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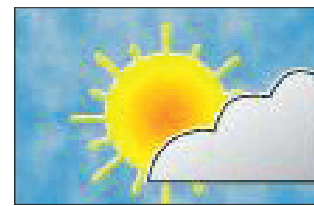
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Gingerbread characters were among the scenes that greeted the public during Howard College's Luminaria last year. The 2008 event will be held Tuesday on campus.

HC's Luminaria planned Tuesday

Herald Staff Report

Howard College will hold its annual Luminaria from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday on the west lawn of the Dora Roberts Student Union Building.

Everyone is invited to the event, Howard College's holiday gift to the community.

Santa will greet children

and there will be free hot chocolate and Frito pies.

Phi Theta Kappa will be conducting its annual food drive to benefit RSVP. Those who attend the Luminaria are invited to bring non-perishable food items to help with the effort. Collection boxes will be available.

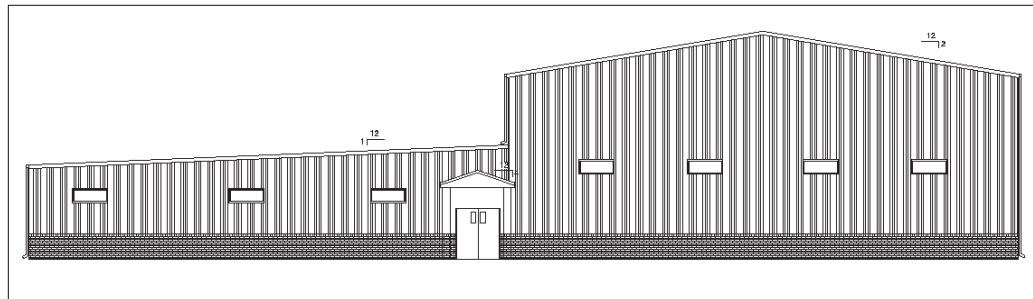
A band concert will follow immediately in the Hall Center for the Arts.

Boys & Girls Club building to go up at Salvation Army

By **VALERIE MONTEITH**

Special to the Herald

"The Salvation Army has listened to the concerns of the community and we are making strides to meet the rising needs of the youth in Big Spring. We are excited to unveil the drawings for the much anticipated new Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club building to be put up on our property over the coming months," said Captain Edgar Cheshire, Commanding Officer for the local Salvation Army.



The Salvation Army conducted a study recently, interviewing community leaders and individual residents to help determine which of its programs to grow in Big Spring. Based on facts and the

observations of study participants, the results showed youth at risk to be the most significant area of concern. Specifics pointed to a high

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Amy Tompkins, corps assistant with the local Salvation Army office, sorts through toys collected as part of the SA's Angel Tree program. The program aims to provide gifts for children in low-income families this Christmas season.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Obama announces Clinton, Gates for Cabinet

By **LIZ SIDOTI**

Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO — President-elect Barack Obama announced Monday that Robert Gates would remain as defense secretary, making President Bush's Pentagon chief his own as he seeks to wind down the U.S. role in Iraq. Obama picked former campaign rival Hillary Rodham Clinton as secretary of state.

At a news conference, Obama also introduced retired Marine Gen. James Jones as White House na-

tional security adviser, former Justice Department official Eric Holder as attorney general and Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano as secretary of homeland security.

The announcements rounded out the top tier of the team that will advise the incoming chief executive on foreign and national security issues in an era marked by wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and terrorism around the globe.

"The time has come for a new beginning, a new dawn of American

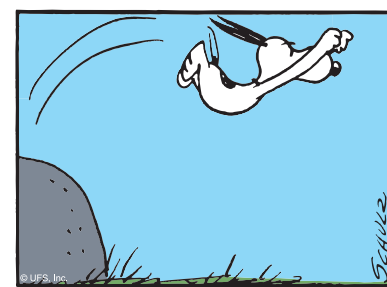
leadership to overcome the challenges of the 21st century," Obama said as his Cabinet picks stood behind him on a flag-draped stage.

"We will strengthen our capacity to defeat our enemies and support our friends. We will renew old alliances and forge new and enduring partnerships."

Obama said his appointees "share my pragmatism about the use of power, and my sense of purpose

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Dine Out Day Friday

Subway is this week's Dine Out Restaurant assisting the United Way for Big Spring and Howard County.

Proceeds from Friday's sales at Subway will benefit United Way. You can also send a tax deductible donation to United Way of Big Spring, P.O. Box 24, Big Spring 79721, or call 267-5201 for more information.



Stellar sight tonight



Graphic by Space.com

According to Space.com, star gazers who look to the southwest after sunset this evening will witness a close conjunction between three bright solar system objects: the Moon, Venus and Jupiter.

City park to be closed

Comanche Trail Park gates will be closed nightly starting this evening and will be closed through mid January.

All through traffic should be aware that even though the front gate will be open at times when events are held at Dora Roberts Community Center the rest of the park will be closed.

The park will be open in the evenings Dec. 15-31 for the annual Festival of Lights.

The Festival of Lights Committee will have a security company manning the park this year, said Festival founder Pat Simmons.

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Obituaries

Louise Griffin



Louise Griffin, 78, of Big Spring died Friday, Nov. 28, 2008, at Hospice House in Odessa. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Trinity Baptist Church with the Rev. Randy Cotton, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Oct. 21, 1930, in Bell County to Sarah and Charlie Reaves. She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1952, coming from Santa Fe, N.M. She worked a number of years at Coker's

Restaurant and later at Dell's. She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

She is survived by one son, SFC Wayne Root, retired U.S. Army, and his wife Laurie of Chandler; one daughter, Sherry Dills of Big Spring; two sisters, Maxine Byram and her husband Buster of Midland and Jo Ann Jordan of Big Spring; two brothers, Norris Reaves and his wife June and Joe Reaves, all of Killeen; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Griffin; one daughter, Lariece Logan; and one brother, Charles Reaves.

Memorials may be made to the Trinity Baptist Church building fund, 810 E. 11th Place, Big Spring, 79720.

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

Bonnie Brown

Bonnie Brown, 93, of Houston, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, Nov. 30, 2008, in Tomball. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

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

J.J. Bustamante

J.J. Bustamante, 30, of Big Spring died Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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 Ministries, 1209 Wright St.

• 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.

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 66 inmates at the time of this report.

• JARRON VANDERBILT, 25, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance and a Taylor County warrant for possession of marijuana.

• FRANCISCUS ALEXANDER MEDRANO, 37, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a Yoakum County motion of surety for criminal mischief.

• LARAY OBRIEN WOODARD, 18, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon in a prohibited place.

• HOWARD BRANDON JOHNSON, 24, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance and failure to register as a sex offender.

• LEO RUBIO MORALES, 46, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• FRANK SANCHEZ, 47, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

• ABUNDIO URBINA, 34, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated — open container.

• JABREYA VASHAE LOUDERMILL, 22, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• CHRISTOPHER JACKSON, 26, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.

• STEVEN SHABRON BOZEMAN, 23, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.

• RUBEN AGUIREE DOMINGUEZ, 40, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Police blotter

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

• DAVID WAYNE BLEDSOE, 27, of 5700 Cedar Road, was arrested Sunday on a charge of failure to report change of address/name.

• JO LAVONNE LEDEMA, 19, of 4201 W. Highway 80, was arrested Sunday on a charge of violation of school rules.

• MONICA MUNIZ, 20, of 1107 Lloyd, was arrested Sunday on charges of disorderly language — language and hindering officers discharging official duties.

• THEFT was reported:

in the 1300 block of Sycamore.

in the 800 block of FM 700.

in the 1400 block of Oriole.

in the 3800 block of Connally.

• FAILURE TO STOP AND RENDER AID was reported in the 400 block of FM 700.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:

in the 400 block of Third Street.

in the 1100 block of Third Street.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported:

in the 1100 block of Fifth Street.

in the 3700 block of Connally.

• ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1300 block of Madison.

• ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported:

in the 1900 block of Highway 87.

in the 1500 block of Sycamore.

in the 3300 block of Drexel.

• UNATTENDED DEATH was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Princeton. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 3600 block of Connally. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 400 block of Father Delaney. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.

• STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 200 block of N. Nolan. Fire was out on arrival.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

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• MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of W. Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• GAS LEAK was reported in the 700 block of N. Aylesford.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of S. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of N. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of S. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. One person was transported to the VAMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of E. 11th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Sunset Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of Jonesboro Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

Sheriff's report

• PAUL EUGENE HENSON, 36, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of accident involving injury, manslaughter, intoxicated manslaughter and murder.

• BRITTANY CHRISTIAN, 17, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of no driver's license (two counts), possession of drug paraphernalia, expired license plate and unrestrained child passenger under 5 years old or 36 inches.

• MARK ANTHONY GOMEZ, 39, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• CHRISTOPHER LEE MYRICK, 32, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of forgery of a financial instrument.

• JASON SCOTT EDWARDS, 20, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

• PIERRE JE'AN GORDON, 18, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of bondsman off bond for evading arrest or detention and possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.

• JUSTIN OSCAR SOLIS, 18, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

• BRIAN JOE SOLIS, 17, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of burglary of a habitation and criminal mischief.

