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Work crews brave frigid temperatures this morning as they work on utility lines near the intersections of Third Street, Scurry and Gregg. The right side of Third Street was shut down for part of the morning due to the construction.

HC to expand in San Angelo

At no cost to taxpayers, officials say

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Howard College is expanding its presence in San Angelo.

HC officials have announced their intentions to accommodate the college's fastest-growing campus by increasing classroom and lab space in San Angelo.

Taxpayers can breathe easy, though — no tax dollars will be used in the expansion, officials promise.

Rapid growth in San Angelo

— enrollment there has more than doubled in the past few years — means Howard is outgrowing its current quarters at the West Texas Training Center.

"The campus operates from 7 a.m. to midnight five days a week," said Terry Hansen, Howard's executive vice president. "We only have 12 empty time slots (in which to hold classes) out of a possible 244."

Hansen said enrollment at the San Angelo campus has

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Judge Barr sees positive 2012 for county

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Elevated mineral and oil valuations have the coming year looking good, according to Howard County Judge Mark Barr, who said the county still faces a number of serious — yet manageable — issues.

One of those issues, according to Barr, will be the state of county roads, most notably those traveled by oil and en-

"The idea going into this, however, is to be able to make the (road) repairs and complete the budget without having to raise the tax rate more than one or two cents. If the mineral and oil values continue to rise or stay where they are, I feel fairly confident we'll be able to make that happen."



Barr

ergy companies on the counties outer edges.

"The oil boom has caused

an increase in the amount of traffic on our county roads,"

Barr said. "Because of the

increase in valuations, it's a nice problem to have. Unfortunately, it also causes a lot of wear and tear on the roadways, and that's something we're going to have to address in our 2012-2013 budget later this year."

Barr said the repairs won't be cheap, however, he hopes to be able to budget them without a serious hike in county tax rates.

"We've only had preliminary discussions on the mat-

ter, so we don't have any hard numbers yet," Barr said. "The idea going into this, however, is to be able to make the repairs and complete the budget without having to raise the tax rate more than one or two cents. If the mineral and oil values continue to rise or stay where they are, I feel fairly confident we'll be able to make that happen."

Roads aren't the only

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COMANCHE TRAIL PARK FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS...

Visitors down, compliments up

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

The lights are off ... until next year.

Festival of Lights has wrapped up and the lights are going back into storage. The traffic through was down compared to last year, but the show was still considered to be the best one yet.

According to Pat Simmons, Festival of Lights founder, there were only 21,431 visitors this year compared to the more than 22,000 last year. There were 35 states and 13 countries represented compared to last year's 38 states and 14 countries. Countries represented included Australia, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Sweden, Nether-



Simmons

lands/Holland, Mexico, Brazil, Taiwan, Russia, Puerto Rico, Bosnia and Israel.

"We are slightly behind from last year, but we are still rolling," Simmons said.

Despite numbers being down, compliments were up on the lighted displays. The new flag display which was incorporated as a way to honor all veterans, including Big Spring resident and lone Medal of Honor recipient George H. O'Brien, received several compliments.

"I can't remember all the words used to describe it, but they were along the lines of amazing, awesome, outstanding," Simmons said. "In my words it was excellent and I am so proud of that display, as were many other people."

Volunteers played a big part in this year's lighted display. Simmons commended Project Manager Howard Stewart and his wife Vicki Stewart for all their hard work. Volunteers at the greeters booth and in the gift shop also made a huge impact on this year's production.

"Volunteers are a big part of all this," Simmons said. "I know this couldn't have happened without them, especially without Howard and Vicki."

One thing Simmons hopes to add in the future will be more blooming poinsettias.

"Maybe we will find more poinsettias blooming," Simmons said. "It is an honor



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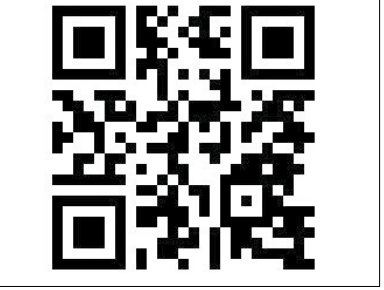
The salute to veterans was one of the more popular displays at the Festival of Lights this year.

to receive the designation of lighted poinsettia capital of Texas and we need to capitalize on that."

In addition to the lighted displays, the gift shop at the

end of the trail attracted quite a few visitors this year. Santa seemed to be the big draw at the gift shop this year.

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Obituaries

Jean Powell



Jean Powell, 76, of Wichita Falls, passed away Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012. Services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Owens & Brumley Funeral Home of Wichita Falls.

A daughter of the late Melvin and Hassie Belle (Weems) Anderson, she was born Sept. 13, 1935, in Velmore, Texas. She retired from Helen Farabee where she worked as a case manager 20 years. She was an excellent cook and enjoyed reading and working crossword puzzles, and loved her pets dearly.

She is survived by her daughter, Dauri Lynn Powell of Wichita Falls; her son, D.W. Powell and wife Tina; a granddaughter, Charli Girardi-Northcutt, all of Midland; and her brother, Sonny Anderson of Big Spring.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.owensandbrumley.com

Paid obituary

Jose A. Regalado



Jose A. Regalado, 70, of Big Spring died Monday, Jan. 2, 2012, in Big Spring. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Aug. 31, 1941, in Floresville, Texas, to Francisca and Ignacio Regalado. He was a window installer at Big Spring Auto Glass for 20 years. He was a resident of Big Spring for 45 years and was a Catholic.

He is survived by seven daughters: Linda Palacios and Margaret Castillo, both of Poth, Cynthia Ann Mize of Big Spring, Yvette Delgado of Round Rock, Mimi Kramer of Delaware, Elizabeth DeLeon of San Antonio and Jennifer Regalado of Big Spring; three sons: Jose A. Regalado Jr., of Elmendorf, Ernest Regalado of Floresville and Richard Regalado of Arkansas; two sisters: Anita Regalado and Jovita Rangel; seven brothers: Genaro Regalado, Ruben Regalado, Leonard Regalado, Geronimo Regalado, George Regalado, Geraldo Regalado and Ray Regalado; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Tomasa "Tommie" Regalado, on Feb. 21, 2011.

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

Olga Chavez

Olga Chavez, 70, of Austin, formerly of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2012, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

FRIDAY

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

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

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Police blotter

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

• JOMAR DEMOND ADAMS, 29, of 505 S. Young, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.

• KODY CHANCE JACKSON, 26, of 3217 Fenn St., was arrested Wednesday on warrants for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less in a drug free zone, failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear and driving while license invalid.

• JAMES RANDLE GONZALEZ, 27, of 2601 Ent, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• JANEY BELL MCCORMICK, 60, of 620 State St., was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for theft of service – more than \$20 and less than \$500.

• MEGAN RYNELL ARMSTRONG, 21, of Arlington, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive – giving false information.

• THEFT was reported: In the 1000 block of W. Third Street. In the 600 block of Douglas Street.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 64 inmates at the time of this report.

• DELIA SALAZAR ZARRAGA, 44, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid.

• TEREL DEVON HOUSTON, 19, was booked into the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

• JOMAR DEMOND ADAMS, 29, was booked into the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone and bail jumping – failure to appear.

• KODY CHANCE JACKSON, 26, was booked into the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana in a drug free zone – two ounces or less, failure to maintain financial responsibility, violation of a promise to appear and driving while license invalid.

• JAMES RANDLE GONZALEZ, 27, was booked into the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

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

• TRAUMA was reported in the 8600 block of N. County Road 19. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of W. Fifth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1400 block of Wood Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

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Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 1/7	Sun 1/8	Mon 1/9	Tue 1/10	Wed 1/11
59/39 Sunshine. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 30s.	60/36 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	50/39 Showers. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the upper 30s.	61/38 Chance of showers. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	59/30 Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 30s.
Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:57 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:57 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:58 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:59 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 6:00 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	59	39	sunny	Kingsville	80	56	pt sunny
Amarillo	53	31	sunny	Livingston	70	48	pt sunny
Austin	67	46	pt sunny	Longview	63	47	pt sunny
Beaumont	73	56	t-storm	Lubbock	53	32	sunny
Brownsville	79	60	pt sunny	Lufkin	69	48	pt sunny
Brownwood	63	41	sunny	Midland	60	41	sunny
Corpus Christi	75	57	pt sunny	Raymondville	80	57	pt sunny
Corsicana	59	44	pt sunny	Rosenberg	72	52	pt sunny
Dallas	59	47	pt sunny	San Antonio	71	50	pt sunny
Del Rio	69	45	sunny	San Marcos	68	46	pt sunny
El Paso	66	42	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	59	46	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	62	45	mst sunny	Sweetwater	58	39	sunny
Gainesville	57	41	mst sunny	Tyler	61	45	cloudy
Greenville	58	44	pt sunny	Weatherford	58	40	mst sunny
Houston	72	52	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	59	37	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	63	46	rain	Minneapolis	36	24	sunny
Boston	48	30	cloudy	New York	51	35	pt sunny
Chicago	41	27	pt sunny	Phoenix	72	44	pt sunny
Dallas	59	47	pt sunny	San Francisco	63	45	sunny
Denver	44	29	pt sunny	Seattle	44	35	cloudy
Houston	72	52	pt sunny	St. Louis	50	34	pt sunny
Los Angeles	65	45	sunny	Washington, DC	56	36	pt sunny
Miami	76	54	pt sunny				

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McKenzie critical

Floyd McKenzie, the pedestrian who was struck by a vehicle Tuesday in Big Spring, has been transported to Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, where he is listed in critical condition, according to family members.

