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Shooting leaves one dead

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Law enforcement officials with the Big Spring Police Department are investigating the Sunday shooting death of a 27-year-old Big Spring man in the 200 block of N.E. Third

Street.

Christopher Castanuela, 27, of Big Spring was pronounced dead at Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room shortly after 6 a.m. Jan. 1 by Howard County Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs, who later ordered an autopsy.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD, officers were dispatched to the 200 block of N.E. Third Street at approximately 6:10 a.m. in reference to a shooting.

"At the scene, officers found

but had left in a private vehicle prior to their arrival," Everett said. "Officers also arrived at the SMMC emergency room, where the victim had been taken. The victim was dead on arrival."

Everett said Castanuela had

declined to comment on the type of firearm used in the shooting.

"Officers at the scene encountered witnesses who were not cooperative and conflicting stories,'

A year later, still no closure in Dunn case

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

COLORADO CITY — More than a year after teenager Hailey Dunn disappeared from this small, West Texas town, investigators say they are no closer to answering the question of what happened to the young girl.

Dunn has been the focus of a region-wide search since her mother — Billie Dunn reported her missing to the Colorado City Police Department Dec. 28, 2010. The lone "person of interest" in the case, Billie Dunn's then livein boyfriend Shawn Adkins, remains the only suspect in the investigation. However,



Dunn

ing a number of search warrants – with one allegedly turning up child pornography on a computer believed to be used by Adkins – no arrest has been made in the case.

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"I really wish we could get somewhere and get some answers," Billie Dunn told reporters in the weeks following her daughter's disappearance. "I'll do anything I can to get some answers. I know they're working long hours, but I do want some answers and I want my daughter."



Hailey Dunn's disappearance in late December 2010, led to many searches and candlelight vigils, like the one above. A year later, the teenager's whereabouts are still unknown.

however, as both her and months to follow.

Billie Dunn's attitude would Adkins would repeatedly be quickly turn to frustration, questioned in the weeks and

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EDC looks forward to prosperous year ahead, executive director says

By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer

Big Spring Economic Development Corporation has been hard at work in the past year and has no plans of slowing down this year, according to its executive director. "BSEDC has been effective

in fulfilling our mission statement to assist, stimulate and enhance economic develoment in Big Spring," Execu-



tive Director Terry Wegman said. "... to utilize its sales tax revenues to increase the job opportunities available to the citizens by assisting the expansion

Wegman of local businesses and attracting new businesses activities."

In the past year, BSEDC had

a hand in helping John Crane Production Solutions bring in an additional 24 jobs and retain 102 positions; CeRam-Kote bring in an additional 14 jobs while retaining the same amount; and Desert Tanks in bringing in an additional 38 jobs while retaining 17 positions.

"Each company provided more than a million in capital investment for the expansion projects and each are progressing better than pro-

jected," Wegman said. Other projects supported by the EDC in 2011 included:

 Assistance with \$150,000 infrastructure grant for Howard County Community Health Center. The center brought in nine jobs with more projected.

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Body found in ditch, autopsy ordered

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Police officials say foul play

doesn't appear to have played a role in the death of a 70-yearold man who was discovered in a ditch alongside FM 700 Monday morning. The body of Jose Regalado,

70, of Big Spring was discovered in a ditch near the 1100 block of West FM 700 shortly after 11 a.m., according to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department.

"Officers responded to the area in response to a call of a subject laying in the ditch alongside the road," Everett said. "Officers found the body and later identified him as 70-year-old Jose Regalado.

There were no signs of foul play and no signs of trauma to suggest he had been hit by a vehicle.

"Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman pronounced him dead and ordered an autopsy, which is set to be completed in Lubbock today. I expect his death to be of natural causes, but in a case like this

you have to cover all of the

bases, and that's what we're going to do."

Everett said investigator's haven't been able to determine why Regalado was in that area at the time of his death.

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Police blotter

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

- DAVID RUSSELL BARTLEY, 25, of 2600 Chanute, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while
- ISAAC DANIEL CHAVARRIA, 25, of 215 N.E. Ninth St., was arrested Friday on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility. • MANUEL REY CHAVARRIA, 29, of 2526
- Fairchild, was arrested Friday on a warrant from another agency. • LUCINDA RAMIREZ FLORES, 27, of 1504 S
- Nolan, was arrested Friday on warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, driving while license invalid, no driver's license – when unlicensed, failure to appear (two counts) and expired
- BENTURA GONZALES CHAVARRIA, 31, of 1513 Sycamore, was arrested Friday on warrants for failure to appear, failure to maintain financial responsibility and criminal mischief. • CARLETTA MICHELLE MCKINNEY, 43, of 4102
- Muir, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated. • BRITTANY DAWN BARNES, 18, of 538 Westover
- Rd. Apt. 260, was arrested Saturday on a charge of criminal mischief. • AUGUSTIN LEIJA YPINA, 56, of 1002 N. Main
- St. Apt. 40, was arrested Saturday on a charge of theft – shoplifting.
- RALPH ALLEN WHITE, 41, of 1313 Park St., was arrested Saturday on a warrant for speeding.
- ALVIN KENT MCCURLEY, 55, of 800 W. Marcy St. Apt. 30, was arrested Sunday on two warrants from other agencies.
- PAUBLO RENE GONZALES, 26, of 1906 Hale St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated – second offense. • JACK DANIEL PAREDEZ, 25, of 105 E. 17th St.,
- was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxica-• ISMAEL PAREDEZ, 62, of 105 E. 17th St., was
- arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxica-• LEONARD ANTHONY AGUINAGA, 23, of
- Ridgeroad, was arrested Sunday on warrants for driving while license invalid (three counts), failure to appear (four counts) and expired motor vehicle inspection certificate (two counts). • RAYMOND EARL OVERTON, 32, of 405.5 Moss
- Lake Rd., was arrested Sunday on a charge of pub-DAVID LARENCE GONZALES, 17, of 1300 S.
- Birdwell Lane, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less. • LARRY MARCUS SANTIAGO, 17, of 1506 Wood
- St., was arrested Saturday on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- KELSEY CHAVARRIA, 17, of 809 N. Runnels, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- ALYXANDRIA MARIE MUNOZ, 17, of 700 Tulsa Rd., was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- AARON HOUSTON HANES, 17, of 2604 Carol Dr., was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- DAVID WESTBROOK, 17, of 512 N. Johnson, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- SANDY MICHELLE BERMEA, 20, of 212 E. Robinson, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- GABRIEL ADAM PENA, 18, of 2300 E. Marcy, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- DAVID WESTBROOK, 17, of 512 N. Johnson, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- STEPHEN YANEZ, 18, 2100 S. Main St., was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CLINTON, 35, of 5109 Longshore, was arrested Sunday on a charge of
- public intoxication. • MANUEL R. DOMINGUEZ, 44, of 1308 Nolan, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while
- KARI ANN YODER, 35, of Oklahoma, was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agen-
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Obituaries

Joe W. Blassingame



Joe W. Blassingame, 76, of Big Spring died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Joey Bacon officiating.

He was born Jan. 28, 1935, in Mitchell County, Texas, and married Venita Hogg on Feb. 5, 1955

in Ackerly. She preceded him in death on Dec. 10,

Joe was a longtime resident of Howard County. He served in the United States Army, and retired from the United States Postal Service after 30 years. He enjoyed farming and ranching, but his greatest joy was his grandson, Collin, and attending all of

his activities.

He was a member of Baptist Temple Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Melissa Brooks and husband Marty of Coahoma; one son, Eddy Blassingame and wife Joyce of San Angelo; one grandson, Collin McMillan and fiance Kassi Wash of Coahoma; two brothers, Robert Blassingame and wife Lil and Art Blassingame of Big Spring; three sisters, Betty Driver of Big Spring, Bobbi Webb of San Angelo, and Margie Larson of Memphis, Tenn.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dutch and Daisy Blassingame.

The family suggest memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

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

Marion B. Wilkerson

Marion B. Wilkerson, 80, of Garden City died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2012, at Garden City Cemetery with Tom Koger officiating.

Marion was born March 18, 1931, in Big Spring, Texas, and married Helen Nickell on Sept. 24, 1960, in Midland. He was a lifelong resident of Glasscock County

and graduated from Garden City High School in 1949. He was also a lifelong rancher. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Wilkerson of

Garden City; one daughter, Staci Robertson and husband Jeff of Stamford; one grandson, Brandon Robertson of Stamford; and one sister, Wanda Moore and husband Bennett of Garden City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil and Mae Wilkerson. The family suggests memorials be made to First

Presbyterian Church of Coahoma, P.O. Box 94, Coahoma, Texas 79511. 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

Robert Henry Long

Robert Henry Long, 87, died Monday, Jan. 2, 2012, in a local nursing home. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Inurnment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park, Big Spring, Texas. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-

Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory, Big Spring, Texas.

Steven Wayne Brackett

Steven Wayne Brackett, 56, formerly of Big Spring, passed away Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012. Family and friends will gather to celebrate his life Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012, at 11 a.m. at Heart of Worship Church, 19101 FM 1730, Lubbock, Texas. A tribute of Mr. Brackett may be found at www.memorialdesigners.net, where you may leave memories and expressions of sympathy for his family.