• HASAAN MITCHELL, 28, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon and bondsman off bond for resisting arrest, search or transportation.

• TREVOR LEE SMITH, 17, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of burglary of a habitation and criminal mischief.

• ROBERT RAY COBLE, 20, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of bail jumping — failure to appear, violation of a promise to appear, no liability insurance and no valid inspection certificate.

• ENRIQUE SABEDRA JR., 38, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of bail

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TODAY

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 begins at 5 p.m. with weight-in 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.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffet.

• Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.

• The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.

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

• Big Spring Chapter No. 178 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

TUESDAY

• Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.

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

• Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.

• VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.

• Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

• The Howard County Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. at the Sheriff's Posse building on the Andrews Highway. For more information, call Bert Sheppard at 263-4483 or Rose Armstead at 263-2769.

• Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

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, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

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

• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

jumping — failure to appear, cruelty to animals, evading arrest or detention and failure to identify as a fugitive — giving false information.

• JO LAVONNE LEDESMA, 19, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of no driver's license, no insurance, expired inspection certificate and unrestrained child.

• JUSTIN RAMIREZ, 21, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• TONYA MICHELLE WOMBWELL, 34, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• TAMMIE HORN, 40, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated — second offense and charges of public intoxication, capias pro fine and violation of a promise to appear (capias pro fine).

• KASTINO TOMAS LEAL, 23, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of driving while license invalid and possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.

• DAMON MCWILLIAM GLADDEN, 30, was arrested Monday by DPS on charges of theft by check (Johnson County warrant) and theft by check (Tarrant County warrant).

• PABLO PEREZ GONZALES, 45, was arrested Monday by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

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News in brief

India clears last Mumbai siege site; death toll stands at 172

MUMBAI, India (AP) — Authorities finished removing bodies from the bullet- and grenade-scarred Taj Mahal hotel Monday, the final site of the Mumbai siege to be cleared, as schools and businesses reopened and commuters returned to work.

Security forces had been scouring the 565-room hotel for booby traps and bodies, and declared the landmark building cleared two days after they killed the last three militants holed up inside following a three-day rampage in India's financial center that left at least 172 dead.

"We were apprehensive about more bodies being found. But this is not likely — all rooms in the Taj have been opened and checked," said Maharashtra state government spokesman Bhushan Gagrani.

The army had already cleared other sites, including the five-star Oberoi hotel and the Mumbai headquarters of an ultra-Orthodox Jewish group. Israeli emergency workers sorted through the shattered glass and splintered furniture at the Jewish center Monday to gather the victims' body parts. At one point, one of the men opened a prayer book amid the rubble and stopped to pray.

On Monday morning, parents dropped their children off at school and many shopkeepers opened their doors for the first time since the attacks began.

They warned us: U.S. was told to 'expect foreclosures, expect horror stories'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration backed off proposed crackdowns on no-money-down, interest-only mortgages years before the economy collapsed, buckling to pressure from some of the same banks that have now failed. It ignored remarkably prescient warnings that foretold the financial meltdown, according to an Associated Press review of regulatory documents.

"Expect fallout, expect foreclosures, expect horror stories," California mortgage lender Paris Welch wrote to U.S. regulators in January 2006, about one year before the housing implosion cost her a job.

Bowing to aggressive lobbying — along with assurances from banks that the troubled mortgages were OK — regulators delayed action for nearly one year. By the time new rules were released late in 2006, the toughest of the proposed provisions were gone and the meltdown was under way.

"These mortgages have been considered more safe and sound for portfolio lenders than many fixed rate mortgages," David Schneider, home loan president of Washington Mutual, told federal regulators in early 2006. Two years later, WaMu became the largest bank failure in U.S. history.

The administration's blind eye to the impending crisis is emblematic of its governing philosophy, which

trusted market forces and discounted the value of government intervention in the economy. Its belief ironically has ushered in the most massive government intervention since the 1930s.

Protesters move to besieged airports as country's political crisis heightens

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Anti-government protesters reinforced their siege of Bangkok's two airports Monday as the politically paralyzed country struggled with more than 300,000 stranded travelers.

In a switch of tactics, the People's Alliance for Democracy told its members occupying the prime minister's office compound for the last three months to leave and join compatriots at the airports, which they seized last week in their push to oust the government.

The airport seizure since Tuesday severed all commercial flights in and out of the capital. Airlines, meanwhile, were flying dozens of empty planes out of Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi international airport.

Some 30 planes had been flown out starting Sunday and an additional 50 were to be moved later Monday, some to protest-free airports elsewhere in Thailand so that stranded tourists, businesspeople and others can fly out of the country, said Serirat Prasutanont, acting director of the Airports Authority of Thailand.

17 years after Gulf War, some sick vets feel vindicated but worry about long-term health

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ground combat in the 1991 Persian Gulf War lasted just 100 hours, but it's meant 17 years of pain and anguish for hundreds of thousands of veterans.

Those who came home and complained of symptoms such as memory loss and joint pain are only sicker. Even as their lives unraveled as their health further deteriorated, many were told their problems were just in their head.

But, recently, many of the sufferers were given a new reason to hope. Earlier this month, a high-profile advisory panel to Veterans Affairs Secretary James Peake affirmed previous research that a collection of symptoms commonly known as Gulf War illnesses are real and require treatment. The country has a "national obligation" to help them, the panel concluded.

The report, however, also noted a sad reality: Of the \$340 million in government funds spent to research the topic, little has focused on finding treatments. And, researchers said, the estimated 175,000-210,000 Gulf veterans who are sick aren't getting any better.

Many of those veterans are left wondering what's next for them. The panel, created by Congress, said at least \$60 million should be spent annually for research, but some veterans question if in these economically strapped times the money will be made available.

Students lie, cheat, steal, but say they're good

By DAVID CRARY

AP National Writer

NEW YORK — In the past year, 30 percent of U.S. high school students have stolen from a store and 64 percent have cheated on a test, according to a new, large-scale survey suggesting that Americans are too apathetic about ethical standards.

Educators reacting to the findings questioned any suggestion that today's young people are less honest than previous generations, but several agreed that intensified pressures are prompting many students to cut corners.

"The competition is greater, the pressures on kids have increased dramatically," said Mel Riddle of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. "They have opportunities their predecessors didn't have (to cheat). The temptation is greater."

The Josephson Institute, a Los Angeles-based ethics institute, surveyed 29,760 students at 100 randomly selected high schools nationwide, both public and private. All students in the selected schools were given the survey in class; their anonymity was assured.

Michael Josephson, the institute's founder and president, said he was most dismayed by the findings about theft. The survey found that 35 percent of boys and 26 percent of girls — 30 percent overall — acknowledged stealing from a store within the past year. One-fifth said they stole something from a friend; 23 percent said they stole something from a parent or other relative.

"What is the social cost of

that — not to mention the implication for the next generation of mortgage brokers?" Josephson remarked in an interview. "In a society drenched with cynicism, young people can look at it and say 'Why shouldn't we? Everyone else does it.'"

Other findings from the survey:

—Cheating in school is rampant and getting worse. Sixty-four percent of students cheated on a test in the past year and 38 percent did so two or more times, up from 60 percent and 35 percent in a 2006 survey.

—Thirty-six percent said they used the Internet to plagiarize an assignment, up from 33 percent in 2004.

—Forty-two percent said they sometimes lie to save money — 49 percent of the boys and 36 percent of the girls.

Despite such responses, 93 percent of the students said they were satisfied with their personal ethics and character, and 77 percent affirmed that "when it comes to doing what is right, I am better than most people I know."

Nijmie Dzurinko, executive director of the Philadelphia Student Union, said the findings were not at all reflective of the inner-city students she works with as an advocate for better curriculum and school funding.

"A lot of people like to blame society's problems on young people, without recognizing that young people aren't making the decisions about what's happening in society," said Dzurinko, 32. "They're very easy to scapegoat."

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rate of teen pregnancy and a high percentage of children dropping out of school.

With the continued support of the community, The Salvation Army plans to have a groundbreaking ceremony during January of 2009.

"This new building will allow The Salvation Army to move its thriving after-school and other youth-focused programs out of the current facility, which has inadequate space to accommodate the necessary programs, and into a building created specifically to meet the community goals for positively affecting the youth of Big Spring," said

Cheshire. Along with the generosity of Big Spring donors, the hard work of Salvation Army Officers Edgar and Terrie Cheshire and their local advisory board members, The Salvation Army is making every effort to work with the city's Boys Club to see how programs specific to each organization can integrate to better meet the needs

of the youth across Big Spring.

"We are confident that through the support of the community and the dedicated preparation and hard work going into this project, we will see a widespread, positive impact on the youth of our community for generations to come," said Cheshire.

Upon successful completion of The

Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club building, plans will be drawn for a new Salvation Army shelter facility in response to the community's cry for assistance geared towards the prevalent and rising homeless population.

"Once the Boys and Girls club is completed, plans for a new shelter will be set in motion," said Cheshire. "My wife and I

feel blessed to be a part of these new steps. We are thankful for the support of the community and ask for their patience and prayers as we embark on this exciting path of growth together."

