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## Landtroop names Haney southern district director

**Special to the Herald**  
State Rep.-Elect Jim Landtroop has named longtime Big Spring resident Suzanne Haney as his Southern District director for House District 85.  
"Suzanne is highly respected in Howard County and Cathy and I are honored that she sought this key position," said Landtroop. "Not only has Suzanne never met a stranger, but her experience in public education and faith-based initiatives, partnered with her organizational skill, set



Haney

make her the perfect person for this critical role."  
Haney has been a Howard County resident since 1974 when she moved to Big Spring. Being raised in a farming family in Young County, Haney told her mother that she'd never marry a farmer but she and Rob recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. During her nearly four decades in Big Spring, she and Rob, a third-gen-

eration Howard County farmer, raised two children, son Paul of Dallas and daughter Sarah Haney Maskell of St. Cloud, Minn.  
Haney taught high school Spanish and social studies at Coahoma High School for five years before Paul was born. Since that time she has been a full-time homemaker and volunteer, serving her community and church.  
She served for more than 25 years on the board of directors of the Big Spring Symphony Association.  
A member of St. Paul Lutheran

Church for many years, she served as choir director, volunteer adult leader for the youth of the church and high school Sunday school teacher. She also led a women's Bible study. Since joining Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, Haney again leads a women's Bible study and serves as one of the cantors at the Saturday evening mass.  
Haney was very involved in the local home school group, Big Spring Christian Home Educators, when

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## Turf going in at Steer Park

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Most of the grass in Big Spring may have turned light brown for the winter, but there's a large patch of emerald green turf being rolled out at Big Spring High School.

Crews are working to install artificial turf at the high school baseball field, a project they say will be complete around Jan. 15. That, along with other improvements, are designed to make the field more fan- and player-friendly.

Steer Park, which if more than 60 years old, has been in need of renovation for several years, officials say. The field suffers from severe water drainage and erosion problems, accessibility issues and in general was in need of modernization, they claim.

The new turf, which covers the infield, cost the district around \$230,000. Initial project estimates, including installation costs, were estimated at around \$265,000, but unforeseen circumstances drove the final bill up to \$290,000.

"The restrooms had to be made ADA accessible and the wheelchair ramps had to be modified," said Danny Ferrell, assistant superintendent at Big Spring Independent School District. "That drove the costs up, plus the bids for concrete work and the architectural bids were



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

**Crews were busy installing artificial turf at the Big Spring High School baseball field Thursday afternoon. School officials estimate the project will be completed by Jan. 15.**

higher than anticipated." Aside from the new turf, restrooms and dugouts at the field were renovated to make them more accessible. In addition, the chain link backstop will be replaced with netting and a concrete base and the first base dugout

will be moved to improve fans' sight lines, Ferrell said. The district was able to trim the final price tag somewhat by having BSISD crews perform some of the work. The end result, BSISD Athletic Director Phil Ritchey said, will be a baseball field

that both fans and players can enjoy. "It represents what we want to stand for," Ritchey said. "We want a first-class program, so we'd like a first-class facility, as well." The biggest advantage to an artificial surface come from

increased usage, Ritchey said. "I've always liked a turf field, just for the continuity of the surface if nothing else," he said. "With artificial turf, you can play on it whether

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## Benefit chili cook-off slated for Jan. 29

**Special to the Herald**

Cooks from across the area will be concocting some friendly competition Jan. 29 at the Ninth Annual Children-In-Need Chili Cook-off, hosted by the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 3188 and benefiting West Texas Centers Children-In-Need fund.

Close to 40 cooks are expected to participate in what has become one of the more popular chili cook-offs in the region, West Texas Centers Chief Operating Officer Landon Sturdivant said.

"The chili cook-off is well-organized and competitive, which is important to the chili cooks or chili-heads," Sturdivant said. "It's also a great deal of fun

and easy-going enough for people who have never tried it before. We try to make it a comfortable, family friendly event for everyone."

An extensive list of judges will be on hand to critique entries on taste, appearance and aroma, selecting the top 10 for awards presentation, Sturdivant said.

Each of the top 10 cooks will receive a plaque recognizing their culinary expertise.

In addition, one award will be presented for Best of Show.

Team entries are \$10 and membership is limited to two people. Entry into the event is \$5 and gives you the opportunity to test all the chili available for judging.

Proceeds benefit the Children-In-Need fund, which provides money to children who may have a special one-time need, West Texas Centers CEO Shelley Smith said.

"It may be a pair of cleats for softball or a calculator for class," she said. "It's something that a child needs but his or her parent cannot afford it at the time."

The Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 3188 raised \$10,500 for West Texas Centers Children-In-Need benefit fund last year, Sturdivant said, "This is a very special fund-raising event for needy children, as 10 percent of the funds raised

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## Obituaries

## Joe E. Fortson



America lost another of its' heroes Jan. 6, 2011, when Joe E. Fortson of Lubbock left for his Heavenly reward.

Joe was born May 12, 1921, in Brownwood County to Asa L. and Laura Fortson. He spent his early childhood and teen years in Melvin, attending Melvin schools and working on the family farm.

On Oct. 30, 1940, Joe enlisted in the Army Air Corps. Prior to leaving for his service, he met Mary Ama Brown while attending the Vincent Baptist Church. Through correspondence their love blossomed.

He was an in flight mechanic on C-47 transport planes based throughout the Philippine Islands. His planes transported American soldiers, Japanese prisoners, fuel, supplies and even live donkeys. At the end of his service he was awarded four bronze stars and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Upon fulfilling his duties to his country he returned Big Spring to marry his true love, Mary Ama Brown. Together they raised three children David Ben, Dwight Loris and Karen Elizabeth Fortson while working for the U.S. Postal Service until his retirement in 1978.

Joe and Mary Fortson moved to Lubbock in 1991 where he and his wife of 65 years, Mary, enjoyed attending and serving Southcrest Baptist Church where he served as a deacon. Joe felt it his mission to spend time visiting with the elderly, shut-ins and less fortunate. He also spent many hours serving the community by delivering Meals-On-Wheels. He was a Knights Templar member and a Blue Lodge Member of the Masonic Lodge(AF &AM) of Texas. He was also a member of the VFW and the American Legion.

Joe was a dedicated Christian that will be remembered for his willingness to talk about his Lord and share his faith. He loved his church, his country and his family. His family will miss his quick wit and sense of humor.

Joe is survived by his brother, Ray Fortson of Big Spring; sons, David and his wife, C.J., of Fruita, Colo., Dwight and his wife, Suzan, of Fort Worth; his daughter, Karen Barber and her husband, Craig, of Edmond, Okla.; and four grandchildren, Jennifer Fortson, Zachary Fortson, Carrie Barber and Mari Barber.

Services for Mr. Fortson were set for 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 10, 2011, at Southcrest Baptist Church. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring at 3:30 p.m. Rix Funeral Directors of Lubbock has charge of arrangements.

*Paid obituary*

## Bob Miears



Bob Miears, 67, of Big Spring died Sunday, Jan. 9, 2011, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Chaplain Dean Thomas officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011, at the funeral home.

He was born Dec. 11, 1943, in Big Spring. Bob was a 1963 graduate of Big Spring High School. He was a sergeant in the United States Army, serving with the 1st Infantry Division. While serving in Vietnam, he was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart and the Air Medal. He worked as a maintenance supervisor at Big Spring State Hospital for 20 years, retiring 2006.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Bryan and Cori Miears of San Angelo; two daughters and sons-in-law, Dawn and Doug Tounget of Bronte and Terri and Michael Yanez of Big Spring; one brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Bonnie Miears of Big Spring; eight grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, D.J. and Effie Miears.

The family suggests memorials be made to American Cancer Society, c/o Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121 or to a military organization of choice.