Jose Regalado Jose Regalado, 70, of Big Spring died Monday,

Jan. 2, 2012. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

In the 1100 block of Sycamore.

• THEFT was reported:

In the 1500 block of Sycamore.

In the 800 block of N. Gregg Street.

Sheriff

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

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

 LUCINDA RAMIREZ FLORES, 27, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection, driving while license invalid, no driver's license, violation of a promise to appear, displaying an expired registration and failure to appear.

• BENTURA GONZALES CHAVARRIA, 31, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for criminal mischief, failure to maintain financial responsibility and violation of a promise to appear.

- ISAAC DANIEL CHAVARRIA, 25, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- MANUEL REY CHAVARRIA, 29, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of bail jumping – failure to appear.
- DAVID LARENCE GONZALES, 17, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- ALYXANDRIA MUNOZ, 17, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
 - · AARON HOUSTON HANES, 17, was arrested

Tammy Torres Tammy Torres, 47, of Big Spring died Sunday Jan. 1, 2012. Services are pending at Myers & Smith

Funeral Home.

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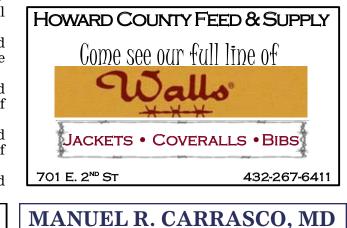
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Take Note

- A reception for retiring Big Spring Fire Department Chief Brian Jensen will be held at 4 p.m. Friday in the Big Spring City Council Chambers building. The public is invited.
- A fund has been set up at Myers & Smith Funeral Home for Teresa "Terry" Gonzales, who died Monday, Dec. 19, in Lubbock, to help defray funeral costs. Contact the funeral home at 432-267-8288 for more information.
- An account has been set up at T&P Credit Union for Herchel Lewis who is trying to rebuild his house at 904 E. 12th after a recent house fire claimed the house and the life of Doris Lewis. Lewis is asking for help to gather funds in order to rebuild the house, which his family has called home for more than 30 years. For more information, contact Lewis at 432-517-4308.
- West Texas Opportunities Inc. will be closed Dec. 30 and will reopen for business Jan. 3 at its new location, 2001 Scurry.
- A benefit account for the Arguello family, who lost two family members in a recent house fire in Coahoma, has been established at Western Bank. Interested persons can contrib-

ute to the account at any of the bank's three locations (two in Big Spring, one in Coahoma). For more information, call 432-394-4256.

- 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 7938527277.
- 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.
- 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

arrests have been made at this time." Everett said evidence in the case

leads investigators to believe there is one shooter at this time. An autopsy was scheduled to be performed this morning.

The shooting is not believed to be

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.

- 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.
- Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union is raising money to benefit Maurine Pittman, who is undergoing cancer treatment in a Dallas-area hospital. For more information, call the credit union at 263-8393.
- A benefit fund has been established at Western Bank for Eric Kelly, a 24-year-old Big Spring resident with cystic fibrosis who is recovering from a double lung transplant in Dallas. All donations are appreciated. For more information, call 432-213-0795

gang-related.

Anyone with information regarding this or any other crime is encouraged to contact the Big Spring Police Department at 432-264-2550 or the Big Spring Area Crimestoppers at 432-263-TIPS (8477) or 432-264-TIPS (8477).

 The Salvation Army is holding its annual heater drive and is in need of heaters. Community members can donate new or used heaters. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5

- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free free foreclosure help, call the hotline.
- Fridays are live band dance nights at Big Spring Senior Center, 1901 Simler. Senior adults are invited to an evening of fellowship (and good exercise) from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. each Friday. Cost is \$8 per person.

Information could be worth up to a \$1,000 reward.

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SHOOTING

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Adkins told law en-

forcement officials he

last saw Hailey Dunn on

Dec. 27, when she told

him she was going to

her father's home near-

by and then on to spend

the night at a friend's

home. According to in-

vestigators, the teen

did neither. Billie Dunn

said she last saw her

daughter at home the

night of Dec. 26, nearly

two days before she was

reported missing. Both

Adkins and Billie Dunn

have denied having any

involvement in the girl's

Billie Dunn lashed

out against investiga-

tors handling the case

disappearance.

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Everett said. "No motive has been established for the shooting and no

> during a press conference held in the weeks following the girl's disappearance, saying law enforcement had been "negligent" for not naming more persons of interest in the case. Dunn

against her "ridiculous," saying her words had been misrepresented in the media. Colorado City City Manager Pete Kampfer,

who had been serving

as the public informa-

tion officer on the case,

also called accusations

defended the investigation.

"To say we are being negligent would not be appropriate," he said. "We are working hard, following everytning, every lead, to the last degree."

However, Billie Dunn was taken into custody by authorities at her Colorado City home in March while members of the Texas Rangers were attempting to serve a search warrant on Adkins when Dunn allegedly lied about his whereabouts.

She later accepted a plea agreement in Mitchell County court, receiving one year probation for making a false report to police. According to court records, Dunn entered the guilty plea in return for the prosecution dropping the other charges stemming from her March 17 arrest, including hindering apprenension and prosecution and possession of

ing with local industries

as well as Howard Col-

lege. As for McMahon-

Wrinkle Airpark, the

board plans to continue

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modal facility for the

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was initially sentenced to 90 days in jail, with jail-time suspended in favor of probation. Mitchell County Sher-

iff Patrick Toombs confirmed Dunn moved to Travis County, in the Austin area. Court officials said her probation is to be served in Travis County. The girl's father, Clint

Dunn, has traveled all over the West Texas area, handing out flyers and trying to keep Hailey's disappearance in the public eye. The U.S. Federal Bu-

reau of Investigation recently labeled the case a kidnapping among its online list of "most wanted" crimes.

dangerous drugs. Dunn with the Colorado City

Police Department, no new leads have been been reported in the case. Hailey Dunn has

light brown hair, green eyes, stands 5 feet and weighs approximately 115 pounds. According to information provided by Hope for Hailey, a non-profit group currently assisting in the search, the girl has a scar on the right side of her forehead and right side of her lip. She was last seen wearing dark blue sweat pants, a light-colored T-shirt and flip-flops.

Anyone with information concerning the girl's whereabouts or circumstances concern-According to officials ing her disappearance are asked to call author-

Wegman said. "We will

continue to market and

promote Big Spring,

Howard County and

ities at 325-728-5294 or 325-728-3161. A reward of \$15,000 is being offered for information in

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ergy development.

BSEDC also plans on continuing efforts to attract new industry, provide training and attract qualified employees to the community by work-

dustrial park in order to attract new businesses and better serve existing

Many of the projects will continue into 2012 with more expected to get under way. Going into the new year, Wegman said goals have already been outlined. Some of those include recruiting new oil-related industry to Big Spring and attracting service industry to support existing wind and solar en-

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would slow sales

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The sanctions are viewed as

a non-military way to stop Iran

clear weapons program, which

it is clearly doing, according to

a recent International Atomic

the oil revenues, Iran's fragile

President Obama's answer

to the Iranian threat was even

shorter than Gen. McAuliffe's

four-letter repartee. He said

as long as he sticks with the

program. (Cowboy bombast is

probably what Iran's leaders

most crave.) In any case, the

5th Fleet command in Bahrain

has issued a somewhat wordier

response: "The U.S. Navy is a

flexible, multi-capable force ...

nothing, though that's fine

with its leadership.

economy would crumble, along

Energy Agency report. Without

from going forward on its nu-

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the commander of the 101st Air-

didn't quite get his drift, which

borne Division famously replied,

told Gen. Anthony

render his forces in

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stand. I think it The Herald is always interested in our readers' opin-In order that we might better serve your needs, we

> She maintained that it is preferable, for this largely secular course on the Bible, to have a

> subject from an objective, criti-

Her error is assuming that nonbelief equates to objectivity. In fact, every human being and thus every professor — has ception of the material. Every of which will be influenced by

For example, if you don't beinclined to discount those verses

Nonbelievers might be more

always ready to counter malevolent actions to ensure freedom of navigation."

A simple 'Nuts' sent to Iran

Analysts say the likelihood of Iran's actually closing the Strait of Hormuz is low. That would cut off what little oil revenue it receives. (Some see Iran's saber rattling as a trick to raise the price of oil.)

If Iran does follow through, one may worry about Obama's resolve. For some reason, blame for prices at the pump gets laid at the president's feet. As you may have heard, there will be an election this November.

While the U.S. has made strides on replacing oil, renewable energy sources produce just over 14 percent of our electricity.

Much of that comes from hydroelectric projects built long ago (Hoover Dam, Grand Coulee Dam, Tennessee Valley Authority dams). Oil interests in this country

habitually argue: Why bother? Oil is so much cheaper than wind, solar and other kinds of alternative energy. Case closed. They rarely look two steps

ahead to imagine a situation where Iran would close the strait. One-fifth of the world's oil supply passes through this narrow opening, where the Persian Gulf empties into the Arabian Sea. And somehow, they never add to their per-barrel calculations the blood and treasure expended in our defense of oil supplies

Iran is playing on Americans' fear of higher energy prices, something that has long kept this country slave to the whims of petro-dictators. Rising oil prices turn the masses into Jell-

O. And rather than come back with a strong defense — a Manhattan Project for alternative energy, whose products do best at times of high oil prices — the U.S. leadership pays tribute to some of the worst regimes.