Monteith is the senior director of public and media relations for the regional branch of the Salvation Army.

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about America's role as a leader in the world."

Gates' presence in Chicago made him a visible symbol of the transition in power from the Bush administration to one headed by Obama.

The president-elect, reprising a campaign vow, said he would give the military a new mission as soon as he takes office: "responsibly ending the war in Iraq through a successful transition to Iraqi control." He did not mention his oft-repeated pledge to withdraw most U.S. combat troops within 16 months.

He also appointed campaign foreign policy aide Susan Rice as his ambassador to the United Nations.

Obama said he would make her a member of the Cabinet, an increase in stature from the Bush era.

Obama's announcements marked a shift in emphasis, after a spate of appointments last week for his economic team.

He now has selected half the members of his Cabinet, and is doing so at an unusually quick pace during his transition as he seeks to fulfill his goal of being able to "hit the ground running" when he takes the oath of office on Jan. 20.

Obama introduced Clinton first, saying of his former presidential rival, "She possesses an extraordinary intelligence and

toughness, and a remarkable work ethic. ... She is an American of tremendous stature who will have my complete confidence, who knows many of the world's leaders, who will command respect in every capital, and who will clearly have the ability to advance our interests around the world."

Clinton will give up her seat as a senator from New York to join the Obama Cabinet. Her appointment was preceded by lengthy negotiations involving her husband, the former president, whose international business connections posed potential conflicts of interests.

The former president

also agreed to disclose the donors to the foundation that built his library, as well as contributors to his international foundation.

She said to Obama, in a brief turn at the lectern, "I am proud to join you ... and may God bless you and our great country."

Sen. Clinton had scarcely finished speaking when her husband issued a written statement. "She is the right person for the job of helping to restore America's image abroad, end the war in Iraq, advance peace and increase our security, by building a future for our children with more partners and fewer adversaries, one of shared responsibilities and oppor-

tunities," he said.

Gates said he was "mindful that we are engaged in two wars and face other serious challenges at home and around the world."

"I must do my duty as they do theirs," he said of the men and women in uniform in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere. "How could I do otherwise?"

He said he was "honored to serve President-elect Obama."

Gates' appointment fulfilled a campaign promise by Obama, the naming of a Republican to his Cabinet.

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OUR VIEWS

See you at the parade

For a little more than two decades now, the Christmas season in Big Spring has gotten off to its official start with the Big Spring Herald's Community Christmas Parade. And another Yuletide will get under way Saturday as the parade's 23rd edition begins at 5:30 p.m.

We at the Herald take great pride in sponsoring and organizing this annual show of holiday pageantry, and according to parade officials, this year's event will be one of the best ever.

This year's procession will have 40 registered entries following the theme "The Star of Bethlehem." We know that several late entries are also planning to take part, but how many of them there will be remains to be seen.

The parade, which first wound its way down Gregg Street in 1986, will again be a lighted parade. Entries will be judged in the same categories as they were last year. First-place plaques will be awarded to winners in four categories — Individual or family entries; those from churches, civic groups or schools; commercial entries; and those from industries.

Entrants are eligible for three cash prizes — \$100 for the Best of Show Award (for best interpretation of theme); \$75 Mayor's Award (for best use of lighting); and \$50 Grand Marshal's Award (for best costuming). Second- and third-place finishers will receive certificates.

Grand Marshals will be Bill and Joyce Crooker.

Officials promise community residents a colorful start to the holiday season.

"We are very excited to once again be hosting the Community Christmas Parade," said Herald Publisher Ron Midkiff. "This is our Christmas gift to Howard County and we're hoping for another successful event."

Herald Advertising Director Rick Nunez said persons wishing to participate need to show up in the vicinity of Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th, by 4:30 p.m. the day of the parade.

The parade route will be as follows: The procession will start at the corner of East 24th and Gregg streets, moving northward on Gregg Street, take a right on Sixth Street, go all the way up to Main, take a left on Main Street and disperse around the courthouse area.

Weather forecasts are calling for highs in the mid-60s Saturday, with temperatures dipping down to the mid-30s in the evening, so parade-goers are encouraged to dress warmly, bring a thermos of coffee or hot chocolate and head downtown in plenty of time to get a good vantage point. You won't want to miss this parade.

We'll see you there.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

World AIDS Day 2008: Life and hope

For more than 25 years, the world community has witnessed the devastating effect of HIV/AIDS. On World AIDS Day (Dec. 1), I am reminded of a hospice that I visited in South Africa that formerly observed this day by mourning those lost to HIV/AIDS.

How things have changed. Following the introduction of antiretroviral treatment supported by the American people, patients once dying of HIV/AIDS are now living — and marking World AIDS Day with a celebration. In this spirit, on this World AIDS Day 2008, we celebrate life.

In 2003, President George W. Bush and a bipartisan Congress led the fight against global HIV/AIDS with the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) — the largest commitment by any nation to combat a single disease internationally in history. And earlier this year, the president and Congress again came together to renew PEPFAR, ensuring its continuation for five more years.

PEPFAR is part of a broad and bold New Era in Development. Not since the Marshall Plan has the world seen such a massive commitment to international development. Since 2001, the U.S. government has doubled its assistance to Latin America, quadrupled it to Africa, and tripled it worldwide.

While U.S. programs have created hope for a brighter future in places

like the hospice in South Africa, the challenges our world faces continue to grow in complexity. It is helpful to reflect on two drivers of the Marshall Plan that remain relevant today: moral responsibility and enlightened self-interest.

Our sense of national character is tied up in our commitment to development, as are the principles upon which this country was founded: hope for life, liberty, and opportunity for all people. When we work toward collective health and prosperity beyond our borders, we reinvigorate our national character.

Even in times of hardship, the American people recognize their unique place in today's world. As Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice recently noted, "renegeing on our commitments to the world's poor cannot be an austerity measure."

Enlightened self-interest, too, drives our development work. The onset of the global financial crisis has underscored the interconnected nature of our global community — that our economic security is tightly bound to the political and economic security of the world, and that a prosperous and secure world provides opportunity for Americans.

During this period of economic volatility, to turn our attention inward and ignore the wider world is a luxury we simply cannot afford.

The financial crisis is a challenge, but also an opportunity for the U.S. government to increase the efficiency of our development efforts. By further integrating related programs, we can reduce overlap and make our dollars stretch farther. PEPFAR, for example, has created

synergies by linking our programs to others that meet the needs of people infected or affected by HIV/AIDS in such areas as malaria, nutrition, education and gender.

International development also strengthens our relationships with other nations and affects how we are viewed throughout the world. Our commitment to development drives positive perceptions of America; according to a recent Pew study, nine of the 10 countries with the highest approval ratings of the United States are in Africa.

A key element of our success is a philosophical revolution: a belief and trust in the people on the ground to do the work. Partnership means honest relationships between equals based in mutual respect, understanding and trust, with obligations and responsibilities for each partner and this approach reinforces positive perceptions of America.

Another aspect of development is shared accountability for results, good governance and transparency, ensuring that our taxpayer funds are used for development programs that save lives as effectively as possible.

We have an extraordinary opportunity if we focus on moral responsibility and enlightened self-interest, and on the principles of the New Era of Development. On this World AIDS Day, let's rededicate ourselves to bringing hope to those who need it most — and join our friends at that hospice in Africa by celebrating life.

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LBJ's daughters remember

On Election Night, jubilant Democrats celebrated Barack Obama's victory at the Driskill Hotel in Austin, Texas, including a woman who attended a similar party there 44 years earlier — for her father.

Obama's victory, Luci Johnson Turpin said, fulfilled one of Lyndon Johnson's greatest dreams. "Daddy and the members of Congress and the great civil rights leaders worked desperately hard to open the doors of opportunity for social justice," the former president's younger daughter said. "It was Barack Obama who walked through those doors."

Older sister Lynda Johnson Robb called the outcome "very exciting," especially since the other Democratic finalist was Hillary Clinton. "To have the last two Democratic candidates be a woman and an African-American — I think Daddy would have been very pleased," she said. "And it was wonderful it happened in the year of his 100th birthday."

Since Obama's election, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and other civil rights leaders have received deserved credit for helping break the presidential color barrier.

But no one is more deserving than Lyndon Johnson, the Hill Country native who became the 36th president and presided over a civil rights revolution, yet no one seems to get less credit.

At the Democratic National Convention in Denver, a video marking

Johnson's 100th birthday had such an obscure slot it wasn't mentioned on the daily press schedule.

Obama cast himself in his acceptance speech as an heir to Franklin Roosevelt and John Kennedy, praising Bill Clinton's presidency but never mentioning LBJ.

"Lyndon Johnson has been kind of the invisible president, and that saddens me," Luci said.

She blamed the continuing cloud of the Vietnam War, an event "which broke a nation's heart but none more than Lyndon Johnson's."

"He saw the impact it had on his dreams of achievements in terms of domestic progress," Luci added, citing such landmark measures as Medicare, Medicaid, anti-pollution measures and federal education aid.

"Maybe it's because so many things like Medicare and Head Start have been so successful that we forget where they came from," Lynda said.

