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Opportunity rises to help a local child

By **AMANDA MORENO**
 Staff Writer

Impacting a child's life can take less than an hour a week, according to Shannon Duncan, Howard County service unit manager of Girl Scouts of America.

For some, volunteering can be thrown out the window due to cost or lack of time, but the Scout partner program offers a way to impact local youth without requiring a lot of money or time.

"There are boys and girls in the community who need you right now," Duncan said.

Those 18 years old and older who pass a background check and have transportation can volunteer for the program. Volunteers will be taking a child to and from meetings and other scouting events, as their schedule allows.

"The adults will be paired with a child who



HERALD Photo/Lyndel Moody
Six-year-old Candace Delbosquez receives a treat during the First Christian and St. Mary's Episcopal's trunk or treat event Monday night. The event was one of many safe, child-friendly activities held around town for Halloween. Related photos can be found on page 8A.



Courtesy photo

The Forsan High School Band celebrates after being named the winner of the Class 2A Area Marching Contest at Lowery Field in Lubbock Saturday. FHS advances to the University Interscholastic League State Marching Contest, which will be held Monday in San Antonio.

Forsan Band state bound

A new classification, the same destination

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

FORSAN — The band will play on.

You must excuse Forsan High School Band members if they seem a little busy this week — they are cramming for one big final test.

For the seventh time in the past 15 years, the FHS band will take its act to the highest level

as it competes in the University Interscholastic League State Marching Contest, which will be held Monday in San Antonio's Alamodome.

Forsan punched its ticket for another state trip in convincing fashion over the weekend, besting 17 other bands to take top honors at the Class 2A Area

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Star to shine atop Gail Mountain

HERALD STAFF REPORT

GAIL — The star atop Gail Mountain will shine again starting Nov. 25.

Lights for Gail Committee will be hosting the 17th annual event at Borden County Museum, courthouse and courtyard in Gail.

The courthouse and museum will open at 5:30 p.m.

and attendees will be able to view, reminisce and enjoy refreshments. Santa Claus will be present and visit with children. There will be Christmas music provided by local musicians, story time for youngsters, hayrides, an ornament contest and door prizes.

Donations for Christmas for Kids benefitting the Buckner Children's

Home will be accepted at the Borden County Courthouse. All donations of toys and gifts need to be dropped off by Dec. 15. The program serves children age newborn to 18 years old.

More information on the event can be found by visiting the Facebook page Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain. Also, questions

can be emailed to lightsforgail@yahoo.com.



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Deborah Ann Whitlow



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Deborah Ann Whitlow, age 69, of Big Spring, Texas, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011, in Lubbock, Texas. She was born Oct. 7, 1942, in Hope Ark. Deborah married Kenneth Arnold Whitlow on June 10, 1960. She was a housewife and faithful servant of Jehovah for 60 years.

Deborah is survived by her children, Jim and Sherri Whitlow of Grandfalls, Texas, Roger and Shawna Whitlow of Waxahachie, Texas and Scott Whitlow of Big Spring, Texas; six grandchildren, Matthew, Marcus, Eric, Cassandra, Cody and Amanda; a great-grandson, Tristen; brother, Don Owens; and two sisters, Linda Lindsey and Janice Clark.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband, Kenneth Whitlow and daughter Sylvia Milsten.

Services will be held at a later time and date.

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Paid obituary

Gary Hale



Gary Hale, age 54, of Colorado City, died Saturday in a local hospital. Funeral services will be Wednesday, Nov 2, 2011, at 10 a.m. in the First Baptist Church in Colorado City with Shane Johnson and Dr. Jerry Shields officiating. Burial will follow in the Dorn Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Hale was born April 1, 1957, in Hobbs, N.M., to Cecil and Joyce Paurm Hale and had been a resident of Mitchell County since 2000. He married Delaine Lusk on Aug. 5, 1977, in Midland, Texas. He was a pumping unit repair manager for Weatherford International in Coahoma. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and also attended Christian Temple.

He is survived by his parents, Cecil and Joyce Hale of Colorado City; his wife, Delaine Hale of Colorado City; a son, Gary and wife Jennifer Hale of Colorado City; a daughter, LaDonna and husband Larry Towery of Colorado City; two brothers, Bill Hale and Glen Hale, both of Midland; a sister, Becky Gray of Midland; and five grandchildren, Justin Towery, Brianna Towery, Lindsey Towery, Lane Hale and Katie Hale. Also, his father and mother-in-law, Doug and Lorna Lusk of Midland; two sisters-in-law, Esther Jones and Donna and husband Kenneth Bertelson, all of Midland; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Paid obituary

Kevin Kyle Shoemaker

Kevin Kyle Shoemaker, 53, of Stanton died Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011, in a Midland hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011, at the Evergreen Cemetery with the Rev. Chris Tyler officiating.

He was born Dec. 28, 1957, in Big Spring, Texas. Kevin graduated from Stanton High School. He loved farming and ranching and invested his life in various organizations that dealt with farming and ranching. He had served as a director of the Tarzan Farmers Coop Gin for many years.

Survivors include his mother, Elizabeth Shoemaker of Stanton; two sisters, Trina Shoemaker of Houston and Trica Cook and husband Steve of Stanton; two nephews, Nathan Cook and wife D'Lee of Corinth and Brady Cook and wife Jonna of Lubbock; two great-nephews, Caleb Cook and Colby Cook; three aunts, Clara Clements and husband Gene of Stanton, Shirley Connell and husband Duane of Brooksmith and Judy Creech of Odessa; and many cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leonard R. Shoemaker; an infant brother, Linsey Shoemaker; and his grandparents, Kyle and Laura Shoemaker and Bryan and Alice Creech.

The family suggests memorials be made to Evergreen Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 224, Stanton, Texas 79782; or to the Lenorah Volunteer Fire Department, c/o Dusty Wells, P.O. Box 125, Lenorah, Texas 79749.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

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Obituaries

J.V. 'Andy' Anderson



J.V. "Andy" Anderson, 93, of Big Spring died Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Carroll Kohl officiating.

He was born Nov. 12, 1917, in Howard County, Texas, to William and Willie Anderson. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving as a medic in the calvary. He worked for 12 years for Civil Service at Webb Air Force Base and Holland Air Force Base.

He married Maxine McGee on Jan. 18, 1941. They owned several businesses in Big Spring, including Andy's Cafe, Crystal Café and Anderson Floral. She preceded him in death Jan. 12, 2006. He was a member of the Church of Christ and a lifelong resident of Big Spring.

He is survived by one son, Jimmy Anderson of Big Spring; one daughter, Judy Marrow and husband Milton of Levelland; three grandchildren, Penni Kothmann and husband Kaddo of Garden City, Suzette Huerta and husband Oscar of Lubbock and Cory Anderson and wife Mandy of Dayton; great grandchildren, Meagan McBee and husband Barry, Logan Newsom and wife Jenny Bett, Conner Newsom, Cooper Newsom, Kadden Kothmann, Anthony Huerta, Ally Huerta, Chase Anderson, Caylee Anderson; two sisters, Frances Overton of Big Spring and Josephine Thomas of Wichita Falls; many nieces and nephews; and his devoted caregiver, Celia Miers.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Cecyle Marrow Newson; and one brother, Pete Anderson.

Pallbearers will be Logan Newsom, Conner Newsom, Cooper Newsom, Anthony Huerta, Kadden Kothmann and Chase Anderson. Honorary pallbearers will be Meagan McBee, Ally Huerta and Caylee Anderson.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, c/o Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, Texas 79721; or your favorite charity.

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

Paid obituary

Thomas Guess

Thomas Guess, 83, of Big Spring died Monday, Oct. 31, 2011, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Charles Hamm

Charles Hamm, 79, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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Crystal Lynn Edwards



Crystal Lynn Edwards, 23, of Wichita Falls died Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011, in Arlington, Texas. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011, at First United Methodist Church in Crowell, Texas, with Dr. Charles Hundley of Marble Falls, Texas — assisted by Ken Rowland of Crowell, Texas, and the Rev. David MacDonald, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Crowell, Texas — officiating. Burial will follow Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011, at Crowell Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011, at Womack-Manard Funeral Home in Crowell, Texas.

Crystal was born May 15, 1988, in Childress, Texas. She married Jody Blake Brotherhood on Dec. 15, 2010, in Delphos, Ohio. She had been a resident of Wichita Falls since 2006 and a former Crowell resident.

She was a 2006 graduate of Crowell High School, where she was a cheerleader for four years, was active in drama and one act plays, advanced to UIL Regional in persuasive speaking and one act play, was active in the FFA 4-H Stock Show and was homecoming queen in 2005.

She was very interested in history and received a scholarship to New York. She was a criminal justice major at Century City Vernon College. She attended the First United Methodist Church of Crowell. She was a devoted and loving mother.

She is survived by her husband, Jody Brotherhood of Wichita Falls, Texas; son, Joshua Waylon Brotherhood of Wichita Falls, Texas; a stepson, Jackson Cash Brotherhood of Wichita Falls, Texas; parents, Delbert and Toni Glover and James Edwards, all of Crowell, Texas; grandparents, L.M. "Son" Glover of Crowell, Texas and J. R. and Gloria Edwards of Thalia, Texas; two brothers, Jay Edwards of Wichita Falls, Texas, and Jackson Glover of Crowell, Texas; and "sister," Kristen McGreger of Crowell, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Norman and Jean Hopper and Joyce Glover; and two uncles, Robert Edwards and Robert Walker.

The family suggests memorials be made to First Baptist Church Youth Fund, P.O. Box 179, Crowell, Texas 79227; or the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 106, Crowell, Texas 79227.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Womack-Manard Funeral Home, Crowell, Texas.