The true "nuts" response to Iranian-type oil threats now comes from Germany. In June, Chancellor Angela Merkel set Germany on course to generate 80 percent of its power from renewable sources — wind, solar, geothermal and bioenergy — by 2050.

Merkel insists that the program is job-creating. By contrast, many American politicians tar any energy program not in the pocket of the fossil fuel industry as "job-killing." While Germany raised the share of electricity made from renewables to 20 percent now from 6 percent in 2000, it enjoyed higher wages, lower unemployment and stronger exports. Case closed, you might say.

Imagine what America could say to the petro-terrorists and assorted oil sheiks if our advance toward renewable energy matched Germany's. It could say "nuts" — and some other choice words.

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Blind to their liberal biases

think it's very difficult for any of us to be objective about any subject, especially something we care deeply about, but my objective observation is that liberals tend to be less aware of and less willing to admit their biases.

We see this often, which I'll get to, but first, let me relate how this phenomenon most recently came to my attention.

In a conversation with a saleswoman for online college courses, I expressed my disap-

pointment that the professor of a religion course I was considering for purchase is an avowed atheist. I said that if I were time studying the subject, I'd prefer the professor share my Christian worldview.



DAVID LIMBAUGH

Don't misundercan be profitable to learn what nonbelieving "scholars" teach about the Bible, but the point I want to discuss here is the woman's response.

professor who can approach the cal and historical perspective, as if a believing professor would be incapable of that approach. But is that true?

a worldview, and that worldview will inevitably influence his perprofessor will have made critical intellectual decisions on a multitude of issues in the material, all his worldview.

lieve in miracles, you'd be more of Scripture describing miraculous events, from the Virgin Birth to Jesus' converting water into wine to the bedrock Christian belief: the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ.

receptive to "higher criticism" and the "documentary hypothesis" and thus less skeptical of the theory that Moses didn't write the first five books of the Old Testament. They might be quicker to focus on apparent contradictions in Scripture that critical examination often reveals are not contradictions at all.

A believer in the divine inspiration and inerrancy of Scripture will certainly bring his biases into biblical exegesis, but so will a nonbeliever. We cannot escape our biases.

But the woman insisted the secular professor is only interested in presenting the material from a critical and historical perspective. A noble aspiration, I concede, should the professor actually possess it, but nevertheless unattainable. Historians and critical readers have biases, too. They can't help it.

It's just wrong to assume that a nonbelieving worldview is more objective than a believing one.

We are all blessed (or burdened) with our presuppositions, and they accompany us wherever we go.

It occurred to me that the woman's argument is analogous to the political liberals' legendary denial of bias. Indeed, many liberals don't even view themselves as liberals. Rather, they are reality- and fact-based creatures. Only conservatives allow their biases to taint their objectivity. Liberals will admit that some conservatives are rational, but to be both rational and conservative, they must be evil. They know the policies they support are wrong, objectively, but they choose to do so anyway — or something like that.

Evidence abounds: Scholarly studies show that mainstream journalists are overwhelmingly liberal, yet many deny it, and many honestly don't even see the biases they bring to their selection and reporting of the "news." ABC's Christiane Amanpour, for example, denies her liberal biases, saying she "remains in the realm of fact." The Bush haters who deceived themselves about Bush's alleged WMD lies claimed they were reality-based when in "reality" their hatred

made them stark-raving mad on the subject. A liberal college professor touting open academic inquiry banned "conservative" materials from class because she refused "to tolerate the intolerable." Members of the man-made global warming cult dogmatically proclaim a consensus despite strong dissent. Environmentalists extrapolate this mindset in their approach to scores of issues, traveling utterly quixotic paths and pursuing devastatingly expensive larks while dismissing skeptics as flat-earthers Obama constantly refers to his ideas as self-evidently reasonable and Republicans' as driven solely by partisanship, because how could they possibly oppose his reality-based proposals?

As a conservative, I believe that many liberals proceed from good intentions, though I think their consistently horrendous results entitle us to some skepticism after a while even as to their intentions — or at least to their ability to see past their oppressive biases. I don't believe, for example, that they are racists because their policies harm minorities, though they often do. I don't believe they automatically lack compassion just because their policies spread misery.

Yet many liberals do believe that conservatives are evil, uncompassionate racists because our policies don't fit their self-serving, narrow, shallow parameters of "good intentions." Many leftists are so possessed by a need to be morally superior that they can't abide the possibility that conservatives also have noble intentions. So it is that many who believe they are objective, fair and reality-based are far less so than the objects of their scorn.

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by K. Rae Anderson

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Alone at School

For young Ruby, the isolation was even worse than the threats.

When the school's white parents pulled their children out in protest,

she was left alone, day after day, with her white teacher, Barbara Henry. She couldn't go out at recess so she played games with her

Draw a couple of classmates sitting by Ruby to be her friends.

PATIENCE

teacher.

Meet Ruby

On November 14, 1960, a little girl named Ruby Bridges walked • to school past a screaming mob of angry white people. She had to • be protected by four gun-toting U.S. federal marshals.

Why? She was doing something no other African American in her hometown of New Orleans had ever done before. She was going • to school with white children.

Not Welcome

For months, Ruby quietly walked up the steps of William Frantz public school, past youths who were chanting, "Two, four, six, eight! We don't want to integrate," past a woman threatening to "poison" her, past signs designed to terrify her. One woman had a baby-sized coffin with a black doll inside. "That really scared me," remembered Ruby.

Ruby's courage amazed and inspired people. Former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt sent Ruby a letter. Circle every other letter to discover what she told Ruby in

KADGTOWOVDQAHMTEPRDIVCSARN

Standards Link: History: Understand the accomplishments of ordinary people

Vocabulary Challenge

SEGREGATION means the practice of separating people into groups, especially racial groups. Before 1960, schools in America were segregated. Can you guess what integration means?

a. Remembering a name

b. Bringing people together that used to be separated

c. Excluding people based on race

d. Organizing names alphabetically

Replace the missing words.

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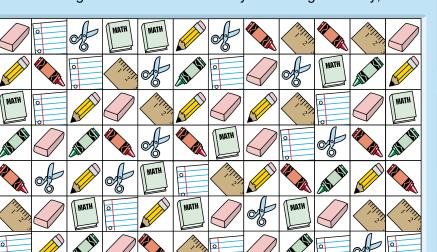
Changing Times Despite the Ruby went to school every day. She

create the first desegregated school in the Deep South. After a few _ _ of protest,

white children slowly began to ____ to the school. A year later, Ruby second grade

without the marshals,

a class of white and black children. Take a close look at all the school supplies in the big grid. Then try and find each of the groups shown on the right. Have a friend or family member give it a try, too!





GROUP 3



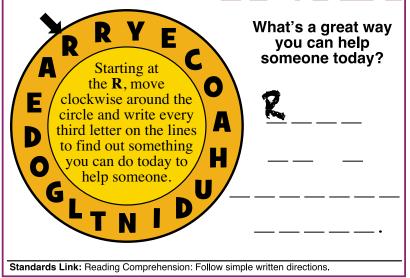


For each of the following

character traits, find a person in the newspaper who shows that trait.

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Standards Links: Civics responsibilities



Ruby recalls that famous year when she became one of the first black children to attend an all-white school: www.kidscoop.com/kids

Double Find the words in the puzzle,

SEGREGATED

then in this week's Kid Scoop **BRIDGES** stories and activities. **COURAGE** BESTAERHTS **THREATS** CREATEGUEI RACIAL SOLLODNMBN **SCARED RECESS** IEUNEGARRY **CREATE** EGREGATED **SIGNS** OFADACANCA **ALONE** ECWSIGNSEL **RACES** S E C A R R E W S O **GAMES RUBY** RALONEBLSD

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop Together: **Number Code**

Read today's Kid Scoop page to find the answer for each question. Then, write each letter in the numbered spaces to discover an important lesson that Ruby Bridges learned through her experiences.

1. The name of Ruby Bridges' first teacher was:

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2. Who escorted Ruby Bridges to school to keep her safe?

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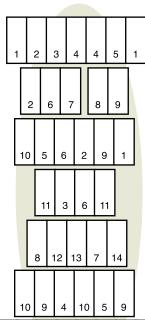
3. A threat Ruby received while passing a woman on her way to school.

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4. Segregation means to:

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Standards Links: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.

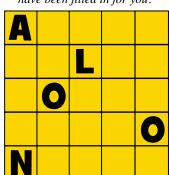
What a Character!

Acceptance is ... friends with someone even if they are different





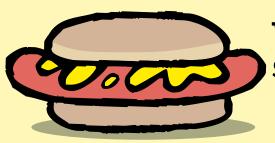
Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word ALONE in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.



Play "Find the Question!"

Find and read an article in which a reporter interviews someone. What questions did the reporter ask the person being interviewed? Can you think of new questions to ask?

Standards Links: Reading Comprehension: Use general strategies of the reading process to understand information.



LADY

DOLL

Where do very smart hot dogs end up?

