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Baby scalded; suspect jailed

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

STANTON — A 1-year-old Martin County boy is listed in serious condition at University Medical Center in Lubbock and a 24-year-old Stanton man is in custody after law enforcement officials say the child was injured by scalding water Tuesday evening.



Peña

Dominick Peña, 24, has been charged with injury to a child, a first-degree felony. Martin County Sheriff John Woodward said Peña was still in the custody of the sheriff's office this morning after his bond had been set at \$100,000.

According to law enforcement reports, officers were called to the Martin County Hospital Tuesday at approximately 7:10 p.m. after a Stanton woman brought the child to the emergency room. Statements given by the child's mother indicate she had left the 1-year-old alone with her

boyfriend, Peña, while she had gone to work.

She told officers that while she was at work, she received a phone call from Peña telling her the child had been burned. The child is believed to have suffered second-degree burns over much of his body, caused by scalding-hot water.

Woodward confirmed the

investigation into the incident was coming to a close, saying Peña had given officers a statement. However, he declined to go into details, deferring instead to Stanton Police Chief Fred Shroyer, whose department has taken the lead in the investigation.

"The Martin County

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Fire burns apartment in Coahoma

By AMANDA MORENO
Staff Writer

Howard County Volunteer Fire Department crews responded to a structure fire at the Coahoma Apartments, located at 300 Furrh St., Wednesday evening.

"We received a call around 7:10 p.m. and upon arrival there was heavy smoke," Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan said.

Crews entered the apartment complex and within eight minutes had the fire contained and extinguished, Sullivan said. The fire was found to be started by an electrical panel and then moved through the ceiling, according to Sullivan.

"All the occupants were accounted for and evacuated from the complex," Sullivan said.

The four-unit complex was home to eight to 10 individuals who had to find places to stay due to the heavy smoke and heat damage to the entire complex.

"I had offered to contact the Red Cross, but all of the families had places to go for the night," Sullivan said.

Oncor was called to assist



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Community businesses, organizations and individuals have been hard at work decorating their Christmas trees for the Heritage Museum Christmas Tree Forest. Christina Grove and Laurie Barraza decorated their tree Wednesday afternoon. The forest will open to the public from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday and remain on display through Dec. 21. Regular museum hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday.

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Veterans Day events welcome everyone

By AMANDA MORENO
Staff Writer

For years, the Crossroads area has come together on Veterans Day and this year will be no different.

Area residents are invited to participate in a community-wide event at Howard College Friday at 11 a.m.

"Veterans Day is just one day out of 365 that we should stop and take a moment to remember our veterans and say thank you," said Iva Jo Hanslik, Big Spring VA Medical Center community relations coordinator.

After the program there will be an appreciation luncheon for veterans and their families, provided through donations from individuals in the community.

"This is a special day, and we should not only remember those who sacrificed so much for us, but also say thank you for all they have given," Hanslik said. "The numbers we are losing in the war have gone

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VETERANS

BSISD sets early release for Friday

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring Independent School District will have early dismissal of classes for grades 7-12 Friday to allow students to attend the Region I Volleyball Meet in Snyder.

Big Spring High School's Lady Steers will take on Andrews at 1 p.m. Friday on the Western Texas College campus. The winner will advance to the finals Saturday to face either Abilene Wylie or Monahans.

Grades 7-12 will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. Friday. Grades K-6 will remain in school until their regular dismissal times unless a parent or guardian signs their child out through the office.

Transportation will run at 11:30 a.m. for grades 7-12 and at the regular time for grades K-6.

District officials said Big Spring's appearance at regional volleyball meet will be the school's first since 1977. Winner of this weekend's Region I Tournament will advance to state.

Parade deadline is Friday

By BILL McCLELLAN
Managing Editor

What's free, a lot of fun and ... wild? "A Wild West Christmas," of course, this year's Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade.

So why is the *Herald* bugging you about something that's almost a month away? Well, to remind you the deadline to enter is Friday, as in tomorrow, Veterans Day.

It almost got by you, huh?

Well, there's still time to enter. It only takes a minute or two, and you don't even have to have your plans finalized. The *Herald* just needs to know your intentions so that parade coordinator Rick Nunez can begin working on the lineup, assign numbers for the judges and get everything ready — a time consuming task, for sure. The parade will be held

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Obituaries

Martha Cargile Fielder



Martha Cargile Fielder, 87, of Abilene, formerly of Big Spring died Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011, in an Abilene hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Mike Couch officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 11, 2011, at the funeral home.

Martha was born Jan. 31, 1924, in Franklin County, Texas, to Hallie Arrington and Robert Howard "Bob" Cargile. She grew up amidst a large and loving family in Mt. Vernon, Texas. Her alma mater was East Texas State University. Upon completing her studies she came to Big Spring to work for her brother-in-law's business, Kyle Gray Transfer.

While in Big Spring, she met R.O. "Dick" Fielder and they were married on Oct. 20, 1946, in Franklin County, Texas. He preceded her in death June 30, 1982. Martha taught 35 years in Big Spring public schools, retiring in 1985. She was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Big Spring and an active member of the Questers Sunday School Class.

Martha Fielder was a modest person who quietly and lovingly cared for all, especially those in need. Her family and friends have all been inspired by her daily example, her faith, and her lifetime of loving-kindness.

In 2005, Martha moved to Abilene where she lived in assisted living near members of her family.

She is survived by two sons, Fred Fielder of Lytle and Bob Fielder of Abilene and their dear families.

She is preceded in death by her parents; five sisters; four brothers; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First Baptist Church, 705 West FM 700, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Emma Gene Chandler



Emma Gene Chandler, 84, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011, at First Baptist Church Chapel with the Rev. Mark Lindsey officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born April 29, 1927. She lived most of her life in Big Spring. She married Perry Chandler on June 21, 1947, in Rockwall, Texas, and he preceded her in death on June 29, 1994. She worked for more than 20 years at Cosden Credit Union. She was an active member of First Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Joy Aldridge of Big Spring; a son, Craig Chandler and wife Lesley of Big Spring; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to First Baptist Church, 705 W FM 700, Big Spring, TX 79720.

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Cynthia Middleton



Cynthia Middleton, 68, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011, at her daughter's residence. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

She was born July 11, 1943, in Detroit, Mich., to Marla and James Cameron. She married Robert L. "Bob" Middleton, April 18, 1964, in Tucson, Ariz. They moved to Big Spring in 1976 from El Paso. He preceded her in death on March 6, 1999. Cynthia was a homemaker and a caregiver, having cared for her husband for many years. She then did home care for many other people. She was a Baptist having attended Hillcrest and College Baptist churches.

Cynthia is survived by one daughter: Brenda Hamm of Big Spring; one son: Michael Middleton and his wife Taylor of Georgia; two grandchildren: Ashley Saiz and her husband Jonath of Big Spring and Sean Middleton of Georgia; one great-grandson: Caleb Saiz of Big Spring; mother-in-law: Mae Lipscomb of Greer, S.C.; two brothers: Bruce Cameron and his wife Carolyn of Dallas and Jay Cameron and his wife Carolyn of Washington; and a very dear friend: Lura Perry.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents.

The family wishes to express their thanks to their expanded family: Dr. Barclay, staff at Family Medical Center, and everyone at Crossroads Hospice.

