

THE AX



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Chopping through the layers of high school

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The Ax Chops Ties With The Free Press

The Ax goes on-line due to breached contract and financial limitations

by B. Feeney & L. Lopez

Technology is raging and Diboll is behind the times. Well now, we are stepping it up. The newspaper has been printed for years and often with The Free Press It is time for a change. Due to some financial complications as well as personnel

obstacles with The Diboll Free Press, The AX will now be online beginning with the December edition through the rest of this school year. To find The AX on the web go to www.dibollisd.com, then click the link *high school*, then go to *news and events* and

click *publications*. The newspaper will contain the same riveting, exciting and insightful stories it is known, but will be cheaper to produce and to view. The AX will now be free and much easier to access at anytime. We are hoping the whole Diboll community

enjoys this new venture into the world of technology. Thanks for all the support- Newspaper staff of 2010.

What's Hot?

by A. Meza

Want a tip on what's hip?

Pea Coats are definitely hip right now. They're absolutely perfect for sweater weather. Not only do they make awesome Christmas gifts for both guys and girls, but you can get them at almost any department stores at low affordable prices.



American Apparel's Pea Coats are very nice as shown by the models above.
www.americanapparel.net

Sr. Tributes Needed

Senior Tributes for sale through February 26

Senior Tributes are available for the 2009-2010 yearbook. Full page ads cost \$150 and half-page ads cost \$75 through February 5. After that date, full page ads cost \$175 and half-page ads cost \$87. The final day to submit layouts and purchase a Senior Tribute is February 26.

The yearbook staff is not responsible for creating Senior Tributes. Layouts will not be accepted after the final deadline, nor will refunds be given for ad layouts not received.

For more information call 936-829-6170

DHS Year- book Fire Sale

Are you missing
one of your high
school yearbooks?

The DHS Yearbook Staff is selling yearbooks from various years for just \$25! Check the following list to see if one of your yearbooks is available. Contact K. Fannon @ 936-829-6170 or kfannon@dibollisd.com to purchase your book today! Quantities are limited, so hurry!

1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1983, 1984, 1985,
1989, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1998, 1999,
2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008

Happy Birthday to You

The following is a list of students who have a birthday this fall and winter. We celebrate with you.

9th graders

Benjamin Johnson 9-Aug
 Candace Benoit 26-Aug
 Chassitt Walker 29-Aug
 Christian Sarmiento 2-Aug
 Courtne Shivers 10-Aug
 Everardo Castillo 1-Aug
 Hector Chavarria 30-Aug
 James Fisher 1-Aug
 Jasmin Hernandez 29-Aug
 Jose Flores 6-Aug
 JW Mettlen 26-Aug
 Lance Drake 26-Aug
 Logan Gilbert 9-Aug
 Loryn Thomason 29-Aug
 Michael Gaitan 3-Aug
 Robert Hewitt 20-Aug
 Xavier Levine 24-Aug
 Cody Purvis 7-Sep
 Colby Biggs 19-Sep
 Courtne Swann 19-Sep
 Devin Hawk 15-Sep
 Eduardo Riojas 27-Sep
 Elizabeth James 14-Sep
 Jason Cook 18-Sep
 Jessica Skipper 15-Sep
 Karah Phipps 6-Sep
 Krysta Howell 2-Sep
 Osvaldo Hernandez 12-Sep
 Tessa Enriquez 19-Sep
 Valerie Enriques 24-Sep
 Alan Martinez 21-Oct
 Antonio Gerrett 30-Oct
 Ashlee Clark 2-Oct
 Cassidy Bradley 21-Oct
 Dillon Mason 10-Oct
 Edwin Hurtado 3-Oct
 Jessica Lynch 25-Oct
 Jorge Magallan 14-Oct
 Justin Redd 9-Oct
 Lindsey Tolly 18-Oct
 Nathan Reynold 4-Oct
 Chadwic Brown 11-Nov
 Emily Parish 4-Nov
 Jarvis Shepher 26-Nov
 Kaley Hannah 23-Nov
 Malachi Cleghor 5-Nov
 Sergio Castillo 15-Nov
 Zachary Hobbs 9-Nov
 Aristeo Barrajas 15-Dec
 Elilseo Barrajas 15-Dec
 Tanika Bray 1-Dec
 Norah Coleman 1-Dec
 Travis Hawthor 23-Dec
 Anabel Hernandez 7-Dec
 Christian Kovar 27-Dec
 Robert Lee 12-Dec
 Jay Lowe 27-Dec
 Brittany Paschet 14-Dec
 Luis Ramos 17-Dec
 Armando Reyna 21-Dec
 Cristen Simmons 24-Dec
 Carlos Teal 2-Dec
 Michaela Wagner 28-Dec

