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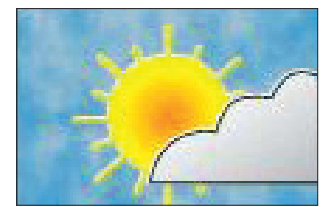
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Brody Smith, left, and Eric Valle perform a scene from "Leading Ladies," a comedy to be staged Friday through Sunday by the Howard College Theater Department. Performances are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Hall Center for the Arts.

## 'Ladies' promises laughter

By STEVE REAGAN  
 Staff Writer

The Howard College Theater Department has determined that it's time to get farcical. To open its season, the department will present "Leading Ladies" — a comedy of errors similar in tone to the classic Jack Lemmon/Tony Curtis/Marilyn Monroe movie, "Some Like It Hot" — Friday through Sunday at the Hall Center for the Arts on the HC campus. Performance times are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with a Sunday matinee scheduled for 2 p.m. Admission prices are \$5 for adults.

**What:** 'Leading Ladies,' a comedy by Ken Ludwig.

**Where:** Hall Center for the Arts on the Howard College campus.

**When:** 8 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

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## Empty Bowls fund-raiser to aid UW

Herald Staff Report

For the fourth consecutive year, United Way officials will mix art and good food with a good cause. The UW's Empty Bowls fund-raiser will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at First Christian Church, 911 Goliad. Cost of the event is \$15, which will allow customers to pick out a unique, hand-made bowl and fill it with one

of several soups prepared by local residents. Tickets can be purchased through the United Way office or at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Big Spring High School and Howard College students spent the past several months

**Empty Bowls fund-raiser is planned from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at First Christian Church.**



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crafting the bowls, officials said.

The bowls will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis, so officials urge attendees to arrive as early as possible.

This year's United Way goal is \$250,000. Money raised by the drive goes to help several local agencies which provide assistances to those in need.

Agencies helped by the United Way include the Red

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## Drive-through nativity set Dec. 10-12

### Nazarene church's annual attraction in its 24th year

By **BILL McCLELLAN**  
 News Editor

Anyone wanting to embrace the "the reason for the season" needs to look no farther than Big Spring.

What began 23 years ago as a modest depiction of Christ's life, is today one of the largest and most unique holiday traditions in the Crossroads area.

Though still almost a year away, it's not too early to mark Dec. 10-12 on a calendar. Those are the dates for the First Church of the Nazarene's Drive-Through Nativity.

"This is one of the most captivating presentations of the Christmas story anywhere," said Pastor Calvary Callender. "We are sure it will warm your heart and bring you back to the reality of the true meaning of Christmas."

Through the years, church members have built on the original idea.

"In 1987, the church was encouraged to do something very different for the community in presenting the story of Christmas," said Callender. "It began with only seven scenes and has grown over the years. There are live animals and a cast of more than 100 people. Every scene is beautifully painted and decorated to authentically represent the ancient buildings and places of years gone by."

Motorists are presented with a professionally produced compact disk for use in their vehicle's stereo system, which explains each scene along a luminary trail.

"Children and adults alike will enjoy the sights and sounds as the story of Christmas unfolds before their eyes," said Callender.

As in the past, the nativity is brought to the community free of charge. There is, however, an opportunity to make financial contributions at the exit. These



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The First Church of the Nazarene Drive-Through Nativity is set for Dec. 10-12.

contributions keep the event going each

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## Obituaries

### Dorothy Inez Maxwell Coleman

Dorothy Inez Maxwell Coleman, 92, former Howard County resident, died Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010, in Washington, Utah. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, 2010, at the funeral home.

She was born Dec. 4, 1917, in Richland Springs and married Deck Coleman on Dec. 29, 1935, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Nov. 23, 1992.

She graduated from high school in Big Spring, having lived many years in the Big Spring area. She and her husband had a country store in Vincent for several years and then a cotton farm at Luther. For the past three years she lived in Washington, Utah, to be near her son.

She is survived by one son, Billy Max Coleman; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; 14 great-great-grandchildren; and three brothers, M.B., Fowden and Doyle Maxwell.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Gary Dean Coleman; two brothers; and two sisters.

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

### Bennie Anderson

Bennie Anderson, 70, of Coahoma died Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010, at his residence. The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Jim Binnix, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Oct. 8, 1940, in Big Spring to Macil Lee and Bennie Floyd Anderson. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County. He had worked in the oilfield most of his life and later in construction. He was a member of Midway Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Dixie Bannister of Coahoma; one daughter, Lynn Alexander of Georgia; one son, Steve Anderson of Nebraska; three stepsons, Mike Masters of Ft. Worth, Robert Bannister of Water Valley and Phil Masters of Gatesville; one stepdaughter, Kathy Walker of Coahoma; two sisters, Henrietta Cates of Big Spring and Suzanne Wilkins of Arlington; one aunt, Thelma Roberts of Big Spring; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, James Floyd Anderson; and several aunts and uncles.

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

## Support Groups

**WEDNESDAY**  
• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

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

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

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

## Police blotter

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

• MICHELLE LEHUALANI MAUMAU, 34, of 2308 Thorpe, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid - no insurance and a warrant from another agency.

• CHRISTOPHER ALTON RANEY, 38, of Lubbock, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft - shoplifting.

• CARMELITA PRIETO HERNANDEZ, 54, of 406 Martin Luther King Blvd., was arrested Tuesday on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to stop at stop sign.

• ANDREW WILLIAM SMITH, 25, of 3701 Connally, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for expired motor vehicle inspection certificate.

• JAMES BURLIN WILLIAMS JR., 24, of 623 McEwen, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• KIMBERLY RUEDA WILLIAMS, 23, of 408 Westover Rd., was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and possession of a controlled substance.

• STEPHANIE NICOLE BANKS, 23, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information, expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, failure to appear (five counts), speeding (two counts), speeding in a school zone and disregarding red light (two counts).

• JACOB ORION DAILY, 23, of 510 E. 17th St., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.

• LEVI PATRICK CARTER, 32, of 1002 N. Main St. Apt. 41, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for accumulated items/weeds/rubbish and failure to identify.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2300 block of Alabama.

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

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.

• MICHELLE MAUMAU, 34, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of theft by check and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

• ANDREW WILLIAM SMITH, 25, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility and violation of a promise to appear.

• CHRISTOPHER ALTON RANEY, 38, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

• CARMELITA PRITO HERNANDEZ, 54, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of failure to stop at a designated point and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

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• STEPHANIE N. BANKS, 23, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information, expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, failure to appear (five counts), speeding (two counts), speeding in a school zone and disregarding red light (two counts).

• JACOB ORION DAILY, 23, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct - vulgar language.

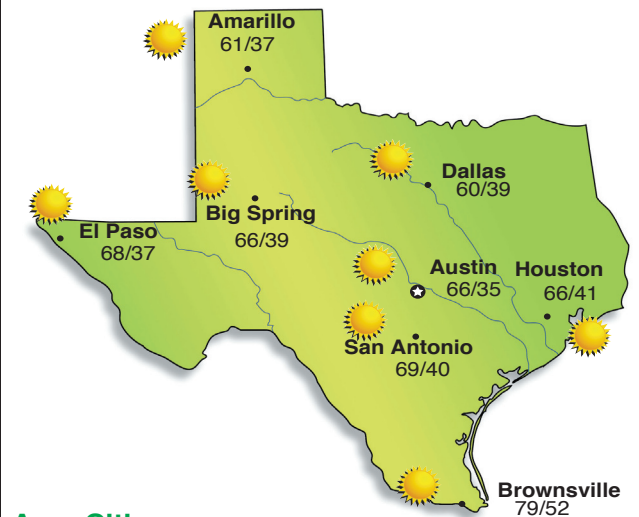
• JAMES WILSON CARROLL, 33, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the Glasscock

## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 11/18	Fri 11/19	Sat 11/20	Sun 11/21	Mon 11/22
 <b>66/39</b> Sunny skies. High 66F. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph.	 <b>77/45</b> Sunny. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	 <b>80/52</b> Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s.	 <b>80/52</b> Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s.	 <b>79/48</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:18 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:44 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:19 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:44 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:20 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:43 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:20 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:43 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:21 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:43 PM

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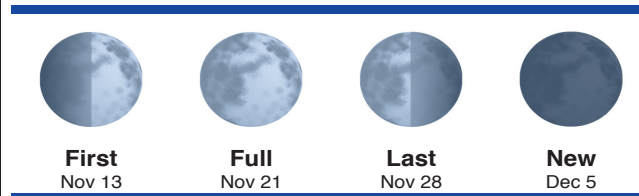
### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	61	43	sunny	Kingsville	71	46	sunny
Amarillo	61	37	sunny	Livingston	65	36	sunny
Austin	66	35	sunny	Longview	60	37	sunny
Beaumont	65	41	sunny	Lubbock	63	35	sunny
Brownsville	79	52	sunny	Lufkin	63	37	sunny
Brownwood	64	38	sunny	Midland	68	42	sunny
Corpus Christi	68	47	sunny	Raymondville	78	49	sunny
Corsicana	60	38	sunny	Rosenberg	66	41	sunny
Dallas	60	39	sunny	San Antonio	69	40	sunny
Del Rio	72	43	sunny	San Marcos	66	35	sunny
El Paso	68	37	sunny	Sulphur Springs	60	38	sunny
Fort Stockton	70	44	sunny	Sweetwater	62	41	sunny
Gainesville	58	36	sunny	Tyler	60	37	sunny
Greenville	58	35	sunny	Weatherford	60	36	sunny
Houston	66	41	sunny	Wichita Falls	58	35	sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	65	37	mst sunny	Minneapolis	35	30	pt sunny
Boston	53	33	mst sunny	New York	57	40	pt sunny
Chicago	45	30	sunny	Phoenix	77	46	sunny
Dallas	60	39	sunny	San Francisco	65	52	cloudy
Denver	63	35	pt sunny	Seattle	44	37	rain
Houston	66	41	sunny	St. Louis	49	37	pt sunny
Los Angeles	72	53	pt sunny	Washington, DC	61	40	cloudy
Miami	82	64	rain				

### Moon Phases



County Sheriff's Office on a Bell County warrant for theft.