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Paid obituary

Joyce Harris



Joyce Harris, 82, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, 2011, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Don Snipes officiating. Graveside services will be at

4 p.m. at the Sweetwater Cemetery.

She was born Feb. 7, 1929, in Sweetwater, Texas, to Venie and E.J. Kuykendall. She grew up in Sweetwater. She married Harvey Harris on Jan. 21, 1950, in Sweetwater. They moved to Big Spring in 1953. She attended Gulf Coast Business School in Sweetwater and worked at Higginbotham Bartlett while in Sweetwater. She retired in 1995 from Delta Lightning Arrestors after 32 years. She was a faithful member of Baptist Temple Church. She served 27 years in bus ministries at five Big Spring churches.

She is survived by her husband, Harvey Harris of Big Spring; one brother, Pete Kuykendall of Fort Worth; two nephews, Tim Kuykendall and wife Phyllis of Fort Worth and Don Kuykendall and wife Christy of Tampa, Fla.; and a niece, Tobie Kuykendall of Austin.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Donald Ray Kuykendall Sr., of Sweetwater.

Pallbearers will be Tim Kuykendall, Daryl Wood, Allan Johnson, Jim Grummett, Jimmy Edwards and Jason Campos.

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

Paid obituary



Ventura G. 'Raymond' Martinez

Ventura G. "Raymond" Martinez, 65, of Knott died Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011, at his residence. Prayer services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, 2011, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will follow at Ackerly Cemetery.

He was born July 14, 1946, in Charcas San Luis, Potosi to Matilia and Isabel H. Martinez. He has been a resident of Knott for more than 40 years, where he was a farmer. He married Elvira Cerna on Jan. 31, 1973, in Lovington, N.M. He most recently pastured Templo Central De Alabanza Church.

He is survived by his wife, Elvira Martinez of Knott; children, Ernesto Rivera of Knott, Rudy Rivera, Robert Rivera and wife Rosie, Jeannie Fonseca, Frankie Hernandez, Jesus C. Hernandez and wife Jo Ann R, Max Hernandez and wife Adela, all of Big Spring, Liz Hernandez of Knott, Carol Venus and husband Jose of Weatherford, Patsy Chavez and husband Pablo of Garden City, Jose Hernandez and wife Marcie of Big Spring, Adam Hernandez and wife Sandra of Ackerly, Rebecca Rivera of Knott and Cruz Martinez of Georgia; 51 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren; three brothers: Jesus Martinez and wife Maria of Big Spring, Fidel Martinez and wife Maria of Mexico and Chano Martinez of Mexico; sisters: Louisa Zavala and wife Antonio of Big Spring, Julia Hernandez and husband Pedro of Mexico, and Natalia Martinez of Mexico; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Salvador Martinez.

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

Elidia R. Herrera

Elidia R. Herrera, 65, of Lakeway, died Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011, in a Lakeway nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Jean Hart

Jean Hart, 78, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Douglas Beams Sr.

Douglas Beams Sr., 92, of Floresville, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Sheriff's Office has assisted with the investigation in various forms throughout," Woodward said. "The investigation has come to a close, however, and we're at a point where we'll have to wait for the indictment. We have his (Peña's) statement, and it's pretty straight forward."

According to Shroyer, officers determined Peña immersed the child in scalding hot water. Shroyer would not confirm if Peña's alleged actions were intentional or accidental, citing the ongoing investigation. "The child was airlifted to Lubbock's University Medical Center Burn Unit with first-degree and second-degree

burns to approximately 14 percent of his body," Shroyer said.

Shroyer also declined to comment on the details of Peña's statement, saying he expects to be able to hand the case over to the 118th District Court District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson sometime next week.

If convicted on the first-degree felony charge, Peña could face between five to 99 years to life in prison.

Eric Finley, communications manager for University Medical Center in Lubbock, said the child will continue to undergo treatment, although it is currently unclear what kind of long-term damage may have been done.

"It's too early to comment on that," Finley said. "We just don't know yet."

BSISD board meets today

HERALD Staff Report

A myriad of reports and business items fill a lengthy agenda for Big Spring Independent School District trustees, who convene at 5:15 p.m. today in the high school boardroom.

Board members will hear reports on No Child Left Behind, an early college program through Howard Col-

lege, a special education performance based site visit with the Texas Education Agency, expenditures totaling more than \$50,000 and a public forum update.

The board will also review legal policies and act on local policies, approve the tax roll, consider the Howard County Appraisal District director election and consider food service

and maintenance and transportation bids.

Discussion of the district's athletic fields is on the agenda, as well as possible action related to the provision of additional water supply at Memorial Stadium.

Other items include employment recommendations, resignations and retirements, enrollment figures and a staff development update.

The board room is located in front of the Big Spring High School at 707 11th Place.

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Jack Walter Mitchell, 81, died Sunday. Memorial services were at 10 a.m. today at the Senior Citizens Center.

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VETERANS

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down due to improvements in body armor, but the mental damage is much higher and the stress of returning to their lives back at home become harder to deal with."

Hanslik said statistics show there are about 15 veterans a day committing suicide, due to the difficulty they are having readjusting to their daily lives.

Other activities for Friday include the

following:

Students at Marcy Elementary will have their annual Freedom March at 8:30 a.m. The students will take their march down the Wasson Road side of the school.

Hangar 25 Air Museum will be remembering and honoring those who served their country at an ice cream social from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and revealing a new exhibit — Hangar History: A Flight Through.

The event is open to the entire community.

Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veteran's Home will be honoring their residents at 2 p.m. Friday in a special service.

Residents will be presented with a certificate bearing the insignia of the branch of U.S. Armed Forces in which they served. There will be a wreath-laying, singing of the national anthem and a medley of patriotic songs by the Big Spring Junior High Choir and in-memory-of roll call and presentation of flags and branch certificates by VFW Post No. 2013. Balloons will also be released in honor of veterans who have lost their lives after the playing of Taps.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@big-springherald.com

PARADE

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at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3.

"We've got a lot of entries already and we're anticipating a lot more Friday," said Nunez. "We encourage anyone to take part in this festive event. It's always a lot of fun."

To enter, fax or bring in a completed form to the Herald.

"We can fax or email forms to people who re-

quest them if they don't have one. The forms are important because they give us specific information such as which category they fall in," said Nunez.

There are five basic categories: individual/family, civic/school, commercial, individual and mounted.

Three awards will be presented to eligible entries: Best of Show,

which is best interpretation of the theme; Publisher's Award, for best use of lighting; and the Grand Marshal's Award, for best costuming. The Herald will also be awarding certificates in the five categories.

"Our theme this year, A Wild West Christmas, presents an opportunity to get really creative with your entry," said Nunez. "We're anticipat-

ing some great floats." Grand marshal will be Howard College Rodeo Coach Greg Kernick.

Anyone who has questions about the event is asked to contact Nunez at 432-264-7331 or by email at rick@thebig-springherald.com. The Herald's fax number is 264-7205.

The Herald is located at 710 Scurry.

"I think this will be

one of the best parades we've had. It's certainly generating a lot of excitement and we'd love you to be a participant," said Nunez. "And remember, it's free to enter. There is no charge."