Paid obituary

Ciria M. Esquibel



Ciria M. Esquibel, 83, of Big Spring died Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Vigil services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Aug. 20, 1928, in La Pryor, Texas, to Nicolasa and Rosendo Morelion. She married Jesse G. Esquibel on Jan. 1, 1949, in La Pryor. They moved to Big Spring in 1963 from Anton. He preceded her in death March 31, 1994. She was a cook and dietician at Big Spring State Hospital, Hall-Bennett Memorial Hospital and Lakeview School. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

She is survived by one son, Jesse Esquibel Jr. of Odessa; one daughter, Janie Acosta and husband Joe of Big Spring; two sisters, Mary Mendoza and Dora Hernandez, both of Big Spring; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

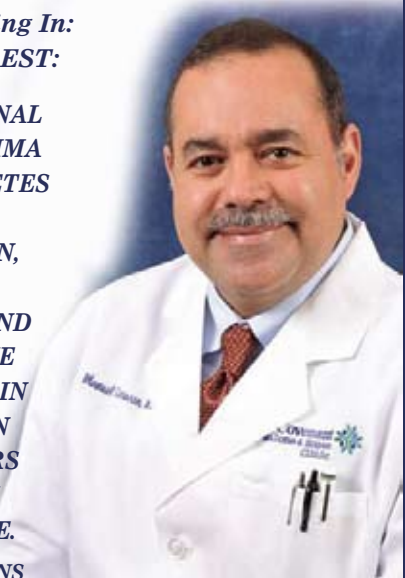
In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two daughters, Maria Linda Garcia and Martha Loveless; three brothers, Jose Morelion, Jose Cruz and John Morelion Sr.; and one sister, Esperanza Morelion.

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Opening statements set in polygamist group trial

ROBERT LEE (AP) — Texas jurors are expecting to hear opening statements Tuesday in the trial of a polygamist group's former bishop who is accused of marrying an underage girl to group leader Warren Jeffs.

Frederick Merrill Jessop, 75, is charged with a felony count of performing an illegal wedding ceremony in 2006 at the Yearning for Zion ranch near Eldorado. The ranch is owned by the Jeffs-led Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

The San Angelo Standard-Times reports that a jury of eight women and four men was seated Monday night for the trial in Robert Lee, along with two alternates.

Jeffs' Utah-based church practices polygamy in arranged marriages that sometimes involve underage girls. The faith believes polygamy brings exaltation in heaven.

Authorities raided the sect's Eldorado ranch in 2008 after a telephone call alleging the abuse of an underage bride by her husband was placed to a domestic violence hotline. More than 400 children were temporarily removed from the ranch and placed in state protective custody.

Although the call was later investigated as a hoax, prosecutors have used family and church records seized in the raid to bring charges against 12 sect members, all men, including Jessop and Jeffs.

In August, Jeffs was convicted and sentenced to life in prison for sexually assaulting two of his child brides. Prosecutors said Jeffs had a total of two dozen underage wives.

Prosecutors say one of Jessop's daughters was allegedly married to Jeffs at age 12. The girl was the only child from the West Texas ranch to remain in foster care after the courts ordered that the children removed during the raid must be returned to their parents.

Harris County election guide wrong on voter ID law

HOUSTON (AP) — A manual used to train election judges in the state's most populous county wrongly said a new voter identification law now applies.

The law requiring Texans to show photo ID before voting takes effect Jan. 1.

Harris County Clerk Stan Stanart said Monday that his office caught the error in the training guide for next Tuesday's election. Stanart says election workers have been provided with the correct information.

The Houston Chronicle reports two confused election judges contacted the office of state Sen. Rodney Ellis last week over the error. Ellis has raised concerns that voters in Harris County, with nearly 4.1 million residents, could wrongly be turned away.

A voter registration card is all the identification needed for next week's constitutional amendments election. Early voting runs through Friday.

Vigil held for Oklahoma girl, 10, slain in Texas

DALLAS (AP) — Candles and stuffed bears were part of a prayer vigil for an Oklahoma City girl who police say was abducted and slain in suburban Dallas.

About two dozen people turned out Monday night in Carrollton to remember 10-year-old Jasmen Gonzalez. She was killed while on a trip with her family to visit relatives. A medical examiner ruled the girl was fatally stabbed.

Police say a man who attended the weekend family gathering is a "person of interest" in the case. He's being held by Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents.

Lt. Doug Mitchell says no one has been charged in the slaying. Police are investigating whether the girl was sexually assaulted.

Gonzalez turned up missing Saturday night. Her body was located Sunday afternoon a few blocks away, dumped near a house.

Texas sheriff: Drug war violence spilling over

MCALLEN (AP) — A shooting that injured a sheriff's deputy was the first indisputable case of spillover violence from the Mexican drug wars in Hidalgo County, the local sheriff said Monday.

Sheriff Lupe Trevino, who previously said there was no direct spillover violence in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, said the Sunday shootout erupted while one of his deputies investigated a reported kidnapping and drug deal.

"I have to say that with this particular incident, the way the witnesses and the information that we have gotten particularly in the federal system, this is the first recorded spillover violence event that we have experienced — and unfortunately got one of our deputies shot," Trevino said.

One suspect was killed and two were wounded. In all, six people were taken into custody, including the alleged kidnapping victim, and are awaiting charges, the sheriff said.

The sheriff said a protective vest probably saved the life of Deputy Hugo Rodriguez, who was shot in the chest, abdomen and leg. He is recovering at a

hospital.

Trevino said the reported kidnapping was a bid to recover marijuana stolen when the Gulf cartel's reputed second-in-command, Samuel Flores Borrego, was killed in September.

"It started in Mexico, it had a violent confrontation in Mexico, that violent confrontation was spilled over here. This is the very first one that we can actually say, 'Yes, here it is. It has happened,'" Trevino said.

"Now, there are more cartel members living in Texas, in the Valley, in the United States. I'll guarantee you there's a ton of them," he said.

Texan gets 27 years for drug trafficking

MCALLEN (AP) — A South Texas man who owned a tractor-trailer rig found in New York City with nearly 750 pounds of cocaine on board has been sentenced to 27 years in prison.

Prosecutors say 52-year-old Alonzo Avila of Mission was sentenced Monday by a federal judge in McAllen. Avila earlier pleaded guilty to drug trafficking and money laundering charges.

Agents in New York City seized the cocaine in 2006 in an investigation that led to the discovery of trucks hauling drugs from Texas to New York, Atlanta and Columbus, Ohio.

Avila received 30 years in prison for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine, plus 20 years for conspiracy to launder money. Avila's sentences run concurrently.

Senate groups to discuss drought

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas legislative committees are convening to discuss the state's ongoing, record-breaking drought and whether remaining water resources can keep up with demand.

The Senate's Natural Resources Committee and its Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee meet Tuesday to assess the official response to the lack of rainfall. Committee members also will hear testimony from invited experts on how long the drought is likely to continue.

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Zayda Stallings, 4, died Saturday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Thomas Guess, 83, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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needs someone to take them to their scout meetings and scout-

ing events," Duncan said.

"This program will allow children who, for different reasons, do not have anyone to take them to scouts to have a responsible adult to take them to the meetings and events."

The scout partner program is designed for those who want to volunteer for Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts.

To find out more information, contact Duncan at 432-517-4354 or email bigspringscouts@hotmail.com.

mail.com.

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STATE

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Contest at Lowery Field in Lubbock.

The band has long been a power in Class 1A, but a move up in classification provided a new challenge for the group this year — and Director Jim Rhodes said his charges were more than up to the challenge.

"They are just so excited to be going back to state," Rhodes said. "This band has been so focused and disciplined ... they just decided they were going to get the job done."

Forsan finished first in both the preliminary and final rounds of the area contest. Crane and

Littlefield finished second and third, respectively, to qualify for the state contest, while Stanton barely missed a spot in the state contest, finishing in a tie for fourth place.

"It was just a magical day," Rhodes said. "The band was terrific in both the preliminaries and the finals. They just out-marched and out-played everybody else. (Assistant Band Director) Misty Hoelscher did a great job helping me, and the fans who made the trip to Lubbock were tremendous."

FHS won the Class 1A state marching title in 2008, while finishing second in 2010. While Class 2A is relatively new area for the group, it is not exactly foreign territory — FHS placed fourth in the 2003 2A state contest.

Forsan will be the 14th of 18 bands to march in

the preliminary round of the state contest. The top seven bands from the first round advance to the finals later Monday.

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Occupiers' side is doing their part in keeping the quiet majority

Conditions at some of the "Occupy" tent sites started going downhill at a most inopportune time. A New York Times/CBS poll had just reported that 47 percent of the public said that the movement's views reflect those of most Americans (with only 34 percent saying they do not). On the ground, the homeless were moving into several encampments, joined by various hangers-on drawn to the excitement.

Occupiers, time to quit while you're ahead — for you're a little less ahead with every confrontation involving police or other civic authorities. The skirmishes provide unflattering visuals for the ordinary folks at home, even those sharing your angst and anger over the financial-industry takeover of our economy. It doesn't matter who was at fault. It doesn't matter whether or not you have the right to pitch tents on public parks.

Every battle with the forces of order attracts people not necessarily interested in curbing Wall Street's influence but in having a street brawl. Occupiers with a serious agenda should know that there's nothing they can do about the invaders, other than deny them their stage.

(Chefs who were serving superior fare to the original Occupiers at Lower Manhattan's Zuccotti Park became annoyed

when interlopers showed up just for the cuisine. To deter the freeloaders, they switched from roasted beet salad with aged sheep's milk cheese to brown rice and other dietary basics.)

In Oakland, Calif., tear-gassed demonstrators recited the Vietnam-era chant, "Now the whole world is watching." And it was, but that's not really a good thing for the movement.

When the Vietnam protests turned violent and nasty, a larger American public didn't like what it saw on TV. Disorder. Attacks on law enforcement. Disrespect for the American flag.

Pictures of Mao. The radicals had taken over, offending average Americans, including many opposed to the War in Vietnam. Richard Nixon used that resentment to ride to victory.

Occupy Wall Street and its allies should understand that they entered the fray with the Silent Majority on their side. (Seven in 10 said Republicans in Congress favor the rich, according to the Times/CBS poll.) Thus, they must treat the neighbors with utmost respect. One problem with demonstrations lasting weeks is that they tend to take over and degrade public spaces. Squares in front of city halls. Parks where people throw Frisbees. Plazas people cross to do their business.

We know that responsible Occupy leaders have done their best to keep things peaceful and clean, but tent cities that draw crowds have a way of frustrating the best intentions. The most careful campers can't avoid trampling the grass. For those

living or working near these tent cities, the novelty is gone and fatigue setting in, especially as a less mannerly crowd joins the protestors.