"We ask for your prayers, not only for our uncle, for for the individual who him hit because we know it was not intentional, yet it must be traumatic for him," said niece Leslie Sutton of Snyder.

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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.

• Crossroads Friends of NRA Banquet will be held at 6 p.m. Jan. 28 at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Tickets are \$25. Funds raised at this and other FNRA events in West Texas support local youth shooting groups (Boy Scouts, 4-H, JROTC, etc.) law enforcement, education, safety and many other areas. Giveaways, games, and live and silent auctions will be held. For more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 432-270-7384.

• 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 fam-

ily, who lost two family members in a recent house fire in Coahoma, has been established at Western Bank. Interested persons can contribute 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.

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

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

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

• 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

• The Salvation Army is holding its annual heater drive and is in need of heaters. 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.

LIGHTS

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However, there were those who made it a point to drop in and register for the six-foot lighted poinsettia giveaway. DeeDe Cauley was the winner of the poinsettia.

A wrap-up meeting will be held to analyze this past year's information and planning for next year's Festival of Lights will begin.

"As with each year, the main goal is to get bigger and better," Simmons said. "This year was the best yet, but next year we plan to do even better."

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Chris Castanuela, 27, died Sunday. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Jose A. Regalado, 70, died Monday. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Tammy Torres, 47, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

EXPAND

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grown 300 percent in the past 11 years, fueling the need for expansion.

"I don't feel the campus has reached its full potential yet," he said. "While we know (rapid enrollment growth) is not going to last forever, we have to try to add some space there."

To that end, college trustees recently agreed to contract with the architectural and engineering firm of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper to develop a plan for expanding the campus.

While no timetable or price tag has been set for the expansion, Hansen said local tax dollars would not be used in the effort. Funds for the project will come from private sources such

as foundations or donations, he added.

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COUNTY

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concern county officials will face going into 2012. The continued scarcity of water continues to loom over local governments. Facing a region-wide drought, many West Texas cities — including Big Spring — have had their water deliveries from the Colorado River Municipal Water District cut considerably.

Unless a significant amount of rainfall is received in 2012, CRMWD officials have announced they will run out of surface water — provided by area reservoirs — in December of this year, a deadline Barr said local government officials aren't likely to forget.

"The low levels in the reservoirs and the poor water qualities are causing problems for everyone, not just in

Howard County and Big Spring," Barr said. "It's causing problems with the water use at the jail, and, just like the water valves and water heaters at people's homes, it's not going to go away until we get some rain and the quality of the water improves."

"We're doing the best we can to keep the trees at the courthouse alive, but there's only so much you can do right now. It's looking like we'll most likely have to start trucking water in soon, just to keep them alive, otherwise they are going to die, and then you're faced with the cost of removing them. It's a no-win situation."

Barr said the situations revolving around

county roadways and the ongoing water crisis might make it easy to forget how bright the coming year is for the local government body, but he and the county's commissioners won't make that mistake.

"We're very optimistic about 2012. There are a lot of things to look favorably on in the coming year," Barr said. "One of those things in the situation at the county jail and the new joint law enforcement center."

A joint venture between Howard County and the city of Big Spring, the center will house both the Howard County Sheriff's Office and Big Spring Police Department at the coun-

ty jail facility, part of a \$2.7 million project financed by both governments.

"The jail staff has been doing a fantastic job, and the inmate head count has been running around 60 to 70," Barr said. "The jail administration is running well, and anyone who has ever worked with that type of job can tell you what an absolute headache it can be, so we're really excited with how that has been working."

"We're really excited to get the joint law enforcement center up and running. We really feel like it will be a great thing for the people of Big Spring and Howard County. There's always a period of adjustment

when it comes to the utilities and those sort of things, but we have a contract with the city to handle all of that. We feel like it will be very beneficial for everyone."

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By Eddy Pitchford

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Amanda Moreno Staff Writer	Thomas Jenkins Staff Writer	

Home Country

When Pop Walker sneaked out the kitchen door the other day, it affected all of us. He's been a resident of the Rest of Your Life retirement home for several years now.

He still remembers who said what during combat in Europe, but has a hard time remembering if he's had breakfast.

The call went out down at the Sheriff's office around 10 p.m. that Pop had slipped through the enemy lines, meaning the kitchen staff, and was on the loose. One of the deputies called Doc, who was a friend of his since forever, and Doc alerted the rest of us.

Pop is one of our own, of course. A couple of years ago, he took his coffee black and his philosophy straight at the philosophy counter at the Mule Barn.

It was cold, and they found his heavy coat still in his room, so this wasn't good.

The deputies checked out the interstate and volunteers hit the all-night diners to see if he'd checked in there. No luck.

The cook at the home was crying, and she said Pop had been talking about going to see his buddy, Jasper, again, and did we know someone named Jasper?

Sure. Jasper Blankenship, up at the cabin in the mountains. When we heard this, the hunt actually took more form. Two guys started up at Jasper's place and worked down the road. Steve and Dud both went horseback and started from the edge of town.

Steve found him. Pop was sitting and shivering under a tree high up on a ridge. Steve used the cell phone to let us know he was all right, then built a fire and wrapped a blanket around Pop.

Pop wouldn't go back until Steve told him Jasper was down at the home, waiting for him. And Steve let him ride in the saddle, too. But before that happened, Steve ducked off behind a rock and made another phone call, to be sure Jasper would be there.

Two hours later, everyone had coffee and doughnuts back at the home, and they fixed the lock on the kitchen door. We have to be careful with those who have problems. We can't afford to lose beautiful people like Pop.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we deviate from earthly paths, Lord,
and get to know You and Your heavenly ways
through Your word.

Amen

Picking a path that's right for us

There are always two paths to be chosen. Neither one is more right than the other, but each will offer its own unique opportunity and destination.

Both paths will have enticing options, neither being right or wrong, and contain their own set of drawbacks. However, one will be the path that draws us in more so than the other.

However, sometimes the life we think we want isn't exactly what we imagined it to be. Then again, we forget to enjoy what we do have and focus on trying so hard to obtain the life exactly as we are picturing it and wanting it to be that we are blinded and unable to see the happiness we have within our reach.

One thing we need to remember is that the life we are picturing may not be exactly what we get, but it doesn't have to be. Our dream, the life we desire is meant to serve as nothing more than an outline to get us to where we want to be. A guidance tool if you will.

Some alterations may take place before we find ourselves living in our dreams, but we shouldn't let those changes stop us from pursuing and eventually reaching our dream.

Life is not about the glitz and

glamour. It's about finding the little moments, the small gestures that make us smile and bring us true happiness. It's about finding love. As they say, life without love is not worth anything.

Nobody lives a life of perfection, not even the rich and famous. Money can not buy happiness. It can however take it away. The things that really matter are the soft touches, the sparkle in a person's eye as they look at you and that inner fuzzy feeling you get knowing you can lay down and wake up in the arms of happiness.

It's not so bad to embrace the changes, the little details which aren't exactly the backbone of our dreams, but considered more as stepping stones or building blocks.

There is nothing wrong with things not being perfect or working out to the exact design we imagined. When we spend too much time focusing on the inconsistencies, the drawbacks, the less than perfect bricks building our path, we not only lose sight of where we are headed, but we also erase the work we have done. In focusing too long on what we haven't yet achieved we end up creating a new path and one we are less likely to enjoy simply because we got ahead of ourselves.

If we end up focusing too long on the imperfections we find ourselves halfway down a path we don't want to be on and before we know it, our dream is not

only out of our grasp, but gone from our reach entirely.

