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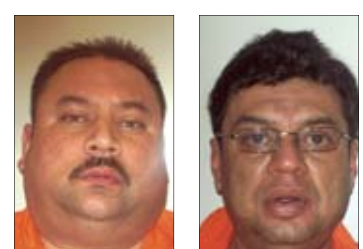
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Busted

*Warrant nets 2 arrests,
2.5 pounds of cocaine,
4 vehicles and \$78,000*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

A search warrant executed in the 1600 block of Lark Street late Tuesday afternoon yielded two arrests and a substantial amount of narcotics, according to officials with the Big Spring Police Department.



Aguilar Deleon

Gabriel Aguilar, 34, of 1612 Lark, was arrested and charged with manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance – more than 400 grams. Also arrested was Jesse Deleon, 43, of Big Spring, who was charged with possession of a controlled substance.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD, the arrests were the result of a lengthy investigation into cocaine distribution in the Big Spring area.

"The Big Spring Police Department Narcotics Unit executed the search warrant at a residence in the 1600 block of Lark," Everett said. "They were assisted by the SORT (Special Operations Response Team) team. This warrant follows a

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HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno
Parkview Nursing Home residents were presented with a medley of Christmas songs sung by kindergartners from Elbow Elementary School. The students sang "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" and "Holly Jolly Christmas," among others.

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*Time to turn on
Festival of Lights*

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

Ready ... set ... light.
The Festival of Lights will light up Comanche Trail Park starting Thursday.

The annual trail of lights will be illuminated in the park each night from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. until Dec. 31. Last year, more than 20,000 people came from 38 states and 14 countries to view the lights.

"I am hoping to have 25,000 people come through this year," said Pat Simmons, Festival of Lights founder.

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Butch Davis, Parkhill, Smith & Cooper engineer, speaks with council members about the availability of water.

Mayor wants 4B funds to pay for facility upgrades

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

While the fact officials with the city of Big Spring are eyeing an \$11 million overhaul of municipal water and waste water facilities may not come as a surprise to area residents, how Mayor Tommy Duncan currently proposes the city pay for those improvements just might.



Duncan

During Tuesday night's meeting of the Big Spring

City Council, Duncan said he plans to bring the project — which includes \$7.138 million in repairs and upgrades at the existing water treatment facility and \$3.738 in improvements at the waste water treatment facility — before the council in January in the form of a 4B project to be voted on by the citizens of Big Spring.

"The \$11 million for this project is a huge amount of money. When we spend that we have to recognize we're

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Water scarce below ground as well as above, council told

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

For those currently hoping the city of Big Spring might be sitting atop a hidden, plentiful aquifer of ground water, much like an oasis amid drought-stricken West Texas, Parkhill, Smith & Cooper Engineer Butch Davis laid those hopes to rest during Tues-

day night's meeting of the city council. Davis, working under contract with the city to develop a emergency water supply plan, said the Crossroads area — much like the rest of the Permian Basin — is just as parched and dry underground as it is above.

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Don W. Williams



Don W. Williams, 67, of Big Spring died Monday, Dec. 12, 2011, in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. David Robertson and the Rev. Bill Ivins officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2011, at the funeral home.

He was born January 15, 1944, in Loraine, Texas, and married Elizabeth Pickett on March 11, 1967, in Stanton, Texas.

Don graduated from Loraine High School. He had lived in Stanton and was currently living in Big Spring. He worked for Area Builders for many years and was an independent contractor for a number of years. Don enjoyed hunting and fishing, watching bull riding and working with horses. He loved attending his grandchildren's activities.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church and had served on the board of trustees.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Williams of Big Spring; two daughters, Robin Brumley and husband Walter Jr. of Big Spring and Sheri Evans of Corinth; one son, Jason Williams and wife Suzanne of San Antonio; his mother-in-law, Lucia Pickett of Stanton; two brothers, Tommy Williams and wife Peggy of Big Spring and Carl Williams and wife Melinda of Mineral Wells; one sister, Peggy James and husband Ed of Odessa; two sisters-in-law, Cindy Quy and husband Rick of Spicewood and Kathryn Barber and husband Glenn of Pilot Point; and three grandchildren, Emilea Brumley of Big Spring, Sheridon Evans of Corinth and Trey Brumley of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Veta Williams; and his father-in-law, Roy Pickett.

The family suggests memorials be made to First United Methodist Church, Building Maintenance, P.O. Box 1229, Big Spring, Texas 79721-1229.

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

Leah Risetter Cooper



Leah Risetter Cooper, 90, of Big Spring died Monday, Dec. 12, 2011, at Marcy House. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Alive in Christ Lutheran Church with the Rev. Carroll Kohl officiating.

She was born Nov. 8, 1921, in Concord, Iowa to Clara and C.M. Pearson. She married Alan Risetter on Dec. 2, 1940. He preceded her in death in 1970.

They moved to Big Spring in 1963 from Marshal Town, Iowa. She later married Claude Cooper in 1988 and he preceded her in death in 2001. She owned and operated the Desert Sands Motel and Restaurant. She later cooked at Brass Nail.

She is survived by one daughter, Laura Averette of Big Spring; two sons, Stan Risetter and wife Linda of Whitesboro and Mark Risetter and wife Cheryl of Lewisville; two sisters, Evelyn Thompson and husband Don and Betty Vogt of Phoenix; one brother, Carrol Pearson and wife Paule of Radcliffe, Iowa; nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Carmen Rider; and one brother, Les Pearson.

The family suggests memorials to Alive In Christ Lutheran Church, 2805 Lynn Dr., Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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Obituaries

Denver Leon Pettitt



Denver Leon Pettitt, 77, of Big Spring died Sunday, Dec. 11, 2011. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, 2011, at the 14th and Main Church of Christ with Rick Cunningham and Doyle Maynard officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2011, at the funeral home.

Leon was born May 3, 1934, in Hermleigh, Texas, and married Patsy Gotcher on Nov. 29, 1957, in Big Spring, Texas. She preceded him in death April 25, 1998. He then married Donna Hunter on Nov. 20, 1998.

Leon served in the United States Army from 1955 to 1957. He worked at Webb Air Force Base as the electrical supervisor and then owned and operated Pettitt Lighting Center in Big Spring. Leon worked for Western Texas College in Snyder as the physical plant administrator.

After retiring in 1996, he drove tour buses for numerous companies and was currently employed by Lithia Motors in San Angelo as a dealer trade driver. He was a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Pettitt of Big Spring; two daughters, Tammy Burkhardt and husband Glenn of San Angelo and Toni Pettitt of Sterling City; three stepchildren, Kelly Hunter and wife Liliana of Knoxville, Tenn., Jana Hunter of Lubbock and Jenny Parum of Dallas; eight grandchildren, Shaun Strickland and wife Amy, Austin Clinkscales and fiancé Mallory Kennedy, Desi Clinkscales, Tayler Burkhardt, Candon Pettitt and Hadley, Cadence and Trey Parum; one great-grandson, Gage James Nicholas; one brother, Dan Pettitt and wife Madilyn of Midland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, Denver and Eltie Pettitt; one son, Cameron Pettitt; and by a sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Charles Teague.

The family suggests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

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

Paid obituary

Kathleen Daughtrey

Kathleen Daughtrey, 90, passed away peacefully Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011. She was born May 9, 1921, in Greenville, Texas, to Claude Williams and Bernice (Crutchfield) Williams.

Her mother passed away when she was two years old. She then was cared for by her father and her grandparents Williams and her grandparents Crutchfield. In 1927, her father married Beatrice (Richardson) Williams, who Kathleen loved dearly, in Brown County, Texas, and always called "Mother."

Kathleen spent many years caring for others as an office nurse in Lamesa and Lubbock. After moving to Big Spring in 1968 she tutored patients studying for the GED exam at Big Spring State Hospital. There she met and married Ben Daughtrey.

After she and her husband retired, they moved to Wills Point, Texas, to be closer to her children in that area. After her husband's passing in 2003, she moved to Royal Estates in San Angelo. In 2007, she began residing at Regency House in San Angelo.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and two sisters, Claudine and Christine.