Before the Occupy movement took off, the Tea Party had long commanded the cameras' attention. It, too, attracted exhibitionists eager to say inflammatory things to a ravenous media. The Republican right then put its hooks into its passionate followers, pushing some of them toward a radical politics at great odds with the Silent Majority's worldview.

At least the Tea Party people weren't in the faces of couples trying to get a marriage license at City Hall or beating drums into the night. They were using social media to make themselves powerful at the political level. That's what the Occupiers should do and maybe are doing, but we don't know much about it, because the squatters are getting all the attention.

Those camped out should adopt another famous line from the Vietnam era: "Declare victory and leave." Time to get off the lawn and go online.

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Obama and his class warfare

There he goes again.

President Obama, on the campaign stump, rails against the "rich," saying our "wealth gap" shows a need for a "fairer approach."

Does he really believe our economic problems have been caused by insufficient taxes on the rich? Insufficient taxes overall? If not, then what can we conclude about his insistence on hammering this point rather than addressing the real causes and real solutions?

Obama's ceaseless attack on the "rich" and his effort to divide Americans on the basis of their income and wealth can best be seen as a diversion, an attempt to distract Americans' attention from his failure to address our interrelated economic malaise and fiscal crises.

Before we can solve our problems, we have to correctly identify them. For starters, we have catastrophic national debt; reckless deficits in excess of \$1 trillion since Obama took office, with no end in sight; unsustainable entitlement programs, including Obamacare, which, contrary to Obama's assurances, will dramatically drive up the cost curve further; obscene levels of discretionary spending; administration-driven anti-business regulatory policies; and a depressed economy that is exacerbating our deficit and debt problems.

How about possible solutions? There's a consensus that increasing income taxes during hard economic times, especially on the major wealth producers, is economically suicidal. Everyone also understands that economic uncertainty and excessive regulations suppress economic growth. No one can rationally deny that our entitlement programs, as presently structured, will bankrupt themselves and the nation. And, undeniably, our discretionary spending is out of

control.

So how has President Obama approached these problems so far? He was able to force through a massive stimulus package on the theory that government-generated spending of borrowed money would stimulate the economy. He didn't say, "It may or may not work, so we have to take the risk of dangerously increasing the already dangerous national debt, because we have no other options." Rather, he promised that unemployment would come down if we followed him over the cliff. Well, we didn't follow him, but his Democratic Congress did, and he got his stimulus bill passed. And it not only didn't alleviate the problem but also made it much worse; the economy is sicker than it was, and the national debt continues to explode.

Instead of restoring certainty to the economy, he has refused to allow the Bush tax cut rates on the highest incomes to become "permanent." He has substantially ramped up excessive anti-business regulations in pursuit of the environmental crusade of the week.

He tried to pass cap and tax, which would have made things much worse, and when he couldn't get Congress to go along, he had his Environmental Protection Agency unlawfully impose unprecedented emission regulations. He continues to submit and deliver budget deficits in excess of \$1 trillion as far as the eye can see. He has ignored most spending cut recommendations, even those of his own bipartisan deficit commission. And he's shamelessly scared the elderly to obstruct essential structural entitlement reform.

How is he approaching the problems going forward? Instead of accepting accountability for his failures and reversing course, he has continued to blame his failures on George W. Bush, the Japanese tsunami, the GOP Congress and the wealthy. Instead of tightening his belt in light of the failure of his stimulus plan, he is demanding yet more mind-blowingly enormous stimulus spending.

The blame-Bush meme doesn't pass the laugh test anymore, and the tsunami excuse is embarrassing and pathetic. His effort to blame Republicans is similarly absurd on its face because he did get his agenda through, Obamacare and all, except for cap and trade, which he couldn't get passed even with his Democratic-controlled Congress.

So, how about his continued assault on the rich — his fail-safe scapegoating device, one that flies in the face of everything Obama has ever claimed about himself in terms of bipartisanship, unity, civility and fundamental honesty?

The rich are not under-taxed, as objective statistics and empirical data demonstrate. Not one of the problems plaguing the nation today has been or is being caused by the rich, and punishing them will make the economy and our debt problems worse.

Nevertheless, Obama is ramping up class warfare, trying to turn Americans against one another by stoking the flames of envy and greed. He's even encouraging civil unrest among the Occupy Wall Street protestors. Have we ever had any other president do such a thing?

Obama blames the rich for problems he's causing, despite the absence of causal relationship between the distribution of our national income and wealth and the economic and debt problems we face.

Why? Simply because that's what demagogic community-organizing, Marxist-leaning Alinsky disciples do — and it's disgraceful.

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by K. Rae Anderson

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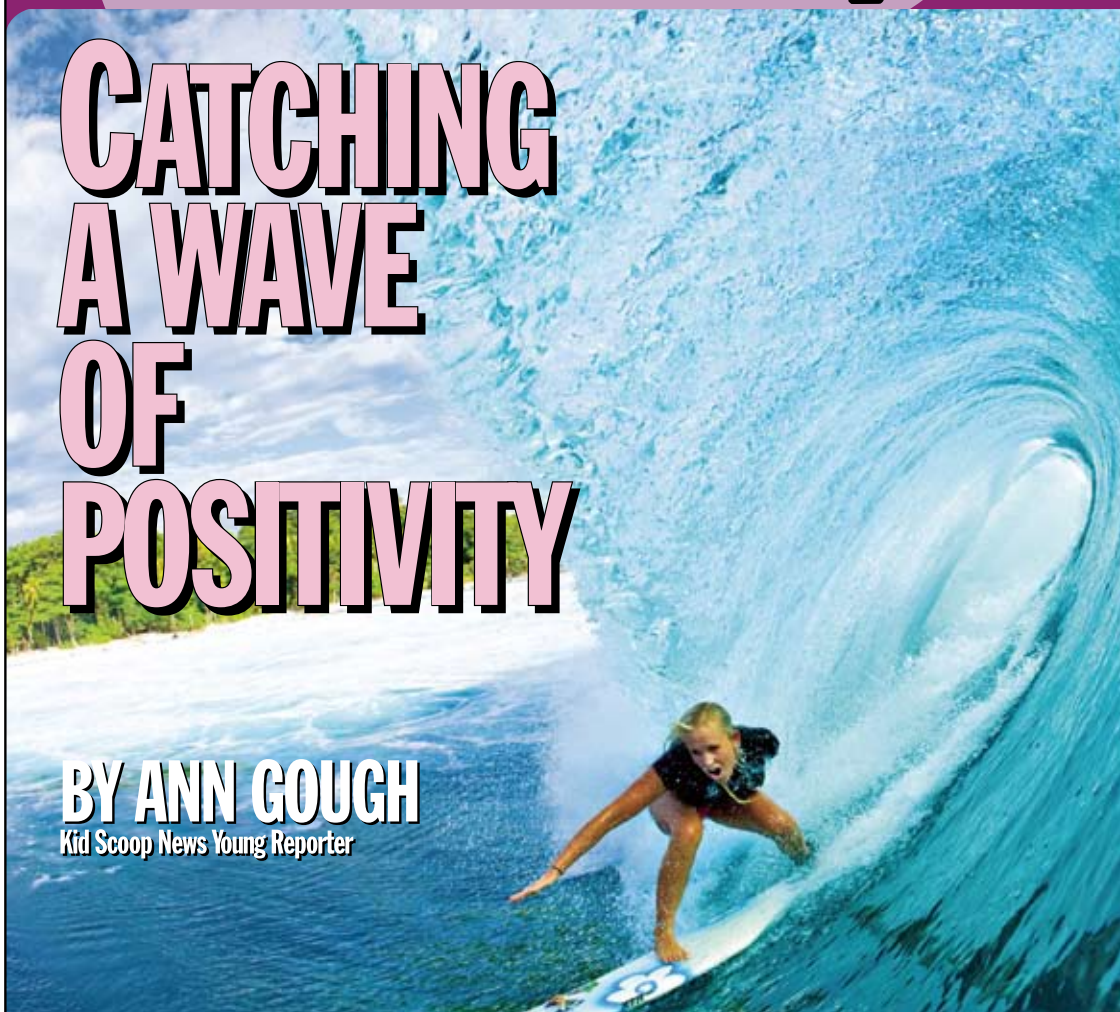
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CATCHING
A WAVE
OF
POSITIVITY

BY ANN GOUGH
Kid Scoop News Young Reporter



ABOUT OUR YOUNG REPORTER



Kid Scoop: What was it like to interview such a famous person?

Ann: Right before the interview, I was watching TV with my brother, trying to get the interview out of my head so I wouldn't be so nervous. But when Bethany called, I felt relaxed and happy to be talking with her. She was very friendly and nice. I am glad that I was able to interview Bethany Hamilton for Kid Scoop.

This past year, Ann Gough won the Kid Scoop Foundation Healthy Hometown Heroes essay contest! She got to select and interview a nationally recognized healthy hero and see it published in hundreds of newspapers.

Photos courtesy bethanyhamilton.com

At age 13, Bethany Hamilton lost her arm in a shark attack while surfing.

Kid Scoop Healthy Hometown Heroes contest winner Ann Gough interviewed Bethany to learn what drives her to overcome obstacles and persevere.

Bethany Hamilton is the girl who had her arm bitten off by a shark while she was _____ near her home in Hawaii.

Maybe you've seen the movie, *Soul Surfer*. It is about Bethany and her experience.

Bethany's parents put her on a surfboard before she could walk and when she was eight years old, she won a surfing competition.

A LIFE CHANGED

Bethany was thirteen years old when she was attacked by a shark. Maybe you would like to know what she was thinking when it attacked her. She was definitely _____, but she stayed calm by focusing on surviving and trusting God.

After losing her arm, Bethany had to learn how to do many everyday things all over again. It took time and _____ to learn how to get dressed and prepare food. After the first few weeks of being home from the hospital she decided she wanted to get back in the water and surf again. She was only thirteen years old and she was not afraid to try. Her biggest challenge was learning how to surf again.

By working at it every day and believing in herself, she learned how to surf and then became a champion surfer.

Bethany is now 21 years old and is still _____ about surfing. She is a pro surfer, but she also enjoys

tennis, swimming (of course), and soccer. She says that to have a healthy body, kids should "find a sport you like and stick with it."

