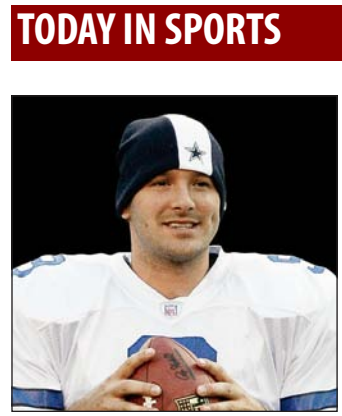


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Tour of Homes on Sunday, Dec. 8



Submitted photos
 The three houses on this year's tour are owned by, from top, Stan and Patti Hudson, Anne and Glynn Lusk and Mac Smith.

STAFF REPORT
 The 18th annual Christmas Home Tour, sponsored by 20th Century Cotillion Study Club, will be held 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 8.
 Proceeds from the tour will benefit The Opportunity Plan, Inc., a nonprofit that provides financial assistance to students in post-secondary education programs.
 Since 1965, the study club has contributed more than \$150,000 to its division, assisting 156 students. Tickets are \$10.
Stan and Patti Hudson
1000 Deer Place
 Welcome to the Hudson home nestled among the trees and the larger homes that surround it in what we call the coziest neighborhood in town. The Hudsons especially love to sit on their east patio and enjoy the view. The home was built in 1985 by Robert and Susan Finney who lived here until Robert's retirement in 2012. The home has been updated to reflect newer

trends and colors while remaining structurally the same. Please enjoy the Hudson home and experience the peace of knowing "the reason for the season."
Anne and Glynn Lusk
2536 N. Duncan St.
 In February of 1947, Dr. Marvin C. Overton Jr. purchased a half section of land from J. N. Freeman and his wife Eva. Later some of that land would be divided into lots to be known as "Overton Heights Addition" and sold. In 1955, Billy B. and Nancy Davis bought a lot from Overton that was across the street to the south from the Overton home. Overton had stipulations attached to the property as to minimum square footage for the dwelling and how many feet back from the street it could be built. After the home was built in 1956, the property was platted and Davis sold it back to Overton who then sold it back to Davis on the same day to be in compliance with the plat.

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Dirt lots across from PHS to be paved

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
 thowsare@thepampanews.com

Teenagers who in the past went mud bogging on two small vacant lots across from Pampa High School might be disappointed to read that the school board has approved a bid to permanently pave the two lots, and thus expanding the small parking lot that is adjacent on the west side of the lots.

At its regular meeting Monday night, the Pampa Independent School District Board of Trustees approved awarding G.W. James, a Pampa-based paving company, \$34,898 to pave two empty lots at 1417 and 1421 N. Charles St.

The vacant lots were acquired by the school district sometime ago, but unlike the parking area to the west, have never been paved.

"They have now become mud pits," said PISD Superintendent David Young.

Even when the lots were dry, they created a small nuisance as driving on them would kick up dust that would blow into the yards of nearby homeowners.

"We want to be good neighbors," Young said.

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Photo by Timothy P. Howsare
 These two vacant lots across from PHS will soon be paved, creating additional parking for the school.

\$670K Las Pampas loan approved

STAFF REPORT
 The Pampa City Commission approved all of the action items on its agenda at its regular meeting Tuesday.

Commissioner Karen McClain was absent from the meeting.

The Commission approved on first reading an unsecured loan from the Pampa Economic Development Corp. to Las Pampas Square in the amount of \$670,000.

Commissioner Chris Porter cast the only nay vote.

The loan would allow continued upgrades to the 50-year-old Las Pampas Square.

Further, in the lease agreement PEDC signed with Bealls, the sign that says Coronado Center, the former name of the shopping center, must be replaced by November 2014 with one that has the new name, Las Pampas Square. The loan would be paid back when the shopping center is sold to a private individual or company.

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Commissioners to meet Monday

STAFF REPORT

The Gray County Commissioners Court will meet in special session at 9 a.m. Monday. The Commissioners will consider and possibly take action on:

- Budget amendments.
- Line item transfers
- Terms of leasing surface rights at McLean Airport.
- An aerial road Crossing with Miami Wind 1, LLC.

- Opening insurance requests for proposals at 10 a.m.
- Filling part time vacancy in VA office.

The Commissioners will go into executive session to consider a lease agreement on Gray County school lands in Gaines County.

The Commissioners meet in the second floor courtroom of the Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell St.

Loan

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Money has been steadily invested by the PEDC in recent years to repair roofs and replace worn out plumbing and electrical systems.

The Commission approved final reading on a resolution for a \$1.5 mil-

lion grant from the PEDC to the Pampa Energy Center.

The Pampa Energy Center is a new industrial development on the grounds of the former Celanese Plant and is now owned by the PEDC.

The grant would add additional railroad tracks to accommodate larger trains that could be used by all businesses located in the

industrial park.

Also, the Commission approved final reading of a resolution to increase rates for tapping into the city's water lines. The changes would only affect new customers tapping into the city's water lines.

The cost for a 2-inch tap or larger is not a set fee, because the installation cost can vary widely from one customer to another.

Lots

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To restrict vehicle access to the lots, a steel railing and posts were put up around their perimeter. Those will come down and the lots will be paved with a six-inch sand and gravel base covered with two

inches of asphalt.

Young said the two lots would then become continuous to the parking area that already exists.

G.W. James had submitted a lower bid of \$29,000, but that only included covering the lots with crushed caliche, a light-colored gravel. Young said that type of surface is not suitable for big trucks and other heavy

vehicles.

Another company, Bryer's Paving Company of Fritch, had submitted three bids to the district.

However, the lowest bid from that company was higher than G.W. James highest bid, so Young advised board members to approve the \$34,898 bid from G.W. James.

Fence message proposal works in Corpus Christi

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A chain-link fence marriage proposal has worked for a South Texas man who used a similar plastic-cups effort to invite the same gal to prom in 2007.

Krystal Salazar said "yes" both times, including Tuesday's wedding proposal outside Ray High

School in Corpus Christi. The Corpus Christi Caller-Times reports Johnny Mata Jr. had help from friends in using cups inserted into the fence to spell: "KRYSTAL ... MARRY ME?"

Mata and Salazar, who've known each other since sixth grade, work for the Northside Inde-

pendent School District in San Antonio. They returned to Corpus Christi to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Mata arranged for a relative who drives a limousine to pick up the pair and swing by the school. That's when Mata then got down on one knee and produced a ring.

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Homes

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Nancy Davis recalled finding a house plan in Better Homes and Gardens that she showed her husband as a possible blueprint for their new home. He agreed, and they presented it to an architect who made adjustments to fit their lifestyle.

Mindful of the possibility of tornadoes in this part of the country a basement was added to the plans. Nancy and Billy's son Jim remembers moving into the home in 1956 when it was only the second house in the area. He says that there was nothing but wheat fields in front on them to Amarillo, on the north to Perryton, and on the east to Miami. As a result of having no windbreaks when the blizzard of 1957 hit they were marooned for a week and a half. The night the storm arrived, the Davis family had overnight guests. Ray and Marie Harrah had sold their home in Pampa and the van had left with their furniture that day. They came to dinner and to spend the night before driving to Dallas. The next morning their car had disappeared in the drifts and they stayed for the next ten or so days. After the snow stopped, Billy was able to leave by a second floor dormer window, slide down a drift, and tunnel to the street where groceries could be delivered. Jim and Robert, the Davis sons thought it was all great fun.

Most of the trees on the lot were brought as sap-

lings from Kansas by Nancy or "squirrel planted." She babied and nurtured them for years before they finally decided they liked the Texas Panhandle and began to thrive. There are burr oaks, pecan, spruce and a massive red oak in the backyard. Probably the only nursery planted tree is the live oak in front of the bay window in front.

Glynn and Anne Lusk bought the home the day before Thanksgiving 2009, and moved in Sept. 21, 2010. The only major renovation made to the home was the kitchen. A lot of time was spent trying to use as much of the existing cabinetry and floor plan as possible. When that failed an outside door was closed off and the kitchen work area and the eating area were reversed. There were no structural changes made and the cosmetic changes became one step forward and three or four backward. It is still a work in progress.

Most of the furnishings have been in the family for a couple of generations. The Christmas decorations are a patchwork of things made by children and grandchildren and collected since the early 1960s. There are hand knitted stockings for every member of the growing family hanging on the living room mantle. There are hutches and bookshelves used to display Anne's collection of antique Pickard china as well as pieces that Anne, an avid china painter, has painted through the years.

Mac Smith
2301 Chestnut Drive
This beautiful 1984 example of the craftsman-

ship of Paul Coronus started as a spec house, but Kirk and Hillary Roberts purchased it before completion. Coronus then completed the construction in conjunction with the Roberts, finishing the home with deep crown molding, strong wood beamed ceilings, and a one of a kind wood mantle that was hand carved by one of Coronus' sons.

The Roberts owned the home for three years, installing and designing the landscape themselves, until it was purchased by John and Julie Sparkman in 1987. The Sparkman's raised their family in the home while adding several trees to the property, and updating the house as needed until they sold the home in 1996 to Warren and Lauren Gill. Mr. Gill, being an engineer, felt that the roof support structure in the attic was not substantial enough to support the heavy tile roof, and undertook to reinforce it. The home changed hands several times in 2010-11, and has been the home of Mac Smith since the summer of 2011.

Smith undertook major renovations, including completely making over the homes two bathrooms, adding hardwood floors throughout the home, and moving several walls to convert the homes game room, sun room and kitchen into one large kitchen/great room.

Smith strove to stay true to Paul Coronus' standards while updating the home. Smith welcomes you into his home and wishes you and yours the merriest of Christmases.

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Tonight: Partly cloudy with a low of 34. Winds north-northeast at 4 mph. Sunset at 5:31 p.m.

Sunday: Partly cloudy with a high of 58. Winds north at 5 mph. Sunrise at 7:35 a.m.

Sunday night: Clear with a low of 34. Winds west-northwest at 4 mph. Sunset at 5:31 p.m.

Monday: Sunny with a high of 62. Winds south-southwest at 11 mph. Sunrise at 7:36 a.m.