• HERMANEJILDO OROSCO, 45, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of failure to appear and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

## Fire/EMS

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

Note: A report was not available from the BSFD in time for this edition.

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# Take Note

- The Big Spring YMCA will be offering six-week self-defense classes for men, women and children from the ages of 5 to 99 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. Master Samuel Saldana, who has 41 years of martial arts experience, will be teaching the course. For more information, contact the YMCA by calling 432-634-9191 or 267-8234.
- Nancy Michaelis of Big Spring retired from teaching and was asked to help establish an English speaking school in Seoul, South Korea. She lived and worked in Seoul for 18 months and has a fascinating insight into this interesting country and culture. She will share her experience with a photographic presentation at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 810 Scurry, on Thursday. The parish hall will be open at 6:30 p.m. and the program will begin at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Teresa Sheppard at 267-7163.
- An account has been set up to help Bob and Jeanine Fishback with Bob's medical and travel expenses: Bob Fishback Medical Account 915967, Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union, 1110 Benton, Big Spring 79720. For more information, call 263-8393.
- A fund has been established at Citizen's Credit Union for the Lupe Chavarria family, who lost all of their possessions in a recent house fire. For more information, contact the credit union at 267-6373.
- Local resident Gale Pittman is planning to decorate a Christmas tree for the Heritage Museum Christmas Tree Forest in honor and memory of service men and women now on active duty and those who gave their lives for their country. The loved one does not need to be from Big Spring and it does not matter what war they fought in. Families should send information on their service man or woman to Gale Pittman, 3401 Sherrod Rd., Big Spring 79720.
- Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it visiting a patient, or working in the office, or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Michelle Coutermarsh, at Compass Hospice, 263-5999 or apply in person at 1003 E. FM 700 in Big Spring.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Bring this note when you join and receive a box of Weight Watchers snacks through Oct. 31. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- English as a Second Language (ESL) and computer sessions at the Northside Community Center are held during the day and evening on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Class sessions are from 10 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call 263-2673.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meet the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the BSHS Band Hall. All band parents are welcome.
- Mobile Meals is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound elderly in Big Spring. If you can donate at least one hour a week, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016 and leave a message.

- If you were laid off between December 2008 and March 2010 and are interested in training, contact the Workforce Solutions Permian Basin office in Big Spring at 263-8373 or 1-800-749-8373. Training dollars are available to assist those affected by the layoffs and ultimate plant closure.
- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We currently have 55 children in foster care without a volunteer. We need your help. A class is forming in Howard County and we need at least 27 volunteers to fill this need. If you're interested in volunteering please contact Suzy Milliken at 1-877-316-8346 or visit [www.BecomeaCASA.org](http://www.BecomeaCASA.org) or [www.casawtx.org](http://www.casawtx.org).
- Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.
- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.
- HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lykken at 267-2915.
- All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.O. 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.
- Christ Community Fellowship is collecting infant car seats and carriers. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.
- New Life Ministries Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for information.
- The Pet Patrol helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

# BOWLS

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Cross, Boy Scouts, CASA of West Texas, Council on Aging, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Humane Society, Girl Scouts, Isaiah 58, North Side Community Center, Salvation Army, West Side Community Center, West Side Day Care Center, Victim Services of Big Spring and the YMCA.

# NATIVITY

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year. First Church of the Nazarene is located at 1400 Lancaster. The entrance to the nativity scene is best approached from the west on Martin Luther King Boulevard, and south on Lancaster. For more information, call (432) 267-7015. "We cordially invite everyone to this wonderful 24th Annual Drive-Through Nativity," said Callender.

*Bill McClellan can be reached at (432) 263-7331, ext. 235 or by e-mail at [newsdesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:newsdesk@bigspringherald.com)*

## MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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 Dean Roberson, 55, died Friday. Graveside services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Vealmoor Cemetery.  
 Bennie Anderson, 70, died Saturday. The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

# LADIES

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and \$3 for students. Theater Department Director Kirk Davidson said the play will appeal to fans of comedy. "The play is set in 1958 and involves two out-of-work Shakespearian actors who find out a woman is going to leave her fortune to two people named Max and Steve, so they decide to impersonate Max and Steve," Davidson said. "What they don't find out until later is that Max and Steve are short for Max-

ine and Stephanie." There's plenty of female impersonation, gender-bending and double entendre going on here, but the show's heart is in the right place, Davidson said. "It's really inspired by 'Some Like It Hot,' and the way Billy Wilder made it innocent even with the double entendres," he said. "Even with the guys in dresses, it's clear they don't want to be in dresses — they want to be near the women in the dresses ... I guess you can say this is rated PG-13." The play has appealed to Davidson for years,

but the time wasn't right — until now — to stage it locally, he said. "We haven't done such a large farce for quite some time," he said. "I've been saving this one for a long time. It has a lot of characters and a lot of scene and costume changes, and I just didn't have enough people to stage it. But now we have enough people." "We had thought about staging a Christ-

mas play, but I couldn't think of a Christmas play people hadn't seen a thousand times by now," he added. Davidson urged people interested in seeing the play to call 264-5161 as soon as possible to reserve tickets. "Friday's performance is just about sold out, so they really need to call ahead for ticket information," Davidson said. "Also, we'll be selling tickets in the (Hall

Center) lobby from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. this week." *Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at [reporter@bigspringherald.com](mailto:reporter@bigspringherald.com)*

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## OUR VIEW

# Drop a coin in the kettle; you'll be helping others

It's a holiday tradition virtually everywhere and Big Spring is no exception. The annual Salvation Army Kettle campaign is now under way locally, with bell ringers stationed at both entrances to the Walmart Supercenter, the truck stop, the Big Spring Post Office and Beall's.

When the holiday season arrives, we expect to see bell ringers manning the entrances to businesses where the kettles are located. But don't be so used to seeing them that you walk by without at least making one donation this year.

As a matter of fact, the Salvation Army has perhaps its biggest need this holiday season. While our West Texas economy has fared better than many other areas of the country, there's no doubt the economic downturn has had its effect here. And that means more people are in need and more are turning to the Salvation Army for assistance.

And the Salvation Army, in turn, has to turn to us and ask for all of us to open our hearts and our pocketbooks, if possible, to help meet the need.

Why? Well, because the kettle campaign is of tremendous importance. According to Salvation Army Capt. Ed and Terrie Cheshire, who administer the local Salvation Army Corps, money from the kettles is used in several ways.

"That money allows us to supplement the food that's donated for holiday food packages," Terrie Cheshire said. "It also becomes extremely important when we run into a situation like we did last year, when several of the Angel Trees had cards that weren't adopted. Money from the kettles allowed us to buy presents for the unadopted angels so that nobody went without."

What's more, the Salvation Army needs volunteers to man the kettles this season.

"The more volunteers we can get the better," Cheshire explained. "We always need all the help we can get, because we always run short of people to man the kettles throughout each day during the holiday season. Someone still has to be there, however, so we wind up supplementing the volunteers with paid workers. And it just bears to reason that the more volunteers we have, the less we have to spend on paid workers."

Those wishing to volunteer can contact Salvation Army officials by calling 267-8239.

And don't forget that the Salvation Army's Angel Tree project which is also now under way. Angel Trees are, or will be, located here at the Herald, as well as at Walmart, the Heritage Museum, the Howard County Library, Beall's, Blum's Jewelers, Higginbotham-Bartlett, Maurice's, Scenic Mountain Medical Center and at Pizza Inn.

We here at the Herald encourage those who can to lend the Salvation Army a hand, either as a volunteer for the kettle campaign or to adopt an angel once the Angel Tree project begins. Better yet, if possible, do both.

You'll be doing yourself a favor, and someone else, an invaluable service.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we work to realize Your plan for our life, Lord.

Amen

# Dumbed-down nation

As pundits and politicians argue about what the GOP midterm election sweep means, there are growing and disturbing signs that America increasingly is moving (and voting) to retreat from our nation's commitment to scientific research and knowledge. We're "dumbing down" collectively as a nation.

Although economic issues get more attention, we shouldn't dare overlook the increasing array of political forces pushing America back from the intellectual sophistication and scientific accomplishments that brought our nation to its pinnacle of power, prestige, and influence.

In our rush to fulfill political objectives and economic wants, we've embraced an anti-intellectual mindset. A growing number of politicians either deny sound scientific knowledge in various areas, or have found it prudent to make their constituents think they do.

Perhaps they have been influenced by their tea party backing, but in the recent elections, a sobering number of GOP candidates, including those in 19 of 20 in contested Senate races, denied society's contribution to global warming.

Most of them don't even accept the reality of this environmental

time bomb.

The preponderance of empirical evidence is that our planet is experiencing an unprecedented warming — and humans contribute significantly to it. Scientists attribute our oceans' growing acidity to greater amounts of CO in the atmosphere. Ice cores in glaciers give an historic timeline for the escalating levels of pollution in recent years. Melting polar ice caps have opened sea lanes over the top of the world that never existed before.

Granted, a few isolated scientists dispute these claims. Likewise, a few scientists say baseball players can't throw a curve. Try telling that to batters.

