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Talkin' turkey

Volunteers needed to help with annual Thanksgiving meal

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

It's turkey time at the Big Spring Salvation Army, as the local charity prepares to open its arms — and its kitchen — to the community for its annual Thanksgiving dinner Thursday, Nov. 22.

Prep work for the dinner is expected to get under way next, according to Salvation Army Social Worker Bessie Flores, continuing daily until the meal is ready to be served.

"We'll actually bring in most of the supplies and groceries that Monday, so there's going to be plenty to do at the beginning of the week," said Flores. "We'll be working on getting all of the vegetables ready and start cooking turkeys — about 20 of them — sometime Tuesday. The bulk of the work gets done the day before, however, and that's when we really need our volunteers the most."

Flores said several local civic groups are expected to donate their time to make the Thanksgiving feast a success, but more help is always welcome around the local charity's kitchen.

"It really is just an immense amount of work, and it has to be done in a fairly short period of time," Flores said. "Our volunteers are absolutely vital to that process. We have groups that come in just about every year and help, and this year we're hoping to see

"We had a family call ahead and let us know that about 10 of them are going to be coming in to volunteer. They said they are doing it in memory of their grandmother because this was her favorite time of the year."



Flores



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Seth Hamby, left, and Raven Holguin, paint a hand railing in front of the local Boy Scouts office on Scurry Street Saturday morning. Hamby and Holguin, members of the local Order of the Arrow Lone Star Chapter, were participating in the organization's annual work day.

e-waste collection day Friday at local municipal landfill

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Geek and green will unite Friday, as Keep Big Spring Beautiful and the city of Big Spring team up for the annual e-waste collection day in an effort to keep electronic devices out of the municipal landfill and recycle materials.

Collection is set for 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. for businesses or residents needing to do away with 10 or more computers or other electronic items. However, the collection will be open to everyone in the

community Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Both collections are being held at the Municipal Landfill, located at 4100 E. FM 700.

According to Johnny Womack, environmental services and assistant director of public works with the city of Big Spring, the volunteer effort will be targeting electronic products that have reached the end of their useful lives, such as old computers and monitors, cable television converter boxes and fax machines.

"It's one of the fastest-growing

segments of waste in this country, and we need to turn our attention toward recycling those items instead of increasing the burden on our landfills," Womack said.

Electronic items must be handled differently from other waste items because their components can cause damage to the environment, according to Womack. Those special handling requirements have strained the budgets and resources of waste-disposal personnel throughout the state, he

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Bears, budgets, farmers top Congress to-do list

By **DONNA CASSATA**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bears and budgets top the list as Congress returns Tuesday from a seven-week election break to a long list of unfinished business.

Looming large in the lame-duck session is the urgent need for President Barack Obama and Congress to figure out how to avoid the double economic hit of tax increases and automatic spending cuts to defense and domestic programs that kick in after

Jan. 1. Those high-stakes negotiations could take weeks and the issue may not be resolved by year's end.

In the interim, Democrats and Republicans are picking up where they left off on several bills while welcoming the newest members — 12 in the Senate and some 70 in the House — for Congress' version of freshmen orientation.

The Senate has scheduled an early evening procedural vote Tuesday for

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Texas lawmaker wants more done to protect students

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A West Texas legislator has filed a bill that could lead to prison time for manipulating and falsely reporting education data to state officials.

Sen. Jose Rodriguez of El Paso filed the bill Monday in Austin in the aftermath of the El Paso Independent School District testing scandal.

Former superintendent Lorenzo Garcia was

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Obituaries

Tommy Lou Knight



Tommy Lou Knight passed into the loving, waiting arms of our Lord and Savior on Sunday, Nov. 11, 2012. A Memorial Service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Midway Baptist Church with Pastor Jim Binnix officiating.

Lou was born May 19, 1941, to Tommy and Opal Coleman. She married her sweetheart, Sam Harrison Knight, on Nov. 19, 1958. Lou and Sam moved in 1993 from

Hobbs to Big Spring, where they've made their home since.

Lou was a Godly woman, dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt. She was a member of Midway Baptist Church for 20 years, where she served as a teacher for the men's bible class and helped with vacation bible school.

She also taught bible classes at the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. She enjoyed scrapbooking, shopping, socializing and water aerobics. She will be remembered for her loving heart, sharp wit and sense of humor. Lou never met a stranger.