10th graders

Andres Diaz 26-Aug
 Sean Hawthorn 16-Aug
 April Kessinge 12-Aug
 Leah McDonal 26-Aug
 Isabel Prieto 30-Aug
 Charles Rast 28-Aug
 Alyssa Santana 20-Aug
 Hannah Spillers 16-Aug
 Doug Waters 24-Aug
 Eduardo Barajas 11-Sep
 Alexa Baude 28-Sep
 Jalon Berry 17-Sep
 Aldo Cantu 8-Sep
 Bre Christopher 10-Sep
 John Eddins 30-Sep
 Monica Falcon 20-Sep
 Shanice Foster 23-Sep
 Cody Gelvin 12-Sep
 Kelly Hopkins 12-Sep
 Zachary Dlein 5-Sep
 Zachary Parks 13-Sep
 Marco Ramos 26-Sep
 Esaul Ruiz 14-Sep
 Terrence Taylor 2-Sep
 Isidro Vasquez 5-Sep
 Angel Cruz 1-Oct
 Christian Garcia 4-Oct
 Joseph Ledoux 16-Oct
 Kendal Mitchell 3-Oct
 Rodrigo Rico 1-Oct
 Hallie Smith 28-Oct
 Linda Acevedo 8-Nov
 Daniel Ancira 15-Nov
 Layla Barron 3-Nov
 Paricia Carrillo 4-Nov
 Blaise Cruz 18-Nov
 Omar Flores 27-Nov
 Melanie Hernandez 23-Nov
 David Loredo 9-Nov
 Angel Mireles 12-Nov
 Plair Redditt 15-Nov
 Valeria Reyes 19-Nov
 Jonathon Sill 11-Nov
 Scott Smith 2-Nov
 Zane Anthony 7-Dec
 Dustin Bailey 2-Dec
 Katherin Bales 10-Dec
 Joe Beard 21-Dec
 Javier Gonzalez 18-Dec
 Wesley Hawthorn 14-Dec
 Ashley Henderson 17-Dec
 Stormy McClure 7-Dec
 Germari Mott 30-Dec
 Hayley Owens 21-Dec
 Jon Rodriguez 20-Dec
 Marisa Salazar 8-Dec