Bill McClellan can be reached at 432-264-7331, ext. 230 or by email at editor@bigspringherald.com

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD



By Eddy Pitchford

We enjoy the televised "surprise returns" of war veterans. Typically, a father returns unannounced, walks into his child's classroom and is greeted with laughter, tears and hugs. The strength of the uniformed warrior is gladly exchanged for sniffles, slobbers and kisses.

There has been nothing to suggest this day is any different from the other days of waiting. The morning breakfast, the school activities and then...the enlisted hero walks in and the reunion begins!

While many connecting points can be made to this basic storyline, let me encourage you and your children to understand: *Your heavenly father is not so caught up in life battles elsewhere that He is absent from your classroom and daily life.*

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YOUR VIEWS

Veterans Day

TO THE EDITOR:

Before I begin, I want to thank Woody Enos of Big Spring for his e-mail titled: The Grey-Haired Brigade.

Additionally, I want to apologize to the editors of the Big Spring Herald. In last month's letter, I stated the Herald did not cover the tea party rally in Big Spring. I learned, after submitting the letter that I had mistaken dates. The Herald did indeed cover the event when it happened. I thank them for that and for printing my letter containing the erroneous information.

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, the allies of World War I and Germany signed an armistice at Compiègne, France. One year later, President Wilson proclaimed Nov. 11 a holiday, stating "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the countries service..." The original concept for the celebration was a day observed with parades, public meetings and brief suspension of business at 11 a.m. June 4, 1926, the U.S. Congress passed a resolution stating in part "The 11th of November 1918, marked the cession of the most destructive and far reaching war in human annals ..." Additionally, it proclaimed "...this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving, prayers and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will ..."

A U.S. Code, approved May 13, 1983, stated the Armistice day was primarily set aside to honor veterans. In this code, the word "Armistice" was changed to "Veterans." June 28, 1968, the Uniform Holiday Bill was signed. This bill ensured federal employees three day weekends by celebrating the following days on a Monday: Washington's birthday, Memorial Day, Veteran's Day and Columbus Day. This did not set too well with a great number of the U.S. citizens so on Sept. 20, 1975, President Gerald Ford signed Public Law 94-97 which returned the observance of Veterans Day to its original Nov. 11 date.

Let me remind us all of the sacrifices made by the veterans of all our wars. It is the veteran, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion. It is the veteran, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press. It is the veteran, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech. The right to vote is given to us, not by the politician, but by the veteran. The veteran has acquired for us so many more blessings. Reflect on this Nov. 11, 2011.

In closing, let me quote a portion of a poem written by a person of unknown name " ... There was a silence all around the throne, where the saints had often trod. As the soldier waited quietly, for the judgment of his God ' Step forward now you soldier, you've born your burdens well. Walk peacefully on Heaven's streets, you've done your time in Hell."

When we see a veteran, we should take the time to say "Thank you, for what you have done for us all."

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TO THE EDITOR:

A big thank you and God blessings to the man and his mother who found my checkbook in the State National Bank parking lot Nov. 3 and turned it in.

MONA DRAKE
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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Young, Lord, know our future. May we put our trust in You.

Amen

Finding something to write

Another month has gone by and it's hard to believe, but almost another year has gone by.

Time just seems to be getting away from me and yet, there are times it doesn't seem to be moving fast enough.

In recent weeks, I have found myself at a loss for words. The weekly inspiration I had to turn out my weekly columns has escaped me almost as unnoticeably as the days have at times.

Each week, I tell myself next week I am bound to stumble upon something that will strike the right cord and I will turn out a column. The next thing I know, Wednesday is upon me and still ... no column idea.

I remember a time when I was able to pick up a pen and fill out several sheets of notebook paper with numerous thoughts, feelings and lessons I had learned. It seemed I couldn't get the columns down fast enough and sometimes they even overlapped each other, but for some reason, I just can't seem to find that spark anymore.

I remember a couple years ago I found myself in this position and it took a drastic change to find that spark again and I am hoping I'm not in the same rut as I was back then.

At that point I had all but lost myself. It seemed as if I was going in circles, no purpose behind the motions, but simply just passing from day to day doing what I was supposed to do. Everything that made me who I was, was gone, pushed to the side, ignored and eventually lost.

Writing has always been my outlet, my way of solving inner problems and analyzing my life. It has always served as a betterment for myself and showed me lessons I might have otherwise missed.

Maybe I am putting too much thought into it lately and trying to find deeper meaning when there really isn't a deeper meaning. Then again I ask myself, is it possible there is just no more deeper meaning. Maybe it just doesn't matter anymore.

Then again, I tell myself it has

to matter. There has to be inspiration out there and there has to be something to strike that cord. Otherwise, the whole reason behind my career is lost. I know that may sound a little over the top, maybe even a little dramatic, but it's just the way it is.

When I made the decision to enter into this field I promised myself there would always be a reason behind everything I wrote. In every situation there was always a story to tell and my job was going to be to find that story and shed light on it, especially those stories that may never be told.

I knew not everyone would agree with the reason behind my columns. Some people may never understand the meaning behind my columns, but I would know that every column I produced and saw go to print served a purpose, held a meaning and was written with truth, honesty and feeling. There would always be a purpose otherwise it would never be seen.

My main purpose has always been to shed light on the topics most people are too busy to tackle; to bring to the forefront the story of the people society all too often overlooks and to give attention to the topics that may be hard to handle, not easy to hear, but need to be shared and addressed.

When it comes to writing news stories, no matter what the topic — controversial, fluff or just plain ol' facts — I write the truth no matter what my thoughts are on the situation. As a newspaper reporter I am required to be unbiased in my writing. Of course, as a human I have the right to have my own opinion and voice that opinion on my own time, but when it comes to informing the public there is nothing but the facts to be delivered.

There are some media outlets who will lean one way or another on a topic and some reporters that do the same, but as my college professor said ... when writing the facts, it should simply be that, nothing more. In a fact-based story both sides should be addressed and the reader should be left to make their own decision. My job is not and has never been or will ever be to influence a reader, but instead to inform a reader. If I wanted to influence a readers perspective or effect their decision I should have gone into public relations.

However, as I said, I am only human and my opinion (and everyone else's) has the right to be voiced and heard. There in lies the purpose of the editorial or opinion page. In each newspaper that supports an opinion section, it is the one place where people are allowed to be as biased as they want and exercise their right to free speech. Of course, there are certain limitations depending on the higher powers above (editors, publishers and corporate bosses), but for the most part it is the one section that allows free reign for anyone willing to take advantage of it.

Too often the opinion page and public forum is often overlooked and under-utilized. There are plenty of people out there who want their opinion heard or have something they feel should be brought to light, but don't take advantage of the platform that allows them to do so. As one person we can each only do so much, but the effort we make could be just enough effort to strike a cord in someone else and cause a bigger effect than we ever imagined.

Sometimes the submission of a poem, the inclusion of a letter to the editor or even the start of a column can raise awareness to a topic others may never know about. My way of thinking when I go to write a column is this; is there someone out there thinking this very thing and what is it that I want?

Even if it might be a little scary, unnerving or something that makes you question what will people think, ask yourself — is it possible I can help someone else by putting this out there. Is there someone else out there thinking this very thing and can I be sure they will address it?

