midland, Lubbock and Abilene, Texas; McGraw-Hill Dodge Reports: Lubbock and Dallas, Texas; and Odessa Plan Room.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE: A pre-bid conference will be held on Thursday, November 15, 2007 at 2:00 P.M., Local Time, in the Board Room at the District's Office in Big Spring, Texas. All General Contractors and major subcontractors are encouraged to attend.

A bid security bond shall be provided as set forth in the Instructions to Bidders. Performance and Payment Bonds are required for this contract.

Attention is called to fact that not less than the prevailing wage rates, as established by the District and contained within the Contract Documents, must be paid on this project.

In case of ambiguity or lack of clarity in stating bid prices, the Colorado River Municipal Water District reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous construction thereof, to reject any or all bids, and to waive formalities. No bid may be withdrawn within sixty (60) days from the bid opening date.

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we celebrate. Whatever your lot today, eat, drink and make merry!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're driven to accomplishment, and you have the power to get there fast. So make sure you're matching that power with prudence. Otherwise, you're like a 16-year-old in a Lamborghini — disaster waiting to happen.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Once you taste the good life, anything that hits those well-honed senses of yours in a substandard way is simply not an option. Blame Venus, your guiding planet, and make no apologies for it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). For the next few days, avoid buying things in favor of making them. The universe will support any kind of innovative thought. It is through creativity, not ownership, that your true talents are revealed.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). While metaphorically traveling down the middle of the road, you may realize that you're just as much a hazard to the traffic on the right of you as you are to traffic on your left. Pick a side.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Evaluate the situation carefully to assess the risk. Risky situations won't scare you — quite the opposite is true — as long as you know exactly what the risk entails.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Listen to your own intuition above all, even if — especially if — it's telling you to do something that seems uncool. Whatever you're feeling, there's probably a very good reason.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What's being asked of you is new, challenging and perhaps daunting. The initial brain freeze you may experience will disappear just as soon as you get going. Scorpio inspires you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Love offers an array of tiny and rare gems, the kind you have to look carefully for and, once found, will want to hold on dearly to. Like most rare gems, they will appreciate over time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are as powerful as you are independent. Potential problems can be avoided by having your own mode of transportation and communication coupled with a strong sense of purpose.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's a difficult task before you. Don't delegate it away. It's the kind of work that will bring you a wealth of satisfaction in both the striving and the accomplishment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-

Feb. 18). You're flexible and low-maintenance. You're willing to accept the brief, vivid capture of single moments of time over the security of a commitment. This attitude makes you irresistibly attractive.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Shine your flashlight under a few rocks, and share what you observe. Once you start poking around, researching the seemingly mundane, it suddenly becomes remarkable, wonderful & miraculous!

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm in love with two men. I never believed that was possible. But things have changed for me over the years, and I find myself here. My birthday is March 29, 1958, and I was born in Upland, Calif. I am grateful to have love. However, I got a taste of a different relationship with a Libra, born September 29, 1970. I love my Aries, born March 24, 1968, but there's still no commitment. Please advise. I may ruin my relationship with both of them due to my inability to decide what I should do."

If battering ram has a beating heart, the threat of having his woman wooed by a wily Libra might goad him to perform a heroic act to save the one he loves from a rival sign. He does love you. Competition and drama rouse action for Aries men, but a bruised ego will prevent Aries from acting either way. Don't choose. Libra's available to you for house calls (no strings), but don't rival him against the ram. You love Aries. Aries needs to pick up his sword (and courage) to see the loyal lady at his side.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Born on the cusp of Scorpio-Sagittarius, Scarlett Johansson is an ebullient Sagittarian. Sagittarians have a propensity for squeezing 10 lifetimes worth of experiences into just one, and with her sun, Uranus and Mercury here, Scarlett takes an experimental approach, trying a little of this and that along the way. Others gladly oblige her Mercury-in-Sag whims.

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Retailers agreeing to remove lead-based children's jewelry

By MICHAEL GORMLEY
Associated Press Writer

ALBANY, N.Y. — Two major nationwide retailers have agreed to stop selling lead-laden children's jewelry in a settlement with New York authorities, Attorney General Andrew Cuomo said Wednesday.

Big Lots Inc., a discount retailer, and Michaels Stores Inc., a major crafts store, agreed to immediately discontinue sales of the jewelry at its stores across the country.