Kathleen is survived by her son, Douglas Ashby and daughter-in-law Kath Farland of Dallas, Texas; her daughter, Sandi Dean of Big Spring, Texas; and daughter, Donna Ward and son-in-law Mark Ward of Murphy, N.C. Additionally, she is survived by brothers, Robert Williams, Roger Williams, Gaylon Williams, David Williams and sister, Neita Edgar. She leaves six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, nine great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews who knew her as "Aunt Kat."

She also loved to read, play cards and her favorite was the dominos game "42".

A celebration of Kathleen Daughtrey's life will be held at the Williams family reunion. She is in heaven now with God and the angels and even heaven is enriched by her presence there.

Family and friends may sign the online register book at www.johnson-funeralhome.com.

Paid obituary

Curtis Brunson



Curtis Brunson, 53, of Lubbock, Texas, died Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011, at his residence. A come-and-go memorial will be held from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2011, at the Brunson home at 3606 Hamilton in Big Spring.

Curtis was born Aug. 8, 1958, in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School. He attended Howard College School of Nursing and later earned his registered nursing degree. He was working as a trauma nurse in Lubbock. He was a Christian.

Survivors include his wife, Karen Brunson of Lubbock, Texas; stepson, Mark Thornton of Lindale; stepdaughter, Sonya Nichols of Abilene; parents, Belton and Nona Brunson of Big Spring; two brothers, Daryl Brunson and Karl Brunson; two sisters, Karen Hays and Carol Curry; six grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one infant sister, Denise; one infant nephew; and one niece.

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Police blotter

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

- MARK DANIEL GONZALES, 29, of 611 Nolan, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for driving while license invalid, failure to appear (two counts) and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- ABEL LOZANO TORRES, 23, of 1408 S. Johnson, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for assault - family violence.

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Cookbook signing planned Thursday at Heritage Museum

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

This ain't their first rodeo. Heritage Museum will be hosting the Rodeo Queens of West Texas for a book signing of "Cowgirl Cuisine — Cooking and Tales from the Prairie with Rodeo Queens and Friends," from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday. The Rodeo Queens of West Texas have compiled a cookbook, just in time for Christ-

mas. Four of the women will be on hand during the book signing. "This is a very unique and diverse group of ladies who have come together to start Petticoats on the Prairie," Heritage Museum Director Nancy Raney said. "We are so excited they have collaborated together again to create this incredible cookbook." The book contains 200 recipes which are a collaboration

from eight women, family and friends, including Mary Smith, Janie Conley, Marsha Jordan, Dana Mayfield, Cat Geiger, Cecilia Scott, Cherry Hoback and Leeann Moore. Each recipe reflects personal and collective histories of families and friends, according to a press release. During the book signing there will be samples of recipes listed in the cookbook. "We would love for every-

one to come and enjoy a sampling of treats from the pages of 'Cowgirl Cuisine' and meet the Rodeo Queens of West Texas," Raney said. "While you are the museum during our extended hours you can see the Christmas Tree Forest and find the perfect gift." For those unable to make the book signing, cookbooks will be available in the museum gift shop. The book is also available in Colorado City at

Colorado Floral and What's in Store as well as on Amazon.com. Heritage Museum is located at 510 Scurry. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. *Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com*

CITY

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also responsible for about 180 miles of water mains, and if you remember last year we had some problems with those," Duncan said. "We have about 125 miles of sewer mains, about 170 miles of paved roads and a couple-hundred acres of city parks around the community we are tasked with managing and keeping up with the budget we have. "So, what I plan to do is come back to the council in January and ask you to consider allowing the voters to vote on a 4B project that would allow us to take a part of the sales tax revenue and divert it from economic development over to completion of

this plan. That would allow us to continue to maintain operating the city, we would pay off some of our older bonds in 2014, and that would give us about \$500,000 in revenue we would be able to invest in replacing some of these aged water mains and work on some streets." Duncan said the passage of such a 4B project would basically cut the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation's budget in half, providing between \$800,000 and \$800,500 a year for the water project's debt service and approximately \$800,000 to \$850,000 annually for the EDC to operate on. "Bear in mind, these are all rough numbers we're working with at this point," he cautioned. "Until we can get some solid numbers

from the contractors, all of this is based on rough estimates. However, that's about where we believe it would leave us." While the council was willing to offer its support for sending the issue before the voters in 2012, it wasn't without a fair dose of caution. "I have to question whether or not it's wise to use the EDC for all of the funding," District 6 Councilman Terry Hansen said. "My hope would be that we wouldn't take so much out of the EDC that we would cripple our economic development opportunities. Maybe we can do some of it from savings and some of it from other sources, if the voters should approve it. I think we have to keep in mind the EDC has either brought in

our retained more than 500 jobs in the last three years, and I hope we don't cripple their efforts." District 4 Councilwoman Gloria McDonald said she'd like to see an effort on the city's part to secure state funding, possibly through grants, to help fund the project. "Everybody is in a water crunch right now," McDonald said. "I'm hearing more and more there may be some money out there in the form of grants. I think that's something we need to look into before we take all of the funding from one place. I don't want us to cripple any one institution because in two or three years something else will break and we'll have to find the money somewhere else. Eventually, we'll

run out of places to take it from." Duncan was adamant the city — which has been cited repeatedly by the Texas Department on Environmental Quality for failing to meet minimum water standards during the past year — will have to make the repairs and upgrades, it's simply a question of how to pay for them. "We have three options to pay for this. The first is to divert the money from sales tax," Duncan said. "With this, there's no cost increase to the citizens, and in these financial times I think that's important. The second option is to raise property taxes, and we would be looking at somewhere around 15 and 18 cents per \$100, which would take our tax rate up

significantly. The third option is to raise water rates, and, as I think everyone recognizes, we just doubled the base rate on water for our citizens. There are people who are really struggling to meet that, and for us to come back and ask to go up another \$7 on that, or, in my mind, to up any on that, is just too much." *Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com*

WATER

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"Water is a topic all over the Permian Basin that everyone is talking about and everyone is concerned about," Davis said. "Our initial review of the city's resources showed the water district does provide all of the water for the city. The city does have a limited number of irrigation wells that are used for the golf course, the sports park and various other places, but it's a very small supply and if you look at the ground water resources in the Permian Basin, they are very limited. "There is really no major water source underneath the ground in the Big Spring area, so you are highly dependent on the surface water that the Colorado River Municipal Water District supplies and the ground water they are bringing in with

their new Ward County and Winkler County project." Davis said the news wasn't all bad, however, as some of the irrigation wells could be useful should the pipes delivering water from the Colorado River Municipal Water District go dry. "We have identified that there are some irrigation wells that, in an extreme emergency, could be piped into the distribution system or the water treatment plant to provide an emergency water source," Davis said. "It would be a very limited water source, not nearly enough to provide basic

water needs we feel we would like to have. It might supply enough to flush toilets and provide basic sanitation services for the citizens. Looking at trying to do some permanent emergency connections is very expensive, so our next step is to maybe look at some emergency connections we could do in short order that would have a lower price tag. However, we have some plans in place." Officials with CRMWD

have estimated surface water supplies will last until December 2012, when the last reservoir — Lake Ivie — is expected to be depleted. Efforts to increase the amount of groundwater — specifically from wells located in Ward County — being delivered into the CRMWD system

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I column as I see 'em

Sitting in the teacher's lounge of Henrietta High School back in the mid-90's my attention was drawn to a book on the table near the chair where I was resting my substitute-teaching bones in between classes.

The title was very intriguing and in a matter of seconds my curiosity got the best of me and I couldn't help picking it up to glance at a few pages. Before I knew it, those few pages had become the majority of the book and I had become a fan of its author, whose name was almost as fascinating as the literary composition itself. The book was entitled "I Feel Much Better Now That I've Given Up Hope" and it was a captivating and entertaining collection of great wit and wisdom from the amazing mind of a man whose real name is Ashleigh Brilliant.