More often than not you are not the only one thinking what you are thinking, dealing with the situation you are in or holding the belief you hold. With all the people in this world, more often than not there is someone else out there who will understand what you write, feel and see what you are trying to say.

After all, every change that was ever made began with a single idea, a single person deciding to take the first step.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com.

A primer on wealth and taxes

In response to my now famous "the-class-war-is-over-the-rich-guys-won" column, a gentleman from Kentucky writes a rather snarky letter posing several piercing questions that I will now answer:

Q: How much do we have to make to be "rich?"

A: There's no set number for richness. Generally, 250-grand a year is a good wage, but if you have four kids who expect to go to a good college, you are a long way from rich. If you're single making the same wage, you at least have no trouble seeing rich from where you stand.

If, on the other hand, your kids have escaped college and you live in a nice house and have a nice second house (and a boat) at a vacation retreat, and you belong to one of the better country clubs in town, and head waiters at the best restaurants know your name, you're probably rich.

If politicians want to have their picture taken with you, rather than the other way round, you are definitely rich.

Q: What percentage of the nation's revenue should the "rich" pay: 50 percent, 60, 95?

A: That too is an impossible figure to quantify. Where do corporations fit in your tax world? Should they be taxed too or should they, like GE last year,

get off scot-free?

If you filtered out all the tax breaks, unwarranted deductions, and subsidies available to the rich and corporate (the courts tell us that corporations are people too, you know), you'd have some idea of what aggregate income is in this country and could start allocating taxes justly. Right now we're flying blind.

Q: At what income level should people begin to contribute through taxation?

A: This question assumes that poor people who don't pay income taxes are untaxed. They aren't. They pay Social Security taxes, gas taxes, property taxes (either directly or indirectly), and sales taxes.

They are exempted from income taxes because they have so little income. That's why they call them "poor." I'll give you this, though: they don't pay many luxury taxes.

Q: How many "poor" people have ever hired someone or given someone a job?

A: All of them. Every time they buy a bottle of milk, or purchase a lottery ticket for that matter, they contribute to the economy. When enough of them do it, somebody gets hired.

(I'd be grateful if the Kentucky gentleman could point out a corporation that is "giving" people jobs. I thought people earned jobs.)

Q: Name a corporation/business that doesn't factor taxes into the cost of doing business and therefore into what the pub-

lic (including the poor) pays for their product or service.

A: They all try to, but it's harder than you think. Pricing is as much art as science; failure to master it is one of the chief factors that send young, promising firms into bankruptcy.

Generally speaking, corporations charge as much as they think they can get away with. There's some play in that number of course, and when taxes or labor costs or the costs of materials rise, they try to raise prices accordingly. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't.

But believe this, if a corporation can make a widget for \$10 and sell it for \$20, it will. And if it finds that it can sell that same widget for \$100, it will do that too, regardless of taxes. It's called capitalism.

The issue that underlies these questions is the fairness of progressive taxation: making richer people pay more of their income in taxes than poorer people do.

I think it fair, particularly in difficult waters, to ask the strongest in the boat to dip their oars a little deeper, to do more than their share in the interest of group survival.

It's not fair to ask sacrifices only from those least able to afford it simply because they have the least political power.

Oh, and if you have any more questions, please send them to George Will. You'll like his answers better.

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Police blotter

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

- **DAVID RAY HENSON**, 42, of 5205 Longshore Dr., was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency and a charge of theft.
- **RANSOM COLTON PARKS**, 18, of 3228 Cornell, was arrested Wednesday on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, possession of drug paraphernalia and expired registration.
- **WILLIAM DARIC GILL**, 40, of 3509 E. Interstate Highway 20 Apt. 20, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of assault – family violence.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 In the 4200 block of Hamilton.
 In the 500 block of San Jacinto.
 In the 1500 block of Sycamore.
 In the 200 block of W. FM 700.
 In the 200 block of Texas Road.
 In the 1600 block of Owens.
 In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
 In the 1100 block of E. 14th Street.
 In the 7500 block of Brandon Road.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 3600 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 71 inmates at the time of this report.
- **JESSICA DAWN PHILLIPS**, 25, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.
 - **KIMBERLY RIOS**, 25, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of issuance of a bad check.
 - **DAVID RAY HENSON**, 42, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on chargeS of theft (two counts).
 - **RUSS C. HESSON**, 43, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft of property – more than \$500 and less than \$1,500.
 - **RANSOM COLTON PARKS**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, possession of drug paraphernalia and displaying an expired motor vehicle registration.
 - **WILLIAM DARIC GILL**, 40, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of assault – family violence.
 - **STEPHEN HEATH GREGORY**, 28, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
 - **GILBERT GONZALES**, 30, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on Midland County warrants for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, failure to maintain financial responsibility and violation of a promise to appear.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

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

- Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E. 12th St. at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call at 264-0015 or visit www.cccbigspring.org

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

- A community blood drive will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Eastside Baptist Church, 1108 E. Sixth St. Walk-ins are welcome. Reservations can be made by calling 267-6025.

- The HC Dance Dept. will have a "Brown Bag" Concert, Wed. Nov. 16 from 12:20 to 12:50 p.m. in the Howard College Fireplace Room of the Student Center. The program features Student choreography by students in the Howard Dance Technique class. Bring your "Brown Bag or sack lunch and come join us.

- An account has been established at Wells Fargo to help defray medical expenses for 4-year-old Zayde Stallings, who recently died of a rare heart condition. She was the daughter of Kenny and Renea Stallings of Big Spring. If you need more information, contact Four Seasons Insulation and Siding at 264-8610. The account number is 793-852-7277.

- A fund has been set up at Myers & Smith Funeral Home for Mike Williams, 39, a lifetime resident of Big Spring who died Nov. 1. He leaves behind a wife and seven children. Any donations can be brought to the funeral home office at 301 E. 24th St. For more information, call 267-8288.

- Hilltop Cafe is the Dine-Out-Days United Way sponsor until Saturday. A portion of the proceeds from this week will go towards benefitting the 2012 campaign and the 15 agencies the United Way supports.

- St. Mary's 10th Annual St. Andrew's Day Festival is set for Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. The festival will be open to the community with no admission fee. There will be choral and instrumental music of the British Isles. Guest musicians for this year's event include

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1400 block of Tucson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 900 block of N. Runnels. One per-

son was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1300 block of Mt. Vernon. One person was transported to SMMC.

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- SMMC is offering a free diabetes education series, "Diabetes – Living With It", beginning at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 15 in the fourth floor education room. This six-week course will be led by SMMC clinical dietitian Dr. Nelson Guadalupe and other health professionals. For more details and to register, call 268-4528.

- First Baptist Church Big Spring will celebrate its 125th anniversary Sunday, Nov. 13. In recognition of this occasion, a special worship service will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the main sanctuary followed by a luncheon in the Family Life Center. For more information, call the church office at 432-267-8223, or go to: <http://www.fbcbigspring.org/>

- American Cancer Society will have its board meetings at noon on the second Tuesday of the month through April. Lunch will be furnished. Meetings will take place at Home Hospice, located at 111 E. Seventh.

- Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Training will be provided and geared to your time frame. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

- Every 10 years, Texas requires that marks and brands be re-registered in the county or counties in which you operate. The re-registration period began Aug. 31 and runs through Feb. 29, 2012. At the conclusion date, all marks and brands that have not been re-registered are automatically available for registration by another party. For additional information, contact the Howard County Clerk's Office at 264-2214 or 264-2213.

- Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help! We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

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SWARMING DEFENSE — The Forsan Buffaloes will try to swarm the Sanford-Fritch offense in Saturday's playoff match in Plainview.

Forsan to meet Sanford-Fritch Saturday night

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

Missing key elements to their team, the Forsan Buffaloes went into last week's battle with Hawley needing a 13-point victory to make the playoffs. Brendan Roman had one of his best games of the season and Tao MauMau exploded onto the scene in relief of injured Foster Burchett to gain the Buffaloes a 32-19 win, edging Forsan past Hawley into the final playoff spot.

This week, the Buffaloes travel to Plainview to face Sanford-Fritch in a special 7:30 p.m. Saturday clash. Though Ty Johnson will be out for the rest of the season, Foster Burchett returns at quarterback for the Buffaloes this week. Also returning to the lineup for Forsan will

be Marcus Cervantes, another player missed in last week's battle.

The Sanford-Fritch Eagles come into Saturday's contest sporting a 5-5 record, not overly impressive until you look closer. The Eagles went 0-4 at the beginning of the season, before going 5-1 in district to clinch the runner up spot behind Abernathy. As a team, Sanford-Fritch averaged more than 36 points per game against district foes. And they did it mostly by running the ball.

"The Eagles are a big team across the board," Forsan's head coach Jason Phillips said. "Even their quarterback is 6'4" and more than 200 pounds."

The big, bruising

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Lady Steers start season with home win

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

The Big Spring girls basketball season got off to a great start Tuesday, as the Lady Steers defeated visiting San Angelo Lakeview in overtime.

Lakeview jumped out to an early first-quarter lead, but it would not last as Big Spring came from behind to change a 9-6 deficit into a 19-17 halftime lead. But by the end of the third period, the Lady Steers were only up 26-25. The fourth quarter was an offensive explosion for both teams, as Big Spring scored 20 and Lakeview scored 21, sending the game into overtime.

Big Spring held Lakeview to only three points

in the extra frame and grabbed a 53-49 season-opening win.

Ambra Hill led the Lady Steers with 18 points, followed closely by Bridgette Tuitt with 14. Alexis Cansino put up seven points, while Yaneira Tuitt and MacKenzie Stone each added six. The stat sheets were rounded out for Big Spring by Dyrshae Vandervilt with two points.

The 1-0 Lady Steers will travel to Abilene Saturday to face Cooper, with the freshman and JV teams playing at 3 p.m. and the varsity at 4:30 p.m. This is a change to the original schedule, due to a conflict with Abilene's football team, who will be playing Friday night.

Bulldogs all ready for playoff clash

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

After last week's 40-6 loss at the hands of district champion Idalou, the Coahoma Bulldogs are ready to get back on the field. The Dogs will travel to Plainview Friday night for a 7:30 p.m. clash with Spearman.

The 8-2 Spearman Lynx finished the regular season in third place in their district behind Sanford-Fritch and Abernathy. The Lynx are pretty straight forward when it comes to offensive style. They have a lot of big boys on the team and they love to run the ball. According to Coahoma Head Coach Trey Gardner, the Lynx will line up foot-to-foot and try to just run over their opponents.

"They have a lot of size," Coach

Gardner said. "Somehow, we have to be able to stop their big running backs."

Coach Gardner and his team of Bulldogs are faced with a familiar challenge this week, trying to match size with speed. It has been rare for Coahoma to face a team this size who is their own size, but at the same time, few can run with tanner Ruiz and Justin Coker.

"We feel we have a slight advantage when it comes to speed," Coach Gardner said. "If we can get our (running) backs to the outside, out on the edge, we believe we have a legitimate shot of winning this ball game and moving on to the next level."

Last week, Coahoma fell to Idalou in a game which decided the district title. But Gardner

says the loss has done nothing to diminish the spirits of the Bulldogs.

"It was a great tune-up game for us," Coach Gardner said. "We still feel there is no one we will face as tough as Idalou. It got us ready for playoff-caliber teams like Spearman. We are looking forward to making the most of what we have learned."

Going into the game, Coahoma appears to be about as healthy as a team can be at this stage of the season.

Coach Gardner said they had some bumps and dings, but overall, he was happy with the shape they were in and planned to suit up everyone for the game Friday night.

"It should be a great playoff game," he added.

Nationals' catcher was kidnapped in Venezuela

24-year-old baseball player is still being detained for ransom

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — The abduction of Washington Nationals catcher Wilson Ramos highlights a sharp rise in kidnappings in Venezuela, where the wealthy have increasingly been targeted for ransom.

The 24-year-old Venezuelan player was back in Venezuela after finishing his rookie season.

He was seized from his home by kidnappers on Wednesday night and has been held since.

Venezuelan Professional Baseball League vice president Domingo Alvarez says the captors have not made contact with Ramos' family.

He says it's the first time a Major League Baseball player has been abducted in the country, though other players' relatives have been held for ransom in the past.

Police last year said that 618 kidnappings were reported in 2009, and the numbers have grown rapidly in recent years.

Professional baseball player Wilson Ramos, a catcher seen as one of the young building blocks for the Wash-

ington Nationals, was abducted by gunmen Wednesday from his home in his native Venezuela.

Ramos, a 24-year-old who just finished his rookie season, was taken away in an SUV by four armed men in Santa Ines in central Carabobo state, the spokeswoman for his Venezuelan League team, the Aragua Tigers, said on her official Twitter account.

"This is sad, worrisome and true that Wilson Ramos has been kidnapped," Katherine Vilera wrote.

She said Ramos was taken at 6:45 p.m. at his home in the region 95 miles (150 kilometers) west of Caracas. She said police were notified.

A person close to Ramos' family, who asked not to be quoted by name out of safety concerns, said the catcher was at home with his father and brothers when several men "entered the house and took him away."

"As of this hour, there has been no contact" between the kidnappers and Ramos' family, the person said.

Drew Storen, a relief pitcher for the Nationals, tweeted his concerns: "Ex-

tremely upsetting news about Ramos. Thoughts and prayers with him. Scary situation."

Spokesmen for the Nationals did not respond immediately to phone and email messages Wednesday night.

Ramos is considered one of the Nationals' key young players as they try to become a contender in the National League East. As a rookie in 2011, he hit .267 with 15 home runs and 52 RBIs in 113 games.

He also threw out 19 of 67 runners attempting to steal a base, a 28 percent success rate that ranked third among qualifying catchers in the National League.

Washington acquired Ramos from the Minnesota Twins in a trade for All-Star relief pitcher Matt Capps in July 2010.

The abduction appeared to be the first case involving a Major League Baseball player.

But in Venezuela, which is home to dozens of major league players, the families of wealthy athletes have been periodically targeted by kidnap-

pers in hopes of a hefty ransom.

In November 2009, the then 56-year-old mother of Victor Zambrano, who retired after pitching for four teams during a seven-year major league career, was rescued in a "commando-style operation" after a three-day kidnapping ordeal.

Zambrano's mother was abducted nine days after the former pitcher's cousin, Richard Mendez Zambrano, had been kidnapped and later killed.

