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Smartt featured speaker at Healthy Woman event

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By **AMANDA MORENO**

Staff Writer

Smartt humor is what people can expect at Healthy Woman "Celebrating Three Thrilling Years" event scheduled for Jan. 26.

Lisa Smartt — author and comedienne — will be the special guest speaker for the second year in a row. Last year, Smartt delighted audience members as well as the advisory council, according to Kim Howell, Scenic Mountain Medical Center marketing director.

"There was just something about Lisa that made the decision to invite her back for a command performance an easy one. She is one of us," Howell said.

This year, Smartt will be delivering a speech entitled "I thought I was a 'people person' ... until I started working with people."

"We are coming ready to have fun," Smartt said. "It will be a humorous speech and an all over good time."

Smartt describes herself as a mother of two teenage boys



Howell

"I would rather sit down while you are wanting me to still be up there speaking than to be up there speaking while you are wishing I would sit down."

— Lisa Smartt, author, comedienne



and the wife of a wonderful husband of 21 years who loves to laugh. She writes a weekly humor column for a small-town newspaper outside Dresden, Tenn. She lives on 16 wooded acres. She has written two books, the first of which was released in 2007.

"I am a flawed speaker," Smartt said. "I don't have any qualifications. I don't have a Ph.D. I'm just your normal person who lives an ordinary life in a small town."

"You know you have those speakers who, by the time they finish getting introduced with all their qualifications and abbreviations, you think to yourself that is impressive, but they aren't anyone I would ever live next door to. They aren't like me. Not me, I'm just an average person and I think it's those everyday insights I bring to the table that are the reason God

brought me to do this."

She first started speaking 12 years ago after being asked to talk in front of a small group of women. Every speech since then has been come to be by word of mouth. She has spoken to numerous groups and to this day she said she isn't afraid to speak to any particular group.

"I was just a person who had something to say and I was given an opportunity to say it," Smartt said with a laugh. "As long as I don't have to teach algebra or get naked in front of anyone then I'm not afraid to speak to anyone in particular."

Smartt's speech will be under an hour in length. She said she has received several comments about people wishing she would have spoken longer, but to that she

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Obamas, others around country observing MLK day

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama and his family will be among those around the country who will honor the legacy of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

The Obamas plan to participate Monday in a community service project in Washington to honor King's memory.

Monday also marks the first King holiday where visitors can celebrate King at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, which was dedicated last year.

The new memorial, which opened in August, celebrates the ideals King espoused. Quotations from his speeches and writings conjure memories of his message, and a 30-foot-tall sculpture depicts King emerging as a "stone of hope" from a "mountain of despair," a design inspired by a line of his famous "I Have a Dream" speech.



Celebrations in Texas for federal holiday

HOUSTON (AP) — Parades, music and community programs have been scheduled across Texas to mark the federal holiday honoring the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Texans joined other Americans on Monday to honor King's memory 44 years after the civil rights leader was assassinated.

Houston scheduled a parade and an MLK day of service. Organizers say tens of thousands of participants are expected for an MLK march in San Antonio. It's the 25th anniversary of San Antonio's celebration of King's life and legacy.

An MLK festival Monday at Fair Park in Dallas features a health fair, a gospel concert and poetry readings.

Some Texas communities held weekend MLK events. San Angelo's celebration included a Gospel Fest at a church.



Burn ban revoked?

County commissioners will consider it Tuesday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

According to Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan, county officials will likely lift the existing burn ban during Tuesday morning's meeting of the commissioners court, marking the first time in more

than a year-and-a-half since the Crossroads hasn't been under such a ban.

Sullivan said considerable rain showers — not to mention snowfalls, which just recently melted off — have at least temporarily slaked the thirst in the county's brushlands, giving local land owners

a much-needed window to perform some upkeep.

"The judge has the ability to drop the burn ban at any time, without it being an item on the agenda's meeting," Sullivan said. "I spoke with him Friday and we both agreed the local land owners need a chance to get out there

and do some controlled burns and perform some upkeep on their property while the conditions are as good as they are right now. Doing so is absolutely essential to keeping down the dangers of wildfires in the immediate future,

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Light agenda for Big Spring EDC

By **AMANDA MORENO**

Staff Writer

Big Spring Economic Development Corporation will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, which, according to the agenda, will begin with an executive session to discuss pending or contemplated litigations.

Any action taken as a result of the session will be made in open meeting.

The board is also scheduled to hear a quarterly update from Howard College

regarding the workforce training program.

As usual, minutes from the previous meeting will be put up for approval, as will December financials and the December investment report.

Executive Director Terry Wegman will deliver a directors report regarding current projects or upcoming projects that may be in the works.

At the end of the meeting there will be time for public comment and a time for board comment.

Meetings of the BSEDC are open to the public and are held in the chamber board room at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce office, located at 215 W. Third St..

The meeting will begin at 5:15 p.m. For more information, call 264-6032.

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

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Obituaries

Kenneth Gale Pruitt

Kenneth Gale Pruitt, 74, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2012, in a Midland hospital. There will be no formal service at this time, but the family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2012, at the funeral home.

He was born Sept. 24, 1937, in Big Spring, Texas, and graduated from Knott High School in May of 1957. Kenneth worked in oil related jobs most of his life in Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona and Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lester and Hattie Guffee Owens; his sister, Carolyn Sue Owens; and his grandparents, Guy and Sadie Guffee.

He is survived by two sons, Wayne Pruitt and wife Karen of Big Spring and Lester Pruitt and wife Connie of Virginia; a daughter, Kimberly Pruitt of Lubbock; two granddaughters; and many cousins and friends.

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

H. Floyd Shifflett

Rev. H. Floyd Shifflett, 85, of Sweetwater, Texas, died Sunday, Jan. 15, 2012, at Sweetwater Health Care. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2012, at Sweetwater Cemetery with the Rev. Carolyn Easter officiating. The family will receive friends Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2012, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at McCoy Funeral Home.

He was born June 26, 1926, in Roby, Texas, to David and Ola Shifflett. He married Dorothy Hines Nov. 17, 1950, in Roby.

He was a member of Faith Harvest Pentecostal Church of Sweetwater and was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served during World War II. He was a pastor for more than 50 years before retiring.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Shifflett of Sweetwater, Texas; two daughters, Carolyn Easter of Big Spring, Texas, and Samantha Mrazek of Palestine, Texas; two sons, David Shifflett of Sweetwater, Texas, and Henry Floyd Shifflett II and wife Ann of Fayetteville, Ark.; two sisters, Peggy Franklin of Sweetwater, Texas, and Ethelene Shifflett of Spartanburg, S.C.; 16 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Rebecca Kathlene Shifflett; eight brothers; one sister; his parents, David and Ola Shifflett; five grandsons; and three great-granddaughters.

Arrangements are under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home of Sweetwater.

Penny Linebaugh

Penny Linebaugh, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mary Ferrell

Mary Ferrell, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Jan. 15, 2012, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Edith Boyd Gary

Edith Boyd Gary, 88, of Big Spring died Monday, Jan. 16, 2012, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

- The Big Spring Art Association will have its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Howard County Library Community Room. The program will be "How to Gather and Prepare Natural Clay" by Dovie Shannon of Sand Springs. The meetings are open to the general public and anyone interested in the arts is cordially invited to attend.

- As the 8th annual Powwow is coming near, organizers are seeking people interested in native American culture. The group is a family oriented organization that is looking to expand. You do not have to be native American to join. For comments, questions and answers, call Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125 or Connie Lesser at 432-816-6772.