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

## Police blotter

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

- DANNY ZAMBRANO, 41, of 1502 Sycamore, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- VIRGINIA MARTINEZ ZAMBRANO, 40, of 505 S. Goliad, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ASHLEY LEE RAMOS, 26, of 505 S. Goliad, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- MICHAEL ANTHONY GOMEZ, 19, of 312 E. Davis, was arrested Friday on warrants for driving without safety belt and failure to appear (three counts).
- ALEX M. RODRIQUEZ, 30, of 1200 Lamar, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- RICARDO MUNOZ GONZALEZ, 43, of 3511 Sherrod, was arrested Saturday on a warrant for interference with an emergency phone call.
- RICHARD HARRISON PRICE, 48, of 1526 E. 17<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Saturday on warrants for speeding, expired license plate and failure to maintain financial responsibility – second offense.
- PAULA SUE BAKER, 51, of 101 E. 16<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- MARTHA FINA LOPEZ, 39, of 411 N. Scurry, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ISAAC DANIEL PLATT, 21, of 200 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place, was arrested Sunday on charges of possession of marijuana in a drug free zone – two ounces or less and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- ABEL LOZANO TORRES, 22, of 1101 S. Runnels, was arrested Sunday on warrants for public intoxication and failure to appear.
- MARCOS MENDEZ III, 17, of 1511 S. Johnson, was arrested Sunday on charges of hindering officers discharging official duties and consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- ROBERT KIM GRANADO JR., 18, of 601 S. Douglas, was arrested Sunday on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation, consumption of alcohol by a minor and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- LORI DANIELLE BAKER, 18, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- KRISTOPHER ALLEN WATSON, 20, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- WILLIAM OBRIEN SAULS, 22, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- CHRISTOPHER JACOB HAMILTON, 18, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of harboring a runaway child.
- RUSSELL WAYNE CLAY, 49, of 1205 S. Lancaster, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1800 block of Winston.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
- BURGLARY was reported in the 1600 block of E. FM 700.

## Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 inmates at the time of this report.

- ABEL VIRGIL, 24, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.
- WILLIAM DANE JOHNSON, 19, was arrested Friday by DPS on charges of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, bond forfeiture for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and bond forfeiture for driving while intoxicated.
- DEMETRIUS LEE LOPEZ, 26, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of violation of bond or protective order.
- DANNY ZAMBRANO, 41, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- TAMMY LOCKHART COKER, 34, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of assault – physical contact.
- ASHLEY LEE RAMOS, 26, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- VIRGINIA MARTINEZ ZAMBRANO, 40, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and theft by check.
- JOE L. BERNAL, 49, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.
- ELIDA H. HERNANDEZ, 52, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- RICARDO MUNOZ GONZALEZ, 43, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated and interfering with an emergency phone call.
- MICHAEL ANTHONY GOMEZ, 19, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of theft of a firearm and possession of a controlled substance and municipal warrants for failure to appear (two counts), violation of a promise to appear and no seat belt – driver.
- PATRICK MATTHEW RIOS, 18, was transferred

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to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and possession of a controlled substance (two counts).

- ALEX MARTINEZ RODRIQUEZ, 30, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ELIX CALVIN MARION, 38, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention.
- RAYLENE ANGLIN, 30, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of theft by check.
- DON LLOYD BROOKS, 44, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- PAULA SUE BAKER, 51, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- RICHARD HARRISON PRICE, 48, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license suspended/invalid – enhanced and municipal warrants for displaying an expired registration, speeding and failure to maintain financial responsibility – second offense.
- VIRGIL C. SPARGO, 54, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- CELESTE JONES BINGHAM, 46, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- STEVEN GAMBOA, 27, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- JOSIE D'ANN SHOBER, 30, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated – open container.
- MARTHA FINA LOPEZ, 39, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ISAAC DANIEL PLATT, 21, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana in a drug free zone – two ounces or less.
- ABEL LOZANO TORRES, 22, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for public intoxication and failure to appear.
- ROBERT GRANADOS, 18, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation, consumption of alcohol by a minor and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- MARCOS MENDEZ, 17, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of consumption of alcohol by a minor and hindering officers discharging official duties.
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## Fire/EMS

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

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Wood and Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 4000 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Driver Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1000 block of Baylor. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Hearn. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of Val Verde. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of N. Aylesford. One person was transported to SMMC.

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### Today's Weather

#### Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 1/12	Thu 1/13	Fri 1/14	Sat 1/15	Sun 1/16
<b>43/22</b> Mostly Cloudy. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the low 20s.	<b>54/28</b> Sunshine. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 20s.	<b>62/34</b> Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	<b>64/36</b> Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	<b>63/33</b> Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 30s.
Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 6:01 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 6:02 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 6:03 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 6:04 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 6:05 PM

### Texas At A Glance

**Amarillo** 40/18  
**Big Spring** 43/22  
**El Paso** 51/29  
**Dallas** 40/30  
**Austin** 42/30  
**Houston** 49/36  
**San Antonio** 46/34  
**Brownsville** 57/48

#### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Amarillo	39	24	cloudy	Kingsville	51	39	cloudy
Austin	42	30	cloudy	Livingston	49	31	pt sunny
Beaumont	51	34	mst sunny	Longview	41	29	pt sunny
Brownsville	57	48	cloudy	Lubbock	40	17	cloudy
Brownwood	41	28	cloudy	Lufkin	49	31	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	49	40	cloudy	Midland	42	24	cloudy
Corsicana	40	30	cloudy	Raymondville	54	43	cloudy
Dallas	40	30	cloudy	Rosenberg	49	35	pt sunny
Del Rio	47	31	cloudy	San Antonio	46	34	cloudy
El Paso	51	29	cloudy	San Marcos	43	30	cloudy
Fort Stockton	42	27	cloudy	Sulphur Springs	38	28	cloudy
Gainesville	37	22	cloudy	Sweetwater	40	24	cloudy
Greenville	37	25	cloudy	Tyler	40	28	pt sunny
Houston	49	36	pt sunny	Weatherford	39	24	cloudy
				Wichita Falls	40	22	cloudy

#### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	32	19	mst sunny	Minneapolis	20	5	sn shower
Boston	35	24	snow	New York	33	23	snow
Chicago	25	12	sn shower	Phoenix	66	42	pt sunny
Dallas	40	30	cloudy	San Francisco	61	53	pt sunny
Denver	36	25	pt sunny	Seattle	44	41	mixed
Houston	49	36	pt sunny	St. Louis	20	8	cloudy
Los Angeles	68	48	sunny	Washington, DC	37	25	pt sunny
Miami	70	55	rain				

#### Moon Phases

**New** Jan 4  
**First** Jan 12  
**Full** Jan 19  
**Last** Jan 26

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Wed 1/12	Thu 1/13	Fri 1/14	Sat 1/15	Sun 1/16
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# Straus fighting conservative wave to keep seat

**APRIL CASTRO**  
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Republican Rep. Beverley Woolley has heard the threats and seen the television ads warning her that supporting Joe Straus for speaker of the Texas House could cost her reelection.

Still, she's standing by him. "I've got broad shoulders," she joked, acknowledging the barrage of attacks from conservative groups.

Woolley, who last month pledged to support the speaker, has been on the receiving end of a grassroots, conservative effort to oust Straus. Activists claim he is too moderate for the newly minted GOP supermajority in the House.

The 150-member chamber will elect their presiding officer on Tuesday, at the beginning of the 140-day legislative session. Republican Reps. Ken Paxton and Warren Chisum are challenging Straus for the job. The speaker sets the agenda and controls which bills are taken up. In terms of political influence, the House speaker is on par with the governor and lieutenant governor.