A HEALTHY ATTITUDE

At bethanyhamilton.com, she gives healthy tips, like recipes and advice on staying away from alcohol and avoiding soda. Having a healthy attitude is just as important as having a healthy body. She told me that you should "be your unique self" and "look for the good in situations."

Bethany is a true healthy hero who _____ many people all around the world. So, if you think living a healthy life is too hard, then just think about Bethany and your perspective will be completely different. Can you live a healthy lifestyle? Yes! It's possible!

"FIND A SPORT YOU LIKE AND STICK WITH IT."

- Bethany Hamilton



Replace the missing words:

- SCARED CREATIVITY PASSIONATE SURFING INSPIRES



Find the two identical surfboards. Look carefully!

Extra! Extra!

Famous Woman

Pretend you are a newspaper reporter covering a story about a famous woman. Write a headline and lead sentence telling about this person.

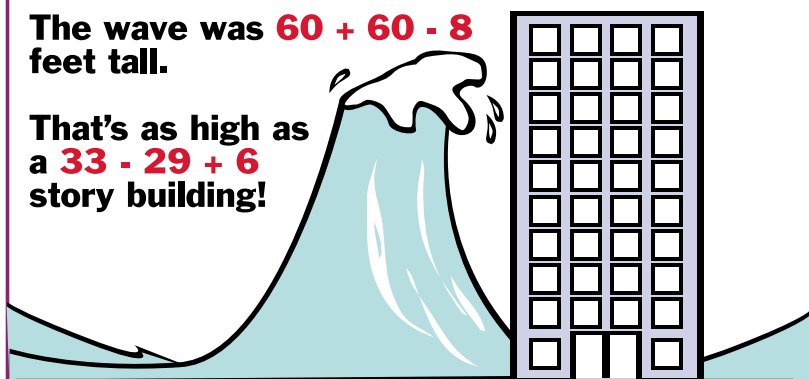
Standards Links: Language Arts: Identify main idea.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

The height of a wave is the distance from the trough to the crest. Do the math to discover the height of the biggest wave on record.

The wave was **60 + 60 - 8** feet tall.

That's as high as a **33 - 29 + 6** story building!



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions. Math/Number Sense: Calculate sums and differences.



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Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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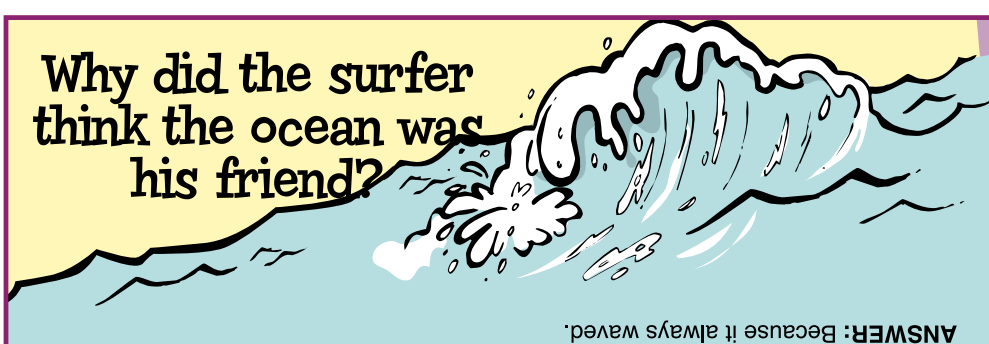
FROM THE **Kid Scoop** LESSON LIBRARY

Half empty or half full?

Attitudes are part of mental health. Use the sports or editorial section to find examples of optimistic statements and pessimistic statements. Circle optimistic statements in green. Circle pessimistic statements in red.

Standards Links: Language Arts: Identify fact and opinion.

Why did the surfer think the ocean was his friend?



ANSWER: Because it always waved.

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In 2012 I will...
Finish this sentence.

Deadline: November 27
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Obituaries

Thelma Fern Smith



Thelma Fern Smith, 88, of Big Spring died Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011, at her residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Monroe Teeters officiating.

She was born April 3, 1923, in Norman, Okla., and married Fred Andrew Smith on Sept. 7, 1943, in Granada, Miss. He preceded her in death June 18, 1988.

She worked as a housekeeper for various people for many years and was a member of Salem Baptist Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Carol Page and husband Nelson, Connie Fraum and Candy Smith and husband Ray Kiles, all of Big Spring; one son, Freddie Coy Smith of Big Spring; one brother, Frank Helton of Odessa; one sister, Frances Brogdon of Amarillo; 12 grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Cathy F. Smith; three brothers, Forest Helton, Freeman Helton and Fred Helton; one sister, Freda Siddle; and a granddaughter.

The family suggests memorials be made to Cal Farley's Boy's Ranch, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, Texas 79174-1890.

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

Zayda Stallings



Zayda Stallings, 4, of Big Spring died Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011, in Lubbock. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

She was born Sept. 11, 2007, in Midland, Texas, to Renea and Kenny Stallings. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her brother, Kagen Tiernan Stallings of Big Spring; and grandparents, Ken and Darlene Stallings of Big Spring, Randy Rister and his wife Debbie of Clyde, and Polly Speaker of Big Spring.

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

Police blotter

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

NOTE: BSPD officials reported no arrests were made during the corresponding times.

- THEFT was reported in the 800 block of E. 16th Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: In the 1100 block of Stanford. In the 900 block of S. Scurry.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 59 inmates at the time of this report.

- SHANNON LOUISE BEELER, 32, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on warrants for failure to yield the right-of-way to a private driveway and violation of a promise to appear.

- KELSEA WOOD, 23, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of theft of material — less than \$20,000.
- DAVID RUTLEDGE, 37, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of theft of material — less than \$20,000.
- FREDDIE RAMOS, 26, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of burglary of a vehicle and public intoxication.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 11/2	Thu 11/3	Fri 11/4	Sat 11/5	Sun 11/6
73/34 Partly cloudy and windy. High 73F.	61/42 Sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.	76/52 Sunshine. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 50s.	84/46 Windy with times of sun and clouds.	77/53 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 50s.
Sunrise: 8:04 AM Sunset: 6:55 PM	Sunrise: 8:04 AM Sunset: 6:54 PM	Sunrise: 8:05 AM Sunset: 6:53 PM	Sunrise: 8:06 AM Sunset: 6:53 PM	Sunrise: 8:07 AM Sunset: 6:52 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	69	40	windy	Kingsville	88	54	pt sunny
Amarillo	50	24	windy	Livingston	79	45	pt sunny
Austin	82	44	pt sunny	Longview	79	43	pt sunny
Beaumont	78	53	pt sunny	Lubbock	56	28	windy
Brownsville	87	62	pt sunny	Lufkin	79	46	pt sunny
Brownwood	80	39	windy	Midland	74	36	windy
Corpus Christi	85	54	pt sunny	Raymondville	90	60	pt sunny
Corsicana	80	40	windy	Rosenberg	81	53	pt sunny
Dallas	79	42	windy	San Antonio	85	51	pt sunny
Del Rio	82	48	pt sunny	San Marcos	82	43	pt sunny
El Paso	73	40	windy	Sulphur Springs	80	44	windy
Fort Stockton	83	35	windy	Sweetwater	71	38	windy
Gainesville	75	37	windy	Tyler	79	42	pt sunny
Greenville	78	39	windy	Weatherford	76	38	windy
Houston	80	53	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	70	37	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	66	42	sunny	Minneapolis	46	29	rain
Boston	53	36	sunny	New York	59	43	sunny
Chicago	63	41	rain	Phoenix	77	53	sunny
Dallas	79	42	windy	San Francisco	74	52	sunny
Denver	33	19	snow	Seattle	55	42	rain
Houston	80	53	pt sunny	St. Louis	72	46	pt sunny
Los Angeles	83	52	sunny	Washington, DC	61	42	sunny
Miami	79	68	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



Willie Mae Harrison

Willie Mae Harrison, 92, of Big Spring died Monday, Oct. 31, 2011, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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A bird rescue: Or, sometimes you give a coot

Some years it seemed as if we barely emptied the bathtub before the next one came. Found by the side of the road, another water bird had been picked up by a game warden and brought to Texas Parks & Wildlife in Midland. Unknown was how long it had lain on the shoulder before being discovered.

Through the foyer and into the conference room was a familiar route to us. Tucked away in an adjacent room was a box containing the helpless creature.

With inquisitive red eyes, an American coot met our glance. Sprawled on a towel provided by the receptionist, the bird offered little resistance to our lifting it for placement in a carrier.

The appearance of its legs and feet told a story of their own. Caliche dust and small scuffmarks suggested an earlier struggle to right its body and prepare for flight. A compacted grade, unfortunately, was far different than the surface of a pond or lake. Its feet and legs had become useless.

This chunky member of the rail family was in typical, seasonal trouble. Mostly a water and shore bird, it needed a



Courtesy photo

Moving to another part of a lake after sensing danger, an American coot runs on top of the water. Once relocated, it appears comical as it tips up like a dabbling duck. With head and upper body submerged, only its posterior is seen as it feeds on underwater growth.

lengthy body of water in order to leave an area. Running on top of the surface, it would gain enough forward momentum to become airborne.

It wasn't, however, the only specie to encounter difficulties during migration. Grebes and loons also often mistook asphalt, or moistened and glistening surfaces for ponds. The luckier ones somehow had found their way to our makeshift pond and release.

After the bathtub filled, the coot was gently placed on the sur-

face of the water. Usually, most water birds would start to paddle, then dive repeatedly.

As Art entered the bathroom to check on its progress, he noticed a frown on my face.

Almost upright, and relying upon its buoyancy, the coot floated with no movement of its legs and feet. It seemed hesitant to even try.

"Now what?" he asked. "Wait and see," was my only reply.

Determined to give the coot plenty of time, I knelt, and then sat beside the tub. Thirty

minutes later the bird started to flex its greenish legs and long, lobed toes.

Positioned near the rear of its body, these extremities limit its abilities on land. When in water, however, they enabled it to be a superb swimmer and diver.

Since the coot may have been exhausted from its struggles and the length of time away from water, I decided to wait even longer. After another 30 minutes, it finally started to paddle its way around the tub.

While waiting for its first dive, I had time to appreciate its dense feathers. Its physique almost seemed too large for its wings. The bird's milk-white bill was a stark contrast to its black head, and the slate gray of its body.