In June 2009, Colorado Rockies catcher Yorvit Torrealba's then 11-year-old son and brother-in-law were kidnapped and released a day later.

The mother of former player Ugueth Urbina, who was a two-time All-Star pitcher while playing for six teams, spent more than five months in captivity until she was rescued in early 2005.

Around the same time, the mothers of five Brazilian soccer players were abducted in Brazil, including those of star strikers Robinho and Luis Fabiano.

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The Colorado River Municipal Water District is accepting applications for following positions.

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CRMWD is an equal opportunity employer. Benefits include health insurance, retirement plans, and sick, vacation and holiday leave.

Applications are required and are available at the District's office, 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas, by calling (432) 267-6341 or www.crmwd.org

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To be offered at Public Auction on Sat. Nov. 12, 2011 at approx. 1:00 P.M., Home located at 1400 - East 6th St., Big Spring, TX has approx. 1383 sq. ft., 3 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Living Room, Kitchen & Dining Area, C/H & Air, Ceiling Fans, w/Office or sewing room at end of large covered Patio, Attached Garage, Concrete Block Fenced Backyard, has Hot House and 2 Storage units in back of home.

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Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 0005-05-100 for INSTALL TRAFFIC SIGNALS in HOWARD County, etc will be opened on December 01, 2011 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.
Contract 0005-10-015 for PLANING, ACP, SIDEWALKS & PAVEMENT MARKINGS in Howard County will be opened on December 02, 2011 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

insecure or overly focused on appearances. Too much is at stake.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll learn about yourself because you're not afraid to ask the deeper questions, such as "What am I really feeling?" The better you know yourself the better you'll be able to create happiness in your life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Stick to your plan, or at least to your original intent. Don't allow another person's opinion to shake your confidence or deter you. Get grounded. Remember who you are.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll notice the unhealthy way people around you bond, and you'll choose not to be a part of it. You seek only loving and balanced relationships, and that is what you'll find.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Determine whom you can count on, and you will prevent falling into a predicament because you depended on the wrong person. An unreliable ally could also be considered an enemy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll put your money where your heart is, only buying that which contributes to the happiness and health of your family and yourself. Your dollar is a vote. It will speak louder than your voice today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You really don't need

others to reinforce your self-esteem, but it's always nice when they do give you a boost. Knowing this, you make a point of lifting others up whenever you have the opportunity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll take on a role. The real work in playing this part will be internal, but you can't completely deny the influence of external factors, either. For instance, your "costume" could be the element that brings it all together.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll do what you do for good reason. It's the best you can come up with at the time. And if it's not ideal, there's really no need to punish yourself. Simply come up with a different response.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A special friendship will bring out your best moods and qualities. You'll spend time enjoying yourself, learning more about the world and discovering more parts of you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You really are bored by other people's self-loathing and do not find this to be a suitable topic for conversation. You'll have to steer the social discourse yourself. Local and world news will help you in the matter.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll suddenly feel that making your life better is a remarkably simple process. It begins

when you smile at yourself in the mirror. Then you'll set a goal and solve a problem.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 10). This year brings you the chance to shine in a social arena you dared not enter before. As the new one on the scene, you'll make a difference in the way things are done. You'll learn who has strong feelings for you in December. You'll be excited for a loved one's accomplishments in January. Pisces and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 19, 40, 45 and 27.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:

"My daughter is 12, and she still needs me to tell her to do everything, from cleaning her room to doing her homework. Otherwise, she'll sit in front of the television, play games or stay glued to her phone for hours. From what I've read about child development at her age, she should be able to take responsibility for her things and her time because she wants to, not because I make her. What should I do to help an Aries girl be self-

sufficient?"
You've read that at 12 a child should be somewhat self-directed. But every child is different. So you can go on wishing that your Aries would comply with what the author of the book you're reading claims about 12-year-olds, or you can give your daughter the reinforcement and direction that will keep her on top of her homework and her life. Aries people stay young at heart throughout life and sometimes take longer to develop in certain ways. Eventually, she will internalize your support and reminders and give them to herself as needed. Self-sufficient behaviors will eventually click in for her and become automatic. Until then, be patient and consistent.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

It All Adds Up

East dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A K 3
♥ K 8 4
♦ A 6 5
♣ J 7 6 2

WEST
♠ Q 6 2
♥ 6
♦ K 10 8 4 2
♣ 10 9 5 4

EAST
♠ 19 7 4
♥ Q 7 3
♦ Q J 9
♣ A K 8

SOUTH
♠ 10 8 5
♥ A J 10 9 5 2
♦ 7 3
♣ Q 3

The bidding:
East South West North
1 ♠ 2 ♥ 3 ♣ 4 ♥

Opening lead — ten of clubs.
Information provided by the opposing bidding often points the way to the winning line of play. Sometimes, though, it is necessary to dig very deeply for the vital clues needed to get home safely.

Consider this deal where South reached four hearts on the bidding shown and West led the ten of clubs. East won with the king and shifted to the queen of diamonds, taken by dummy's ace.

Declarer then cashed the K-A of

hearts. When West showed out, South had to go down one, losing two clubs, a diamond and a heart. Dummy's jack of clubs later provided a discard for South's losing spade.

Declarer's play of the K-A of hearts was in keeping with standard procedure when holding nine cards of a suit missing the queen, but it was clearly wrong on this occasion. South had enough information from the bidding to know that East was virtually certain to hold the Q-x-x of hearts!

First, it was certainly reasonable to assume that West had four clubs for his raise to three clubs. This meant that East's one-club opening was based on a three-card suit.

If this was true, it was impossible for East to hold only two hearts, since that would leave him with eight cards in spades and diamonds. If he held five cards in either suit, he would have opened the bidding in that suit, while if he was 4-4 in spades and diamonds, he would have opened with one diamond (or, possibly, one spade).