Expansion of civil rights remains one of their father's most enduring achievements.

He championed the civil rights revolution his predecessor only reluctantly embraced. And LBJ shepherded and signed three major rights measures that reshaped the society of his day and the electorate of the future.

Guarantees of nondiscrimination in public facilities, education and employment made the 1964 measure the most far-reaching rights measure of modern times. The 1965 Voting Rights Act expanded the electorate and made possible Obama's election.

Ironically, LBJ correctly predicted short-term damage to his Democratic Party.

"I think we delivered the South to the Republican Party for your lifetime and mine," he told aide Bill Moyers after signing the 1964 bill.

Even before that, Republicans were using opposition to civil rights to woo the South from its century-long Democratic home.

A generation later, white Southerners remain one of the electorate's most Republican elements. This year, the biggest GOP majorities among white voters were in six Southern states, including Texas.

But an ever-expanding black turnout enabled Democratic percentages to rise in eight of 11 one-time Confederate states. Obama carried three — Virginia, North Carolina and Florida — and surpassed 45 percent in two others, Georgia and South Carolina.

On the night her father signed the 1964 act, coincidentally her 17th birthday, Luci Turpin recalls him telling her, "As a result of the courageous act of this Congress, many men and women who have stood up for this bill and helped it to become law will not be returning here just because of their courageous act."

"And many men and women will be coming to Congress who otherwise would not be able to get here because of the courage of this Congress."

Now, one of them will occupy the office Lyndon Johnson once held, and he is a major reason.

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It's your surgeon's turn to say 'open wide'

By Maura Lerner

Star Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS — Dr. Christopher Gostout remembers the first time he heard anyone suggest such a thing.

He was in a roomful of doctors at a seaside resort, brainstorming about the future.

Perform surgery without piercing the skin?

Take out someone's appendix through the mouth?

"We all fell off our seats, laughing," he recalled.

But today Gostout is one of a handful of doctors about to start testing a new way of operating that could make the surgical scar a thing of the past.

It's called natural orifice surgery. And yes, it means using the body's natural openings — wherever they may be — as a way to reach internal organs that need a doctor's care.

Early next year, Gostout, a gastroenterologist at the Mayo Clinic, plans to begin removing gallbladders with a specially designed device that goes in — and comes out — through the mouth or the vagina.

At the University of Minnesota, surgeons are getting ready to perform weight-loss surgery with another experimental device that slides down the mouth to the stomach.

Only a few medical centers in the country have performed this type of surgery. But in theory, supporters say, it could lead to new ways to remove tumors, biopsy cancers and repair internal injuries. All the while leaving patients with less pain, shorter recovery times and no visible scars.

"It is truly relatively painless," Gostout said. "You literally can get up off the surgery table and maybe take a Tylenol."

At the same time, even supporters worry that doctors may be too eager to rush in with a lot of pricey new technology before they know whether it's really much better than what they use now.

To be sure, the whole idea of removing body parts through other body parts is a bit unsettling.

Earlier this year, when a California doctor removed a woman's gallbladder through her genitals, it made the syndi-

cated column "News of the Weird." A female surgeon, in an interview with The New York Times, called the surgery "repulsive." Newsweek warned readers to "prepare to cringe" in a story headlined: "Open Wide. No, Wider."

But Dr. Sayeed Ikramuddin, a surgeon at the University of Minnesota, says it's a natural next step in the evolution of surgery. Once, 20 years ago, the only way to remove a gallbladder was with a large incision. Then along came "key-hole" or laparoscopic surgery that required only a few tiny slits in the skin. So why not imagine a device that could operate through one small slit? Or none? "It's where we're trying to go," he said, "which is really hands off."

For years, Ikramuddin has performed weight-loss surgery the minimally invasive way, through five or six small incisions in the abdomen. But now he's taking part in a national study to test a device that goes in through the mouth.

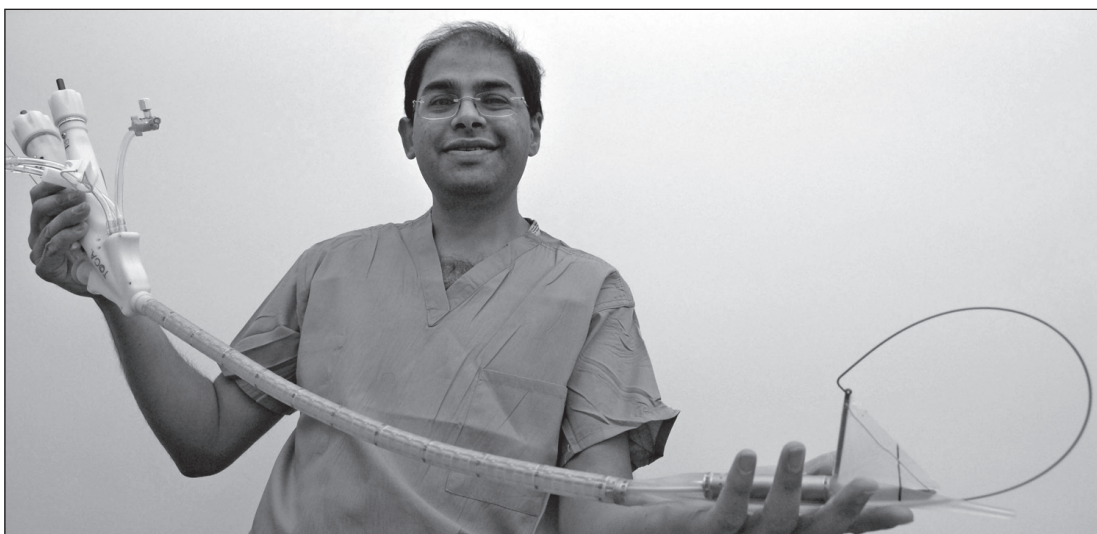
The device, made by a California company called Satiety Inc., is a high-tech stapler that's thin enough to slide down the esophagus into the stomach. Once inside, it performs a ballet of maneuvers to tie off parts of the stomach so patients will feel full after a small meal. It's essentially stomach-stapling — from the inside.

Ikramuddin expects to perform the operation on his first patient in the next couple weeks, and on 20 to 30 more volunteers in the next year.

If it works as planned, there could be several advantages, he and his colleagues say. By avoiding any cuts in the skin, they'll reduce the risk of post-operative infections, hernias and other complications that could prolong a patient's stay in the hospital. Patients should recover faster with less discomfort. Plus, for those worried about the stigma of obesity surgery: no telltale stitches.

The field, though, remains in its infancy. Only a few hundred people worldwide have had incision-free surgery, said Gostout, of the Mayo Clinic. So far, the most popular procedure is removing the gallbladder — a 3- to 4-inch, pear-shaped organ tucked beneath the liver.

Gostout is one of a number of scientists, nicknamed the "Apollo Group,"



Minneapolis Star-Tribune photo/Richard Sennott

who pioneered the surgery and inspired a new company, called Apollo Endosurgery Inc., to develop the tools to do it. The Mayo Clinic is one of its investors.

One of those tools is designed to go through the mouth and poke a hole in the stomach wall. A small camera helps the doctor search the abdominal cavity by remote control, capture the gallbladder and place it in a bag so it can be safely removed.

At Mayo, "we're gearing up to actually start in January," Gostout said. "I've got patients calling me very regularly saying 'I need to get my gallbladder out. I want to be on the list.'"

For women, there's another option.

Carey Vitosh, a 39-year-old nurse from suburban Chicago, had her gallbladder removed genitally.

In July, she traveled to the University of California at San Diego, one of the few places currently offering the procedure. "My husband was skeptical," she admitted. But Vitosh, who needed surgery because of gallstones, had read about the new operation in a hospital magazine. "The ability to have surgery with less pain was very attractive."

The alternative — laparoscopic surgery — is also relatively quick and easy, with recovery time measured in days. But Vitosh dreaded the abdominal scars, and as a young mother, feared she'd be out of commission for a week or more. So she opted to fly to California.

"The day after surgery, I felt like a new person," she said. She left the hospital 23 hours after the procedure and stayed in town a few days for medical observation. "I actually felt well enough to do some sightseeing," she said. While there was some discomfort, she added, it was minor. "A week after surgery, I felt terrific and had to constantly remind myself that I was not supposed to do any heavy lifting."

Dr. C. Daniel Smith isn't sure this is a great leap forward for American medicine. Why, he asks, spend money on costly new technology to replace procedures "that are currently done extremely well?"

Smith, the head of surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Fla., notes that most gallbladder operations are now outpatient procedures, so any improvement would be marginal. "I don't think you can get out of the hospital any faster than the same day."

Nonetheless, Smith, who is president-elect of a national society of endoscopic surgeons, believes there's a future for natural orifice surgery. It could improve safety and simplicity for more risky procedures, such as taking lung biopsies or removing masses inside the chest, he said. It could have even broader uses in developing countries because doing away with incisions means, at least theoretically, that they wouldn't need operating rooms or sterile settings for surgery.

Nutrition Wise: Can South African red tea boost health?

Q: What is red tea and is it as healthful as green tea?