She is survived by her husband Sam of Big Spring, Texas; sister, Barbara Jean Anderson of Palo Alto, Calif.; son, Flint Knight and wife Pam of Hobbs, N.M.; daughter, Jennifer Norris and husband Joel of Farmington, N.M.; seven grandchildren, Dayna and husband Steve, Dixie and husband Chris, Mandi and husband Todd and Lauren; five great grandchildren, two nieces and a nephew.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Tommy and Opal Coleman; and her in-laws, Bob and Velma Ruth Lloyd.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in her memory to Midway Baptist Church Building Fund, 6200 S. Service Rd., Big Spring, TX 79720; Signal Mountain Emmaus Community, P.O. Box 2997, Big Spring, TX 79721; or the American Cancer Society, c/o Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, TX 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Lucy Narbaiz Ochoa



Lucy Narbaiz Ochoa, 71, of Big Spring died Sunday, Nov. 11, 2012, in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, 2012, at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2012, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with a vigil service to follow at 7 p.m.

Lucy was born March 4, 1941, in Buda, Texas, to George and Santos Narbaiz. She married Saragosa Ochoa on Jan. 18, 1963. She was a hairdresser for the majority of her life until becoming disabled in 1999. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Parish.

She is survived by her husband, Saragosa Ochoa; daughter, Patsy Sanchez and son-in-law Henry Sanchez of Big Spring; two grandchildren; a great grandchild; one sister, Lupe Barraza of Big Spring; one brother, Alfonso (Poncho) Narbaiz of Big Spring; a niece; three nephews; and numerous friends and family.

Pallbearers will be Jared Sanchez, Nic Narbaiz, Cody Barraza, James Marlow, John Islas and Gilbert Narbaiz.

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

Theresa LuAnn Hood



Theresa LuAnn Hood, 71, of Salem, Ind., died Sunday, Nov. 4, 2012, at St. Vincent Hospital of Salem.

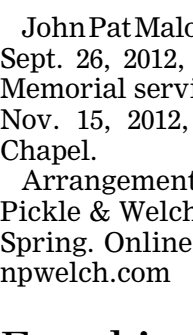
She was born Oct. 17, 1941, in Big Spring, Texas, to Curtis and Elma Hood. She was a member of the Nazarene Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Debra Mauldin Malone of Parker, Kan.; son, Joey Van Mauldin of Salem, Ind.; brother, Larry Hood of

McKinney, Texas; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at Mt. Olive Cemetery's Rock Chapel in Big Spring at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2012.

John Pat Malone



John Pat Malone, 55, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2012, in a Colorado City nursing home. Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, 2012, at the Mt. Olive Memorial Park Chapel.

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

Frankie Chandler

Frankie Chandler, 67, of Big Spring died Monday, Nov. 12, 2012, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Hermerejildo Orosco Sr.



Hermerejildo "Herman" "Mere" Orosco Sr., 91, of Big Spring died Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2012, Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

He was born April 13, 1921, in Pecos, Texas, and married Eusebia Carrasco on Jan. 17, 1944, in Big Spring, Texas.

He moved to Big Spring as an infant. He served in the United States Army during World War II. He worked for T&P Railroad and as a painter.

Survivors include his wife, Eusebia Orosco of Big Spring; one son, "Sonny" Herman Orosco Jr. and wife Margie of Houston; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Robert Orosco II; one brother; and one sister.

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

Police blotter

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

- ROBERT ELGIN LITTLEFIELD, 38, of San Angelo, Texas, was arrested Monday on a warrant for harassment.
- THEFT was reported: In the 1400 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. In the 100 block of Val Verde.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported: In the 4100 block of Dixon. In the 1800 block of Old Colorado City Highway.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: In the 1600 block of N. Birdwell Lane. In the 1300 block of S. Scurry. In the 1600 block of Lincoln.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported: In the 200 block of N.E. Eighth Street. In the 2700 block of Rockdale.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 67 inmates at the time of this report.
- ADAM MARSHALL ROBINSON, 23, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a Nolan County warrant for motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.
- GREGORY SHANE ROBERSON, 29, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a Gaines County warrant for motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.
- CRYSTAL CLEAR LEE, 29, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated with child passenger less than 15 years of age.
- JOSEPH MICHAEL GONZALES, 30, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- ANA ROMNY MORALES, 39, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on Midland warrants for tampering with government record — written appraisal and accident involving damage to a vehicle — less than \$200.
- RODOLFO HERNANDEZ OLIVAS, 49, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- DEVIN SPEERS, 22, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on Midland County warrants for manslaughter and aggravated assault causing serious bodily harm.
- ALEXANDER QUINTANA, 32, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- DANIEL LEOS, 27, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- SALENA MARIE TAYLOR, 33, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- ADALBERTO LOZANO CALIXTO, 21, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a municipal capias warrant for no driver's license.
- ZYON GONZALEZ, 35, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH VALLE, 21, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ALLISON REDDING, 40, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on charges of issuance of a bad check and theft by check — more than \$20 and less than \$500.
- ROBERT MONROE LITTLEFIELD, 38, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a Jones County warrant for harassment.