Considered as common to water areas as sparrows are to backyard feeders, American coots form a gregarious group that typifies migrations en masse. To us, they were an announcement of an approaching winter.

Suddenly, it dove. Surfacing, it looked about for a second, and then dove again. Under water, its feet and legs displayed an agility known only to nature.

Once outside the

bathroom area my call to Art signified success. After watching the coot continue its enjoyment at recovery, he offered to get our coats and a carrier for a brief ride to the lake.

Invariably, yearly releases on open water were always accompanied by cold, northerly winds as October bid farewell. When Art placed the coot in the water, it chose to float and let the winds push it against the shoreline.

Silently, we both wondered if the bird could be as successful in the lake as it was in our tub. Minutes passed, and our anxiety grew.

Then we noticed that it was headed northeast into the wind. Only the use of its legs could propel it forward in that breeze. As more distance separated us from the bird, it suddenly dove.

Seconds seemed like minutes until it resurfaced. As it dove and resurfaced repeatedly, we realized it had started feeding.

Most of its food could be found on, near, or under the water. Foraging along the shore, it could access the roots of tender, aquatic growth. Algae and small fishes could help satisfy it.

Further south, insects

BIRD POOP

By BEBE McCASLAND



and their larvae could be augmented by tender growths of grass and emerging grains.

Walking back to our vehicle, we were relieved that the coot had finally "found its legs." With rest and exercise, it could continue its migration.

Some evening in November, it would rise up in the water, flap its wings, and run its way out of the water and down the lake. As it cleared the trees and left this watery haven, only the night creatures on shore and the permanent waterfowl would hear the ruckus created by its departure.

With its legs stretched behind, and its neck extended forward, the coot would begin the strong, rapid flap of its wings essential to its journey southward. Its resilience had given it a second chance.

Bebe McCasland is author of "The Scoop From Bird Poop." She is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

The good news is that kindness is free

PARENT'S CORNER

By DARRELL RYAN



I want to remember that as often as I can. I know we all get so wrapped up in our own lives, our own joys, our own struggles, our own journeys, we fail to realize everyone we encounter is also experiencing life as it unfolds.

I know some people are just cranky but many times that clerk, service provider, acquaintance or stranger may just be having an extremely bad day at the moment we encounter them. A painful diagnosis, a separation, a financial problem, a fight with a friend; there's no way we would know the reason for the sharp response, failure to smile or distraction for all we

see is the effect on us and how it affects us at the moment.

Would we give a little understanding if everyone wore a button that gave explanation for their mood? "Just got divorced," "Son is addicted to drugs," "Waiting for lab results," "Evicted." No one wants to just advertise those things for the world to see.

We have all wanted a little sunshine extended to us when we were in the middle of a brutal life lesson. So what would happen if we decided to extend a little kindness, a little grace or patience without any particular reason?

What if we just gave the benefit of the doubt to all who seemed to re-

ally need it that day? What if by doing so, we helped that person along their journey just a bit?

Any interaction between two people has the ability to leave a lasting impression on both: positive or negative.

Which will you choose? Do you really want to be impatient with someone who is worried about their sick child, just buried their mother or declared bankruptcy before crossing your path?

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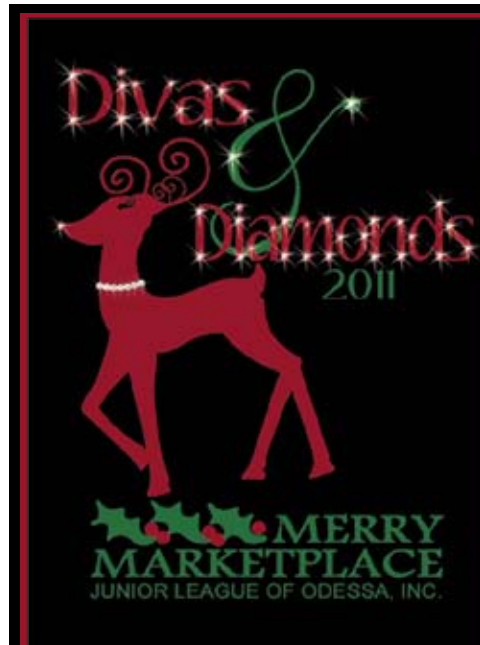
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Chiefs stun Chargers with overtime win

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Up and down the sideline, the Kansas City Chiefs were telling each other the game wasn't over. Didn't matter that Philip Rivers was under center with less than a minute left, and that Nick Novak was poised to kick the winning field goal for San Diego.

The Chiefs have had their backs against the wall enough this season.

They certainly weren't going to just quit.

With first down at the

Kansas City 15, Rivers called for the snap — and the ball never got into his hands. It squirted loose on the field, bounced under a scrum, and finally emerged in the hands of Chiefs linebacker Andy Studebaker, who was running to the sideline in joy.

The game headed for overtime, and Ryan Succop eventually knocked through a 30-yard field goal to give the Chiefs a dramatic 23-20 victory over the Chargers on Monday night.

"Our guys were saying, 'It ain't over 'till it's over. Keep playing, and digging,'" Chiefs coach Todd Haley said. "You never know what will happen."

Kansas City (4-3) became the first team in NFL history to lose its first three games and share at least part of a division lead after four more. The Chiefs are also the first team since the Pittsburgh Steelers in 2000 to win four straight games after losing their first three.

Rivers could have prevented all of it from happening.

"I haven't had one in years," Rivers said of the fumbled snap. "It's unfortunate. I dropped it. This one is rough. You blow it on a play that never should have happened."

Kansas City had its own chance to win in regulation, but Matt Cassel overthrew his wide receiver in Chargers territory and Eric Weddle's second interception sent the game to

overtime.

San Diego won the toss but failed to pick up a first down, and Cassel calmly led Kansas City down field. Succop's field goal with 5:16 remaining gave the Chiefs their fourth straight win and moved them into a tie with San Diego (4-3) and the idle Oakland Raiders (4-3) in the division.

"We were saying, 'Don't quit,'" Studebaker said. "You never quit, even if it looks ugly. If you quit every

time something looks ugly, you miss an opportunity to do something special."

Boy, was this one ever ugly.

Rivers wound up throwing for 369 yards, but he also had two interceptions and one big fumble.

The teams combined for eight turnovers, matching the most in an NFL game this season. The Chargers were

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NFL seeing record number of comebacks

NEW YORK (AP) — No lead is safe in the NFL this year, especially if a bad team is holding it against a good team. Sunday's rally by the Ravens (the good team) to beat the Cardinals (the bad team) is proof.

It also was the fifth time this season someone has come back from 20 or more points down to win. That's already a league record with nine weeks remaining on the schedule.

The Ravens were well aware that big comebacks have been almost routine in 2011, so even while trailing 24-3 they never lost faith.

Nor should they have considering the Car-

dinals have one of the worst pass defenses in football and are one of the leaders in turning over the ball.

"You're going to keep fighting," coach John Harbaugh said of the Ravens' attitude at halftime. "If you watch around this league, you can come back and win."

Just as the Lions did against the Cowboys and the 49ers did at Philadelphia on Oct. 2. Detroit trailed by 24 points in the third quarter and San Francisco was behind by 20 in the second half against the Eagles.

And just as the Bills

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TEXANS TAKE THE FIELD — As the flag football season comes to an end in Big Spring, the Texans take the field for their last game of the year. Courtesy photo

La Russa retires after winning World Series

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Tony La Russa waited until after the championship parade and then called a team meeting with his players.

"We didn't know what to expect," said pitcher Chris Carpenter, who won Game 7 of the World Series against Texas on Friday night. "I think we all figured it was just going to be like, 'That-a-way guys. Great year. Way to battle!' Instead, he dropped that on us. I think everybody was caught off-guard."

And with that, the 67-year-old La Russa said goodbye to baseball and became the first manager to retire immediately after leading his team to a Series title — the third of his career.

"I think this just feels like it's time to end it," he said Monday. "When I look in the mirror, I know I'd come back for the wrong reasons, and I didn't want to do that."

La Russa said he told general manager John Mozeliak of his decision in August — before the Cards rallied from a 10½-game deficit in the NL wild-card race to upset Philadelphia and Milwaukee in the playoffs.

They won the thrilling seven-game Series after twice coming within a strike of elimination in Game 6.

"I tip my hat to him. He's had a great career. What a way to go out," Washington Nationals manager Davey Johnson said.

The player meeting was short and emotional.

"Some grown men cried," La Russa said, joking that, "I kind of liked that because they made me cry a few times."

La Russa won the World Series with Oakland in 1989, and St. Louis in 2006 and this year, joining Sparky Anderson as the only manager to win with clubs in both leagues.

During 33 seasons with the Chicago White Sox (1979-86), Oakland (1986-95) and St. Louis (1996-11), La Russa compiled a 2,728-2,365 regular-season record. He trails only Connie Mack (3,731) and John McGraw (2,763) for wins. And his 70 postseason victories are behind only Joe Torre's 84.

A rare manager with a law degree, La Russa was voted AL Manager of the Year three times, and NL Manager of the Year in 2002. He will be up for consideration for the Hall of Fame in December 2013, at the same time as Torre and Bobby Cox.

"I think you can make a case for him as best of all-time. Absolutely," said Detroit manager Jim Leyland, who coached for La Russa with the White Sox after managing against him in the minors.

Leyland said La Russa was the "total package" as a manager, obsessing over the lineup card, outfoxing opponents during games and refusing to bend to public opinion.

"Terry Francona used to say 'If you manage for the guys in the seats, pretty soon you'll be sitting with 'em.' Tony never worried about that stuff," Leyland said. "It's a good lesson for managers."

La Russa revolutionized the sport during his time with Oakland, making Dennis Eckersley a one-inning closer. Now, it's common for all 30 big league teams.

"He's been an outstanding leader of many different teams under many different circumstances, and that's hard to do," said New York Mets general manager Sandy Alderson, La Russa's GM with the Athletics.

La Russa had unusual strategies: He started a game with the pitcher batting eighth 432 times. He was renowned for his use of batter-pitcher matchups in determining which reliever to bring in, but also ridiculed "Moneyball" and its emphasis on statistics over human scouting and observation.