House Republicans have scheduled a caucus meeting for Monday, the day before the session begins, to take a nonbinding vote. Caucus votes are tradition-

ally not part of the speaker election process, but conservatives hope to build momentum for a new speaker. Straus insists he has the votes to win another term and has released the names of 122 members who had pledged their support to him, much more than the 76 majority he needs to win. But the list came out before conservatives turned up the pressure.

One Straus foe, a group called Women on the Wall, is running anti-Straus television ads in Houston and Dallas. Portraying the race as the "Speaker Showdown," they warn local lawmakers like Woolley that the choice is a "conservative speaker or your seat."

Several other groups have put lawmakers on notice that their vote for speaker will weigh heavily when their end-of-session scorecards come out. Last week, a conservative-leaning watchdog group filed an ethics complaint against Straus, alleging that he unlawfully accepted campaign contributions and failed to disclose required details.

With congressional redistricting on the agenda for the legislative session, the race has even drawn in national figures such as former Arkansas governor-turned-pundit Mike Huckabee and former U.N. Ambassador

John Bolton, who both endorsed Paxton.

"Outside lobbying groups began to realize that in places like Texas, the speaker can exercise so much power, it's very cost efficient to get involved in speaker races," said Michael Phillips, a government professor at Collin College who has written a book about the office of Texas speaker.

The Texas Alliance for Life endorsed Paxton, claiming Straus isn't "committed to allowing the pro-life legislation to pass, in particular, defunding Planned Parenthood," said Joe Pojman, executive director of the anti-abortion group.

"It's been amazing," said Paxton, 48, who says 17 House members have publicly pledged their support to him. "I've never seen an issue in the state that's generated this much interest from Republican voters."

Straus was elevated to the seat two years ago with the help of Democrats. At that time, the House was still controlled by Republicans, but with a 76-74 split, they only held a two-seat majority. Then Straus was seen as a bipartisan leader and did not wield the seat's power like his predecessor, former Speaker Tom Craddick, who was ousted because of his bruising leadership style.

## Support Groups

- MONDAY**
- Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 8-9 p.m., fourth floor, VA Medical Center.
  - Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- TUESDAY**
- The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

## Lottery

- None of the tickets sold for the Powerball game Saturday evening matched all six numbers drawn, which were:
- 06-07-26-33-52
  - Powerball: 24
  - Power Play: 2
- Players matching all five numbers and the Powerball would have won or shared the \$51 million jackpot. The prize goes to an estimated \$67 million for Wednesday.
- The winning numbers drawn in the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
- 15-17-26-34-35-50
  - Estimated jackpot: \$14 Million
  - Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.
- The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery: 2-13-25-26-30
- The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 8-4-1-7. Sum It Up: 20.
- The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 5-8-1. Sum It Up: 14.

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## HANEY

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her daughter Sarah was at home. In 1997, Suzanne and Rob served as the chairing couple for the first local committee of Young Life, a non-denominational minis-

try for teenagers. Her interest in politics led her to attend the state Republican Party convention in Fort Worth in 1998 and in Houston in 2008. In the fall of 2006, Haney served as Landtroop's Howard County campaign chairman during his first bid for state representative in District 85.

Suzanne again served Landtroop in that capacity in his victorious bid in 2010. Haney is a member of the Howard County Republicans and is an active Tea Party leader. "We need elected officials who have a respect for agriculture because that industry is still the backbone of Texas," Haney said. "Electronics

are important until you get hungry or your blue jeans wear out! Jim Landtroop values agriculture and our West Texas producers." Haney went on to say, "When Jim first ran for state representative in 2006, our family had a chance to get to know him, Cathy and the kids. Our daughter Sarah helped watch their chil-

dren while they were on the campaign trail up and down U.S. Highway 87. They are a fine family with true Christian, conservative values. It is indeed an honor to serve them as their Southern District director." Haney can be reached online at [suzanne@jimlandtroop.com](mailto:suzanne@jimlandtroop.com) or by phone at 432-517-9894.

## TURF

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it's raining or sleeting or if there's a sandstorm ... and the surface will still

be nice to play on. And temperature doesn't effect it, either. I can tell you right now that our grass practice fields are like cement." Improving the baseball field also puts BSISD

in the running when it comes to hosting baseball tournaments and playoff games. "No question about that," Rithcey said. "We'll host a baseball tournament this year

... and word will spread that it is a very nice place to play." Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at [reporter@bigspringherald.com](mailto:reporter@bigspringherald.com)

## CHILI

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go directly to helping children with special needs." "The Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 3188 Chili Cook-off is our main source of funding for the Children-In-Need fund," Smith said. "Before they started the chili cook-off nine years ago, we had run out of options. They have been a true blessing." Cooking begins at 8 a.m. with judging scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Tickets will be available at the door. For more information, contact Sturdivant at (432) 264-3247 or [landon.sturdivant@wtcmhmr.org](mailto:landon.sturdivant@wtcmhmr.org)

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## OTHER VIEWS

### GOP House opens for business in a big way

The 112th Congress opened Wednesday, but Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., who will head the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, opened for business early. Literally.

Over the past two weeks, Mr. Issa sent letters to more than 150 businesses, trade associations and think tanks asking for their help in "identifying existing and proposed regulations that have negatively impacted job growth in your members' industry."

Imagine if committee chairmen of the past had been as farsighted as Mr. Issa. Those job-killing regulations against child labor and 60-hour workweeks might have been stopped. The dioxin industry might still be thriving.

Thus, a theme emerges for the Republican-led House: Not just a meaningless vote on Jan. 12 (Rush Limbaugh's 60th birthday!) to overturn the health care reform law, but an ongoing crusade to nowhere on behalf of poor, helpless corporate interests.

Republicans won back control of the House, so they call the tune. Republican orthodoxy holds that regulations almost always are unnecessary. The market will cure all problems.

Never mind that it was a lack of effective regulation that contributed to the meltdown of the financial market in 2008. Republicans already are threatening to cut off funding to the 11 agencies involved in enforcing the Dodd-Frank financial reform act.

Last month, Spencer Bachus, the Alabama Republican who will head the House Financial Services Committee, told his home state's Birmingham News, "In Washington, the view is that the banks are to be regulated, and my view is that Washington and the regulators are there to serve the banks."

You could almost give Mr. Bachus points for honesty, except he later amended his remarks to say that regulators should set the parameters in which banks operate but not micromanage them.

How about this for a parameter: A bank trading derivatives should not lend 30 times more money than it has on hand. Higher capital requirements are part of Dodd-Frank, but Republicans think the rules are too onerous.

Mr. Issa seems to be particularly irked with the Environmental Protection Agency, citing limits on water runoff from construction sites that he says will cost \$810.8 million, resulting in the closure of 147 construction firms and the loss of 7,257 jobs.

This actually is a good example of an obscure federal regulation that does, in fact, affect business practices, but which also is aimed at correcting a problem. How big is the problem? That depends on your point of view.

As surface water drains from construction sites, it can pick up hazardous chemicals, debris and sediment that are then carried to streams, rivers and lakes — ultimately affecting aquatic habitats and impeding waterways.

Before last Feb. 1, only large construction sites — five acres or more — were required to obtain EPA permits and to implement measures to contain runoff. The new regulations extend the requirements to smaller construction jobs, mostly homes. Homebuilding is an industry that hardly needs any new costs.

But the EPA regulations are 64 pages long and go into elaborate detail about their financial impact. For a median-sized home on a median-sized lot, complying with the regulations would add \$29 a month to the mortgage.

That will cost a few jobs. A few fewer homes will be sold. But water will be cleaner.

Politics are about trade-offs, but the system doesn't work when you spend all your time posturing.

THE POST-DISPATCH  
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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we always have an open exchange with You, Lord.