A: Red tea, also called South African red tea or rooibos

(roy-boss) tea, is a caffeine-free herbal tea. Unlike green, black and white teas, which all come from the camellia sinensis tea plant, red tea is made from the red bush plant.

Red tea and green tea are both rich in phytochemicals called polyphenols that are strong antioxidants. Researchers say these antioxidants can protect cells from damage that could lead to health problems including cancer and heart disease. Limited laboratory studies suggest that both types of tea may act in additional ways to stop or slow cancer development. While there are human studies that have



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reported on the effects of green tea, the results have been inconsistent; human studies of red tea are very limited. The bottom line: Although these teas may confer some health benefits, they are likely most beneficial as beverage alternatives to replace high-calorie, high-sugar beverages like soft drinks.

Q: Does diet have any impact on ED (erectile dysfunction)?

A: According to researchers, weight control, regular physical activity and tobacco avoidance all play a role in reducing risk of erectile dysfunction (ED). There are several theories on how excess weight may impact ED. Some studies note that ED may be related to inflammation and damage to blood vessels that can increase with excess body fat; other studies suggest it could be linked to a drop in testosterone levels that may result from obesity.

A study published in 2006 followed healthy men without ED for over a decade. According to the researchers, after 14 years, obese men were almost twice as likely to have developed ED. Men who smoked were about 50 percent more likely to develop ED. And men who were most physically active were 30 percent less likely to develop the problem compared to the least active men. There's less evidence on the impact of eating habits beyond how they support weight control.

Some experts speculate that a diet rich in vegetables, fruits and whole grains may help. Promising results have also been seen in one intervention that promoted healthier lifestyle choices in a group of obese men with ED. According to the researchers, after two years, the men who participated in the

intervention lost more weight and showed a greater drop in a marker of inflammation than men who did participate. Most notable: The incidence and severity of ED also decreased in the intervention group.

Q: Since overweight increases risk of several kinds of cancer, does risk go back down if overweight people lose weight?

A: More research is needed to help experts answer this very important question. For now, some limited data on breast cancer risk suggests that losing weight may have a positive impact. In both the Iowa Women's Health

Study and the Nurses' Health Study, overweight women who lost more than about 20 pounds (and kept it off) showed significantly lower risk of postmenopausal breast cancer than women whose weight remained stable. Because weight loss reduces levels of hormones and growth factors that have been linked with cancer risk, many researchers speculate that dropping pounds may lower risk of other cancers that are linked to excess body fat as well, including cancer of the colon, kidney, pancreas, esophagus and endometrium.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

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North-South vulnerable.
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♥ 10
♦ A K 10 7 4
♣ A 4

WEST
♠ 10 8
♥ K Q 6 5 4 2
♦ 6 5 2
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EAST
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The bidding:
West 2♥ North 3♥ East 5♣ South Dble
Pass Pass 5♦ 5♠
Pass 6♣

Opening lead — king of hearts.

There are two kinds of situations where expert players bid like crazy: when they have very good hands, and when they have very bad hands.

Consider this deal from the Austria-United States quarterfinal match at the 1984 World Olympiad. The Austrians won by seven International Match Points over the favored U.S. team, and this deal was largely responsible for their victory.

At one table, the bidding went as shown. After the U.S. West opened with a weak two-heart bid, the Aus-

trian North cuebid hearts to indicate a strong hand.

Given his partner's pre-emptive opening bid, East realized that North-South had a certain game and very possibly a slam. He therefore tried to throw a monkey wrench into the works by jumping to five clubs! After South doubled, East retreated to five hearts, but the Austrians then proceeded to reach their laydown slam anyway.

Although East knew that seven hearts would probably be a profitable sacrifice against six spades, he was afraid the opponents might be able to make seven spades. He therefore elected to pass, and Austria scored 1,430 points for making the slam.

At the other table, with an Austrian pair now East-West, the bidding went:

West 2♥ North Dble East 4NT South Dble
6♥ Pass Pass 7♥ Dble
Pass Pass 7♥ Dble

Here the Austrians also threw up a smoke screen, albeit in a different form. Despite that, the Americans reached their optimum spot, but East then decided to carry on to seven hearts. This was doubled and went down five — 900 points in those days — but the sacrifice proved well worthwhile, yielding a 530-point gain (11 IMPs) for Austria. Shortly thereafter, the Americans found themselves sitting on the sidelines.

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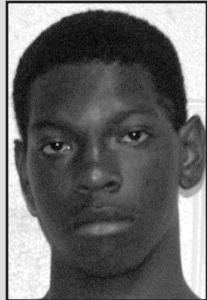
Thaddeus Straughter

Big Spring junior receiver

Straughter was on the receiving end of long touchdown passes of at least 59 yards in four of Big Spring's final five games.

Straughter pulled in a 77-yard strike from Matt Ritchey Friday in the Steers' 55-15 loss to No. 2 Everman.

Straughter caught the ball despite being double covered and made some nice moves to avoid the Everman defenders.



Straughter

Monte Anderson

Big Spring junior running back

Anderson struggled to find much running room against a superior Everman defense, but the Bulldogs couldn't keep the junior back corralled in all phases of the game.

Anderson returned a kickoff 87 yards for a touchdown, giving Big Spring its first points of the afternoon. It was the first kick return for a touchdown of the season for the Steers.

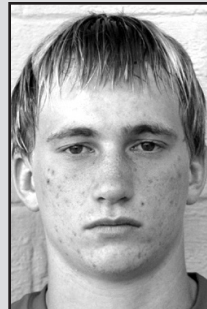
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Robbie Noland

Stanton senior running back

Noland rushed for at least 100 yards for the 10th time this season in Stanton's 63-20 loss to Canadian Friday.

Noland carried the ball 18 times for 100 yards. He was, however, kept out of the end zone as teammates Nathan Nix, Jorge Reyna and Tyler Fulton handled the scoring for Stanton.



Noland

Josh Colunga

Garden City running back

Colunga put together a great performance in Garden City's 63-56 heartbreaking loss to rival Fort Davis Friday.

Colunga rushed for 101 yards and three touchdowns on 21 carries and caught two more scores.

Jerrell Williams

Big Spring junior guard

Williams was thought to be out for at least a month with a broken hand, but returned to the hardwood earlier than expected last week.

He made his season debut Tuesday, scoring 18 points in a loss to Midland Greenwood.

Williams showed he might be a consistent scorer this season the next day, posting 20 in a loss to Seminole.



Williams

Worthy of the Heisman

Among a talented group of QBs, McCoy stands out

It's unfortunate, but the Bowl Championship Series rankings have spoken.

The Oklahoma Sooners, not the Texas Longhorns, will be playing in the Big 12 Championship vs. Missouri. With that opportunity comes the apparent first rights to play in the BCS Championship game against the winner of the Southeastern Conference's title game, featuring Florida and Alabama.

Now, I'm not as big of an opponent



JONATHAN HULL

against the bowl system as most, but do agree a four to eight team playoff is overdue.

That's an exhausted topic that can be debated another day, though.

I find it terribly sad that a bunch of computers decide who plays for a national championship. Fortunately, that's not the case in all things with college football.

A very important ballot is due in less than two weeks and there won't be any formulas calculated by computers deciding this one.

It's not an easy choice for the 924 men and women who will be electing this season's Heisman Trophy winner. However, the hype surrounding the nominees is cen-

tered around three Big 12 quarterbacks.

Texas fans get ready because this Longhorns hater is having a tough time spitting this out.

Forget about the elevated numbers of Oklahoma's Sam Bradford and Texas Tech's Graham Harrell.

Of all the football I watched over the Thanksgiving holidays, one thing became dreadfully clear.

Colt McCoy is the most valuable player in college football and should absolutely win the Heisman.

All three quarterbacks have impressive stats this season, but there isn't a number

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Onward Oklahoma

By JEFF LATZKE

AP Sports Writer

NORMAN, Okla. — Bob Stoops woke up with a knot in his stomach, worried what the BCS had in store for his Oklahoma football team.

When the knot and the Big 12 South untied themselves, he and his Sooners were bound for the conference championship game — and maybe the BCS title game, too — and rival Texas was left with that nasty feeling inside.

Oklahoma edged out the Longhorns by 13 thousandths of a point for second place in the Bowl Championship Series standings Sunday, meaning the Sooners will get to face No. 19 Missouri for a chance at their third straight conference title and most likely a shot at the national championship if they win.

But after the craziness that the last week brought — with airplanes towing banners, Web sites touting each of the Red River rivals and all the campaigning of a presidential race — Stoops isn't comfortable even believing that.

"I'm not convinced of anything anymore," Stoops said.

Stoops woke up Sunday morning and had to remind himself that his third-ranked Sooners (11-1, 7-1) beat then-No. 12 Oklahoma State 61-41 Saturday night in the Bedlam rivalry game. That made only one thing certain: Some deserving team was going to wind up on the short end of the BCS' latest controversy. This time it didn't even take until the final standings come out next week.

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AP photo/David J. Phillip

Oklahoma head coach Bob Stoops is shown against Texas A&M during the first quarter of an NCAA football game in College Station Nov. 8. Stoops is done with the politicking that has turned the national championship race into a campaign.