Potential successors include Francona, Jim Riggleman and Joe Maddon, who has one year left on his deal in Tampa Bay but has expressed interest in the Cardinals in the past.

A pal of Bobby Knight, Bill Parcells and Bill Belichick, La Russa was an outspoken supporter of PETA and animal rights, and could be seen during spring training years ago in Phoenix hitting fly balls to one of his dogs.

He was treated at the Mayo Clinic in May for shingles, which left his face swollen and right eye nearly shut. The manager downplayed his health, saying "it had no bearing on my future."

La Russa spoke with little emotion at the news conference with one exception, when he paused to compose himself as he thanked his wife, Elaine, and two daughters for putting up with his absence over much of his long tenure.

The news conference was held at 9 a.m. CDT, giving La

Russa time to get to New York for an appearance on Monday's "Late Show with David Letterman" during which he joked a bit with the host.

Letterman asked La Russa how he was able to manage for so long and La Russa replied, "Uh, I don't know. How long have you done this?"

Letterman's reply: "This is my first night."

La Russa willingly shared credit for his longevity, telling Letterman that Dave Duncan "will go down in the history of the game."

And though he never relocated to St. Louis, La Russa had warm thoughts for the city.

"You don't like to disparage anybody else, David, but it's a unique place 'cause most places, they're with you win or tie, but with them, it's win or lose."

La Russa often appeared tightlipped at his televised postgame news conferences, but behind the scenes he showed his sense of humor and often poked fun at himself by referencing his .199 career big league average in a playing career that consisted of 176 at-bats over 11 years as a second baseman, shortstop and third baseman. The manager was looser than usual and more reflective in October, perhaps doing a personal farewell tour.

La Russa donned a throwback Sam Bradford jersey on the sideline before the Rams' upset of the Saints on Sunday.

"I saw him smile more in the last few months during games than I ever saw in the

eight years that I was here before it," Carpenter said. "He was enjoying the moment, but I didn't know it."

La Russa gave a signal of his intentions to Duncan, his former teammate and his pitching coach since they were together on the White Sox. Duncan left the team for several weeks to tend to his ailing wife, and La Russa asked whether Duncan could return in time for the regular-season finale.

Chris Duncan, a son of the pitching coach, who played for La Russa in St. Louis, said he was fairly certain this meant the end.

"Tony wanted his longtime sidekick, the coach who's been with him all the way, with him if it was going to be his last game," Chris Duncan told The Associated Press. "That was important to him."

La Russa said it was definite that he'd never manage again and added he has no desire to be a general manager, a job he described as the hardest in baseball. He would be open to a position in baseball in the future, but probably not with the Cardinals.

"Me personally, I think it's time to step away for a long while," La Russa said.

Hired by Bill Veeck for his first major league managing job with the White Sox, La Russa was fired by White Sox GM Ken Harrelson.

"I allowed the general manager to fire him. That was the worst mistake I ever made," Chicago White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf said. "It turned about to be great for Tony, though."

NASCAR owners injured in plane crash

KEY WEST (AP) — A small jet carrying the owner of NASCAR's top team and his wife lost its brakes and crash landed at a Key West, Fla., airport Monday evening, and the couple suffered minor injuries, officials said. The Gulfstream 150 aircraft ran off the

runway at the Key West International Airport Monday at 7:45 p.m. Rick and Linda Hendrick, a pilot and co-pilot were all taken to Lower Keys Medical Centers. The Hendricks had minor injuries and the pilot and co-pilot were taken in as a precaution, said

county airport director Peter Horton.

The plane is registered to Jimmie Johnson Racing II Incorporated in Charlotte, N.C. Johnson is a five-time defending NASCAR champion and drives for Hendrick Motorsports, which Rick Hendrick owns.

Besides Johnson, Hendrick also fields cars for four-time champion Jeff Gordon, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Mark Martin. The team recently celebrated its 199th career victory in the Sprint Cup Series.

"It was a real big scare. Very frightening

to hear," Earnhardt told reporters in Las Vegas, where he was attending the annual SEMA show, which showcases automotive specialty-equipment. "I'm very glad that he and everybody appears to be OK."

In 2004, a plane Hendrick owned crashed en

route to a race in Martinsville, Va., killing all 10 onboard. That included Hendrick's son, Ricky, his brother and twin nieces. According to the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, the pilot and co-pilot radioed that the plane had no brakes.

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stormed back from 21-0 behind at home to beat New England the previous Sunday, the same day the Lions staged their first humongous rally, overcoming a 20-0 halftime hole at Minnesota.

In nearly every case, the team overcoming the lead was playing an opponent with a weak or struggling defense. Plus, the rallying side was comfortable with a no-huddle of-

fense. That was especially noticeable in Baltimore on Sunday.

"I had seen a couple of teams come back from pretty big deficits this year, and it was our day to do that," quarterback Joe Flacco said.

Added Anquan Boldin, who victimized a porous secondary for seven catches and 145 yards against his former team:

"We felt like they had young corners, and that's one of the things we felt like we could take advantage of, and we did that today. We know we

played poor as an offense in the first half, and we felt like this team wasn't better than us, point-blank. Even though they were up 24-3, we felt like we were able to go out and put drives together and put points on the board."

The penchant for coming back from big deficits has much to do with

the rules favoring offenses nowadays. Teams are unafraid to throw — even those with untested quarterbacks — because of how the game has opened up.

There are so many restrictions on defensive backs and linebackers in pass coverage that the old Woody Hayes standby that when you throw, three things can happen and two of them are bad no longer applies.

Yes, there can be incompletions and interceptions, but there also can be defensive holdings and interferences and illegal hits, all of them being enforced more heavily than ever.

There's also the mindset on the leading team's side. Instead of continuing to do what helped build the big lead, those teams tend to back off a bit, get conservative to protect the lead.

Bang! The lead is gone. "At halftime, we all talked about it," Cardinals quarterback Kevin Kolb said.

"We knew what was coming in the second half. You can't let down in this league, especially against a team like

this. It wasn't a lack of focus, it was a lack of execution.

"This league is all about trying to find a way to win. I give them credit for the great comeback they had. In the second half they brought a little bit more pressure."

Exactly. The trailing team gets extra aggressive and, too often, the team in front gets a tad comfortable.

Oddly, the level of experience doesn't seem to matter in this year's comeback scenarios. None of the club's that lost, not even the Cardinals, is callow. New England, Minnesota, Philadelphia and Dallas all are filled with veterans, many of them solid players.

Yet they succumbed. "When you're playing this game, you have to play loose, no matter what," Boldin said.

"No matter how you look, you still have to play loose. Whenever you are tight, guys just try to make things happen and end up making mistakes, and that's not how you play football." At least not winning football.

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Had declarer spent a bit more time devising a plan at the very beginning, he might have found an easy solution to his problem. All he had to do was to win the opening club lead with the king rather than the eight, cash the K-J of hearts and ace of clubs, then lead a club toward dummy's J-9. This would have assured him of an entry to dummy and nine easy tricks.

Always plan the play!

Tomorrow: Solution to a predicament.
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called for 12 penalties worth 105 yards in a gruesome game on Halloween night.

One that looked pretty in the end to Kansas City.

The Chiefs got off to an abysmal start this season, losing their first two games by a combined 89-10 and then dropping their third game on the road, at San Diego. Along the

way, the Chiefs lost Pro Bowl running back Jamaal Charles, safety Eric Berry and tight end Tony Moeaki for the season.

They started moving in the right direction against division door-mats Minnesota and Indianapolis, and then romped to a 28-0 win over Oakland last week.

Now, they are tied for the lead in the AFC West.

"It's everybody," Haley said. "And I hate to mention one with-

out mentioning them all, because everybody fought their tail ends off to make that result what it was."

The Chiefs had things going early, getting a 36-yard field goal from Succop in the first quarter and then capitalizing on Rivers' second interception in the first few minutes.

With the ball at the Chargers 39, Cassel dropped back to pass and saw Jonathan Baldwin streaking for the end zone. The wide receiver out-jumped fellow rookie Marcus Gilchrist for his first career touchdown catch, giving the Chiefs a 10-0 lead.

Novak kicked a field goal midway through the second quarter for San Diego, but he missed another late in the second quarter, and Succop hit one with just a few ticks on the clock for a 13-3 halftime lead.

The Chargers defense kept them in the game in the third quarter, holding the Chiefs to two three-and-outs and picking off Cassel for the second time. Kansas City only managed 44 yards of offense in the second and third quarters combined.

Novak kicked three field goals in the third quarter, drawing the Chargers within 13-12, but their inability to get into the end zone cost them dearly.

Kansas City finally got its offense in gear,

marching 74 yards in 10 plays early in the fourth quarter. Jackie Battle finished off the drive by leaping over the scrum from a yard out, giving the Chiefs a 20-12 lead with 12:01 left.

It sure didn't last long.

Rivers completed four straight passes covering 74 yards — one for 27 yards to Vincent Jackson on third-and-13 — before Curtis Brinkley leaped in from 2 yards out for the Chargers' first touchdown.

Going for the 2-point conversion and the tie, Rivers floated a pass to Brinkley in the flat and he was thrown back by cornerback Brandon Carr. The officials ruled that Brinkley nudged the ball over the goal line, though, and the decision was upheld by video review.

It was the fourth replay call that went against the Chiefs.

Rivers' butterfingers made that a moot point.

"They had no timeouts. We were in position to go kick the game-winning field goal," Chargers coach Norv Turner said. "It didn't happen. It looked to me like Philip got a little anxious and came out early. That's a very unusual way to not win a game."

Notes: The Chargers signed LB Bront Bird from the practice squad and released WR Bryan Walters before the game.