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Obituaries

Janetta Ann Choat

Janetta Ann Choat, 74, died Nov. 24, 2013 in Borger. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, 2013 in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa, with Jim Yates, Interim Hospice Chaplain, and Steven Choat, her stepson, officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Janetta Choat

Mrs. Choat was born Dec. 28, 1938 in Montague. She had been a resident of Pampa from 1957 until 1989 when she moved to Borger. She married H.C. Powers in 1957. He preceded her in death in 1979. She later married Ron Choat in 1980. Janetta was a homemaker and a Christian. She enjoyed gardening, being with her pets and outings with her family. She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Carrie Johnston, and two brothers, Bobby Johnston and Billy Johnston.

Survivors include her husband, Ron Choat of the home, a son, Ronny Powers and wife Karen of Borger, a daughter, Darla Powers of Borger, a stepson, Steven Choat and wife Patsy of Henderson, Nev., two stepdaughters, Valorie Olson of Centennial, Colo., and Cindy Frith of Charleston, S.C., a brother, James Johnston of Amarillo, 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Interim Hospice, 2217 Perryton Parkway, Pampa, Texas 79065.

The family will receive friends from 5:30-7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 1, 2013, at Carmichael-Whalely Funeral Home.

Sign the online guest register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Virginia Fay Powers Flaherty

Virginia Fay Powers Flaherty, 91, died Nov. 26, 2013 in McLean.

Memorial services will be 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 2, 2013, at Briarwood Church, with the Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.



Virginia Flaherty

Mrs. Flaherty was born Jan. 19, 1922 in White Deer. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1938 before moving to McLean in 2009. She married George H. Flaherty on Sept. 22, 1938 in Panhandle. He preceded her in death on Feb. 16, 2004. She was a homemaker and a former member of First Assembly of God. She was also preceded in death by her parents, a son, two brothers, a sister, two granddaughters and a great-granddaughter.

Survivors include her son, Kent Flaherty and wife Loretta of Pampa, a daughter-in-law, Janice Flaherty of Amarillo, a grandson, Steve Flaherty and wife Shelly of Amarillo, three granddaughters, Shelly Brooks and husband Chad of Pampa, Shawn Peters and husband Tom of Dallas, and Brenda Stallings and husband Tom of Townville, S.C., and seven great-grandchildren.

The family would like to extend their deep appreciation to the McLean Care Center for their loving care of Mrs. Flaherty.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Briarwood Church, 1800 W. Harvester, Pampa, Texas 79065.

Sign the online guest register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

For the record

Pampa man arrested for driving while intoxicated

Eusebio Andrade-Rivas, 29, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by the Pampa Police Department for driving while intoxicated.

Rhoda Denise Darton, 46, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by PPD for capias pro fine — no driver's license, capias pro fine — nonpayment of court fees.

Angel Renee Whinery, 24, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for theft, violation of promise to appear, no driver's license.

Edward Earl Holt, 62, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by PPD for theft.

Jerry Lynn Rhoden, 59, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by GCSO for theft of property by check.

Shawn Allen Sisk, 42, Lefors, was arrested Wednesday by GCSO for assault with intent to cause bodily injury to a family member.

Vanessa Rodriguez, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by PPD for two charges of assault with intent to cause bodily injury.

Thomas Roman Brown, 34, Lefors, was arrested Thursday by GCSO for insufficient bond — possession of a controlled substance.

Ryne Anthony Richardson, 19, Pampa, was arrested Friday by PPD for possession of marijuana.

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PFD call log — Nov. 27-29

The Pampa Fire Department responded to these calls for the following dates. One unit with three personnel responded to each call, unless otherwise indicated.

- Nov. 27**
- At 1:26 p.m., to a medical assist in the 1900 block of Lynn.
 - At 3:11 p.m., three units, five personnel to a grass fire at U.S. Highway 60 and County Road 5.
 - At 9:45 p.m., two units, six person to

an unauthorized burn in the 1200 block of Wilcox.

- Nov. 28**
- At 8:08 a.m. to a medical call in the 1400 block of North Christy.
 - At 5:48 p.m., to a medical assist in the 2700 block of North Hobart.

- Nov. 29**
- At 202 a.m., to a medical call in the 1000 block of Neel Road.

Kidnapped squirrel returns home for holidays

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — A squirrel that was kidnapped from Utah by a truck driver, carted hundreds of miles away to Wisconsin and then rejected by her adopted family has returned home for the holidays.

The yet-unnamed critter is now recuperating at the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Northern Utah in Ogden, after hitching a ride back west with a former assistant from the Four Lakes Wildlife Center in Madison.

"They said they had a squirrel that needs to come back to Utah," Ogden wildlife specialist DaLyn Erickson-Marthaler told The Salt Lake Tribune. "It was like, 'Well, how did you get a squirrel that was from Utah?'"

The Wisconsin State Journal first reported the furry rodent's saga, which began when a truck driver at an Interstate 80 rest stop near the Utah-Wyoming border lured her into a makeshift box trap.

"Apparently, the squirrels at that rest stop have become very used to being

fed by people," said Gayle Viney, spokeswoman for the Dane County Humane Society.

When she arrived in Wisconsin, she was given to a family near Madison as a pet. They surrendered her to a wildlife sanctuary after two months; things just weren't working out.

Because the Uinta ground squirrel isn't naturally found in Wisconsin, sanctuary officials worried she might not survive and decided she belonged with others of her kind.

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Bouncin' Around

Who doesn't like Charlie Brown and the Peanuts gang?

When Charles Schulz' first "Peanuts" comic strip debuted in 1950, he probably didn't imagine the characters still being popular 60 years later.

When Schulz first started selling his comic strip, it was called, "Li'l Folks" but when it later became a regular comic strip, the syndicate changed the name to "Peanuts," a name Schulz disliked until his death in 2000.



JUDITH SMITH

I didn't become a devoted fan of the lovable characters until I was an adult and had a child of my own, but I can't imagine a world without Snoopy, Charlie Brown, Linus and the rest of the gang.

The humor and wisdom is always clean and fresh, no matter how many times we read the same panels or how often we watch the television specials. Ron and I have been known to start dancing to "Linus and Lucy," the theme from "A Charlie Brown Christmas." There are Peanuts characters throughout our house, from the bright

orange pennant picturing Lucy saying, "I'm frustrated, inhibited and no one understands me!" to the lineup of Snoopy miniatures on a shelf. We even have Peanuts sheets on our bed!

Every Christmas we hang a special Peanuts bell on the tree, an ornament that Ron's Aunt Rose cherished. The first decoration to go up in our house for the holidays is a greeting card that Ron bought Aunt Rose back in 1959. Aunt Rose kept that card until her death in 2003. We have a life-size plush Snoopy who wears different hats for different seasons. I just removed his Halloween pirate costume and will soon put his elf hat on and stand him in a place of honor in the den.

We have all the Peanuts videos, from "It's the Easter Beagle," "The Great Pumpkin" and "It's Thanksgiving" to "A Charlie Brown Christmas." We watch them cheerfully as though we'd never seen them before. Snoopy dancing around with a basket full of Easter eggs, and Linus sitting in his "sincere" pumpkin patch never get old to us. When our grandkids visit us, they are allowed to read for an hour after they go to bed, and they often

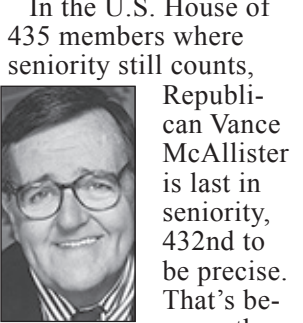
choose one of our Peanuts books to read. When I was a kid, we referred to the Sunday comics as "the funny papers." That section of the Sunday paper was much bigger than it is today, and most of the comics, with the possible exception of "Terry and the Pirates" and "Rex Morgan," were indeed funny.

Quite a few of today's comics are definitely not kid-friendly, and some even barely qualify as "comics," but "Peanuts" still makes me laugh.

The Christmas season is rapidly approaching, and once again we will pull out our beloved "A Charlie Brown Christmas" video and watch it. The little scraggly tree will once again show that it really is a nice tree, and the Peanuts gang will gather around the tree and sing, "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing." Ron and I always remember one bitterly cold Christmas Eve about 25 years ago, when the pastor of our church based his sermon on "A Charlie Brown Christmas," and ended his message with Linus' famous words, "That's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown!"

Judi Smith resides in Pampa and can be reached at nonny46@yahoo.com.

The man who should terrify everybody in Congress



MARK SHIELDS

In the U.S. House of 435 members where seniority still counts, Republican Vance McAllister is last in seniority, 432nd to be precise. That's because there are currently three vacant seats. He was sworn into office on Nov. 21, following his upset victory in a special election held by Louisiana's 5th Congressional District. Five days earlier, when McAllister won 60 percent of the vote against his favored opponent, state Sen. Neil Riser, who was very well-financed and backed by the Louisiana Republican Party, including the state's Republican House members, House Majority Leader, Eric Cantor, and the Louisiana tea party.

Why were two Republicans running? Because under Louisiana law, if no candidate wins a majority during the primary in which all candidates appear on the ballot (there were 14), then the top two finishers, irrespective of party, qualify for the runoff. Riser had handily won the primary 12 percentage points ahead of McAllister, 39, who had never before run for any public office.

Both candidates opposed abortion, gun control, and the size and reach of the government. But they differed on Louisiana Republican Gov. Bobby Jindal's decision to reject the expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, which would extend coverage to more low-income, uninsured state residents. Riser backed Jindal and went on TV to denounce McAllister for publicly endorsing Medicaid expansion to citizens of the 5th District, one of the nation's poorest in which close to a quarter of households survive on an annual income of less than \$15,000. Riser's paid message: "A vote for Vance McAllister is a vote for ObamaCare."