ANSWER: On honor rolls.

Write On! <

SCHOOL CLOSED!

Imagine you arrived at school and the gates are locked. No lights are on. And a big sign reads "SCHOOL CLOSED." What would happen if you no longer had the opportunity to get an education?

Bird Poop: Caught along the Concho

t wasn't going to be easy. With a lengthy net extended to prevent escape, Animal Control officers hoped they could coax a large bluegray bird from its hiding place



McCasland

uneven shoreline of the Concho River. Capturing the injured heron in this part of San

Angelo's

in the

scenic waterway was going to prove a challenge.

When an officer signaled they were ready, another carefully moved his snake tongs over the net and behind the bird. With gradual, prodding nudges, he finally forced it out of the cave-like area and into the netting.

Having been alerted to the plight of this long legged, long necked bird, the agency had been told it had a broken wing. Soon, Diane Tracy, who is listed within our permit for wild bird rescue, was examining a great blue heron.

The inside of its left elbow was badly abraded; the wound was fresh. Among the calls to Animal Control had been a description of the bird's injured wing hanging down lower than the other one.

Concerned about a possible shoulder break, Diane took the heron to her veterinar-

Since an x-ray revealed no breaks, the bird was given an antibiotic injection to prevent infection.

After talking with South Plains in Lubbock to see if they would accept the heron, Diane called us. A pot of seasoned, melted butter for Christmas snacks on the kitchen stove, and Christmas projects scattered atop the cabinets, caused me to ask if we could meet the following morning. The late afternoon hour we both would

be traveling was also considered.

Agreeing the heron needed to rest after the stress of being captured and examined, we discussed a tempting diet of live minnows in a washtub. Diane also decided to search for a large enough box in which a four foot tall bird could stand for the night.

Since we hoped to accomplish the entire transfer the next day, Diane offered to deliver the heron to us. We, in turn, would leave for Lubbock.

Although the box Diane had acquired was more than ample for the bird's height, there was no way she could transport the cardboard enclosure without laying it on its side. Even then, it was too long for her Prius.

For the transfer, she and her husband, Dale, placed the heron in the largest dog carrier they had. Although the bird would have to ride hunched over, it could feel secreted and safe when the container was

and was even a staple

in the diets of Greeks



Weighing five to six pounds, the great blue heron is "great" in length of its bill, neck, legs and toes. While its legs extend out behind it in flight, its head is drawn back to its shoulders, causing its neck to form an "s" shaped curve. In addition to fish, the bird eats insects, frogs, lizards, snakes, mice and rats.

covered.

At the wildlife center, we carried the bird's enclosure to a room in the aviary. Rather than startle and frighten the heron by extracting it through the carrier's opening, we removed the screws and nuts that secured the top and bottom. Gently lifting off the top allowed the lanky shorebird an almost instant freedom.

Readily, it half jumped, half walked away from its dark shell. No longer confined, it flapped its vast wingspan as if preparing for flight. Then folding its wings, the great blue heron held them equally as it paced the screened wall that allowed sunlight and an outside view.

While we watched, however, its lack of energy or discomfort soon caused its left wing to droop downward. Hoping it was a bad bruise that time would heal, we left the heron to its newly found wading pool and submerged shrimp to tempt an appetite.

See **HERON**, Page 7A

Black eyed peas: Symbols of luck and survival

hope you ate your black-eyed peas on New Year's Day because they are supposed to bring luck and prosperity for the

West dealer.

The bidding:

Opening lead

4 ♦

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

North-South vulnerable.

10 7 5

SOUTH

Pass

Pass

Pass

The cuebid of an opponent's suit

theoretically shows either a void or

the ace of that suit, but there are

times when the cuebid is used to

show a big hand even when the bid-

der does not have the suit under con-

trol. Here is an example of such a

North had too good a hand for a

simple raise to game after South had

freely bid three hearts. The outlook

was certainly slammish — North had

nine of diamonds.

Contrac

coming year. But did you know this tradition dates back to the Civil

Very few folks know the history behind the

By Steve Becker

19 high-card points — but he had no

idea what his partner had in dia-

monds. He therefore cuebid dia-

monds to alert South to the possibil-

But since South had minimum

values for his previous bid, he signed off with four hearts. Still not satis-

fied, North made another try, this

time by cuebidding spades. South

could now no longer ignore his partner's persistently strong bidding, so he bid four notrump (Blackwood)

All this fine bidding came to

naught, however, when South bun-

gled the play. West led the nine of

diamonds, and South followed low

from dummy. This proved to be fatal

when East played the deuce on the

nine, an obvious request for West to

Looking at seven spades in his

own hand and three in dummy, West

had no problem finding a spade shift,

and East ruffed to put the slam down

one. Had declarer covered the dia-

mond nine with the ten, he would

Actually, after South bid six hearts. East should have made a

Lightner double to ask for an unusual

opening lead, in which case West's

virtually automatic spade lead would

have sealed South's fate beyond

North showed three aces

shift to another suit.

have made the slam

Asleep at the Switch

♦ A K Q J 6 2

3 **♥** 4 **♥**

4 NT

+10763

itv of a slam.

black-eyed pea so I decided to do a bit of research to find out more. The black-eyed pea originated in North Africa, where it has been eaten for centuries. It was introduced to India about 3,000 years ago

and Romans.

Black-eyed peas were believed to be brought to the New World by African slaves and were first grown in Virginia during the 17th century, later becoming a popular crop in Florida and the Carolinas.

In the North, black

eyed peas were grown for cattle and were known as "cow-peas." In the South, they were eaten on dinner tables, right

along with collard greens, and were an excellent source of calcium, foliate, iron, potassium and fiber.

CORNER DARRELL Ryan

But the story of the black eyed pea being considered good luck relates directly back to Sherman's "March to the Sea" in late 1864. It was called The Savannah Campaign and was led by Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman. Sherman's troops marched from the captured city of Atlanta, Ga., and ended at the port of Savannah on Dec. 22, 1864.

When the smoke cleared, the southerners who had survived the onslaught came out of hiding. They found the aggressors had looted and stolen everything of value

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and everything one could eat, including all livestock. While in hiding, few Southerners had enough to eat, and starvation was now upon the survivors.

The Northern army had taken everything they could carry, but they couldn't take it all The devastated people of the South found Sherman's troops had left silos full of black eyed peas. The northern troops saw it as the thing of least value.

They took grain for their horses and livestock and other crops to feed themselves, so they left the black eyed peas in great quantities, assuming it would be of no use to the survivors. since all the livestock it could feed had either

been taken or eaten. Southerners awoke to face a new year in this devastation and were facing massive starvation if not for the good luck of having the black

eyed peas to eat. From 1865 forward, the tradition grew to eat black eyed peas on New Year's Day for good luck. Today in much of the land, black-eyed peas are grown primarily as animal food and a cover crop to improve soil. For southerners, however, the New Year starts with a bowl of black-eyed peas for luck and prosperity.

Did you remember to have it on your table?

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sudoku

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

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News in brief

Hours from voting, many Iowa GOP voters still undecided

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Unpredictable to the end, many of Iowa's GOP voters still hadn't settled on a favorite candidate just hours before they cast the first ballots of the 2012 presidential contest. After weeks of face-to-face campaigning and millions of

dollars in advertising, Republican presidential hopefuls made last-minute appeals to undecided GOP voters. A confident Mitt Romney, the front-runner for the GOP

nomination, told a rally Monday, "We're going to win this thing."

Whether he would pull that off was far from clear.

On Tuesday night, Republicans will gather in living rooms, high school gymnasiums and local libraries to start the process of picking the 2012 GOP nominee. In each precinct caucus, voters will urge their friends and neighbors to support a preferred candidate.

George W. Bush presidency barely mentioned in Republican contest

PERRY, Iowa (AP) — A funny thing happened recently in the presidential campaign in Iowa: The last Republican president's name actually surfaced.

"We've had, in the past, a couple of presidents from Texas that said they weren't interested in wars ... like George W. Bush," a voter said to Ron Paul, the Texas congressman who has been sharply critical of U.S. military entanglements overseas. "My question is: How can we trust another Texan?"

It was an odd, almost discordant moment in a GOP contest where Bush, a two-term president who left office just three years ago, has gone all but unmentioned. While the candidates routinely lionize Ronald Reagan and blame President Barack Obama for the nation's economic woes, none has been eager to embrace the Bush legacy of gaping budget deficits, two wars and record low approval ratings — or blame him for the country's troubles either.

"Republicans talk a lot about losing their way during the last decade, and when they do they're talking about the Bush years," said Jack Pitney, a political science professor at Claremont-McKenna College. "For Republicans, the Bush administration has become the 'yadda yadda yadda' period of American history."

24-year-old man under arrest in connection with LA arson spree

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It was another night of firefighters scrambling across the nation's second largest city to snuff out a series of arson attacks when a tip came in about a German man who matched the description of someone with a shoulder-length ponytail captured on a surveillance video near where a car fire was reported.

Five hours later Harry Burkhart was pulled over by a reserve sheriff's deputy who works for \$1 a year and later booked for investigation of arson of an inhabited dwelling. Since the arrest, firefighters have not responded to any other suspicious fires.

