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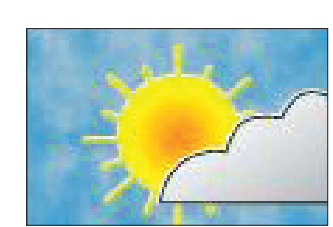
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## Deadline for HC Day in Austin is Friday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Leave the driving to us. That's the message officials with the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation and Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce are spreading across the Crossroads area, as both agencies prepare to converge on the state capitol for Howard County Day at the State Capitol Feb. 9. Designed to increase awareness of the Howard County area in the state



Wegman

legislature, the trip — which is made every other year — includes a number of activities area residents won't want to miss out on, according to Terry Wegman, executive director of the Big Spring EDC. "They will read the resolution on the floor of the House and Senate proclaiming Feb. 9 Howard County Day in Austin," said Wegman. "We'll have lunch at the Doubletree Hotel in downtown Aus-

tin, as well as have a Coke and Blue Bell Ice Cream reception, followed by a group photo on the Capitol steps." Area residents wanting to avoid the long drive to Austin have until Friday to sign up for a special chartered bus making the trip, according to Teresa Darden, executive assistant with the EDC. "We're asking everyone to register at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, regardless of how they are getting there or when they are leaving," said Darden. "The deadline

to pay for a bus ticket or to order a lunch is Friday. If you're not taking the bus but want to have a box lunch waiting for you, it's \$10." According to Darden, the chartered bus will leave the east parking lot at Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at 4:30 a.m. "It's \$40 to take the bus, and that included transportation to and from the capitol and a box lunch while we're there," Darden said. "Food and

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

A Big Spring firefighters talks to colleague via radio at the scene of a structure fire in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87 Saturday afternoon. No injuries were reported, although a work building was significantly damaged in the incident.

## Beware! Peddler's license no endorsement, says police chief

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Local law enforcement is urging residents to remain vigilant when approached by door-to-door salespersons, as a vendor or peddler's license does not equal a thumbs up from city or police officials. Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith said it's common to have requests for peddler's and itinerant vendor licenses during this time of the year, but just because a license has been issued doesn't mean that person or company should be trusted. "When someone comes in to get an itinerant vendor or peddler's license, we check for things like a criminal record," Smith said. "However, just because someone shows you a license doesn't mean they are reputable or the company they are working for is reputable. It simply means they have passed the bare minimum criteria to get the license." Smith said residents should beware of sales tactics, as well as products that may or may not be properly presented and described.

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## Perfect? You'll probably never be

*Lisa Smartt's message coming to SMMC's Healthy Woman event*

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Lisa Smartt has a message for you: You're not perfect, you'll probably never be perfect and you might as well accept the fact. Oh, and the person next to you? Not perfect either. So both of you can do yourselves a big favor by laughing at the absurdity of it all. Smartt, the self-described "Queen of Imperfection," will keynote Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Healthy Woman second anniversary celebration Thursday at Dora Roberts Community Center. The "Wild About Healthy Woman" gala will begin at 4:30 p.m. with a health



Smartt

expo featuring a wide variety of vendors offering products and services, with a gourmet meal following at 6:30 p.m., said Kim Howell, Healthy Woman co-coordinator. Highlighting the festivities will be Smartt, a comedienne and author of a weekly humor column whose presentation will be entitled, "Help for Women Who Can't Find Their Keys." The talk, Smartt said, is aimed at women (and she includes herself in this group) who tend to obsess too much over their imperfections. "Absolutely they do," she said. "And they compare themselves to other people without understanding anything about those people. They think others are perfect, but they don't understand that everyone has issues." Those issues could be weight, as it has been with Smartt.

"I've had auctioneer weight my whole life," she said. "It's been 'up 45, down 45, up 25, do I hear 25?' for me. The good thing is that I never smoked a day in my life. I was too busy eating." Regardless of the issue you wrestle with — weight, smoking, money, family, etc. — it always helps when you realize that those around you are wrestling with similar problems, Smartt said. "People really appreciate that," she said. "Because even what they're talking about is not exactly your issue, it's like your issue. And talking about it and bringing it out in the open helps. That's when you realize that even people who look so perfect have issues." Smartt addresses around 35 Healthy Woman events a year. The program, she said, is a god-send for women.

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## Obituaries

### Joseph Toman

Joseph Toman, 62, of Big Spring died of natural causes Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011, at his residence. Memorial services will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Chaplain Scott Willis officiating.



He was born June 15, 1948, in Ashland, Wis., and married the love of his life, Lynn Marie Bradle, on Sept. 9, 1980, in Washburn, Wis.

Joe is a valiant United States Marine who served in the Vietnam War, where he earned several medals. He loved to play the bass guitar and write songs. He was a very tender man who never knew a stranger and will forever be remembered for his generosity and his wisdom. Many who suffered with addiction owe their life to Joe's ability to relate to them and his encouragement to them to remain in treatment.

He is survived by his parents, Joseph and Evelyn Toman of Ashland, Wis.; his wife, Lynn Marie Toman of Big Spring; three children and their spouses, Steven and Jen Pratt of Vancouver, Canada, Jerry and Megan Pratt of Pensacola, Fla., and Betsy and Jimmy Edwards of Big Spring; eight grandchildren, Joe, Katie, Sean, Annie, Chris, Ben, James, and Dylan; two brothers, Clay Toman and Randy Toman; and one sister, Gina Alexander. He will be sorely missed by his best friend Pa Kettle.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Mary "Mimi" Schreiner.

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

Paid obituary

### Lucille 'Granny' King

Lucille "Granny" King, 85, of Coahoma died Friday, Jan. 21, 2011, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Eddy Pitchford, minister of Coahoma Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, 2011, at the funeral home.

She was born May 31, 1925, in Eastland County, and married William H. King on April 10, 1947, in Sweetwater.

Granny was a homemaker, helping raise her grandchildren and many other children of family members and friends. Family and raising children were the two most important things in her life.

She was a member of Coahoma Church of Christ. Survivors include her husband, William "Pop" King of Coahoma; one son, Billy King and wife, Ginger, of Coahoma; two daughters, Rose Thomas and Judy Thomas and husband, Darren, all of Austin; one sister, Nelda Watts of Coahoma; one brother, Lee Moore and wife, Retta, of Austin; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and two sisters.

The family suggests memorials be made to Coahoma Church of Christ, P.O. Box 120, Coahoma 79511.

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

### Don Nash

Don Nash, 60, of Big Spring died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2011, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Luz Campos

Luz Campos of Big Spring died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2011, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Police blotter

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

- WAYLAND LEE BOYD, 18, of 2504 Rebecca, was arrested Saturday on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- CHASE GARRETT PIERCE, 18, of 1603 Todd Rd., was arrested Saturday on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- PETE CHAVARRIA, 17, of 809 N. Runnels, was arrested Saturday on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- NATHAN LOZANO TORRES, 23, of 1408 Johnson, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- TONY MOJICA CASTELLANO, 37, of 1503 S. Scurry, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license invalid/suspended with a previous conviction.
- BRIAN CHRISTOPHER LEWIS, 26, of 505 Young, was arrested Saturday on charges of failure to identify and disorderly conduct – language.
- ROBERT LEE EVANS, 50, of 1313 Kindle, was arrested Saturday on a charge of theft of a firearm.
- LAURA LEUNA YANEZ, 31, of 1511 Stadium, was arrested Saturday on a charge of theft of a firearm.
- JUANITA DIAZ MUNOZ, 35, of 2409 Cheyenne, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated – open container.
- PORFIRIO V. PASTRANA, 27, of 1210 Elm, was arrested Saturday on charges of interfering with an emergency phone call and assault – family violence.
- SEVERINO DEHOYOS, 33, of 1512 Sycamore Apt. B, was arrested Saturday on a charge of prohibited weapons – switchblade/knuckles.
- JOSHUA MOISES BASURTO, 18, of 2501 W. Highway 80, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- JOSE OLIVIOS, 59, of 1002 N. Main St. Apt. 28, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- TRISTAN MARCEL WARD, 19, of 3628 Dow, was arrested Sunday on a charge of failure to identify – giving false information.
- JANIE AGUILAR, 44, of 1101 E. 12<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.
- ASSAULT was reported:  
In the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.  
In the 1200 block of Mulberry.  
In the 1100 block of Austin.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:  
In the 2000 block of Rickabaugh Road.  
In the 1000 block of N. Main Street.  
In the 2300 block of Grace.
- THEFT was reported:  
In the 1200 block of Mobile.  
In the 1200 block of E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported:  
In the 800 block of Pine.  
In the 1200 block of E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 700 block of W. Fourth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 3800 block of W. Highway 80.