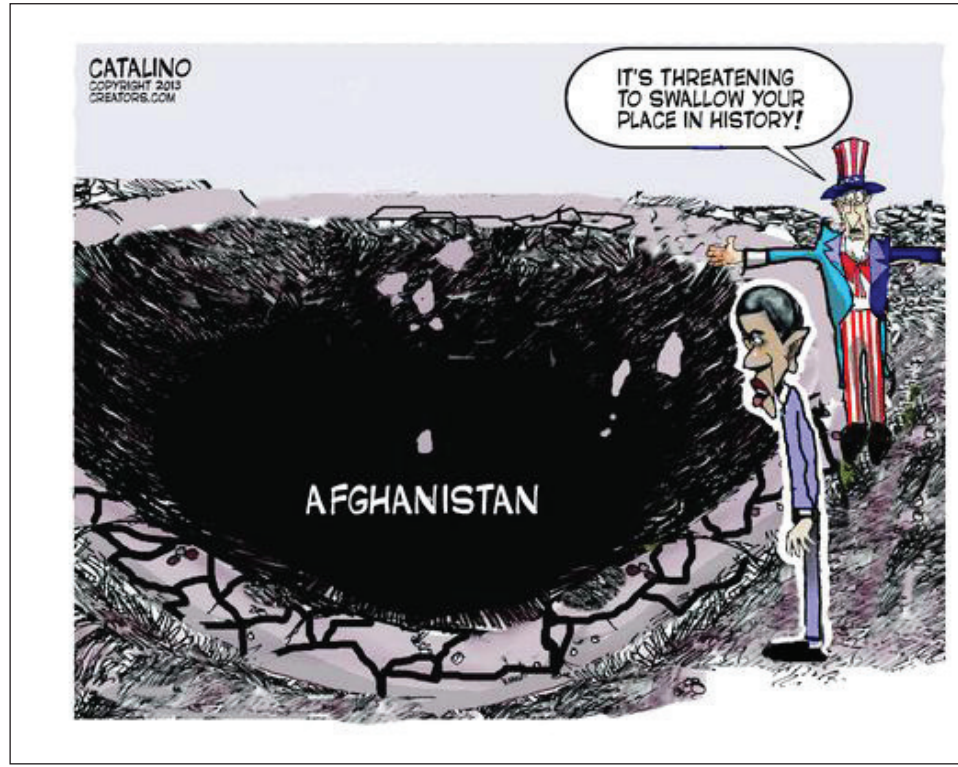
So what is the possible significance of one Republican defeating

another in a Louisiana special House race for the 2014 national elections, which are still almost a year away? In fairness, McAllister, an Army veteran and self-made business success who was able to self-finance his own campaign, had a strong personal story to tell. He did not seek to run to the right of Riser and oppose the shutdown of the federal government in a doomed gesture to repeal the Affordable Care Act. And unlike Riser, who backed the shutdown and pledged repeal of the health law, he argued that with Democrats controlling both the White House and Senate, repeal was unattainable. He suggested working to change and improve the health law instead.

What McAllister had going for him in his upset victory — and what no current member of Congress running in 2014 will ever be able to claim — is that he truly was the fresh face, the nonpolitician who was unbossed and unbought. He did not hesitate to remind voters of the 5th District that despite his affluence, he had never been to Washington, D.C.

Seven out of 10 Americans believe their country is headed in the wrong direction, and fewer than one in 10 has a positive opinion of Congress's performance, so the McAllister model could truly become a nightmare scenario for congressional incumbents. The appealing, solutions-minded outsider with a positive personal story to offer cannot be portrayed as part of the problem. Riser had the resume. He had incumbency, experience and the support and praise of elected leaders of his state and party. He had plenty of campaign money. And yet, he lost. This is why McAllister's victory should send chills about the 2014 elections through everybody in Washington, Democrat or Republican.

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Martin Bashir's crude emissions on Palin

Like most MSNBC hosts, Martin Bashir has been hypersensitive to slights aimed at President Barack Obama, real or imagined.



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Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer pointing a finger at Obama on the tarmac in Phoenix. He somehow imagined the disrespect was "unprecedented!"

When then-Rep. Joe Walsh decided to skip an Obama jobs speech before Congress in the fall of 2011, Bashir was shocked. "Are you able to be as disrespectful to the office of president by simply walking away from something that every member of the Congress is going to attend? Is that also" — here it comes — "because he's black?"

These demands on Obama's behalf make Bashir's astonishing disrespect of Sarah Palin all the more glaring. Even liberals are still lamenting how Bashir lectured on Nov. 15 that Sarah Palin's face should be urinated and defecated on.

Rush Limbaugh was right. Just imagine the liberal fury had Bill O'Reilly proposed this be done to Obama.

Outraged that Palin in her "long-deceased mind"

would dare suggest our national debt to China is going to feel like slavery when the note comes due, Bashir read from some slave owner's diary dating to 1756. "A slave named Darby caught eating canes; had him well flogged and pickled, then made Hector, another slave, s*** in his mouth." In another incident, the cruel master "flogged Punch well, and then washed and rubbed salt pickle, lime juice and bird pepper; made Negro Joe piss in his eyes and mouth." Bashir concluded Palin would be an "outstanding candidate" for these excretory punishments.

Bashir is no stranger to crazed historical analogies for conservatives. He has compared Rick Santorum to Stalin, and the National Rifle Association to Hitler. But he's never suggested a politician deserved to be someone's outhouse.

The next Monday, Bashir apologized on the air. "My words were wholly unacceptable ... and they have brought shame upon my friends and colleagues at this network."

But there was no punishment from the allegedly shamed MSNBC. The news channel suspended Ed Schultz for a week after he called Laura Ingraham a "talk slut" and David Shuster until he quit for suggesting Hillary Clinton "pimped out" her daughter Chelsea on the campaign trail. Years ago, mere

political donations took Joe Scarborough and Keith Olbermann off the air. So why no mandatory time off for Bashir?

Because this is MSNBC, and having someone defecate in Palin's mouth is just not a big deal.

While the liberal networks all blew gaskets over Limbaugh calling Sandra Fluke a "slut," not one of them has covered Bashir's remarks. How's that for hypocrisy? Associated Press media reporter David Bauder filed at least three stories, but there was mostly silence outside of Fox News. The Washington Post and USA Today published nothing, and it only came up in The New York Times as a clause of a TV listing about the subjects of "Fox News Sunday." There was nothing on ABC, CBS, NBC, NPR or PBS. CNN only touched on it once during its "New Day" morning show and once on its "Reliable Sources" journalism program.

One obvious answer for this blackout is that Limbaugh is far more popular in America than Bashir, who few watch. But another obvious answer is media liberals despise Limbaugh and Palin, and sympathize with Bashir and the audience that loves this kind of hate speech toward conservatives.

Other MSNBC hosts wouldn't condemn Bashir either. When Washington Post media blogger Erik Wemple tried to pin

down Chris Matthews, he refused to comment (perhaps for the first time in his life). When asked for his thoughts by radio host Steve Malzberg, Scarborough replied he was on a book tour and didn't hear about Bashir's rant until after the apology on Nov. 18. But "touring" Scarborough sat in his MSNBC studio that Monday morning before the apology and said nothing. Cash the check and keep the mouth shut.

Not all liberals have been so callous. Alex Jones at Harvard's Joan Shorenstein Center told the TVNewser blog that Bashir "cheapens and mocks the whole idea of serious discourse on a news program." He can't believe MSNBC is tolerating this "escalation of vulgarity."

On Nov. 25, suddenly MSNBC publicists acknowledged that Bashir was taking a "pre-planned vacation," which was not pre-announced. A guest host would handle Thanksgiving week. They're still trying to keep the whole sordid "Bashir Outhouse Address" out of the media mainstream.

There's a concept with which the folks at MSNBC are manifestly unfamiliar. Honor.

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Americans kick off 2-day holiday shopping marathon

(AP) The holiday shopping season started as a marathon, not a sprint. More than a dozen major retailers from Target to Toys R Us opened for 24 hours or more on Thanksgiving Day through Black Friday, the traditional start to the holiday shopping period. As a result, crowds formed early and often throughout the two days. About 15,000 people were waiting for the flagship Macy's in New York City's Herald Square when it opened at 8 p.m. on Thanksgiving. Long checkout lines formed at the Target in Colma, Calif., on Black Friday morning. And at North Point Mall in Alpharetta, Ga., Jessica Astalos, 20, had already been shopping for six hours starting on Thanksgiving night as another wave of shoppers made their way into the mall around 5:30 a.m. on Black

Friday. "I like being around crowds of people all doing the same thing," said Dalton Mason, 22, of Stockbridge, Ga. The start of the holiday shopping season was transformed into a two-day event. For nearly a decade, Black Friday had been the official start to the busy buying binge sandwiched between Thanksgiving and Christmas. It was named Black Friday because that was traditionally when retailers turned a profit, or moved out of the red and into the black. But in the past few years, retailers have pushed opening times into Thanksgiving night. Some like Macy's opened on Thanksgiving for the first time this year. Others like Gap Inc., which owns Banana Republic, Gap and Old Navy, opened some stores earlier

on Thanksgiving than the year before. And many pushed up the discounting that used to be reserved for Black Friday into early November. The earlier openings and sales were met with some resistance. Some workers' rights groups had planned protests on both Thanksgiving and Black Friday because they opposed having retail employees miss family meals at home. But as of Thursday afternoon, there weren't reports of widespread protests. Some shoppers even had said they would not venture out on Thanksgiving because they believe it's a sacred holiday meant to spend with family and friends. And at least one who did venture out regretted the decision. By 5 a.m. Friday, Curtis Akins, 51, was sitting on a bench - looking slightly exhausted --

inside a mall in Atlanta's northern suburbs as his wife looked for deals. "I think it's going to end because it's taking away from the traditional Thanksgiving," he said of the Black Friday tradition. But that sentiment didn't stop others from taking advantage of the earlier openings and sales. "We like to shop this time of night ... We're having a ball," said Rosanne Scromas she left the Target store in Clifton Park, N.Y., at 5 a.m. Friday. The reception to the double-day holiday shopping start has led some retail experts to question how much further Black Friday will creep into Thanksgiving. Some now even refer to the holiday as Black Thanksgiving or Gray Thursday. "Black Friday is now Gray Friday," said Craig Johnson, president of Customer Growth Part-

ners, a retail consultancy. It's unclear whether or not the early openings will lead shoppers to spend more over the two days or simply spread sales between the two days. Last year, sales on Thanksgiving were \$810 million last year, an increase of 55 percent from the previous year as more stores opened on the holiday, according to Chicago research firm Shopper-Trak. But sales dropped 1.8 percent to \$11.2 billion on Black Friday, though it still was the biggest shopping day last year. Sales figures for this year's Thanksgiving and Black Friday will trickle out in the next couple days, but some big chains already are proclaiming early Friday morning that the start to the holiday shopping season had gotten off to a successful start. Most Wal-Mart stores

are open 24 hours, but the world's largest retailer started its holiday shopping sales events at 6 p.m. on Thanksgiving, two hours earlier than last year. Wal-Mart said that customers bought 2.8 million towels, two million TVs, 1.4 million tablets, 300,000 bicycles and 1.9 million dolls. Rival Target, which opened at an hour earlier this year at 8 p.m. on Thanksgiving, also said that traffic starting in the early morning hours of Thanksgiving on Target.com and at its stores later in the day was "strong." Terry Lundgren, Macy's CEO, said "so far, so good" referring to the overall holiday shopping season. The 15,000 people who showed up for the opening of the flagship store was the most ever, up from 11,000 last year. "It's unbelievable," he said. "Clearly people are in the shopping mood."