East's hand pattern was therefore very likely to be 4-3-3-3, making the second-round heart finesse mandatory.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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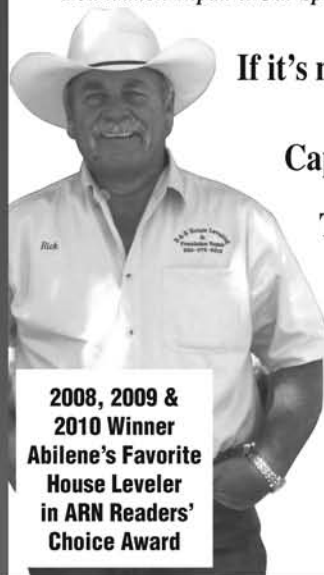
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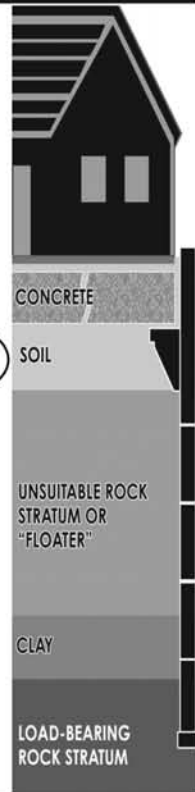
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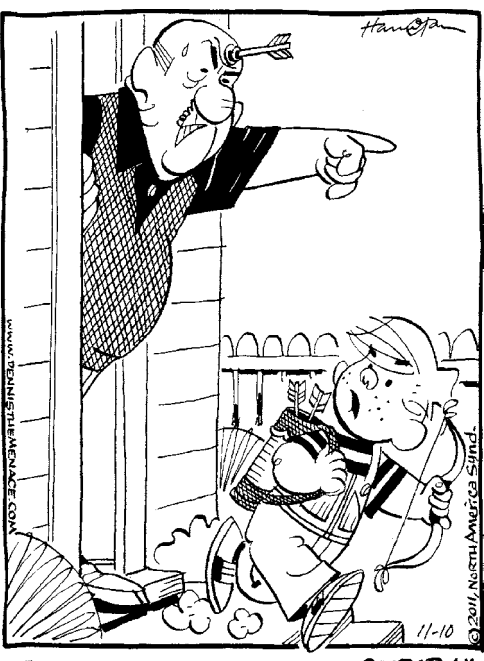
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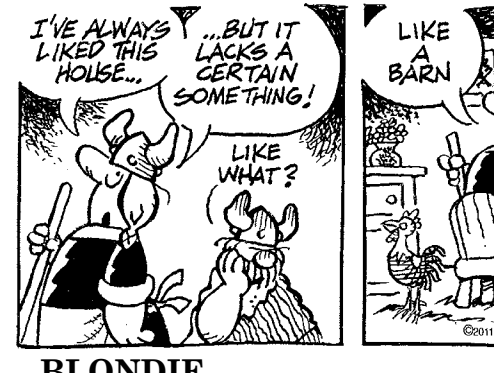
"I GUESS IT ONLY WORKS FOR CUPID!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

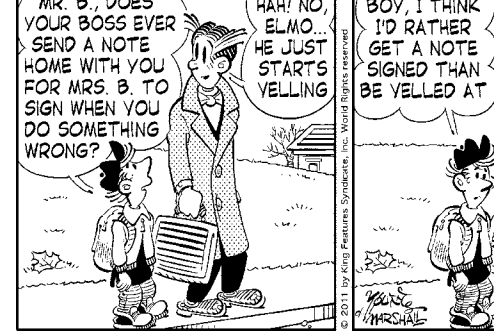


"OH, NO! They'll never believe this excuse."

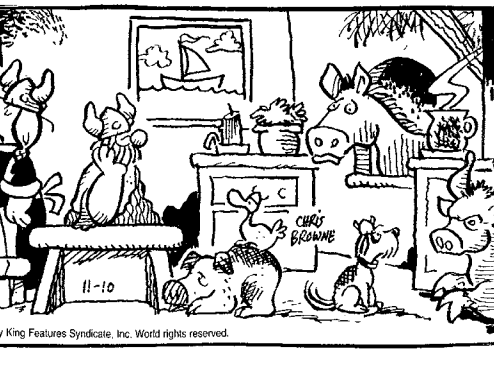
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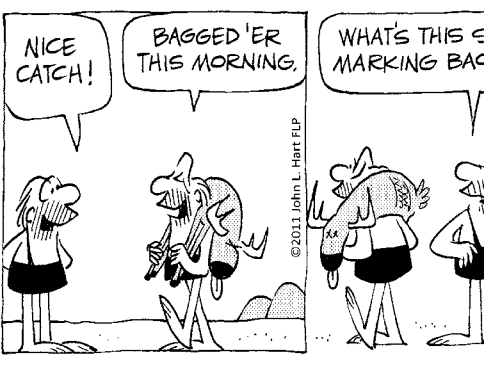
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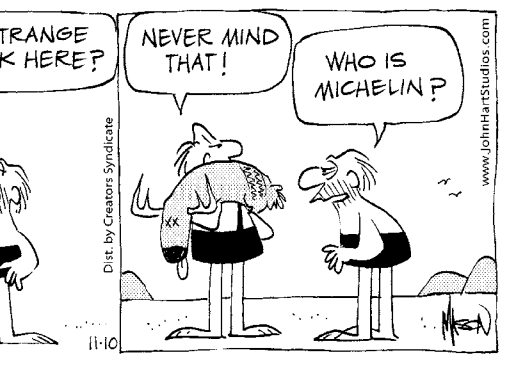
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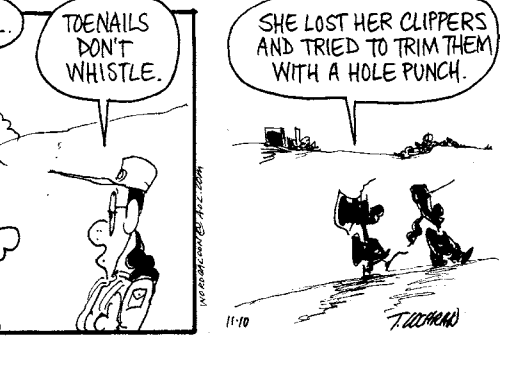
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Nov. 10, the 314th day of 2011. There are 51 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 10, 1961, the satirical war novel "Catch-22" by Joseph Heller was first published by Simon & Schuster.

On this date:

In 1775, the U.S. Marines were organized under authority of the Continental Congress.

In 1871, journalist-explorer Henry M. Stanley found Scottish missionary David Livingstone, who had not been heard from for years, near Lake Tanganyika in central Africa.

In 1919, the American Legion opened its first national convention in Minneapolis.

In 1928, Japanese Emperor Hirohito (hee-roh-hee-toh) was formally enthroned, almost two years after his ascension.

In 1938, Kate Smith first sang Irving Berlin's "God Bless America" on her CBS radio program. Turkish statesman