- An organizational meeting for Visual Awareness Support Group will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad St. VASG is a support group forming to provide help to individuals that have poor or deteriorating vision. The meeting is open to everyone but will focus on people who have significant vision problems, their family members, friends and care givers. It is the goal of this group to provide, through education, a sense of hope to people that have vision problems and help them and their care givers cope with vision loss. For more information, call 263-2501 or email eyeassocone@ccrom.net.

- 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.

- Spring of Siloam, a Christian women's job training group, will hold its next 12-week session beginning Feb. 6. Applications for the session, which is free to the public, will be accepted through Feb. 2. To submit an application, visit the group's web site at www.springofsiloam.org. For more information, call 432-213-2857.

Police blotter

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

- CHANCE PATRICK NEWTON, 21, of 1309 Virginia, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- BOBBIE VILA OLIVAREZ, 27, of 1302 Wright, was arrested Saturday on warrants for failure to appear (three counts), failure to identify, no driver's license – when unlicensed and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

- RODRICK LAMOND CONELY, 43, of 1425 E. Sixth St. Apt. 10, was arrested Saturday on a warrant from another agency.

- CHARLETTE M. BRADFORD, 52, of 2504 Gunter, was arrested Saturday on warrants for speeding and expired motor vehicle inspection certificate.

- ARTHUR LYNN RICHARDSON, 48, of 906 Douglas, was arrested Saturday on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility, expired motor vehicle inspection certificate and failure to obtain Texas driver's license within 90 days.

- KIMBERLY NICOLE RIOS, 25, of 700 S. Douglas, was arrested Saturday on charges of criminal mischief and theft of service.

- JOHN HOWARD SMITH, 63, of 1409 S. Runnels, was arrested Saturday on a charge of assault – family violence.

- MICHELLE RENEE CLUCK, 38, of 109 E. 16th St. Apt. B, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

- CHRISTINA MARTINEZ, 28, of 616 Caylor Dr., was arrested Saturday on a charge of assault – family violence.

- JAI ANTHONY KEYS, 42, of 1906 E. Highway 350, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

- JUAN MANUEL NIETO, 37, of 634 Caylor, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

- MELISSA ANN WELLS, 38, of 634 Caylor, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

- ALEJANDRA ALICE LOPEZ, 44, of 604 S. Lancaster, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- TRAVIS RUSSELL MCKISKI, 24, of 4217 Hamilton, was arrested Sunday on a charge of assault causing bodily injury – family violence.

- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 2100 block of Cecilia.

- THEFT was reported: In the 900 block of Willia. Near the intersection of Fifth Street and Gregg. In the 3600 block of W. Highway 80. In the 200 block of Texas Road.

- ASSAULT was reported in the 1600 block of Bluebird.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main Street.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for those with Parkinson's Disease, Young Onset Parkinson's, caregivers, and those interested in learning more about the illness. There is time for socializing and information. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jody at 432-699-6640 or midlandparkinsons@yahoo.com or Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-2732.

- Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

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Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 6:05 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 6:06 PM	Sunrise: 7:46 AM Sunset: 6:07 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abiene	53	30	sunny	Kingsville	83	49	pt sunny
Amarillo	42	25	sunny	Livingston	74	37	pt sunny
Austin	72	37	pt sunny	Longview	61	33	mst sunny
Beaumont	77	44	t-storm	Lubbock	53	26	sunny
Brownsville	82	57	pt sunny	Lufkin	73	35	pt sunny
Brownwood	60	33	sunny	Midland	61	34	sunny
Corpus Christi	78	48	pt sunny	Raymondville	83	54	pt sunny
Corsicana	56	31	sunny	Rosenberg	75	43	t-storm
Dallas	55	32	sunny	San Antonio	79	42	mst sunny
Del Rio	78	43	sunny	San Marcos	73	37	mst sunny
El Paso	61	36	sunny	Sulphur Springs	58	32	windy
Fort Stockton	66	40	sunny	Sweetwater	55	30	sunny
Gainesville	48	27	sunny	Tyler	59	31	pt sunny
Greenville	53	28	windy	Weatherford	51	28	sunny
Houston	75	43	t-storm	Wichita Falls	47	27	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	62	39	rain	Minneapolis	13	2	sn shower
Boston	45	38	rain	New York	45	40	rain
Chicago	33	10	sn shower	Phoenix	64	41	sunny
Dallas	55	32	sunny	San Francisco	53	40	mst sunny
Denver	36	22	sunny	Seattle	36	32	mixed
Houston	75	43	t-storm	St. Louis	38	19	pt sunny
Los Angeles	60	41	sunny	Washington, DC	58	39	rain
Miami	79	61	pt sunny				

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Texas briefs

Woman charged in death of psychiatrist

GLADSTONE, Mo. (AP) — Police say a Texas woman is charged with killing a Missouri psychiatrist who was having an affair with her husband.

Shannon L. O’Roark Griffin, of Granbury, Texas, is charged with first-degree murder and armed criminal action in the death of Irina Puscariu of Gladstone, a Kansas City suburb.

Gladstone police say in a probable cause statement that O’Roark Griffin went to Puscariu’s house Friday after her husband told her that he would not end his affair with the psychiatrist. Police say O’Roark Griffin shot Puscariu three times.

The statement says she called her husband and told him about the shooting.

The Kansas Highway Patrol arrested O’Roark Griffin Friday evening near Wichita. She is jailed in Sedgwick County awaiting extradition.

3rd man held over bodies in burning car

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas police have arrested a third suspect over the apparent drug-related killing of two men whose bodies were in the trunk of a burning car.

Bond has been set at \$2 million for 19-year-old Daryl Dotson of Dallas on two counts of capital murder. Electronic jail records Monday did not list an attorney for Dotson, who was captured Saturday at an apartment.

The bodies of 20-year-old Steven Govan and 19-year-old Jonathan Williams were found Dec. 18 after emergency personnel responded to a report of a burning car. Both victims had been shot.

Police say 17-year-old Debanair Wynn was taken into custody two days later. Officers on Jan. 3 arrested 18-year-old Nathan Scott.

Each has been charged with two counts of capital murder, with bond set at \$2 million.

11 teen dead, another charged in joyride

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio teen was killed and his best friend was charged with intoxication manslaughter after a joyride in a stolen Jeep, authorities said.

Sean Patrick Korman, 18, was doing “doughnuts” early Saturday in a field at Oscar Perez Memorial Park with two friends in a Jeep Wrangler, San Antonio police Detective Brandon Campbell told the San Antonio Express-News.

The vehicle flipped after Korman lost control turning tight circles and Zachary Wendell, 18, was partially ejected, Campbell said. Wendell died at the scene. Korman and another teen, who was not identified or charged, suffered minor injuries.

Police said Korman appeared to be under the influence of marijuana.

Texas infant killed in dog attack

MAGNOLIA, Texas (AP) — A 1-year-old boy has been killed by his family’s pit bull at his grandparents’ home about 50 miles northwest of Houston.

Montgomery County Sheriff’s Lt. Dan Norris says in a prepared statement that the boy was mauled Saturday night inside the home. When a deputy responded around 8 p.m. the dog lunged and the deputy shot the dog.

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replies: “I would rather sit down while you are wanting me to still be up there speaking than to be up there speaking while you are wishing I

would sit down.”

The main thing Smartt said she hopes people will take away from her speech is how to speak kindness, not only to others, but to themselves.

“Sometimes people can do one, but not the other. Those two go hand in hand,” Smartt

Weird gadgets at CES: Motorized unicycle, maybe?

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A motorized, seat-less unicycle, a video game you control with your eyes, and a mind-reading headset that serves as a game controller were among the more bizarre gadgets being shown off at this year’s International Consumer Electronics Show.