Amarillo area United Supermarkets kickoff food drive

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On Saturday Amarillo area locations of United Supermarkets, Market Street and Amigos will begin accepting food and monetary donations for the "Together We Can" Food Drive, with all proceeds benefiting the High Plains Food Bank. Guests can make donations at any of the seven Amarillo locations, including Pampa, now through Dec. 15. "Local food banks play a critical role in our community, especially through

out the holiday season," said Shelby Crews, community relations manager for United Supermarkets, LLC. "We are committed to providing the community our ongoing support as part of our company's mission, and we encourage our guests to contribute to our food drive." During the drive, store guests may drop their donations of nonperishable food at any United Supermarkets, Market Street or Amigos location in the Amarillo area. Guests can also make a cash donation of at least \$1 by adding it

to their bill during checkout. Participating stores include all Amarillo city locations, along with Borger, Canyon, Childress, Dalhart, Dumas, Pampa and Perryton. Needed items include canned products such as meats, tuna, soups, fruits, juices and vegetables; dry products such as rice, macaroni and cheese, Hamburger Helper, Rice-A-Roni, instant potatoes and cereals; and peanut butter. For more information about United, visit www.unitedtexas.com.

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Small company helps Twitter make money

DENVER (AP) — Twitter just issued its IPO but a lingering question is how the popular worldwide microblog company will turn a profit.

One Colorado-based company thinks it has found one way to help Twitter, and itself, make money.

Wayin has partnered up with the Denver Broncos to project tweeted photos and tweets from fans onto the Sports Authority Field at Mile High's Thundershield 2, the stadium's marquee 40-foot high, by 220 foot wide video scoreboard.

The software allows ads to be placed next to the tweets to generate revenue.

It's unclear how that could impact Twitter's bottom line. None of the companies would discuss how much money is generated through the deal.

The Broncos rolled out Wayin's software during the game versus division rival Kansas City Chiefs on Nov. 17.

The team uses the software to search terms or so-called hashtags to find tweets by category from the thousands sent about the game and then pick the ones to send to the scoreboard and 1,100 television screens throughout the stadium, as well as to the Broncos social media hub on the Web.

"The key is that we're not just going to put up anything and everything because as you can imagine, there are some things you don't want to pull right in," said Sandy Young, senior marketing manager for the Broncos who is responsible for picking the tweets.

It's unclear how many companies such as Wayin, co-founded by Sun Microsystems founder Scott McNealy, are out there striking deals with companies to use the Twitter feed. Twitter declined to discuss the matter.

"It's no secret that Twitter has become the roar of the crowd during televised games, but we're also see-

ing teams embrace Twitter for the in-stadium experience," Geoff Reiss, head of sports at Twitter said in a statement.

Experts estimate that Twitter makes 85 percent of its money through so-called "native" advertising that shows up on the feed in the form of text, said Michael Myers, a business professor at the University of Denver.

"I think they'll experiment with how to make money," Myers said. "See if someone can curate their content and their data in a format that makes the customer so they don't have to reach out to the Denver Broncos themselves."

All fans have to do is send in their tweets, if they remember to charge their phones before heading to the stadium.

"Back when we had Treos and Blackberries, used to be a three-day battery life," said Evan Wook, who attended the Broncos/Chiefs game Nov. 17. "These days I can't get through a day."

Police officer dragged near Chicago area store

CHICAGO (AP) — A police officer answering a call of alleged shoplifting at a Chicago area department store open on Thanksgiving evening shot the driver of a car that was dragging a fellow officer, authorities said.

The wounded driver of the car and the dragged officer were both taken for hospital treatment of non-life-threatening shoulder injuries, Romeoville Police Chief Mark Turvey said at a news conference in that southwest Chicago area suburb. He said three people were arrested.

Turvey said police got a call shortly after 10 p.m. Thursday of two people allegedly shoplifting clothes from a Kohl's store in Romeoville. "As officers approached the front door, one of the two subjects ran out the door into the parking lot" and the officer

chased him to a waiting car, Turvey said.

"The officer was struggling with the subject as he got into the car and then the car started to move as the officer was partially inside the car. The officer was dragged quite some distance. He couldn't get out," Turvey said.

The police chief said a backup officer fired two or three shots toward the driver when he refused orders to stop, striking him once in the shoulder.

"At that time the car came to a stop," said Turvey, adding police arrested the driver, the passenger and a third person still inside the store. The two officers involved and the three arrested weren't immediately identified by Turvey.

There were no reports of any injuries to shoppers hunting for deals ahead of

Black Friday.

The Chicago Sun-Times said the store was open early Friday and people were shopping inside while a small portion of a fire lane was taped off outside with several police cars nearby.

A store manager contacted at the outlet early Friday said he had no further information and referred The Associated Press to a corporate spokeswoman, who didn't immediately return a message Friday.

Monica Fernandez, 41, of Romeoville, was quoted by the Sun-Times as saying she had just pulled into the lot and was getting ready to shop Thursday night when she saw police running after a man and heard gunshots.

"I ducked under my seat," Fernandez said. "It's crazy. Romeoville doesn't have a lot of crime like that."

LDS bishop dresses as homeless man to teach lesson

TAYLORSVILLE, Utah (AP) — Members of a Mormon congregation in a Salt Lake City suburb encountered someone they thought was a homeless man at church on Sunday. What they did not know was the man was a bishop for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

At least five people asked David Musselman to leave the church property in Taylorsville, some gave him money and most were indifferent.

He said he disguised himself as a homeless man to teach his congregation a lesson about compassion. To make his appearance more convincing, he contacted a Salt Lake City makeup artist to transform his familiar face to that of a stranger not even his family recognized.

"The main thing I was trying to get across was we don't need to be so quick

to judge," Musselman told KUTV-TV.

He received varied reactions to his appearance at church, he said.

"Many actually went out of their way to purposefully ignore me, and they wouldn't even make eye contact," he told the Deseret News (<http://bit.ly/1aYkBiP>). "I'd approach them and say, 'Happy Thanksgiving.' Many of them I wouldn't ask for any food or any kind of money, and their inability to even acknowledge me being there was very surprising."

The reaction that touched Musselman the most was from children.

"I was impressed by the children. I could see in their eyes they wanted to do more," he said.

Musselman, who told only his second counselor that he would be disguised as a homeless man, walked to the pulpit during the ser-

vice. He finally revealed his true identity and took off his wig, fake beard and glasses.

"It had a shock value that I did not anticipate," he said. "I really did not have any idea that the members of my ward would gasp as big as they did."

Ward member Jaimi Larsen was among those surprised it was her bishop. "I started feeling ashamed because I didn't say hello to this man ... He was dirty. He was crippled. He was old. He was mumbling to himself," she said.

It wasn't Musselman's goal to embarrass ward members or make them feel ashamed, he said. Instead, he wanted to remind them to be kind to people from all walks of life not just at the holidays, but all year long, he said.

"To be Christ-like, just acknowledge them," he said.

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Emphasize safety when decorating for the holidays

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Decking the halls for the holidays is a beloved tradition for many families. A home's exterior festooned with lights help create a festive holiday mood, while stockings hung by the chimney and a Christmas tree in the living room bring that holiday cheer inside.

Though the holiday season is a festive time of year, it can quickly turn tragic if revelers do not emphasize safety when decorating their homes. When decorating this holiday season, be sure to employ the following precautions so your holiday season is festive, decorative and safe.

- Exercise extreme caution with holiday lights. According to the Electrical Safety Foundation International, 150 home fires per year begin with holiday lights and other decorative lighting. Such fires may start because of frayed or bare wires,

broken or cracked sockets or even loose connections. It's important that men and women be especially careful when decorating their homes with holiday lights, inspecting each set of lights for damage and discarding any damaged sets. When choosing lights, use only lights that have been certified for outdoor use on your home's exterior, and never use outdoor lights inside.

- Purchase the right Christmas tree. The Consumer Product Safety Commission notes that Christmas trees are involved in hundreds of fires causing an average of 15 deaths each year. In addition, such fires cause an average of \$13 million in property damage annually. Though it can be tempting to purchase the most eye-catching Christmas tree you find, avoid acting rashly until you have learned a little about the tree. Artificial trees should be labeled as "Fire

Resistant." Such trees can still catch fire, but they are more resistant to fire than trees without such labels. When buying a live tree, make sure the tree is fresh. The tree should be green, and its needles should be difficult to pull off of branches, which should not be easily breakable. Tap the tree on the ground before purchasing it. If the tree loses a lot of needles upon tapping the ground, it isn't fresh. Trees that aren't fresh are more susceptible to going up in flames.

- Keep the tree away from heat sources. Though it might seem more idyllic to place your Christmas tree next to the fireplace, it's a lot more dangerous as well.

When choosing a spot for your tree, find a place that is away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators and vents. But homeowners also should know that even trees placed away from heat sources can still dry out, creating a fire hazard even if the tree was fresh and healthy when purchased. That's because Christmas trees can quickly dry out in heated rooms. Monitor the tree's water levels every day, checking those levels in both the morning and at night before going to bed. This prevents the tree from drying out and becoming a fire hazard, and it also helps the tree maintain its aesthetic appeal through the holiday season.