11th graders

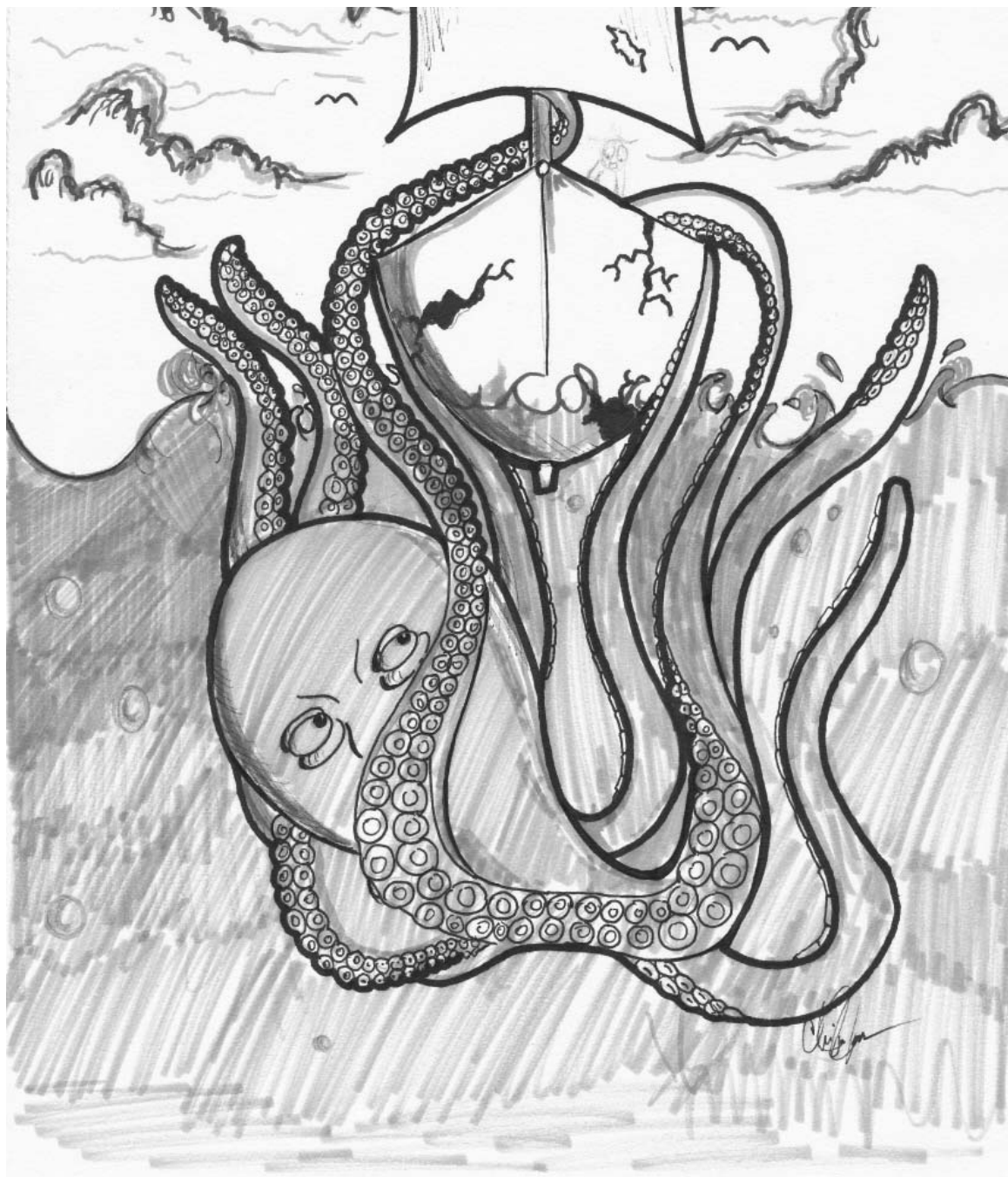
Abigail Silvas 28-Aug
 Andres Martinez 6-Aug
 Brittnee Howell 31-Aug
 Clint Barkley 17-Aug
 Cole Colewell 24-Aug
 Courtne Burchfield 17-Aug
 Erick Leazott 20-Aug
 Gilberto Rosales 10-Aug
 Hector Meza 10-Aug
 Jordan Wallace 23-Aug
 Kwame Chavis 23-Aug
 Marisol Martinez 5-Aug
 Melissa Guy 25-Aug
 Nayeli Pena 9-Aug
 Robert Whiteley 14-Aug
 william Mettlen 12-Aug
 Breann Penns 19-Sep
 Brett Nash 30-Sep
 Callie Shivers 19-Sep
 Grant Bowman 25-Sep
 Hannah Smith 18-Sep
 Jasmine Phoenix 3-Sep
 Jennifer Rostro 10-Sep
 Tyler Warren 22-Sep
 Zachary Ipock 28-Sep
 Adam Pitones 30-Oct
 Amy Flores 25-Oct
 Anthony Ramos 24-Oct
 Gregory Christian 21-Oct
 Juan Garcia 21-Oct
 Katie French 25-Oct
 Kristopoher Whitworth 9-Oct
 Melvin Linton 11-Oct
 Richard Fenley-Farley 27-Oct
 Brenda Gonzalez 19-Nov
 Dulce Palacio 23-Nov
 Gabby Saucedo 7-Nov
 Kaitlan Gonzalez 14-Nov
 Laura Diosdado 3-Nov
 Ruth Lopez 7-Nov
 Shavanna Brownin 29-Nov
 Tavita Carrillo 11-Nov
 Chasity Burns 1-Dec
 CJ Gelvin 21-Dec
 Cyrus Martin 6-Dec
 Eddie Cardona 31-Dec
 Elena Villanueva 18-Dec
 Jason Ledoux 21-Dec
 Justin Avera 24-Dec
 Matt Smith 21-Dec
 Natalie Chagolla 15-Dec
 Tiana Garcia 13-Dec
 Valerie Salaiz 10-Dec
 Yvette Rocha 8-Dec