Having always had a special appreciation for quips, epigrams and other forms of pithy sayings I sought out more of his work and through the magic of the internet was able to communicate personally with the man whose uniquely ingenious ability to make me smile and desire to quote him had become quite influential in my conversations. From our email communication we developed a friendship and some years into that association he actually drove his mini-motorhome all the way from California to St. Joseph, Mo. to spend several days with me and my family. The few days spent with this personable philosopher and renowned author proved to be very memorable and we remain friends today.

Anyone who knows me at all will tell you that I unequivocally despise gossip, both spreading it and listening to it and there is one of Ashleigh's famous copyrighted "Pot-Shots" that has been a personal favorite of mine for a number of years. If I could influence everyone in the world to adopt its powerful message it could have a beautifully transforming effect upon the pestilential problem of tale-bearing. It simply asks the question, "What right does anyone have to remember something about me that I myself have chosen to forget?"

I am already sick and tired of presidential politics. The attacks on a person's character, the endless drudging to find a skeleton in a closet, the exposure of the sordid details of a past failure, or a misspoken word are the headlines many people hunger for and the media works overtime to satisfy this deleterious craving that guarantees ratings. But the sad truth is that behavior of that despicable and destructive nature is not limited to the political stratosphere. It's a detestable pest that finds sanctuary in our neighborhoods and I wish it was exterminated.

I know inquiring minds want to know and I am certainly not implying that past behavior or mistakes should unambiguously be ignored if a person is being considered for leadership or a place of influence. Of course it matters what fiber a person is made of and what their moral compass reads. But may we never forget, everybody makes mistakes. There's only been one faultless and impeccable person who ever survived the passage through humanity without sin or failure and it isn't you or me. So it begs our consideration to evaluate whether something we have either heard or observed in the life of a fellow earthling is worth the pain or vexation that will be the result of it becoming the latest news on the "vine."

Sadly, there are several things I have observed in my four decades of vocationally being in the "people business" that never seem to dematerialize.

Namely, there is always somebody making a mistake, there is always somebody ready to talk about it, and there is always somebody ready to listen to it being talked about. Can any good come out of spotlighting someone's shortfalls or imperfections? Do we actually believe we are making life better by babbling things that discredit or disparage someone's character or actions?

There's a word common to my vocabulary that might be a good "word for the day." Try being someone who "edifies" (uplifts) your fellow planetary traveler. I promise you a word of encouragement will make both you and the person you elevate much happier than spreading rumors or gossip ever could. Everybody needs love, acceptance, and forgiveness.

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

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House Speaker Newt Gingrich and the audacity of audacity

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich believes he has invented a bold new way of running a political campaign. "I told somebody at one point, 'This is like watching (Sam) Walton or (Ray) Kroc develop Wal-Mart and McDonald's,'" Gingrich told the authors of "Playbook 2012: The Right Fights Back." The secret ingredient: Newt.

Before him, Herman Cain and Rep. Michele Bachmann also ran successful insurgent campaigns — until their bubbles burst. But Gingrich added his own innovation to the model: He soared in the polls months after most of his campaign staff quit because the former speaker and his wife, Callista, insisted on taking a two-week cruise off Greece and Turkey when serious candidates were slogging through Iowa and New Hampshire.

It's true that in the GOP debates, Gingrich has been at the top of his game. On Saturday in Iowa, there was his quick rejoinder after former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney referred to Gingrich as a career politician. "The only reason you didn't become a career politician is you

lost to Teddy Kennedy in 1994," the Newt shot back.

At another debate, when Rep. Ron Paul said he opposed the Patriot Act and scolded that existing law already allowed prosecutors to convict and punish Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh, Gingrich countered, "Timothy McVeigh succeeded. That's the whole point."

And: "I don't want a law that says, 'After we lose a major American city, we're sure going to come and find you.' I want a law that says, 'You try to take out an American city, we're going to stop you.'"

It's such blunt talk that sets Gingrich apart from the painstakingly prepped Romney.

Romney has been polished and presidential in all of the GOP debates, but Gingrich, at times, has been on fire.

Thus, Newtophiles relish the prospect of their happy warrior's taking on President Barack Obama. The base doesn't think about what the Democrats could do back to Gingrich — especially offstage.

Obama, after all, is president. Yet he does not compare himself to Walton, Kroc, Ronald Reagan, Charles de Gaulle, the Duke of Wellington and the two Presidents Roosevelt. Only Gingrich does that.

During his moments in a 90-minute debate, the Newt Show can be entertaining. But

when you pull back the curtain, you see a career capped with dazzling successes — followed by easily avoidable disasters stoked by Gingrich's superego.

In 1995, he became the first GOP speaker of the House in 40 years. In 1997, he became the first speaker ever to be reprimanded and fined a record \$300,000. In 1999, he became a former House speaker.

By 1999, Republicans were worn-out; they replaced Gingrich with Denny Hastert. Former Rep. Jim Talent, now a Romney supporter, told Politico that when Gingrich was speaker, members would have to check the morning newspaper to see what he "had said that you have to clean up in your own district."

So far this year, Gingrich has had to answer for Newt Inc.'s \$1 million-plus haul from mortgage giant Freddie Mac, his Greek cruise and his slam against Rep. Paul Ryan's Medicare reform as "right-wing social engineering."

And that list doesn't begin to touch his Napoleonic, Rooseveltian, Wal-Mart-ian, Gaullist and Reaganite McEgo.

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EDDY PRINCE



Gingrich blasts it out of park

The Bambino stands in the center of the stage, untouchable, uncatchable, unbeatable. He is Newt Gingrich, and he has become the Sultan of Swat.

It is Saturday night at yet another Republican debate, and — wham! wham! wham! — Gingrich keeps blasting them out of the park.

Mitt Romney claims he should be president, because, unlike Newt, Romney is not a "career politician."

"Let's be candid," Newt replies. "The only reason you didn't become a career politician is that you lost to Ted Kennedy in 1994."

Wham! Newt, like the real Bambino, Babe Ruth, is a man of appetites. For food and for women, to name just two.

But when the moderators at the Yahoo/ABC debate in Des Moines ask all the candidates whether "marital infidelity" is important as an issue, the new Bambino does not quiver or quail. He does not flinch. He does not duck the pitch even though he has had three wives and admits to having been an adulterer.

"It is a real issue," Newt says firmly. "People have to look at the person to whom they are going to loan the presidency."

Loan the presidency! A wonderful phrase that lingers in the mind. And now the Bambino steps into the pitch.

"I have said upfront, openly, I have made mistakes at times

and had to go to God for forgiving," he says.

Whammo! It is out of here!

It is an answer that is perfectly acceptable to almost all Christian conservatives. Who can be against redemption? And do we not love the sinner more than the saint, because who amongst us has not sinned? (Only the media, that is, who constantly cast the first stone.)

In earlier debates, Newt has appeared haughty and above it all. But with that answer he returns to earth. He has feet of clay like the rest of us and asks the Almighty to forgive him. And so the fidelity question does not destroy him, but makes him.

And, make no mistake, what he is doing this Saturday night is difficult.

Mitt Romney, who had done so well at staying above the fray in previous debates, crashes and burns in this one.

Romney lets Rick Perry get his goat. Rick Perry, who has as much chance of getting the Republican nomination as Luke Perry! Or Perry Como!

When Perry insists that Romney has changed his position on something or other, Mitt angrily sticks out his hand and says, "Rick, I'll tell you what, ten thousand bucks? \$10,000 bet?"

Way to go, Mitt. Remind America that \$10,000 is chump change to you.

And when Michele Bachmann says that Mitt and Newt are just clones, Mitt decides to be cute. It is a mistake.

"I know Newt Gingrich," Romney smirks. "And he is a friend of mine. But we are not clones."

Yes, Mitt, you are tall and handsome standing there next to Newt. We can all see that. Newt

looks like a sack of doorknobs compared to you.

But what does that get you, Mitt? How does that make you presidential?

Newt eyes Romney like the Bambino used to eye a high fastball. He will soon gets his chance to whack another one

Gingrich, a historian, has called the Palestinians an "invented people." Nobody asks him whether Americans "invented" themselves in 1776, however.