Some 3,100 exhibitors attended the show, and although there were plenty of mainstream technologies on display, the show attracted a fair share of off-beat gadgets. Here’s a roundup of some of the weirdest devices:

— **SOLOWHEEL.** Picture a unicycle without a frame or saddle, and you have the Solowheel. Not working for you? Ok, add this to the picture: footboards that fold out from the wheel. To ride it, you stand on the footboards and straddle the wheel. Lean forward, and the wheel engages a battery-powered electric motor that can send it —and hopefully its rider— zooming along at 10 miles per hour. The wheel has a gyroscope that helps keep the rider upright. In other words, it’s like a Segway with only one wheel.

Because of the rechargeable battery, which has a 15- to 20-mile range, the Solowheel weighs 26 pounds. That’s as much as a folding bike, but the Solowheel is more compact. It’s sold by Inventist LLC for \$1,800. Its creator is a serial inventor, Shane Chen, previously came up with the AquaSkipper, a human-powered hydrofoil.

Who’s it for? Brave people with a good sense of balance, who want to utterly surprise everyone they meet.

— **FOAM FIGHTERS.** Toy companies are eager to link their products with smartphone and tablet games, creating toys that are an amusing blend of virtual and real. Foam Fighters are made of two sheets of thin foam, painted and shaped like World War II fighter planes such as the famous Mitsubishi Zero. Toss them in the air, and they fly like paper airplanes. Better yet, you can attach them to a plastic arm with a suction cup that, in turn, sticks to the back of an iPhone, iPad or Android phone, right next to the camera. The airplane shows up on screen, and if you download a free app, the fighter plane will look like it’s zooming around in war-torn skies, controlled by the movement of the phone or tablet. Foam Fighters go on sale in April. A pack of two, with a stand, will cost \$10.

Who’s it for: AppGear is aiming at kids, ages 8 to 12, but it could appeal to frustrated fighter pilots of all ages.

— **HAIER BRAIN WAVE.** The Chinese appliance company brought this wireless mind-reading headset to the show, and demonstrated how it could be used to control a TV set. It holds one sensing pad to the wearer’s forehead and another that clips onto an earlobe. The big limitation is that the mind-reading capability (actually just measurement of brain waves) is crude. The set can only be used to sense if the user wants something to go up or down. For any other direction, you need the remote. In a demonstration of a simple maze-like game, the wearer guided a figure up or down with his mind, and right and left with the remote. Haier said it’s developing something that lets the wearer change channels by thinking about it.

Haier is selling the set in China, but has no plans to bring it to market in the U.S.

Who’s it for: No one outside of China, yet. Eventually, this could be a dream come true for the laziest of couch potatoes.

— **EYE ASTEROIDS** — Continuing on the theme of controlling electronics without moving, Swedish company Tobii brought its eye-controlled arcade game to the show. To play, you stand in front of it and look at a screen, where asteroids hurtle toward your battle station. It shoots laser beams at the asteroids you look at, destroying them. So yes, looks can kill.

The game cabinet contains cameras that track your gaze. The arcade game is really just a technology demonstration. What Tobii really wants is to have these gaze-tracking cameras built into laptops and other computers, so we can dispense with the mouse. But it does sell the game for \$15,000.

Who’s it for: Arcade owners who want the latest.

— **SIGNA POWERTREKK** — This New York company showed off an alternative to batteries: a fuel cell the size of a big sandwich, powered by small, light “pucks” of a silicon-based material that produces hydrogen when water is added. The fuel cell is expensive, at \$200, but the pucks are cheap, at \$12 for three. Each puck will produce the equivalent of six AA batteries of electricity. That means it can charge an iPhone twice, through the included cables.

SiGNa will be selling the cell through outdoor retailer REI this spring.

Who’s it for: Campers, hermits and others who need to go a long time without electricity.

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and we don’t know when we’ll get an opportunity like this again, so we have to take advantage now.”

Sullivan said he and his crew of volunteer fire fighters have already begun preventive work in the Crossroads to help keep the danger of wildfires to a minimum.

“We performed some controlled burns out on Andrews Highway on Sunday,” Sullivan said. “When we got started the relative humidity was pretty high, so it looked good. However, by the time we got done, the humidity was down to about 20 percent. So you can see we have to act on this while we can. These conditions won’t last forever.”

While the recent rain-

fall has given the Crossroads area a bit of room to breathe, Sullivan said without more of the wet stuff, that comfort — as well as the break in the burn ban — could be short-lived.

“Unless we get some more rainfall, what we’ve received here recently will last us for the next 20 to 30 days. After that, we’ll basically be back in the same situation we were in before,” he said gravely. “In the meantime, the biggest challenge we face is the high winds. Those, along with the gusts, will still make for some pretty nasty conditions. I’d still advise against burning trash or welding. Whether or not there’s a burn ban in place, it’s just not worth the chance of something going wrong.”

Sullivan also encouraged residents to continue do what they can

to lessen the chance of their home being destroyed by a wildfire, including creating fire breaks around their home.

“One of the most important things they can do is clear at least a 50-foot area around their house. Personally, with the high winds we have out here in West Texas, I suggest a 100-foot circle,” Sullivan said. “Make sure the grass is scalped down as low as you can get it within that area, because fire can move really fast through it.”

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Tickets to the event — which includes a three-course meal provided by Chef Michael Stromberg at Moss Creek Ranch — are \$25 per person. The ballroom at the Dora Roberts Community Center can only seat 200 guests comfortably, so seats will be limited.

She said she is looking forward to speaking here a second time.

“I don’t have to try and imagine living in Big Spring because I live in Big Spring, it’s just in Tennessee,” Smartt said.

“Also, if you have trees, it’s not necessary to get rid of all of them, just make sure they aren’t touching. You don’t want the fire to be able to jump from one tree or bush to the next. It’s possible to make your property look good and still make it safe.”

Tuesday’s meeting of the commissioners court is slated to get under way at 10 a.m. in the commissioners courtroom, located on the

third floor of the county courthouse. For more information, contact the county judge’s office at 432-264-2202.

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News in brief

Captain of stricken cruise ship under scrutiny as 6th body recovered; 16 missing

ROME (AP) — Rescuers raced against time and increasingly turbulent waters Monday in search of survivors from the capsized Costa Concordia cruise ship off the Tuscan coast, while prosecutors focused on the captain, who is accused of abandoning the ship well before passengers were safely evacuated.

A sixth body was discovered in the overturned vessel as the rescue mission entered its third day; 16 passengers and crew were still missing after the ship carrying 4,200 struck a reef off the island of Giglio. The body of the male passenger was spotted in a corridor of the part of the Costa Concordia still above water, fire department spokesman Luca Cari said. The victim was wearing a life vest.

"We are still working to pull the body out of the

ship," Cari told The Associated Press. "The sea conditions make it difficult to get into the ship."

The number of the missing was raised after relatives of two Sicilian women who had been listed among those safely evacuated after Friday night's grounding told authorities they not heard from them.

Giglio Mayor Sergio Ortelli said rescuers were in "one of the most important phases" as they sought those who may have found an air pocket. The mission includes a risky inspection of the underwater half of the capsized ship. But, he conceded to Sky News 24, the chances of finding survivors was dwindling.

Campaign officials: Jon Huntsman to withdraw from race for GOP presidential nomination

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Jon Huntsman staked his presidential campaign on New Hampshire and his bid to become a legitimate competitor on distinguishing himself from front-runner Mitt Romney. But less than a week after a disappointing third-place finish in the Granite State's GOP primary, Huntsman decided to quit the race and back Romney.