Chiefs S Jon McGraw left the game with a shoulder injury. ... San Diego CB Quentin Jammer left the game in the second half with cramps.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

This is the Mexican Day of the Dead, a time to celebrate and honor our ancestors and all who've passed before us. While we're at it, we may as well invite them to share any wisdom, insight or good vibes from the great beyond. Don't expect an immediate response, though, as Mercury squared with Neptune makes for a three-day delay.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Someone will suggest that your presentation was close but not quite right. This person may have some insights you can use. Then again, this person isn't the final word that can put you through to the next level.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Just because it has never been done before doesn't mean you can't do it. By the same token, just because it has been done before doesn't mean you won't be the one to do it different and better.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll close the gap between two friends who don't know how to get along. You'll hold the space between them and act as a buffer. You'll also be an interpreter of sorts, softening their messages to each other.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are so loyal to the terms of your friendships, spoken and unspoken. The only trouble is that the unspoken terms may not be mutually understood. This is your chance to remedy any miscommunication. Be direct.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You refuse to let things get too complicated. You may have felt the need to impress someone before, but you no longer care. You let go of self-consciousness. You have fun, and you are fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You understand what it's like to be too close to a situation to have a useful perspective on it. What looks like a no-brainer to you

may be far from obvious to the person dealing with the situation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Ask yourself what it would take to make big things happen in your world. One idea leads to another. Acting boldly now will save you from tedious, boring work later.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A puzzle needs solving. Take time to list all of the elements. As with jigsaw puzzles, it helps if you first lay out all the pieces on the table, picture side up. Then start sorting.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be paying for a service. A 12 percent to 20 percent tip may be customary, but use your feelings instead of a calculator to figure the amount that's perfect for you. Give what you feel like giving — no more, no less.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There is an opportunity to travel coming up. As long as it is in line with your other goals and purposes and doesn't cut too far into your budget, you will gladly take it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're not sure you have the energy to dive into a project, but dive you will. It's because you trust the process of life. You have a feeling that your adrenaline reserves will kick in when you need them most — and you're right.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There is no need to struggle. When you feel yourself losing your even temper and grounded manner, step back and look at the problem from another angle. The key is to stay calm.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 1). You'll reexamine your relationship with someone you've known a long time. A new point of view will set you free in some way. Perhaps you'll develop strong ties with an old flame. Over the next three months, you'll acquire skills that are more in line with the current job market. 2012 brings fun and laughter. Love signs are Cancer and Virgo. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 37, 28,

52 and 17.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My family has gone through some tough times lately. How can a Sagittarius Mom bring back the good times?"

Your intention to do this will begin to make magic happen for you and your people. Trust the power of your devotion. Look for evidence that life is good for all of you.

As I note in "Rock your Stars: Your Astrological Guide to Getting it All," Sagittarius feels a personal responsibility to make sure the family is thriving:

"Sagittarius, Sagittarius, quite contrary-ous, how does your family tree grow? With babies and marriages, some hilarious, and new ideas right in a row. The new ideas category is key. If you're not introducing at least three new ideas a month to your family, you're not pulling your weight. I'm not talking about new discoveries in quantum physics here. I'm talking "Look, Johnny, I put peas in the macaroni!" or "Hey, we should try that pizza joint on the corner." And occasionally you will have the idea that changes your whole family. For instance, "Sis, I'd like you to meet Bob." Or "Let's set up video conferencing on the computer so we can talk face-to-face with the grandparents in Alaska."

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Comedian Jenny McCarthy returns to the television series "Two and a Half Men" as con artist Courtney, ready to cause mayhem with the show's new character configuration. McCarthy is a Scorpio siren with Venus, Mars, Uranus and Pluto in the highly aesthetic sign of Libra. Her Saturn in Gemini suggests that her witty and wisecracking ways can either be a huge hit or get her into trouble.

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Annie's Mailbox



KATHY MITCHELL
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Beth is talking to a counselor about her issues, and we have started couples counseling. One of our main problems is that she becomes distant when things aren't going well and subconsciously pushes me away.

I have never loved and trusted anyone as much as I do her. How can I support and help her? — *Confused in California*

Dear Confused: You already are being supportive by attending counseling sessions and not pushing Beth to make decisions any sooner than she is able.

We hope counseling will help you reach a satisfactory resolution. If so, your relationship will be stronger than ever.

But please understand it is also possible that underlying issues will come to light and one of you might decide that marriage is not in the cards. This is neither good nor bad. It is simply how things sometimes work out.

Dear Annie: I have a former school friend, "Paula,"

who has lived in another state for 30 years.

She and her husband visit relatives in our area once or twice a year. She has hinted that they would like to stay overnight at our house.

We have one guest bedroom, but my husband uses it as his bedroom.

We would rather Paula not know that we have separate bedrooms.

I would like Paula and her husband to visit our home but find lodging elsewhere. She is always inviting us to stay with them, and we turn the offers down because if we accepted, we would be obligated to return the favor. What can we do? — *Prefer Privacy*

Dear Prefer: Do some legwork and find hotels or motels nearby. (We assume there are reasons she cannot stay at the homes of her various relatives.)

You are not obligated to put them up at your house. It's OK to say, "We wish we could accommodate you, but it is simply not possible. However, there's a lovely motel a few

miles away, and we'd be thrilled to pick you up and bring you here for dinner."

Dear Annie: You printed a letter from "Bruised in Nebraska," the 12-year-old boy who said his brother yelled at him and hit him, and whose mother refused to get involved. Your answer wasn't strong enough.

It is possible the writer's brother is, in fact, an abuser in the making, and the mother is in denial.

So what if he provokes his brother? The boy has to learn that he cannot hurt anyone, regardless of provocation. Avoiding him will not solve the problem.

The only helpful advice you gave was to talk to the school counselor and his doctor. Hopefully, "Bruised" will seek guidance before the brother does something that cannot be undone. — *Los Angeles, Calif.*

Dear Los Angeles: Many readers were upset because we said siblings can provoke each other into hitting. Others said the brother was

mentally ill. Many readers assumed "Bruised" was female and should be treated the same as a spousal abuse victim.

Since we didn't have that much information, we treated this as a sibling rivalry that was getting out of hand, and since the parents were doing nothing, the school authorities and the family physician would be the best way to report it. We appreciate our readers' concern and hope "Bruised" follows through.

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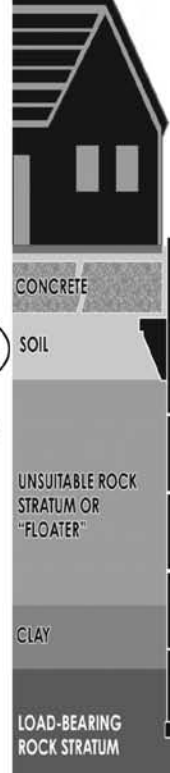
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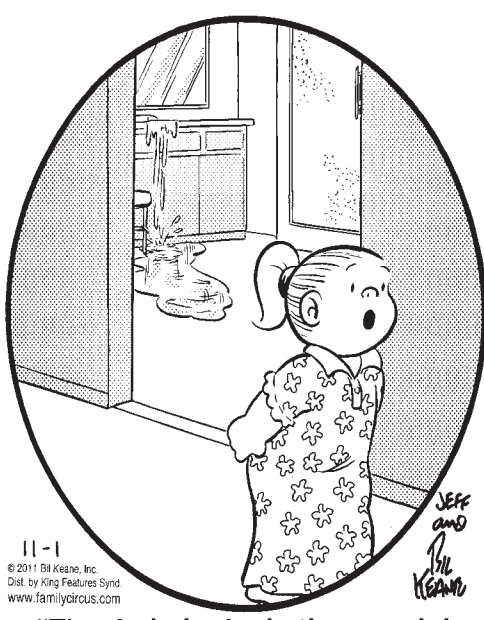
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"Wow! This must be the new wireless model."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



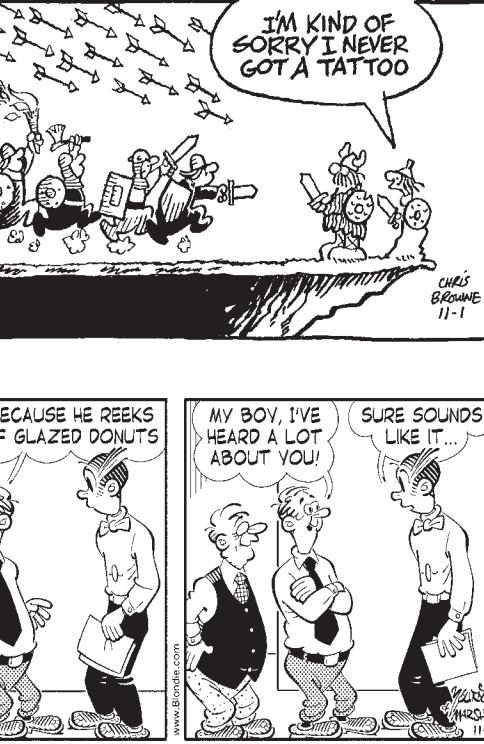
"The drain in the bathroom sink isn't swallowing!"

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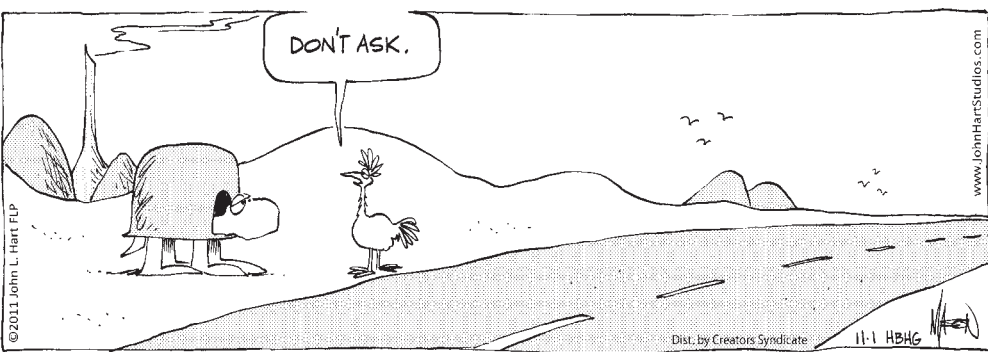
AT A TIME LIKE THIS, DO YOU HAVE ANY REGRETS?

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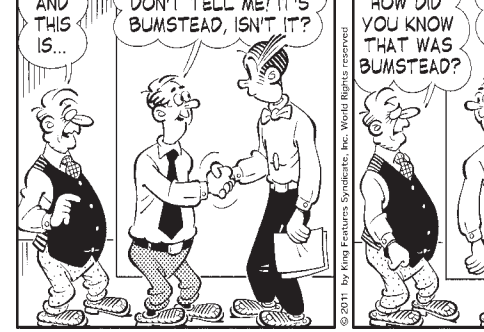
AND THIS IS... DON'T TELL ME! IT'S BUMSTEAD, ISN'T IT?