The alliance between politics and this anti-intellectualism often plays out in tea party rallies, whether from the platform or among the faithful. A founder of one regional tea party unit complained, "This so-called climate change is just ridiculous. It's all just a money-control avenue." A small business owner in Indiana complained about climate change legislation. "They're trying to use global warming against the people. I cannot help but believe the Lord placed a lot of minerals in our country and they're not there to destroy us." A man from Connecticut declared that global warming doesn't exist, "because we can't afford to correct the problem."

Recent administrations not only took actions diametrically opposed to the scientific community (e.g., prohibiting stem cell research), but also decimated many government scientific

agencies by replacing relevantly trained professionals with political hacks.

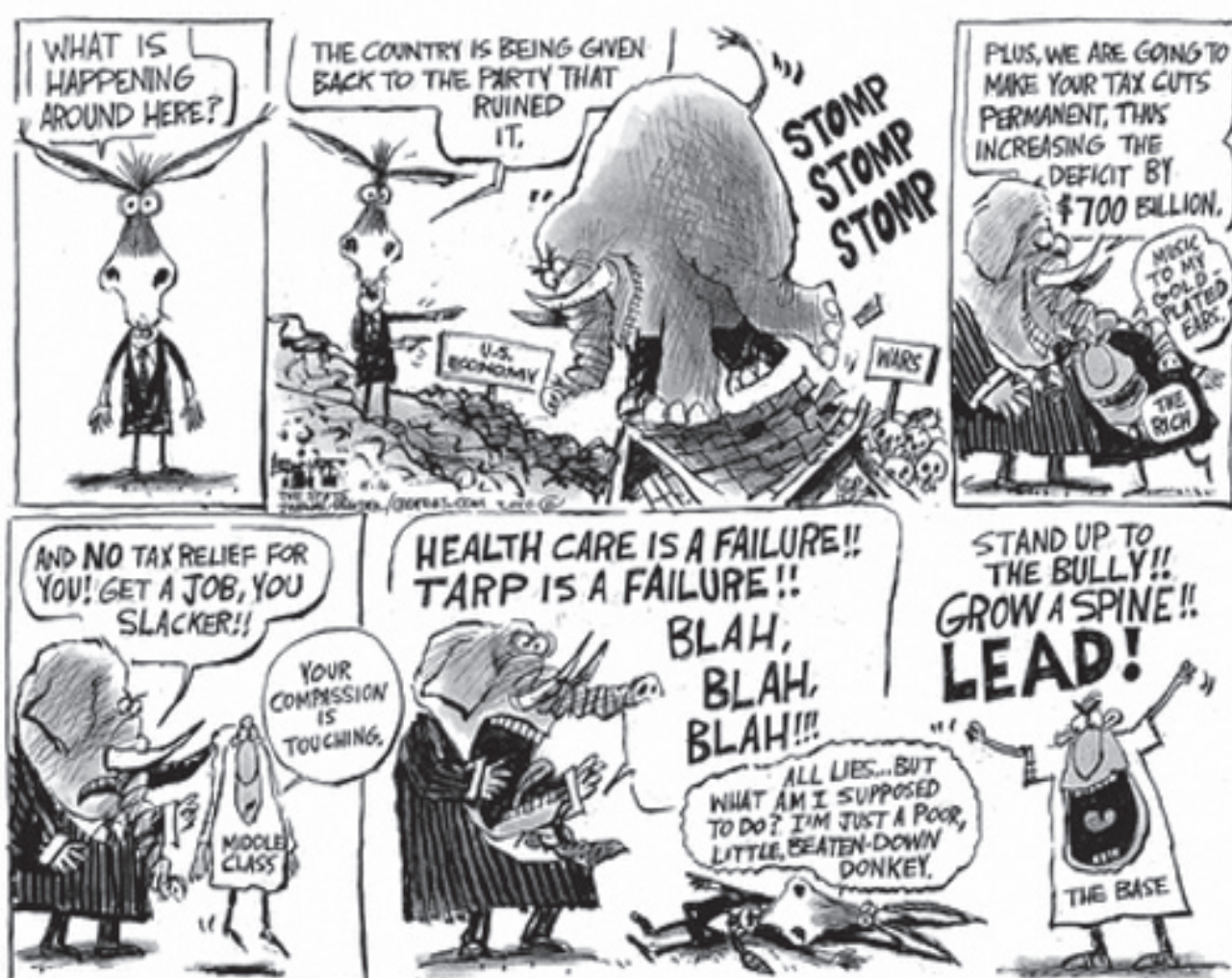
Many politically fashionable economic policies also unmask the growing intellectual nihilism. It's politically popular to embrace the deception that lower taxes are the panacea for economic ills. Such facile anti-intellectualism is in stark contrast to the strong words and recurring testimony of the bulk of our nation's best economists — even including conservatives like David Stockman and Alan Greenspan.

In the mid 19th century, the "Know Nothing" movement was known for its negativism, especially against Catholics, Jews, and immigrants. Its proponents earned their name because members were instructed to answer questions by saying, "I know nothing."

There's an interesting parallel between the "Know Nothings" and today's growing disdain for science. Just as the folks 150 years ago refused to acknowledge knowing anything, today's counterparts refuse to acknowledge there's anything for them to know — except their preconceived notions.

When politicians disparage established science because of its inconvenience, it jeopardizes our nation's leadership role and our future.

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# Recession? What recession?

You may not be familiar with the National Bureau of Economic Research. Who is? Regardless, it's the official determiner of when we are in a recession and when we are not. Right now, we are not.

According to the bureau, the Great Recession ended back in June, 2009.

Who knew? I thought unemployment was still around 9.5 percent.

Well, actually it is, but unemployment isn't one of the official measures of recession. That definition is more involved with Gross Domestic Product, banking stuff, and productivity. In fact you'll be pleased to learn the Great Recession only lasted 18 months.

This bizarre definition of the economy allows President Barack Obama and Wall Street to say, "OK, no sweat. It's over. All we have to do now is find jobs." No one is fooled. But as memories fade, the history books will show the Bush/Obama recession only lasted a year and a half. Maybe those guys weren't so bad after all. How about a Nobel Prize?

Well, unfortunately Bush was that bad. He weakened the oversight of everything, allowing

corporate excesses and suicidal trade agreements to plunge us deep into the economic depths. Obama wisely responded with a stimulus package that desperately needs a booster to keep us out of the economic crevasse. Republicans in Congress don't care about the crevasse. Most struggling citizens who fall into it wouldn't vote for them anyway. What the GOP cares about is power. Making Obama fail economically is the way to get it back, crevasse or no.

Obama meanwhile, perhaps under a demonic spell, insists on pursuing Bush trade pacts with Colombia and Korea. More jobs down the hole, never to return. Business surely gets the drift that today's unemployment will be with us for the long haul. As testament, my own city is watching a new enterprise prepare to open up in the center of downtown... a Dollar Store.

Long-term unemployment also unleashes another pernicious disaster on America's bizarre economic system. Lost health insurance. No job, no coverage. Thus we are enduring a speedy growth of folks without protection, as well as a speedy growth in Medicaid enrollment for those who are truly down and out. This added expense further impoverishes state governments.

You might ask, "What is the Federal Reserve doing about all this?" As tradition requires, the

Fed has lowered interest rates to near zero, and as expected, corporations are borrowing large amounts of the Fed's cash. And why not, since it's nearly free? Unfortunately those companies aren't investing that cash in jobs. They are just hoarding it, or looking for good deals to buy up other companies, maybe based abroad. Rich individuals follow suit.

This economic perversity has helped speed up that long-term trend of the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer, with many who used to be middle class sliding into the second camp. Free trade is sending jobs overseas and technology is replacing jobs altogether. Simultaneously, savvy employers are using the job shortage to drive down wages, weaken or eliminate health plans, and crush unions. No wonder the Republican Party has been flooded with corporate money this year. The United States has become an employers' paradise.

That may mean ample profits, but it's all still suicidal. As we slink into that still open crevasse, sales will fall so far that even clever companies can't pull themselves out. Then who will rescue us? The Tooth Fairy?

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WILLIAM MCCARTNEY



WILLIAM A. COLLINS

# Why not check this out?

## At the Howard County Library

The library will close on Wednesday, Nov. 24 at 3 p.m. for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will reopen Monday, Nov. 29. I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving.

A friend of mine, and I may have mentioned this book before, let me read her copy of Nancy E. Turner's adaptation of her great-grandmother's diary titled "These Is My Words: The Diary of Sarah Agnes Prine, 1881-1901" (F TUR N). In a review from Booklist, by GraceAnne DeCandido, the diary is based on Turner's great-grandmother's diary and covers 20 years in the life of her life in the Arizona Territories at the end of the last century. Through these pages, we watch the spirited Sarah, unpolished but spunky at 17, improve both her grammar and her grace; come to terms with death and tragedy including Indian attacks, train

robbers, and childhood disease; marry twice and love one man fiercely; birth and bury children; and keep a large cast of extended family in her heart and in her kitchen. Along the way, she examines her own feelings toward Indians, Mexicans and folks from back east; learns to manage money by making and selling her own scented soap; and attracts the love of her life by besting a bully in a shooting match. The language is rich and fine, sounding true to its time without being precious. We also have volumes 2 and 3 in the series: "Sarah's Quilt" (F TUR N) and "The Star Garden" (F TUR N). They are so much fun to read!