Other regional retailers including Pure Allure of Oceanside, Calif., and Buckwholesale.com, of Tucker, Ga., Dollar Days International of Scottsdale, Ariz. also settled investigations with Cuomo and are taking the lead jewelry off their shelves.

Several companies will pay fines, Cuomo said. The settlement comes as

a national, voluntary recall of lead-contaminated children's jewelry is expected to be announced by the federal Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Lead can be toxic and create learning disabilities in children. Cuomo said some of the 35 products contained as much as 1,000 times the federal safety standard.

"My office has undertaken an ongoing and extensive investigation into lead levels in children's jewelry, and taken swift, enforceable action to remove contaminated

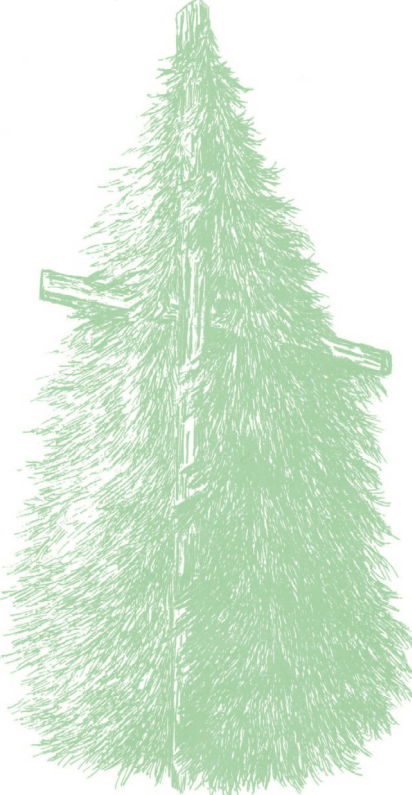
products from stores," Cuomo said.

Most of the jewelry was made in China, some was from Thailand and India, and some had no clear record of where the items were manufactured, said Cuomo spokesman John Milgrim.

Big Lots has 1,300 discount stores nationwide selling a variety of goods from toys and clothing to furniture.

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Kay Smith Guest Artist



Kay Smith, a signature member of Southwestern, Wyoming, and Texas Watercolor Societies, demonstrates water color technique for Howard College art students during her recent visit as "Guest Artist". Smith uses her fresh paint with a wet-into-wet application which guarantees the splashy look unique to watercolor. The public is welcome to view a sample of Smith's art while it is on display at Hall Center for the Arts through December 8th.

HOWARD RODEO FINISHES FALL CIRCUIT AND FIRST HALF OF SEASON

The Howard College Rodeo team concluded the first half of competition at the Texas Tech University Rodeo in Lubbock as both the men's and women's teams finished in eighth place. The Howard men are 10th in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association's Southwest Region standings with 735 points, while the women are sixth half way through the season with 540 points.

Texas Tech won the women's side to maintain a hold on the regional team race, 275 points ahead of Weatherford College. Individually for Howard at Texas Tech, Jamon Turner of Aurora, Colo. tied for fourth in the bull riding with a 79. Teammate Cody Samora of Cortez, Colo. was sixth with a 77.

In the region standings, Samora is third with 250 points, only 55 points out of second place. Another Colorado native, Lonny Graham of Ault, is ninth with 135 points, just five points ahead of Turner.

K.C. Curtis of Monroe, Utah is currently fourth in the regional team roping heeler standings with 180 points, only 65 points out of third place. At the end of the year the top three in each event in the region move on to the College National Finals Rodeo. Calvin Brevik from Durango, Colorado is fifth in the header standings also with 180 points, 110 points out of third place. Ryan Finch of Cottondale, Fla. is 14th with 80 points.

Cassidy Ogden of Gail finished eighth in the barrel racing at Texas Tech and is sixth in the Southwest Region standings with 190 points. Ogden needs to double her score to catapult herself into a tie for crucial third place ranking.

Ashley Davis from Reform, Ala. is 11th in the region among the barrel racers with 110 points.

Although not placing at Texas Tech in the goat tying, Kendra Watt of Calresholm AB, Canada is 11th in the Southwest Region standings with 110 points. Davis finishes the first half of the season 13th with 75 points.

The Howard College Rodeo team resumes competing in the spring at the Odessa College Rodeo on March 27, 2008.