Amen

# End greed, invest in economy

As a business owner who has created hundreds of jobs over the past two decades, I understand economic policies that build sustainable growth. Yet the billions in tax cuts for the wealthy just signed into law compromise our shared future.

The promise of "trickle down" economics has failed. When recent studies suggest that 1 in 3 working families are near poverty, it defies common sense that some elected officials have prioritized giveaways to the wealthy. This greed and excess is what got us into the worst economic recession since the Great Depression. It defies good business and core American values to pass this burden on to increasingly vulnerable working families, and to our children and grandchildren.

How much more damage to the middle class can the country endure?

It's clear that our political leaders need to shift course in order to build a healthy economy. We need to put aside the myths and rationalizations that excuse the unprecedented greed the last decade has witnessed. We need to have a basic sense of decency and focus on policies that benefit us all.

It's pretty simple, when Main Street consumers are doing better, we all do better. Or, as the South Carolina Small Business Chamber of Commerce recently said, "We need customers, not tax breaks."

I started my business in the difficult 1989 economy and sustained other recessions. I know that it's the customers that drive economic prosperity.

With millions of Americans

out of work, giving tax cuts to the wealthiest few is the wrong strategy.

At one time I paid more in taxes, because I was making more. This is appropriate, since a strong economy is built upon creating economic gains for all Americans, not just a privileged few.

It takes positive values to build healthy families and communities. When we built our manufacturing plant in North Carolina, we invested in environmentally sustainable practices, built an industry-leading day care center, a health-conscious café, employee gym and responsible health care for our over 600 employees.

These were expenses our competitors were not taking on, but we knew that by making upfront investments in our people we would all benefit over the long term.

As a country we have forgotten our own history. Public investments like the GI Bill, the interstate highway system and university research grants have provided the environment where some of the world's most innovative entrepreneurs had the opportunity to build businesses. That's what makes America great, not greed.

We must recommit ourselves to the foundation of healthy and prosperous communities where everyone has an equal opportunity to succeed. The anger that excludes or divides us is not what has made America strong.

A healthy economy includes all people and helps build a foundation for public spaces, civil discourse, religious freedom and an environment that sustains creativity, innovation and peace.

We now face urgent economic and environmental challenges that will determine our global competitiveness and quality of life for generations.

Patriotism comes from a willingness to share responsibility,

to support our shared interests and to invest in creating opportunities for all through education, technology and infrastructure.

Politicians risk too much when they focus on short-term wins at the expense of the real needs and interests of so many Americans who want to work, serve their country and live comfortable lives with their families. We must remember this as we look ahead to comprehensive tax code reform, deficit reduction and smart investments in our common future.

The recent failure of leadership, those who have sided with the wealthy people who fund their re-election campaigns is shameful. They have failed true family values and have not responded quickly to the millions of struggling Americans who have lost their jobs or are just getting by. This threatens our shared prosperity.

That's why I joined hundreds of other business people and tens of thousands of individuals in signing petitions against the high-end tax cuts.

As we enter into this New Year we must commit to a healthy economy, where Main Street Americans have jobs and money to spend. This will take investment, not tax cuts.

We must put an end to the greed and excess that got us into this economic crisis. It will require sacrifice from each of us and require historic leadership with integrity.

If our political leaders don't understand that, then it's time we find some who do.

*Mitchell Gold is co-founder of Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams, a \$100 million home-furnishings brand he and business partner Bob Williams started in 1989 with an investment of \$60,000. He is a member of Wealth For Common Good and founder of Faith In America.*

## GOP CONGRESS PUTS OUT WELCOME MAT FOR PRESIDENT



# Governator flubbed his exit

In his last remaining hours as California governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger issued three sentence commutations. The most notable went to the son of former Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, Esteban Nunez, who is serving time for voluntary manslaughter.

Esteban Nunez's legal problems began in San Diego on Oct. 4, 2008. After Nunez, then 19, and some friends were not admitted to a fraternity party, they went looking for a fight. They found a group of students who also had been drinking. After a short but fatal clash, Luis Dos Santos, 22, lay dying.

Schwarzenegger wrote that he reduced Nunez's sentence from 16 years to seven years because Nunez was not "the actual killer" and his sentence was "disproportionate" in that it was the same term given to Nunez's friend, Ryan Jett, "despite the evidence that Jett was a leader and instigator" who stabbed Santos in the heart. Also, Nunez had no criminal history, while Jett was a convicted felon out on probation at the time of the crime.

Schwarzenegger overlooked a few items. First, the sentence

was the result of a plea agreement. Nunez knew that in pleading guilty, he could face as much as 16 years behind bars. By agreeing to this deal, he avoided a jury trial that could have put him in prison for life.

Second, while Nunez was not Santos' killer, he was carrying a knife, which he used to stab two of Santos' friends, one of them in the stomach.

As Santos lay dying, Nunez, Jett and two friends — who didn't stab anyone, but pleaded guilty to lesser charges — could have called for an ambulance. Instead, they ran — all the way to Sacramento.

Then they tried to cover up their crime.

Nunez's attorney Brad Patton has argued that a San Diego judge meted out an excessive sentence to a "19-year-old drunk kid" with no prior criminal record but an excess of "college-age bravado." Patton added, "Santos and his friends were instigators as well."

Fred Santos of Concord will have none of that. Jett, Nunez and company, he told me, were "looking for trouble" — which is why three of them carried knives — while his son's group was unarmed. "This was a deliberate act."

Patton also argued that if Nunez didn't have a big-shot father, he'd have received a shorter sentence. I am skepti-

cal, but I do think that if Nunez didn't have a politically powerful father — who now is a political operative in a firm with Schwarzenegger guru Adam Mendelsohn — his sentence never would have attracted Schwarzenegger's attention.

I've been a huge proponent of the use of the political pardon: I don't think it is used enough. And I agree with political science professor and Pardon Power blogger P.S. Ruckman, who noted that famous people, relatives and political supporters "deserve fair consideration, too."

That said, if an executive rarely uses his pardon power, yet magically manifests outrage over "excessive" sentences only for the scion of a fellow big shot and buddy, and he doesn't issue a commutation until he is on his way out the door, there will be hell to pay.

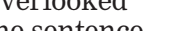
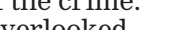
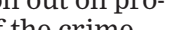
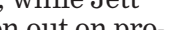
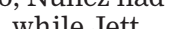
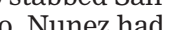
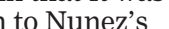
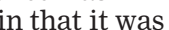
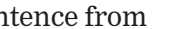
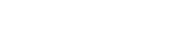
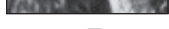
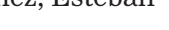
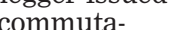
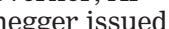
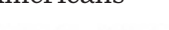
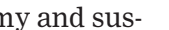
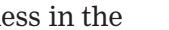
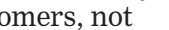
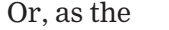
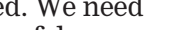
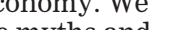
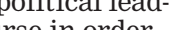
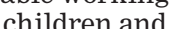
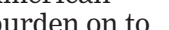
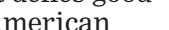
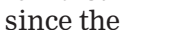
Schwarzenegger didn't even bother calling the Santos family first. "He knows this was a bad move," Santos told me. "That's why they did it how they did it. They did it in a very sneaky way."

He started office with such promise. But he exited like a con man on the run.

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MITCHELL GOLD



# Ravens-Steelers part 3 upcoming

### The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Get ready for Ravens-Steelers III.

The Baltimore Ravens set up what figures to be a crunching third meeting with AFC North rival Pittsburgh when they beat the Kansas City Chiefs 30-7 in Sunday's wild-card game. Baltimore and Pittsburgh finished tied atop the division at 12-4, with the Steelers holding the tiebreaker and getting a bye.