## Sheriff

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

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 65 inmates at the time of this report.
- PEDRO PERALTA SANCHEZ, 37, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age in the vehicle and municipal warrants for no valid inspection certificate, failure to appear (two counts) and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- JOHN CARLOS LOPEZ, 23, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of a controlled substance.
- ANDRES ARGUELLO, 25, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of assault of a family/household member.
- ABEL JAVIER PADILLA, 46, was arrested Fri-

day by the HCSO on motions to revoke probation for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and forgery of a financial instrument.

- KELLY LEA MCDANIEL, 45, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of violation of a promise to appear and municipal warrants for displaying an expired registration and violation of a promise to appear.
- SHANE LEE NEWSOM, 46, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- CHRISTOPHER WOOTEN, 50, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- LORI GARCIA FRANCO, 27, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft with two or more previous convictions and municipal warrants for theft (two counts).
- VIRGINIA LOUISA DUENEZ, 41, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on municipal warrants for driving while license invalid and violation of a promise to appear.
- PORFIRIO VARELA PASTRANA, 27, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of interfering with an emergency phone call and assault – family violence.
- GREGORY DWAYNE BURRELL, 36, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of assault causing bodily injury – family violence.
- CHASE GARRETT PIERCE, 18, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.
- PETE CHAVARRIA, 17, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.
- WAYLAND LEE BODY SR., 18, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.
- KALA ANN MANN, 23, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- JUANITA MUNOZ, 35, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated – open container.
- NATHAN LOZANO TORRES, 23, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for driving while license invalid.
- EARNEST LAMON CHATMAN, 35, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- MICHAEL SHAE JACKMAN, 25, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for violation of a protective order and Midland County warrants for resisting arrest, search or transportation, assault causing bodily injury and driving while license invalid.
- TONY CASTELLANO, 37, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- JACOB RAY PATTERSON, 21, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- BRIAN CHRISTOPHER LEWIS, 26, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of disorderly conduct – language and failure to identify.
- CALVIN JACOB LAWSON, 27, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- LAURA LEUNA YANEZ, 31, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of a firearm.
- ROBERT LEE EVANS, 50, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of a firearm.
- SEVERINO DEHOYOS III, 33, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of prohibited weapons – knuckles/switchblade.
- JOSHUA BASURTO, 18, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- TRISTAN WARD, 19, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify – giving false information.
- DEVON LEE BUTLER, 25, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.
- JOSE OLIVOS SR., 59, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Today's Weather				
Local 5-Day Forecast				
Tue 1/25	Wed 1/26	Thu 1/27	Fri 1/28	Sat 1/29
56/32 Some clouds in the morning will give way to mainly sunny skies for the after.	61/29 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 20s.	61/30 Sunshine. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 30s.	67/34 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	64/34 Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise: 7:44 AM Sunset: 6:13 PM	Sunrise: 7:44 AM Sunset: 6:14 PM	Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 6:15 PM	Sunrise: 7:42 AM Sunset: 6:16 PM	Sunrise: 7:42 AM Sunset: 6:17 PM

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# Routine agenda awaits council tonight

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Routine items top the agenda for the Big Spring City Council, as the government panel prepares to meet Tuesday evening.

Among the agenda items for the meeting are:

- Final reading of an ordinance amending the adopted 2010-2011 annual budget to increase the airpark fund budget for the purpose of providing 10 percent of the cost associated with the design phase of the airpark improvement project grant.
- Final reading of a resolution suspending the Feb. 14 effective date for Oncor Electric Delivery Company's requested rate change to permit the city time to study the request and establish reasonable rates. The resolution will also approve cooperation with a steering committee of cities served by Oncor to hire legal and consulting services and negotiate and direct necessary litigation and appeals with the company.

- Approval of late homestead exemption refunds for the month of December, 2010.
- First reading of an ordinance calling for an election to be held for the District 1 and District 3 seats on the city council May 14. District 1 is currently represented by long time council member Stephanie Horton, while District 3 is represented by Joann Staulcup. The ordinance will also call for one central polling place within the city.
- First reading of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds and establishing procedures for the sale and delivery of the bonds.
- Approval of amended lease agreement with Flatco Telecommunications Service Inc. for communications and related equipment.
- Make appointments to the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark Development Board. Current members Paschal Odom, Edmond Crandall and Jan Hansen have all agreed to again serve

on the board.

• Make appointments to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals, which currently has four openings. Dale Coates, Tommy Corwin and Richard Wright have all agreed to serve again, while board newcomer Edward Roach has submitted a resume for the fourth seat.

• Make appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission, which currently has four openings. Current board members Jason Mims, John Bryans and Bebe McCasland have all agreed to serve again. The fourth seat, however, is currently vacant with no resumes received for it.

• Make appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustments, which has been pared down from a seven-seat board to a five-seat board. There is currently one opening, with current board members Burr Lea Settles and David N. Baird both volunteering to serve again.

• Make an appointment to the Teen Court Board, which currently has

one vacant seat with no resumes received.

The council is also expected to meet with the Big Spring Economic Development Board of Directors during the meeting for the two group's quarterly update. The meeting will be held in executive session, which is not open to the public.

Also while in executive session, the council is expected to meet with City Attorney Linda Sjogren concerning pending or contemplated litigation including Stapp vs. the City of Big Spring and Dahmer vs. the City of Big Spring.

The council will then reconvene in open session to take any necessary action.

Tuesday's meeting is expected to get under way at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street. For more information call 264-2401.

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# Martin Co. man killed in shootout with deputies

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A 54-year-old Martin County man was killed Saturday afternoon following a standoff with law enforcement officials on Highway 176 near Lenora.

Lonny Martin was pronounced dead at the scene northwest of Stanton after the pickup he was driving slammed into a high-pressure natural gas line during a high speed chase involving Martin County sheriff's deputies shortly after 2:30 p.m., according to statements given by Martin County Sheriff John Woodward.

According to law enforcement officials, there were federal warrants for



Martin

Martin's arrest for alleged forgery.

Despite efforts by Woodward to get Martin to turn himself in to law enforcement officials, he told the sheriff he had no intentions of leaving his home alive.

Police officials attempted to stop Martin after he left his home Saturday afternoon, leading to a chase.

According to law enforcement officials, attempts were made to shoot one of Martin's tires during the chase before he veered off the road, hitting the natural gas lines.

Woodward said the accident didn't

break any of the gas lines, which could have easily led to an explosion.

However, Woodward said once the vehicle was stopped, shots were fired. Martin was believed to be armed with a 9 mm handgun, a tactical vest and extra magazines of ammunition.

Following the gunshots, law enforcement officials — accompanied by a field medic — approached the vehicle in an attempt to save Martin from his wounds, but he died at the scene.

A search of Martin's home revealed disturbing preparations the man had made in case law enforcement officials decided to try to arrest him there.

Authorities said they found rifles placed at strategic locations to fire on

approaching officers inside the home and a pitchfork booby trap designed to impale anyone attempting to come through a doorway.

Investigators also found suicide notes allegedly written by Martin, including several different letters to family members.

Woodward said he felt strongly that Martin had intended to kill law enforcement officials.

The shooting is currently being investigated by the Texas Rangers, a matter of procedure when a suspect is shot by a law enforcement officials.

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## BEWARE

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"If they are using a high pressure-sales tactic, that's a definite sign you shouldn't do business with them," Smith said. "If you ask for time to check them or their company out and they tell you the deal they are offering you is only available right then, without checking references, that's a really bad

sign. A good business will want you to check out their reputation.

"Also, if they are selling something you're not actively seeking, that's also a bad sign. If they show up at your door out of the blue selling a home alarm system, and you haven't been looking into getting one, you're best bet is to pass on whatever they are offering."

Smith said the police have had problems in the past with salesmen

using high-pressure offers — most recently for a Utah company selling home security systems.

"One of the things you can do to protect yourself is check their rating with the Better Business Bureau in their home state," he said. "If they have an F Rating, then doing business with them is likely to be very risky."

And while most legitimate businesses and sales persons will secure a permit or license

with the city before beginning their door-to-door trek, Smith said residents should always check for one first.

"If they don't have a permit signed by me, they are breaking the law," Smith said firmly.

Though saying no is a good tactic for dealing with high-pressure sales people, Smith said residents could find themselves needing to call the police.

"If you ask a solicitor to leave and they don't,

it's time to contact the police department," he said. "Also, if you have signs posted that say no soliciting and they still approach you, I wouldn't even answer the door. If they are too persistent, then call the police, as well."

For more information, contact the Big Spring Police Department at 264-2550.