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routine for each shot. Imagine you're playing your opening holes. Just hitting a bunch of 7-irons to a target can get kind of boring!

Find your "rhythm of the day." Warm up time is not a race to hit balls, but the time to mentally get into the

round.

Jack Nicklaus and Lee Trevino always said they took what swing they had during warm up out to the course.

If you're hitting a cut on the range consistently, take that to the course.

Don't skip the putting green — find your pace, feel and rhythm to your stroke.

When you step onto the first tee, you should be mentally and physically prepared to play. Let your good mental and physical vibes come with you.

I hope that we have inspired you to think about your preparation for an enjoyable round of play. More importantly, I hope the first shot of your round is down the middle and that you have a great day. Want to play better golf? We can help!

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hit those beautiful, soft hybrid shots from 180 yards with a little draw, but on the 17th instead of the practice tee?

How you practice is just as important as how you play. If you practice with a purpose and re-think your warm up, you may just find that you will play better and have more fun!

One of the keys to having fun is to get your round off to a good start. You may be traveling, swinging indoors or the weather may be good enough to play a full 18! Whatever the case, try to get to the club a little early, and have a practice with PURPOSE session before your round.

Here are some ideas to make the most of this session:

It's just as important to warm up before you start hitting balls on the range as it is before the first tee.

Start with the shorter clubs and work through the bag. Focus on your pre-shot

Murray gets 3 TDs, Cowboys rally by Raiders 31-24

ARLINGTON (AP) — Tony Romo was sick, and it wasn't because he had just watched the Oakland Raiders return a fumble for a touchdown on the opening kickoff.

After the Dallas quarterback caught a virus the night before Thanksgiving, his top two running backs were there to help out.

DeMarco Murray ran for three touchdowns, backup Lance Dunbar led Dal-

las with a career-high 82 yards rushing and the Cowboys overcame the shock of Oakland's early score to beat the Raiders 31-24 Thursday.

Romo still did his part. He was behind 7-0 before taking his first snap, and his offense didn't have a yard in the second quarter when he took the field down 21-7 with less than 2 minutes remaining before halftime.

Five completions from Romo later, Murray scored on a 4-yard run 10 seconds before halftime and set the stage for a second-half rally that put the Cowboys (7-5) two games above .500 for the first time since late last season.

Dallas is at least temporarily ahead of Philadelphia (6-5) atop the NFC East.

"To have the opening kickoff fumbled and returned for a touchdown and then be down a couple of

scores in the first half, nobody blinked," Cowboys coach Jason Garrett said. "The momentum kind of turned and I think guys started feeling pretty good and it just continued."

Dallas was without kicker Dwayne Harris because of a hamstring injury, and rookie replacement Terrance Williams gave the Raiders a touchdown with a fumble on the opening kickoff.

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From the Press Box

Crazy talk: Tony Romo will have as great an NFL legacy as Peyton Manning.

There I said it. Now before you burn this newspaper for the blasphemous remark that has your eyes burning, let me burn your ears too and hear me out. Allow me first to present the stats.

The way I am doing this statistical comparison is by taking Peyton Manning's first seven seasons (1998-2004, 112 games) and comparing it to Romo's first seven seasons (2006-2012, 99 games). The reason Romo played less than Manning in their first seven seasons is because in 2008 Romo missed three games with a broken pinkie, and in 2010 missed 10 games with a broken collarbone (Cowboys went 1-2 in '08 and 5-5 in '10 minus Romo).

Now for the facts. Manning's TD/INT ratio was 216-120, Romo's 177-91. Win-loss records

as quarterback? Manning 66-46 versus Romo 63-36. Manning averaged 262.8 yards per game versus Romo at 259.9 yards per game.

In their best statistical seasons, in the fourth quarter winning or trailing by seven points, Manning (2004) completed 66 percent of his passes with a 3-0 TD/INT ratio against Romo (2011) with 60 percent and a 6-2 TD/INT ratio.

Peyton Manning won his first playoff game in his sixth season, 2003, and posted a 3-5 playoff record in his first seven seasons. Tony Romo won his first playoff game in his fourth season, 2009, and has posted a 1-3 playoff record.

The signal-callers are very close in their statistical records.

In 2005, Manning did finally win the Super Bowl. But if Manning hadn't won the Super Bowl that year, we wouldn't talk about him as the first-ballot Hall-of-Famer that he obviously is. The year the Cowboys won their

playoff game with Romo, 2009, they shut-out Philadelphia, but then got thumped by the Brett Favre-led Vikings. That year was the only year the Cowboys had both a Top-10 defense and Top-10 run-game.

In 2005, the Indianapolis Colts' defense were ranked 11th in the NFL, but were ninth in interceptions and fifth in sacks. Their only downfall was the lack of a run-game that year.

I have been tooting Tony Romo's horn for the longest time and still do today. Every year I feel like he improves, even though last year he threw a career-high 19 interceptions. If the Dallas Cowboys ever



Tony Romo

parted ways with Tony Romo, it would be like when the Colts let Manning go. Statistically he is just as good as Manning. In-game I compare Romo more to Giants' quarterback Eli Manning and Chargers' quarterback Philip Rivers.

His athleticism and ability to extend a play and make something out of nothing makes him a modern-day Brett Favre. That's no coincidence considering Romo grew up idolizing Favre in Wisconsin.

But like Favre and Eli, only Tony Romo can win and lose a game for the Dallas Cowboys in the same game (see Week 5 versus Denver).

Now let's talk about Peyton. Drafted by the Colts in 1998, he went 3-13 and threw 26 interceptions in his rookie year (which was a record until Jay Culter broke it in 2009).



Peyton Manning

This was back in the day when rookies were allowed to look like, well, rookies. But that was his first of two losing seasons he would suffer.

The Colts were a force to be reckoned with in the AFC for years after that, just as he has turned the Broncos around.

Year-in and year-out, Manning broke record after record after record, but always found a way to lose in the postseason. He started being labeled as "The Next Dan Marino."

In 2005 he won his only Super Bowl and got the big-one monkey off his back. Many think he will be a first-ballot first-year Hall-of-Famer.

So what's the conclusion? I believe Romo will get there one day and win a Super Bowl for the Cowboys. He needs to have the right pieces around him just as Manning needed them.

That is why football is the ultimate team sport. But Romo, being the legendary Dallas Cowboys lives his life under a magnifying glass and every throw, every touchdown and every interception he makes is going to be compared to Troy Aikman, Roger Staubach, Don Meredith and Randy White. Manning will now probably be compared to Favre because Favre held so many records, but only won one Super Bowl.

But in sports, it is better to have won one championship, than none at all.

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The eighth grade girls' basketball teams take on River Road

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The eighth grade girls' basketball teams played River Road Monday night. The "B" team won 27-6. The top three performers were Iyanna Clarida with nine points, Madison Roby with four points and Megan Dickinson with four points. The "A" team won 21-14. The top three scorers were Gracee Gill with seven points, Yolanda Blanco with six points, and Tya Hayes with six points.

Big League Predictions

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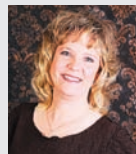
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Football
New England Patriots at Houston Texans.....CBS noon
Arizona Cardinals at Philadelphia Eagles.....FOX noon
Denver Broncos at Kansas City Chiefs..CBS 3:25 p.m.
New York Giants at Washington Redskins...NBC 7:25 p.m.

College Basketball
Wichita St. at St. Louis.....CBS 11 noon
Check your local listings for channel number
Times may vary and blackouts may apply

Watch the Pros SATURDAY

College Football
New Mexico at Boise St.....ESPN2 9:15 a.m.
Rutgers at Connecticut.....ESPNU 11 a.m.
(2) Florida St. at Florida.....ESPN 11 a.m.
(3) Ohio St. at Michigan.....ABC 11 a.m.
(24) Duke at North Carolina.....ESPN2 11 a.m.
Temple at Memphis.....ESPNNews 11 a.m.
Kansas St. at Kansas.....FS1 11 a.m.
BYU at Nevada.....CBS 2 p.m.
(1) Alabama at (4) Auburn.....CBS 2:30 p.m.
Georgia at Georgia Tech.....ABC 2:30 p.m.
Virginia at Virginia Tech.....ESPNU 2:30 p.m.
Penn St. at (15) Wisconsin.....ESPN 2:30 p.m.
(9) Baylor at TCUESPN2 2:30 p.m.
Iowa S. at West Virginia.....FS1 3 p.m.
(25) Notre Dame at (8)Stanford.....FOX 6 p.m.
Tennessee at Kentucky.....ESPNU 6 p.m.
(6) Clemson at (10) South Carolina.....ESPN2 6 p.m.
(21) Texas A&M at Missouri.....ESPN 6:45 p.m.
(22) UCLA at (23) USC.....ABC 7 p.m.
San Diego St. at UNLV.....ESPNU 9:30 p.m.

Hockey
Vancouver Canucks at New York Rangers..NHLN 1 p.m.
Toronto Maple Leafs at Montreal Canadiens....NHLN 6 p.m.

College Basketball
Pittsburgh at Duquesne.....CBS 12 p.m.

Basketball
Brooklyn Nets at Memphis Grizzlies.....NBA TV 7 p.m.

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Bragging rights take backseat in Iron Bowl

AUBURN, Ala. (AP) — Bragging rights are taking a backseat for a change in this Iron Bowl. It's No. 1 Alabama versus No. 4 Auburn Saturday in a rivalry game that has reached epic proportions in the state beyond even the usual craving for 364 days of rubbing it in. The winner of only the second Top-5 matchup in the Iron Bowl's 78-year history will play for the Southeastern Conference championship, and live on in the national title derby.

though unlike Alabama they'd likely still need either No. 2 Florida State or No. 3 Ohio State to lose. Auburn has lost the past two Iron Bowls by a combined 91-14 and failed to produce an offensive touchdown in either game. Much has changed since coach Gus Malzahn's arrival.