Karen Casey struggled with alcoholism before she began attending AA. As a writer of inspiration literature, fueled by changes in her life, she has written her 17th book. "Change Your Mind and Your Life Will Follow" (204.4 CAS K) is a compilation of 12 simple principles to adopt to change your life. One in particular caught my eye: "find the joy right here, right now." This is such a simple thing to do, but

oh so hard! I urge you to check this out and see how it may apply to your life and how you

Sara Paretsky's "Body Work" (M PAR S) is a V.I. Warshawski mystery. Set in Chicago, V.I. is visiting Club

net aired from 1951 to 1959 and these are the stories that could not get on television in that more innocent time.

Here is a fascinating guide to "The Greek Islands" (914.958 DUB M). Written by Marc Dubin, it shows you where to find the ancient sites, beaches, authentic restaurants, ferries — all that you want to know about in order to have a truly magical vacation. It is from DK Eyewitness Travel Guides series and is a wonderful resource.

Here is a nice series to get into. The "Home

to Heather Creek" is the story of Charlotte Stevenson who is raising her grandchildren on the family farm after a bad accident. We have the last three of the series and each one is written by a different author. The series begins with "Circle of Grace" (F GOU L) by Leslie Gould and follows with "Homespun Harvest" (F ELM R) by Robert Elmer and "A Patchwork Christmas" (F ECK K) by Kristin Eckhardt.

The library is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays and from

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. The internet/video room closes one-half hour before closing. The library is located at 500 S. Main and our e-mail address is reference@co.howard.tx.us.

Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.

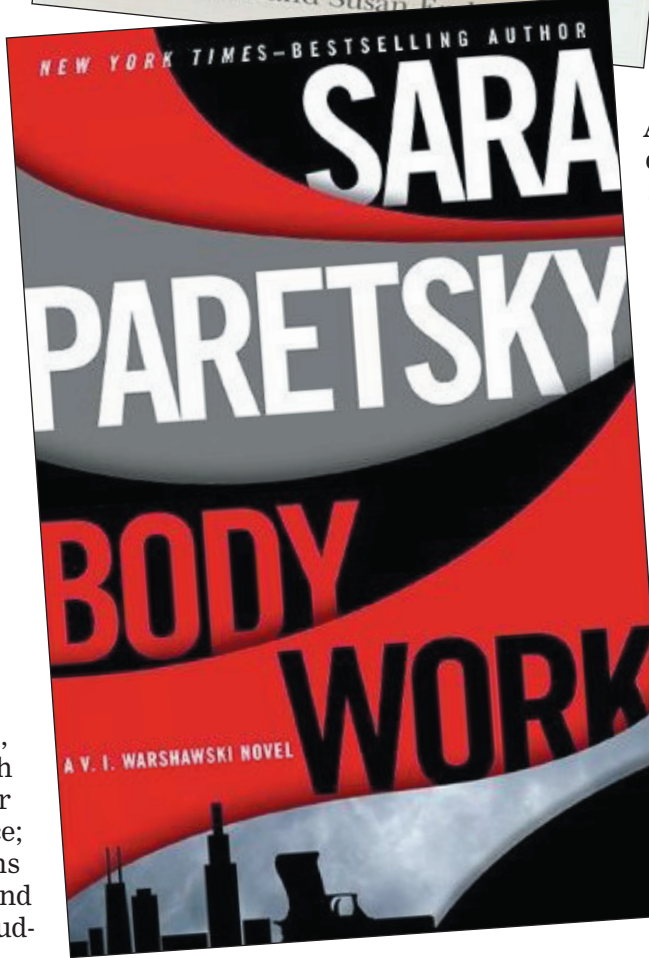


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### HOW TO RAISE Adult YOUR CHILDREN

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Gail Parent and Susan Ende



Gouge, an edgy night-spot. This is where the Body Artist turns her naked body into a canvas for the audience to paint on. When an obscure artist creates an obscure design on the Artist, a soldier who had served in Iraq is thrown into a violent rage. When the Body Artist turns up murdered, he is the number one suspect. Did he do it? Read and find out. "The Badge: True Crime Stories" (364.097 WEB J) by Jack Webb (yes, THAT Jack Webb) is a collection of stories. Drag-

may be able to heal yourself.

"How to Raise Your Adult Children" (306.874 PAR G), written by Gail Parent and Susan Ende is really a book of letters asking advice on situations that occur between parents and their children. Gail and Susan then answer those questions in tandem and the advice is usually spot on. An entertaining way to "parent" your adult children.

A favorite author of mine in Brian Haig (son of Gen Alexander Haig). In "The Capitol Game" (F HAI B) the combination of graft, greed and guiltless financial shenanigans combine for an excellent thriller. It joins a polymer that seems to be the equivalent of 30 inches of steel, Wall Street venture capitalist and a seemingly impregnable corporation all contrive to make millions. But, is it really what it seems to be? In a nutshell, no. I haven't read the whole book (just the ending) but it is very entertaining.

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## News in brief

### As rescue talks continue, UK offers support to debt-stricken Ireland

BRUSSELS (AP) — As EU and Irish officials sought a way out of the country's debt storm, Britain on Wednesday offered support on top of any that might come from the 16-country eurozone.

Britain, not part of the eurozone, "stands ready to support Ireland" in whatever the debt-stricken country needs to do to stabilize its troubled banking system, Finance Minister George Osborne said.

"It is in Britain's national interest that the Irish economy is successful and we have a stable banking system," said Osborne, a day after the eurozone finance ministers failed to convince Ireland to accept a Greek-style bailout.

Irish and EU officials vowed Tuesday night to stabilize the banks at the center of Ireland's financial crisis and keep it from spreading to other fragile euro-linked economies. Representatives of the EU, the European Central Bank and the International Monetary Fund will travel to Ireland this week to determine what to do about the banks.

Ireland has taken over three banks and is expected to take over more in a bailout that has already reached €5 billion (\$61 billion) and likely will push the nation's 2010 deficit to a staggering 32 percent of GDP. The government in Dublin insists that it

doesn't need a bailout from Europe, but growing doubts about Ireland's ability to pay its bills have sent interest rates soaring on Irish bonds.

### Pelosi is positioned to stay atop House Democrats

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite suffering near-historic election losses this month, House Democrats appear ready to keep their leadership team intact, with Nancy Pelosi of California still on top.

Both parties will hold closed-door House leadership elections Wednesday. But the main focus will involve the soon-to-be minority party, the Democrats.

Pelosi, the nation's first female speaker, appeared to soothe enough angry colleagues Tuesday to ensure her election to the top post. Barring a surprise, she will become minority leader in January, when the new Congress convenes. The second- and third-ranking Democrats seem likely to hold their positions as well.

Republicans, meanwhile, are expected to keep Rep. John Boehner of Ohio as their leader, putting him in place to become speaker in January.

By quarreling among themselves and sticking with Pelosi, House Democrats are departing from the example set by Republicans, who quickly closed ranks around a new leader, Boehner, four years ago when they lost the majority.

### Arms trafficking suspect nicknamed Merchant of Death arrives in N.Y.

NEW YORK (AP) — A Russian labeled the "Merchant of Death" by those who claim he fueled some of the world's deadly Third World conflicts over the last decade with powerful weapons has arrived in the United States. He faces charges he supported terrorists trying to overthrow the government of Colombia and shared their hatred for Americans.

Viktor Bout arrived late Tuesday at Stewart Air National Guard Base in Newburgh, N.Y., before he was brought to the Metropolitan Correctional Center in Manhattan to await an initial court appearance expected Wednesday afternoon. A news conference with federal prosecutors and officials from the Drug Enforcement Administration was to occur in late morning.

Bout, 43, a former Soviet military officer and air cargo executive, was flown from Bangkok, Thailand, to suburban New York on a chartered U.S. plane just four days before an extradition order would have expired, permitting him to be freed and returned home to his native Moscow.

Instead, he was taken in manacles and a bullet-proof vest as Russian diplomats made a final outraged push to persuade Thailand to release him, according to current and former U.S. officials.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder said Bout was considered "one of the world's most prolific arms traffickers."

### Senate Democrats swim against tide in bid to save earmark favor factory

WASHINGTON (AP) — Now that Republicans have abandoned the you-scratch-my-back, I'll-scratch-yours earmark process, Democrats who still hold a majority in the Senate have to decide whether they'll try to prop up a system that seems to be collapsing all around them.

With the incoming House GOP majority dead set against earmarks and President Barack Obama urging a crackdown, defenders of earmarks — mostly Democrats but with a few Republicans mixed in — are swimming against a powerful tide.

Earmarking allows lawmakers to steer federal spending to pet projects in their states and districts. Earmarks take many forms. They can be road proj-

ects, improvements to home district military bases, sewer projects, economic development projects and even those Predator drone aircraft that are used to kill terrorists in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

They can also include tax breaks for a handful of specific companies, like a tax cut proposed years ago for manufacturers of hunting arrows.

The reason Capitol Hill's favor factory has churned out so many pork-barrel projects so successfully for so long is pretty simple: Everybody did it, Democrats and Republicans, liberals and conservatives.

### Expert panel says signs of trouble missed prior to Gulf oil spill

WASHINGTON (AP) — BP and its contractors missed and ignored warning signs prior to the massive oil well blowout in the Gulf of Mexico, showing an "insufficient consideration of risk" and raising questions about the know-how of key personnel, a group of technical experts concluded.

In a 28-page report released late Tuesday, an independent panel convened by the National Academy of Engineering said the companies failed to learn from "near misses" and neither BP, its contractors nor federal regulators caught or corrected flawed decisions that contributed to the blowout.

Donald Winter, a professor of engineering practice at the University of Michigan and chair of the 15-member study committee, said in a statement that plugging the well to seal it off for future oil and gas production continued "despite several indications of potential hazard."