While the investigation is ongoing — authorities haven't ruled out the possibility that others may be involved — Burkhart's arrest was a measure of relief to anxious residents who had grown fearful after several nights of seemingly random blazes.

"Our long four-day nightmare is over," said Los Ange les County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky.

Putin dreams of sweeping Eurasian Union for trade, not ideology

ALMATY, Kazakhstan (AP) — Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin has a vision for a Soviet Union-lite he hopes will become a new Moscow-led global powerhouse. But, his planned Eurasian Union won't be grounded in ideology: This time it's about trade.

The concept of regional economic integration may be losing some of its allure in Europe, where a debt crisis is threatening the existence of the eurozone. But some countries across the former Soviet Union, still struggling economically 20 years after becoming independent, are embracing Putin's grand ambition.

Russia has moved one step toward this goal under an agreement with former fellow Soviet republics Belarus and Kazakhstan that as of Sunday allows the free movement of goods and capital across their common borders.

Vital or vile? Wis. coroner posting facial photos online MILWAUKEE (AP) — The corpses' faces are mostly

bloated, their skin pale and discolored. One man's lips are stiffened into a grim frown and he stares with halfopen eyes. Another man appears to be sleeping, his color natural enough that he almost looks alive. Forensic investigator Michael Simley knows some peo-

ple will find the photographs unsettling, but he said he decided to post them online for an important reason: the bodies are unidentified. All were found in Wisconsin's most populous area, Milwaukee County, and have been without names for years — decades, in some cases — and Simley said he's desperate to find answers. "We're not doing these people justice to let them go

unidentified. These are family members, friends, people who are missed," Simley said.

SHERIFF

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- BRITTANY DAWN BARNES, 18, was booked into the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.
- RALPH ALLEN WHITE, 41, was booked into the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of speeding.

LEIJA AGUSTIN YPINA, 56, was

- booked into the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of theft. ALVIN KENT MCCURLEY, 55, was booked into the county jail Sunday by
- the BSPD on charges of speeding and violation of a promise to appear. • BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CLINTON,
- 35, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication. • MANUEL RAFAEL DOMINGUEZ, 44, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO
- on a charge of driving while intoxicat-• RAYMOND OVERTON JR., 32, was booked into the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxi-
- JACK DANIEL PAREDEZ, 25, was booked into the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxi-

PAUBLO R. GONZALES, was

- booked into the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated – second offense. • ISMAEL PAREDEZ SR., 62, was booked into the county jail Sunday by
- the BSPD on a charge of public intoxi-• LEONARD ANTHONY AGUINAGA, 23, was booked into the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on municipal
- invalid (three counts), failure to appear (four counts) and expired motor vehicle inspection certificate (two counts). • BILLY THAD METCALF, 36, was arrested Monday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense, not secured by safety

belt and violation of a promise to

warrants for driving while license

appear. • KARI ANN YODER, 35, was booked into the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

HERON

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Since I had told volunteer, Gail Barnes, earlier the heron had not eaten for Diane, Gail wanted to give the bird enough time to see if it would eat the shrimp on its own. Previous herons had devoured such a tempting treat. If it were going to eat at all, this would be the

Later in the day, Gail discovered the shrimp had not been touched. Since Diane had described the heron as weak, Gail and another volunteer decided to

Opening the razor sharp edges of its beak to insert a tube for fluids, followed by solid food, led to an undiscovered problem.

force-feed.

Lining the inside of the mouth and leading down the throat were

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flukes, or parasitic worms. Appearing as white spots to the human eye, flukes can cause anemia. Appropriate action was taken to try to stem their

For Diane and me, the heron's injured wing had taken precedence as our main concern in an effort to transport the bira.

A South Plains' veterinarian confirmed tendon problems with the wing, but felt the bird might recover with

Since the heron refused to eat on its own, it was fed twice daily for seven days. The aftermath of the parasites was becoming more life threatening than the abraded elbow and damaged wing. As the bird grew weaker, the inevitable became obvious.

When Gail called, she felt the wing injury was secondary to the downing of the bird. Being

so infected with flukes had caused a loss of strength and vitality. Ultimately, the invasion may have led to the bird's crashing into something because it could not control its six to seven foot wingspan. We, nor volunteers at

the center, were to be privy to see the great blue during its breeding season. An array of black plume-like growths would accent its stately head and neck.

But we could appreciate its bluish gray upper parts that were a pleasant contrast to its whitish head and vellowish bill. Its long neck appeared to be a combination of light gray and pale cinnamon. Underneath, its black breast and belly were adorned with white streaks. Grayisholive legs led to long toes that allowed it to walk gracefully over the muddiest of marsh-

An expert at fishing, the great blue heron had stood many times in the shallow waters of a lake, pond, river or creek. Absolutely still, head poised and ready, it had waited for a fish to swim into the shadows cast by its body. At the right moment, it would have grabbed its aquatic meal, tossed it in the air, and swallowed it headfirst.

In nature are obstacles to a prolonged life. Our best efforts had been futile against the mysteries of life and death. The great blue

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were over. Its large, slow moving wings could take it no further. It had flown its last migration.

heron's fishing days

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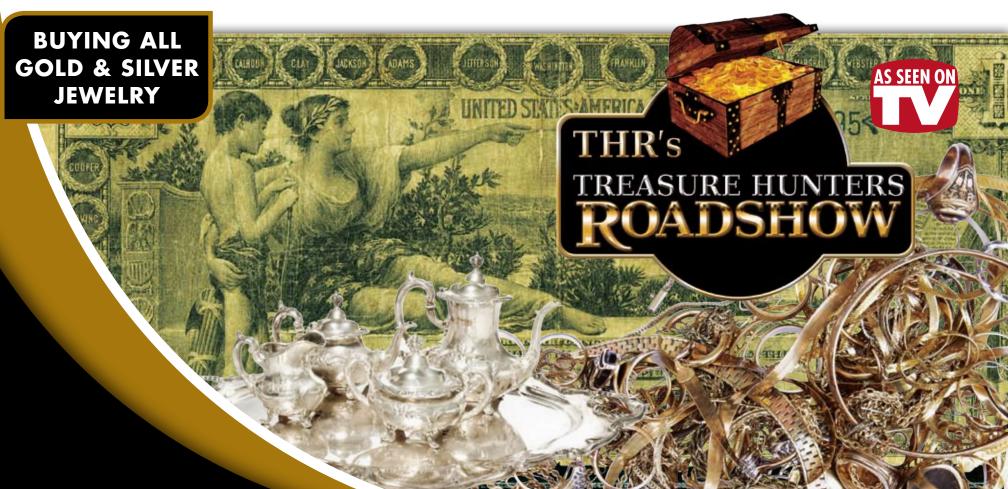


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Mavs end Thunder's unbeaten streak

DALLAS (AP) - In their night. sixth game, Dirk Nowitzki and the Dallas Mavericks finally looked like the reigning NBA champions.

They loaded up on easy baskets. They forced the league's last unbeaten team to miss way more shots than usual. And the best highlights came from their superstar, as Nowitzki scored 10 of his 26 points during a third-quarter spurt that sent the Mavs to a 100-87 victory over the Oklahoma City Thunder on Monday

Dallas had been 1-4, with its aging roster seeming to show its age and a gaggle of new players looking like they needed more time to get in the flow. Yet while playing their fourth game in five nights, the Mavs had their best game

"This team is set up to get month-by-month," better Nowitzki said. "We should have a good team in March and April. Saying that, we've still got to find ways to win. ...

This team has a lot of potential, with a lot of scorers, a lot of veterans who know how to play. We can be a very dangerous team."

The Thunder, who lost to the Mavericks in the Western Conference finals last season and beat Dallas with a buzzer-beater last week, were the more dangerous team coming in. They started the night 5-0, joining Miami as the league's last unbeatens. The Heat lost to Atlanta while this game was going on.

Oklahoma City had a chance to take a healthy lead in the opening minutes, when the Mavericks missed nine of their first 11 shots. But the Thunder just never got going — on either end. They gave up 34 points in the second quarter then scored just 18 in the third.

"We didn't have any energy from the beginning," said Kevin Durant, who scored 27 points. "We need energy. It changes the whole game. We need to play with more effort.

Everybody looks to me so I've got to start the game better."

Russell Westbrook added 18 points and eight rebounds, and Harden had 16 points and seven rebounds.

"(Losing) one game out of six isn't the end of the world," Thunder coach Scott Brooks said. "They played much better than us throughout. It wasn't our night. They shot better than us. And we

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Baylor downs Aggies in Big 12 opener

WACO (AP) — Texas A&M night in the Big 12 opener for from our bench offensively." in its last scheduled Big 12 defeated.

quickly found itself in a hole both teams and remained un-



AP file photo

BIG PAPA BEAR — Baylor's Perry Jones III was a dominant force in the Bears' Big 12-opening defeat of Texas A&M Monday. Jones had 14 points and an astounding 12 rebounds in the win for Baylor.

trip to fourth-ranked Baylor. Early fouls and poor shooting certainly didn't help.

While Baylor scored the first eight points, Texas A&M leading scorer Khris Middleton and guard David Loubeau both picked up two earlier fouls.