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Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 11/15	Fri 11/16	Sat 11/17	Sun 11/18	Mon 11/19
69/44 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 40s.	65/46 A few clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 40s.	66/47 More clouds than sun. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 40s.	73/53 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s.	76/49 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 40s.
Sunrise: 7:16 AM Sunset: 5:46 PM	Sunrise: 7:16 AM Sunset: 5:45 PM	Sunrise: 7:17 AM Sunset: 5:45 PM	Sunrise: 7:18 AM Sunset: 5:44 PM	Sunrise: 7:19 AM Sunset: 5:44 PM

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Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	68	44	pt sunny
Amarillo	61	31	pt sunny
Austin	68	44	pt sunny
Beaumont	68	39	mst sunny
Brownsville	78	63	pt sunny
Brownwood	69	42	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	73	59	pt sunny
Corsicana	65	38	pt sunny
Dallas	65	40	pt sunny
Del Rio	72	54	pt sunny
El Paso	72	44	cloudy
Fort Stockton	72	43	pt sunny
Gainesville	64	36	pt sunny
Greenville	63	35	pt sunny
Houston	69	42	pt sunny
Kingsville	76	58	cloudy
Livingston	67	36	pt sunny
Longview	62	35	pt sunny
Lubbock	67	37	pt sunny
Lufkin	67	37	pt sunny
Midland	70	44	pt sunny
Raymondville	78	60	pt sunny
Rosenberg	70	43	pt sunny
San Antonio	69	50	pt sunny
San Marcos	69	44	pt sunny
Sulphur Springs	63	37	pt sunny
Sweetwater	67	44	pt sunny
Tyler	65	39	cloudy
Weatherford	65	37	pt sunny
Wichita Falls	66	39	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	54	40	pt sunny
Boston	44	34	cloudy
Chicago	47	31	pt sunny
Dallas	65	40	pt sunny
Denver	47	29	pt sunny
Houston	69	42	pt sunny
Los Angeles	72	55	cloudy
Miami	80	66	pt sunny
Minneapolis	47	26	pt sunny
New York	46	39	cloudy
Phoenix	77	54	cloudy
San Francisco	69	55	cloudy
Seattle	51	40	mst sunny
St. Louis	53	35	cloudy
Washington, DC	49	41	pt sunny

Moon Phases



Support Groups

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder 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 all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

- 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

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

- 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.

Howard County Community Health Center, a sub division of South Plains Rural Health Services, Inc. is pleased to announce the arrival of

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TURKEY

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some new faces as well. Giving your time and volunteering during Thanksgiving really gives you a new perspective on the holiday.

"We had a family call ahead and let us know that about 10 of them are going to be coming in to volunteer. They said they are doing it in memory of their grandmother because this was her favorite time of the year. So there are plenty of reasons for folks to volunteer."

Flores said volunteers are expected to begin delivering meals to homebound residents at approximately 10 a.m. Thursday, but there's plenty of work for the Salvation Army staff and volunteers to do in the meantime.

"As we have in the past, we'll be delivering meals to those who can't make it here to the Salvation Army office for dinner," Flores said. "However, we need to get a solid count of how many meals will need to be delivered. What we're asking is for people who need a meal de-

livered to call and make arrangements by 5 p.m. the day before Thanksgiving. We'll be delivering meals Thanksgiving day until about 11 a.m."

Flores said area residents wanting to volunteer can simply show up at the charity's office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Wednesday morning.