Instead, Romney says that Gingrich has gone too far and that he should let Israel negotiate for itself.

Newt stabs the lecturer with his finger as he roars back. "These people are terrorists!" he says. "They teach terrorism in their schools! It's fundamentally time for someone to have the guts to stand up and say, 'Enough lying about the Middle East!'"

The audience, as audiences do, goes wild.

If it were four years ago, I would be writing that as soon as Newt wins an actual caucus or primary, the Republican establishment will rise up and stop him. But, today, there is no Republican establishment. It has been washed away by the tea party.

And the tea party likes a long-ball hitter.

Saturday was Newt's night. A few more nights like this — and a few actual victories at the polls — and it could be his nomination.

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POLICE

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- **NATHAN PRESCOTT RICHARDSON**, 23, of 3906 Connally, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency and warrants for theft and failure to appear.
- **CHELSEA NICOLE CHAVARRIA**, 20, of 709 N. Gregg St., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **THEFT** was reported: In the area of N. Highway 87 and County Rd. 50. In the 4200 block of Theo.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 56 inmates at the time of this report.

- **NATHAN PRESCOTT RICHARDSON**, 23, was booked into the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated and municipal warrants for theft and failure to appear.
- **LIZA L. OVALLE**, 27, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of issuance of a bad check.
- **CHELSEA NICOLE CHAVARRIA**, 20, was booked into the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **JESSE CASTRUITO DELEON JR.**, 43, was booked into the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.
- **GABRIEL AGUILAR**, 34, was booked into the county jail Tuesday

by the BSPD on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance — more than 400 grams.

- **JONATHAN MICHAEL SHORTEN**, 24, was booked into the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated and a municipal capias warrant for hindering police officers.

Fire/EMS

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

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the area of Big Spring Junior High School. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 900 block of E. 12th Street. One person was

transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1100 block of Ridgeroad. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of N.E. 10th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 600 block of E. Sixth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1100 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

LIGHTS

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There are more than 1 million lights spread throughout the park. For the past 15 years, a new display has been added to the collection. This year, there will be a tribute honoring veterans. Poinsettias will again grace the

top of Scenic Mountain as well as the air park. According to Simmons, there will be a 150-foot poinsettia flanked by three 50-foot poinsettias placed at the air park this year.

"The flowers haven't been up there the past three years due to the lack of a power source," Simmons said. "This year, we have the propane generator to provide the power and they

will once again be back up on the mountain."

Included in the Festival of Lights will be a gift shop offered toward the end of the trail. There will be several souvenirs available to purchase. The gift shop will be open from Dec. 15 to Dec. 23, with Santa and Mrs. Claus on hand to take pictures and visit with the children Dec. 16, 17, 21, 22 and 23.

"Another added incentive this year is if people will stop in at the gift shop, they can register to win a 6-foot poinsettia," Simmons said.

The winner of the poinsettia will be announced Dec. 23. All entries must be made in the gift shop between Dec. 15 and Dec. 23.

Contact Amanda Moreno by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

Take Note

- Big Spring High School Auditorium is the new location for the Big Spring Symphony's performance of the Nutcracker Ballet. The 7:30 p.m. Saturday event will feature the Midland Festival Ballet performers and the full Big Spring Symphony Orchestra.

- Holy Trinity Catholic Youth Group is collecting good coats, blankets, heaters, scarves, gloves for the community. Items may be dropped off at the Holy Trinity Office on Main or you may call Meranda Reyes at 935-0694 or Merlinda Moron at 213-3456. The needy in our community can come to Holy Trinity Church Hall on Sunday, Dec. 18, from 3 p.m.

to 6 p.m. at 1009 Hearn St. in Big Spring to look through the items we've collected.

- A benefit account for the Arguello family, who lost two fam-

ily members in a recent house fire in Coahoma, has been established at Western Bank. Interested persons can contribute to the account at of the bank's locations.

BUSTED

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year-long investigation of cocaine distribution in Big Spring.

"Narcotics investigators made two arrests and seized approxi-

mately 2.5 pounds of cocaine and approximately \$78,000 in cash. Also, four vehicles were

seized." No injuries were reported as a result of the arrests.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My husband and I have noticed that his sister's husband has been rather cool to us for quite some time. We can barely get a civil hello from him at family events, yet he is warm and friendly to others. To the best of our knowledge, we have not done or said anything that would warrant the cold shoulder.

My husband and I have many friends and are well respected in our community. We have tried not to let his attitude bother us, but it hurts.

We live in the same community and attend the same church, so avoiding him is not an option.

He recently was a no-show at a family gathering at our home. My husband mentioned this to another relative and was told that it was because of me.

I was dumbfounded. I have no clue why he dislikes me. We have never argued or had an unpleasant incident. I would apologize in a minute if I only knew what for. What can I do? — *Clueless*

Dear Clueless: It's possible that your brother-in-law misinterpreted something that happened involving

you, and the only way to clear it up is to find out what occurred. Your husband can speak to his brother-in-law (or his sister) privately, say you are mortified that you may have done something to offend him and ask how the situation can be remedied so all of you can have a warmer relationship. We hope it helps.

Dear Annie: I am a recently divorced 40-year-old woman and have started seeing someone I really enjoy being with.

My problem is, four years ago, I had to have four of my front teeth pulled due to a gum disease. I am wondering when and how to tell this man my teeth are fake. I want him to know, but I am embarrassed and scared of his reaction. Please help. — *Toothless in Pennsylvania*

Dear Toothless: Unless you are



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afraid your teeth will come loose with vigorous kissing, this is one of those things that don't require revelation until the relationship has progressed to physical intimacy.

Hopefully, he will care enough about you that it won't bother him when you say, "There's something you should know about my teeth." (By the way, if you can afford them, dental implants can take care of this issue permanently.)

Dear Annie: I am "Spell Check Is Your Friend." I wrote about a college friend who is a special-ed teacher with poor English skills.

I was stunned at the responses. It seems most people feel that as long as a teacher is a nice person, it doesn't matter whether she is qualified to do the job.

I am not spiteful or jealous. I am simply concerned about the children who are learning improperly. And although they are special-ed kids, they are not babies.

They are 5th and 6th graders. Trust me, I'm not talking about a typo here and there. I'm talking about endless run-on sentences, no knowledge of homonyms or punctuation, and repeat misspellings of basic common words.

Yes, she is a very nice person, but would you want your kids in her classroom? I wouldn't.

Today my friend posted on Facebook that she is worried about the upcoming evaluations. I didn't call the Board of Ed about her, but I still wonder whether I should.

My intent is not to get her fired. Rather, it is to get her into an English refresher course. It would only benefit her students' education, and I think that's the most important thing.

— *Spell Check in New York*

Dear New York: Unfortunately, despite your best intentions, chances are your complaints could get her

fired. We still think this is something best handled by the school and the parents, and we are certain they either know about her inadequate English skills or find them to be less important than her other attributes.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to annies-mailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Ste. 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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► World briefs

U.S. safety board urges ban on all calling and texting by drivers, says hands-free isn't enough

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ren Bishop is one of many American drivers who texts, tweets and talks on her cellphone while she's behind the wheel — and thinks it should be up to drivers to use their discretion when it comes to safety.

Though she admits thumbing her phone while driving is bad habit, the University of Missouri student says drivers "are mature enough to understand when it is appropriate and when it is not."

The National Transportation Safety Board disagrees, and it declared Tuesday that texting, emailing or chatting while driving is simply too dangerous to be allowed anywhere in the United States.

The board is urging all states to impose total bans except for emergencies following recent deadly crashes, including one in Missouri after a teenager sent or received 11 text messages within 11 minutes.

The unanimous recommendation from the five-member board would apply even to hands-free devices, a much stricter rule than any current state law.