Huntsman will endorse Romney, officials said Sunday, because he believes Romney is the best candidate to beat President Barack Obama in November. Campaign manager Matt David said Huntsman will announce his withdrawal at an event in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Huntsman's resume had suggested he could be a major contender for the Republican presidential nomination: businessman, diplomat, governor, veteran of four presidential administrations, an expert on China and on foreign trade. But the former ambassador to China in the Obama administration found a poor reception for his brand of moderate civility that he had hoped would draw support from independents, as well as party moderates.

Huntsman was almost invisible in a race often dominated by Romney, a fellow Mormon. One reason was timing. For months, Romney and other declared or expected-to-declare candidates drew media attention and wooed voters in early primary states.

Huntsman, however, was half a world away, serving as ambassador to China until he resigned in late April. Nearly two more months would pass before his kickoff speech on June 22 in the shadow of the Statue of Liberty. The former Utah governor had already acknowledged that expectations for him in South Carolina's primary this week will be "very low." Word of the Huntsman withdrawal came on the same day that The State, South Carolina's largest newspaper, endorsed him for president.

Nigerian soldiers block protest sites; president offers concession to end demonstrations

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — For the first time since protests erupted over spiraling fuel prices, soldiers barricaded key roads Monday in Nigeria's two biggest cities as the president offered a concession to stem demonstrations that he said were being stoked by provocateurs seeking anarchy.

The deployment of troops is a sensitive issue in a nation with a young democracy and a history of military coups. President Goodluck Jonathan said in his speech that was televised early Monday that agitators have hijacked the demonstrations, which were initially focused on his removal of a fuel subsidy but more recently focused on government corruption and inefficiency.

At a park in Lagos' Ojota neighborhood where more than 20,000 people had demonstrated Friday, two military armored personnel carriers were parked near an empty stage. About 50 soldiers and 50 other security personnel surrounded the area carrying Kalashnikov rifles, waving away those who tried to enter to resume demonstrations. A crowd of several hundred people gathered a few hundreds yards (meters) away.

"They are here because they don't want us to protest," said Remi Odutayo, 25, referring to the soldiers in the park. "They are using the power given to them to do something illegal" by stopping demonstrators from gathering.

A few miles (kilometers) away, about 300 protesters marched on a highway toward Ojota. One waved a white puppy above his head like a protest placard. When they approached a military checkpoint, soldiers slung their Kalashnikov rifles to their

sides and let the demonstrators pass unhindered. But then around 20 soldiers arrived in two pickup trucks, bayonets affixed to their assault rifles. They told the protesters to go back. The situation remained tense.

AP expands North Korean coverage, opens first full news bureau by international agency

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — The Associated Press opened its newest bureau here Monday, becoming the first international news organization with a full-time presence to cover news from North Korea in words, pictures and video.

In a ceremony that came less than a month after the death of longtime ruler Kim Jong Il and capped nearly a year of discussions, AP President and CEO Tom Curley and a delegation of top AP editors inaugurated the office, situated inside the headquarters of the state-run Korean Central News Agency in downtown Pyongyang.

The bureau expands the AP's presence in North Korea, building on the breakthrough in 2006 when AP opened a video bureau in Pyongyang for the first time by an international news organization. Exclusive video from AP video staffers in Pyongyang was used by media outlets around the world following Kim's death.

Now, AP writers and photojournalists will also be allowed to work in North Korea on a regular basis.

For North Korea, which for decades has remained largely off-limits to international journalists, the opening marked an important gesture, particularly because North Korea and the United States have never had formal diplomatic relations.

Pakistan's top court orders contempt proceedings against prime minister

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Pakistan's top court begantype:bold,italic; contempt proceedings Monday against the prime minister for failing to carry out its order to reopen a corruption case against the president, ramping up pressure on the beleaguered civilian government and pushing the country deeper into political crisis.

The Supreme Court ruling opened up the possibility that Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani could be prosecuted, imprisoned and dismissed at the hands of the judges.

It came as the government is locked in a conflict with the army, and boosted the sense the administration could fall, squeezed between the court and the powerful generals.

The court ordered Gilani to appear before the bench on Thursday to explain his refusal to open the corruption probe against President Asif Ali Zardari.

Gilani might choose not to attend the hearing, which could trigger his immediate disqualification from holding office, or pledge to open the graft case.

Ron Paul wants big spending cuts as president, spends big on first-class travel in Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Ron Paul has been spending large amounts on airfare as a congressman, flying first class on dozens of taxpayer-funded flights to his home state. The practice conflicts with the image that Paul portrays as the only presidential candidate serious about cutting federal spending.

Paul flew first class on at least 31 round-trip flights and 12 one-way flights since May 2009 when he was traveling between Washington and his district in Texas, according to a review by The Associated Press of his congressional office expenses. Four other round-trip tickets and two other one-way tickets purchased during the period were eligible for upgrades to first-class after they were bought, but those upgrades would not be documented in the expense records.

Paul, whose distrust of big government is the centerpiece of his presidential campaign, trusts the more expensive government rate for Continental Airlines when buying his tickets. Paul chose not to buy the cheaper economy tickets at a fraction of the price because they aren't refundable or as flexible for scheduling, his congressional staff said.

"We always get him full refundable tickets since the congressional schedule sometimes changes quickly," said Jeff Deist, Paul's chief of staff.

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By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

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 ♦Q 8 6
 ♣A J 7 3

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 ♥7 6 4
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 ♣10 9 8 6 2

SOUTH
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and South's diamond and heart bids merely showed first-round control of those suits. The heart cuebid might have been based on A-x, or even a void!

Perhaps North was so deeply engrossed in trying to decide whether or not to bid seven spades that he did not realize, when he passed, that South's last bid had been six hearts, not six spades.

Whatever the reason, Santamarina's pass was surely one of the most serendipitous bids ever made in a world championship event. And when the missing trumps divided 3-3, Attaguile had no difficulty scoring 12 tricks, collecting four hearts, six spades and the two side aces. Six spades almost surely would have failed with normal play, as evidenced by what happened when Italy later played the hand in that contract.

Against six spades, the Argentine West also led a club. Declarer took the ace, discarding a diamond, drew trumps, cashed the A-K-Q of hearts, then played the ace and a low diamond.

South could have made the slam by playing the diamond eight from dummy, but he did not know that East had the king and that it was now singleton. After playing the queen and losing it to the king, declarer later lost another diamond trick to go down one, giving Argentina a 1,030-point pickup on the deal.

Tomorrow: Three possibilities.
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NFL playoff field down to final 4

By BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

The New York Giants became the only road team to win in this month's NFL playoffs, stunning the Green Bay Packers 37-20 Sunday to advance to the NFC championship game.

With huge plays from their offense and defense, plus plenty of help from the mistake-plagued Packers, the Giants got their second consecutive playoff victory at Lambeau Field. The previous win, in 2008, lifted them into the Super Bowl. This one got them a trip to San Francisco for the NFC championship game next weekend.

Eli Manning threw for three touchdowns for the second straight week, Hakeem Nicks caught two of his scoring throws — one a 37-yard desperation pass at the end of the first half — and the Giants (11-7) forced four turnovers from the usually precise defending Super Bowl champions and had four sacks.



File photo

New York quarterback Eli Manning threw three touchdown passes to lead the Giants past the Green Bay Packers in the NFL divisional playoffs Sunday.

The Packers were sloppy, rusty and perhaps dispirited by the shocking death of offensive coordinator Joe Philbin's 21-year-old son. There were the turnovers, dropped passes, poor tackling and indecisive pass coverage — things that didn't damage them in a 15-1 regular season that

included a 38-35 win at the Giants.