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## DEADLINE

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drinks on the bus will be the responsibility of those traveling, and on the way back we'll be stopping off at Coopers Barbecue, which will be Dutch treat. We expect to arrive back at Howard College at approximately 11 p.m."

Darden said residents

planning to attend are being asked to follow a dress code while in the capitol.

"We're asking everyone to wear a Big Spring shirt and khaki pants or skirt," Darden said. "If you don't have one of the new, black shirts, the deadline to order them in time for the event has already passed. However, you can just wear a black button-up shirt with the khakis."

Darden said Howard County Day at the State Capitol is an excellent way to catch the attention of lawmakers in the Lone Star State and let them know Howard County residents are very interested in how state policy effects the Crossroads community.

"This is a great chance to see first-hand how the legislature works," she said. "They make the laws that effect our

lives, day after day. It's very important that we let them know we're interested in how the laws they make impact our lives."

For more information, call Big Spring EDC at 264-6032 or the Big Spring Chamber at 263-7641.

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## SMARTT

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"Healthy Woman puts an arm around you and

embraces you and helps you," Smartt said.

"I remember after one of my talks, a woman came up to me and said, 'You know, after listening to you, I realized

that I'm not that bad off,'" Smartt joked.

For more information on Healthy Woman or Thursday's celebration, contact Howell at 268-4842 or Anita Cline at

268-4721.

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**Question:** When do you qualify for Hospice Care?  
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**Question:** Don't most people die at home?  
**Answer:** 70-80% of Americans die in facilities. Hospice patients get their wish to die at home.

**Question:** Can Hospice patients die in a hospital?  
**Answer: If the patient chooses to, the hospice staff will make the arrangements.**

**Question:** Will entering a Hospice make you die sooner?  
**Answer:** Statistical studies show that **Morphine eases pain but does NOT shorten life.**

**Question:** Do patients admitted to hospice ever improve?  
**Answer: Yes, some patients actually improve and in time, are discharged from hospice.**

**Question:** Isn't Hospice only for Cancer patients?  
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**Question:** Is Hospice care expensive?  
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## OTHER VIEWS

### Leaky oil report

In its voluminous report on last year's disaster in the Gulf of Mexico, the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill found numerous examples of highly questionable, if not downright negligent, actions by BP officials that led to the rig explosion and well blowout.

So naturally, the White House-appointed panel blamed everyone in the oil industry for the problem. That's a convenient conclusion used to justify the administration's favored policies on drilling and energy.

According to the report, "Most of the mistakes and oversights ... can be traced back to a single overarching failure — a failure of management." Those failures included not adequately identifying risks created by late changes to well design and procedures, and not having adequate controls in place to ensure that key engineering decisions were safe or sound.

Furthermore, BP did not share important information with its contractors, or sometimes internally even with members of its own team.

Those general conclusions are buttressed with several specific examples where decisions made by BP (as well as contractors Transocean and Halliburton) managers increased the risk of a blowout. BP, however, had final say on the project. Better decisions, the panel argues, would have prevented disaster.

"A blowout in deepwater was not a statistical inevitability," the report says.

That echoes previous investigations of accidents involving BP properties going back several years. The company was found to lack "operating discipline," failed to communicate critical information and showed "complacency" toward risks.

BP took shortcuts that put costs before safety.

So after indicting BP for failing to learn from its past mistakes, why does the Deepwater Horizon panel accuse the entire drilling industry of being complicit in the debacle? The commission believes systemic failures across the industry contributed to the tragedy.

For instance, it notes that Transocean and Halliburton work with other drilling companies. But the report shows that BP overruled its contractors on several key issues that led to the rig explosion and well blowout.

Why paint with such a broad brush? Not every drilling company has the same safety record, and BP's was the worst even before the Deepwater Horizon.

Accusing the entire industry allows the Obama administration to justify its blanket ban on drilling in 85 percent of America's waters and advocate for stronger regulatory controls. This also rewards BP by forcing its competitors to play under the same new restrictive rules created in response to BP's errors.

So the response to the failure of the current regulatory bureaucracy to control BP is to ... create even more regulations and bureaucracy, and to toss everyone into the same basket with BP. Making the system more complex, with even more opportunities for industry lobbyists to curry favor, hardly is an improvement.

The fallout for every American is higher energy prices. The government actions restrict supply and increase the cost of production, at a time when the price of gasoline at the pump is over \$3 a gallon and heading toward \$4.

Instead of increasing Washington's power over everyone, target the biggest culprit and hold it singularly responsible for this debacle so as to discourage anyone else from making the same mistakes.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we trust in You, Lord, we experience the good things in life.

Amen

# Sick people ... really sick people

I got my first threat when I was a young law professor. The campus newspaper reported that in teaching criminal law to first-year students, I was not only including rape in the curriculum (unheard of at the time), but was actually telling students of my own experience in the criminal justice system as a rape victim and how it shaped my views on the law. I thought it was a nice piece. My mother thought I was out of my mind. Both appear to be true.



SUSAN  
ESTRICH

Someone called me at home, claiming to be a student of mine, and threatened to rape me again — because I probably enjoyed it — by semester's end. There were two weeks left in the semester.

The police put a tap on my phone and told me to make a special effort to call on students I thought might be crazy, or might hate me, to see if I could recognize a voice.

They also reviewed my evaluations at semester's end for signs of personal animus. The dean of Harvard Law School at the time, the late Jim Vorenberg, graciously found excuses to come visit me and sit and see if the phone would ring as we waited for the semester to end.

One of my colleagues was one of the world's experts in psychiatry and the law, including issues relating to predicting dangerousness. I asked his advice. Should I be scared? Should I be terrified? Should I worry more about Boston drivers?

The answer, sadly, was that there is no answer. Most people who make threats don't follow through. The most dangerous people are often those who never make threats. But "most" and "often" aren't what you are looking for when you're dealing with a scary person. You want to "know." And there is no knowing.

It wasn't that no one realized that Jared Lee Loughner was mentally ill.

Of course they did. His teachers and classmates knew he was deeply disturbed. They were afraid of him. They notified the deans and the college counselors, who notified the parents. What more could they do? If he had presented with the equivalent physical symptoms, he'd be in Intensive Care.

A friend who is a psychiatrist cannot bear to watch the coverage because it is so painfully clear that this is a very, very sick young man who desperately needs treatment. That doesn't in any way make him innocent of the crimes charged. But it makes it far more difficult to ensure that such things never happen again. Indeed, given the way we

treat mental illness, it is almost certain they will.

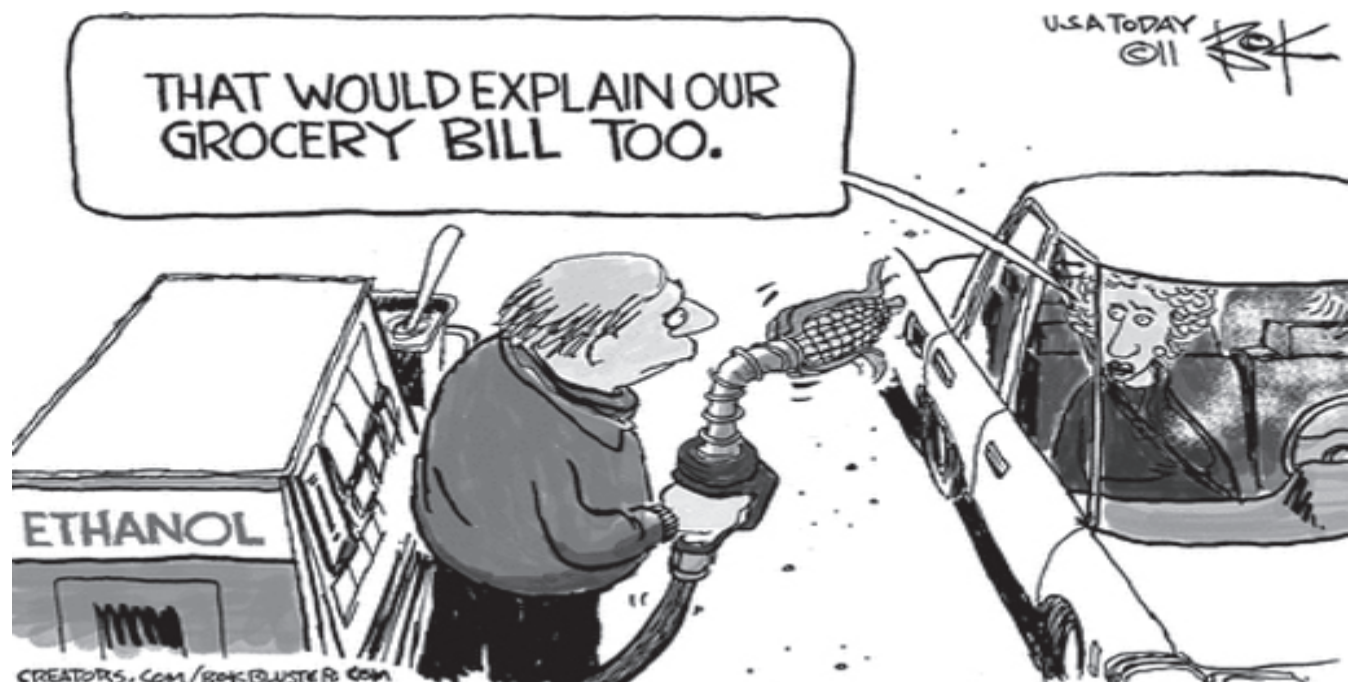
I recently tried to help a young man who desperately needs mental health assistance. He suffers from uncontrollable epilepsy, which is now complicated by episodes of what appears to be uncontrolled rage. He threatened his mother with a knife, and when police arrived, he literally could not remember making the threat. He says people are talking to him inside his head.