Focus shifts to Senate after House ignores Obama veto threat and Oks payroll tax cut measure

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Republican payroll tax cut bill that sailed through the House despite a White House veto threat is dead on arrival in the Senate, and it will soon be time for talks on a final package, the Senate's top Democrat says.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., made the remarks Tuesday shortly after the House used a near-party line 234-193 vote to approve the measure. The bill has drawn nearly universal Democratic opposition because it would force work to begin on the 1,700-mile-long Keystone XL oil pipeline, which President Barack Obama would rather postpone, and would trim federal spending without forcing the wealthy to contribute as much as Democrats want.

The measure would keep 160 million workers from seeing their payroll tax jump on Jan. 1 from this year's 4.2 percent back to its normal level of 6.2 percent — a \$1,000 difference for a family making \$50,000. It would also renew expiring extra benefits for long-term jobless people and head off a cut in doctors' Medicare reimbursements, a reduction that could prompt some to stop seeing elderly patients who use that program.

Reid says he will schedule a vote shortly on the House-passed bill to underscore its irrelevance — a vote that should start the clock ticking on what stands as the year's final, high-stakes partisan faceoff.

"It was dead before it got to the Senate," Reid said of the House legislation. "The Senate will not pass it. The sooner we demonstrate that, the sooner we can begin serious discussions on how to keep taxes from going up on middle-class Americans."

AP-GfK Poll: Romney's outsider argument falls flat with Republicans, while Gingrich rises

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mitt Romney says his business background makes him a better presidential candidate than Newt Gingrich, who has spent decades in Washington. But the argument is not moving Republicans his way, underscoring Romney's challenge in finding a way to stem Gingrich's rise three weeks before the Iowa caucus, a new Associated Press-GfK poll finds.

Republicans are evenly divided on whether a Washington insider or outsider is best-suited to be president. That's a problem for Romney, who cites his private-sector experience as the biggest difference between the two front-runners for the GOP nomination.

The poll also found a significant drop in satisfaction with the overall field of Republicans vying to challenge President Barack Obama next year. In October, 66 percent of Republican adults were satisfied with the field, and 29 percent unsatisfied. Now, 56 percent are satisfied and 40 percent unsatisfied.

Except for four years as Massachusetts governor, Romney, 64, has spent his career in business and management. He ran unsuccessfully for the Senate in 1994 and for president in 2008.

Gingrich, 68, spent 20 years in the U.S. House, including four as speaker. Since 1998, he has had a lucrative, Washington-based career as a consultant, speaker and author.

Obama administration says 2.5M young adults gain coverage through health overhaul

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of young adults lacking medical coverage has shrunk by 2.5 million since the new health care overhaul law took effect, according to a new analysis the Obama administration is to release Wednesday.

That drop is 2½ times as large as the drop indicated by previous government and private estimates from earlier this year, which showed about 1 million Americans ages 19-25 had gained coverage.

Administration officials said they now have more data. They say they're also slicing the numbers more precisely than the government usually does, trying to pinpoint the impact of a popular provision in an otherwise politically divisive law.

Under the health overhaul, children can remain on their parents' health insurance plans until they turn 26, and families have flocked to sign up young

adults making the transition to work in a challenging economic environment. But the fate of President Barack Obama's signature domestic accomplishment remains uncertain, with the Supreme Court scheduled to hear a constitutional challenge next year, and Republican presidential candidates vowing to repeal it.

"The increase in coverage among 19- to 25-year-olds can be directly attributed to the Affordable Care Act's new dependent coverage provision," said a draft report from the Health and Human Services Department. "Initial gains from this policy have continued to grow as ... students graduate from high school and college."

Iraqi forces still unable to defend nation's borders as U.S. exits after years of training

BAGHDAD (AP) — After billions of dollars and nearly nine years of training, American troops are leaving behind an Iraqi security force arguably capable of providing internal security but unprepared to defend the nation against foreign threats at a time of rising tensions throughout the Middle East.

Building up an Iraqi military and police able to protect the country became a key goal of the United States and its allies after they defeated and then disbanded the Saddam Hussein-era force in 2003. As America's role in Iraq fades, the results appear at best incomplete.

Iraqi forces — currently about 700,000 strong — have been largely responsible for security in Baghdad and other cities since 2009, carrying out their own raids and other combat operations against insurgents.

More than 10,000 Iraqi soldiers and police have been killed since the new force was established — more than double the number of American military deaths. Few if any military forces in the Arab world have as much combat experience within the ranks.

Doctors separate conjoined twins after 18-hour operation

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Chilean doctors separated conjoined twin girls early Wednesday after a marathon 18-hour surgery followed on television and the Internet, a hospital official said.

The 10-month-old twins are in stable condition even after losing a lot of blood during the operation. Now, teams of doctors are working on them individually after being separated, an official at Luis Calvo Mackenna Hospital said on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak to the media.

Parents Jessica Navarrete and Roberto Paredes kept an anxious vigil at the Santiago hospital.

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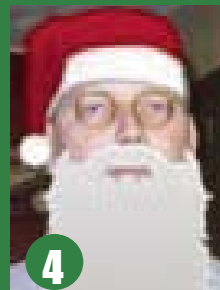
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Big Spring teams find big wins

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

MONAHANS — The Lady Steers of Big Spring made quick work of Monahans Tuesday night, grabbing a decisive 67-35 win on Monahans' home court.

Ambra Hill got back to the form Lady Steers fans saw early in the season, scoring a game-high 17 points for Big Spring. Though the game went a full four quarters, it was pretty much decided after the first frame, as Big Spring exploded out to a 17-4 lead. Then, seemingly to make sure their point was taken, the Lady Steers lit up the scoreboard for 25 points in the second, while holding Monahans to seven.

Hill, along with Logan Yarbar (13 points) was good for two 3-pointers in the game. But both girls had to take their hats off to Mackenzie Stone who scored nine of her 11 points on long-range 3-point shots.

The 42-11 halftime lead the Lady Steers took into the locker rooms allowed the girls to rest some starters and get the second echelon more valuable playing time than usual.

Big Spring would still outscore Monahans 25-24 in the final two frames, but there was a larger gap between these two teams than even the score would indicate.

Cerbi Ritchey, Yaneria Tuitt, and LaShaunte Anderson each added six points to Big Spring's stat sheet, while Ashtan Galan and Dyrshae Vanderbilt contributed four.

Big Spring will host Lubbock High at 6 p.m. Friday.

The boys basketball team pulled off a complete sweep in Lakeview Monday as the varsity squad defeated Lakeview 69-48. The JV team won by a score of 38-16 and the freshman squad completed the trifecta, winning 40-16.

The Steers will be back in action Friday night as they play host to Lubbock Coronado with a tip-off time of 7:30 p.m. The JV team will play at 4:30 p.m. and the freshmen will hit the courts at 6 p.m.

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A SHOOTING LANE — Lane Williams finds a clear area to drop this 3-pointer in recent Big Spring Steers action. The Steers defeated Lakeview Monday night 69-48.

Fourth-quarter points explosion leads Forsan to another win

Hernandez scores 18 points in win

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

The Forsan Buffaloes pulled off an exciting fourth-quarter comeback Tuesday night against Garden City. Down 37-36 heading into the final frame, the Buffaloes became unstoppable, draining buckets from all over the court and scoring 21 points in the period to take a 57-52 victory.

After jumping out to an early 16-8 lead after the first period, Forsan found themselves in a real fight, as Garden City rebounded in the second and

third quarters, outscoring the Buffaloes 16-12 and 13-8, respectively.

Aric Hernandez got hot early and stayed that way throughout the game, lighting up the scoreboard for a game-high 18 points, while grabbing five rebounds to lead Forsan to the win.

The Buffaloes needed one point in the fourth to tie and two for the win, but they outscored Garden City by six in the final frame, earning the win.

Leading the team in rebounds was Dillon Bagnall with 10 boards. Bagnall also put up seven points in the ef-

fort and grabbed three steals. He was joined by Matthew Mims, who also scored seven points.

Patrick Robles and Kade Fannin each added six points to the stat sheet for the Buffaloes, with Fannin fighting his way through for four rebounds, while Brendan Roman added four points.

Tyler Evans, Trevor Burchett and Bryson Phiullipseach added three points in the game as well, as the team rallied behind Hernandez to pull out the win late.