On Saturday, the NFC West champion 49ers (14-3) rallied in the final moments to beat New Orleans 36-32 in an epic playoff game. New York lost 27-20 at San Francisco in November.

Baltimore forced four turnovers and beat the Houston Texans 20-13

Sunday in the AFC divisional round. The Ravens are 9-0 at home this season.

Ed Reed's interception late in the fourth quarter sealed it, and the Ravens (13-4) didn't commit a penalty or have a turnover. The only scoring in the second half was Billy Cundiff's 44-yard field goal with 2:52 remaining.

Baltimore's prize: a trip to Foxborough next Sunday for a berth in the Super Bowl.

"When we got up 17-3, the No. 1 thing I told them is: 'They're going to make a rally,'" linebacker Ray Lewis said to his teammates. "Every great team makes a rally. And this is what playoff football is all about. I mean, year after year and time after time, great competition going against each other, it really does get no better."

On Saturday, New England silenced Tebowmania 45-10 as Tom Brady tied an NFL record with six TD passes and broke another with five in the

first half.

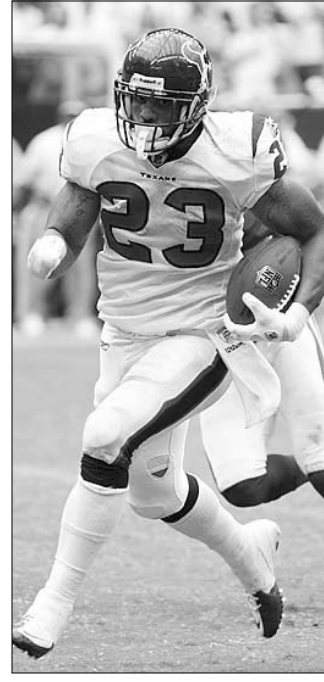
"We know we have a big test next week," Lewis said. "Tom is playing excellent up there, and what they did to the Broncos last night, I think they sent a message to whoever was coming up there. So, we've got our hands full and we've got to go up and get ready to play in the AFC championship."

The Texans (11-7), who made the playoffs for the first time in their 10-year existence, had five sacks and held the Ravens to 227 yards. But Joe Flacco's TD passes of 1 yard to Kris Boldin and 10 to Anquan Boldin, plus Cundiff's field goals of 48 and 44 yards were enough offense for Baltimore.

**Saturday
49ers 36, Saints 32**

The 49ers rekindled memories of their glory days, when Dwight Clark made "The Catch" and Terrell Owens made "The Catch II."

Alex Smith, never before confused with Hall



File photo

Arian Foster and the Houston Texans lost, 201-3, to the Baltimore Ravens in NFL playoff action Sunday.

of Famers Joe Montana (the original catch) or Steve Young (the second one), threw a 14-yard touchdown pass to tight end Vernon Davis with 9 seconds left just after Drew Brees put the

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Area sports calendar

TODAY

Women's basketball — Howard College at Western Texas College (Snyder), 5:45 p.m.

Men's basketball — Howard College at Western Texas College (Snyder), 7:45 p.m.

TUESDAY

Girls' basketball — Big Spring at Sweetwater, 6 p.m.

Girls' basketball — Coahoma at Denver City, 6 p.m.

Girls' basketball — Lubbock Roosevelt at Forsan, 6 p.m.

Boys' basketball — Big Spring at Sweetwater, 7:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball — Coahoma at Denver City, 7:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball — Lubbock Roosevelt at Forsan, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Women's basketball — Howard College at Clarendon College, 5:30 p.m.

Men's basketball — New Mexico Military Institute at Howard College, 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Girls' basketball — Big Spring at Snyder, 6 p.m.

Girls' basketball — Post at Coahoma, 6 p.m.

Girls' basketball — Forsan at Colorado City, 6 p.m.

Boys' basketball — Big Spring at Snyder, 7:30 p.m.

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To submit an item for this calendar, call 263-7331, ext. 235 or e-mail the submission to reporter@bigspringherald.com

No. 1 Baylor takes down UT

By JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — Texas' best chance at beating No. 1 Baylor and Brittany Griner barely got off the bench Sunday.

The result was another lopsided win for the Lady Bears.

Texas sophomore forward Cokie Reed was a pregame scratch from the lineup barely an hour before tipoff and senior Ashley Gayle struggled with foul trouble the entire game.

That left Baylor's 6-foot-8 Griner all kinds of room under the basket for 32 points and 13 rebounds in a 77-59 Baylor win.

Griner made 12 of her first 14 shots and tied her season high for points to keep Baylor (17-0, 4-0 Big 12) perfect on the season.

"She was pretty special today," Baylor coach Kim Mulkey said.

Gayle, who scored 17 points in Texas' upset win over defending national champion Texas A&M a few days earlier, was barely a factor.

She scored 12 against Baylor but picked up three quick fouls in the first half and her fourth just 51 seconds into the second. By then, the game was all but over and Baylor pushed the lead as high as 28.

At least Gayle played.

Reed, who gives Texas the muscle the Longhorns needed to push Griner away from the basket, spent the game on the bench with her right leg in a medical boot after straining it in practice on Saturday.

The Longhorns announced an hour before the game she wouldn't play.

Griner scored 10 points in a 19-0 Baylor run in the first half that blew the game open.

"All of the bodies you can get against Brittney are helpful," Texas coach Gail Goetsch said. "It's going to be a long night when you are two posts down."

Griner and Baylor have

been rolling over teams all season. The Lady Bears have allowed only two opponents, Tennessee and Connecticut, to play them within 10 points.

Griner scored 21 points, one below her season average, as Baylor built a 49-29 lead by halftime.

The performance was similar to her effort on Texas' homecourt last year, when she outscored the Longhorns 23-22 in the first half of a lopsided Baylor victory.

Baylor also got a bonus with forward Destiny Williams setting career highs with 21 points and 14 re-

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Vonn shares milestone Cup win with sister

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy (AP) — Lindsey Vonn finally got to share a World Cup victory with her little sister, a milestone that moved her into third place on the career wins list.

The American ended a five-week winless streak Sunday with a dominating victory in the super-G, capturing her 47th career title. Vonn finished a massive 0.61 seconds ahead of rival Maria Hoefl-Riesch of Germany, and Tina Maze of Slovenia was third.

Laura Kildow began a visit to Europe last weekend only to witness Vonn uncharacteristically miss the podium in two speed races because of a stomach illness.

"I felt bad last week because I didn't do very well," said Vonn, the overall World Cup leader. "It wasn't a very good example of a World Cup weekend, but this weekend went much better."

Vonn's victory moved her ahead of retired Austrian great Renate Goetschl on the career list. Only Austria's Annemarie Moser-Proell (62) and Switzerland's Vreni Schneider (55) have more.

"Records in skiing are

really important to me," Vonn said. "The history in our sport is something you can look back on when you're career is over and really be proud of what you accomplished."

Vonn opened the weekend with a second-place finish in Saturday's downhill, although she almost risked missing that race following a warmup mishap with her sister.

"Oh my gosh! She's going to kill me," Vonn said. "She thought it was going to be really cool to try to beat me and I didn't know she was so close behind me, and she came up and clipped the side of me and totally went down."

"But she had the biggest smile on her face as she was crashing into the woods. We were laughing about it this morning. She's so small but she has absolutely no fear. I'm disappointed she's not a ski racer because she would have been a great downhiller."