"We were prepared. We were just playing timid and a little bit overwhelmed, I guess," Aggies guard Elston Turner said. "The fact that we weren't really making shots in the first half. it just kind of got our offense out of

The Bears led throughout in a 61-52 victory Monday

Loubeau picked up three fouls in only two minutes in the first half, and Khris Middleton was limited to 10 minutes before halftime after two early fouls.

"We have a small margin of error, with Khris and Loubeau being in foul trouble in the first half," coach Billy Kennedy said. "That's part of playing against that zone. It's very big. The back line of that zone is very big and it takes a while to adjust. But I thought we got some pretty good looks early. We just couldn't make them. Then we got into foul trouble and didn't get a whole lot of help

Turner had 21 points and Middleton had 14.

Perry Jones III had 14 points with 12 rebounds for Baylor, which has its first 14-game winning streak in school history.

After moving up two spots to No. 4 in the new Associated Press poll earlier Monday, the Bears (14-0) never trailed against the Aggies. who have lost three of four.

"I make sure, being the captain of the team, that we don't pay attention to that," senior Quincy Acy said. "It's good to have it, but we want more. ... Just make sure that we don't pay attention to that, and we go out every night and play like we have something to

Part of Baylor's opening spurt was Pierre Jackson's half-court alley-oop pass to Jones for a slam dunk

It was the first double-double of the season for Jones, the Big 12's preseason player of the year. Jones, a 6-foot-11 sophomore who bypassed the chance to be a high NBA draft pick last summer, missed the first five games this season while completing a six-game NCAA suspension for accepting improper benefits before he got to Baylor.

This was the 204th meeting for the Texas teams from along the Brazos River. Baylor has won four in a row, but A&M still leads the series 127-77.

It was the last Big 12 matchup between the two teams in Waco with A&M's pending move to the Southeastern Conference after this season. They play again Feb. 1 at College Station.

"Obviously like everyone else I wish they were still in the Big 12, but we've got a pretty good league, and there's a reason the last four years RPI-wise the Big 12's been the best conference in basketball," Baylor coach Scott Drew said. "It's outstanding basketball. We know the future's very bright for the Big 12."

The Bears had already matched the school-record winning streak of 13 in a row set in 1946 by winning their 13 non-conference games. Baylor has won five consecutive Big 12 openers.

Acy added 13 points for Baylor, while freshman Quincy Miller had 11 points with eight rebounds in his first Big 12 game. A.J. Walton had 10 points.

Turner's 3-pointer got Texas A&M within 10 with 5 minutes left before consecutive turnovers that Baylor turned into baskets.

After Anthony Jones forced an A&M turnover, Cory Jefferson made a jumper. Jackson then had a steal that led to Walton's baseline jumper in the front of the Baylor

"I wasn't real pleased with that play," Kennedy said. "He made a tough shot."

Turner hit another 3-pointer with 2:25 left to get the Aggies within 57-48, but they never got closer.

Texas A&M made only 18 of 63 field goals (29 percent) overall, but that was actually an improvement after making only 6-of-28 (21 percent) in the first half.

There was an 8-minute stretch for Texas A&M with 10 consecutive missed shots. After Turner's jumper with 9:39 left in the first half, when Baylor led 17-9, the Aggies didn't make another field goal until Middleton's 3-pointer with 1:39 left when they still trailed 28-14.

"Defensively, I'm proud of our guys. We did a good enough job defensively," Kennedy said. "But when you go 6-for-28 in the first half and you've got two of your best players on the bench not playing, it's going to be tough."

Briefs

Chicano Golf meeting slated

Chicano Golf Association members will hold a meeting tonight at 6 p.m. in the Comanche Trail Club House.

Coahoma finishes in second

By ROBERT GRIFFIN

Sports Editor

BIG LAKE — Tanner Ruiz was good for 23 points in the championship game, but it would not be enough to tackle Water Valley and take the title. After a good run, the Coahoma Bulldogs fell in the final match of the Mary Tatum Holiday Classic basketball tournament at Big Lake to Water Valley by the score of 46-59.

The Bulldogs could never get rolling as they had in previous tournament outings and found themselves behind after the first quarter 6-14. A big push in the second period would get them a bit closer, but they still found themselves down 20-25 going into halftime.

Aaron Acevedo registered 11 points for Coahoma in the championship game to join Ruiz on the All-Tournament Team.

Feeling the momentum trying to change in favor of the Bulldogs, Water Valley came out strong in the second half, pushing themselves toward a game-high 20 points in the third quarter and widening the gap between the two teams. When the fourth quarter started Coahoma was down an almost insurmountable 45-32.

The 13-point lead would hold as both teams scored 14 points apiece in the game's final frame.

Rangers rally to beat Flyers 3-2 in Winter Classic

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Alone in the cold, it was up to Henrik Lundqvist to preserve a Classic comeback.

His signature moment came with 19.6 seconds left after New York defenseman Ryan McDonagh was whistled for covering the puck in the crease. Flyers center Danny Briere streaked down the ice — a replica of the Liberty Bell and bundled-up fans behind his back — trying to send this one into over-

dropped Lundqvist to his knees on top of a chilly baseball field and stoned Briere with his pads when the center tried to sneak it through his legs.

made-for-TV showcase had found its brightest star.

Lundqvist stopped 34 shots, Brad Richards scored the go-ahead goal early in the third period and the New York Rangers rallied from a two-goal deficit to beat the Philadelphia Flyers 3-2 in the Winter Classic on Monday at Citizens Bank Park. "I was just trying to

be patient and do my thing," Lundqvist said. "He's a sneaky guy, and there was a lot of pressure on me."

More pressure than other regularseason games in January. While this game meant two points in the standings, like the four other NHL games set for Monday night, it received the kind of hype normally reserved for the Stanley Cup finals. NBC televised the game and HBO had 12 camera crews filming the game and behind-the-scenes action for its "24/7" se-

Rangers coach John Tortorella wondered if the officials wanted their own time in the spotlight to build the drama.

"They called a penalty shot which I still don't understand," he said. "I'm not sure if NBC got together with the refs to turn this into an overtime game. I thought the game was reffed hor-

rible

"I just thought tonight, in that third period, it was disgusting." Mike Rupp scored

twice as New York won for the third time this season against Philadel-

Playing on a rink that stretched from first base to third base, the Rangers made the league's fifth Classic event a memorable one to stay atop the Eastern Conference standings.

The NHL surrounded the rink with Christmas trees, firewood, fake snow, and even trashcan fires. But there was nothing artificial in the elements with snow flurries late in the second period and temper-

atures that dipped into

the 30s, forcing 46,967 fans to layer in jerseys for the big event.

All that was missing was one of the breakout stars of HBO's NHL show.

goalie Ilya Flyers Bryzgalov, who signed a nine-year, \$51 million contract in June, saw a recent slump send him to the bench. Sergei Bobrovsky, instead, took the call from coach Peter Laviolette and failed to hold the early lead built in front of a decidedly orange-and-black crowd.

The Flyers ended the game without Jaromir Jagr, their star forward who played only a minute in the second period before leaving the game for good. The 39-year-old Jagr, a former Ranger, said after the game he injured his left leg and expected to return soon.

Even with Jagr out, his presence was noted. Rupp's first goal late

in the second came with a salute toward the Flyers' bench — the same move Jagr makes for the home crowd after one of his goals. Rupp smiled as his teammates mobbed him along the boards and the crowd booed his attempt at showing up Jagr. "I was happy I had the

goal," Rupp said, "and that's kind of where I'll leave it."

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MAVERICKS

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missed shots we normally

Dallas began pulling away with a 9-2 run at the start of Nowitzki took over.

He opened the second half with a jumper over Kendrick Perkins that left the big man snarling at his own bench. He

the second quarter, but Okla- made another shot with dehoma City kept clawing back fender James Harden duckto keep things close. Then ing for cover, then scooped in a layup on a play that began with Delonte West spinning Harden to the floor. The layup put Dallas up by 15 and the game wasn't close again.

> Dalgame, las coach Rick Carlisle said, "I don't think we're as far off as it may appear." He turned out to be right. Two their flaws were fixed as the Mavs scored points in

the

and

bounds even at 41. Dallas had been averaging nine fewer rebounds than their foes.

They also got points from a variety of players.

Shawn Marion scored 17 points, Jason Terry 15 and Vince Carter a season-high 14 - eight on free throws. Jason Kidd didn't score but had a season-high nine assists.

"We're gaining a little momentum, but we were gaining momentum last week and then laid an egg last night in Minnesota," Carlisle said. "We've got to continue the right way and maintain the proper focus, and that's challenging." Nowitzki was 10 of 16, with

four of his misses from 3-point range. He had six rebounds, three assists and two steals. "I've still got work to do,

like everyone else," Nowitzki said. "My wind is coming back and my legs are getting

stronger."

Notes: Nowitzki made a 10foot, stepback jumper at 7:40 of the second quarter for his 8,000th career basket. He's fourth among active players (behind Kobe Bryant, Kevin Garnett and Tim Duncan) and 31st on the NBA career list. ... Oklahoma City's Daequan Cook (flu) was inactive. Thabo Sefalosha also had a touch of flu, but started. He didn't play the second half because of a sore right foot. ... The Mavericks don't play in Washington, D.C., this season, but they're headed there on Monday for the annual champion's visit to the White House. Team president Terdema Ussery set it up after the club realized the omission on the lockout-condensed schedule. Mavs owner Mark Cuban said "the league office was stupid or dumb or worse" to let that happen.