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NBA loses more than a few games

By **BRIAN MAHONEY**

AP Basketball Writer

The lockout ended, and the NBA's woes were just beginning. Dwight Howard asked to be traded. Chris Paul was dealt to the Lakers, it seemed, until the league decided he wasn't. So the Lakers made another trade, which Kobe Bryant hated.

"Nobody's happy," Spurs forward Tim Duncan said.

He was referring to feelings about terms of the new collective bargaining agreement, which in some ways are so similar to the old ones that it's fair to wonder exactly what was the point of the five-month lockout.

But he might as well have been talking about the superstars who want new homes, the critics blistering Commissioner David Stern for forcing one to stay put, or team officials charged with having clubs ready to play by Christmas under bizarre circumstances.

"It's just too bad, it really is. It's not reflective right now of the great product we had, you know?" former coach and ABC/ESPN analyst

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Bulldogs, Bulldogettes both take tough losses

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

The Coahoma Bulldogs found themselves in a tough match for their final non-district game against Sonora in Crane Tuesday night. Double digit stats by Ryan Reid and Tanner Ruiz would not be enough in this one as the Bulldogs fell 53-43. Sonora grabbed an early lead after the first period, outscoring Coahoma 15-11. However, Coahoma would take a lead into the locker rooms after they put up a game-high 16 points in the second period, while holding Sonora to 10.

The 27-25 halftime lead would not last as Sonora was allowed to gather their second wind in the third quarter. They registered 15 points, but more importantly, were able to hold Coahoma to seven to take a 40-34 lead into the

game's final frame.

Sonora would only add to their lead in the fourth quarter and eventually take a 53-43 win away from the Bulldogs. Reid led the Bulldogs with 11 points in the game, with Ruiz close behind with 10 of his own.

Coahoma will play host to Forsan Friday night in a district-opener for both teams. Tipoff is scheduled for 8 p.m.

The Bulldogettes ran up against a well-disciplined Post squad Tuesday night to take their second straight district loss, falling 46-34.

Goodblanket scored eight points for Coahoma, while Castilaw and Neff were good for seven. Clanton and Wilson added to the stat sheet as well, scoring four apiece.

The Bulldogettes will also play host to Forsan Friday, with a 6 p.m. tip-off scheduled.

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Jeff Van Gundy said. "It's one thing to have a summer and fall of strife due to labor negotiations. It's another to be seen as an organization that's in disarray once you settle that."

Van Gundy blames money, the natural place to start. Owners will save plenty by getting players to agree to a 12 percent reduction in salary costs in the new deal. But in doing so in time to salvage a substantial season, they conceded on many issues that were necessary to create the competitive balance they said they craved.

So Paul and Howard are trying to force their way from small markets to big, just as Carmelo Anthony did last year, and there's no guaranteed mechanism to stop them.

But at least everyone was home for Halloween.

"Just like the regular fan out there, just like you guys, you do wonder why stuff happened. You look at it and say, 'Why did the lockout happen?'" Miami guard Dwyane Wade said. "I don't see it helping right now. Maybe in a few years we'll all look back and see why this lockout happened. But right now it's not showing its face at all. ... The competitive balance thing was a pie-in-the-sky. We knew that was impossible, in a sense,

especially when you've got players willing to take less money to be happy."

That's what Wade, LeBron James and Chris Bosh did so they could team up last summer. Owners could have attempted to block future superteam building with a hard salary cap or franchise tag designations that exist in the NFL, but the players fought those changes in an effort to keep a system that looked like the old one, giving teams the ability to exceed the cap by quite a bit if they were willing to pay a luxury tax.

The tentative deal on the main issues wasn't reached until Nov. 26, and Stern said the regular season would begin on Christmas if the deal was ratified in time. But it meant free agency opened the same day as training camps, forcing some teams to report with barely enough players for a starting five while their transactions awaited approval by the league office.

"It's an arbitrary date to have to start on Christmas. There's no magical starting time. Just push it back. Let them have a normal free-agent period of a week, 10 days, then have two to three weeks of training camp with a few exhibition games. Let them do what they should do and then start whenever that date is," Van Gundy said. "Skip steps, I don't see how that's helpful, other than it's helpful to the pocketbook. I think

sometimes we sacrifice too many times the product for the pocketbook."

Van Gundy recalled something he once heard from Daryl Morey, the Rockets' general manager who thought he was getting Pau Gasol from the Lakers in the killed three-team trade.

"He said every organization needs a vice president of common sense, and right now that's exactly what the NBA needs. A vice president of common sense who looks at some of these decisions and says, 'You know what, we're better than this. We're all making a ton of money anyway. If it's a little less than a ton, that's OK. But let's make sure when we come back, we got the right product,'" Van Gundy said. "I mean, the lockout didn't even help these teams. It wasn't anything about competitive balance."

Still, fans would have forgotten about it easier with a smoother start to the season. Instead, the news and fallout from the NBA office, as current owners of the Hornets, killing the Paul trade came the same night Stern announced the new CBA had been ratified. Then came word that Howard had asked the Orlando Magic to trade him, in part because the team hadn't acted on his personnel recommendations — though he said Monday he could be open to staying if the Magic made the right moves.

Was this really the best way for the NBA to come back?

"Yes and no," Magic coach Stan Van Gundy said. "I think, you

know, it's certainly not the way (the Magic) wanted the NBA to come back. And I think the NBA, I can't speak for them, but I think they would want in some ways things to be a little bit more positive than they been. But at the same time, the Chris Paul and Dwight Howard situations have created a tremendous amount of interest, to the point where I don't even hear any mention of the lockout anymore — just those situations.

"The NBA has really gone to the top of the sports news in the last few days in the middle of an NFL season and everything else. So the NBA is probably getting more attention right now than they normally would at this point in December. So I would say there's some positive to it for them also. There's not a lot of positive to it for us, but for to the NBA in general I think there's some positive to it for them."

The NFL settled its lockout early enough that its entire schedule remained intact minus one preseason game. The NBA is giving teams only 16 days and two exhibition games from the time business reopened until the season tips off — with a whole new set of rules to learn in between.

"The NBA is shooting from the hip. We didn't get rules on the collective bargaining — our ability to sign and trade players — we didn't get it until the day before we opened up camp, and we had a conference call at 8 a.m. the day of camp opening explaining the rules," Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak said.

James Harrison suspended for hit on McCoy

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker James Harrison has carved out a niche as one of the NFL's most feared defenders over the last five years by straddling the line between clean and dirty play.

After one dangerous hit too many, the league apparently has seen enough.

The NFL suspended Harrison for one game following his helmet-to-facemask hit on Browns quarterback Colt McCoy last Thursday, making Harrison the first player to miss game time as a penalty under the league's revamped policy on such collisions.

Harrison's agent Bill Parise said Tuesday afternoon Harrison has already filed an appeal and expects it to be heard later this week by Art Shell or Ted Cottrell, jointly appointed by the NFL and the players' association to hear such cases.

They'll have to determine Harrison's intent when he laid out McCoy late in the fourth quarter of Pittsburgh's 14-3 victory. The 2008 NFL Defensive Player of the Year was penalized for roughing the passer on the play and said Monday he believed the hit didn't warrant further punishment.

NFL Executive Vice President Ray Anderson disagreed, pointing out the violation marked the fifth illegal hit on a quar-

terback by Harrison in the last three seasons. The four-time Pro Bowler has also been fined on two other occasions for unnecessary roughness over the same period.

Though Harrison hasn't been fined for such a hit in over a year, he was considered a repeat offender under the 2011 League Policies for Players manual, leading to the suspension.

Harrison, who has been highly critical of the league's crackdown on vicious hits, thanked his fans for their support on his Twitter account after the suspension was levied, adding, "I'm just going to move on from here and get ready for my next game."

Barring a successful appeal, that won't be until the Steelers (10-3) face St. Louis on Christmas Eve.

Harrison has maintained the hit didn't warrant any punishment other than the 15-yard penalty, saying Monday it was obvious to him that McCoy "chucked and ducked."