We sat for hours at the county clinic, but he doesn't have Medical or Social Security Disability. In an interview for which neither his sister nor I was present, he told someone that he owns one-fifth of a house in Central America (which he doesn't). That was enough to disqualify him. While I appeal that, the best we can do is a private doctor who has agreed to see him for reduced rates every other week.

There are more Jared Loughners out there. That we know. We don't know for sure who will pull the trigger, but we can recognize serious illness when we see it.

If the nattering nabobs of narcissism could stop talking about themselves long enough to focus on what actually happened in Arizona, perhaps we could find some way to help those who are seriously ill before others pay the price.

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## House vote more than symbolic

Time will tell, but I reject the somewhat cynical view that the House Republicans' vote to repeal Obamacare is purely symbolic. I think it's quite significant.

We are engaged in a war to save our nation from crippling debt and systematic assaults on our Constitution and our liberties and to preserve our prosperity. No setback has to become a permanent defeat. But neither will any victory remain secure, for the forces working against us are tireless and relentless.



DAVID  
LIMBAUGH

No matter how many times history has proved socialism disastrous, there will always be those promoting it, as if the past never occurred or its lessons are unlearnable.

All of which is to say that the struggle in which we are engaged has long existed and will continue as long as we are a nation. As such, we must have the long view in mind and not expect that we can always make dramatic changes instantaneously.

Our opponents certainly understand the virtue of patience. They have been pressing the welfare state for too many years to count, forever pushing their unwelcome statist envelope on a freedom-loving society, but one vulnerable to seductive appeals for government-provided economic security.

When statist programs are incrementally adopted, the detrimental impact on liberty can barely be felt. But eventually, their cumulative effects will create an imbalance that will be immensely difficult to correct.

Welfare state enthusiasts have grown more emboldened in recent years, and with the election of Barack Obama and his substantial majorities in both

houses of Congress, they showed their true colors — the extent of their statism — by abandoning any pretense to incrementalism and pushing socialist prescriptions with reckless abandon.

With the national deficit and debt already at nearly precarious levels, the Obama administration and the Democratic-controlled Congress ratcheted up the spending as if they were trying to bankrupt the nation — all in the name of stimulating the economy and the job market, only to succeed in damaging each. Instead of learning from these lessons, they continued, unrepentantly, on the same disastrous course.

The administration took over private industries, governed through unconstitutional executive orders and unaccountable czars, and proceeded to expand the public sector as if bound by no constitutional restraints. Its mischief culminated in the passage of Obamacare, whose substantive provisions are as noxious as the lawless manner by which it was crammed through against the people's will.

The American majority watched incredulously with each new infringement on our liberties, too shellshocked to fully grasp the rapidity with which this was occurring and many still ambivalent about whether these radical changes were being made only because we were in an economic "crisis."

But Obamacare left no doubt.

Those who doubted before finally realized there truly was an assault under way against the American ideal, the Constitution, our liberties, our prosperity and our national solvency. They signaled their outrage and their resolve to take their country back with the delivery of a Massachusetts U.S. Senate seat to Republican hands. Then they handed Barack Obama, who defiantly refused to hear their unified message of resistance, a shellacking in the November elections.

Even after the historic Republican victory, feckless voices continued to tickle the ears of the new Republican majority, warning it against "radical" measures to roll back Obama's radical agenda. Tea partiers and other patriots, however, were not to be denied — or silenced — despite recent abominable leftist efforts to exploit murders to that end, and they continued to pressure the new Republican majority to be accountable and responsive to their mandate.

Then Wednesday, by a vote of 245-189, the House voted to repeal Obamacare. This may not lead to an immediate repeal victory in the Senate, much less a bill the president will sign, but it's light-years away from those discouraging rumblings we heard from Republican senators after the passage of Obamacare that they'd never repeal it. Forcing the other side to vote down or veto repeal establishes an inescapable track record that will serve as a foundation to defeat statist in upcoming elections.

The House's bold fulfillment of its promise to repeal is invigorating, signaling that our elected officials finally do get it, that at least for now, we won't be witnessing business as usual in Washington. It is an emphatic statement that we have allies in the government who are in this fight with us, who may even be leading this fight to save America from the insidious encroachments of socialism. This may be a first step, but it is a necessary and giant step encouraging us to fight on until we turn the tide — and then fight some more.

You can be sure that the statist will not be deterred by this vote; they will fight on with renewed intensity and greater demagoguery and class warfare. We must be prepared for the onslaught and to redouble our commitment to press forward.

David Limbaugh is a writer, author and attorney.

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# TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS:

## Man arrested in disappearance of teen

LUBBOCK (AP) — Police say they've charged a 45-year-old Lubbock man with aggravated kidnaping in the case of a 15-year-old girl listed for weeks as a runaway.

Lubbock police Capt. Greg Stevens says the search for Lubbock Monterey High School student Elizabeth Ennen has now changed from a runaway investigation to a kidnaping case. Stevens said Saturday he knows of no leads to her whereabouts, despite the charge against Humberto Maldonado Salinas Jr. A message left for Stevens Sunday wasn't returned.

Police say Ennen apparently was abducted during a Jan. 4 baby-sitting job at a southeastern Lubbock motel. Family members tell the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal Salinas was a close friend of Ennen's mother.

Salinas is in Lubbock County Jail with bond at \$250,000. No attorney is listed on Salinas' jail record.

## Dewhurst wants to spend more on roads

AUSTIN (AP) — Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst says he will personally push legislators to spend more to improve highways.

Republican Dewhurst, who leads the Texas Senate, told The Dallas Morning News that increased funding is needed for highways, especially in the state's biggest and most traffic-clogged cities. Dewhurst, in the interview published Monday, said he would not support a tax hike.

But Dewhurst, who's mentioned as a possible candidate to replace GOP U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, says vehicle registration fees could be increased.

Hutchison is not seeking another term in 2012.

The proposed \$73.2 billion Texas spending plan was unveiled last week as Texas faces a projected revenue shortfall of at least \$15 billion for the next two years. The proposal includes about \$14 billion in cuts to state programs.

## Police on foot, bikes to get head cameras

AUSTIN (AP) — Prepare for a new view of how some Austin police officers are doing their jobs and providing evidence in criminal cases.

Austin joins about a dozen police departments nationwide testing small cameras, to be worn on officers' heads or ears.

Police Chief Art Acevedo says the cameras, which could be in use by early March, will be worn by officers on foot and bicycle patrols.

The cameras will provide a better visual depiction of what happens, according to Cmdr. Troy Gay. Officers would not have access to the video once it was downloaded, the Austin American-Statesman reported late Sunday.

The department doesn't have the cameras yet, but police hope to test at least a handful from six or eight companies, Gay said.

The first few cameras could come from Taser International Inc., the same company from which Austin police bought their stun guns.

The footage would be downloaded to a computer after the officer's shift and not be transmitted live. Officers would not have access to the video once it was downloaded.

The Austin City Council in August approved \$15.5 million for new dashboard cameras in patrol cars and other digital equipment. Police hope to have cameras in all Austin patrol cars by spring 2012.

## RadioShack CEO Julian Day retiring

FORT WORTH (AP) — Electronics retailer RadioShack says Julian Day will retire as chairman and CEO at the company's next shareholder meeting in May.

The company says he will be succeeded as president and CEO by Jim Gooch, 43, the current chief financial officer. Gooch was named president effective immediately as part of the company's succession plan, and will assume the CEO post upon Day's retirement.