Mavs reign over Kings

SACRAMENTO (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks lost another player — and won yet another game.

Sixth-man Jason Terry scored 24 points and the Mavericks pulled away in the third quarter to beat the Sacramento Kings 101-78 on Saturday night.

One night after ending a five-game losing streak against the Lakers, the Mavericks won again on the road. Josh Howard missed his fifth straight game because of a sprained ankle, and Jerry Stackhouse was back in Dallas nursing an injured heel that has kept him inactive the last eight games.

Antoine Wright was injured and didn't play in the second half, but the Mavericks kept getting production from their backups. Dallas' reserves outscored the Kings' backups 64-32 to help the Mavs win for the sixth time in seven games.

"Those (bench) guys are getting a feel of the rotation and what is expected of them," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. "If you look around the league the teams that are successful are those with benches that can give you 30 to 40 points a night."

Terry is getting that total nearly by himself of late. He has scored 20 or more points in five straight games. Against the

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AP photo/Steve Yeater

Dallas Mavericks guard Jason Terry passes the ball around Sacramento Kings defender Francisco Garcia during the second half of an NBA game in Sacramento Saturday. The Mavericks won 101-78.

Road-field advantage

NFL visitors win big on Sunday

By The Associated Press

The holiday weekend was a good time for a road trip.

If winning away from home is a predictor of playoff success, count Pittsburgh, Denver and Carolina among the contenders.

The Steelers and Broncos ignored wicked weather conditions in impressive victories over AFC East foes, while the Panthers pulled out a wild one in Green Bay, 35-31.

There was little home-field advantage Sunday with visiting teams going 10-2.

Only Tampa Bay and Minnesota managed to send their fans home happy.

In East Rutherford, N.J., Jay Cutler threw for 357 yards and two touchdowns in the Broncos' 34-17 victory over the New York Jets. Rookie Peyton Hillis rushed for a career-high 129 yards and a score, becoming the first to gain 100 or more yards against New York's third-ranked run defense.

"The thing that really got me going was the ESPN analysis and they were all saying we shouldn't get off the plane," Hillis said. "That really got me fired up."

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Sealed Bids for the construction of the Furniture, Furnishings, and Equipment for the Howard County Law Enforcement Center, Big Spring, Texas, will be received at the office the Howard County Auditor, Ms. Jackie Olson until 9:30 A.M. December 22nd, 2008. For regular mail, please use: PO Box 1949 Big Spring, Texas 79721. **FOR HAND or OVERNIGHT DELIVERY ONLY**, please use: Howard County Courthouse, 300 Main Street, Big Spring, Big Spring, Texas 79720, 432/264-2210, it is the responsibility of each bidder to ensure timely delivery of their proposal. The Howard County Auditor will open and present the bids to the Howard County Commissioners Court on December 22nd, 2008 at 10:00 A.M. in the County courtroom on the second floor of the County Courthouse located 300 Main Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

The work to be executed as herein described and shown on the drawings entitled Furniture, Furnishings and Equipment for Howard County Law Enforcement Center Texas, consists of furnishing of all materials, labor, equipment for Mobile File Systems, Fire Protection Specialties, Detention Bed Linens and Mattresses, Dispatch Control Systems, Network and Telephone Final Terminations. Appliances, Electronic Monitoring Systems, Site Amenities, Telephone Systems, Fume Hoods, Audio/visual Systems, Systems Furniture, Kitchen Equipment, Computer Equipment, Communications Equipment and services necessary or reasonably incidental to complete the construction of the aforementioned project on a site shown and described on the drawings. This bid opening is for furniture, fixtures and equipment only.

Interested bidders may obtain Drawings, Specifications and Bidding Documents at the office of the Architect, Southwest Architects, Inc., 4200 South Hulen, Suite 534, Fort Worth, Texas 76109 or the Howard County Auditor office at 300 Main Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid for a period of thirty (30) days following the opening of bids. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids or portions thereof and to waive all formalities therewith. #5992 December 1 & 8, 2008

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
Jupiter has always been about taking things to the extremes. This generous, benevolent fat cat hooks up with Venus, the love goddess of the heavens, and what gets amplified is our capacity to give of ourselves. Friendship, romance and family connection are only a few of the ways love will show up in our lives. Enjoy the abundance of feeling.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Family is depending on you and their requests aren't exactly easy to fulfill. This one is important, though. Use your resources, however mighty or small, to get it accomplished.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The buildup to an event is getting a bit ridiculous. Could the actual happening possibly meet your expectations? Probably not, but this is an important part of your process. Revel in possibility.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're thinking about what it would take to make more money. You have an intellectual obstacle inside you that forbids you to earn more than you think you are worth. Upgrade your self-image and your income will follow suit.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Personal life brings so much satisfaction that you are unruffled by the little blips and blunders you run into at work. Regardless of what happens, the correctness of your priorities will bring

health, relaxation and peace.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You want to hear the ideas of others, though sometimes your demeanor is intimidating enough to scare them off. Temper your responses and resist the urge to give your point of view at every juncture.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll have to be pretty savvy and quick in order to avoid getting trapped into an obligation. The reason you are being pursued is because others sense that you feel good about who you are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If your relationships had balance sheets you would know by the bottom-line numbers whether they were healthy or suffering. There is nothing so concrete to draw from, so you must be truthful with your feelings.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be presenting yourself and your ideas to great effect. You have a strong instinct about how you should appear, what to wear and which actions to choose. Stick with your own natural style and you can't go wrong.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You realize how every moment is how it should be. This breakthrough frees you from the futile toil of trying to change what is. Stress melts away and you're able to maintain a relaxed state of readiness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're being favored by the heavens and also by the people around you. Evidence that you are loved is all around you. One indicator could be a boatload of cash or other generous gift from a fan of yours.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-

Feb. 18). You can be realistic when it's appropriate, but you're not tied to the limits of the everyday world. On a moment's whim you take off to the far reaches of your wild imagination and you are completely free.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your independent streak leaves you standing alone, which is better for you now anyway. Just make sure you're in front of the group and not lagging behind. You're a leader in the making.

THE VENUS/JUPITER CONJUNCTION: As far as planets go, Venus is quite a personality. She's vivacious and sensual with seductive charms of every variety up her sleeve -- if she's wearing a sleeve. I like to picture the planet Venus as Botticelli did in his classic painting of 1482, The Birth of Venus.

This painting is astrological, as it shows Venus on the day she was born. She rises from the sea green waters of Portovenere standing in half of a clamshell. The zephyrs, winged creatures of spiritual passion, blow her ashore. A fellow goddess rushes to her side to give Venus a flowing gown. Venus looks to be all of 18 on the canvas, and that's part of the love goddess's magic -- she's never had an awkward stage, as she was born in her prime and remains so for all of eternity. As Jupiter joins Venus in the sky today, all of her loveliness is amplified. Notice how much more attractive and open you feel during this conjunction. The aspect is exact today; however, its effect will be strongly felt for the next three days. When these major planets align, love multiplies

Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I have been in a Bunco group for several years now. We all get along great, and I really look forward to our monthly adult time together. The problem is that every time it's "Nancy's" turn to host, she lets her 8-year-old daughter join us. The girl is there the entire time while we eat, talk about what's going on in our lives, etc. We really have to watch what we say in front of her. She also plays the game with us. She has even won first prize a few times.

Part of the enjoyment of getting together is leaving our kids at home and having an adult conversation. Mind you, this doesn't happen because Nancy lacks child care. Her husband is always home when we play, but he stays in another part of the house with their other child.

Sometimes I don't want to go when Nancy is hosting. We are all too polite to say anything to her, and I certainly don't want to hurt her feelings. What can we do? -- Charlotte, N.C.

Dear Charlotte: Nancy will continue to let her young daughter intrude on your "adult" time unless you speak up. You have two ways of doing this: Either tell Nancy directly that you'd prefer her daughter not participate in these sessions because it detracts from your enjoyment, or pretend the girl isn't there and talk as you normally would. A few inappropriate conversations and Nancy may decide on her own that her child should play elsewhere.

Dear Annie: My 80-year-old sister, "Stella," lives in another state. Her 59-year-



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

old son flops at her apartment whenever he sees fit. The reason Stella is living in this apartment is because her son and grandsons, under the guise of taking care of her house, bought the place she lived in for over 50 years. They had her sign papers she didn't fully understand, giving them \$40,000 and making her pay rent to live there. Now the house is in foreclosure.

Stella's 57-year-old daughter moved into the same apartment building, but does nothing to help her mother. Stella no longer cooks and depends solely upon her kids for food, which consists of pizza, burgers and snacks. The son "borrowed" her car two years ago, yet she still makes the insurance payments and pays his tickets.

When I visit I try to help, but there is only so much I can do. I have asked Stella to come live with me, but she refuses. She is depressed and things are getting worse. How can I make those children stop taking advantage of their mother? -- Frustrated in Florida

Dear Florida: Report the situation to Adult

Protective Services in Stella's state or check the National Center on Elder Abuse (ncea.aoa.gov), which has an online listing of state hotlines. You also can contact the Eldercare Locator at 1-800-677-1116 for information and referrals. Someone needs to investigate what's going on.