The Browns were driving in Pittsburgh territory with less than 6 minutes to play when McCoy took a snap and dropped back to pass before tucking the ball to escape the pass rush.

Harrison, who had been in coverage, approached quickly. McCoy pulled up just before Harrison arrived and flipped the ball to Montario Hardesty.

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Everyone enjoys a good story, and the Leo moon has a stellar sense of dramatic pacing. Even the most mundane information can be delivered in a manner that adds suspense. If you are inclined to be flirtatious, your natural abilities will shine during this transit. Mercury, now direct, warms up the audience with a harmonious trine to Uranus.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Much will depend on what kind of friend you are. Try to think ahead about what a friend might need from you. Also consider the expectations you've already set up and how you'll deliver on them, or not.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You want to have a good time and be a big contributor to the social swirl, but you have so much on your mind that social goings-on might not seem like a huge priority.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Buried pain has a way of staying buried until someone clever acts as a kind of metal detector to remind you where the heavy elements are hidden. A Scorpio or Cancer person could serve this purpose for you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You accept that you have created your experience, and now you wonder whether it's quite the way you meant it to be. Something definitive will happen to let you know whether it's working for you or not.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Where you spend your time will be crucial to the way relationships develop or don't. Go where you're sure to be in the mix with all the players who are in your game.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your word is good. You'll knock yourself out to make sure you do what you say you'll do. It's part of why you're confident: You trust yourself to deliver, and others trust you, too.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). So many people don't think about the details, but you do, and it gives you an advantage. Because you are concerned about the initial impression you make on others, you'll come across even better than you intended.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Sometimes you forget to use your position to share yourself fully with others. Today you'll take the responsibility to heart. You'll be warm when others are distant. Instead of breaking the ice, you'll melt it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Every adventure involves an element of danger. If there is no danger, it might be an exciting experience, but it's not really an adventure. You're in the mood to take on risks and adventure.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be involved

in a group effort and will be very aware of the fact that your friends are also your teammates. Try to develop a strategy that will allow everyone to win together.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). In order to be a superstar in any area of the world, you have to get involved in every aspect of it. You'll dive for deeper knowledge and also for adjacent information.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Some of your greatest triumphs will happen because of the particular way you pick yourself up after a fall. Knowing this, you're not afraid to slip up, and you'll radiate the kind of confidence that makes mistakes less frequent.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 14). You'll build your network of supporters, friends and customers. Your relationship with yourself is the most important one you'll nurture. You'll find new reasons and ways to appreciate who you are, grow your talents and care for yourself on every level. January unites lovers. February brings a financial breakthrough. Pisces and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 14, 2, 4 and 25.

NUMEROLOGY FUN WITH NUMBER SEVEN: Find your magic number by adding up all of the numbers of your birthday until you wind up with one number. For instance, all the numbers in the birthday 12/9/1975 add up to 34, and then three plus four equals seven, so the final number is 7.

If your magic number is SEVEN, you appreciate beauty and are on a quest to make the world a more beautiful place. You are endlessly creative, though you don't always channel this creativity into making things. Often, it is your taste and high ideals that reflect your talent the best. You notice what is needed to heighten the aesthetic value of things, and you have no problem expressing your opinion, usually in the most tactful and effective way.

Seven people are, in a sense, ageless. You were wise as a child, and you grow into your adult role with enviable grace.

QUOTES FOR SEVENS: "For beautiful eyes, look for the good in others; for beautiful lips, speak only words of kindness; and for poise, walk with the knowledge that you are never alone." - Audrey Hepburn

"Age does not protect you from love. But love, to some extent, protects you from age." - Anais Nin

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Keep your aging cat feeling young



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Visit Your Vet

This may seem like obvious advice, but frequent trips to the veterinarian's office can keep your cat feeling young and vibrant. Many people attribute behavioral changes in older cats exclusively to the aging process; and while some elderly cats will naturally slow down, this isn't always the case. Always consult a medical professional when your cat acts odd and never assume that new, altered, or strange behavior is something that a pet parent can turn a blind eye towards. By staying on top of your cat's health you are infinitely more likely to catch a potential problem before your cat has the worst of it.

Increase Agility

Consider how you can rearrange your home to suit your cat's needs. Place ramps leading to your cat's favorite places and treat your cat to a daily massage to stimulate healthy musculature without putting too much pressure on their paws. This gentle approach to feline fitness will leave your cat agile and amiable - plus, it makes for excellent quality time. Learn more about taking care of your senior cat at www.HillsPet.com/DefyAge.

Assess Your Cat's Age

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(Family Features) Did you know that cats are considered senior citizens at the age of 11? But getting older doesn't mean that they have to lose their spark.

Wendy Diamond, "Animal Fair" editor-in-chief and national television pet lifestyle contributor, has some great tips for making your favorite feline's twilight years golden ones.

Keep Feline Minds Active

Aging commonly impacts cognitive function. Older cats may become bored or disinterested in activity, so it's imperative to keep their minds active and engaged in order to stave off the trappings of old age - like senility or depression. Incorporating exploration and problem solving into your cat's daily routine will keep your cats intellect as sharp as their claws.

Adjust an Aging Cat's Nutritional Plan

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Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held in the Administrative Office of the Colorado River Municipals Water District at 400 East 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas, 79720 on Wednesday, December 21, 2011, at 9:00 A.M., for the purpose of receiving public comment regarding the construction of a raw water pipeline across the Monahans Sandhills State Park in Ward and Winkler Counties, Texas to determine whether there is any feasible and prudent alternative to the use of taking of such land, and whether such program or project includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to such land as a park, resulting from such use or taking. Current drought conditions have necessitated the accelerated construction of this pipeline for raw water supply to protect public health and human safety.

The proposed pipeline through the park is approximately two (2) miles in length and will be parallel to an existing CRMWD 33-inch diameter raw water pipeline which was constructed in 1971. Maps showing the proposed pipeline route through the Monahans Sandhills State Park are available for inspection during regular business hours at the offices of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, 400 East 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas, 79720. Written comments may also be submitted to the attention of John W. Grant, General Manager, Colorado River Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, Texas, 79721-0869 up to the conclusion of the public hearing on December 21, 2011.

/s/ Jim R. Purcell President, Board of Directors Colorado River Municipal Water District #7178 November 23, 30 and December 7, 14, 2011

Legals

INVITATION TO BID

The Colorado River Municipal Water District and Garney Companies are soliciting supplier participation including those that qualify as SWMBE's for the following: Bid Package 5, Slab and Below Construction for the Ward County Water Supply Expansion Project. Bid Deadline is December 22, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. Bids will be received at CRMWD 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, TX 79721-0869 For more information contact Marcus Grace at (816)536-6485 or email mgrace@garney.com Garney Companies, Inc is an Equal Employment/Opportunity Employer. #7192 December 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, 2011

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in: Row 1: 5, , , 1, 4, 6, 7; Row 2: , , , 9, , , 8; Row 3: , , 4, 5, 8, 9, ; Row 4: 1, , , 7, 5, 3, ; Row 5: , , , , , , ; Row 6: , , 2, 3, 6, , 9; Row 7: , , 7, 4, 2, 6, ; Row 8: 8, , 5, , , , ; Row 9: 6, 2, 5, 9, , , 3

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Reading the Cards

South is declarer and is in South's box. The cards are dealt and the bidding has proceeded as follows: South: 1NT; West: Pass; North: Pass; East: Pass. The contract should have been 4NT, and West needs to place out the club suit. West should have a good distribution of the essential suits in the hand, and West should have a good South hand. The spread indicates that West has a strong hand with four aces, and West needs to place out the club suit. West needs to place out the club suit. West needs to place out the club suit.