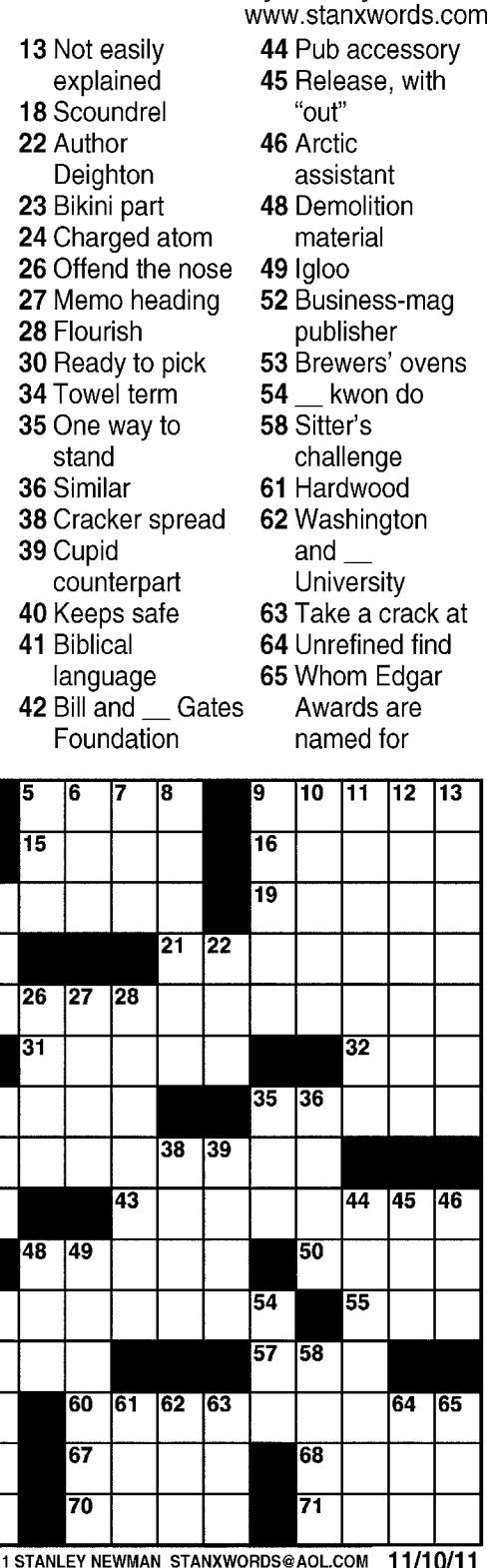
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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Empty spaces
 - 5 Minor quarrel
 - 9 Early PC software
 - 14 Lotion additive
 - 15 Luau locale
 - 16 Italics feature
 - 17 Pro team owner's concern
 - 19 Showing more manners, maybe
 - 20 Epoch
 - 21 Type of peach
 - 23 Pen name
 - 25 Horse-racing prize
 - 29 Crowd sound
 - 31 Energy firm in 2001 headlines
 - 32 Yuletide quaff
 - 33 Clark Kent, for one
 - 35 Old hat
 - 37 Colorado mountain
 - 40 Wives of knights
 - 43 Tiny bit
 - 47 Poetic preposition
 - 48 Make a connection with
 - 50 Yuletide
 - 51 '80s prime-time soap
 - 55 Justice Dept. agency
 - 56 Kuwait or Qatar
 - 57 "Six-pack" muscles
 - 59 Grandmas
 - 60 Summer blouse
 - 66 Completed the task
 - 67 Laptop owner
- DOWN**
- 1 State of matter
 - 2 Menu phrase
 - 3 Skunk
 - 4 Burn a bit
 - 5 Vegan staple
 - 6 Lobbying org.
 - 7 "Eureka!"
 - 8 Birthplace of Elvis
 - 9 CNN alternative
 - 10 Less forthright
 - 11 Synthetic fabrics
 - 12 Combination punches
 - 13 Not easily explained
 - 18 Scoundrel
 - 22 Author Deighton
 - 23 Bikini part
 - 24 Charged atom
 - 26 Offend the nose
 - 27 Memo heading
 - 28 Flourish
 - 30 Ready to pick
 - 34 Towel term
 - 35 One way to stand
 - 36 Similar
 - 38 Cupid spread
 - 39 Cupid counterpart
 - 40 Keeps safe
 - 41 Biblical language
 - 42 Bill and ___ Gates Foundation
 - 44 Pub accessory
 - 45 Release, with "out"
 - 46 Arctic assistant
 - 48 Demolition material
 - 49 Igloo
 - 52 Business-mag publisher
 - 53 Brewers' ovens
 - 54 ___ kwon do
 - 58 Sitter's challenge
 - 61 Hardwood
 - 62 Washington and ___ University
 - 63 Take a crack at
 - 64 Unrefined find
 - 65 Whom Edgar Awards are named for

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Signing day at Big Spring High School



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ON THE DOTTED LINE — Ambra Hill (seated left) and Cerbi Ritchey sign letters of intent to attend Angelo State University next fall. Hill has agreed to play softball for ASU, while Ritchey was recruited for her volleyball skills. In attendance, along with more than 40 students, teachers and coaches, were the parents of the two student athletes. Behind Hill are her parents, Shawn and Tina Hill and behind Ritchey are her parents, Carmen and Phillip Ritchey.

FORSAN

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quarterback makes his living on the ground, as most would expect, but Forsan is coming into the game sporting the only thing which has ever been able to trump size: speed.

“With Foster returning, we see some new angles we did not know we could try,” Coach Phillips said. “We plan to use Foster (Burchett) and MauMau together in many different scenarios.”

Forsan ended their season with a 6-4 record (3-3 in district). Though Burchett, Roman and Johnson have provided highlight reel games more than once this season, what the Buffaloes’ fans saw last week was depth. Matthew Mims’ 85-yard pick-six, MauMau’s two powerful touchdown runs makes those standing on the sidelines or watching from the stands wonder who else this team has just waiting for a chance to show what they can do.

With Burchett now teamed up with MauMau and Roman working together with Cervantes again, the Eagles have to be wondering — and more than a little concerned about — just who will Coach Phillips pull out to take the place of Johnson this week. It can not be a comforting thought.

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Dear Annie: I recently turned 50, and I hate it. I wasn't bothered when I turned 40, but this birthday is really eating at me.

I used to be very athletic, but with all the abuse I put my body through, I had to quit playing sports. I was well on my way into a depression when a woman half my age came into my life.

I love my wife dearly, and we have been together for more than 25 years. I would never cheat on her, but I can't seem to get "Wanda" out of my head. She really has shown an interest in me. We email each other and have gone out for lunch a couple of times, and I

find myself growing quite fond of her.

Is this what they call a midlife crisis? I want to tell Wanda how I feel about her, thinking maybe it would scare her away. I don't know what to do. Well, I do know what to do. I just need to hear it from someone else. -- Desperate for Help

Dear Desperate: Yes, this is what is called a midlife crisis. You are at a vulnerable age. Your life is probably past the halfway point, and it is intoxicating to find that Wanda is attracted to you. It makes you feel young again. The flirtation is already a form of betrayal, and continued con-

tact is likely to lead to an affair, whether you intend it or not. You are smart enough to realize this.

Please don't make your wife pay for your fears about aging. Do something to rekindle the spark in your marriage. Have a romantic dinner. Stay overnight at a hotel. Get counseling if you need it. Those couples who get through these rough spots often find their marriages are stronger and more fulfilling. We hope you will be one of them.

Dear Annie: For many years, I have hosted my family for Thanksgiving dinner. I remind them three months in advance and

call a week before the date. Because I live alone, I don't like to buy more food than I can safely freeze as leftovers, but I certainly want everyone to have as much as they like.

Last year, one couple behaved strangely. They called the day before to ask if they could come earlier so we'd have more time to visit. Then they actually showed up later than everyone else, ate quickly and left. Since then, I have not seen or heard a word from them, even though they live five minutes from my home.

Here's the problem. For the past several years, I have had a long-standing invitation to stop at their house

before the holidays. The date is always the same. Should I just show up as usual, or do I wait to hear from them first? I don't want to go where I'm not wanted. -- Baffled in the South

Dear Baffled: This shouldn't be so difficult. Pick up the phone. Say you've missed them and want to see how they are doing. Hopefully, they will invite you to stop by for your annual visit. But if they don't bring it up, you can casually ask, "Is it convenient for me to stop by on the 15th as usual?" This gives them the opportunity to let you know if their circumstances have changed.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Miserable." I experienced exactly the same problem. For six years, my husband and I were merely housemates. There was never an affectionate word, no intimate contact, no touching, nothing. He assured me there was no one else; he just had no desire.

Finally, he developed some physical issues and went for testing. It turned out that his testosterone level was quite low. Once he began taking weekly testosterone injections, we immediately returned to honeymooners' status.

If testosterone isn't the problem, it could be another hormone. Please tell her to get her husband to an endocrinologist. -- Understand in North Carolina



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