"They can call if they need more information, or if they just want to let us know they are coming. However, if they just want to show up at the office at 9:30 a.m., we'll be more than happy to put them to work," Flores said. "Also, if

they would like to bring their own cutlery, they are welcome to, but they need to be sure to keep it separate from the rest of the knives. We're also going to need volunteers to help Thanksgiving morning."

Time and hard work aren't the only things on the Salvation Army's holiday wish list, according to Flores.

"We also need people to donate deserts," Flores said. "The community always comes through for us each year in a big way, and we're hoping this year will be no different."

This year's holiday menu will be filled with traditional Thanksgiving fare, according to Flores.

"Thanksgiving just isn't Thanksgiving without turkey," she said with a laugh. "We'll also have the traditional trimmings, like dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, and green beans. A lot of work goes into preparing a Thanksgiving meal, but it's well worth it."

Flores said the in-house meal will be served in the Salvation Army's dining hall from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

"It's open to everyone in the community," she said. "Anyone — and I do mean anyone — who would like to come in and have a great Thanksgiving meal can just walk through our doors and grab a plate. Bring your family and have a great meal."

For more information on how you can help, or to set up a meal delivery, contact the Big Spring Salvation Army at 267-8239.

Contact Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

E-WASTE

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added. "Some people aren't aware of how much lead is actually contained in a computer monitor,"

Womack said. "Also, things like cell phone batteries and other electronic items can contain very hazardous materials, so they need to be handled differently."

Among the items that will be collected Saturday are computer

components, including cables, parts and components, keyboards, modems, printers, scanners and networking hardware; phone and PDA-related items such as pagers and voicemail and answering machine systems; video cameras;

and citizen band radio hardware.

No batteries of any kind will be accepted, according to city officials.

"You will be required to sign a waiver releasing information on your computer at the collec-

tion site if you have not pulled the hard drive," Womack said. "Information will be erased from the hard drive by the recycling company after donation."

For more information on the e-waste collection, contact KBSB

President Jan Hansen at 432-263-2616 or Womack at 432-264-2500.

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BUDGET

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a sportsmen's bill that will decide the fate of 41 polar bear carcasses that hunters want to bring home from Canada as big-game trophies. Hunters killed the bears just before a 2008 ban on polar bear trophy imports took effect, but were not able to bring them home before the Fish and Wildlife Services listed them as a threatened species.

The House on Tuesday is expected to pass and send to the president legislation that would exclude U.S. airlines from the requirements on emissions that the European Union has sought to impose on all planes flying to and from the European continent.

The House vote comes a day after the EU proposed a one-year freeze

on the carbon emissions charges for non-European airlines. The emissions program has met strong opposition from airlines and governments outside Europe, including the United States, China and India.

The Air Line Pilots Association said Monday that even with the temporary delay Congress needs to act to ensure that U.S. airlines are not liable in the future for the EU-imposed tax. It said the cap-and-trade program could cost U.S. carriers \$3.1 billion over 10 years.

While the nation's voters endorsed the status quo of divided government — a Democratic president and Senate, a Republican House — Obama cruised to re-election and his emboldened party gained seats in both the House and Senate. In the new political order, Democrats will hold a 55-45

edge in the Senate if independent Angus King of Maine caucuses with them as expected. Republicans' advantage in the House narrowed and is likely to stand at 233-201.

Democrats were leading in the six undecided House races in Arizona, California, Florida, North Carolina and Utah.

The question over the next seven weeks is whether Obama and Congress can agree now or later on how to slash \$1.2 trillion from the deficit, raise revenues with possible changes in the tax code and address the entitlement programs of Social Security and Medicare. They also have to figure out how to stop across-the-board cuts to defense and domestic programs totaling \$110 billion next year.

Obama meets with congressional leaders at the White House on Friday. Democrats and Republicans recognize the urgency, but the demands remain unchanged.

"If our Republican counterparts can step forward with that revenue piece, we will be able to find a solution," Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., said Sunday on ABC's "This Week." "We can't accept an unfair deal that piles on the middle class and tell them they have to support it. We have to make

sure that the wealthiest Americans pay their fair share."

The GOP insists that tax rate increases are a non-starter.

"There's a right way to do this and there's a wrong way to do it," Sen. Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga., said Sunday.

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, has signaled that a solution is imperative.

"2013 should be the year we begin to solve our debt through tax reform and entitlement reform," he told reporters last week.