Those hazards included several tests that indicated the cement at the bottom of the hole would not be an effective barrier to an influx of oil and gas. More than a month before the disaster, BP lost drilling materials deep in the hole — a situation that hinted to the challenges of the well, but was not used to mitigate risks.

The panel's interim findings — the second from an independent entity — are still in progress, but they echo much of what has been discovered in prior investigations by BP, lawmakers and the president's oil spill commission. The panel is still reviewing technical data, and forensic testing on the blowout preventer, which failed to halt the gusher as designed, got under way Tuesday.

### Haiti president appeals for end to cholera riots

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Haiti's president appealed for calm amid fears that riots aimed at U.N. peacekeepers over a cholera epidemic could spread to the capital Wednesday, saying the violence has hurt efforts to fight the disease.

In a national address after health officials announced that the death toll from cholera had risen above 1,000, President Rene Preval said barricades were keeping people from getting needed care and admonished protesters that looting would not help stem the epidemic.

The U.N. canceled flights carrying 3 metric tons of soap along with other medical supplies and personnel to Cap-Haitien because of violence in Haiti's north, the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs said. Flights were also canceled to Port-de-Paix.

Oxfam suspended water chlorination projects and the World Health Organization halted training of medical staff, the U.N. humanitarian office added in its news release. A U.N. World Food Program warehouse was looted and burned.

The capital, Port-au-Prince, was calm Tuesday but there were worries that protests could erupt in the city, which was devastated by last January's earthquake.

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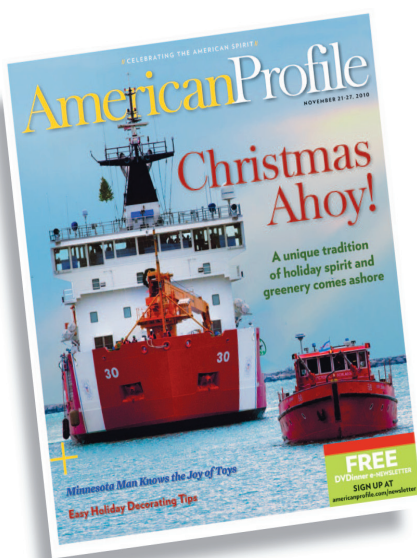
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### Trees by Sea

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### The Bidding Tells the Tale

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North-South vulnerable.  
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♠ A K 6 4 3  
♥ 7  
♦ Q 9 4  
♣ K 8 5 2

**WEST** ♠ J 10 9 8 7 2  
♥ K 10 4  
♦ 6  
♣ J 7

**EAST** ♠ —  
♥ J 9 8 6 5 3 2  
♦ 8 3 2  
♣ Q 10 4

**SOUTH**

♠ 5  
♥ A Q  
♦ A K J 10 7 5  
♣ A 9 6 3

The bidding:  
West North East South  
3♠ Pass Pass 4♦  
Pass 4♠ Pass 6♦

Opening lead — queen of spades.

The importance of planning the play of a hand before proceeding cannot be overemphasized. Declarers prone to impulsive play eventually learn how costly this can be.

Consider this case where South reached an excellent six-diamond contract after West opened with a pre-emptive three-spade bid. North's four-spade cuebid showed first-round spade control plus interest in slam, and South was happy to oblige.

West led the queen of spades, covered by the king and ruffed by East. South could not avoid also losing a club at the end, so he finished down one.

Declarer was clearly at fault for losing the slam. Given West's three-spade bid, it was virtually certain that East would ruff the king of spades at trick one. Having been thus forewarned, South should have played a low spade from dummy on the opening trick, preserving North's A-K of spades for later use.

If West next led another spade, declarer would again play low from dummy and ruff in his hand. It then would have been a simple matter for South to ruff the queen of hearts in dummy before drawing trumps, after which the A-K of spades would furnish discards for his two losing clubs. In all, declarer would score six diamonds, two spades, two clubs, the heart ace and a heart ruff for 12 tricks.

A good case can be made for playing a low spade from dummy on the opening trick even with no opposing bidding. But in the given circumstances, declarer's play at trick one was suicidal as well as impulsive, and it cost him a vulnerable small slam.

Tomorrow: Asleep at the switch.

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# News in brief

## \$1.6B deal means water from E. Texas

FORT WORTH (AP) — Construction could begin by 2013 on a \$1.6 billion pipeline to move water from East Texas to the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

The Tarrant Regional Water District on Tuesday approved a financing agreement with the city of Dallas.

The agreement allows design and construction to proceed on the 149-mile pipeline, stretching from Lake Palestine to Benbrook Lake, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported. The board also approved paying \$16.3 million to five contractors for engineering work on nearly 95 miles of the pipeline.

The Dallas City Council approved the deal last week.

Wayne Owen, the water district's planning director, said the work serves as a blueprint for cooperation on future projects, such as bringing water from Oklahoma, northeast or the Louisiana border.

"This is by far the most expensive project we've pursued," said Owen. "There are no cheap options left. That is why it begs for cooperation among large regional water providers. There was a lot riding on this financing agreement."

When completed, the pipeline will allow the water district to pump an additional 197 million gallons a day from the Richland-Chambers and Cedar Creek reservoirs, near Corsicana, to Benbrook Lake. Dallas gains the ability to pump up to 150 million gallons per day from Lake Palestine to Joe Pool Lake.

Water from the pipeline, to be built by the district, could be available by 2018. The water district is expected to pay about \$980 million, with Dallas paying the rest.

## Corpus Christi officer fired after shooting

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A 40-year-old Corpus Christi police officer has been fired in the investigation of gunfire at a bar when he was off duty.

Police Chief Troy Riggs placed Luis Rodriguez on paid administrative leave following the August incident,

then fired Rodriguez on Tuesday.

The 14-year veteran was arrested Aug. 3 at a bar where witnesses told police a gun was fired during a fight. One man suffered head injuries.

Rodriguez has been indicted on one count of retaliation, a third-degree felony. His trial is set for Jan. 31, 2011.

Rodriguez, who's free on bail, also faces three misdemeanor charges of assault, discharge of a firearm within city limits and tampering with the identification numbers of a gun.

## Gladewater woman struck, killed by train

GLADEWATER (AP) — Gladewater police say a woman died after being hit by an Amtrak train as she tried to walk across the tracks.

Police Chief Farrell Alexander says the 36-year-old Crystilla Houston of Gladewater was struck Tuesday night and was dead at the scene.

Alexander says the warning signals were working at the intersection. Nobody on the eastbound train was injured.

Gladewater is about 100 miles southeast of Dallas.

## Man found slain on San Antonio school campus

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio police say a man has been found shot to death on the campus of an elementary school just hours before classes were to begin.

Police detained four people early Wednesday in the investigation of the killing. Police say one person held for questioning was being treated for a gunshot wound to the leg.

Police around 4:30 a.m. Wednesday responded to 911 calls about shots fired near Clear Spring Elementary School, where the man was found dead.

Capt. Cris Andersen says a person who saw a man running from the campus gave police a description of a car in which he fled. Police later stopped the vehicle and detained four people.

San Antonio police say at least two weapons, including an assault rifle with blood on it, have been recovered.

## Project to help New Braunfels avoid flooding

NEW BRAUNFELS (AP) — A \$10 million federal grant will be used for the Krueger Canyon Dam project to help prevent flooding in New Braunfels.

The funding for Comal County was announced late Tuesday by U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith.

The dam is to be built on Dry Comal Creek in an area west of New Braunfels.

The Comal River and the Guadalupe River, during two weeks in June, were closed to recreation after strong storms led to flooding that swamped some areas.

The New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung reports county commissioners are expected to seek bids for the project, which includes a redesigned dam proposal.

## Classes resume at 2 schools after hoax

ROUND ROCK (AP) — A bomb threat Internet hoax led to the evacuation of two Austin-area schools.

Investigators say nothing was found and classes were resuming Wednesday at Deerpark Middle School and Live Oak Elementary School. The schools were evacuated around midday Tuesday, affecting more than 1,500 students. Williamson County

sheriff's Sgt. John Foster says no explosives were found. Nobody has been arrested.

Round Rock Independent School District Superintendent Jesus Chavez, in a letter Tuesday to parents, says students and staff are the priority and officials "will always move

quickly when facing any threat to their safety and security."

## El Paso keeps new ban on domestic partner benefits

EL PASO (AP) — The El Paso City Council has let stand a voter-

approved ban on health insurance benefits for domestic partners of municipal workers.

The city council Tuesday declined to reject the measure, approved Nov. 2, that will end such benefits for 19 gay and unmarried partners of city employees, officials said.



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# Beyond the arc

## Lady Steers' perimeter shooting beats Fort Stockton

BY ADAM COLEMAN  
Sports Editor

Getting off to a good start was one of the main objectives for the Big Spring Lady Steers in Tuesday's game against Fort Stockton in Steer Gym.

How's a 17-1 run for starters en route to a 60-18 win?

"We talked about that since the last game," BSHS head coach Mike Warren said. "We got good shots against their zone just passing the ball around and inside to Cerbi Ritchey, inside to Diamond Mayes. That opened up stuff on the outside."

The Lady Steers did just about everything right in Tuesday's win. Warren wasn't kidding about Big Spring's open zone led the way with 14 points, making four 3-pointers. Valerie Ross had 13 points with three buckets from the 3-point line. Bridgette Tuitt chipped in 10.

The Lady Steers saw first-hand how effective the full-court press can be. One of the reasons for the quick start was the consistent pressure Big Spring applied on Fort Stockton. The Prowlers didn't make a basket until 7:05 in the second period.