It's important for us to not get so wrapped up in the little things going wrong that we lose sight of the bigger picture and jeopardize what we already have.

Every path is ours to choose. However, once we choose the path we are going to travel our job is not over. The journey is simply just beginning with the first step in one direction. As we continue we have to make decisions that will keep us on the desired path and if we aren't careful, the choices will lead us in a completely opposite direction.

As with anything in life, the final destination is decided by our actions. Each day is a new opportunity to either get one step closer to what we desire or draw ourselves back.

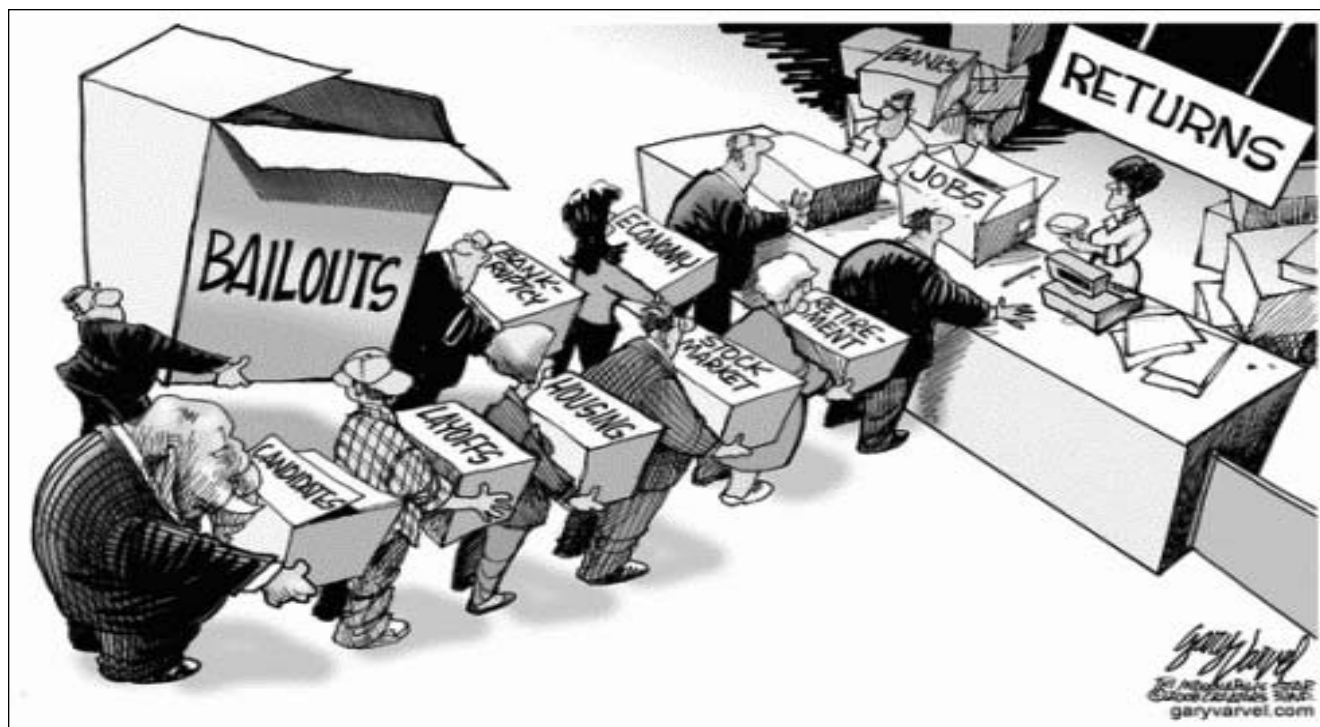
Sometimes, there are no more chances, no more take backs. Sometimes, a moment of anger causes you to pull the rug out from under your own feet and you are left with nobody to blame but yourself.

The timeline may not be perfect, but no matter what, it will always be ours to make. Our choices will lead us to the end. The question is will it be where we want to be or will we allow it to take us somewhere we don't want to be?

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SLIM RANGLES



Obama making me lose cool

Ask anyone. I pride myself on being seldom surprised, shocked almost never.

2011, however, called my cool into question. I was nothing but shockingly surprised all year.

Take Barack Obama, particularly since the 2010 Congressional election or, as I like to call it, The Invasion of the Body Snatchers. I thought he'd be better.

Not that I didn't have certain reservations about him from the beginning — his inexperience, for one thing. He'd never really run anything, let alone a government. But I thought he was smart as a whip and could figure it out.

I was also given pause by the sheer number of Harvard and Yale graduates in his administration. Harvard and Yale alums tend to have an answer for everything. Sometimes it's even the right answer.

Still, I expected great things from him. He was obviously bright and eloquent and able to inspire people, all qualities that his immediate predecessor was innocent of. Yet his presidency has revealed too few of those qualities, instead erring on the side of caution. He has invested a great deal of energy in trying to make common cause with his sworn enemy, a Republican Party whose leader in the Senate has said his No. 1 goal is to make

Obama a one-term president.

Thus Obama has engaged in talk after talk, negotiation after negotiation with Republican leaders in an effort to find a bipartisan solution to the nation's problems, only to be stonewalled. This has left him vulnerable to the criticism that his presidency is a failure, that he hasn't done what he said he'd do.

He can say, with some justice, "I tried to do those things, but the Republicans wouldn't let me."

But what kind of answer is that for a president? Are those the words of a leader? Can you imagine Harry Truman saying that? Or Franklin D. Roosevelt? Surrounded by avowed political enemies, they welcomed the hatred they inspired and wore it as a badge of honor.

I was kind of hoping for more of that from him. You know, "malefactors of great wealth," that sort of thing. Instead we get "What we have here is a failure to communicate."

He seems to have confused the "bully pulpit" with a "bully suggestion box." He's been channeling his inner Teddy Roosevelt lately, but he has a ways to go. Let's hope he gets there before we wake up with Newt Gingrich as president.

Talk about surprises. Gingrich's rise from the dead during this election was nothing short of astonishing.

I thought he was washed up 20 years ago when his colleagues in Congress turned on him. Even when he turned up this year running for the GOP nomination, I didn't take him seriously.

Nor did he, apparently. The first thing he did as a candidate was run off to the Greek Isles with his wife. Then he surprised everybody by coming back with the same wife.

But lo and behold, suddenly when Herman Cain's improbably strong candidacy imploded, there he was, right at the top. At least for a while.

Not since the heyday of Richard Nixon had we seen such a comeback, unless you count Dracula.

And I suppose if I were listing political surprises of the year I'd have to include Cain. Never in my most baroque dreams did I imagine that the first Republican pizza executive to run for president would be African American.

Cain "suspended" his campaign a couple of weeks ago because women kept showing up on a more or less daily basis, accusing him of loving not wisely but too often.

Historically, that has been a deal-breaker with the American public. You have to be Bill Clinton to get away with it. And I have no idea how he did it.

Apparently Newt does, though. In December, he "solemnly" vowed to "uphold the institution of marriage through personal fidelity to my spouse and respect for the marital bonds of others." The fact that he was not immediately struck by lightning leads one to the conclusion that God, if not actually dead, is certainly sleeping.

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AMANDA MORENO

News in brief

With 5 days to go to next primary, GOP rivals in race for money

WASHINGTON (AP) — As they try to derail Mitt Romney's presidential campaign, his challengers face an urgent task: raising enough cash to compete.

The campaign for the GOP nomination is moving into states that are more dependent on TV advertising, and nobody has yet been able to match the former Massachusetts governor's financial operation.

Rick Santorum, riding a wave of momentum, nearly won Iowa's caucuses on a shoestring but has no national fundraising network. Newt Gingrich vows to go after Romney in New Hampshire, but if history is any guide, he lacks the cash to do it. And Texas Gov. Rick Perry, a prolific fundraiser, still might be a threat — but the Iowa results showed his support has waned.

Romney's campaign has spent more than \$17 million since January, while Gingrich and Santorum have each spent less than one-sixth of that.

Santorum, who finished just eight votes behind Romney in Tuesday's caucuses, has already seen a surge of online donations, enough to cripple his campaign's website shortly after the Iowa results were announced.

Obama unveiling revamped defense strategy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is putting his personal stamp on a rejiggered Pentagon strategy for absorbing hundreds of billions of dollars in defense budget cuts, marking a turning point in U.S. security policy after a decade of war.

Obama planned to make a rare appearance in the Pentagon press briefing room Thursday to announce results of a strategy review that he ordered last spring. The aim was twofold: Streamline the military in an era of tighter budgets and reassess defense priorities in light of China's rise and other global changes.