Crucial in the House this week is passage of legislation that would end Cold War trade restrictions so U.S. exporters can take advantage of the lowered tariffs and greater market access that accompany Russia's entry into the World Trade Organization. Russia officially joined the WTO in August and the United States is alone among more than 150 WTO members in not being able to enjoy the more open Russian market.

The measure has been a top priority of U.S. business groups seeking to expand business in the growing Russian economy. To placate critics of Russia's poor human rights record, the trade bill is combined with legislation that would sanction Russian officials involved in human rights

violations.

The sportsmen's bill combines 19 measures favorable to outdoorsmen, allowing more hunting and fishing on federal lands, letting bow hunters cross federal land where hunting isn't allowed and encouraging federal land agencies to cooperate with state and local authorities to maintain shooting ranges.

A five-year farm bill passed by the Senate and by a House committee last summer will either have to be extended into next year or passed in the remaining weeks of the session. The 2008 farm bill expired Sept. 30.

The bill's only real chance for passage is if lawmakers decide to use its savings as part of negotiations on the so-called "fiscal cliff." The Senate bill would save \$23 billion over 10 years and the House Agriculture Committee bill would save \$35 billion over 10 years. Otherwise, the bill will be extended into next year. Some Republicans have suggested a yearlong extension, but farm-state members and farm groups have said they would prefer a shorter extension to keep the pressure on for passage.

Though much of the work was done on the bill this year, it stalled this fall because of dis-

agreements over food stamp spending. House leaders refused to bring the bill to the floor before the election, saying it didn't have enough votes.

Republicans have internally disagreed over cuts to food stamps, which make up about 80 percent of the half-trillion-dollar bill's cost over five years. The Senate bill would cut about \$400 million a year out of the program's almost \$80 billion annual cost while the House bill would cut about \$1.6 billion from food stamps annually.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288
Nena Grenon, 81, died Thursday. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. today at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Apolonio "Hoppy" Hernandez, 77, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Lou Knight, 71, died Sunday. A Memorial Service will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Midway Baptist Church.

Abraham Espinoza, Jr., 74, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Frankie Chandler, 67, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Good, Better, Best

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠	A Q 9		
♥	8 7 6 2		
♦	8 4 3		
♣	7 5 4		

WEST		EAST	
♠	J 10 8 7 6	♠	4 2
♥	A 10 9 4	♥	K 5 3
♦	J 5	♦	Q 10 7 6
♣	10 2	♣	K 8 6 3

SOUTH			
♠	K 5 3		
♥	Q J		
♦	A K 9 2		
♣	A Q J 9		

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — jack of spades.

One of the best measures of a player's skill is the ability to respond properly to an unusual set of circumstances. Consider this deal, which features opportunities for both the offense and the defense.

South reaches three notrump as shown. Let's say he wins the spade lead with dummy's queen and plays a club to the queen, which holds. Declarer then leads a low spade and, after West follows low, finesses the nine! This allows him to repeat the

club finesse, West following to the jack with the ten.

South next leads the king of spades to the ace and leads a third club from dummy, this time finessing the nine. As a result of this series of plays, South makes exactly three notrump.

First, let's take a look at the defense. West was guilty of a critical error at trick three when he played low on South's five. He should have played the ten instead, which would have robbed dummy of the extra entry declarer needed to lead clubs three times from the North hand. Without that additional entry, South would have had to go down one.

Now let's examine the offense. South could have made the contract legitimately had he made an unusual play at trick one. Rather than take West's jack of spades with the queen, he should have won with dummy's ace and dropped the king on it!

After taking the first club finesse, South would next lead a low spade toward dummy's Q-9, finessing the nine if necessary and thus assuring the ability to take two more club finesses. West would have been helpless against this sequence of plays, and South would have scored nine untaunted tricks.

Tomorrow: The best way to skin a cat.
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sentenced last month to more than three years in prison for fraud. Prosecutors say Garcia participated in a conspiracy to improve test scores by removing low-performing students from classrooms.

Manipulation of data provided to the Texas Education Agency could lead to a sentence of up to 10 years in prison.

The El Paso Times reports another bill would give the TEA expanded powers to subpoena records and testimony from witnesses.

The Legislature convenes Jan. 8.



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OUR VIEW

Don't be a grinch, enter the parade!