Bowl games roundup

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Oregon's incredible offense busted up Wisconsin and the record books on the way to the Ducks' first Rose Bowl victory in 95 years.

Darron Thomas passed for 268 yards and three touchdowns, freshman De'Anthony Thomas scored on runs of 91 and 64 yards, and the No. 6 Ducks earned their first bowl victory under coach Chip Kelly, holding off Wisconsin 45-38 Monday night in the highestscoring Rose Bowl ever played.

And it wasn't over until the Badgers (11-3) ran out of time at the Oregon 25, out of timeouts and unable to spike the ball in time to stop the clock for a last-gasp fling.

Lavasier Tuinei caught eight passes for 158 yards and two TDs for the Ducks (12-2), who had no postseason success to show for Kelly's otherwise wildly successful three-year tenure until this landmark offensive performance in the 98th Rose Bowl.

The Granddaddy of Them All had never seen this many points, beating the record 80 scored by Washington and Iowa in 1991.

FIESTA BOWL

No. 3 OKLAHOMA STATE 41, No. 4 STANFORD 38

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Brandon Weeden threw for 399 yards and three touchdowns to Justin Blackmon in his final collegiate game, and Quinn Sharp hit a 22-yard field goal in overtime to give Oklahoma State a win over Andrew Luck and Stanford in a wildly entertaining game.

The most anticipated postseason game outside of the BCS championship, the Fiesta Bowl was an impressive offensive show, two of the nation's best teams trading big plays

Oklahoma State (12-1) had the last one on Sharp's game-winner to win in its first BCS bowl game, earning a chance to stake claim at being No. 1 in The Associated Press poll should Alabama beat LSU in the BCS title game.

Stanford (11-2) had a chance to win in regulation, but redshirt freshman Jordan Williamson hooked a 35-yard field goal wide left as time expired. He also missed from 43 yards in over-

OUTBACK BOWL

No. 12 MICHIGAN STATE 33, No. 18 GEORGIA 30, 3OT

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Kirk Cousins threw for 300 yards and one touchdown and Dan Conroy kicked a 28yard field goal in the third overtime to give Michigan State its first bowl victory since 2001.

Georgia's Blair Walsh became the Southeastern Conference's career scoring leader with a field goal in the second extra period. But he missed a 42-yarder in the first overtime after conservative play-calling and had a 47-yard attempt blocked on the final play of the game.

Michigan State (11-3) ended a fivegame bowl losing streak with its first postseason win since beating Fresno State in the 2001 Silicon Valley Bowl. Georgia (10-4) finished on a two-game losing streak, including a lopsided loss to top-ranked LSU in the SEC championship game.

cornerback Georgia Brandon Boykin scored a safety, returned a punt 92 yards for a touchdown and caught a 13-yard TD pass that helped the Bulldogs take a late lead.

TICKETCITY BOWL

No. 20 Houston 30, No. 24 Penn State

DALLAS (AP) — Penn State's tumultuous year ended with a loss, a dispiriting finish to a season in which coach Joe Paterno was fired as part of a child sex-abuse scandal that shook college sports.

The Nittany Lions were picked apart by Cougars star Case Keenum, who threw for 532 yards and three Penn State was allowing 162 yards

passing per game, but Keenum threw

for more than double that by half-He burned the Nittany Lions' veteran secondary with touchdown passes of 40 and 75 yards to build a 24-7 lead

It was the school's first bowl game without Paterno as head coach since the 1962 Gator Bowl, a 17-7 loss to Florida.

CAPITAL ONE BOWL

No. 10 South Carolina 30, No. 21 Ne-

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Connor Shaw threw two touchdown passes and ran for a score, and South Carolina had six sacks as the Gamecocks shut out Nebraska over the final three

The victory gave South Carolina 11 wins for the first time in school history and snapped a string of three straight bowl losses.

Nebraska lost its second consecutive bowl game and drops to 12-6 alltime in bowl matchups against SEC

Both teams lost standout players in the third quarter when Gamecocks leading receiver Alshon Jeffrey and Cornhuskers' cornerback Alfonso Dennard were ejected for a post-play skirmish in which both players threw

Jeffrey had four catches for 148 vards and a touchdown.

GATOR BOWL

Florida 24, Ohio State 17

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Andre Debose returned a kickoff 99 yards the longest scoring play in Gator Bowl history — and Chris Rainey blocked a punt that was returned for a touchdown Florida.

The speedsters helped the Gators (7-6) avoid their first losing season since 1979 and pick up some much-needed momentum after losing six of their previous eight games.

Ohio State (6-7) finished below .500 for the first time since 1986. The Buckeyes can take solace in knowing that former Florida coach Urban Meyer, who officially takes over at Ohio State this week, will make it a priority to improve special teams. He did that in his six seasons in Gainesville, and Rainey and Debose were two of his most prized recruits.

Ohio State fell to 0-10 in bowl games against teams from the Southeastern Conference. Yes, the Buckeyes beat Arkansas in the Sugar Bowl last year. But that victory was vacated.

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paint

Jagr never really had a chance to respond and the Flyers hope whatever is ailing their third-leading scorer won't keep him out long.

Rupp, who scored the winning goal for New Jersey in Game 7 of the 2003 Stanley Cup finals against Anaheim, delivered another clutch goal on the big stage when his wrister from the circle shot under Bobrovsky's right arm and tied the game at 2.

Richards, the summer's top free agent who is in his first season with New York, wasted no time scoring the winner, knocking in a rebound 3:20 later to put the Rangers up 3-2. It was his 14th of the season.

Lundqvist outplayed Bobrovsky, stopping 12 shots in the first.

He finished with 34 saves, none bigger than the one on Briere, who believed he could send the game into the extra session.

"All I was thinking is this game is going to overtime," he said.

"Unfortunately, he made the save. I tried to surprise him with a quick shot, but he made the save.

"He's one of the best in shootouts."

Lundqvist, like Tortorella, questioned if the need to manufacture drama played a role in calling the late penalty shot. "Maybe that's really the only rea-

son he called it," he said. "It would have been tough for them to tie it on that." With some fans paying more than

a \$1,000 a seat on the secondary market, the stadium was full to the end. Though, most of them went home unhappy.

Rookie Brayden Schenn and Claude Giroux scored to give the Flyers the early lead, as it appeared that the home team would finally win its first game against New York this year.

A look at the playoffs

The way the Green Bay Packers blew through the regular season, it would be foolish to pick against them repeating as Super Bowl cham-

Yet they aren't on the hottest streak nor playing the best football as January rolls around. And as the Steelers, Giants and, yes, the Packers have proven in recent years, being a wild card isn't an overbearing burden, so don't dismiss Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Detroit or Atlanta entirely.

New England, the top seed in the AFC with a 13-3 record, and New Orleans, No. 3 in the NFC, haven't lost in the second half of the schedule. Like Green Bay (15-1), both have dynamic, sometimes unstoppable offenses led by magnificent quarterbacks, bolstered by a deep and dangerous group of receivers.

All three also have so-so defenses that often require Aaron Rodgers, Drew Brees and Tom Brady to win shootouts. That's a difficult way to prosper in the postseason, particularly when playing against a rugged, versatile defense such as the 49ers, Ravens and Texans possess.

"A lot of it is working on what we need to work on; working on things that have been a problem for us, that if they come up again we need to handle better," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said, not mentioning in particular a penchant for falling into deep holes. New England rallied from 17-0 and 21-0 deficits to win its past two games.

Remember, also, that New England has lost its past three postseason games, including at home to the

Ravens and Jets the past two years. Behind Brees' record-setting performances, the Saints soared past all eight opponents at home, but if they can handle the Lions next Saturday night in the Superdome, then they must head to San Francisco. And if they get by the formidable Niners, who rode a stingy, big-play defense to a 13-3 mark, a date at potentially

frigid Lambeau Field is likely. That is, if the Giants don't start partying like it's 2007. They were seeded fifth that year, but closed the regular season with a close loss to unbeaten New England. Then the Giants knocked off division winners Tampa Bay, Dallas and Green Bay before shocking the Patriots for the

championship. New York won three of its last four, including impressive defensive efforts in wins over the Jets and Cowboys to grab the NFC East title. Defense was an issue for much of the season, but with the pass rush suddenly reborn, the Giants can be dangerous.

"Different guys, different teams. I'd love to have the same ending as the '07 team," Giants guard Chris Snee said. "We certainly have the capability of doing that, as we have shown. I'm happy just to be in the playoffs. We'll take it from there. I don't spend too much time reminiscing about that glorious time in our life."

Baltimore, like New Orleans and Green Bay, went 8-0 at home and is an entirely different team on the road (4-4).

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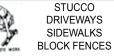
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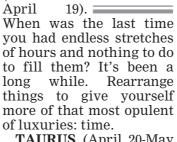
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taking bv this into account. you Since may never be satisfied, you may as well quit while you're ahead.