Obama's decision to announce the results himself underscores the political dimension of Washington's debate over defense savings. The administration says smaller Pentagon budgets are a must but will not come at the cost of sapping the strength of a military in transition, even as it gets smaller.

In a presidential election year, the strategy gives Obama a rhetorical tool to defend his Pentagon budget-cutting choices. Republican contenders for the White House already have criticized Obama on a wide range of national security issues, including missile defense, Iran and planned reductions in ground forces.

Obama also wants the new strategy to represent a pivot point in his stewardship of defense policy, which has been burdened throughout his presidency by the wars he inherited and their drag on resources.

Romney looks for a big victory in N. H.

BRETWOOD, N.H. (AP) — After pocketing the endorsement of erstwhile rival John McCain, Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney is seeking to lock down support in New Hampshire while preparing to woo voters in the conservative bellwether of South Carolina. His latest top rival, Rick Santorum, is facing renewed scrutiny of his record after a surprise showing in Iowa's caucuses.

The newly recast field finds Romney, the former Massachusetts governor, reaching for a decisive victory in New Hampshire to solidify his status as the putative Republican front-runner. But his rivals threaten to block that quest.

One is former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman, who skipped the Iowa caucuses and told voters Wednesday he could "smell success" in New Hampshire. Newt Gingrich, still reeling from a barrage of negative ads unleashed on him by a pro-Romney super PAC, bluntly dismissed Romney's efforts to cast himself as the most electable challenger to Presi-

dent Barack Obama.

"The fact is, Gov. Romney has a very limited appeal in a conservative party," the former House speaker said, setting aside his pledge to run a positive campaign to sharpen his criticism of Romney.

A pro-Gingrich super PAC sought to undercut McCain's endorsement of Romney, posting online an ad the 2008 Republican presidential nominee ran against Romney when the two competed for the party's nomination.

Poll: Shelters should limit number of animals they kill

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Seven in 10 pet owners say they believe animal shelters should be allowed to euthanize animals only when they are too sick to be treated or too aggressive to be adopted.

Only a quarter of the people who took part in a recent AP-Petside.com poll said animal shelters should sometimes be allowed to put animals down as a population control measure.

Gisela Aguila, 51, of Miramar, Fla., believes shelter animals should only be euthanized when there is no chance they'll be adopted — for example, if they are extremely ill or aggressive. "I don't think shelters should be euthanizing animals to control the population," she said.

She'd like to see an end to shelters destroying animals when they run out of room, saying, "We are way too civilized of a society to allow this."

But Leslie Surprenant, 53, of Saugerties, N.Y., believes shelters should be allowed to control populations. She says no-kill shelters that only accept animals with good prospects for adoption or that turn away animals once the shelter reaches capacity do not solve the problem.

Texas police kill eighth-grader who wouldn't drop pellet gun at school

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — The parents of an eighth grader who was fatally shot by police inside his South Texas school are demanding to know why officers took lethal action, but police said the boy was brandishing — and refused to drop — what appeared to be a handgun.

The weapon turned out to be a pellet gun that closely resembled the real thing, police said late Wednesday, several hours after 15-year-old Jamie Gonzalez was repeatedly shot in a hallway at Cummings Middle School in Brownsville. No one else was injured.

"Why was so much excess force used on a minor?" the boy's father, Jaime Gonzalez Sr., told The Associated Press outside the family's home Wednesday night. "Three shots. Why not one that would bring him down?"

His mother, Noralva Gonzalez, showed off a photo on her phone of a beaming Jaime in his drum major uniform standing with his band instructors. Then she flipped threw three close-up photos she took of bullet wounds in her son's body, including one in the back of his head.

"What happened was an injustice," she said angrily. "I know that my son wasn't perfect, but he was a great kid."

At 75, Marion Barry gears up for another D.C. campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) — As HBO considers making a movie about Marion Barry with Eddie Murphy in the title role, the real Barry is doing something that comes naturally: running for re-election in the nation's capital.

Barry, the former four-term District of Columbia mayor whose legacy will always be tainted by his 1990 arrest after being caught on video smoking crack cocaine in an FBI sting operation, now plays the role of elder statesman on the D.C. Council, where he represents a poor, predominantly black ward.

At 75, Barry walks stiffly and slowly, having survived prostate cancer, a kidney transplant and a

gunshot wound he suffered when Hanafi Muslims attacked city hall in 1977. But the man once dubbed the city's "Mayor for Life" says he has more influence than in more than a decade and fully intends to seek a third straight council term this year, even if the prospect makes some wince. He goes so far as to predict his victory margin in Ward 8, the neighborhood east of the Anacostia River where he remains popular, saying he'll capture at least 70 percent in the April Democratic primary.

"I have more white support than people say I do, but I don't worry about that," Barry said, referring to the ward he represents. "That's what frustrates some of these white people out here. They get frustrated, all worked up. They can't do a damn thing to me or about me. Isn't that funny?"

While Barry is quick to dismiss his critics and boast that he's won 10 of 11 election contests, there is one subject he won't discuss: the possible Spike Lee film about Barry that could star Murphy.

One year on, no suspect jailed as investigation reveals little about Egypt's church bombing


CAIRO (AP) — Just over a year ago, Amira Maurice was attending a New Year's Eve Mass in the Saints Church in Egypt's Mediterranean coastal city of Alexandria with her parents and fiancé, their marriage set for only a few months away. Then the bomb blast ripped through the church.

Now, the 28-year-old pharmacist is in Germany undergoing the latest in a string of surgeries to save her leg and deal with her burns. Her fiancé is dead, one of the 21 people killed in the suicide bombing targeting the church.

Another New Year's has passed since, and there are still no answers in Egypt's most dramatic anti-Christian attack. The investigation was halted 11 months ago and never picked up again. The only suspects ever detained were released, and it's not clear they had any role in it. No new suspects have ever been named.

"Nothing. Nothing at all has happened with the investigation," said Maurice's father, Nabil.

Contract Bridge



By Steve Becker

The Vicissitudes of Fortune

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 7 6 3
♥ Q J 10 5 2
♦ A J 8
♣ K 8

WEST

♠ J 10 9 8 4
♥ 7
♦ 9 4
♣ 10 7 6 3 2

EAST

♠ A 5 2
♥ 8 3
♦ Q 10 7 2
♣ A Q J 5

SOUTH

♠ K Q
♥ A K 9 6 4
♦ K 6 5 3
♣ 9 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 3♥ Pass
4♥

Opening lead — jack of spades.

Declarer now cashed the A-K of diamonds, hoping the suit would divide 3-3, in which case he would discard a club from dummy on his fourth diamond. But when the diamonds failed to break evenly and East later turned up with the ace of clubs, South had to go down one.

Certainly South was unlucky. He would have made the contract if West had held the queen of diamonds, if the diamonds had divided 3-3, or if West had held the ace of clubs. Nevertheless, declarer should have made the contract despite his bad luck.

He should have started by drawing trumps ending in dummy, ruffed dummy's last spade and then led a low diamond to dummy's eight! East would win with the ten but would be endplayed. Whatever he returned — whether a diamond, a club or a spade (if he had one) — would cost his side a trick, as well as the contract.

Nor could West alter the outcome by putting up the nine on the first diamond lead toward dummy. Declarer would simply cover the nine with the jack, and East would again find himself endplayed.

Indeed, regardless of the actual lie of the opposing cards, the deep diamond finesse reduces declarer's chances of losing the contract to zero.

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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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 box.

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				3	4			9
4	5	1	9					2
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Former Cowboy receiver Hurd indicted

DALLAS (AP) — Former NFL wide receiver Sam Hurd was indicted Wednesday on federal drug conspiracy and possession charges after he and another man were accused of trying to establish a drug-dealing network.

The indictment handed up by a federal grand jury in Dallas accuses Hurd, cut by the Chicago Bears after his arrest last month during an undercover drug sting, and codefendant Toby Lujan of single counts of cocaine possession and conspiracy to possess co-

caine. It also seeks forfeiture of \$88,000 in cash by Lujan and a 2010 Cadillac Escalade by Hurd.

Hurd remained free on \$100,000 bond. Both could be sentenced to 10 years to life in prison if convicted of conspiracy and up to 40 years in prison if convicted of the possession count.

Hurd's attorney, David Kenner of Encino, Calif., declined to comment on the indictment until he could review the documents.

Federal court documents

listed no attorney or custody status for Lujan, a Dallas resident. No court dates have been set.