They split two bone-crushing games during the season, with the Ravens winning 17-14 at Pittsburgh

in Week 4, the last game of Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger's suspension. The Steelers took the rematch in one of 2010's showcase games, a 13-10 outcome that turned on safety Troy Polamalu's sensational forced fumble.

A veteran playoff team that has won four of its last five postseason road games, the Ravens completely shut down AFC West champion Kansas City's passing game and forced five turnovers. They won't be intimidated in the least by a trip to Heinz Field next Saturday.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," said Joe Flacco, who

threw for two touchdowns. "This is going to be the second time in my career that we've played them three times in a season. And those games are always a lot of fun. We're going to go up there and give it our best."

The Chiefs have lost seven straight postseason games, a league record that dates back to the 1993 season.

"We turned the ball over and that's not characteristic of us," Pro Bowl left guard Brian Waters said.

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HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton

Parents and supporters gather for the Big Spring High School Fall Athletics Banquet Saturday in the high school cafeteria.



HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton

Devon Davis-Locke (left) stands with Big Spring head football coach Phillip Ritchey holding the Antwoyne Edwards Memorial Award at the Big Spring High School Fall Athletics Banquet Saturday night. The award is not given to the most high-profile player, but it is given to a team player who exemplifies hard work and other traits helpful to his team.

## Seattle shocks champion Saints

### The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Pete Carroll never appears calm about anything. He speaks like he's stuck in fast-forward and stalks the sideline with a bundle of youthful energy.

So maybe the Seahawks' first-year coach caught himself by surprise with how mellow he was in the minutes after Seattle shocked the rest of football with its stunning upset of the defending Super Bowl champions.

"It's funny I'm so calm about this. You'd all think that I'd be all pumped up and jacked up, but there is just a calm about it," Carroll said. "I'm just so proud to be part of this thing and see these guys come through like this and we're done; we're talking about next week already."

The reason Seattle is talking about a trip to the divisional round of the playoffs is almost as shocking as its 41-36 upset of the New Orleans Saints on Saturday. The Seahawks didn't just beat New Orleans. This wasn't a fluky victory based on external forces like weather or a long list of Saints mistakes.

The Seahawks (8-9) somehow managed to win a shootout against New Orleans. Matt

Hasselbeck threw four touchdowns in one of the finest performances of his career, and Marshawn Lynch capped the upset with an electrifying 67-yard touchdown run that was going viral on the Internet after Lynch shed at least a half-dozen tacklers on his way to the end zone.

It all seemed so unlikely — the first division champs in league history with a losing record, and a 10-point home underdog, booting the reigning champs out of the playoffs. But having served as the punch line of the playoffs for a week, the Seahawks did more than just validate their place in the post-season.

"We just beat the world champs and that's a great feeling," Hasselbeck said. "And we worked hard to do it. It wasn't like it kind of happened. We worked hard this week, and we prepared, and we believed and we laid it on the line."

The Seahawks spent Sunday waiting to find out where they'd be going for the divisional round, a trip no one just days earlier thought Seattle would be booking. If Philadelphia won Sunday afternoon, the

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## Nnamdi Asomugha's record contract with Raiders voids

### The Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — The final year in Nnamdi Asomugha's record contract with the Oakland Raiders is no longer in force because the Pro Bowl cornerback didn't reach certain incentives.

Raiders senior executive John Herrera confirmed Sunday that the contract was voided, making Asomugha a free agent. ESPN first reported the development.

Asomugha signed a \$45.3 million, three-year contract in February 2009 that made him the highest paid defensive back in NFL history. He was paid \$28.5 million in the first two years of the contract.

The Raiders had an

option for 2011, which would be worth either \$16.8 million or the amount of the quarterback franchise tag, whichever is greater.

Asomugha's contract had a clause that said his contract would be voided if he didn't participate in more plays in 2010 than the previous year or improve his interception, fumble recovery or sack totals.

Asomugha missed two games with a sprained ankle so did not reach the playing time incentive. He also had no interceptions, fumble recovery or sacks. He had one interception, no fumble recoveries and no sacks in 2009.

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## Sports in brief

### Baseball booster club meeting

The Big Spring High School baseball booster club will conduct a meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Athletic Training Center. If there are any questions, call Denise Carillo at 432-816-1685.

### Men's city bowling tournament

This tournament takes place Jan. 23-24 at Bowl-A-

Rama in Big Spring.

The entry forms are to be turned in by Jan. 17. Entry forms can be picked up at the Bowl-A-Rama. The local USBC Chapter is donating \$150 to the prize fund.

For more information on the men's city bowling tournament, contact Diana Ewing at 432-816-7631, Claud Fryar at 432-517-0475, or Sheila Armstrong at 432-270-7596.

### 2011 MAYB River City Shootout

Registration is ongoing for the 2011 MAYB River City Shootout Basketball Tournament to take place on Feb. 19-20. The tournament is for boys and girls, grades 3 through 8. Please e-mail wardca@yahoo.com or call (979) 417-3721 for additional information. Online registration is available at www.otcybc.com.

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## Instructional

## HOT ITEM!!

Bellydance class starting Tuesday January 4th Big Spring YMCA 7:30pm. Ladies 18-80. \$45/month. Contact Victoria 432-230-5456 (after 12/28) or victoria.white.cotton@gmail.com for information.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Is your ideal boss someone who constantly checks in, encourages you and prods you to the finish line? Or is it someone who gives you an assignment and a deadline and then leaves you alone? Whatever style motivates you, you are likely to encounter it now, as the sun, Mars and Saturn are in the per-



HOLIDAY MATHIS

fect position to push us toward high production.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). A certain project has become bigger than life. The stakes are high, and you're starting to feel like you're about to do a cliff dive. Be fearless and fully committed. You will soar.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You're still getting to know how a loved one operates and the particular timing involved. There are certain hours of the day when your loved one is most receptive. Ask for what you want during those times.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). There's a large event decorating your calendar with great promise. You know it's coming, but you don't know what to expect from it. This is the perfect storm of excitement and anticipation.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Usually, you are acutely sentimental in short bursts, but lately the feeling is more chronic, as a certain person keeps coming back into your mind, which makes for a kind of sentimental jag. Maybe it's time to reach out...

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You can safely assume that other people's bad moods are caused by temporary circumstances — lack of sleep, the onset of a cold, etc. — rather than some problem with you.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Take a break from the self-improvement efforts. Anyway, why endeavor to fix all your flaws when some of them are so adorable? A certain degree of anxiousness adds a delectable quiriness to your character.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Seek relationships with secure people who relate naturally in a friendly, cheerful way, and who also find it easy to commit to others, depend on them and be depended upon.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you love someone, you get to know that person's world. You will ask astute questions and become increasingly interested in learning about what another person does with his or her time.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are loved, a fact that you feel certain about. You also want to be liked, respected, adored and admired. It will feel fantastic to get evidence of this today.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The care and attention you give a loved one is not so obvious — in fact, it's almost invisible now. But unequivocally, your loved one will feel all of your sweet intentions.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It is normal for those who were raised in sad patterns to repeat those patterns because they are comfortable and familiar. You'll get a chance to show someone a happier way of dealing.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You are more adventurous than the other people on your

team, which is why they are reticent to make you the leader. If you can assuage their fears, you will rise to the top.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Jan. 10). Driven by your love of beauty and friendship, you'll flit to the most fantastic locations this year — houses, shops, restaurants, museums, parks... Every month, you will take in new sights! A formerly fickle person commits to you in business before the end of March. Family embraces your choices in June. Leo and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 1, 33, 27 and 52.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "My job is badly affecting my marriage. We needed the money, and I'm happy to have work; however, the days are long and tense with people always needing things from me. Then I come home and I just want peace and quiet. My husband takes it personally, like I'm rejecting him. I need to unwind and be quiet, and I don't necessarily want to give him a back rub, make him dinner or even talk about my day. All I want is to relax in silence. He mopes and acts hurt all the time. What should I do? I'm a Virgo, and my husband is a Taurus."