Friday's it. Friday is the deadline for registering entries for the annual *Big Spring Herald* Community Christmas Parade — the event that officially kicks off the Yuletide in Howard County.

The parade is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 1, but the deadline to enter and be eligible for prizes is this Friday.

Keep in mind, we didn't say your entry has to be ready Friday. Not at all. All you have to do is contact the *Herald* and say "We want in!" We'll get some information from you (or, bring in a form found in most issues of the *Herald*). Then you have about two weeks to plan and construct your lighted entry.

So far, registration forms have come in from individuals, businesses and church, civic and school groups who are planning their entries in keeping with this year's theme — "A Storybook Christmas." We're hoping for a Christmas version of "Mother Hubbard," "Humpty Dumpty" or some other creation.

The parade, which first wound its way down Gregg Street in 1986, will again be a lighted parade. Entries will be judged in five categories — Individual or family entries; civic group, school or church; commercial entries; individual; and mounted.

"Best of Show" will receive a \$100 cash prize. The Publisher's Award for best use of lighting will earn one entrant \$75 and the Grand Marshal's Award for best costuming will receive \$50.

But you have to get your entries registered by the Friday deadline to be eligible for those prizes.

The parade is again set to begin at 5:30 p.m. that Saturday and we here at the *Herald* want to encourage everyone to come out and help us get in the Christmas spirit.

It's important to remember that a parade this size takes time to plan and coordinate. That's why we need those entries turned in no later than Friday afternoon.

So, if you are involved in any of the many organizations or businesses that annually take part in the Christmas Parade and you haven't yet registered, get your registration form completed and turned in.

For additional information concerning the parade, contact the *Herald* at 432-263-7331.

As always, we're asking the community to help us make this the best Christmas parade Big Spring has ever had.

So come on, get those entries turned in and join us in starting another magical holiday season in West Texas.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we forgive and forget others sins,
Lord, as You have done for us.

Amen

Time for introspection, not surrender

Has the nation gone irreversibly blue? Did intraparty disunity sabotage Mitt Romney's presidential quest? Or is there some other explanation for the nation's re-election of a president with the worst record in decades?

I received an email from a brilliant conservative friend who wonders whether Republicans can ever win another election and thus whether the nation is forever lost. I ran into a college student at church the Sunday before the election, and despite his strong conservatism and high intelligence, he admitted confusion about the candidates' respective positions after the presidential debates.

My first reaction after the election verdict was to fear both that America's financial collapse is now inevitable and imminent and that America's implosion is inevitable because the election seemed to reveal that the majority of Americans no longer embrace America's founding principles.

Even with such fatalistic fears, I was exhorting my fellow conservatives on Twitter not to give up; no matter how bad things seem, we can reverse this. We must quit feeling sorry for ourselves; we must not accept this death sentence; and we must fight on.

After sifting through the evidence and reading everyone's ideas, I am feeling somewhat more optimistic but nevertheless recognize that the task before us is enormous.

I think we can break conservative post-mortem opinion into roughly three camps. The first is composed of the defeatists, who believe we have passed the tipping point because America now has more takers than producers. European socialism is here to stay.

The second is convinced that mostly demographic changes did us in but we can adapt. Minor-

ity groups are voting in greater percentages, and the Democratic Party is getting most of their votes. We have to alter our approach to immigration and develop other strategies to reach the Hispanic and African-American communities.

I worry that "outreach" could be a euphemism for pandering to identity politics instead of figuring out ways to convince all people, including minorities, of the superiority of conservative ideas. Unless we do that, we will have won the battle and lost the war.

The third group is conservatives who believe that Romney and the GOP didn't do a good enough job making the conservative case and rallying the base.

The second and third groups, at least, are not defeatist; they haven't given up on the party or, more importantly, on the country. They disagree in their diagnoses and thus in their solutions, but at least they see some light at the end of the tunnel.

I find myself not fitting neatly into any of these groups. I regret that I don't have much space to lay out my position, but I'll give you the highlights.

I admit I'm far from certain about my conclusions, but I believe that those who think they are are probably deceiving themselves. We have to sort through the rubble together with a healthy dose of humility, listen with open minds to one another's ideas and set upon a course. Otherwise, we will find ourselves in a bitter intramural struggle for control of the party, which could lead to splintering.