The 26-year-old Hurd, a San Antonio resident who now lives in the Chicago area, was arrested Dec. 14 outside a Chicago steakhouse after authorities said he agreed to buy a kilogram of cocaine from an undercover agent. The Bears cut the former Dallas Cowboys receiver Dec. 16, two days after his arrest.

According to court documents, a confidential infor-

mant told federal Homeland Security investigators last July that a man, now identified as the 26-year-old Lujan, was trying to arrange purchase of cocaine for an unidentified man, later identified as Hurd.

The complaint said Hurd was arrested outside a Chicago steakhouse after allegedly telling an undercover agent that he was interested in buying five to 10 kilograms of cocaine and 1,000 pounds of marijuana per week to distribute in the Chicago area.

Hurd told the agent a "co-conspirator is in charge of doing the majority of the deals" while he focused on "higher-end deals," the complaint said.

He agreed to pay \$25,000 for each kilogram of cocaine and \$450 a pound for the marijuana, and then said he could pay for a kilo of cocaine — about 2.2 pounds — after "he gets out of practice."

He walked out of the restaurant with the package and was arrested.



HANGIN' ROUND THE RIM — Clippers' Blake Griffin makes a convincing dunk in recent NBA action. Griffin led the Clippers with 22 points in Wednesday night's 117-89 defeat of the Houston Rockets.

Griffin, Clippers shoot down Houston Rockets

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Clippers are more than just Blake Griffin, Chris Paul and a no-name supporting cast.

Ask the Houston Rockets.

Griffin had 22 points and nine rebounds before sitting out most of the fourth quarter, Paul added 20 points and 10 assists, and the Clippers cruised to a 117-89 victory over Houston on Wednesday night.

But it was the combined efforts of Chauncey Billups, DeAndre Jordan, Caron Butler and reserve guard Randy Foye that helped turn the game into a laugher.

"We have so many weapons. And when guys are hitting stop us," Griffin said. "With Chauncey and Caron (Butler) and

D.J. at the rim, it's hard to guard all those things. So most of the time we get open looks and high-percentage shots. The key is just not forcing shots."

Paul was 9 for 14 from the field and had three steals, extending his streak to 14 consecutive games with at least one. Foye locked it up by scoring 14 of his 16 points in the fourth quarter. Jordan had eight rebounds and seven points in 28 minutes, failing to block an opponents' shot for the first time in his last 19 games.

Billups returned to the lineup, playing his first home game with the Clippers after sitting out two because of a sore groin. He scored 13 points in 22 minutes. The five-time All-Star, claimed from

the New York Knicks in a waiver auction Dec. 12, averaged 16 points in his first two games with the club.

"He just gives us another solid guard — and a great guard," Griffin said. "He always takes care of the ball, he gets good shots and gets everyone else involved. Having a guy like that, it's hard to put a price on that."

Billups was instrumental in the Clippers holding Kevin Martin to 14 points, after he averaged 23.8 over his previous four games. Martin took only nine shots in 25½ minutes.

"It was a team thing, and it started with Chauncey," Griffin said. "But every time Martin

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Mountaineers rout Clemson in Orange Bowl

MIAMI (AP) — As the West Virginia Mountaineers celebrated their first Orange Bowl victory, safety Darwin Cook shared a hug with the game's mascot, Obie.

They had run into each other earlier in the end zone when Cook scored the night's pivotal touchdown, then leaped on the smiling orange. Only after the game did he learn a woman was wearing the Obie outfit. "I don't know you were a girl," he told her. "I apologize."

The Mountaineers ran over everything in their

path Wednesday night, including the Clemson Tigers. Geno Smith tied the record for any bowl game with six touchdown passes, and the No. 23-ranked Mountaineers set a bowl scoring record with their high-powered offense by routing No. 14 Clemson 70-33.

But it was a defensive player — Cook — who made the most memorable play by returning a fumble 99 yards for a touchdown to break the game open.

Standing in the sideline, Smith watched a

video replay of Cook's touchdown in disbelief.

"Crazy, man," Smith said. "When I saw that, I knew things were breaking our way."

Cook collided comically with mascot Obie after scoring one of the Mountaineers' five TDs in the second quarter, including three in the final 2:29 for a 49-20 lead. It was the highest-scoring half by a team in a bowl game.

"I always envisioned making great plays," Cook said. "If you think it will happen, it will happen."

Tavon Austin tied a record for any bowl game with four touchdown catches. Smith went 31 for 42 and had 401 yards passing to break Tom Brady's Orange Bowl record. Smith also ran for a score, helping West Virginia break the bowl record for points established six nights earlier when Baylor beat Washington 67-56 in the Alamogordo Bowl.

"Never could we imagine we'd put up 70 points," Smith said.

"It was like a virus," Clemson coach Dabo Swinney said.

The Mountaineers (10-3) won in their first Orange Bowl appearance and improved to 3-0 in Bowl Championship Series games.

"Our guys felt like they weren't getting too much credit," West Virginia coach Dana Holgorsen said. "And they wanted to make a statement in this game."

Clemson (10-4) lost playing in its first major bowl in 30 years. Despite the drubbing, Swinney said, the wait for a return trip won't be so long.

"It won't be 30 years,"

Swinney said. "We'll be back."

The offensive showcase was the latest in a succession this bowl season, and perhaps the last. Defense is expected to dominate in the final BCS game Monday night, when Louisiana State faces Alabama for the national title.

West Virginia totaled 589 yards and 31 first downs. Smith was chosen the game's outstanding player but gave Austin an assist.

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Tide, Tigers roar into New Orleans for title game

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Alabama receiver Marquis Maze isn't about to concede anything to LSU, not even the kicking game.

Sure, the top-ranked Tigers controlled field position with Brad Wing's punts when the teams met two months ago in what, back then, was called the game of the century. And those four field goals missed by the No. 2 Crimson Tide have left a stamp on the season.

So maybe it's OK to admit LSU has an edge in special teams? Maze, who had one of LSU's punts sail over his head, isn't buying it.

"I don't think nobody's better than us on either side of the ball," he said. "Or special teams."

Now, the Tide (11-1) has a chance to show it. Both teams arrived in New Orleans on Wednesday with a few more days of hype and preparation ahead of a rematch that will decide the Bowl Championship Series' na-

tional title — and perhaps even which of the two Southeastern Conference Western Division rivals is actually better.

Both have something to prove. LSU (13-0), fresh from an SEC championship, would love to show that it doesn't need missed kicks and a goal line interception to beat 'Bama. Win, and there's no doubt who's No. 1.

Maze and Alabama arrived in the Big Easy feeling like that 9-6 overtime defeat on Nov. 5 slipped away courtesy of missed opportunities. Now, the Tide gets a mugshot — and plans to make the most of its second chance.

"We did learn a lot from that game," Tide coach Nick Saban said Wednesday, "in terms of things that we can do better."

Alabama had only six points off seven trips inside LSU's 35-yard line last time out. Cade Foster missed three long field goals and Jeremy Shelley had one blocked, but the failed kicks

were preceded by stalled drives.

—Avoid backfiring gambles. Like Maze's pass on a trick play that LSU safety Eric Reid managed to wrangle from the arms of tight end Michael Williams at the goal line early in the fourth quarter. A replay upheld the interception call, but Maze believes it was a catch.

"Really, I think it was a bad call," he said.

Wing buried two punts inside the Tide 5 and had a late 73-yarder that sailed over Maze's head. There are surely plenty of other things Saban and his players can pick over.

"Just little mistakes," nose guard Josh Chapman said. "Not capitalizing. Finishing. That's the main thing. We practice this day in, day out, from spring ball. Finish plays. Little things like that."

"When you don't finish the plays in practice it kind of carries over in the game. We didn't finish on a lot of

things out there and those guys capitalized on a lot of mistakes."

Tide players have had two months to stew over, and study, that game. They've had extra time since Alabama hasn't played since Nov. 26 at Auburn, while LSU dispatched Georgia in the SEC championship game.

"We just fell short, but this time around I feel like everybody absolutely knows everything they're going to do from watching film," linebacker Dont'a Hightower said. "I feel like we've got a real good game plan so we've just got to go out and execute it."

Fellow linebacker Nico Johnson said he "watched it a lot after we lost," and once more during Auburn week.

"It was bothering me to see what point of the game that it kind of turned around and what plays caused this and that, and just trying to watch that and see what happened," Johnson said.