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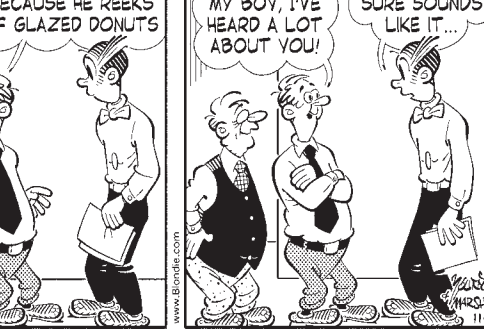
DON'T ASK.

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HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT WAS BUMSTEAD?

BLONDIE



MY BOY, I'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT YOU!

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 1, the 305th day of 2011. There are 60 days left in the year. This is All Saints Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 1, 1861, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln named Gen. George B. McClellan General-in-Chief of the Union armies, succeeding Winfield Scott.

On this date:

In 1512, Michelangelo finished painting the ceiling of the Vatican's Sistine Chapel.

In 1765, the Stamp Act went into effect, prompting stiff resistance from American colonists.

In 1870, the United States Weather Bureau made its first meteorological observations.

In 1936, in a speech in Milan, Italy, Benito Mussolini described the alliance between his country and Nazi Germany as an "axis" running between Rome and Berlin.

In 1950, two Puerto Rican

nationalists tried to force their way into Blair House in Washington, D.C., in a failed attempt to assassinate President Harry S. Truman. (One of the pair was killed, along with a White House police officer.)

In 1952, the United States exploded the first hydrogen bomb, code-named "Ivy Mike," at Eniwetok (en-ih-WEE'-tahk) Atoll in the Marshall Islands.

In 1954, Algerian nationalists began their successful rebellion against French rule.

In 1968, the Motion Picture Association of America unveiled its new voluntary film rating system: G for general, M for mature (later changed to GP, then PG), R for restricted and X (later changed to NC-17) for adults only.

In 1979, former first lady Mamie Eisenhower died in Washington, D.C., at age 82.

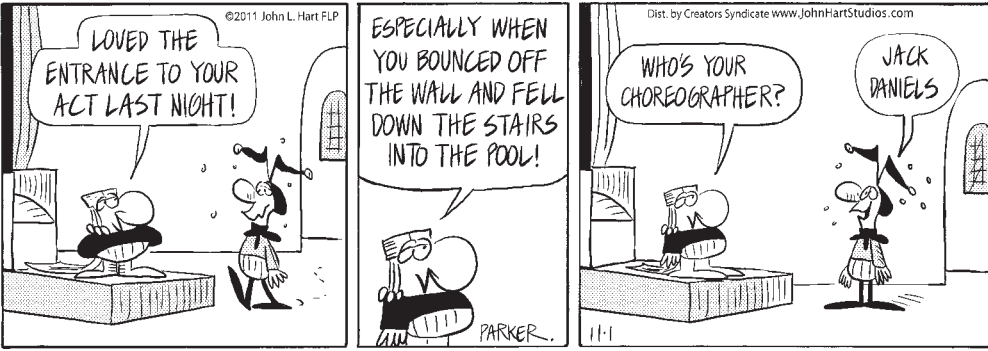
In 1989, East Germany reopened its border with Czechoslovakia, prompting tens of thousands of refugees to flee to the West.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Betsy Palmer is 85. Golfer Gary Player is 76. Country singer Bill Anderson is 74. Actress Barbara Bosson is 72. Actor Robert Foxworth is 70. Actress

Marcia Wallace is 69. Magazine publisher Larry Flynt is 69. Country singer-humorist Kinky Friedman is 67. Actress Jeannie Berlin is 62. Music producer David Foster is 62. Rhythm-and-blues musician Ronald Khalis Bell (Kool and the Gang) is 60. Country singer-songwriter-producer Keith Stegall is 57. Country singer Lyle Lovett is 54. Actress Rachel Ticotin is 53. Rock musician Eddie MacDonald (The Alarm) is 52. Rock singer Anthony Kiedis (Red Hot Chili Peppers) is 49. Pop singer-musician Mags Furuholmen (a-ha) is 49. Rock musician Rick Allen (Def Leppard) is 48. Country singer "Big Kenny" Alphin (Big and Rich) is 48.

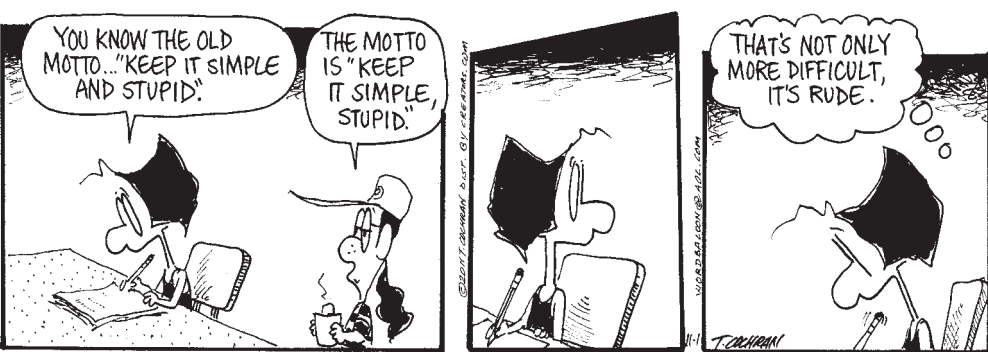
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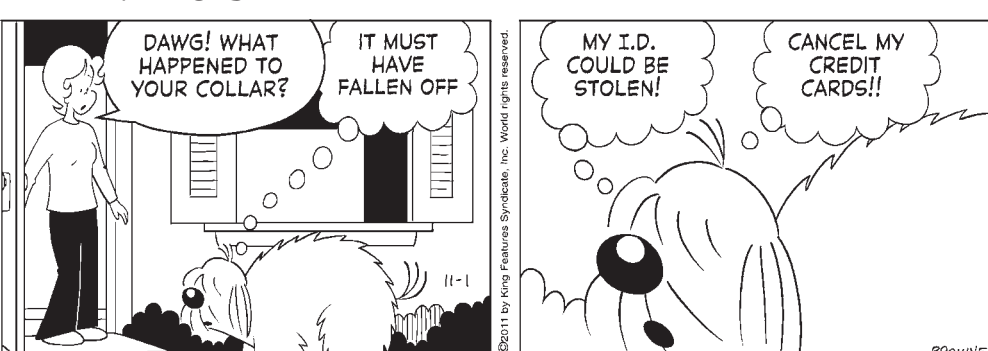
LOVED THE ENTRANCE TO YOUR ACT LAST NIGHT!

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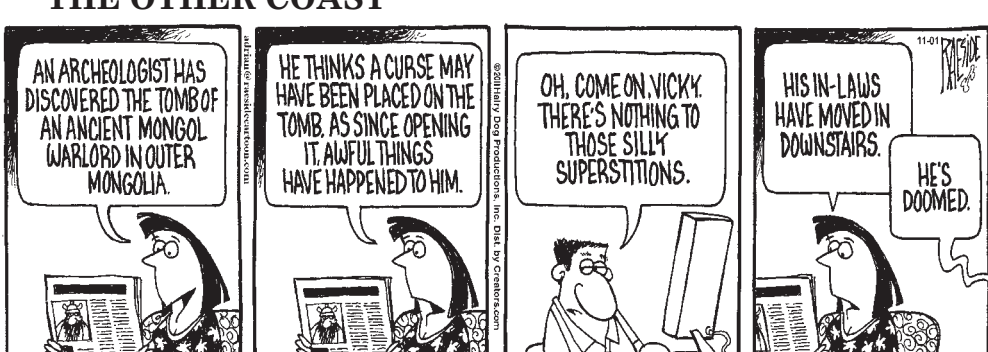
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HI AND LOIS



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YOU SHORE THIS IS WHAT TH' JUDGE MEANT BY COMMUNITY SERVICE, SHERIFF?

BEELE BAILEY



DO YOU REALLY NEED A RECEPTIONIST, SARGE?

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Bits of wordplay
 - 5 Lasting mark
 - 9 Craving
 - 13 Leading the pack
 - 15 Secret writing
 - 16 Marsh plant
 - 17 Hospital staffer
 - 18 Oodles
 - 19 Explosive sound
 - 20 Scary campfire narrative
 - 22 Real-estate measure
 - 23 Mouth, slangily
 - 24 Felt bad about
 - 26 Toy that spins
 - 29 Pigeon sound
 - 31 Appear to be
 - 32 Thirty minutes
 - 35 Words to a song
 - 39 Neck of the woods
 - 40 Former French money
 - 43 Hullabaloo
 - 44 "To repeat..."
 - 46 Ship's window
 - 48 Hand jewelry
 - 51 Performing pair
 - 52 Prescription, for short
 - 53 Go 18 holes
 - 57 Approx. landing hour
 - 59 Informal contraction
 - 60 Traditional narrative
 - 65 ___ good example
 - 66 Cleveland's lake
- DOWN
- 1 Sharp twinge
 - 2 "Nope!"
 - 3 Infamous Roman emperor
 - 4 Smart-alecky
 - 5 "Scram!"
 - 6 Tint
 - 7 Is wild about
 - 8 Enter data again
 - 9 Modern-lore narrative
 - 10 Do a double-take
 - 11 Artistic category
 - 12 Moved sideways
 - 14 Unfasten
 - 21 Good-natured parody
 - 25 Snakelike fish
 - 26 Spicy Asian cuisine
 - 27 Rowboat accessories
 - 28 Defendant's answer
 - 30 My group's
 - 33 Child's bedtime narrative
 - 34 Gentle knock
 - 36 Kitchen or den
 - 37 Doing nothing
 - 38 Not for boys only
 - 41 Silent assent
 - 42 Ruthless
 - 45 Use a shovel
 - 47 Carved poles
 - 49 "Be brave!"
 - 50 Pop singer Estefan
 - 53 Ziti or rigatoni
 - 54 Rest atop
 - 55 Caper
 - 56 Trifle (with)
 - 58 One more time
 - 61 Door openers
 - 62 Therefore
 - 63 1492 ship
 - 64 Short footrace

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