The last of the top-ranked skiers to start, Vonn led at every interval and was more than a second ahead of Hoefl-Riesch at the last checkpoint. While she lost nearly half of

her lead over Hoefl-Riesch on the lower section of the course, Vonn celebrated when she crossed the finish line, hardly looking to see her time.

Vonn claimed her sixth career win in Cortina, moving within four of Goetschl's record for victories in a single resort. She also tied Goetschl for the most super-G wins on the all-time list with 17.

"Renate has always been such a role model. I remember a few years ago racing together. She did so much in her career," Vonn said. "Cortina has always been a special place for me. I had my first World Cup podium here and I like the hill and the snow is always perfect — really dry, dense snow that's really similar to the snow in Colorado where I grew up skiing."

Vonn extended her lead in both the overall and super-G standings. She holds a 291-point lead over Maze in the overall standings and stands 87 points ahead of Switzerland's Fabienne Suter in the super-G.

Vonn woke up early to keep tabs on the Denver Broncos in the NFL playoffs, although

her team lost 45-10 to the New England Patriots.

"I had my NFL app running and it was alerting me on the scores, but unfortunately it wasn't alerting me very often of the Broncos score," Vonn said. "It's tough, but I still have one team in the mix — Green Bay."

Vonn will head to Venice with her sister before next weekend's races in Kranjska Gora.

"Normally I don't get to do fun things like this, so we're going to have some pizza, maybe some gelato, cruise around, go shopping, take a lot of pictures," Vonn said. "I'll update you guys on Facebook on how it went."

After Venice, her sister is leaving to study in Florence, Italy.

"I've gotten so used to having her around that it's going to be tough to be alone, but I'm working on recruiting more friends to come over," said Vonn, who announced in November her divorce from coach and chief adviser Thomas Vonn. "I hope she can come back some other weekend, and hopefully some of my other family members can come as well."

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). A sacrifice for the sake of family is so easy to make you'll hardly realize that you're doing it. Helping your loved ones is automatic — it's just who you are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A certain someone makes you smile on the inside, but you don't dare react on the outside in

the same way. You'll see the benefit in playing your cards close to the vest.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It will be necessary for you to work alongside someone with whom you seem to have absolutely nothing in common, other than the fact that you're both carbon-based life forms. You'll enjoy this!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Delays can't be helped but frustration can. You'll practice patience and look for the opportunity inherent in every problem. You'll overcome obstacles and succeed.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have a strong sense of practicality, and it will be difficult for you to act in any way that seems inefficient or

wasteful. Just make sure you don't skimp on fun — laughter is nothing to be frugal about.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People respond favorably to you. It will feel as though everyone wants you to achieve your goal. The better you can communicate your desire, the more likely it is to be met.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You can explore the world via books, computers and television but there's nothing like exploring it in person. Your mind will expand in surprising ways as you visit new places.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Status quo is fine for some, but you're far too restless to accept it for long. You're ready for a pattern to be interrupted. You'll be open to new ideas, and you'll generate a few of your own this afternoon.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Important introductions will be made. Don't wait for someone else to break the

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Just when you think you've adapted to a new reality, things develop unexpectedly. Stay flexible. Changes on the outside will eventually prompt internal changes.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You like being on the cutting edge. Your curiosity comes alive and you'll be motivated to learn a new hobby or enhance your job skills — whatever it takes to stay ahead.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 16). There will be new delights to savor. Your tastes and preferences will continue to develop and even those who know you well will find that there's much to learn about you. February brings a commitment and perhaps a contract, too. March is your chance to turn over

a new leaf with someone. April brings a windfall. Pisces and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 9, 21, 29 and 19.

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"Classic" Ann Landers®: Only two things to worry about

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: I am 19 and a single mother of a 1-year-old girl, "Amanda." I attend college part time and am working to provide my daughter with the best life possible.

Amanda's father is the problem. He does not pay child support and rarely sees his daughter,

although I have bent over backward to arrange times that are convenient for him.

He never bothers to call and let me know when he is not able to make it. He simply doesn't show up. When he does keep an appointment, he is always late, which causes me a great deal of stress, and I resent it.

Tell me, Ann, how important is Amanda's father going to be in her future?

Frankly, I don't think he deserves to be part of her life. I am troubled by the thought that Amanda may grow up to be a "Daddy's girl" and will want him to walk her down the aisle when she gets married.

He has done nothing to merit such a place of honor, and it eats at me that he might get the privilege anyway.

On the other hand, I don't want to see her on talk shows when she is 18, looking for her long-

lost father. Any advice for me? — *Emotional Mom in Oklahoma*

Dear Mom: Let me get this straight. Amanda is a year old, and you are worried that her father (who rarely shows up) might want to walk her down the aisle when she marries. At the earliest, this will be approximately 17 years down the road.

It IS important for your daughter to have her father in her life, but as of now, it appears he has little interest, so don't push it.

He should be paying support, however, so push THAT. Please put the wedding scene on hold for a while, dear.

The way things are going in our society, Amanda may never get married. She could wind up CEO of General Motors. Or she may do both.

Dear Ann Landers: Having read your column for the past 40 years, I feel as if I know you as a friend.

I am sending an item that appeared in the California Retired

Teachers Association newsletter. The author is unknown.

I hope you will think it's funny enough to share. — *David H., La Crescenta, Calif.*

Dear David: I do, and I shall. Thank you. Here it is:

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But if you are sick, there are two things to worry about — Either you will get well, or you will die.

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But if you die, there are only two things to worry about.

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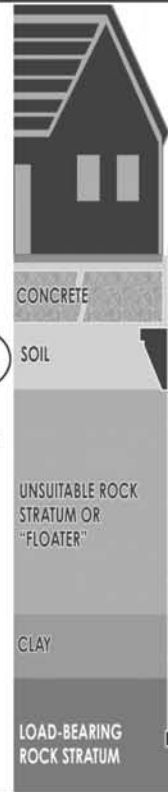
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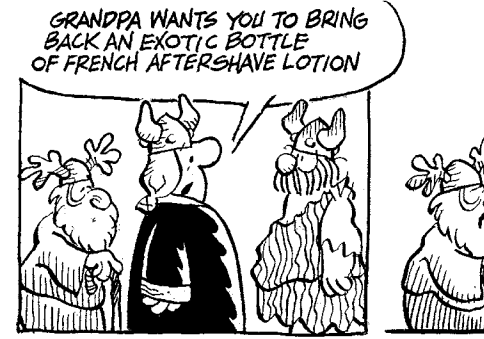
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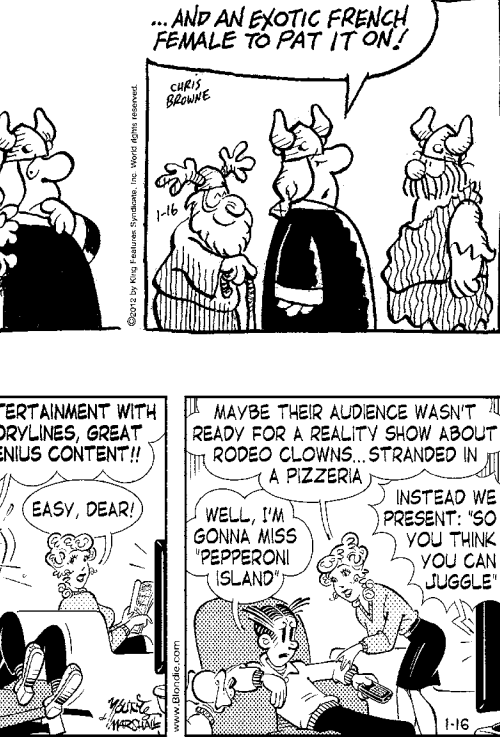