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The Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time and place. Any Proposals received after closing time will not be accepted and will be returned to sender unopened.
Advertisement, bid phase information and complete Contract Documents can be downloaded free of charge at the following web site: <http://construction.freese.com>
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John Grant, General Manager
#7217 December 22 & 29, 2011 and January 5, 2012

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INVITATION TO BID
The Colorado River Municipal Water District and Garney Companies are soliciting General Contractor, Subcontractor and supplier participation including those that qualify as SWMBE's for the following: **Bid Package 7 Big Spring Pump Station for the Ward County Water Supply Expansion Project.** Bid Deadline is January 26th, 2012 at 3:00 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
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The moon and the sun in earth signs at the day's start promises a surprise-free morning. It's easy to see the relationship between cause and effect. Practical efforts yield tangible results. Then the moon slips into Gemini, increasing the amount of speculation and conversation that must happen in order for things to move forward.
ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's a time to get serious and share a deep connection, and then there's a time to go for the laughter. You'll do the latter, and a certain someone will find you irresistible because of this.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Worry has its place as long as it doesn't last long. If the stress puts you in action, it is worthwhile. Just be sure to use negative tension as a signal to move forward. Don't park in it.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It may take you a while to get going this morning, but as the day progresses, so do the



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Tomorrow's Horoscope

lightness and joy in your attitude. People will think you have a happy secret that you're not sharing. And maybe you do.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). You want something, but you've proved you can live without it. This is the perfect energetic combination for getting exactly what you want. You'll be loose and playful enough to land your desire.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your intention of becoming closer to a person will be 80 percent of what is necessary to make that happen. The other 20 percent will be communicating that intention.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You dream of someday doing what makes your heart sing and having great success with it. This isn't the kind of dream that should wait for "someday," though. There is time today to engage in your happy action.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You recognize that while there is much you can influence, no one on Earth is powerful enough to control it all. You're willing to give up the reins in a situation and accept whatever happens.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.

21). You'll knuckle down to finish a project that really should have been finished last year. Better late than never on this one. It will feel amazing to go forward into your new year unfettered.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Whatever you are going through personally, you realize that others are in the same boat. And still others are in a sinking ship, looking at your boat and thinking it looks like a rescue.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You and the fates are working together today. People will tell you to do this or that, and it's all decent advice. But the whisper of fate that comes from inside you will be the best one to follow.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There will be a hurry and wait situation. One way to feel better about it is to skip the "hurry up" part. Give yourself plenty of preparation and travel time, and bring something to read.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People will pick up on your signals, so it's best to know what they are. Check yourself, giving attention to what you normally might not. On a deeper level of consciousness, what do you really want?

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 5). Your fortunes will multiply as a direct result of your friendships and working relationships. You'll pull a plan together this month. February brings new partnerships and the opportunity to align with a winning team. Your professional and personal lives will blur together. Family issues will be resolved in May. Aquarius and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 50, 2, 24, 15 and 47.
CELEBRITY PROFILES: Bradley Cooper embodies the energy of tradition and ambition associated with his Capricorn sun sign. An honors graduate of Georgetown University who speaks fluent French and has won medals on a men's heavyweight crew team, he is as well rounded as he is accomplished. Mars and Neptune in Sagittarius lend a sophisticated, worldly flair to his natal chart.

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Sealed proposals addressed to Mr. John Grant, General Manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, will be received at the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, P. O. Box 869, 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79721, until Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. for the construction of the following project:
O.H. Ivie Reservoir Intake Channel Dredging
At this time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will not be accepted and will be returned to sender unopened.
Specifications are on file and may be examined without charge in the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 869, 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79721, Telephone (432)267-6341, and the office of Freese and Nichols, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4055 International Plaza, Suite 200, Fort Worth, Texas 76109-4895, Telephone (817)735-7300.
Advertisement and information for the Project can be found at the following web site: <http://construction.freese.com>
Contract Documents may be downloaded or viewed free of charge at this web site. It is the downloader's responsibility to determine that a complete set of documents, as defined in the Instructions to Offerors are received. Printed copies of the Contract Documents may be purchased at the website for the cost of printing. The cost for printed Contract Documents is not refunded.
The web site will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of interested parties, reports or other information relevant to submitting a proposal for the Project.
There will be a non-mandatory pre-bid meeting on Friday January 6, 2012 at 1:30 pm, at the CRMWD O.H. Ivie Pump Station adjacent to the site, located at O.H. Ivie Reservoir at the intersection of FM 1929/Ray Stoker Junior Highway and Mustang Creek Road. A site trip will follow after the meeting.
A bid security bond shall be as set forth in the instructions to Bidders. Performance and Payment Bonds are required for this contract and shall be executed on the forms provided in the Contract Documents.
In case of ambiguity or lack of clarity in stating proposed prices, the Colorado River Municipal Water District reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous construction thereof, to reject any or all bids, and to waive formalities. The District anticipates that it will award the contract by February 3, 2012. No bid may be withdrawn within ninety (90) days after date on which bids are opened.
COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
John Grant, General Manager
#7204 December 22, 29, 2011 and January 5, 2012

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
The Colorado Municipal Water District (CRMWD) will receive sealed Bids addressed to John W. Grant, General Manager for procurement of equipment associated with its "Vertical Turbine Submersible Pumping Units- Ward County North Well Field" project. Bids must be received at the CRMWD office at 400 East 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720 on or before 3:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 2, 2012. No bids will be accepted after 3:00 P.M. As soon as practical after this closing time, all Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.
The Work includes furnishing complete pumping unit assemblies for twenty-one (21) water supply wells in the CRMWD Ward County North Well Field located approximately nine (9) miles west of Monahans, Texas. The successful Bidder shall provide and deliver all equipment, start-up services, testing, training, labor, tools, superintendent, transition piece between column pipe and pump discharge case (if necessary), and all incidental items necessary for a complete installation. Installation of the pumping units is not a part of this Work. The Basis of the Bid will be unit prices for anticipated typical pump designs for this project; final pumping unit designs will be provided after a Supplier is selected and pumping tests are performed on constructed wells. Time is of the essence in completion of this project; the successful Bidder must be able to meet milestones specified in the Contract.
The Bid/Contract Documents are on file at the CRMWD Big Spring office and at the Austin office of Daniel B. Stephens and Associates, Inc. (4030 West Braker Ln., Suite 325 Austin, TX 78759). Electronic copies of the Bid/Contract Documents may also be obtained at no charge via the internet at <http://construction.freese.com>
Potential Bidders obtaining electronic copies of the Project Manual via the internet are responsible for checking the site for updates and Addenda that may be posted after the initial download.
Each Bid must be accompanied by Bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Bidder's maximum Bid price, payable to the CRMWD, as a guarantee that the Bidder will execute a Contract for the Work if it is awarded by the Owner. The Bid security may be a cashier's check, other certified check or bank draft from a chartered financial institution authorized to operate in Texas; negotiable U.S. Government securities (as par value); or a Bid Bond, duly executed by the Bidder as principal and having as surety thereon a surety company meeting the requirements of the Project Manual.
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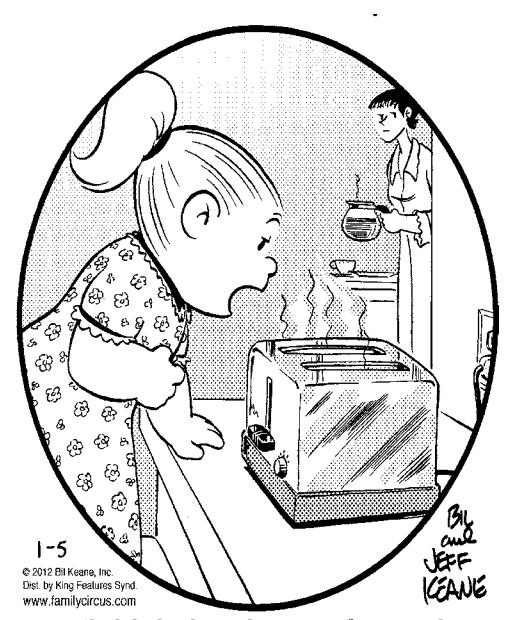
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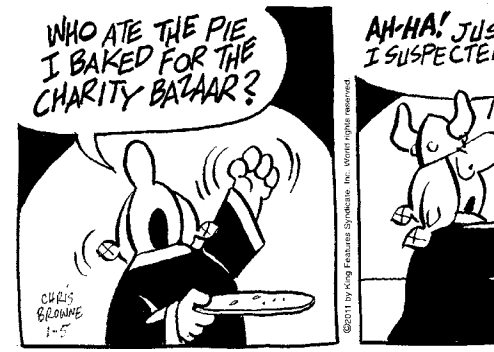
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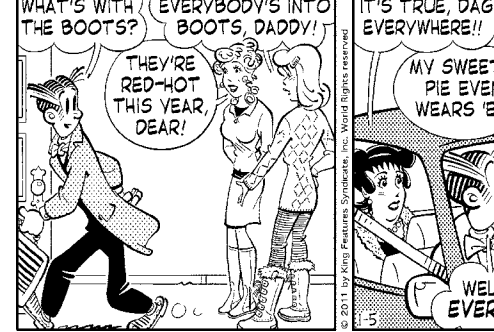