Meanwhile, Ross and Stone got things going from the 3-point line and the Lady Steers had contributions from Bridgette Tuitt and Logan Yarbar, among others.

"We just went out there and we hustled," Ross said. "We worked as a team and that's all we could have hoped for."

"What's good about this team is that we have a fresh five who always come in and that always helps out our first five."

It seemed like no matter who was in for Big Spring, Fort Stockton couldn't really get anything going. The first-quarter sputter prevented the Prowlers from ever

making the game close.

Warren noted the Lady Steers might see a lot of zone this season, so it's good news when Ross and Stone are both knocking down long-range shots. Warren said it's like a "double-edged sword" when those two are shooting well. Opponents almost have to pick their poison between Stone and Ross on the outside or Mayes and Ritchey in the post.

Ross said Stone has been helping her with her 3-point shooting and both players acknowledge how vital it can be to the team's success if they can hit those shots on a consistent basis.

"Everyone else works hard, so you want to come in and work hard too," Stone said. "You want to fill that potential, you want to make everything better."

With wins over San Angelo Lake View, Abilene Cooper and now Fort Stockton, Warren said his squad has reason to be excited — not too excited, though.

The coach stressed the importance of staying grounded. The tougher games are yet to come.

"I told them to stay humble," Warren said. "They're not used to winning, so this has been a two-year project. I'm excited. I hope we're going to turn the corner here and just continue on and keep getting better."

Big Spring 60, Fort Stockton 18

Fort Stockton 1 8 4 5 - 18  
Big Spring 17 18 16 9 - 60  
BIG SPRING - Gabrie Gallier 2 0-0 4, Taryn Kennedy 1 1-2 3, Diamond Mayes 3 0-1 6  
Cerbi Ritchey 2 0-0 4, Valerie Ross 5 0-0 13,  
Stormi Smith 1 0-0 2, Mackenzie Stone 5 0-0 14, Bridgette Tuitt 4 2-2 10, Logan Yarbar 2 0-0 4. Totals 25 3-5 60  
3-point goals - BIG SPRING 7 (Ross 3, Stone 4).



HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton  
Diamond Mayes goes up for a shot during Big Spring's 60-18 win over Fort Stockton Tuesday in Steer Gym.



HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton  
Tristain Clay attempts a shot in the Steers' 69-33 win over Fort Stockton Tuesday in Steer Gym.

## Steers display athleticism in 69-33 rout of Fort Stockton

BY ADAM COLEMAN  
Sports Editor

Cliff Thompson joked that right now would be a good time to retire. After all, he would retire undefeated as the Big Spring boys' basketball coach at 1-0.

Then he quickly noted that winning just feels too good.

The Steers upended Fort Stockton for a season-opening 69-33 for Thompson's first win as Big Spring's head coach. If the Steers can continue to improve, Thompson just might have the chance to get used to winning.

Tristain Clay had a team-high 13 points and right behind him was Luke Adams with 12. Seth Pearson hit a few buckets in the second half for a 10-point performance. Dayvion Young had eight points.

"I thought from time to time we did alright," Adam said. "We've got a lot of work to do. We can play a lot better than that. We just didn't play to our potential. We got

kind of caught in their fast game and we tried to slow it down. We'll be pretty good this year."

The Steers had a good handle on this game early. While Fort Stockton missed shots, Adams, Clay and Chris Turner got things started. However, a few misses and turnovers kept Fort Stockton around by the end of the first quarter. The Panthers were down by nine at halftime.

Pearson hit all five of his shots in the third quarter, helping Big Spring to a 22-point lead. It was then when the Steers dictated the pace of the game and cut down the turnovers.

Thompson said the second-half play was much better than the first and the main hurdle for the Steers right now is getting everyone in basketball shape.

The Steers have five football players on varsity this season and those players haven't had too much time to practice. Conditioning has

been and will continue to be key this season. Thompson noted three of those football players — Mike Menefield, Pearson and Devante Lloyd — are mainly in the post, so they don't do a lot of ball handling. The other two are guards Young and DaVonte Anderson. Thompson also said there are not of players on this team with a ton of varsity experience.

"For the basketball guys, I thought they looked pretty good," Lloyd said. "For the football guys, we still look good, but we've got a lot of work to do because we came from football straight to basketball. It's our first game, so we looked a little rough."

But the talent on this team can't be ignored. The Steers have skill at every position and they are deep.

"We have some guys who are basketball smart guys," Thompson said. "They're not the greatest athletes, but

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## Sports in brief

### Hawks Buddies Basketball Program

This program is intended for girls in kindergarten through 8th grade. The clinic date is from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Registration is from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. There is a pizza party that follows from 11:30 a.m.

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Start thinking about why you deserve to be successful, well respected and well paid. When you have the answers to these questions on the tip of your tongue, things start to align to move you up in the professional world.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You'll be in the mood to propose something new. Before you do, make sure the ones who will hear this proposal are in an open and generous mood.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You'll add value to your offerings and raise your worth in the eyes of those who pay you. Keep working along these lines, and you will also achieve a big win for your team.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You want certain results from your loved ones, but at the same time, you realize you can't control them. Keep those high hopes alive, and temper them with a few realistic expectations.

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You have time before you will need to make a big decision. The others on your team will suggest alternatives you hadn't thought of. Be open to learning, but don't make promises.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). For long, lovely stretches of time, your mind will be relaxed and unconcerned about what has already happened or might happen. This is the happiness and peace you deserve to have always.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You can't expect that every time you are tested you'll come off with flying colors. And when you don't, the test is still worthwhile. It teaches you what to learn, strengthen or grow.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll display your courage through socializing. You'll get into a mix that is strange to you, let down your guard and let yourself be affected by the new people and experiences to be had around you.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's more motivating to think about what you'll do right in the future than to focus on paying penance for what you did wrong in the past. Stay positive, and you will more than make up for any mistakes you made along the way.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Relationships take work. Home in on one particular partnership. A tune-up is in order. Think about what you could do to increase the respect in the relationship and how you might make working together easier.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your open mind is a rare and beautiful gift. Of course you have your own opinions, but you don't let them color everything you hear. You will drop your defenses and listen with compassion.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You feel a protective instinct toward your loved ones, and you need to apply the same ferocity to your own interests. If you don't look after you, you won't be able to look after them.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Nov. 17). You see the best in others, and they will do the same for you this year, helping you grow your talents to their full potential. In December, you will reconcile your differences with someone or get closure on an issue. There's a lifestyle upgrade in January. March brings work that excites you and new friends, too. Cancer and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 10, 22, 24 and 1.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I'm wondering about a man born on Jan. 14, 1950, and would like to know more about who he is. Is he the type of person who will be loyal in relationships, or is there a chance that he could have more than one household going at the same time? I don't want to be paranoid, but I've lived with this man for years, and sometimes I get the feeling that his business trips aren't what he says they are. He is gone about half of the time. Should I follow him? I'm a Scorpio." Your guy is a

Capricorn born under a wandering, adventurous Sagittarius moon. Together these influences suggest that he likes a traditional domestic situation, but that he also likes travel, is excited by new places and is driven to see and experience as much of the world as he can in one lifetime. I cannot look at his stars and tell you whether he has another household. What I can tell you is that intuitive Scorpio women often know that something is off before they want to know or deal with that information. If you have a weird feeling, you should definitely get to the bottom of it.

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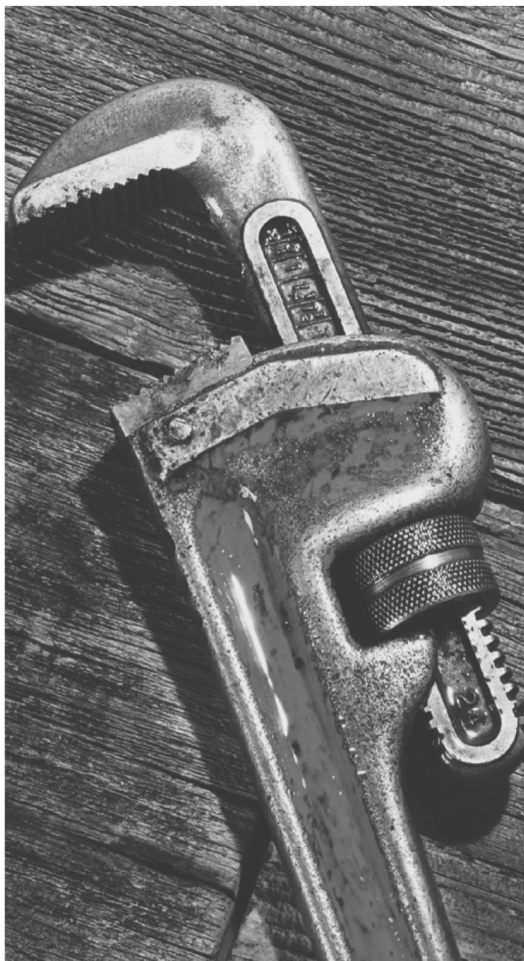
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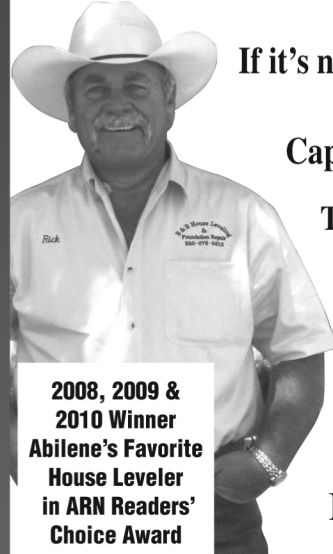
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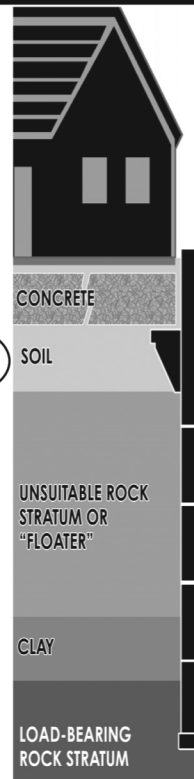
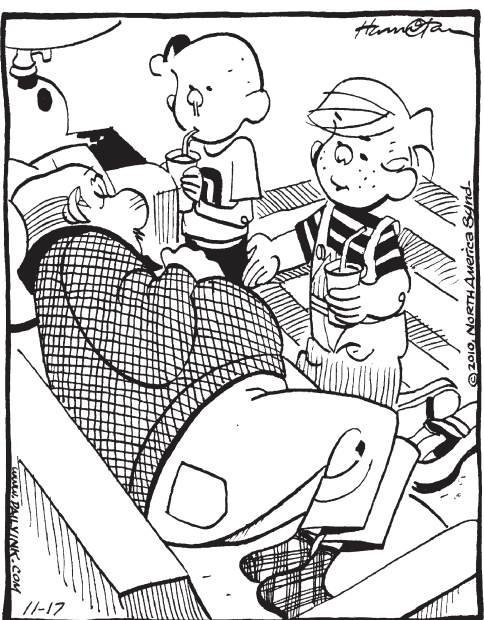