12th Graders

Andres Villanueva 8-Aug
 Ashley Williams 10-Aug
 Carlos Placencia 27-Aug
 Cason Chittum 28-Aug
 Emanuel Hernandez 22-Aug
 Kayla Martal 8-Aug
 Martin Salas 6-Aug
 Shaniece Deason 23-Aug
 Alexandra Holman 2-Sep
 Bianca Meza 6-Sep
 Christopher Hensley 20-Sep
 Crystal Spencer 19-Sep
 Hannah Parish 6-Sep
 Jarrod Carrell 24-Sep
 Randy Summers 7-Sep
 Ruby Hernandez 8-Sep
 Wesley McClain 11-Sep
 Anibal Jasso 26-Oct
 Cindy Duron 11-Oct
 Colby Roden 10-Oct
 Cortney Sudds 21-Oct
 Ivan Alvarez 28-Oct
 Jasmine Phipps 24-Oct
 Jayson Burrous 25-Oct
 John Odnea 18-Oct
 Kamran McCollu 24-Oct
 Samuel Gaitan 17-Oct
 Tobrisha Baldwin 21-Oct
 Allyssa Jauregui 17-Nov
 Angelica Hernandez 29-Nov
 Brandon Gonzalez 15-Nov
 Chelsea Burns 15-Nov
 Chris DeJesus 20-Nov
 Ja'Neil Hubbard 12-Nov
 Joshua Holt 25-Nov
 Justin Neyland 4-Nov
 Ashley Wilson 27-Dec
 Caleb Stanfor 4-Dec
 Cody Stifle 7-Dec
 Daniel Castillo 27-Dec
 Deshea Phelps 19-Dec
 Diana Arellano 23-Dec
 Diana Torres 16-Dec
 Josue Guerrero 29-Dec
 Justin Havard 24-Dec
 Leslie Moreno 22-Dec
 Liz Castillo 17-Dec
 Priscilla Davenport 27-Dec

DeJesus' Drawings

by C. DeJesus



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Getting to Know You...

by M. Compean & C. Duron

Four students were randomly chosen according to grade to answer the following questions. Their responses follow:



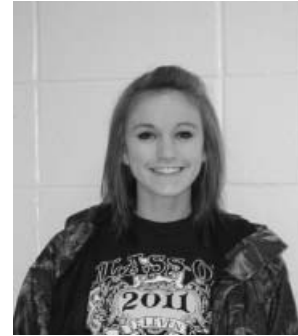
Freshman- Cristina Ramos

1. favorite color: coral blue
2. favorite movie: She's the Man
3. Favorite Music: hip-hop
4. What do you do in your spare time? Hang with my family
5. So do you like Diboll High school? Yeah kinda
6. Hair Color: light brown
7. eye color: brown
8. height: 5'6"
9. What is something most people don't know about you? I like to read
10. What's your best feature? hair
11. Can you lick your elbow? No.