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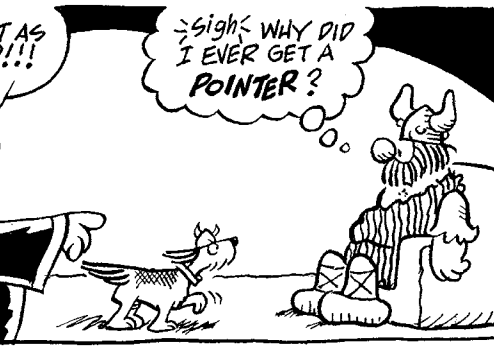
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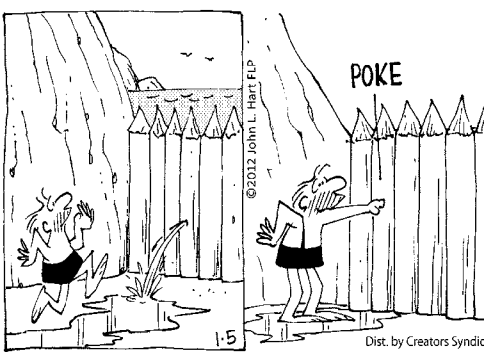
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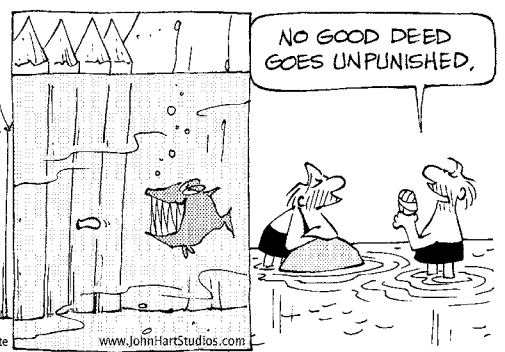
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Jan. 5, the fifth day of 2012. There are 361 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 5, 1972, President Richard Nixon announced that he had ordered development of "an entirely new type of space transportation system," the reusable space shuttle. (The first operational shuttle, Columbia, was launched in 1981.)

On this date:

In 1589, Catherine de Medici (MEHD'-uh-chee) of France died at age 69.

In 1781, a British naval expedition led by Benedict Arnold burned Richmond, Va.

In 1809, the Treaty of the Dardanelles, which ended the Anglo-Turkish War, was concluded by the United Kingdom and the Ottoman Empire.

In 1895, French Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, convicted of treason, was publicly stripped of his rank. (He was ultimately vindicated.)

In 1896, an Austrian newspaper, Wiener Presse, reported the discovery by German physicist Wilhelm Roentgen (RENT'-gun) of a type of radiation that came to be known as X-rays.

In 1925, Nellie T. Ross of Wyoming became America's first female governor.

In 1933, the 30th president of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, died in Northampton, Mass., at age 60.

In 1949, in his State of the Union address, President Harry S. Truman labeled his administration the Fair Deal.

In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower proposed assistance to countries to help them resist Communist aggression; this became known as the Eisenhower Doctrine.

In 1970, Joseph A. Yablonski, an unsuccessful candidate for the presidency of the United Mine Workers of America, was found murdered with his wife and daughter at their Clarksville, Pa., home. (UMWA President Tony Boyle and seven others were convicted of, or pleaded guilty to, the killings.) "All My Children" premiered on ABC-TV.

In 1994, Thomas P. "Tip"

O'Neill, former speaker of the House of Representatives, died in Boston at age 81.

In 1998, Sonny Bono, the 1960s pop star-turned-politician, was killed when he struck a tree while skiing at the Heavenly Ski Resort on the Nevada-California state line; he was 62.

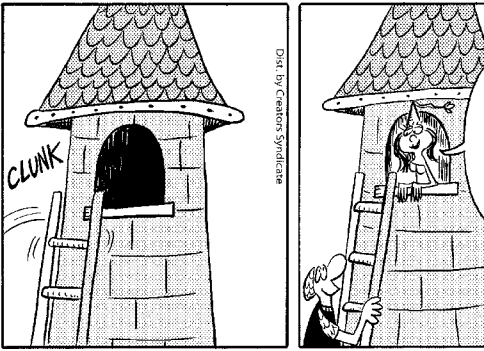
Today's Birthdays: Former Vice President Walter F. Mondale is 84. Actor Robert Duvall is 81. Pro Football Hall of Fame coach Chuck Noll is 80. King Juan Carlos of Spain is 74. Talk show host Charlie Rose is 70. Actress-director Diane Keaton is 66. Rhythm-and-blues musician George "Funky" Brown (Kool and the Gang) is 63.

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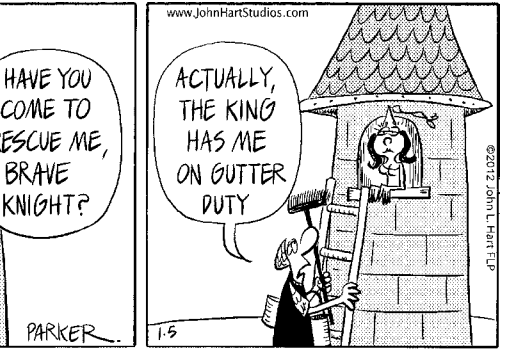
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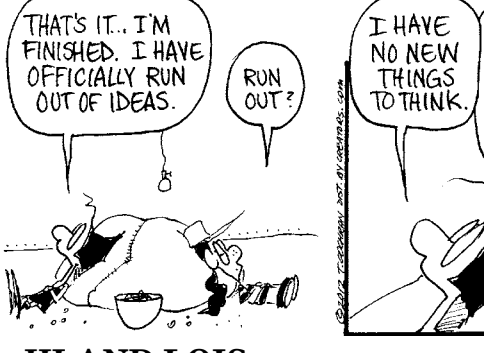
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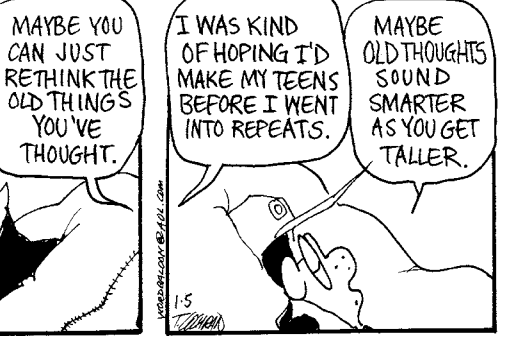
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got in the lane, DeAndre was making him take tough shots. Martin is a great player. Tonight he missed a few shots that he normally hits. We were fortunate, but we did a good job on him.”
Kyle Lowry had 17 points and five assists for the Rockets, who won 25 of their previous 31 games against the Clippers and held them under 100 points in 14 of the previous 15 meetings. Houston played without reserve swingman Courtney Lee, who injured his right calf Tuesday night in a 108-99 loss to the Lakers.
“We struggled with everything tonight,” forward Luis Scola said.