RadioShack plans to split the chairman and CEO roles after Day, 57, retires. Under the changes, Daniel R. Feehan will become non-executive chairman of the board. He has been a director since 2003 and is currently president and CEO of Cash America International Inc.

## Videos of youths fighting flood YouTube

BEAUMONT (AP) — Police in Beaumont are appealing to parents to monitor their children's on-line postings after dozens of fight videos involving young people began turning up on social networking sites.

The Beaumont Enterprise reports in Sunday's edition that many of the videos show young women squaring off with each other — slapping, punching, pulling hair, grappling on the ground — encircled by other young people and adults who are cheering them on.

Since 2008, dozens of "Beaumont Brawls" videos have been posted on YouTube, many involving young women. One video posted last April purports to have been recorded in the cafeteria of Beaumont's Ozen High School, The Enterprise reported. That video shows one girl standing on a table while a police officer escorts another away, purportedly after such an altercation.

Beaumont police have seen the videos but can do little unless someone presses charges, said Officer Carol Riley, a police spokeswoman.

Junior probation officer Lashea Sowell said many young women with whom she works face more conflict at home than outside. They associate with gangs more to fit in with a group than to act out violently, she said.

"A lot of girls just feel neglected," said Rashunda Fletcher, another juvenile probation officer.

"They're looking for someone to love them, whether it's positive or negative."

## Highway patrolmen hurt when hit by car

MESQUITE (AP) — Two Texas Department of Public Safety patrolmen were injured, one critically, when a car veered into them as they worked a routine traffic stop on a suburban Dallas expressway.

A Mesquite police statement says DPS Sgt. David Cramer and Trooper Germaine Gaspard stopped someone they thought was driving suspiciously before dawn Sunday on Interstate 635, just north of Interstate 30. While they were questioning the driver, a sports car veered onto the shoulder and struck Cramer and his vehicle.

Cramer was listed in critical but stable condition at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, where Gaspard was treated for minor injuries.

The sports car's driver was treated for minor injuries and released into Mesquite police custody on suspicion of intoxication assault.

## Senate begins debate on voter ID law

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Senate on Monday begins debate on a bill to require voters to produce an official identification card when they vote.

Gov. Rick Perry declared the legislation an emergency priority last week. That means they can bypass normal procedures and be debated more quickly, in the first 30 days of the session. A few hours later, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst announced that senators would begin considering the bill Monday, making it the first substantive legislation that lawmakers will debate in the nascent session.

Republicans are making stronger voter ID laws a top priority because they say it will prevent fraud. Democrats say it's a partisan bill designed to increase GOP margins at the ballot box.

Democrats successfully blocked a similar bill in 2009.

## Woman accused of selling son's identity

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — A Texas woman is due in federal court to answer charges she sold her son's birth certificate and Social Security card to a Kansas woman.


Maria de Jesus Soto had a change-of-plea hearing scheduled Monday before U.S. District Judge Wesley Brown in Wichita.

Soto is a 54-year-old U.S. citizen living in Brownsville. She was indicted last year on charges of illegal sale of a Social Security card, aggravated identity theft and possession of unlawfully obtained documents.



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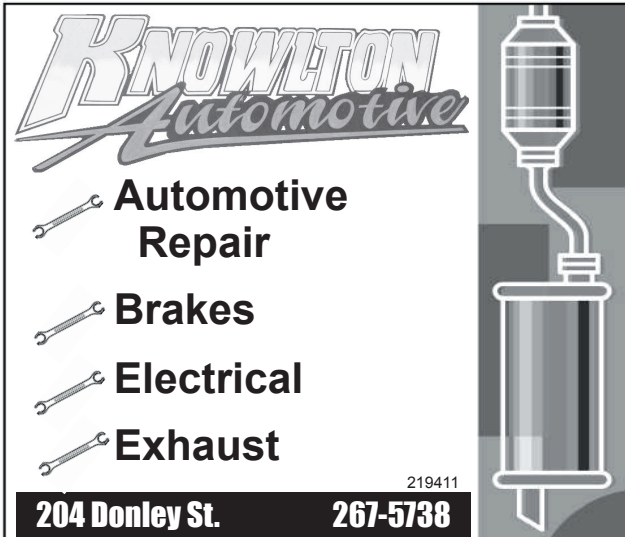


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# Steelers-Pack: A hair-raisin' game in Big D

### The Associated Press

Get ready for a hair-raisin' Super Bowl in Big D. No barbers necessary, that's for sure, when the Steelers face the Packers.

Troy Polamalu and the Steel Curtain led Pittsburgh into the big game for the third time in six years, holding off Rex Ryan and those big-talkin' Jets 24-19 in the AFC championship game Sunday.

The black-and-gold already won six Super Bowl rings, more than any franchise, but they'll be going against a team that can hold its own in the history department.

Green Bay was the Monster of the Midway in the NFC, winning its third straight road playoff game 21-14 over the rival Chicago Bears. The Packers can also hold their own in the hair department, too, with the grungy locks of Clay Matthews matched against Polamalu's thick mass of curls.

A pair of over-the-top 'dos for America's most

outsized sporting event, a de facto national holiday that brings all of America together in front of their high-def, big-screen TVs for a blitz of salsa and wings, unabashed capitalism and glitzy halftime shows — and, for most of the past decade, some dang good football.

And let's not forget our other national pastime: gambling.

The Packers opened as 2½-point favorites for the game Feb. 6 at Cowboys Stadium, the spaceship of a stadium that Jerry Jones built to showcase a game as big as all of Texas.

That spread sounds about right, based on the classic finishes that have become the norm in a game that used to be anything but Super on the field.

Beginning in 2000, when the Rams stopped the Titans a yard short of the tying score as time ran out, six Super Bowls have been decided by a touchdown or less, many of them going right down to the final

seconds.

The storylines abound in this one, from Ben Roethlisberger turning an offseason of discontent into a year of triumph to Aaron Rodgers leading the sixth-seeded Packers to one big win after another, much like the guy whose shadow he's left in the dust, Brett Favre.

Both teams started strong and held on for dear life to win their conference titles. Pittsburgh was up 24-0 but needed a goal-line stand to finally silence the Jets. The Packers jumped ahead by two touchdowns on the Bears, who nearly pulled it out with third-string quarterback Caleb Hanie leading the comeback. An interception in the final minute sent Green Bay packing for Dallas.

"We made a play to win the game and that's all that matters," Matthews said. "Keep playing de-

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**Taniqua Ards and the Howard College women's basketball team is in Snyder to take on Western Texas College at 5:45 today in WJCAC action. The Howard men also play in Snyder at 7:45 p.m.**

## Cutler struggles as Chicago Bears drop NFC title game

### The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Chicago Bears were rallying behind a young quarterback, forcing the Green Bay Packers to sweat out what looked like an easy win with a trip to the Super Bowl on the line.

No, it wasn't Jay Cutler leading the charge.

The quarterback with the rocket arm was off target and out of sync even before he left with a knee injury, and the Bears couldn't overcome a sluggish start in dropping the NFC championship game 21-14 to rival Green Bay at Soldier Field.

"It's a lonely feeling," said Cutler, who sat out most of the second half. "Go through training camp and everything else and get to this point and have an opportunity to get in the Super Bowl, it's hard."

It looked like offensive coordinator Mike Martz simply ran out of tricks against Dom Capers' defense before third-string quarterback Caleb Hanie led a fourth-quarter comeback bid.

Then again, what could Martz do with his starter like performing like this?

Not since high school had Cutler led a winning team, and in his first NFC championship game, he forced passes, threw off his back foot and wound up going 6 for 14 for 80 yards and an interception. It was a sharp contrast from the previous game against Seattle, when Cutler joined Otto Graham as the only quarterbacks to throw for two touchdowns and run for two in a playoff game.

This time?

He was on the sideline after the opening drive in the second half

with an unspecified knee injury and the Bears trailing 14-0. Todd Collins came in and the Bears went nowhere, so in came Hanie.

Cutler said the injury happened on the Bears' final possession of the second quarter before he threw an interception. He played the rest of the half and tried to go back in the third, but aggravated it.

"We gave it a go that first series but I couldn't really plant and throw, so they kind of pulled me," said Cutler, who's scheduled for an MRI on Monday.

He was asked what he was told by his coaches when he couldn't return and said: "I knew that it was probably better that I didn't. I knew my knee, I know my body."

Veteran center Olin Kreutz said he saw Cutler's knee shaking when he returned to the huddle after taking a hit to the outside of his leg and knew the quarterback was in trouble. He was surprised, actually, that Cutler stayed in the game and even more stunned when he came out for the third quarter.