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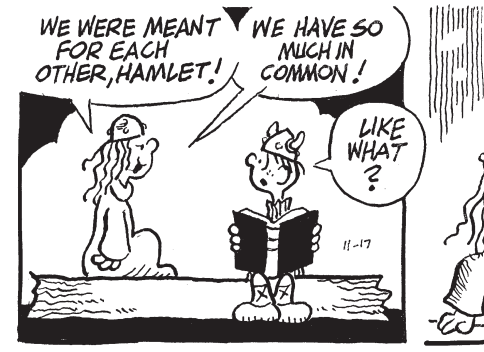
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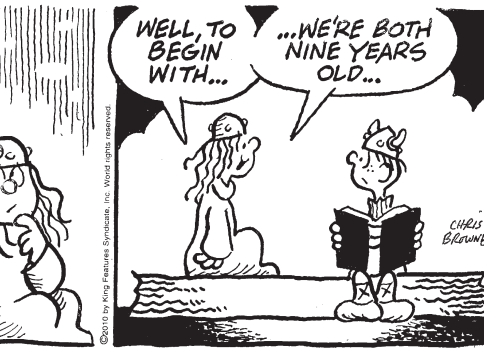


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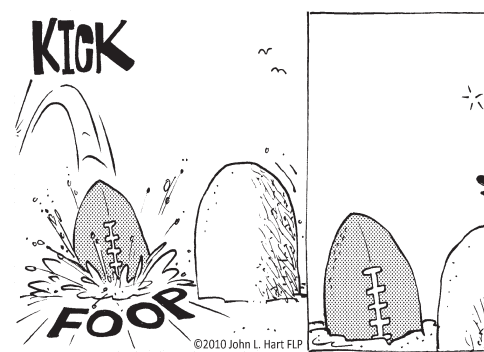
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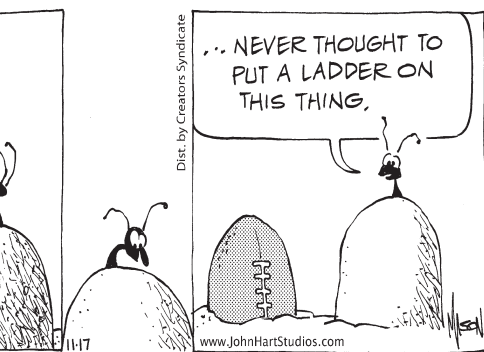
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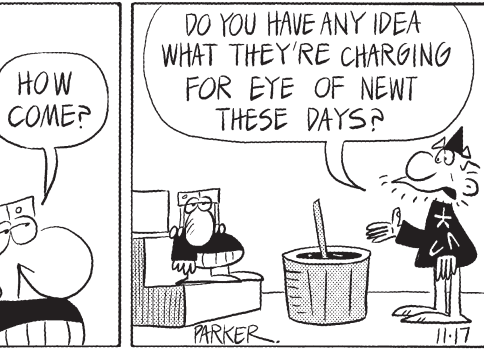
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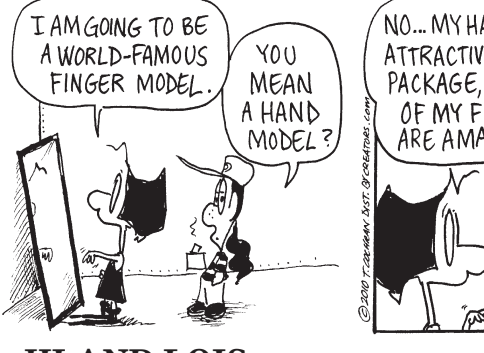
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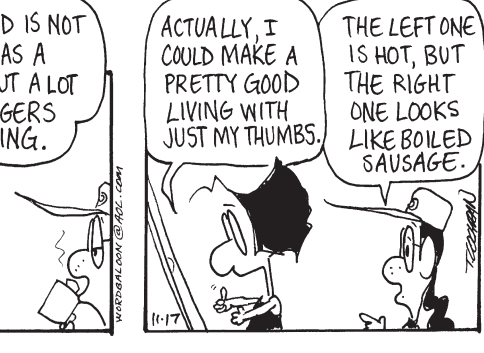
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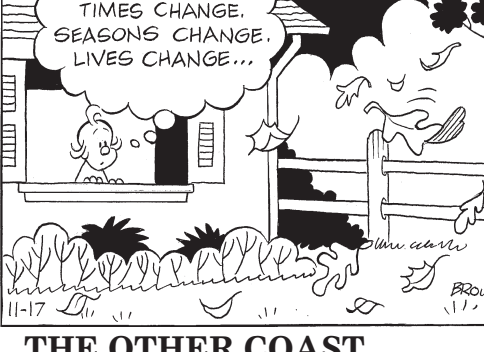
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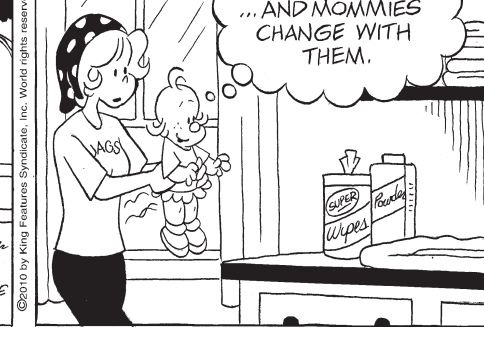
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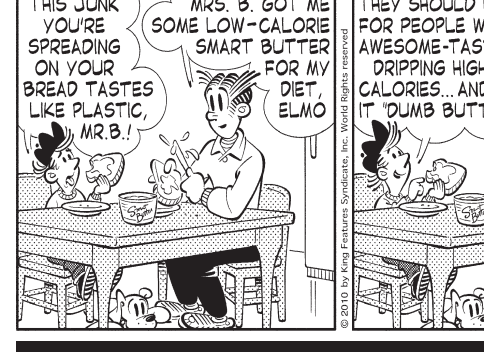
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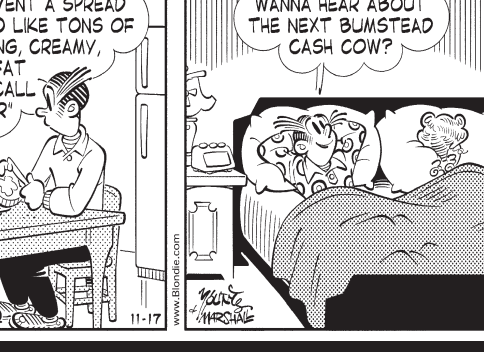
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# Halladay wins NL Cy Young Award

NEW YORK (AP) — Roy Halladay arrived in Philadelphia to a standing ovation, a \$60 million contract extension and the billing as baseball's top ace. That was before he threw a single pitch.

Doc delivered, and then some. Halladay added another victory to an almost perfect season Tuesday, unanimously winning the NL Cy Young Award and becoming the fifth pitcher to earn the honor in both leagues.

"It's by far the most fun I've ever had playing this game," he said on a conference call from Mexico, where he was golfing with Phillies teammate Mike Sweeney, Cardinals star Chris Carpenter and pitcher Chris Young.

"It was everything I hoped it would be," Halladay said.

In the Year of the Pitcher, he became the only one ever to throw a perfect game and no-hitter in the same season.

Halladay was an easy choice after going 21-10 with a 2.44 ERA and 219 strikeouts. He led the league in wins and topped the majors in innings (250 2-3), shutouts (4) and complete games (9).

Halladay received all 32 first-place votes in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Adam Wainwright of St. Louis was

second and Ubaldo Jimenez of Colorado was third. San Francisco ace Tim Lincecum, who won the past two NL Cy Youngs, finished 11th.

"It's surprising," Halladay said. "There could have been a lot of cases made, strong cases."

This year's AL Cy Young Award winner will be announced Thursday. It could be a much more complicated race.

Felix Hernandez went 13-12, but topped the majors with a 2.27 ERA, led the AL in innings and was second in strikeouts. His Seattle Mariners had the worst record in the league and were either shut out or held to one run in 10 of his 34 starts.

CC Sabathia of the Yankees went 21-7 with a 3.18 ERA and Tampa Bay's David Price was 19-6 with a 2.72 ERA.