“We came in here and weren’t ready to play, and this is what happens when you don’t play hard. I don’t know how to explain it. What you do about it the next game shows what kind of team you are.”
Houston’s two best defensive efforts last season — in terms of lowest field goal percentage by an opponent — were against the Clippers. Los Angeles shot 36.4 percent in a 96-83 loss, and 34.7 percent in a 99-78 defeat.
“We made mistakes offensively and defensively,” Lowry said. “It’s just something we’ve got to figure out. We can’t have nights like this. It was a terrible day for us.”
Paul, who averaged

20.6 points and 10.0 assists in his previous 16 games against Houston while playing for the New Orleans Hornets, had 11 points and six assists in the first quarter to help the Clippers build a 67-55 halftime lead. Los Angeles ended the half shooting 67.5 percent while committing four of its seven turnovers.
Reserve guard Ryan Gomes beat the first-quarter buzzer with a 17-footer from the left baseline for a 41-26 margin. The Rockets narrowed the gap to 47-40 on Lowry’s 3-pointer with 7:38 left in the second quarter, but got no closer the rest of the game as the Clippers pulled away in the third.
Griffin, who went to

the bench for good with 10:17 remaining, finished with 16 points in the paint — including a dunk off an alley-oop pass from Paul to cap an 18-7 run and give Los Angeles a 85-62 cushion with 5:47 left in the third.
“It’s been great playing with him,” Paul said. “He is a workhorse. I saw that when I played against him, but playing on the same team with him, you really appreciate how hard he works. But it’s our job as guards — me, Chauncey and the other guards — not to make him have to work so hard. We’re here to make his job easier, so that’s what we’re going to continue to try to do.”
Houston coach Kevin

McHale emptied his bench during the ensuing timeout, and the Rockets scored the next four points. Moments later, Griffin and reserve center Samuel Dalembert nearly got into it under the Clippers’ basket before they were separated by Jordan.
The fourth quarter became a showcase for Foye, who scored 10 points in the first 3:42 to help the Clippers increase a 15-point lead to 102-76. He added a layup to make it a 30-point advantage with 5:07 to play.
Notes: Sitting in the second row across from the Rockets’ bench were Steve Garvey and Orel Hershiser, who are in a group that is trying to

purchase the Dodgers from Frank McCourt. Among their competition is Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban. ... Rockets reserve F Marcus Morris, the 14th pick in the draft, has played only 17 minutes in the team’s first six games. Twin brother Markieff, drafted one spot ahead of him by Phoenix, has played 117 minutes through the Suns’ first six games. ... This is the fifth time the Rockets have played the Clippers and Lakers back-to-back at Staples Center on the same trip since the building opened in 1999-00, and the first time they lost both.
They came out with a split the other four times.

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“He won me an MVP,” Smith said. “He’s one of the quickest guys I’ve ever seen, and it’s just a blessing to have a guy like him on my team.”
Austin had 11 receptions, scoring on passes of 8, 27, 3 and 37 yards.
“I do know who the fastest kid on the field was,” Holgorsen said. “We made a conscious effort to get him the ball a bunch, and whenever we got him the ball, he made things happen.”
Clemson couldn’t keep up with the Big East Conference co-champions, although Andre Ellington did score the game’s first points on a 68-yard run. First-team All-Americans Sammy Watkins and Dwayne Allen combined for only seven catches for 87 yards.
“We didn’t play too good,” Watkins said. “We’ve got the whole next year to get right.”
Amid the flurry of points, defensive back Cook came up with second-longest play in Orange Bowl history.
Clemson was on the verge of taking the lead in the second quarter when Ellington ran up the middle and disappeared into a heap at the 1. A teammate signaled touchdown, but the ball came loose and Cook grabbed it, then took off with nothing but the end zone in front of him.
“Cook was the only one in the stadium who knew the ball was out,” teammate Bruce Irvin said. “That was a heads-up play.”
The potential 14-point swing seemed to deflate the Tigers, who had moved the ball almost at will to that point.
“They hadn’t really stopped us,” Swinney said. “That was huge. Then it snowballed quickly.”
The Tigers were doomed when quarterback Tajh Boyd committed turnovers on consecutive Clemson plays.
After Smith ran 7 yards on a keeper for a 35-20 lead, Pat Miller intercepted Boyd’s pass. Smith flipped a 1-yard touchdown pass to Austin and, on the next play a call was overturned, with the replay official determining Boyd had lost a fumble.
Alston then ran for a 1-yard touchdown with 4 seconds left in the half.
“Momentum swung not in our favor, and it was hard to recapture,” Boyd said. “West Virginia is a great offense. You can’t really get behind them. We couldn’t stop them. Guys were gassed. Their legs were going. It was a tough loss — pretty embarrassing.”

Colts needed backup plan
No one man can be the entire team

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Bill Polian made one big mistake in Indianapolis: Not having an adequate backup for Peyton Manning.
It cost the Colts vice chairman and his son their jobs.
On Wednesday, Polian told The Associated Press that not grooming a replacement for the injured Manning was the primary reason the Colts collapsed this season, going from Super Bowl contender to the league’s worst record.
“I’ve always told the staff that our approach should be to hope for the best but plan for the worst, and I didn’t do an adequate enough job of planning for the circumstances we were in,” Polian said in a phone interview. “It led to this catastrophe.”
When asked if he was referring specifically to finding a backup for Manning, Polian said: “Yes.”
It’s the first time Polian has commented since he and his son, general manager Chris Polian, were fired Monday.

The longtime NFL executive revived the Colts’ brand name in two seasons, turning a moribund organization into one of the league’s model franchises. During Polian’s 14-year tenure, the Colts won 143 regular-season games, eight division titles, two AFC crowns and the first Super Bowl championship in the Indianapolis era.
Even all that couldn’t save Polian after a 2-14 record gave Indy the No. 1 draft pick.
“I understand what the dynamics are. So when you have the kind of season we had, there’s always some accountability and that includes me,” Polian said. “Was I surprised? No. The timing of it was a bit surprising, but not the end result.”
Manning’s neck injury changed everything.
The four-time league MVP never played after undergoing surgery Sept. 8, his third and most invasive procedure in 19 months. With Manning out, the Polians scrambled.
First, they brought 17-year veteran Kerry Collins, who Polian originally drafted in Carolina, out of retirement for \$4 million. Collins didn’t last a month. Curtis Painter, Manning’s backup the previous two seasons, replaced Collins as the starter in Week 4 but struggled.
Still winless heading into December, the Colts finally turned to seven-year NFL veteran Dan Orlovsky, who ended a nine-game personal losing streak with two wins in five days just before Christmas.
But more could have and should have been done, Polian said.
“We probably could have straightened out the defensive situation a little earlier than we did, but that wasn’t critical,” Polian said, referring to the November firing of defensive coordinator Larry Coyer. “We needed to have a guy in place if Peyton had gone down and we didn’t. It wouldn’t have been a playoff season, I don’t believe, if we had. But I didn’t do it.”
The outside perception was that other factors played into Jim Irsay’s decision.
Some suspected the August acquisition of Collins didn’t go over well within the organization.
Others questioned Polian’s recent drafts, which produced little impact from former first-round picks Anthony Gonzalez, Donald Brown or Jerry Hughes until Brown’s late-season surge in 2011.
There was even a rumored rift between Polian and Manning, something Polian called “completely untrue.”
“He was the first person into the office after it happened,” Polian said. “There’s no rift at all. None.”
In fact, Polian said, the two were speaking in

the training room about Manning’s offseason rehab plan when Irsay called him into the office. The two Polians then met separately with Irsay, and afterward, Bill Polian said, he and Manning talked for another 45 minutes. Polian declined to provide details of that discussion, calling it private.
Does Polian believe Manning will play again in 2012?
“I don’t know. I can’t answer that,” he said. “I recognize that’s been a frustration for fans, for you people in the media, and I wish I could have given you more concrete answers, but I just don’t know. I hope for his sake if he wants to play and the situation is right for him, that he can play.”
Polian’s influence hasn’t just been felt in Indy.
He laid the foundation Buffalo’s four straight Super Bowl teams. He took Carolina to the NFC championship in the Panthers second season. He helped devise the NFL’s salary cap, and has been a key player in reshaping many of the league’s playing rules.
Six times, he was chosen The Sporting News executive of the year.
Yet Indy was the only place Polian ever won a Super Bowl and, strangely enough, it was the worst season of his tenure that produced the proudest moment and biggest regret.
“You might think I’m proudest of the Super Bowls and all the playoffs, the division championships, but I’m really proud of the way the guys handled this season,” Polian said. “Regrets? I don’t have any regrets other than a 2-14 season.”
Colts fans might contend there should be one more regret on the list -- not playing for the perfect season in 2009.

Polian disagrees.
“We just should have recovered the inside kick and not had the interception,” he said, referring to two plays in the Super Bowl loss.
He said he has no hard feelings about Irsay, and credited the Colts owner with giving him everything he needed to win. The two have been friends for three decades, and Polian said he would welcome Irsay attending the Pro Football Hall of Fame induction ceremony if he makes it.
For Polian, the hardest part wasn’t getting fired. It was seeing his son lose his job.
“The family part of it is the hardest part, whether it’s Chris or any of the people that are close to me,” he said. “Saying goodbye to people is the hardest part. When you’ve been here 14 years, you’ve built up a lot of relationships. I’ve told the players for years and years to prepare for life after football because this is a terminal profession for all of us and that’s true. But I’ve been far, far luckier than the vast majority of people. I’ve worked for a great person, a great owner in Jim.”
Polian said he hasn’t considered whether he will return to football, though he will try to help his son and others land new jobs.

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