“Oh man, it's going to be a battle,” Crimson Tide receiver Kevin Norwood said. If the SEC title game has been a national semifinal game during the league's seven-year run of BCS champs, welcome to what could amount to the quarterfinals. Iron Bowl style. The Tide (11-0, 7-0 SEC) remains the national front-runner and is a 10.5-point favorite for this one. The Tigers (10-1, 6-1) have arguably been the season's biggest surprise,

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Lifestyles

CLARENDON COLLEGE CELEBRATES THANKSGIVING



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Clarendon College Pampa Center had its annual Thanksgiving lunch for students on Monday. Students and faculty were invited to come out for the feast at no cost. The meal contained all the Thanksgiving favorites.

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Lifestyles

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MONDAY, December 2
Chicken fried steak or chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, sliced carrots, spinach, fresh fruit
Breakfast- Breakfast pizza

TUESDAY, December 3
Pizza dippers or macaroni & cheese, green beans, sliced cucumbers, fresh fruit, breadstick
Breakfast- Donut, sausage patty

WEDNESDAY, December 4
Barbeque on a bun or steak fingers, french fries, baked beans, applesauce, fresh fruit
Breakfast- Waffle sticks, syrup

THURSDAY, December 5
Mini twin cheeseburgers or pizza, English peas, tossed salad, carrot sticks, fresh fruit
Breakfast- Biscuit, sausage patty

FRIDAY, December 6
Taco salad or hamburger, Spanish rice, corn, vegetarian beans, mandarin oranges
Breakfast- Cereal, toast

Pampa Senior Citizens Center

MONDAY, December 2
Chicken fried steak or chicken Alfredo, mashed potatoes, fried okra, beets, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, butter cream cake, cherry cobbler, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

TUESDAY, December 3
Hamburger steak or chicken salad, steak fries, spinach, carrots, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, applesauce cake, pineapple pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

WEDNESDAY, December 4
Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, broccoli spears/cheese, corn, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, black forest cake, coconut cream pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

THURSDAY, December 5
Chicken strips or taco salad, Au Gratin potatoes, green beans, cheese hominy, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, Dreamsicle cake, chocolate pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

FRIDAY, December 6
Fried cod filets/hushpuppies or Swedish meatballs/noodles, potato wedges, California blend, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, pecan brownies, butterscotch icebox pie, fruit cup, garlic bread, hot roll, cornbread

FRIDAY, December 6
Fried cod filets/hushpuppies or Swedish meatballs/noodles, potato wedges, California blend, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, pecan brownies, butterscotch icebox pie, fruit cup, garlic bread, hot roll, cornbread

Pampa Meals on Wheels

MONDAY, December 2
Hamburger, tater tots, pears

TUESDAY, December 3
Pot roast, carrots/potatoes, green beans, rolls, mixed fruit

WEDNESDAY, December 4
Hamburger helper, chuck wagon corn, broccoli, Jell-O

THURSDAY, December 5
Pizza, pasta salad, green beans, pineapple

FRIDAY, December 6
Chicken casserole, tomatoes, mixed vegetables, cookies

Sunday horoscope

Note: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

A baby born today has a Sun in Sagittarius and a Moon in Scorpio if born before 10:31 p.m. (PST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Sunday, Dec. 1, 2013: This year you will have a new beginning. Not only will your luck be accelerated, especially in the summer and the period thereafter, but your creativity and magnetism also will heighten. Who can say "no" to you? If you are single, you may be wading through suitors. Know that you will make good choices. If you are attached, a newfound closeness marks your interactions. Be mindful of your sweetie, as you could have a tendency to be unusually me-oriented this year. Success as a couple will depend on the level of mutuality you reach. SAGITTARIUS is a soul mate.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Have you neglected someone because of the recent holiday flurry? Use today to make up for lost time. You could be surprised how fast you get back into the groove of things. Give 100 percent to make this person's day. You both will gain. Tonight: Tap into your imagination.

This Week: Everyone thinks he or she has a better idea. Sit back and listen.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Understand that everyone needs time onstage as the lead actor.

Like it or not, a close friend or loved one might steal the scene. This person has been sitting back a lot; it is his or her time to shine. Go along with a request. Tonight: Act as if it were Friday night.

This Week: Relate to individuals directly. Do not use anyone as a go-between right now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ The issue is one of choices. Do you want to go out, party and play the day away? Or do you want to be practical and start cleaning up from recent festivities? Either way, you will be tired. Tonight: Go for an early bedtime.

This Week: You have very little say presently, but you do get a lot of attention.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Your popularity has no effect on your plans, and there is very little you can do about it but adjust. Others mean well, and they want to use this extra time to be with you. In order to be successful, it is important to recognize a lost cause. Join friends! Tonight: Forget about tomorrow.

This Week: You will have the freedom to pursue a distraction.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Understand that there are many ways to approach a situation. Each one has pros and cons. Decide which set of pros and cons works best for you, and move forward. Your dynamic personality could carry you across the finish line with ease. Tonight: Live it up, Leo-style!

This Week: Your concentration builds until you can clear out some work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You can be subtle, but today is not one of those days when others will experience you in that way. Be aware of how critical and abrupt you can be, and as a result your communication will be more effective. Touch base with a neighbor or close relative. Tonight: At

home. This Week: Do your research.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ The good news is that stores still have merchandise on sale, and you could make a point of finishing your holiday shopping. Make today about eliminating one of the many tasks attached to Christmas. You don't need more stress. Tonight: Celebrate over freshly made eggnog.

This Week: Return calls and schedule meetings for Monday and Tuesday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Understand your options before you decide on any plans. You might just decide to put on some Christmas music and do your own thing. Before you know it, you could have a choir at your house, as friends and neighbors drop by. Tonight: Make it your treat.

This Week: Just because it is December does not mean you need to go hog wild!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You'll want to deal with different matters than what is being dropped on your plate. Deal with them, as you will want some free time in the next 24 hours. A delightful offer could be just around the corner. Schedule plans for late afternoon. Tonight: Like a magnet, you attract others.

This Week: You blossom Monday and create a good start to the next few days.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Listen to a family member or friend's set of plans carefully, as there could be a problem. How you express your thoughts could be directly reflected in how they are received. A discussion needs to happen. Tonight: Opt for some peace and quiet.

This Week: Not until Wednesday do you feel up to snuff.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Be considerate and check in with a friend who might not have had a good few days. You might want to consider including this person in your plans. At first he or she might seem aggressive, but you'll quickly learn otherwise. Tonight: Find your friends.

This Week: Meetings occupy your time and your thoughts.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Instead of thinking about someone at a distance, why not pick up the phone and say "hello"? That act will mean a lot. Be imaginative when it comes to a loved one, especially if you're making plans. Life is for living, and you do that well. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.

This Week: Accept the lead role.

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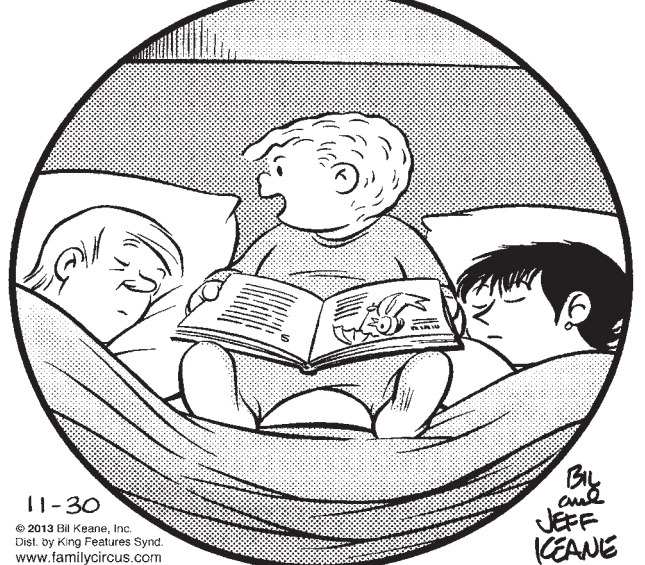
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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Dec. 2, 2013:
This year you express unusual creativity and magnetism. As a result, a plethora of possibilities open up. You could make your life much more dynamic. Even if you are content with the status quo, still expect some swift changes. If you are single, you suddenly will find a wonderful person who gives you a reason to change your status. If you are attached, your love life could take some exciting twists and turns. A fellow SAGITTARIUS has a lot of helpful information.
The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Keep reaching out to someone at a distance. You will be far more detached from a situation that seems to be triggering others. Don't worry -- others will catch up. You might choose to explain your logic to a receptive audience. Tonight: Run a holiday errand or two.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might want to listen to others more carefully. Note what is not being said as well as what is being said. When you read between the lines you will get a better sense of direction in an important partnership. Your instincts also guide you. Tonight: Be mysterious.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Others want to dominate. Let them be in control, or encourage them to think that they are. If you delegate, you'll have an opportunity to have more "you" time. Whether you run out to do some shopping or just hang out at home, you will enjoy this. Tonight: A must appearance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might want to approach a matter totally differently. Consider and investigate alternatives to take care of what is mandatory in order to get more free time. Brainstorm with associates if you don't see the most effective solution. Tonight: Out late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Consider that maybe you are not meant to "settle in." Your unusual, creative and dynamic thinking might not be able to flourish in the status quo. Surprising news could come forward. You'll have a lot of choices -- perhaps more than you might realize. Tonight: Be a wild thing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Be willing to take a stand, even if you're advised otherwise. You could be exhausted by a certain situation and your quest to find the right answer. Take news with a grain of salt. Assume the lead, as you are more grounded than others. Tonight: Into the wee hours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Reach out to a dear friend whom you always enjoy. This person might have a different perspective that you often need to hear. Schedule a get-together very soon. In the meantime, listen to the feedback you receive. Tonight: A meeting could go late.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ A risk or an offer might not be the best path. You easily could make a mistake or a bad decision. Understand where someone else is coming from, yet be willing to say "no." You will see life from a renewed perspective if you honor boundaries. Tonight: Your treat.