Sophomore- Ashley Hendersson

1. favorite color: every color
2. favorite movie: any Tyler Perry movie
3. Favorite Music: r&b, hip-hop, rap, country
4. What do you do in your spare time? Catch up on school work and sleep
5. So do you like Diboll High school? It is alright but could be much better
6. Hair Color: light brown, reddish
7. eye color: brown
8. height: 5'2"
9. What is something most people don't know about you? Often tell the truth without hesitation
10. What is your best feature? smile
11. Can you lick your elbow? IDK



Junior- Katie Kettering

1. favorite color: pink
2. favorite movie: New Moon
3. Favorite Music: country
4. What do you do in your spare time? Sleep, text, drive
5. So do you like Diboll High school? Nolol..jk
6. Hair Color: dirty blonde
7. eye color: green
8. height: 5'3"
9. What is something most people don't know about you? I hate chalk.
10. Can you lick your elbow? Doubt it



Senior- Ashley Wilson

1. favorite color: green
2. favorite movie: The Goonies
3. Favorite Music: Texas country
4. What do you do in your spare time? Eat and sleep or hangout with friends
5. So do you like Diboll High school? no
6. Hair Color: light brown
7. eye color: green
8. height: 5''6
9. What is something most people don't know about you? I'm scared of roaches
10. What is your best feature? legs
11. Can you lick your elbow? no



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Pet Preview

by A. Tamez

(Left)Female and Male Eclectus (Right)



Eclectus Parrots

The name Eclectus derives from the word eclectic because of the coloration of the male and female. Males tend to range from a yellowish green color to an emerald green, whereas the females are red with either a blue, lavender or purple breast color. Eclectus parrots are classified in the top three parrots for talking ability. They are likely to speak more than most parrots or birds and can even learn to sing! Like most other parrots, the Eclectus can live for up to 50+ years if cared for properly. The diet of an Eclectus is mostly fibrous and if not given enough they could get sick. In the wild, many Eclectus eat seeds, fruits, berries, and nuts. A captive one may eat something that has high fiber and that they think is good. Zupreem pellet food, sold in some pet stores, is also highly recommended for good health. The Eclectus parrot would be a wise choice for a pet in the aviary department....and it talks too!

JAUREGUI'S HOW TO

BY A. JAUREGUI (how-da-gee)

HOW TO make a gingerbread house

Supplies

- Gingerbread cookie dough
- Cookie trays
- Flour
- Rolling pin
- Cardboard
- Cans of white icing
- Pastry bag or plastic sandwich Bags
- Any candy you would like to decorate it with

Step 1

Make a pattern for your house with cardboard. You can make the house look any way you want, but a standard house has two walls with peaks, two flat side walls and two roof pieces. Your chimney will be one piece shorter than the other, and the two side pieces will be angled. You will only need one pattern piece per different wall or chimney.

Step 2

Roll out your dough on a piece of wax paper covered with a dusting of flour. Dust the top with flour, and roll out to 1/4 inch thick. Use a sharp knife to cut out all the pieces you need to make your house. You can cut out for a door and window or use decoration to form them later. Place them on a cookie sheet, and bake at 350 degrees. Take your smaller pieces out in about 6 or 7 minutes and the larger ones at 10 to 11 minutes. When the edges start to darken, they are done. Place your pieces on a wire rack, and let them cool. The pieces need to be completely cooled off and hard; you may want to wait until the following day to put them together.

Step 3

Cover a tray with foil and start to build your house. Use your own sense of creativity and decorate to your liking!

Mother Earth in Need

by D. Torres

Here is another way of bettering our earth and our lives so we can live better and live longer. For more tips on going green visit www.worldwatch.org.

Less Gas = More money (and better health!)

- Walk or bike to work. This saves on gas and parking costs while improving you cardiovascular health and reducing you risk of obesity.
- Consider telecommuting if you live far form your work. Or move closer. Even if this means paying more rent, it could save you money in the long term.
- Lobby you local government to increase spending on sidewalks and bike lanes. With little cost, these improvements can pay huge dividends in bettering you health and reducing traffic.

Resource: www.worldwatch.org

Going green is one way we can help our community and our planet even is it is a small thing you do to make things better it helps.

Art with Words

by D. Torres; poem by M. Salas

Unspoken Pain

My greatest fear has happened, it's done,
My only one had another one.