"It was shaking right after he took the hit and walked back into the huddle," Kreutz said. "It was swinging. I knew that one of his ligaments probably went."

With Cutler on the sideline, the Soldier Field crowd grew even more quiet and the injury prompted unkind speculation from other players on their Twitter pages.

Jacksonville running back Maurice Jones-Drew wrote: "All I'm saying is that he can finish the game on a hurt

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# Steelers cruise past New York Jets 24-19 for AFC title

### The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Ben Roethlisberger and the Pittsburgh Steelers found a fitting way to shut down the New York Jets' season.

What started with "Hard Knocks," ended with hard knocks.

For the third time in six seasons, Terrible Towels will twirl at the Super Bowl, where the Steelers will meet Green Bay after silencing Rex Ryan's wild bunch in a 24-19 victory for the AFC championship Sunday.

Look out Big D, here comes another Big D — in black and

gold, and with an unmatched history of carrying off the Lombardi Trophy.

The Steelers (14-4) also will challenge the Packers, who are 2½-point favorites, with a versatile attack led by their quarterback and running back Rashard Mendenhall.

The defense, led by James Harrison, had a fumble return for a touchdown and a goal-line stand that shut down the Jets' comeback in the fourth quarter. It will certainly test Aaron Rodgers in the title game in Dallas on Feb. 6.

That smothering defense set the tone for most of a frig-

id night at Heinz Field to end the Jets' stunning postseason run. Ryan slammed down his headset when Antonio Brown caught a pass for a first down that allowed Pittsburgh to hang on and run out the clock.

"It's not really pretty with us," Roethlisberger said, "but we do the job."

The Steelers ended the Jets' season with a dominant first half for a 24-3 lead. Mendenhall had 95 of his 121 yards and a touchdown.

"We played a good half. We never played a good game, and that was the difference,"

Ryan said in a postgame interview with CBS. "You get to this point, you've got to play a great game against a great opponent and we played a good half and that was it."

At game's end, Roethlisberger knelt on the field, his face buried in an AFC championship T-shirt.

"I'm going to enjoy this," he said.

No one had to ask what he meant.

Roethlisberger sat out the season's first four games for violating the NFL's personal conduct policy — an outgrowth of a college student's

accusations that he sexually assaulted her in Georgia last March. The quarterback was never prosecuted over what was the second such set of allegations against him.

"God is good and this one was for Steelers fans," Roethlisberger said. "I'm really proud of the way you came out and supported us tonight."

Now he will lead the Steelers into their eighth Super Bowl, a game they handle pretty well — and have a record six titles to show for it.

The cocky Jets seemed to

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## Sports in brief

### Big Spring Little League Baseball

Sign-ups for little league baseball for ages 4-15 take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall every Saturday until Feb. 12. They also will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 7 through Feb. 11 at the mall.

Participants can also sign up at Gartman Refrigeration on 3206 East FM 700 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today through Feb. 11. Registration is \$80 and it includes jersey, pants, socks and belt. Be sure to bring the child's birth certificate.

For more information, contact Paige at 213-2062 or Robert at 816-8161.

### Big Spring Lady Steer Softball-Mandatory Parent Meeting

The meeting is at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the ATC. If there are any questions, please contact Coach Sparks at (432) 270-2711.

### Garden City football

The 2010 Six-Man Football Division I state champions and their families will host a meal Sunday, at the St. Lawrence Parish Hall, 2400 FM 2401, near Garden City. The meal will begin at 11:30 a.m. and will include country style ribs, beans, potatoes, salad and dessert, followed by a 2011 highlights video.

Proceeds will help the team members pay for their State Championship Rings. Everyone is invited. For more information please contact Carol at 432-354-2654.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The moon is in Libra, the only zodiac sign represented by an inanimate object. And yet this lunar station is one of the most evocative of human emotion. The focus is on our partnerships and closest relationships as events of the day bring out the very nature of these ties. Assessments will be made about where to take our relationships next.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). When you speak, wise people listen. But you need the attention of those who are unwise, as well. To achieve this, you may have to speak louder and carry yourself in a more authoritative manner.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Strong feelings come over you. Let the emotion wash over you like a wave, but don't let it carry you out to sea. Though the energy is concentrated, it doesn't necessarily call for action.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Just because a person has achieved some measure of success to which you aspire does not make that person superior. Take a step back to analyze your situation.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Enjoy yourself. Eat, drink and converse. Work and play in your favorite way. You cannot teach the art of living by instruction unless you are also doing it by example.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You will be caught off guard by a request from someone who should not be asking for anything from you. Obviously, this person hasn't heard the proverb, "If you have given nothing, ask for nothing."

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've been considering a move, and now you will make it. Having enough willpower isn't an issue for you. You are ready to change,

and this gives you the strength to change.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You will be starkly self-aware, and without fear, you will peer into the mirror of your soul. In this awareness is the key to overcoming a bad habit or creating a good one.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You will be in charge of assembling a group of people for a common cause. You can never tell how different personalities are going to interact. Just call on the best people and hope for the best outcome.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are repelled by those who vacillate, and if you yourself can't make a decision, you hate that even worse. So you'll decide one way or the other and take action. This puts you in a happy mood.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). By nature, you are an executive. You will manage others well today and delegate masterfully. Furthermore, you will see the overall picture when your friends lose sight of it.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Forethought pays off. An encounter will seem elegant and accidental, when in fact someone has carefully orchestrated the action. Perhaps that someone is you.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Take confident action. It will affect every area of your life. When you are strong, decisive and outspoken in one situation, it's easier to be the same the next time and the next.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Jan. 24). It's your year to play. There is still work to do, but you approach it with levity and turn it into a game. You'll be experimental with your talents in February, and you'll strike on a new income source because of this. You'll have a nurturing influence over someone and will help this person blossom in May. Leo and Libra people hold you in the highest esteem. Your

lucky numbers are: 6, 25, 49, 1 and 14.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "Do you know how to get a Cancer man to open up? I have read that this sign can be sensitive and loving, but so far, I've yet to really see this sensitivity turned toward me. If anything, he is overly sensitive, but I can't find out what's wrong because when I ask him, he just won't communicate. When we first got together, there was real magic. And now I'm afraid we can't get it back, especially if he won't talk about what's bugging him. I'm a Pisces."

Your Cancer is sensitive, but he also has that hard shell to cover and protect him. His feelings run deep, and he feels that this makes him vulnerable to pain and open to manipulation. If he thinks you'll hurt him, he'll retreat inside a hard veneer to avoid harm. A specialist in couples communication can help you learn to communicate better, though talking things over with Cancer isn't always the answer. You are both highly intuitive and can heal your relationship by focusing on your spiritual and physical connections. Try not to bog down your relationship with too many practical concerns now. How can you get back to having fun together? What made you laugh? Try to dwell in the best parts of your connection.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Mischa Barton represents the philanthropic values of her astrological sign as a spokesperson for a number of global causes. She is an ambassador for cancer awareness and research and an advocate for legislative activism to fight global warming, and she regularly campaigns to bring clean water to remote locations in Africa. And that's only the start of her long list of humanitarian contributions.

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"CLASSIC" ANN LANDERS

*Editor's Note: Hundreds of Ann Landers' loyal readers have requested that newspapers continue to publish her columns. These letters originally appeared in 1999.*

**Dear Ann Landers:** My wife, who is in her mid-40s, has not been to a doctor in 14 years.

I cannot even get her to go in for a mammogram. I am deeply concerned, because she was adopted at an early age and has no idea of her birth parents' medical history.

I have begged, pleaded, threatened and cajoled to get this woman to go in for a medical checkup, but she has had no success whatsoever.

When I pleaded with her to do this for her children's sake, she finally agreed to make an appointment. I was elated. That was two months ago, but she has still not gone.

My wife is overweight by at least 100 pounds. I suspect that may have something to do with her reluctance to see a doctor.

I am frustrated and angry and more than a little frightened. What do you suggest? — *Stymied in Idaho*

**Dear Idaho:** It should be apparent to you by this time that the reason your wife does not wish to go near a doctor is because she will be told that she must lose weight — a lot of it — and she doesn't want to hear this.

I hope, for her sake as well as yours and the children's, that she will relent when she sees your letter in my column and get to a doctor as soon as possible. It would not be an exaggeration to say this is an emergency.



ANN LANDERS

**Dear Ann Landers:** I'm writing in response to that inquiry from "G.C. of Sagamore Hills, Ohio," who wondered why photos in obituaries are invariably 20 to 50 years old.

I can give him a simple answer. When my mother died recently at age 86, my siblings and I gave the local paper a photo taken when she was in her late 30s, although we had more recent ones.

We knew she would want to be remembered at her best — when she was young, vital and attractive.