Dear Annie: Here's a comment for "Frustrated in Indiana," the woman who complains that her husband, son and grandson eat lunch and take naps in their greasy work clothes:

This lady needs to look on the bright side. She has a family that is working hard at honest labor and supporting themselves. She should be proud of them. Her house is their home, too, and they should be able to live in it comfortably. People are more important than furniture. Let her cover the furniture and the carpet if it makes her happy, fix them a wonderful lunch, and then give thanks for these ambitious guys. -- Who Cares?

Dear Who: We're sure she can be just as proud of her ambitious guys if they stop making a mess in the house and treating her like the family servant.

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DENNIS THE MENACE



"How do you like your eggs, Dennis?" "In a chocolate cake."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

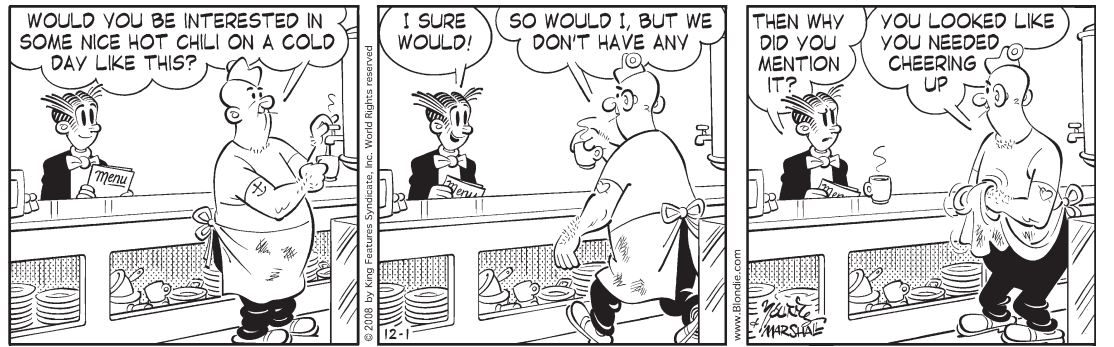


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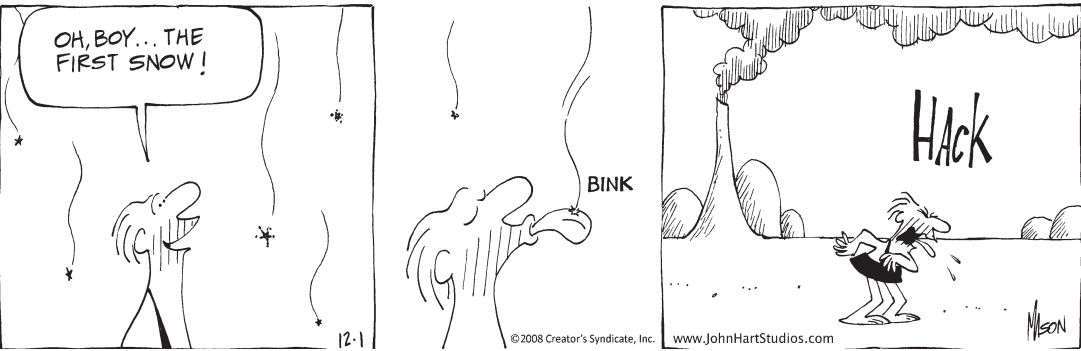
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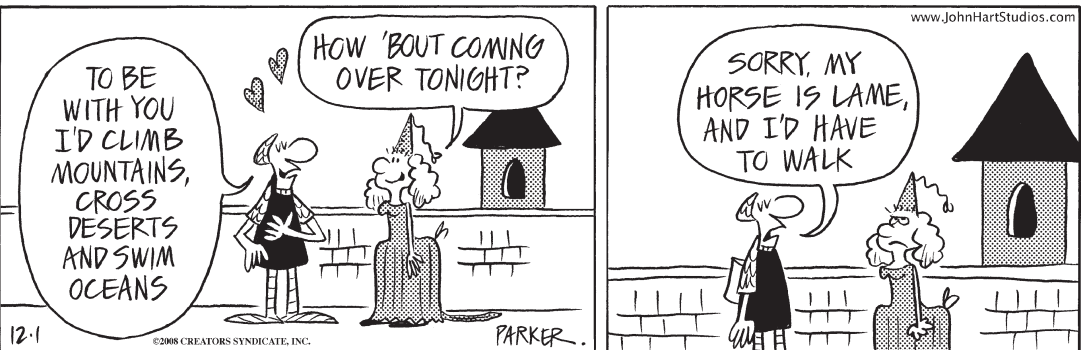
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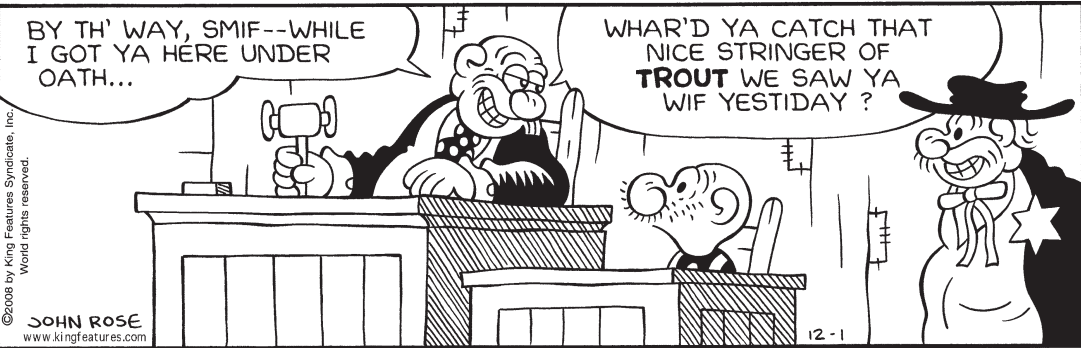
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Dec. 1, the 336th day of 2008. There are 30 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 1, 1955, Rosa Parks, a black seamstress, refused to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Ala., city bus. Mrs. Parks was arrested, sparking a yearlong boycott of the buses by blacks.

On this date:

In 1824, the presidential election was turned over to the U.S. House of Representatives when a deadlock developed between John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, William H. Crawford and Henry Clay. (Adams ended up the winner.)

In 1904, the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis closed after seven months and some 20 million visitors.

In 1913, the first drive-in automobile service station, built by Gulf Refining Company opened in Pittsburgh.

In 1921, the Navy flew the first nonrigid dirigible to use helium; the C-7 traveled from Hampton

Roads, Va., to Washington, D.C.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin concluded their Tehran conference.

In 1969, the U.S. government held its first draft lottery since World War II.

In 1973, David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, died in Tel Aviv at age 87.

In 1992, in Mineola, N.Y., Amy Fisher was sentenced to 5 to 15 years in prison for shooting and seriously wounding Mary Jo Buttafuoco. (Fisher served seven years.)

In 2000, Vicente Fox was sworn in as president of Mexico, ending 71 years of ruling-party domination.

Five years ago: Four suspects were charged in Miami in the shooting death of Washington Redskins star Sean Taylor. (One ended up pleading guilty to second-degree murder; a fifth suspect was also charged.)

Today's Birthdays: Actor Paul Picerni is 86. Former CIA director Stansfield Turner is 85. Singer Billy Paul is 74. Actor-director Woody Allen is 73. Golfer Lee Trevino is 69. Singer Dianne Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 69. Country musician Casey Van Beek

(The Tractors) is 66. Television producer David Salzman is 65. Rock singer-musician Eric Bloom (Blue Oyster Cult) is 64. Rock musician John Densmore (The Doors) is 64. Actress-singer Bette Midler is 63. Singer Gilbert O'Sullivan is 62. Actor Treat Williams is 57. Actress Charlene Tilton is 50. Actress-model Carol Alt is 48. Actor Jeremy Northam is 47. Actor Nestor Carbonell is 41. Actress Golden Brooks is 38. Actress-comedian Sarah Silverman is 38. Contemporary Christian singer Bart Millard is 36. Rock musician Brad Delson (Linkin Park) is 31. Actress Ashley Monique Clark is 20.

Thought for Today: "Life begins when a person first realizes how soon it will end." — Marcelene Cox, American writer.

Answer to previous puzzle

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- 50 Packing tightly
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- 60 Italy's capital, to natives
- 61 Full collections
- 62 Sew temporarily
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MCCOY

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that sticks out more than 77.6. That's the percentage of passes McCoy has completed this season. That's almost 10 points better than Bradford and more than six points better than Harrell, although, to his credit, Tech's quarterback has attempted almost 200 more passes.

Still not convinced? Name a top receiver for McCoy. Several Longhorns fans will spout out the name Jordan Shipley, who is McCoy's best friend and favorite target. To the casual fan, no one has a clue who Shipley is.

Bradford has two players who could be first round picks in the 2009 NFL draft. Wide receiver Juaquin Iglesias is the most

overlooked player at his position in the country. Iglesias has the size and athleticism to be a special receiver.

Then there's tight end Jermaine Gresham. Ask Oklahoma State how athletic Gresham is. He's the best tight end in college football and could go in the top 20 of the draft if he elects to come out after his junior season.