Your happiness, it's not my job anymore
my dear.

I should've guessed, but I was too blind,
I couldn't see what she had on her mind.

I make mistakes: I'll just have to learn,
True happiness, is something you earn.

So now I do what I know is right,
It's over now, I refuse to fight.

The mistakes I make, I controlled, I
abused,
I hurt you some, you hurt me too.

Your happiness, that's what I yearned,
But I can see, he is what you deserve.

But hidden on you, the chains I placed,
I give you the key, go, to him you should
chase.

It seems he can do a better job,
He'll make you happy, so I shouldn't
sob.

I'll never forget you, of that I'm sure.
You changed me deeply, you were my
cure.

Good luck to you both, I hope it works
out,
I'll give you one last gift, absolute free-
dom, don't doubt.

Now you're my nothing, I cut the ties,
I've heard enough of you careful lies.

You won't hear from me, I hope you
understand,
It's the only way I'll be sure... I won't
have a hand.

You didn't want to hurt me, but you just
stalled the pain,
I'll never trust anyone again.

In whatever happens, the future's
unclear,

If you care for me at all anymore,
You'll ignore this poem: you'll walk out
the door.

Teacher's Tale

by G. Diosdado & J. Rostro

The students will be glad to know everyone has trouble on deciding what to do for the rest of their life. One of our new teacher's at Diboll High School, Mr. Minshew, is proof that changing professions in your life sometimes works out for the best.

We sat down with Mr. David Minshew and discussed his many career changes. When we asked him when his indecision all started, he said, "When I was in High School, I wanted to be a doctor, but changed my mind when I was a senior because I didn't want to go to school for eight more years. So I went to Angelina College for two years to study Engineering, then I transferred to Texas A&M and spent one semester there. While I was there Physical Therapy caught my interest, so I studied to be a Physical Therapist for a year, and then I decided to change my major to Geology. While we listened to his story, we were both thinking the same thing, "you might as well have spent the eight years in college to be a doctor", but we didn't say it out loud. When we asked him about the career changes he made after college, he told us that he had dropped out of college and went to work full time at the paper mill in 1979. "While working at the paper mill, I decided that I wanted to teach. I returned to college while continuing to work full time. I graduated from SFA and obtained my teaching certificate in 1988, "he said with a slight smile on his face." But I continued working at the paper mill until 2001. Then I went to Goodwin Lasiter to learn to be a land surveyor. While I was still there Diboll ISD offered me a job and I accepted."

Even though it took Mr. Minshew a while to finally decide to be a teacher, it sounds like he did pretty well in his life. Even in his family life, he is happily married to his wife Connie, who teaches in Lufkin, his son Logan who teaches in Willis and his daughter Loren Morris who teaches in Leander.

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What grinds my gears

by K. McCollum

- *When people touch my feet and my dad
- *When people talk mess
- *When people ask stupid questions
- *Blondes who use the excuse “I’m blonde”-
- *People who quote lil wayne in every sentence-
- *Men who act feminine to be friends with girls-
- *People who say “it’s cuz I’m black huh”
- *Kids that act TOO ghetto
- *People who are not open-minded
- *Depressed people that have no reason to be
- *Kids who wont talk to someone because of who they are and what they do
- *Parents that say “you kids have it easy these days”
- *Girls that think all men are the same
- *Girls that think Ed Hardy is cool or hot
- *Dysfunctional and insecure actresses
- *Gun toting hip gangster wannabes
- *Having an i.d. at a school where everyone knows you

College Bowl Games

by T. Carter & C. Stanford

Tostitos Fiesta Bowl January 4 TCU vs.Glendale, AZ
(6:00 p.m. - FOX) Boise State

FedEx Orange Bowl January 5 Georgia Tech vs.Miami, FL
(8:00 p.m. - FOX) Iowa

GMAC Bowl January 6 Troy vs.Mobile, AL
(6:00 p.m. - ESPN) Central Michigan

FedEx BCS National Championship Game January
7 Alabama vs.Pasadena, CA
(5:00 p.m. - ABC)