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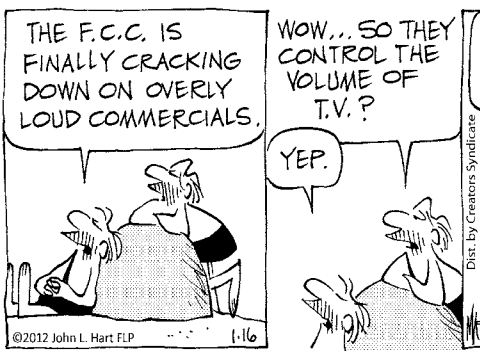
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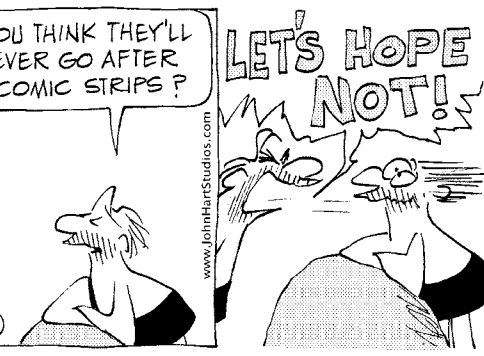
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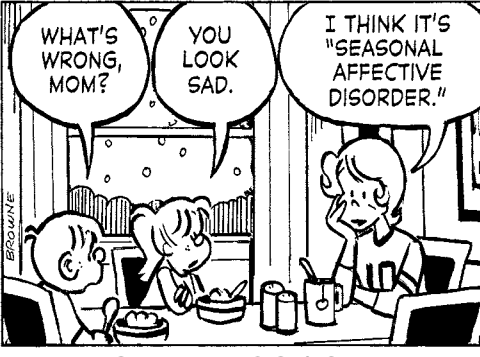
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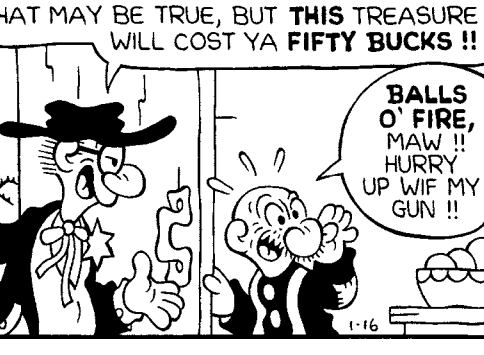
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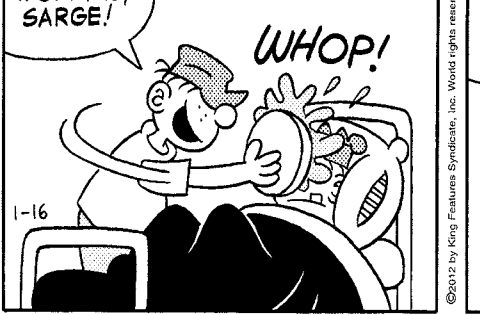
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Jan. 16, the 16th day of 2012. There are 350 days left in the year. This is the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 16, 1912, a day before reaching the South Pole, British explorer Robert Scott and his expedition were bitterly disappointed to find evidence in the form of a rock cairn and dog sled tracks showing that Roald Amundsen of Norway and his team had gotten there ahead of them. (Scott and his party perished during the return trip.)

On this date:

In 1547, Ivan IV of Russia (popularly known as "Ivan the Terrible") was crowned czar.

In 1883, the U.S. Civil Service Commission was established.

In 1919, pianist and statesman Ignacy Jan Paderewski (pah-dehr-EHF'-skee) became the first premier of the newly created Republic of Poland.

In 1920, Prohibition began in

Answer to previous puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Close forcefully
 - 5 Rock-band boxes
 - 9 Range of view
 - 14 Toothpaste holder
 - 15 Bargain hunter's delight
 - 16 Easy putt
 - 17 Face-to-face exam
 - 18 Maple or mahogany
 - 19 Modify, as a law
 - 20 Post-office employee
 - 23 Point opposite WNW
 - 24 "That feels great!"
 - 25 Impressive displays
 - 28 Help with the dishes
 - 29 Baseball slugger's stat
 - 31 CEO's "Right now!"
 - 32 Oodles
 - 34 Doesn't tell the truth
 - 35 ___ la la (singing syllables)
 - 36 Airline employee
 - 40 Tree with acorns
 - 41 Misfortunes
 - 42 Myrths and mine
 - 43 Iowa college city
 - 45 Letter before tee
 - 46 Cow's complaint
 - 47 Just hang around
 - 49 Ship's distress call
 - 50 Fitness center
 - 53 Rug-care company employee
- DOWN**
- 1 Took part in a theft
 - 2 Entices
 - 3 Ease off
 - 4 Turn to liquid
 - 5 Off the path
 - 6 February follower
 - 7 "Not guilty," for one
 - 8 Fortune-teller
 - 9 Set of steps between floors
 - 10 Photographer's device
 - 11 Aria singer
 - 12 Bowler's target
 - 13 Conclude
 - 21 Our home planet
 - 22 Salary hike
 - 26 Knitter's materials
 - 27 Minor dispute
 - 28 Spaniel or setter
 - 29 Formal ceremonies
 - 30 Makes a wager
 - 32 San Antonio landmark
 - 33 "It's no concern of mine"
 - 34 Vietnam neighbor
 - 36 Mare's baby
 - 37 Pipsqueak
 - 38 Lariat loop
 - 39 Twosome
 - 44 Makes the first move
 - 46 Lost feathers
 - 48 Wipe away, as chalk
 - 49 Butcher-shop machine
 - 50 Walk on tiptoes
 - 51 War's opposite
 - 52 Cupid's weapon
 - 54 Eases off
 - 55 Mouse-catching device
 - 56 Picnic pests
 - 57 Don't participate, with "out"
 - 58 "A likely story!"



NFL eyes full-time officials in 2012

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Pro Football Writer

BALTIMORE — Aiming to ensure NFL rules are enforced the same way from game to game, the league will consider making about 10 officials full-time employees next season. As of now, all game officials are part-time employees.

Responding to a question about consistency in officiating while speaking to a group of about 75 fans before Sunday's playoff game between the Baltimore Ravens and Houston Texans, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said the proposal would bring a group of officials to the league offices in New York to help review game films and evaluate

the calls.

They then would be spread out among the crews at games.

"Consistency is exactly what every club wants, and I think every fan wants. You want consistency in the way rules are applied," Goodell said. "We are contemplating this offseason taking some of those officials from the field who are now part time — they have other jobs — and making a certain number of them, let's say 10, full time."

Goodell also told the fans the rules committee will examine whether teams should be allowed to hire assistant coaches who left other teams during the same season, as happened with New England

and Josh McDaniels. He returned to the Patriots in time for the playoffs after spending the regular season with the St. Louis Rams.

"We've talked to several club executives. I'm not getting a lot of reaction from the other clubs that this is unfair. They don't seem to think it's a big issue," Goodell said. "But it's something we'll talk about."

Among other topics Goodell addressed with fans, and later while speaking to reporters:

—He hopes the league and the players' union will be able to settle their differences on testing for human growth hormone before next season, but he wouldn't say he's confident that'll happen.

"There's certainly enough time. We had a meeting just on Friday between the two parties to try to address those issues," Goodell said. "We understand the issues they've raised. We've answered those questions. ... All of the scientists agree that this test is valid. So we think we have a valid test. It's been proven on a global basis. We hope to get it implemented as quickly as possible."