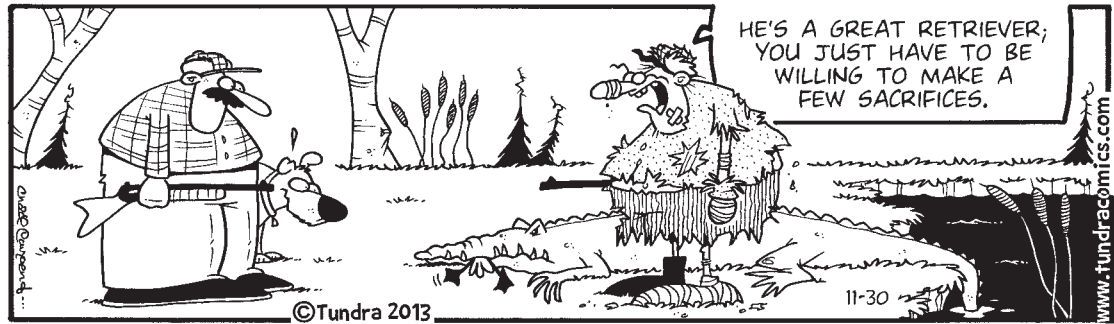
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ If you are honest with yourself, you might not be sure as to which way to head with a personal matter. You might want to discuss a situation more openly. You will get what you want from this situation, but be sure you know what that is. Tonight: As you like it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Know when it is necessary to take a back seat. The unexpected will continue to be the theme. You'll have a choice either to sit back and get a sense of humor or to let yourself be somewhat upset. You know what is best for you. Tonight: Take a deep breath, then decide.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ A financial matter could be undermining you, if you allow it to. Look at your long-term personal goals before you take action. Initially, you could be uncomfortable, but you will make your life much better if you handle this now. Tonight: Celebrate a new beginning.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Take a stand. Your instincts will help you follow through on an important matter. You might feel pressured to process a problem. A new beginning becomes possible with a boss or supervisor. Be willing to ask for what you want. Now is the time. Tonight: No risk-taking.

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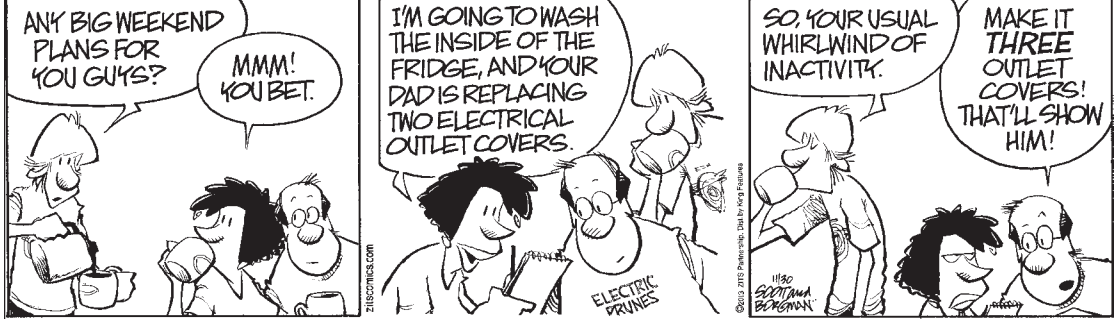
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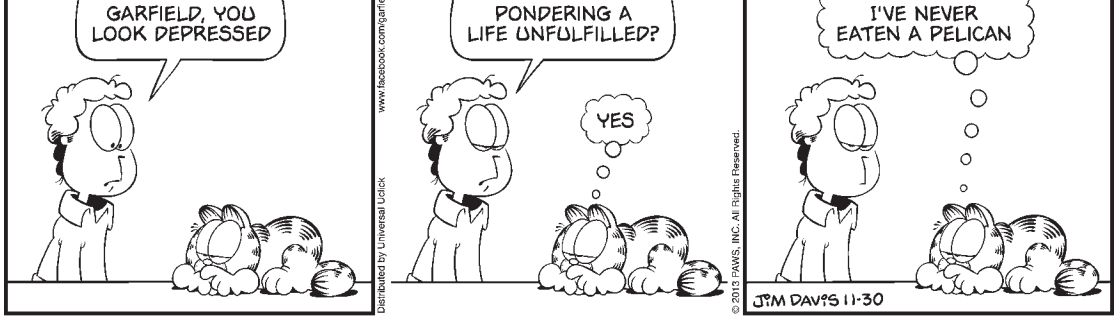
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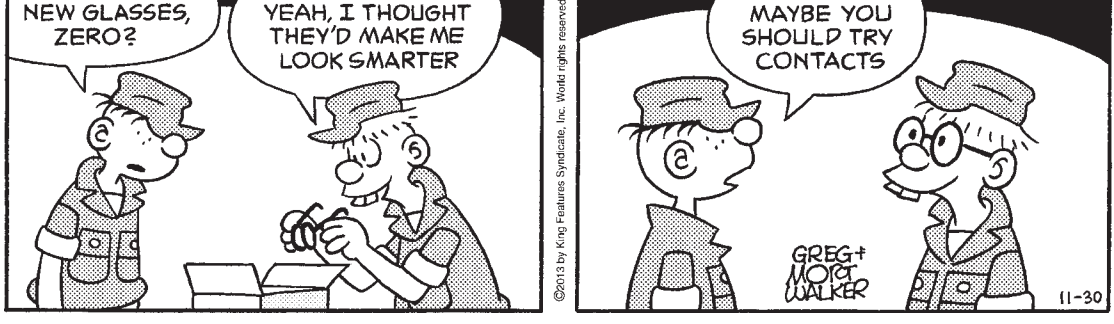
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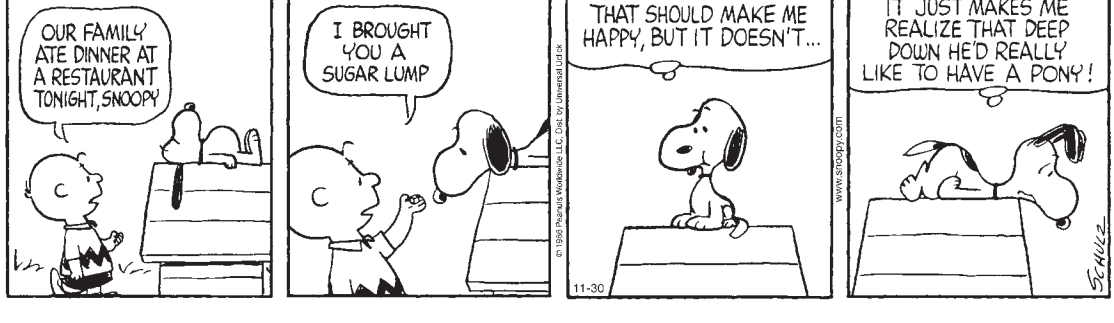
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A group of volunteers at Good Samaritan Services put together a photo collage of the volunteers in various activities and gave it to Joy Bivans, the volunteer executive director, pictured above. The organization is completely supported by 23 member churches and staffed by volunteers. There are no paid employees. Many of the volunteers are members of First Baptist Church, which is about a block north of Good Sams. The charity provides a food pantry, used clothing and household items and can assist individuals with utility bills and drug prescriptions. Food from the pantry is distributed once every two weeks and the utility assistance is \$50 once every six months. With Christmas approaching, Good Sams is in need of both donations and more volunteers. Good Sams is located at 309 N. Ward St. The phone number is 806-665-0073.

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Congressmen seek medal for WW II-era US spy agency

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The men and women who spied on Germany and Japan for the U.S. during World War II parachuted behind enemy lines, led guerrilla raids, invented special equipment such as scuba gear and established a counterintelligence network that endured into the Cold War.

Nearly 70 years after its agents played a key role in defeating the Axis powers, the spy organization that later became the Central Intelligence Agency is being proposed to receive the highest civilian honor bestowed by Congress, the Congressional Gold Medal. Legislation introduced last week by Sen. Mark Kirk, R-Ill., and Rep. Robert E. Latta, R-Ohio, would collectively award the medal to the members of the Office of Strategic Services, known as the OSS.

Along with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, it's the highest award the U.S. gives a civilian. Congressional Gold Medals also have been awarded in recent years to other groups of World War veterans, including Native American "code talkers" and the Tuskegee Airmen.

William Pietsch Jr. was personally recruited for the OSS by its leader, Gen. William "Wild Bill" Donovan, a lawyer and World War I hero from Buffalo, N.Y. After graduating from West Point in early 1943, the young Army officer was introduced to the OSS chief by William Casey, Donovan's aide who

would later become CIA director.

"He turned to Bill Casey and said, 'tell this young man what his job will be,' and that was it. He didn't waste any time on superfluous conversation," said Pietsch, 91, a retired Army colonel from Chevy Chase View, Md.

Known for leading from the front, a trait that earned him the Medal of Honor — and his nickname — during World War I, Donovan left the administrative duties of running the OSS to others, Pietsch said. That may explain why many OSS operatives, considered the forerunners of today's U.S. special operations troops, never received the recognition they deserved during the second World War, he said.

"Most of us were neglected, but not intentionally," said Pietsch, a New York City native. "It wasn't a spit-and-polish organization, it was a can-do outfit."

The original OSS members, a mix of military and civilian employees, numbered about 13,000. Only a few hundred are still believed to survive, according to Charles Pinck, president of the Falls Church, Va.-based OSS Society, whose membership includes about 150 OSS veterans.

"We just think it's terribly important to recognize their service while they're still here," Pinck told The Associated Press.

Pietsch eventually became a "Jedburgh," the name of the

Scottish town where three-man teams of Allied agents trained before being dropped behind German lines after D-Day. Pietsch's team parachuted into Burgundy in central France in August 1944 and fought alongside the French Resistance. At one point, while the Gestapo was "hunting me down like an animal," Pietsch sought sanctuary from an Italian Catholic priest known to be helping Jews evade the Nazis. According to Pietsch, the priest was Angelo Roncalli, who later became Pope John XXIII.



"He saved my life," Pietsch said.

The Gold Medal legislation calls for the OSS medal to be given to the Smithsonian Institution for display and allows the government to produce bronze duplicates of the medal for sale to the public.