When it feels like the whole world is leaning on you at work, you don't want to come home

to more neediness! However, do consider that your sensual Taurus husband may be trying to create an emotional bond with you, and there's a chance you are misreading the signals. Are you sure he expects you to cook, or is it that he wants to share a meal with you? Does he really want the back rub, or does he just want to be close to you? Consider that his wanting to be close to you doesn't necessarily mean he wants you to do anything.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** At the age of 3, Capricorn actress Amanda Peet made her stage debut when she broke from her seat in the audience and got on stage during a play. Recently, Peet returned to the stage, this time co-starring on Broadway with David Duchovny in the Neil LaBute drama "The Break of Noon." With three planets in Sagittarius, the magic of other worlds is strongly appealing.

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ANSWERS

Grid of numbers for the previous Sudoku puzzle.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

East dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH ♠97 ♥84 ♦QJ972 ♣A972 WEST ♠J54 ♥AQ9 ♦1083 ♣QJ104 EAST ♠632 ♥J107632 ♦65 ♣K3 SOUTH ♠AKQ108 ♥K5 ♦AK4 ♣865

Without further ceremony, Avarelli jumped to six diamonds, which became the final contract. It was not a good slam, but whether it was the fault of the system or the players is not known. West elected to lead the ace of hearts and thereby handed Belladonna the contract. He scored five spades, five diamonds, a heart and a club for 1,370 points. Without a heart lead, the slam would have gone down one.

At the other table, with an American pair now North-South, the bidding went: East Pass South 1♣ West Pass North 1NT Pass 3NT

With North as declarer, this was certainly not the best contract either. Played by South, three notrump was cold with any lead, but played by North, the defense could have collected the first six tricks with a heart lead.

However, the Italian West had such an attractive lead against three notrump that he opened the queen of clubs — out of turn! The U.S. declarer decided to accept the lead, which was his privilege, and finished with 11 tricks for a score of 660 points. The Americans still lost 710 points on the deal, but it could have been much worse!

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Solution, tips and computer program at [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com)

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5:PM	News	Alma	Lopez	News	Noticias	News	King	Chumney	World	Lyrics!	Cash Cab	Money Train	CSI: Crime Scene	Law & Order	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	Deck Wizards	SportsCenter	College GameDay
6:PM	Jeopardy!	Llena de Amor (SS)	Two Men	News	Caso Car-rado	News	King	Granger	Business	Lyrics!	Cash Cab	Jennifer Lopez	UFC Fight Night	Bones	Good	College Basketball		
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8:PM	Triunfo del Amor	How I Met Rules	Two Men Mike	How I Met Rules	El Fantasma de	The Cape	Fam. Guy	Light of the Southwest	American Experience	Gossip Girl	American Chopper	Movie: Exit Wounds, Isaiah Washington	Bones	Game	2010 World Series of Poker			College Football: Tostitos BCS National Championship
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12:AM	Extra	Tontas Cielo	Paid	Raymond	Insider	Pagado	Conan	Upd	Cortes	Cops	Black Ops Brothers	Da Vinci's Inquest	The Unit	CSI: NY	Notarized: Top 100 Videos of 2010	Wizards	NBA	
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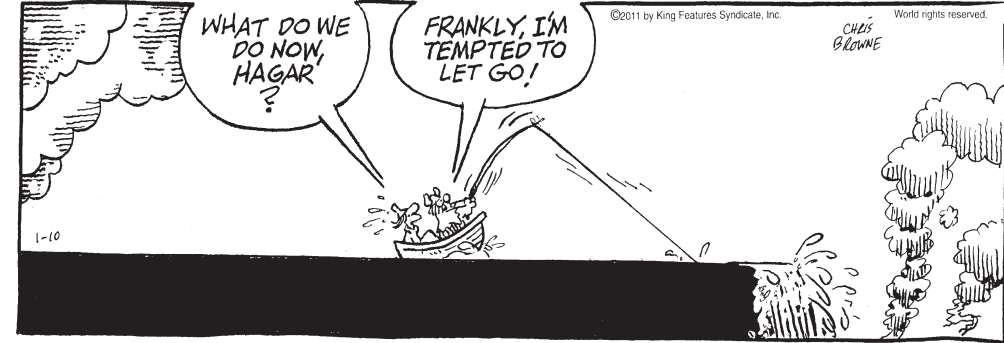
"A CASSEROLE IS A SNEAKY WAY TO GET A KID TO EAT STUFF THAT'S GOOD FOR HIM."

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"...What have I been doing since January 1st?"

## HAGAR



"WHAT DO WE DO NOW, HAGAR?" "FRANKLY, I'M TEMPTED TO LET GO!"

## BC

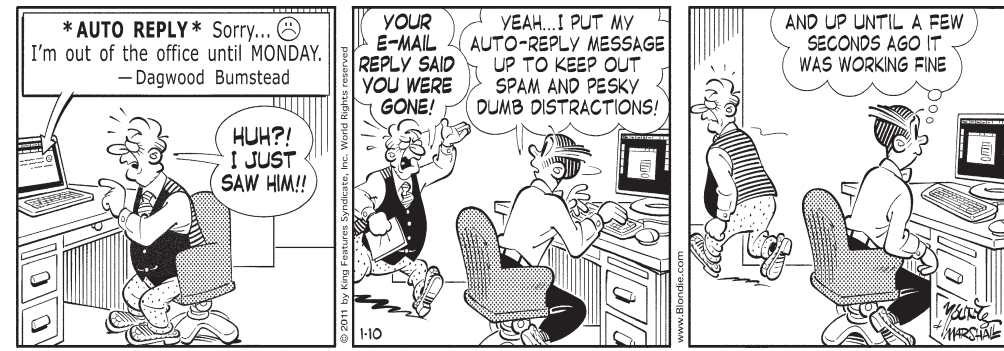


WHAT'S YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION? TO BEGIN EACH PROJECT WITH THE END IN MIND.



YEAH - MINE IS TO GO ON A DIET, TOO.

## BLONDIE

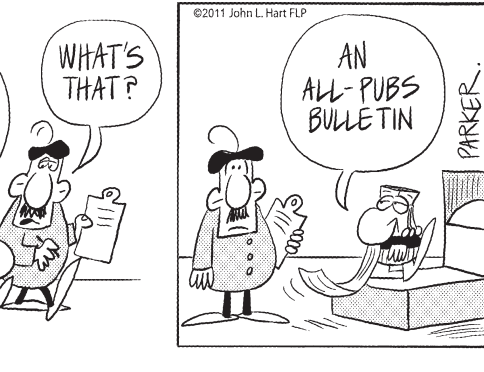


\*AUTO REPLY\* Sorry... I'm out of the office until MONDAY. - Dagwood Bumstead

## WIZARD OF ID



BUNO IS MISSING!



AN ALL-PUBS BULLETIN

## This Date In History

Today is Monday, Jan. 10, the 10th day of 2011. There are 355 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 10, 1861, Florida became the third state to break from the Union as it passed an Ordinance of Secession at the State Capitol in Tallahassee by a vote of 62-7.

On this date:

In 1776, Thomas Paine anonymously published his influential pamphlet, "Common Sense."

In 1860, the Pemberton Mill in Lawrence, Mass., collapsed and caught fire, killing up to 145 people, mostly female workers from Scotland and Ireland.

In 1870, John D. Rockefeller incorporated Standard Oil.