The new labor contract that ended the NFL lockout in August included a provision for HGH testing as soon as this season — but only once the NFLPA approved the process. That hasn't happened, in part because the NFLPA says it needs more informa-

tion about the test itself.

Asked by a reporter whether he's confident of getting a test in place for 2012, Goodell paused, then replied: "I'll tell you: Sure going to work as hard as we can to get it done, because I think it's important, not just for the game, but also for the players."

—He called the latest tweaks to concussion protocols — including putting certified athletic trainers in booths at games to keep an eye out for possible head injuries, and adding video feeds on sidelines — "significant improvements."

—The new kickoff rules "achieved our objective" by reducing injuries, Goodell said.

Mavs rout Kings for fifth straight win

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks were able to rest their regulars in the fourth quarter thanks to a record defensive effort.

Jason Terry scored 21 points, Vince Carter added 16 and the Mavericks stretched their winning streak to five games with a 99-60 rout of the Sacramento Kings on Saturday night.

The Kings went 22 for 86 from the field (25.6 percent) against a Mavericks team that allowed the fewest points in franchise history.

Dallas' previous low was 65 points against Minnesota on Feb. 27, 2007.

"(The Kings) had some struggles. Their shot-making wasn't great, but I thought we had something to do with that," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. "We're placing emphasis on energy, defense and rebounding. The guys are responding."

Dirk Nowitzki contributed 14 points in a little over 20 minutes for the reigning NBA champs (8-5), who've won six in a row at home after a 0-2 start.

Both teams were playing their fourth game in five nights, but the Mavericks were fresher after resting their starters throughout the fourth quarter of Friday night's 102-76 victory over Milwaukee.

Marcus Thornton scored 14 points for the Kings (4-9), who've dropped four of five, including Friday night's 103-89 defeat at Houston. Sacramento was making the fourth stop of a five-city road trip and struggled from the opening tip.

"When you come into the league, what you want to do is make shots," Kings coach Keith Smart said. "When you're not making those, you get down. When you get a collection of players doing that, the team gets down."

The Mavericks were again able to sit their key players in the final quarter in anticipation of a four-game road trip over six days that begins Monday night against the Los Angeles Lakers.

"We're on an uptick right now and we've got to keep it going because the schedule is

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Rick Carlisle,
Dallas Coach

getting tougher this week," Carlisle said.

Dallas put the game away early, finishing the first quarter with a 15-1 run keyed by Terry's eight points for a 27-11 lead.

The Mavericks came out with energy on the defensive end, limiting the Kings to 4-for-25 first-quarter shooting.

Improved defense helped Dallas' championship run

last season, and increased attention to the defensive end has contributed heavily to the current streak.

"It's all dictated on our defense," Terry said. "We want to play great defense and get stops."

Dallas went on an 11-2 spurt early in the second quarter capped by Nowitzki's 14-foot bank shot with 7:39 left until halftime to push the advantage to 38-15.

The Mavericks were in command at intermission, 52-23.

The 23-point half was the lowest in Kings franchise history. The previous low was 25 points against the Boston Celtics on Feb. 26, 1957, when the Kings were based in Rochester, N.Y., and known as the Royals.

Dallas also set a defensive record, allowing the fewest points in any half in franchise history, surpassing a 24-point half by Vancouver on March 13, 1999.

The first-half defensive dominance meant the Mavericks had allowed 54 points during a span of four quarters.

Sacramento's offense was

a little more efficient in the third quarter, narrowing the deficit to as few as 21 points.

But Dallas carried a 72-45 lead into the fourth quarter and went with subs the rest of the way.

Tyreke Evans, who entered the night as the Kings' top scorer with an average of 18.8 points, finished with three points on 1-for-8 shooting.

NOTES: Dallas G Jason Kidd (lower back) returned after sitting out four consecutive games. Kidd converted a layup on his first shot attempt, his first two-point field goal of the season. His first 12 baskets were 3-pointers. Kidd also had six steals, one short of his career high. ... Thornton started after missing three games with a bruised left thigh. ... Owner Mark Cuban said the Mavericks will receive their championship rings prior to the Jan. 25 home game against Minnesota. That will allow former Dallas and current Minnesota G J.J. Barea to participate. ... Sacramento C/F Chuck Hayes missed his fifth straight game with a dislocated left shoulder.

BAYLOR

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bounds.

Williams benefited from the double teams Texas threw at Griner and found herself with several wide open shots at the basket.

"They did a really good job seeing where the double team was coming from. They got a lot of wide open baskets," Goostenkors said.

Chassidy Fussell scored 20 points to lead Texas (11-5, 1-3) which stayed in the bottom third of the conference

with the loss.

The Longhorns never had a chance to match their effort of a few days earlier against No. 12 Texas A&M.

Reed's absence left Gayle and freshman Nneka Enemkapali to unsuccessfully deal with Griner.

Both are tall, but Enemkapali looked nervous, failing to even hit the rim when a defensive switch left her with an uncontested layup in the early going.

Reed, who missed all of last season after foot surgery, has missed the past three games against

Baylor, all Texas losses.

Griner shrugged off Texas' matchup problems.

"I just kept doing what I had to keep doing regardless of who was on the court," Griner said. "It's just the way the game goes."

Mulkey said Reed's

absence didn't change Baylor's offensive game plan, which always starts with getting the ball to Griner.

"We didn't know Cokie was going to be out until we got over here ... (But) nothing changed for us. We're going to run our offense," Mulkey said.

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high-powered Saints ahead.

"You've got to call it

"The Grab," Davis said. "We were down. I had to make it happen to take my teammates where we want to go."

It looked as if the Niners (14-3) were headed to the conference champi-

onship game when they, uh, grabbed a 17-0 lead thanks to mistakes by the Saints and Smith's TD throws to Davis and Michael Crabtree. But the record-setting Brees and his offense came back, with a 44-yard catch-and-run by Darren Sproles giving them a 24-23 lead with 4:02 to go.

Smith put the 49ers

back on top with a 28-yard run on third down, but the 2-point conversion failed. That put New Orleans (14-4) in position to retake the lead on a 66-yard connection with Jimmy Graham — only to see Smith and Davis win it.

The Niners became the first team in NFL history to score two lead-changing touch-

downs in the final three minutes to win a playoff game.

"Big-time players make big-time plays in big-time games, and that's all I kept telling myself over and over and over: 'Vernon, you got to step up, the team needs you,'" Davis said.

Patriots 45, Broncos 10

New England (14-3) snapped a three-game losing streak in the postseason with a dominating performance from the opening snap. Three-time Super Bowl winner Brady was unstoppable, as were his tight ends, with All-Pro Rob Gronkowski scoring three TDs and Aaron Hernandez getting one.

"It's all about winning," Brady said. "You lose a few playoff games and it's a very bitter way to end the season and it sits on your mind for quite a long time."

"For us to come out and play the way we did, have a very solid performance in the most im-

portant game of the year is very gratifying," he added.

"From this point on, everyone will be focused on what we need to do to be better next week and hopefully come out and play for another championship."

It was a helpless ending for Tim Tebow, whose sensational run of comeback wins turned around the season for Denver (9-9) to win the AFC West. But the Broncos were exposed by the AFC East champs on offense and defense.

"The run was a lot of fun, had a lot of ups and downs," Tebow said of his second pro season. "But, we really tried to block everything from the outside off and just enjoy the relationship with teammates and coaches. Work and try to get better, and I feel like we did that all year. We just didn't put forth a good enough (effort) tonight, you've got to give a lot of credit to a really good team."

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