Harrell has Michael Crabtree, who is now a household name. Crabtree is the best player in the country, and if I were given the chance to vote, he'd be No. 2 on my Heisman ballot. He's the only player with a true Heisman moment this season.

However, the only reason McCoy didn't have a Heisman moment this year is because Crabtree stole it from him and because Blake Gideon dropped an interception.

Gideon watched Texas' national title hopes go through his hands in the final seconds against Texas Tech. He also dropped McCoy's Heisman status as well, giving Crabtree the opportunity he needed to make a miracle escape after a catch along the sideline to score the winning touchdown.

Still, McCoy is yet to have a bad game this season. He's also not only lethal with his arm. McCoy has been the Longhorns' most consistent threat in the run game and has 10 rushing touchdowns.

Comparatively, Bradford has five rushing scores and Harrell has six. However, neither have even 100 yards rushing this season and Harrell is in the negative, which isn't surprising since he rarely attempts to run. Meanwhile, McCoy has 576 yards rushing this season,

which is 200 more than running back Vondrell McGee, who is second on the team running the ball.

In other words, McCoy is everything to his team. Without him, Texas would struggle to be bowl eligible. With him, the Longhorns are worthy of being the national title game.

Obviously Bradford and Harrell have had similar impacts on their respective squads. However, both teams have better running backs than the 'Horns and could generate offense without their starting quarterbacks.

Oklahoma would simply rely on the combination of tailbacks DeMarco Murray and Chris Brown, while Tech would still be explosive enough with backup quarterback Taylor Potts throwing the Crabtree and Co. while handing the ball off the

Shannon Woods and Baron Batch.

The choice is clear. Hopefully, the human voters don't overanalyze the situation like the computer formulas do with the BCS.

There is some bad news for Texas fans involving McCoy. He's now considering leaving early for the NFL draft.

A note for any NFL club that might be selecting in the top 10 in April. While Bradford might be the best pro quarterback prospect in the draft should he enter, don't be fooled by the prototypical size of Georgia's Matthew Stafford. Pick McCoy. It's a selection you wouldn't regret.

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NFL

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In Foxborough, Mass., Pittsburgh dominated the second half of its 33-10 victory, outscoring the Patriots 23-0. The Steelers had all of their five takeaways and four of their five

sacks after halftime, giving up 81 yards to a team that had gained more than 500 in each of its two previous games.

"We heard a lot of talk about it being a rivalry," Pittsburgh coach Mike Tomlin said. "It hasn't been much of a rivalry until you win some. That's what we talked about coming up here."

In other NFL games, it was: Miami 16, St. Louis 12; the New York Giants 23, Washington 7; San Francisco 10, Buffalo 3; Baltimore 34, Cincinnati 3; Indianapolis 10, Cleveland 6; Tampa Bay 23, New Orleans 20; Atlanta 22, San Diego 16; Kansas City 20, Oakland 13; and Minnesota 34, Chicago 14.

On Thursday, Tennessee beat

Detroit 47-10; Dallas topped Seattle 34-9; and Philadelphia routed Arizona 48.

In wintry conditions at Green Bay, Wis., DeAngelo Williams scored his fourth touchdown of the game with 1:30 left after a big kickoff return by Mark Jones and a catch by Steve Smith on a deep ball from Jake Delhomme. The Panthers remained tied for

the NFC South lead with the Buccaneers, who visit Charlotte, N.C. next Monday night.

"It just means we're 9-3," Smith said of Sunday's victory. "It's nothing to go start making T-shirts about. It's just a record. We've got a very good opponent coming in our house Monday night. That's our next focus."

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Kings, he made two 3-pointers and was 10-of-21 from the field.

"I know what the team expects, I need to score and be a factor," Terry said. "Coming off the bench doesn't bother me at all."

With the Mavericks up by 19 points after outscoring the Kings 30-19 in the third quarter, Terry started the fourth quarter with a pair of jumpers and Dallas built its lead to 25 points.

Dirk Nowitzki had 19 points and eight rebounds to help the

Mavericks even their record at 8-8 with their sixth road win of the season. Reserve Devean George scored all 13 of his points in the second half.

Beno Udrih had 13 points, nine assists and seven rebounds and John Salmons had 10 points for Sacramento.

The Kings have lost six straight and nine of 10. The Kings also have dropped six in a row at home for the first time since 1998, two shy of the franchise record.

Sacramento missed all 15 3-point attempts and shot 35 percent.

It was the first time in eight

years the Kings have not made 3-pointers while having 10 or more attempts.

"It was obviously a pretty tough night, we just shot the ball so poorly," Kings coach Reggie Theus said.

Nowitzki provided the game's most inspirational play. With the ball rolling toward the Kings' basket in the third quarter, Nowitzki beat Salmons to the play, diving on the floor and tipping it toward a trailing George, who made the uncontested basket.

"I used to see Larry Bird do that for years, it was the defining play of the game," Carlisle

said. "It was an effort play by Dirk, a huge momentum play."

Ahead by eight points at the half, Dallas got its offense going again in the third quarter following a 17-point second period. George played a big role, scoring 10 points as the Mavericks took a 76-57 lead into the fourth.

"I was just trying to get in the rhythm of the game and contribute," George said. "I want to come in and bring energy, that's my role."

The Kings are playing without scoring leader Kevin Martin. He has missed 12 straight games because of an ankle injury, and could possibly return Tuesday

night when the Kings meet Utah at home.

"We definitely need to win, period, but we definitely need a home win," said Salmons, who strained a groin and said he wasn't sure if he could play against Utah. "Somehow we need to pull together."

It's been a rough stretch for the Kings, who played for the fifth time in seven days. The schedule seemingly gets more favorable for the Kings, who play only three home games over the next 12 days. But they face a tough lineup of Western Conference teams in Utah, Denver and the Lakers.

BCS

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A three-way tie had to be broken to determine whether Oklahoma, Texas or Texas Tech would represent the South division in the conference title game, and it came down to the fifth tiebreaker: the BCS.

Oklahoma finished a single point ahead of Texas in the USA Today coaches' poll and six points behind the Longhorns in the Harris Poll. That left it to the computer ratings, and the Sooners came out on top in four of the six.

As it turned out, the only element of the BCS system that couldn't be swayed by the campaigning made all the difference.

Texas made up ground in both polls after fans handed out signs and created a Web site based around the winning score from the Longhorns' 45-35 win against Oklahoma in October. A plane was even hired to fly over the Bedlam game with a banner serving as a reminder.

While Texas coach Mack Brown campaigned even on the air during ABC's telecast of the Oklahoma-Oklahoma State game, Stoops declined to do the same two days earlier and tried to keep away from all the politicking.

"I had hoped it wouldn't come back to haunt us," Stoops said. "I just feel there's some place that's appropriate and then there isn't. I hope I hung around the appropriate area and didn't overdo anything. When I'm asked a question, I stated

it. Just trying to do it the right way and have some principle in what we're doing.

"And I'm not saying anyone else didn't. That's just how I tried to do it."

Stoops learned of the BCS standings while watching TV in the locker room with a few players and then had a news conference to talk about what happened. Brown issued a statement calling the situation unfair and suggesting that the Big 12 change its tiebreaker procedure to match that of four other conferences, including the SEC and ACC.

"I'm really disappointed for our kids that two teams we beat this season will be playing for the Big 12 Championship," Brown said. "I'll try to explain it to them, but most importantly, my message will be that you've done enough to put yourself in position to play for the conference championship, you had a great season and there still is a lot out there for you to play for."

Texas could still have a chance to play for the national title if Oklahoma loses to Missouri, or it could be fifth-place Southern Cal that would jump up in that scenario. Alabama is in first and Florida is fourth, and those teams meet in an SEC title game that's essentially a playoff to get to the BCS championship game.

As for a playoff, Stoops said he would support one while his athletic director, Joe Castiglione, hedged and said now isn't the time for that discussion.

"We may love the rules, we may be challenged by the rules, we may disagree

with the rules. It's part of what makes this sport so interesting," Castiglione said. "Yet we have agreed to play by the rules, and that's what we all voted for and that's how we've approached whatever was in front of us. That's all we can do."

Both were glad that the Sooners apparently benefited in the computer rankings because of a nonconference schedule that featured two teams that wound up highly rated in the BCS standings — TCU in 11th and Cincinnati in 13th.

"In the end, I can't equate what all transpired and how much of an influence it had, but it had an influence," Stoops said. "And I think for people to continue to want to play out-of-conference games that people want to watch and go to and be excited about, there has to be an incentive to do it. Otherwise, heck, just sched-

ule four wins and move on down the road."

For the Sooners it was a repeat of 2004, when strength of schedule helped them edge out undefeated Auburn for a chance to play USC in the Orange Bowl.

Once again, the BCS left a lot of people complaining — but not Oklahoma.

"Each year there's going to be some type of debate about an element of an imperfect system, and people will be very focused on that debate. And a year later, there will be a whole different kind of debate and they've forgot about the other debates and we end up back here questioning the system once again," Castiglione said.

"When everybody steps back two or three months after the bowl season is over and takes a deep breath, they tend to lean on the system we have in place."

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