"Obviously, Felix's numbers are very, very impressive," Halladay said. "Ultimately, you look at how guys are able to win games. Sometimes, you find a way to win games."

Acquired from Toronto last December, Halladay quickly adjusted to a new league and added to the 2003 AL Cy Young he won with the Blue Jays.

Halladay threw a perfect game at Florida on May 29, then tossed a no-hitter against Cincinnati in his post-season debut.

Voting for the award ended after the

regular season. Three days later, Halladay completely overmatched the Reds, the top-hitting team in the NL, in their playoff opener.

Halladay split a pair of matchups with Lincecum in the NL championship series. The Giants won in six games, blunting the Phillies' bid to reach the World Series for the third straight year.

"We fell short," he said. "That part is definitely tough."

Halladay's seven-year gap between Cy Youngs ties the longest in history, matching Tom Glavine.

"To be able to do it again after so long," he said, "means a lot to me."

Halladay joined Roger Clemens, Randy Johnson, Pedro Martinez and Gaylord Perry as pitchers to earn the award in both leagues.

He credited catcher Carlos Ruiz, pitcher Jamie Moyer, pitching coach Rich Dubee and others for making his transition to the Phillies and the NL a smooth one.

"I was definitely worried about going to a new team," he said, adding he wondered: "How different are the leagues going to be?"

His assessment of the NL: "More of a strategic game."

Halladay became the 13th pitcher to unanimously win the NL Cy Young, with Jake Peavy previously doing it

in 2007. It has happened eight times in the AL, with Johan Santana last accomplishing the feat in 2006.

Halladay is the 16th multiple winner of a Cy Young Award, a list headed by Clemens' seven and Johnson's five. Steve Carlton and Greg Maddux each won four times.

The Cy Young started in 1956. Through the 1966 season, there was just one selection from both leagues.

Halladay was the seventh Phillies pitcher to win the award. Along with Carlton, John Denny won in 1983 and reliever Steve Bedrosian got it in 1987.

The Phillies paid a big price to get Halladay. They wound up trading 2009 postseason star Cliff Lee to Seattle as four teams wound up being part of the swaps.

Halladay got to Philadelphia on the day of the trade and drew a standing ovation from nearly 20,000 fans when he was introduced in person at a 76ers game.

Halladay was dominant in an opening-day victory at Washington and won his first four decisions. The next month, he threw the 20th perfect game in major league history — only after he got pinch-hitter Ronny Paulino to hit a grounder for the final out did Halladay break into a big smile.

It was a rare show of emotion.

## STEERS

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they're smart and they understand the game. Then you mix that in with some athleticism and they'll learn the

game and they'll get in the gym more."

"I think it's a good mix and we have a chance to be pretty good if our guys continue to work like they have been."

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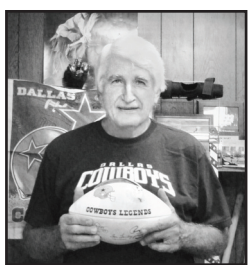
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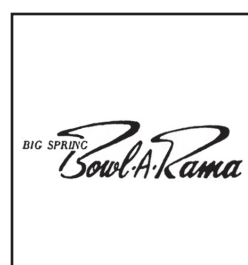
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# Dynamic Vick playing like an MVP

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Michael Vick had just scored after another dazzling run against the Redskins when Eagles fans at a local sports bar began chanting: "M-V-P! M-V-P! M-V-P!"

It was a far cry from what Vick was being called a few years ago.

Once one of the NFL's biggest and highest paid stars, his career was in ruins and his life in shambles. He was broke, reviled and relegated to being a situational No. 3 quarterback after serving 18 months in federal prison for running a dogfighting ring.

Now he's on top again, playing maybe better than ever, and just in time to become perhaps the biggest free agent on the market next year.

Vick may have had the best all-around game by a quarterback in NFL history Monday night against Washington. He threw for 333 yards and four touchdowns, and ran for 80 yards and two scores in Philadelphia's 59-28 victory.

So much for everyone who protested his arrival in Philadelphia and threatened to boycott games.

"I thought what he did was disgusting, but the guy paid his dues and deserves a sec-

ond chance," said Shaun Young, an 18-year season ticket holder who was inducted into the Pro Football Ultimate Fan Association's Hall of Fame last year in Canton, Ohio.

"He's playing incredible. I respect people's opinions that don't like him, but isn't this world based on second chances?"

Since signing with the Eagles in August 2009, he's been a model citizen off the field, working with the Humane Society of the United States and speaking to school and community groups about the cruelty of dogfighting.

On the field, Vick has been downright spectacular, even more so than when he was a superstar with the Atlanta Falcons.

"I feel like I'm playing the best football only because of the coaches that I have, the guys I'm playing with. The offensive line is playing great," Vick said. "I have a great group of guys around me. Just as I'm doing a great job, those guys are doing a great job as well."

Fickle fans who were outraged when the Eagles signed him to a two-year deal are now demanding the team

give him a new contract. Vick, who filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in July 2008, could be a top free agent on the market next year if Philadelphia lets him get that far. Teams who weren't willing to trade a high draft pick for him when the Eagles made him available last off-season just may be lining up to throw money at him.

"The other 31 teams out there need to save their money and vote for Michael Vick or try to get a bid for him because the way he was looking out there, he was looking awesome," Redskins defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth said.

Some would argue that if Redskins quarterback Donovan McNabb can get a \$78 million, five-year deal from the Redskins, the 30-year-old Vick certainly should be worth more right now. He's younger and arguably playing better than McNabb did when he led the Eagles to the Super Bowl in 2004. McNabb was traded by the Eagles to Washington in April and the rest, well, is history.

"I could have never envisioned this," Vick said. "Signing here, I didn't even think I'd be starting as the quarter-

back this year. So, all of this is paramount for me, but at the same time it's somewhat surprising."

Hard to believe that Vick's No. 7 jersey, which was being sold at clearance prices last December, is a hot item nowadays.

"He's my favorite player," said Ashley Walton, one of many fans wearing a Vick jersey at a sports bar in South Philadelphia. "I know what he did was wrong and it's something some people will never forgive him for, but he went to jail and he did his time. People can't judge him for one mistake forever. Everyone makes mistakes."

Indeed, Vick has made the Eagles (6-3) an instant contender in a season in what was to be a rebuilding season. They're 4-0 in games that he's started and finished, and are tied with the New York Giants for first place in the NFC East.

Check out his numbers, despite missing three games with a rib injury: He has passed for 1,350 yards and 11 TDs and rushed for 341 yards and four TDs. He hasn't thrown an interception or lost a fumble and his passer rating of 115.1 leads the NFL.

Vick's sensational game against the Skins made his college coach, Frank Beamer at Virginia Tech, think about the 2000 Sugar Bowl. Back then, Vick put on quite a show against Florida State even though the Hokies lost 46-29.

"I remember the day after the national championship game, everybody was talking about the performance Michael Vick had last night ...," Beamer said Tuesday. "Today seems like that same day. Everybody in the country seems to be talking about what a performance he had last night, and he did."

In general, he said, Vick doesn't take anything for granted.

"The time away, I think he realized a lot of things and in talking with him, he's very humble and just glad to be back in the NFL. And then I think he's worked hard to get his body in condition. I think he's worked hard to get mentally right out there and know where the ball needs to go and be good in that regard. I always thought he was good. I always thought he had unbelievable talent, different talent. I think he's determined to get it back right.

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## No. 1 UConn wins 80th in row, edging No. 2 Baylor

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couldn't stop smiling.

Rarely had Connecticut been tested during its remarkable winning streak the last two seasons. With so many new faces on the roster, and so much talent gone, Moore and coach Geno Auriemma weren't sure how the Huskies would respond to an early-season challenge.

They got their answer Tuesday night, when

top-ranked UConn rallied from a late eight-point deficit and held on for its 80th straight victory, 65-64 over No. 2 Baylor — by far the toughest test since the streak began exactly two years before.

"I don't think they knew if they could do it," Auriemma said. "I was really anxious like everyone else was. The rest of the way here,

let's see what happens."

Connecticut is still on top, but the rest of women's basketball is inching closer. Most of the games during the streak were over by halftime, and only once has a team come within single digits at the end — that was in last year's NCAA championship game against Stanford.

Showing they could win a close one, too,

the Huskies overcame 6-foot-8 Baylor star Brittney Griner and a 56-48 gap with 6:42 to go. They moved within eight victories of matching the 88-game string put together by UCLA's men's teams in the 1970s.

"I thought we played great for long stretches. Obviously, Baylor is a great team and they made their run," Auriemma said.

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## Expanded MLB playoffs more likely for 2012

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Baseball management is more likely to consider expanded playoffs for 2012 than for next year.

After discussing upcoming collective bargaining Tuesday with major league general managers, MLB executive vice president Rob Manfred said adding wild-card teams for 2011 would be "a difficult trick to pull off" because it would have to be a modification of the current labor contract, which runs through next season.

Manfred said the proposal would have to be made by the owners' labor policy committee, then endorsed by owners and agreed to by the players' association.

"In the middle of a contract, we can't act unilaterally," said Manfred, baseball's chief labor negotiator.

Chicago Cubs general manager Jim Hendry favors additional wild cards.

He credited commissioner Bud Selig with pushing through the initial wild-card playoffs, which began in 1995.

"It turns out the commissioner was right on," he said.

Hendry thinks a majority of GMs would back more playoffs because fans would enjoy it.

"It's all about post-season baseball. That's what fans like," Arizona Diamondbacks general manager Kevin Towers said.

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