The awarding of a Congressional Gold Medal to the OSS would help keep Donovan's memory alive in his hometown, said Rep. Brian Higgins, a Democrat whose district includes Wild Bill's old South Buffalo neighborhood. A former state office building being renovated into a hotel no longer bears Donovan's name, and Buffalo's new federal court house is named after western New Yorker and former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson. The OSS Society was among the supporters who pushed for the new court house to be named

after Donovan, a former federal attorney in Buffalo.

"The OSS is synonymous with Gen. William Donovan," said Higgins, a co-sponsor of the measure, which he says has a "good chance" of being passed by Congress. "There's not another individual who's associated so profoundly with the OSS."

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Father and daughter bring holiday cheer to businesses

By **TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**
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The windows of several businesses around town are looking more festive as David Brito and his daughter, Charlotte Manteiga, dress them up with paintings of snowmen, candles, angels, Christmas trees and other holiday imagery. Brito, a retired mental health counsel-

or, owns a business called Dave's Airbrush and Signs.

He said he has been painting windows for Christmas around town for several years.

"I love making the windows look pretty," he said. "The only drawback is sometimes it's so darn cold."

Brito said he has been a sign painter for more than 50 years.

"This is how I paid my way through college all the way through a masters degree," he said.

This was the first year he painted the windows at The Pampa News, which can be seen in the photos.

Along with newspaper office, Brito and his daughter have painted windows at Premier Flooring, Fiesta Foods, Bobby Jewitt's Automotive, Performance

Glass, Brown's Shoes, Chicken Express, The Plaza Restaurant, China Buffet, Texas Furniture, Culligan Water, Roberts Automotive and Harvester Donuts.

"We've got a dozen more on the list," he said.

If interested in hiring Brito to paint your windows, call him at 806-486-7025.



Photos by Timothy P. Howsare

Top left, Charlotte Manteiga paints a nativity scene on the window of The Pampa News office. Right, David Brito livens up the office by painting a festive snowman. Bottom left and bottom middle, one of the singing angels and candles painted on the window.

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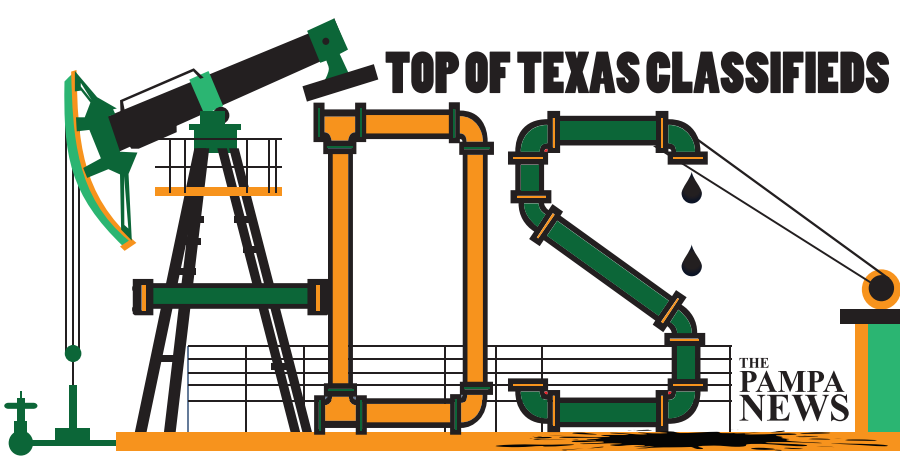
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have been seeing my boyfriend, "Casey," for a year. He has said throughout our courtship that we could get married in four to five years. Over the past couple of months, he has become distant and less romantic. I drive four hours to see him almost every week, and he seems fine then, but when we're apart, he rarely texts me and seems disinterested. On one of my recent visits, Casey said he NEVER wants to get married! When I asked what had changed his mind, his response was that he has decided that marriage is a trap. When I asked if he still wanted to be with me, he said yes. I know I don't want to be Casey's girlfriend forever. I don't want to waste my time if he's not going to marry me, but I really want to be with him. Do you think he'll change his mind again, or is it time for me to end things? — WAITING AND HOPING IN MARYLAND

friends with another couple, the "Russells," who are delightful. Bree and Joe sometimes invite us over when the Russells are there. The problem is, when I try to carry on a conversation with Mr. Russell, Joe gets bent out of shape. He interrupts and changes the subject or says something to make me look bad. If that doesn't stop the discussion, Joe walks off in a huff. I think he's acting like an immature middle-schooler. (It also triggers memories I have of being bullied and excluded as a child.) I'd like to avoid these three-couple get-togethers, but I don't know how many times I can do it without raising questions. An alternative would be to avoid the Russells and converse only with other guests who may be present. Either option, or mentioning it, risks making me look like the jealous 12-year-old instead of Joe. Any ideas? — ODD MAN OUT IN KANSAS

DEAR ODD MAN OUT: It appears that your brother-in-law is insecure, or he wouldn't behave the way he is. How sad — for him. Start limiting the time you spend as a threesome. Ask your wife to find out in advance if the Russells will be visiting when you are. If Bree asks her why, your wife should tell her that Joe seems upset when you try to carry on a conversation with the husband and you don't want to make him uncomfortable. Perhaps if she tells her husband to knock it off and grow up, he will. However, if the problem continues, explain to the Russells that as much as you enjoy their company, you'll be seeing them less often, and why. It isn't necessary to mention to any of them the grief you experienced in middle school because, frankly, it is none of their business. If it's any comfort to you, it appears Joe had insecurities back then, too, but he never outgrew them.

DEAR WAITING AND HOPING: If you're doing all of the four-hour commuting, you're not only waiting and hoping, you are also doing most of the work in your relationship with Casey. From your description of his attention span, when you're out of sight, you are not on his mind. You didn't mention how old you both are, but it appears Casey has some growing up to do. Marriage isn't a trap; it's a partnership. And like any strong partnership there is commitment involved. If Casey isn't up to making a commitment and marriage is what you're after, you should save the wear and tear on your car and the expense of the gas and find a man who is less gun-shy.

DEAR ABBY: We live near my wife's sister "Bree" and her husband, "Joe." We socialize often at one of our homes or at a restaurant. They have recently become good

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Outfits
 - 5 With 20-Down, African capital
 - 10 "No Turn —"
 - 12 "Lorna —"
 - 13 Hot spot
 - 14 "... like I need — in the head"
 - 15 Belief, in brief
 - 16 Flock father
 - 18 Crude shack
 - 19 Kathmandu native
 - 21 Tex-Mex snack
 - 22 Science fiction genre
 - 24 Pricing phrase
 - 25 Have a long sleep
 - 29 Dunham of "Girls"
 - 30 Film awards
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 - 34 Custodian's tool
 - 35 Letter feature
 - 37 Gladden
 - 39 Make law
- DOWN**
- 40 Museum piece
 - 41 Wise ones
 - 42 Dealing need
 - 1 Fiddler's need
 - 2 "Hold on!"
 - 3 Cross
 - 4 Capitol Bldg. worker
 - 5 First person
 - 6 Cry from Homer
 - 7 Co-star of Nimoy and Shatner
 - 8 Fortunate
 - 9 Handle
 - 11 Love of music
 - 17 Delivery via parachute
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How to make holiday travel less taxing

Though holiday travel is rarely hassle-free, many travelers would no doubt admit that enduring long lines at the airport or heavily trafficked highways are prices worth paying for the chance to spend time with their families come the holiday season. But while there's no way for travelers to guarantee their flights leave on time or the roads stay clear of fellow drivers, there are ways to make the holiday travel less taxing.

• **Prepare to wait.** Check-in lines and lines at security checkpoints tend to be especially long during the holiday season. Travelers should prepare to wait at such lines and leave their homes early enough so they can still make their flights without having to rush through airports at the last minute. If you normally leave your home two hours before your scheduled check-in, then leave an hour earlier to account for traffic en route to the airport and the long lines once you get there. If you make it through the security checkpoint with plenty of time to spare before your flight departs, you can always unwind at an airport coffee shop or restaurant, but arriving too late to the airport will only add stress to an already stressful situation.

Drivers also should prepare to wait when traveling during the holiday sea-

son. Roads will have more drivers, so travelers should build in traffic jams when estimating how long it might take for them to arrive at their destinations. Sitting in traffic might still be stressful, but it won't be as stressful if you're still likely to arrive to your destination on time.

• **Ship your gifts.** Holiday travelers often try to cram gifts into their suitcases or the trunks of their vehicles, reducing the space they have to bring personal items or stretch out in their cars on road trips. Instead of squeezing as many gifts into your suitcase or vehicle as possible, ship the gifts and travel light. Traveling light can save you from having to pay potentially costly baggage fees at the airport, while drivers will notice passengers tend to be a lot more comfortable and relaxed when they don't have to share space with bags filled with gifts.

• **Bring your own food.** Hunger can only make flight delays and traffic jams that much worse. When traveling for the holidays, bring along your own food, especially when traveling with youngsters. Pack small meals for the flight or the drive. It's not a safe assumption that there will be food on the flight or that you will have time to grab some snacks in the terminal

before boarding the plane. So pack some snacks before you leave for the airport. Drivers also should anticipate traffic jams and should not assume that there will be rest stops along the way where they can pick up beverages, snacks or meals. Drivers also may want to avoid pulling over so they can get to their destinations on time. Packing food and beverages for the trip can save you the trouble of making frequent pitstops to quell hunger and thirst.

• **Pack some distractions.** Whether you're waiting to board at the gate or driving on a seemingly endless highway, pack some distractions so you or your fellow travelers aren't left with nothing to do during delays. People traveling via airplane may want to bring along a book or a tablet on which they can play games or watch television. Drivers may not be able to take their eyes off the roads, but they can pack books and tablets or video game consoles for their passengers. Children may find delays or long trips especially uncomfortable, so adults should make sure kids have things to keep them occupied during such excursions.

Holiday travel can be unpredictable and tedious, but travelers can take steps to make the process of getting from point A to point B a lot less taxing.



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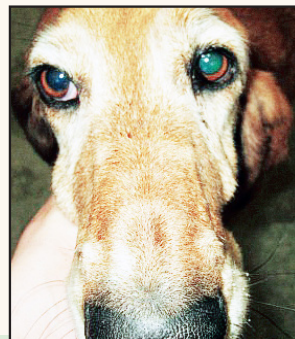
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