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December Events



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Home Games for November
Nov 29 - Midland - 7:30 pm
Home Games for December
Dec 3 - Odessa - 7:30 pm
Dec 6 - Frank Phillips - 7:30 pm

Hawk Basketball - Women

Home Games for November
Nov 29 - Midland - 5:30 pm
Home Games for December
Dec 3 - Odessa - 5:30 pm
Dec 6 - Frank Phillips - 5:30 pm
Dec 7 - Jacksonville - 7:30 pm
Dec 8 - Cisco Junior College - 4:00 pm

Nov 29, 30 & Dec 02 - HC Theater Production

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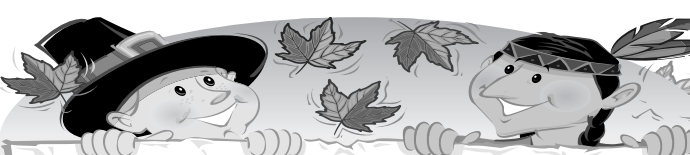
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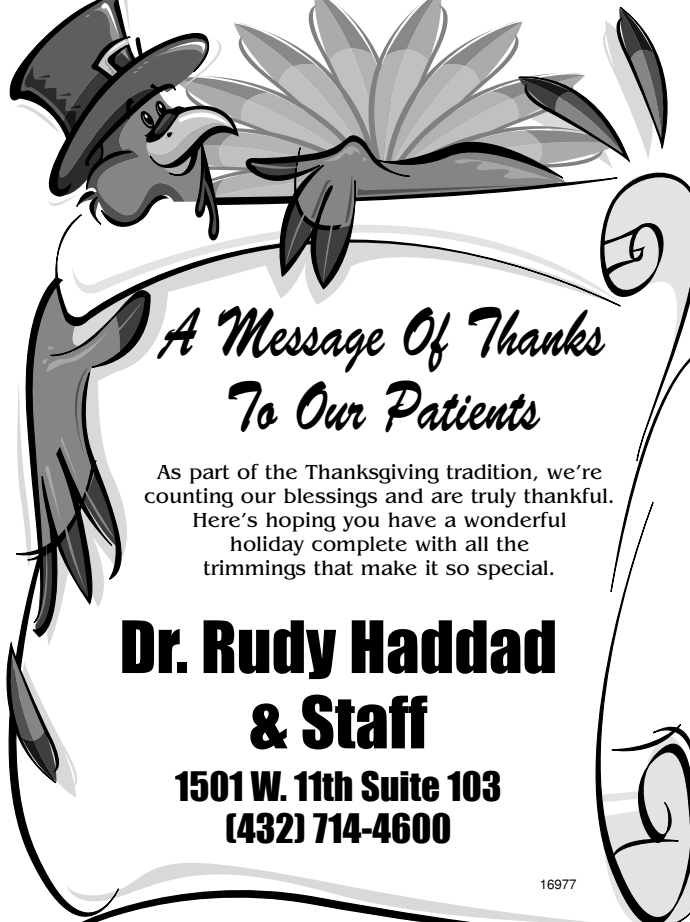
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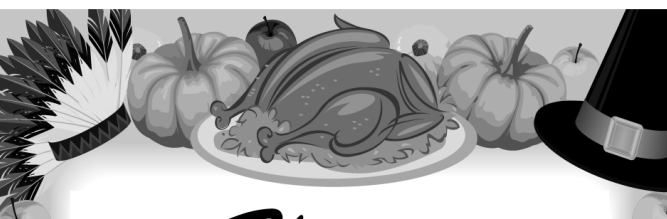


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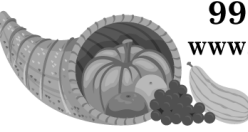
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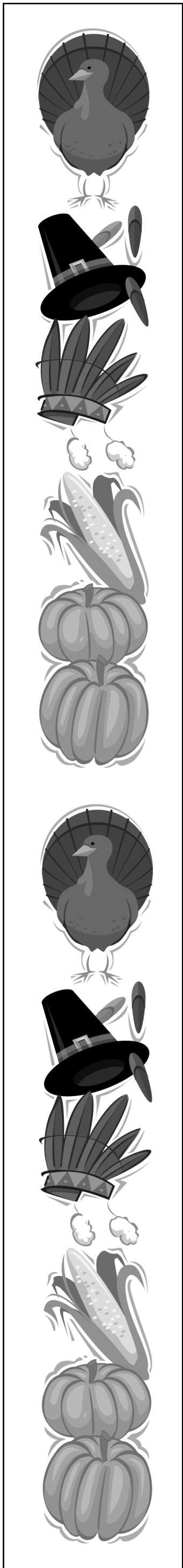
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