In 1901, the Spindletop oil field in Beaumont, Texas, produced the Lucas Gusher, heralding the start of the Texas oil boom.

In 1920, the League of Nations was established as the Treaty of Versailles (vehr-SY') went into effect.

In 1946, the first General Assembly of the United Nations convened in London.

In 1957, Harold Macmillan became prime minister of Britain, following the resignation of Anthony Eden.

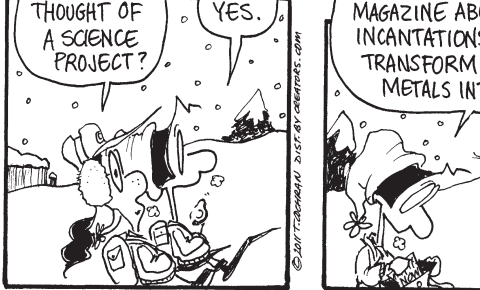
In 1961, the University of Georgia, under court order, admitted its first two black students, Hamilton Holmes and Charlayne Hunter (now reporter Charlayne Hunter-Gault). Dashiell Hammett, author of "The Maltese Falcon" and "The Thin Man," died in New York at age 66.

In 1971, "Masterpiece Theatre" premiered on PBS with host Alistair Cooke introducing the drama series "The First Churchills." French fashion designer Coco Chanel died in Paris at age 87.

In 1980, former AFL-CIO president George Meany died in Washington, D.C., at age 85.

Today's Birthdays: Opera singer Sherrill Milnes is 76. Blues artist Eddy Clearwater is 76. Rock singer-musician Ronnie Hawkins is 76. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Willie McCovey is 73. Singer Scott McKenzie is 72. Movie director Walter Hill is 71. Singer Frank Sinatra, Jr. is 67. Singer Rod Stewart is 66. Rock singer-musician Donald Fagen (Steely Dan) is 63. Actor William Sanderson is 63. International Boxing Hall of Famer and entrepreneur George Foreman is 62. Roots rock singer Alejandro Escovedo is 60. Rock musician Scott Thurston (Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers) is 59. Singer Pat Benatar is 58. Hall of Fame race car driver and team owner Bobby Rahal is 58. Rock musician Michael Schenker is 56. Singer Shawn Colvin is 55. Rock singer-musician Curt Kirkwood (Meat Puppets) is 52. Actor Evan Handler is 50. Rock singer Brad Roberts (Crash Test Dummies) is 47.

## AGNES



HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF A SCIENCE PROJECT? YES.



I SAW AN ARTICLE IN A MAGAZINE ABOUT POSSIBLE INCANTATIONS THAT MIGHT TRANSFORM COMMON BASE METALS INTO SOLID GOLD.

## Newsday Crossword

TIME GONE BY by Gail Grabowski  
Edited by Stanley Newman  
www.stanxwords.com

## HI AND LOIS



CAN I SAY THE BLESSING TONIGHT? THAT WOULD BE NICE!



...AND FORGIVE HIM HIS SINS. DOT! THAT'S NOT NICE!

## ACROSS

- 1 Good-hearted
- 5 Shout out to
- 9 Gleaming
- 14 Woodwind instrument
- 15 Ointment additive
- 16 Window covering
- 17 Close tightly
- 18 Make preparations
- 19 Stops marching
- 20 Old news
- 23 Not at home
- 24 "Roses \_\_\_ red..."
- 25 "Red" fish dish
- 29 Hint
- 31 Health resort
- 34 Makes an attempt
- 35 Unwritten exam
- 36 Piece of concrete
- 37 Old news
- 40 Tardy
- 41 Long periods of time
- 42 Rolls of cellophane
- 43 Double-curve letter
- 44 Spare in a trunk
- 45 Affectionate touch
- 46 Wooden pin
- 47 Scratch up
- 48 Old news
- 56 Apartment vacancy sign
- 57 Party giver
- 58 Peach pit, e.g.
- 60 Getting chilled, as champagne

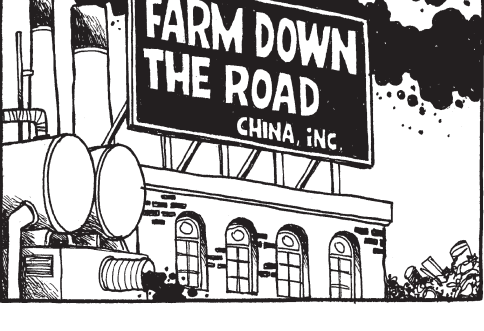
## DOWN

- 1 Boxing-match enders
- 2 Skeptical remark
- 3 Ark builder
- 4 Sandwich shop
- 5 Kiddy weapon
- 6 Parcel out
- 7 Bread package
- 8 Gave for a while
- 9 Stick (to)
- 10 Purple jelly flavor
- 11 Tra \_\_\_ (singing syllables)
- 12 Chooses, with "for"
- 13 Toward sunset
- 21 Lariat loop
- 22 Pulls with force
- 25 Hairdresser's creation
- 26 Vicinities
- 27 Shoppers' references
- 28 Parcel (out)
- 29 Construction-site machine
- 30 Sets (down)
- 31 Mountain incline
- 32 Removes the rind from
- 33 Bottomless pit
- 35 Aroma
- 36 Top-billed actor
- 38 Rule the kingdom
- 39 Begin
- 44 Royal unsteadily
- 45 Royal residence
- 46 Jigsaw-puzzle part
- 47 Stingy one
- 48 Molecule part
- 49 Toddler's taboo
- 50 Paper fastener
- 51 Start to melt
- 52 Boxcar rider
- 53 Norway's capital
- 54 Offend the nose
- 55 Calendar capacity
- 59 High-tech "fingerprint": Abbr.

## THE OTHER COAST



I'M VERY CAREFUL ABOUT WHAT I EAT. CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE THESE PACKAGED CARROTS CAME FROM?



YES, THEY'RE FROM THE FARM DOWN THE ROAD. GREAT! I'LL TAKE THEM.

## SNUFFY SMITH

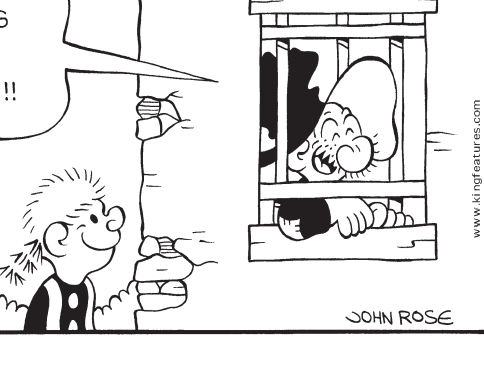


UNCLE SNUFFY, WHAT'S TH' DIFF'ERENCE 'TWEEN A FIBBER AN' A STORYTELLER? DEPENDS ON TH' JUDGE, JUGHAID !!

## BEETLE BAILEY



IT'S NORMAL. IT CAN'T BE NORMAL. BUT IT'S 98.6°



YEAH, BUT FOR ME NORMAL MEANS STAY IN BED AND SLEEP LATE!

## Answer to previous puzzle

NABOB	IMIN	CTRL
ARENA	MOTO	OHIO
STEER	PITT	REPO
AIRHOSES	ALOTOF	
CHIKUITABANANA		
CHATUP	TALIA	
LOL	EYEORE	DAHL
OKLA	IWO	OLEO
PEST	SPENCE	IAN
	KNEEL	AMPERE
POLICESERGEANT		
RHINOS	THERMALS	
OWNS	FATE	GETAT
DODO	IBET	ELENA
SWAN	TEST	DADDY

## CREATORS SYNDICATE

# Tough decisions await Saints as they look to 2011

## The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The party the New Orleans Saints and their fans waited more than four decades to throw has officially ended, bringing forth the sobering reality of an off-season devoid of celebration and full of re-evaluation.