We selected a photo for the newspaper that represented our mother — the mother who raised us, not the old woman she was when she died. I believe this is the way it is with all adult children. — *Nancy in Lubbock, Texas*

**Dear Nancy:** My Sagamore correspondent makes a valid point when he opts for more reality, but I can understand why you and your siblings felt as you did about using a more youthful picture of your mother. You also believed it would have honored your mother's wishes to publish a photo of her in her prime. I believe that the family's preference should prevail.

*Ann Landers' booklet "Nuggets and Doozies" has everything from the outrageously funny to the poignantly insightful. Send a self-addressed, long, business-sized envelope and a check or money order for \$5.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Nuggets, c/o Ann Landers, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045. To find out more about Ann Landers and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.*

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### DENNIS THE MENACE

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"MY PIGGY BANK NEEDS TO GAIN A COUPLE POUNDS. CAN YOU HELP HIM OUT, DAD?"

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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"Looks good! Did Mommy teach you this recipe?"

### HAGAR

GUESS WHAT I FORGOT?  
WHAT?  
AN ESCAPE PLAN

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### BC

AWW - WHO'S A CUTE LITTLE PUPPY WOOPY WIPPY WOO WOO...?  
PAT PAT

TALKING TO HIM LIKE THAT SHOWS A LACK OF RESPECT FOR HIS MASCULINITY.

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### BLONDIE

EXCUSE ME, BOSS, BUT I THINK YOU MEANT TO SAY 'WHOMEVER'!

NO, BUMSTEAD, I'M PRETTY SURE IT'S 'WHOMEVER'!

WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO LOOK IT UP ON THE INTERNET, BOSS?

NO, IRREGARDLESS OF THE CORRECT USAGE, MAYBE MY NEXT OFFICE MANAGER WON'T DRIVE ME CRAZY!

DON'T YOU MEAN 'REGARDLESS,' BOSS?

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### WIZARD OF ID

Blacksmith

WOW RODNEY! THIS IS QUITE A DENT IN YOUR HELMET HERE

YEAH, BUT IT DID A GREAT JOB PROTECTING ME

YEAH, BUT IT DID A GREAT JOB PROTECTING ME ...

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### AGNES

AGNES, PLEASE ANSWER QUESTION NUMBER SIX.

IT IS HUMAN NATURE TO MAKE MISTAKES.

I FAILED TO STUDY FOR THIS QUIZ... PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR MY HUMANITY.

MAYBE SHE WOULD BE HAPPIER TEACHING GOATS OR DUCKS.

PRINCIPAL

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### HI AND LOIS

WHERE WERE YOU? YOU'RE LATE FOR DINNER.

IT'S CALLED "FASHIONABLY LATE."

ACTUALLY, IT'S "WE ATE EVERYTHING AND THERE'S NOTHING LEFT LATE!"

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### THE OTHER COAST

BIRTH OF A VOLCANIC ISLAND - DAY 1: THE ERUPTION.

DAY 2: LAVA FLOWS DOWN THE FLANK OF THE VOLCANO.

DAY 3: LAVA REACHES THE OCEAN AND SOLIDIFIES.

DAY 4: THE FIRST STARBUCKS APPEARS.

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### SNUFFY SMITH

ALL THESE YEARS AN' PAW'S HAD NUTHIN' BUT GOOD THINGS TO SAY 'BOUT MY COOK--

BODA-CIOUS !! DEE-LICIOUS !!

--IN' !!

YOU'LL LOVE IT !!

SCRAPE! SCRAPE!

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### BEETLE BAILEY

CONGRATULATIONS, BEETLE. YOU WIN THE GOOF-OFF OF THE YEAR PRIZE!

YOU SAY THAT EVERY YEAR

BY THIS TIME I SHOULD BE GETTING THE LIFETIME NON-ACHIEVER AWARD!

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## This Date In History

Today is Monday, Jan. 24, the 24th day of 2011. There are 341 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 24, 1961, a U.S. Air Force B-52 broke up and crashed near Goldsboro, N.C., dropping its payload of two nuclear bombs, neither of which went off; three of the eight crew members were killed.

On this date:

In 1742, Charles VII was elected Holy Roman Emperor during the War of the Austrian Succession.

In 1848, James W. Marshall discovered a gold nugget at Sutter's Mill in northern California, a discovery that led to the gold rush of '49.

In 1908, the Boy Scouts movement began in England under the aegis of Robert Baden-Powell.

In 1924, the Russian city of Petrograd (formerly St. Petersburg) was renamed

Leningrad in honor of the late revolutionary leader. (However, it has since been renamed St. Petersburg.)

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Churchill concluded a wartime conference in Casablanca, Morocco.

In 1965, Winston Churchill died in London at age 90.

In 1978, a nuclear-powered Soviet satellite, Cosmos 954, plunged through Earth's atmosphere and disintegrated, scattering radioactive debris over parts of northern Canada.

In 1986, the Voyager 2 space probe swept past Uranus, coming within 50,679 miles of the seventh planet of the solar system.

In 1989, confessed serial killer Theodore Bundy was executed in Florida's electric chair.

In 2003, Tom Ridge was sworn in as the first head of the new Department of Homeland Security.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Ernest Borgnine is 94. Actor Jerry Maren ("The Wizard of Oz") is 92. Actor Marvin Kaplan ("Top Cat") is 84. Cajun musician Doug Kershaw is 75. Singer-songwriter Ray Stevens is 72. Singer-songwriter Neil

Diamond is 70. Singer Aaron Neville is 70. Actor Michael Ontkean is 65. Actor Daniel Auteuil is 61. Country singer-songwriter Becky Hobbs is 61. Comedian Yakov Smirnoff is 60. Bandleader-musician Jools Holland is 53. Actress Nastassja Kinski is 52. Rhythm-and-blues singer Theo Peoples is 50. Country musician Keech Rainwater (Lonestar) is 48. HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan is 45. Comedian Phil LaMarr is 44. Olympic gold medal gymnast Mary Lou Retton is 43. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sleepy Brown (Society of Soul) is 41. Actor Matthew Lillard is 41. Actress Merrilee McCommas is 40. Actor Ed Helms is 37. Actress Tatyana Ali is 32.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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## Newsday Crossword

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  - Went fast
  - Deceitful one
  - Die down
  - Be in possession of
  - Suggest strongly
  - Adores
  - Ready for customers
  - Cosmetics-counter purchase
  - Lock of hair
  - More confident
  - Active person
  - Woe
  - Auto-race break
  - Air-freshener target
  - Spaghetti topping
  - Feel regret for
  - Debtor's letters
  - Literary spoofs
  - Hill-building insect
  - Taxpayer ID
  - Well-coordinated
  - Novel's bookstore section: Abbr.
  - Two-year-old
  - Happy-face symbol
  - Walked heavily
  - Incredible bargain
  - Cook's garment

- DOWN**
- Hint
  - Well-ventilated
  - Be angry
  - Chest of drawers
  - Weekly wage
  - Residence that's tucked in
  - Enjoy greatly
  - One-pot dinner
  - Thumbs-up vote
  - Seacoasts
  - Written evidence
  - Nights before holidays
  - Family rooms
  - Ben-\_\_ (Heston epic film)
  - Carryall bags
  - Slice into cubes
  - Slightly damp
  - Playground retort
  - Audio portion of a film
  - Untainted
  - Fraction of a pound
  - Small-minded
  - Mix together
  - Feel unwell
  - Stylist's shop
  - Like fine cheese
  - Water purifiers
  - Males in the hive
  - Quite calm
  - Small rug
  - Tremble
  - Eager to rest
  - Competent
  - Church-bell sound
  - Point out
  - Skin-lotion additive
  - Speck of land in the sea
  - Impolite look
  - City roads: Abbr.

## I SPY by Gail Grabowski

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# Murray into quarters; No. 4 Soderling ousted

The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Andy Murray moved into the Australian Open quarterfinals Monday without dropping a set, beating No. 11 Jurgen Melzer 6-3, 6-1, 6-1 in an impressive victory that will heighten expectations about him breaking a long British drought.

Murray closed with an ace to eliminate Melzer in straight sets at Melbourne Park for the second year in a row.

The 2010 finalist gets a surprising opponent for his next match after 22-year-old Alexandr Dolgoplov stopped fourth-seeded Robin Soderling's eight-match winning streak with a 1-6, 6-3, 6-1, 4-6, 6-2 victory.

Murray has lost only 22 games on his way to the quarterfinals, the same stage

where he beat Rafael Nadal here last year.

"Last year I played some of the best tennis of my life," said Murray, who made only 10 unforced errors against Melzer. "I'm hitting the ball really well, I hope it can continue."