Tomorrow: Next six days



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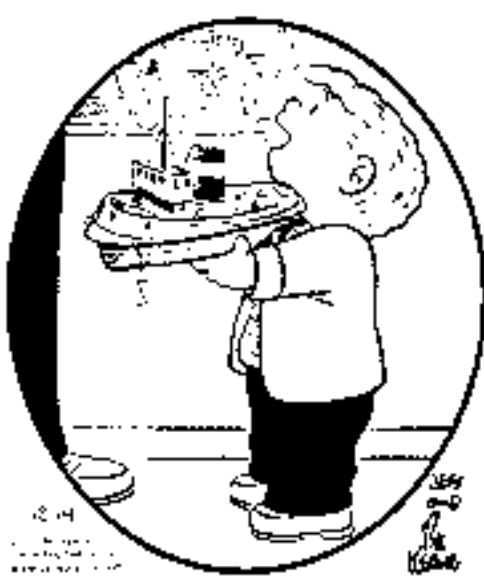
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

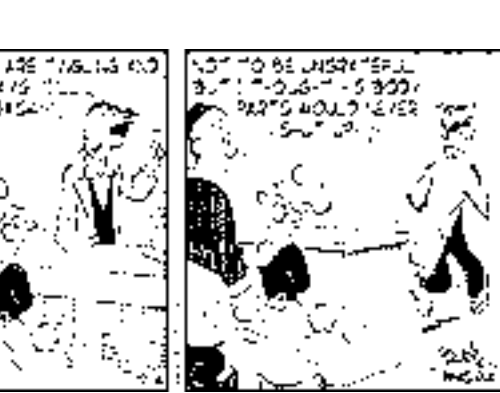


"Do you think Mommy would like this for Christmas? She can use it in her bathtub."

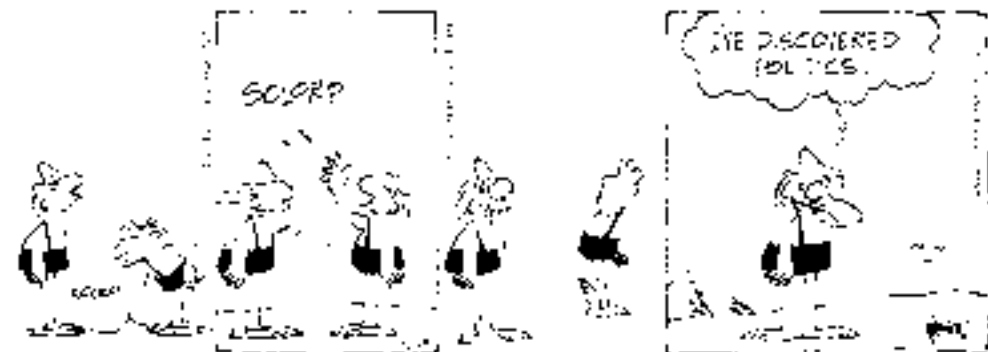
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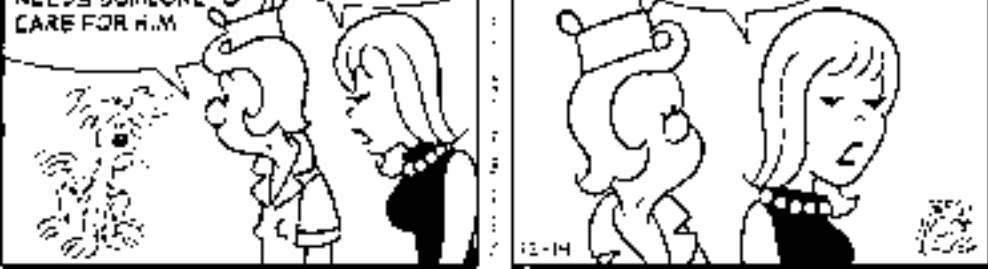
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 14, the 348th day of 2011. There are 17 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 14, 1911, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen (ROH-ahl AH'-mun-suhn) and his team became the first men to reach the South Pole, beating out a British expedition led by Robert F. Scott.

On this date:

In 1799, the first president of the United States, George Washington, died at his Mount Vernon, Va., home at age 67.

In 1819, Alabama joined the Union as the 22nd state.

In 1861, Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria, died at Windsor Castle at age 42.

In 1936, the comedy "You Can't Take It With You" by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart opened on Broadway.

In 1946, the United Nations General Assembly voted to establish U.N. headquarters in New York.

In 1961, a school bus was hit by a passenger train at a crossing near Greeley, Colo., killing 20 students.

In 1975, six South Moluccan extremists surrendered after holding 23 hostages for 12 days on a train near the Dutch town of Beilen (BY'-luhn).

In 1981, Israel annexed the Golan Heights, which it had seized from Syria in 1967.

In 1985, Wilma Mankiller became the first woman to lead a major American Indian tribe as she took office as principal chief of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.

In 1986, the experimental aircraft Voyager, piloted by Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, took off from Edwards Air Force Base in California on the first non-stop, non-refueled flight around the world.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician Clark Terry is 91. Singer-actress Abbe Lane is 80. Actor Hal Williams is 73. Actress-singer Jane Birkin is 65. Actress Patty Duke is 65. Pop singer Joyce Vincent-Wilson (Tony Orlando and Dawn) is 65. Entertainment executive Michael Ovitz is 65. Actress Dee Wallace is 63. Rhythm-and-blues singer

Ronnie McNeir (The Four Tops) is 62. Rock musician Cliff Williams (AC/DC) is 62. Rock singer-musician Mike Scott (The Waterboys) is 53. Singer-musician Peter "Spider" Stacy (The Pogues) is 53. Actress Cynthia Gibb is 48. Actress Natascha McElhone is 42. Actress-comedian Michaela Watkins is 40. Rhythm-and-blues singer Brian Dalrymple (Soul For Real) is 36. Actress Tammy Blanchard is 35. Actress Sophie Monk is 32. Actress Vanessa Hudgens is 23.

Thought for Today: "The trouble with our times is that the future is not what it used to be." — Paul Valery, French philosopher (1871-1945).

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- ACROSS
- 1 Con game
- 5 Late December events
- 10 Four-egged adoptees
- 14 Where Tibet is
- 15 Intimidative
- 16 Situated on
- 17 Carnivorous
- 19 Pac-12 school
- 20 Sandwich breads
- 21 Equimale
- 23 Tied to thwart
- 27 "Hedtingale" odist
- 28 Reagan predecessor
- 29 Three-note chords
- 32 "In other words..."
- 33 Supermarket aisle
- 34 JSSA spy org
- 37 DC baseballers
- 38 Eat to excess
- 39 Boyfriend
- 40 Govt. purchasing agcy.
- 41 Publicizes
- 42 Manage somehow
- 43 Ridiculously small
- 45 Phrases, metaphorical y
- 46 Love, Italian-style
- 48 Spread thickly
- 49 Some 'latboats
- 51 Demagogue
- 52 "Do others..."
- 53 Home away from home
- 59 Election Day
- 60 Daisy-like flower
- 61 Cash advance
- 62 Nimble
- 63 Prand rappers
- 64 Affectuate
- DOWN
- 1 Remained inactive
- 2 CBS police series
- 3 Be unwell
- 4 It may read "Welcome"
- 5 Twa n'kd
- 6 Fell sore
- 7 San Obispo, CA
- 8 Slip up
- 9 Polio vaccine developer
- 10 Took five
- 11 Kid's drawing toy
- 12 Apartment sign
- 13 Practices for a regular
- 18 Shakespearean fures!
- 22 Not bad
- 23 Cake-making step
- 24 Many stroller wheelers
- 25 Ready-to-wear clothing
- 26 Airport guesses: Abbr.
- 29 Sharp-tasting
- 30 Fixes illegally
- 31 Ill temper
- 33 Designe Christian
- 35 Gone With the Wind star
- 36 eBay customer
- 38 Diner order
- 39 Sesame Street regular
- 41 Beat a hasty retreat
- 42 Huge
- 44 Large merchant ship
- 45 Wipes oil
- 46 Borders on
- 47 Snow courage, so to speak
- 48 Supported, with "with"
- 50 Minor altercation
- 51 Prefix for physics
- 54 Prefix for bar
- 55 Little troublemaker
- 56 Pal of Poot
- 57 Wasn't colorfast
- 58 Wrap things up





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