HOLIDAY **ARIES** MATHIS (March 21-



TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll spend much of your day in maintenance mode. This sends a signal to the universe that you're happy with what you have, and you'll soon wind up with even more of it.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The one you adore needs you, too. There's great alchemy at work in this relationship. What you have together is greater than the sum of its parts. A magical element rises from the mix.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Get organized. You all the have hard resources necessary to make a project work. All you need now is to line them up and point them in the same direction.

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don't feel every day. You're very close to the answer. Keep digging. Ask everyone around.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You do things differently from the way your parents did, and they did things differently from the way their parents did. Today you'll differences note these with a sense of pride.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The things you can't see or own or control are far more valuable than the material things that can occupy so much of your attention and time. You know this will and prioritize accordingly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Handling what is going on now will be a bit of a challenge — not because it's a difficult circumstance, but because it's so easy that you may mentally drift to another place in time while you work.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 3). You'll sense which options will be the most prosperous choose accordingly. Your practical approach to love will bond you firmly as a cohesive team. While you may appear to aim for materialistic goals, what's accomplished will go beyond the tangible into the sublime. Joint ventures excel in March and April. Libra and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 25, 4, 10 and 19.

PISCES

RESOLUTION FOR 2012: Consider choosing just one resolution this year. You'll find this one easy to keep, and its benefits will be far-reaching:

Seek mentorship. One of your most pronounced astral gifts is a strong desire to listen to and empathize with the people around you. Wrapped inside that talent is the chameleon-esque ability to match the success of others. If you have the right mentors around you. will glean you qualities and skills necessary to become as successful as they are.

Don't fall into the wrong-headed notion that following a plan is going to rob you of your individual freedom. You can be a part of the group and still do things your way. And just because you have guides around you doesn't mean you have to do everything they say. So dare to make more alliances for the sole purpose of developing upward this year.

LUCKIEST DAYS OF

THE YEAR: January 11, 12, 23; February 4, 5, 6; March 9, 10, 11; April 8, 10, 11; May 15, 16, 20; June 5, 24, 25; July 13, 14, 22; August 29, 31; September 11, 17, 18; October 24, 30, November 9, 10, 11; December 24, 25, 26.

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"Classic"Ann Landers®:All about chocolate

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

Dear Ann Landers: You once confessed in print that you are an incurable

chocoholic. Since I am, thought you might enjoy this essay. Someone sent it to me by mail. don't know

who wrote it. If you

think it's funny, print it. A Boston Babe

LANDERS

If you get melted chocolate all over your hands, you're eating it too slowly.

"All About Chocolate"

Here it is:

Chocolate-covered raisins, cherries, orange slices and strawberries

all count as fruit, so eat

as many as you want. Eat a chocolate bar before each meal. It will take the edge off your appetite, and you will eat

If you can't eat all your chocolate, it will keep in the freezer. But if you can't eat all your chocolate, it may be a

sign of a deeper problem. Store your chocolate on top of the refrigerator. Calories are afraid of heights and will jump out

Dear Babe: I do indeed. of the chocolate to protect themselves.

Equal amounts of dark chocolate white and chocolate make balanced diet.

The preservatives in chocolate will make you look younger.

If not for chocolate. there would be no need for control-top pantyhose, business.

A nice box of chocolate provides your total daily intake of calories in one place. Isn't that handy?

Put "eat chocolate" at the top of your list of things to do today. That way, at least you will get one thing done.

Question: Why is there no such organization as Chocoholics Anonymous? Answer: Because no one wants to quit.

Problem: How do you get 2 pounds of chocolate home from the store in a hot car? Solution: Eat it in the parking lot.

Feeling pressured to have sex? How informed are you? Write for Ann Landers' booklet "Sex and the Teenager." Send a selfaddressed, long, businessand an entire garment sized envelope and a check industry would be out of or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Teens, c/o Ann Landers, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 Century Blvd., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045. To find out more about Ann Landers and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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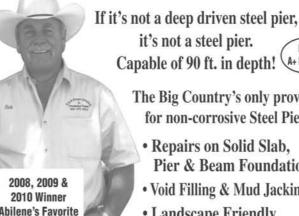
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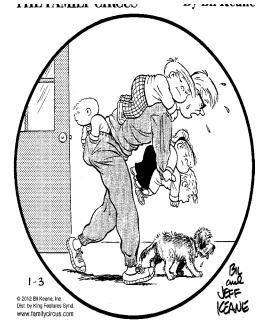
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"Hereafter I go jogging alone."



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the U.S. Supreme Court said that states had the right to ban closed shops. In 1958, the first six members of the newly formed U.S.

campaign to fight polio was

In 1949, in a pair of rulings,

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Commission on Civil Rights held their first meeting at the White House. In 1961, President Dwight D.

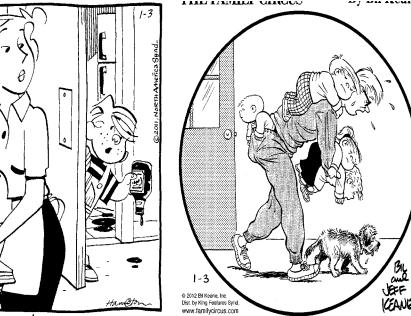
minating diplomatic and consular relations with Cuba. In 1967, Jack Ruby, the man who shot and killed accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, died in a Dallas

Vatican's diplomatic mission.

H.W. Bush and Russian President Boris Yeltsin signed a historic nuclear missilereduction treaty in Moscow.

Todav's Birthdays: Record producer Sir George Martin is 86. Actor Robert Loggia is 82. Actor Dabney Coleman is 80. Journalist-author Betty Rollin is 76. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Bobby Hull is 73. Singersongwriter-producer Van Dyke Parks is 69. Musician Stephen Stills is 67. Rock musician John Paul Jones (Led Zeppelin) is 66. Actress Victoria Principal is 62. Actor-director Mel Gibson is 56. Actress Shannon Sturges is 44. Contemporary Christian singer Nichole Nordeman is 40. Actor Jason Marsden is 37.

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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 3, the third day of 2012. There are 363 days left in the year. Today's Highlight

History: On Jan. 3, 1959, Alaska

became the 49th state as President Dwight Eisenhower signed a proclama-On this date:

In 1521, Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church by

Pope Leo X. In 1777, Gen. George Washington's army routed the British in the Battle of Princeton, N.J.

In 1861, more than two weeks before Georgia seceded from the Union, the state militia seized Fort Pulaski at the order of Gov. Joseph E. Brown. The Delaware House and Senate voted to oppose secession from

the Union. In 1911, the first postal savings banks were opened by the U.S. Post Office (The banks

Eisenhower announced the United States was formally ter-

In 1980, conservationist Joy Adamson, author of "Born Free," was killed in northern Kenya by a former employee.

In 1990, ousted Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega surrendered to U.S. forces, 10 days after taking refuge in the

In 1993, President George

Actress Danica McKellar is 37. Actor Nicholas Gonzalez is 36. Singer Kimberley Locke ("American Idol") is 34. Answer to previous puzzle

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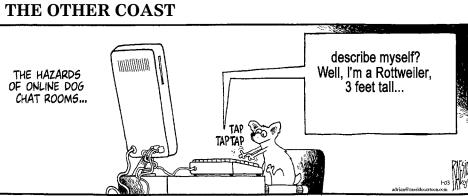
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Newsday Crossword

- **ACROSS** 1 Gift-package
- decorations 5 Winter windshield
- coating
- 10 Kitchen or den
- 14 Square footage
- **15** Prying tool
- **17** Count (on)
- 19 Got bigger
- training
- 24 Caterer's
- dispenser
- 31 Lab maze
- runner
- 35 Search (for)
- 39 Type of fitness
- **42** Corporate
- 43 Explainer's
- intro
- warranty
- feature
- 51 Go after in
- training

- 65 Glide on ice

- France
- (significant)
- 20 Type of fitness
- 23 Musical ability
- 28 Top of a wave
- 36 Scold harshly
- money mgr.
- 44 With no
- 45 Seed shells
- 48 Golf-shoe
- partners
- court
- 59 Prepare, as

- sparingly

- 16 Money in
- 18 __ consequence

- hot-water
- 34 Event locale
- 38 U-turn from ENE
- training

- 47 Fishing pole
- 49 Wartime
- **52** Type of fitness
- potatoes

- 62 Be a pest to 63 Give (out)
- 64 Toll road
- **66** "Take
- from me"
- 67 Wide smile
- 68 Prefix for active **69** Totally attentive
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- 1 Pointed remark 2 Black-and-white
- 4 Accept an offer
- 5 Bread baker's
- mortgage,

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- mail 9 "Have a taste"
- 10 Jamaican music
- 11 Your and my 12 Unrefined metal
- 13 Cut the grass
- **21** Flying mammal 22 At no time 25 Foolish
- 26 Moscow's country
- 28 Fast ballroom
- dance 29 Feeling regret
- 30 Sign up 31 Happen again
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- 33 Imposed a levy on

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GET IN SHAPE by Billie Truitt

- 37 Golf peg **40** ". . . land,
- two if **41** Appointment list
- 46 Growth on rock walls 48 Pool player's
- stick 50 Reduce drastically
- 53 Pitch-black 54 Break sharply 27 Most up-to-date 55 Beach bag

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