"But I don't want to get carried away — I've never won one of these things before."

He has lost to Roger Federer in two major finals, extending a long title drought for British men at the Grand Slam tournaments that dates to 1936.

Murray has only played Dolgoplov once, and is wary of his unorthodox game. The Ukrainian player recalled his only previous meeting with Murray, a loss in the Davis Cup, and was surprised at the pace of the ball.

"I remember I was expecting more," he said. "I thought

he has a really big pace. I didn't play those kind of players in real life. I just saw it on TV. TV makes it look much faster."

Soderling hadn't dropped a set during his surge that started with his run to the title at the Brisbane tuneup event. He dominated the opening set but couldn't keep it up against Dolgoplov, who is making his fourth appearance in a major and was coming off a five-set win over former Australian Open finalist Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

Dolgoplov's cross-court backhand to bring up his first match point was typical of the 50 winners he hit against a stunned Soderling, the highest of the seeded players knocked out of the men's draw.

Soderling saved three match points, but his run came to an

end with another unforced error, his 51st. He was a win away from completing a set of quarterfinals appearances at all four majors.

Dolgoplov earned nine breaks, including three times after conceding a break himself in the fifth set. The 26-year-old Soderling had dropped his serve only twice this year.

"I'm trying to get his weak side and play uncomfortable for him — then if I have chances to make winners, that's my game," Dolgoplov said. "He has one of the hardest balls on tour but I was able to read his serve pretty well."

"I saw his shots pretty well, so it paid off."

Dolgoplov said his father worked as a coach for the likes of Andrei Medvedev, so he sometimes hit with the players when they were prac-

ting. "For sure I had some good times. I was a bit maybe annoying for some players to play with me," he said. "It was nice to start a tennis career like that."

No. 2-ranked Vera Zvonareva continued her roll toward a third consecutive Grand Slam final with a 6-4, 6-1 win over Iveta Benesova.

Zvonareva, who lost the Wimbledon final to Serena Williams and the U.S. Open final to Kim Clijsters last year, moved into a quarterfinal match against No. 25 Petra Kvitova, who rallied to beat No. 22 Flavia Pennetta 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Andy Roddick's 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 fourth-round loss to 19th-seeded Stanislas Wawrinka on Sunday night means there's no Americans in the men's or women's quarterfinals.

## BEARS

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knee ... I played the whole season on one."

And this from Deion Sanders: "Im telling u in the playoffs u must drag me off the field. All the medicine in pro lockerooms this dude comes out! I apologize bear fans! ... Folks i never question a players injury but i do question a players heart."

Cutler's teammates don't.

"He doesn't complain when he gets hit," linebacker Brian Urlacher said. "He goes out there and plays his (expletive) off every Sunday, he practices every single day, so no, we don't question his toughness."

Kreutz lashed out at the critics, saying, Maybe they should shut up."

As for losing Cutler, he said, "It deflates you. ... You're very deflated when you first hear it, and then you get going."

The Bears didn't get going under the seldom-used Collins. He lasted two possessions before third-stringer Hanie came on and that's when it got interesting.

An undrafted free agent out of Colorado State in 2008, he led the Bears to two fourth-quarter touchdowns but also got picked off twice. B.J. Raji returned the first 18 yards for a touchdown, and Sam Shields sealed the win with an interception in the final minute.

These teams had met 181 times and never had the stakes been higher. Only once had they played in the postseason, with the Bears winning at Wrigley Field in 1941, a week after the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

The odds that the Bears would even reach the playoffs this year seemed slim at best after they dropped three of four before their off week — an ominous sign for coach Lovie Smith, who was given orders to improve or else by ownership before the season. They were 4-3 and Cutler was getting knocked around like a human tackling dummy, but they used their time off well.

The Bears committed to the run and won seven of eight before dropping the regular-season finale at Green Bay.

## STEELERS

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have left everything they had in New England last Sunday. There was little trash talking all week and even less fire early in their biggest game since winning the championship 42 years ago. They haven't been back to the Super Bowl.

The Steelers are regulars, including Super Bowl titles for the 2005 and 2008 teams, both led by Roethlisberger and a fierce defense sparked by playmaking safety Troy Polamalu.

Polamalu, his long hair flowing from under his helmet, didn't have

to do a whole lot this time. Not with the way his teammates whipped the Jets at the line of scrimmage before a spirited New York surge in the second half.

"We overcame a lot more obstacles this year than we have in the past," Polamalu said. "But we still got one more to go."

And too often, New York's defense was like a swinging gate that Roethlisberger and Mendenhall ran through with ease.

New York (13-6) failed for the fourth time in the AFC title game since 1969, when the Jets won perhaps the most significant of all Super Bowls. It was a devastating fin-

ish, particularly after the Jets beat Peyton Manning and the Colts, then Tom Brady and the Patriots on the road to get to Pittsburgh.

Asked if he would change anything about this season, Ryan said, "I would change the outcome of this game and that's the only thing I would change. We don't need to apologize to anybody. We'll be back, you'll see."

The Steelers snapped New York's hopes of making the Super Bowl a sixth-seed spectacular; the Packers are the NFC's No. 6 seed.

Coach Mike Tomlin's team was eager for the fight from the outset, while Ryan's guys were

flat until it was too late. The Jets did get a 45-yard TD pass from Mark Sanchez to Santonio Holmes — the hero of Pittsburgh's Super Bowl victory two years ago — and a safety after Pittsburgh's goal-line stand.

But the early hole was too deep, even after a 4-yard TD pass to Jerricho Cotchery made it 24-19 with 3:06 remaining. The Jets never got the ball back.

Pittsburgh set the early tone with a 66-yard march that took up the first nine minutes, with Roethlisberger displaying his scrambling skills on several plays, including a key 12-yard run on third-and-12.

## BIG D

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fense the way we know how, and it's going to be tough for teams to beat us."

Roethlisberger is going for his third title in six years, after sitting out the first four games as punishment for his behavior in a small Georgia college town over the offseason. He was accused of sexually assaulting a young woman, though no charges were filed. His reputation took a beating, however.

Having apologized and insisted that he's a changed man, Big Ben hopes to move him into rarified territory with a third Super Bowl ring.

The only quarterbacks who have won more are Terry Bradshaw and Joe Montana, each with

four.

"This one was for Steelers fans," Roethlisberger said. "I'm really proud of the way you came out and supported us."

Green Bay is known as Titledown USA, but the Packers haven't won it all since 1997.

The people who wear cartoon-looking blocks of cheese on their heads figure that's long enough, considering the boys of the frozen tundra have won more titles than any other franchise when taking into account what happened before there was a game with Super in the title.

The Packers count a dozen NFL titles in all, including the first two Super Bowls in 1967 and '68 with Vince Lombardi stalking the sideline.

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Famous Hand

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 8  
♥ 83  
♦ Q842  
♣ J76432

**WEST**  
♠ 6543  
♥ QJ109  
♦ 973  
♣ K8

**EAST**  
♠ KJ9  
♥ 74  
♦ KJ105  
♣ A1095

**SOUTH**  
♠ AQ1072  
♥ AK652  
♦ A6  
♣ Q

The bidding:  
South 2♠ Pass North Pass East Pass  
Opening lead — queen of hearts.

This deal occurred during the annual South American bridge championship some years ago. The bidding was opened by the Venezuelan South with two spades — strong but nonforcing — and was followed by three passes.

West made the normal opening heart lead. Declarer cashed the A-K of hearts and led another heart, ruffed in dummy with the eight and over-ruffed by East with the nine. East shifted to the ace and another club, ruffed by South with the deuce.

East discarded clubs. West returned a low diamond to the Q-K-A, and declarer exited with a diamond, producing this position with East on lead and South needing four more tricks:

**North**  
♠ 84  
♥ J76

**West**  
♠ 6543  
♥ 9

**East**  
♠ KJ  
♥ J5  
♣ 10

**South**  
♠ AQ107  
♥ 6

East returned the ten of clubs. Declarer ruffed with the seven, and West (Carlos Cabanne of Argentina) undertruffed with the three! South led the six of hearts, ruffed by West with the four as East discarded a diamond. Declarer then ruffed West's diamond return with the ten of spades but had to concede a trump trick to East for down one.

Now let's suppose Cabanne had not undertruffed in the diagrammed position but had instead discarded the nine of diamonds. In that case, he would have been forced to ruff declarer's heart lead at trick 10 and return a trump through East's K-J, allowing South to make the contract.

True, only a partscore was involved, but Cabanne should at least have been awarded a small distinguished-service medal!

Tomorrow: Cutting a vital link.  
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