The stunning fashion in which the Saints (11-6) relinquished their title of defending champs — a 41-36 loss at Seattle (8-9) on Saturday — had more to do with an uncharacteristically lousy day on defense than anything else. Yet the Saints still must address several matters that troubled them long before they were upset by a Seahawks club that was the first NFL division winner with a losing record and opened the playoffs as 10-point home underdogs.

Even as Drew Brees and an injury-riddled offense put together a solid overall outing, the Saints' season-long struggles with the running game continued.

Perhaps most unsettling was the performance of Reggie Bush, who

entered the postseason expecting to shoulder the load of the Saints' running game but instead went to the locker room after taking a hit to his lower right leg, an area where he fractured a bone early in the regular season.

While X-rays were negative, it was the latest example of the electrifying athlete's struggle to prove he can be reliable or consistent.

"It just flared up on me a little bit and I couldn't run full speed," Bush said. "So obviously, if somebody else can go full speed, it's probably better for the job than me going in there at half speed."

Bush will be due more than \$11 million next season, the sixth and final year on his first pro contract. Whether his production through his first five seasons has justified that amount will be for coach Sean Payton and general manager Mickey Loomis to decide.

Bush has made it through only his rookie season without missing games with various leg injuries and has yet to make a Pro Bowl. This season, he

missed eight games with a fractured right fibula and finished the regular season with 150 yards rushing, 208 yards receiving and one touchdown. He had 49 total yards from scrimmage in New Orleans' playoff loss at Seattle on Saturday and dropped a first-down pass inside the Seahawks 5, forcing the Saints to settle for a field goal.

In recent seasons, Pierre Thomas picked up the slack when Bush went down. This season, Thomas sprained his left ankle in Week 3, missed nine games before a brief comeback and wound up on injured reserve.

After missing some voluntary off-season work in apparent protest last summer, Thomas begrudgingly accepted the Saints' \$1.7 million tender offer to him as a restricted free agent for 2010. It remains to be seen if his relationship with the front office has soured to the point where he'd rather be elsewhere next season.

Then there's the matter of the Saints' record-setting quarterback, who also is entering the final season of a six-year deal worth approxi-

mately \$60 million that he signed in 2006. Brees, who was last season's Super Bowl MVP, is now underpaid by current NFL standards. A lucrative, long-term extension is likely in order before next season starts.

Brees had a franchise-record 448 completions for 4,620 yards and 33 touchdowns during the regular season. His numbers were marred somewhat by a career-worst 22 interceptions, but Brees was under more pressure this season than last, largely because of the Saints' lagging running game. Even surprising rookie Chris Ivory, who had a few brilliant outings and was New Orleans' leading rusher, couldn't stay on the field consistently and was out for the playoffs.

The Saints finished the regular season with the 28th-ranked running game, dropping the offense to sixth overall — still strong but also the worst ranking since Payton took over in 2006.

By the time Saturday's playoff game was over, the Saints had five running backs on injured reserve.

# Top tailbacks Martin, Bettis, Faulk among Hall of Fame finalists

## The Associated Press

CANTON, Ohio — Running backs Curtis Martin, Jerome Bettis and Marshall Faulk and cornerback Deion Sanders are among 15 finalists announced Sunday for the Pro Football Hall of Fame's class of 2011.

Martin, Bettis and Faulk are among the NFL's top 10 leading rushers, and are eligible for the first time. Sanders and offensive tackle Willie Roaf also are eligible for the first time.

The other finalists are receivers Tim Brown, Andre Reed and Cris Carter; center Dermontti Dawson; defensive ends Richard Dent, Charles Haley and Chris Doleman; defensive tackle Cortez Kennedy; and tight end Shannon Sharpe, along with NFL filmmaker Ed Sabol.

The 15 finalists, plus senior nominees Chris Hanburger and Les Richter will be considered for induction Feb. 5, the day before the Super Bowl. The enshrinement is in August.

Martin retired from the New York Jets as the No. 4 overall rusher with 14,101

yards in 11 seasons. One of the most consistent backs of his era, he ran for 1,000 yards in 10 straight seasons.

Bettis ranks fifth at 13,662 yards in 13 seasons, three for the Rams and a decade with the Steelers, with whom he won the 2006 Super Bowl in his final game.

Faulk is 10th in rushing with 12,279 yards for the Colts and Rams and won the 2000 Super Bowl with St. Louis. A prime receiver out of the backfield, Faulk was the 2000 NFL MVP.

Sanders scored nine times on interceptions, also played offense at times, and is a former major league baseball player. He won the 1995 Super Bowl with San Francisco and the 1996 game with Dallas.

Roaf, the eighth overall draft choice in 1993 by New Orleans, played right tackle as a rookie, then spent the next 12 seasons as a left tackle. He made 11 Pro Bowls as a premier blocker, particularly in pass protection, and was voted the NFL's 1990s All-Decade team.

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"When we had to make plays, we weren't able to. When they had to make plays, they did. You can't turn the ball over."

Also in the AFC, the New York Jets (12-5) are at New England (14-2) next Sunday. The last time

they met, the Patriots won 45-3 in a prime-time romp. In Week 2, though, the Jets won 28-14.

That rout remains firmly in the Jets' memories.

"We've been wanting the Patriots for a while now," tight end Dustin Keller said. "Ever since that game."

On Saturday, Seattle became the first team with a losing re-

cord to win a playoff game when it stunned defending NFL champion New Orleans 41-36 behind four TD passes by Matt Hasselbeck.

In the AFC, New York improved to 3-1 in road playoff games under bombastic coach Rex Ryan by edging Indianapolis 17-16 on Nick Folk's 32-yard field goal as time expired.

## SEAHAWKS

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Seahawks would face Atlanta, the top seed in the NFC. An upset by Green Bay would send the Seahawks to Chicago.

They're familiar with both teams, having beat the Bears 23-20 in Chicago in Week 6 and losing at home to Atlanta 34-18 less than a month ago. The loss to Atlanta was the middle defeat of a three-game December losing streak that seemed to have the Seahawks destined to miss the postseason.

But here they are, preparing to play in the second-round of the playoffs for the fourth time since 2005.

"I don't even know the scenarios and I know you think that's crazy but I don't know what is going on," Carroll said after Saturday's win. "And, it doesn't matter. I just know that we show up on Monday and we'll figure out where we're going."

The conventional belief was that if

Seattle had any chance of beating the Saints, it needed to be a low-scoring game where the Saints made enough mistakes to keep the Seahawks lingering around.

And when Seattle went down 10-0 and then 17-7 in the second quarter, a sudden scoring spurt from the offensively challenged Seahawks was highly unlikely. Seattle ended the regular season with an offense that ranked 28th in the league in total yards and 23rd in points per game.

They scored just 49 points combined in their final three games of the regular season.

But Hasselbeck picked apart the Saints defense in Week 11 and even though the Seahawks trailed, the Seahawks QB hit nine of his first 10 throws, the only incompleting a pass that went through Ben Obomanu's hands and was intercepted by Jabari Greer.

Arguably, Seattle's rally started not with Hasselbeck's second touchdown throw to John Carlson that made it 17-14, but a play earlier.

## RAIDERS

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The Raiders are not allowed to use the franchise tag on Asomugha to keep him in Oakland. The Raiders will now have to decide whether to shell out big money to keep their star cornerback or use it to shore up other positions.

"We have to wait on the ramifications of the new CBA to be able to move on," Herrera said.

Oakland could have many other key free agents this offseason depending on the terms of the new collective bargaining agreement. Pro Bowl defensive tackle Richard Seymour and safety Michael Huff are some other key potential free agents.



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