Exit polls reveal that millions of Republicans stayed home, with the GOP having garnered fewer votes than John McCain in 2008. This is why the pollsters turned out to be correct. They were basing their models on a weak Republican turnout. Many conservatives mistakenly thought that was absurd on its face, not just because Obama was no longer the messianic figure he was in 2008 and now had a disastrous record but because of the intensity we had witnessed ourselves from 2009 on.

A combination of factors coalesced to yield this result. Too

many evangelicals didn't vote, not because of any anti-Mormon prejudice, in my view, but because they weren't convinced that Romney was legitimately pro-life. I know this happened. I received the emails. This anti-Romney campaign was intense and relentless. Those eager to expel social conservatives from the party should save themselves time and liquidate the Republican Party, which would not survive without them. We don't have to be strident, and we must address social issues more intelligently, but we can surely prevail on social issues against a party that tries to kick God out of its platform and is far more extreme than Republicans.

Also, many libertarians and other strong economic conservatives are fed up with the blurred distinctions between the parties and with Republican capitulation to monstrous federal government expansions and spending.

There was also a significant number of Republicans who weren't adequately informed about Obama's record or convinced that his second term would be as disastrous as many of us expect it will be.

As much as my respect grew for Romney in the campaign, I think in retrospect that he may have erred on the side of caution.

In the foreign policy debate and otherwise in the campaign, he may have gone too soft on Obama and sketched the distinctions between his policies and Obama's in pale pastels rather than paint them in bold colors. He let him get away with Benghazi and, to a lesser extent, "Fast and Furious." All this left some voters believing, as did Frank Luntz's focus group, that though Obama wasn't such a nice guy after all, Romney wasn't so knowledgeable or competent on foreign policy as Obama was — an outrageously erroneous conclusion but one Romney permitted by default. Romney also left Obama's most vulnerable issue, Obamacare — his Achilles' heel, the galvanizing issue of the tea party moving itself and of the

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GOP needs to take their party back

Americans wanted to keep the country they know, and said so Tuesday. Now it's time for responsible Republicans to take their party back from the fringe that loses them elections.

It's not true that Republicans needed better candidates. They had excellent contenders. The problem was that the electable ones couldn't leap the lunacy barrier erected by the right wing. They couldn't clinch nominations. Or they withdrew from races in the face of the party base's social nastiness, scientific ignorance and fiscal irresponsibility.

In Indiana, Republicans had the superb Sen. Richard Lugar — a sure shot for re-election. Lugar was a statesman who refused to transform himself into a right-wing gargoyle during the primary. The party replaced him with a tea-party favorite, who like the Republican loser in the Missouri Senate race, made weird comments about rape during the campaign.

In Connecticut, the totally unacceptable Linda McMahon lost her second quest for a U.S. Senate seat after spending \$91 million of her own money — but not before having managed to defeat two plausible Republican moderates this year and in 2010. In this round's Republican primary, the wrestling magnate with a yacht named "Sexy Bitch" swept away the much-respected former Rep. Chris Shays on a tide of cash.

Another admired Republican, Jon Huntsman, withdrew from the race for the presidential nomination rather than debase himself with arguments that the Earth was formed 5,000 years ago.

The former conservative governor of Utah provided the most noble tweet of the campaign: "I believe in evolution and trust scientists on global warming. Call me crazy."

You knew he couldn't survive the sort of primary race that included threats against Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke. ("We would treat him pretty ugly down in Texas," Texas Gov. Rick Perry actually said.)

By catering to this mentality but seeming just a bit saner than the others, Mitt Romney won the nomination and lost the election.

The morning after, Steve Schmidt, a Republican strategist turned MSNBC commentator, minced no words: "We have given away five U.S. Senate seats over two election cycles by nominating loons. I mean, people who are fundamentally, manifestly unqualified to be in the United States Senate."

Lest we forget, Republicans put out some very strange senatorial candidates two years ago. In Delaware, Christine ("I'm not a witch") O'Donnell lost to the Democrat — after defeating the revered Republican Rep. Mike Castle in the primary. In Nevada, Sharron Angle ("Sharia law" has taken over Dearborn, Mich.) lost to a struggling Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid.

So entrenched was the right wing by its own propaganda that it persisted in framing Republican Sen. Scott Brown's surpris-

ing 2010 win in Massachusetts as local hostility to Obamacare. Brown got away with promising to help defeat the Affordable Care Act only because the electorate already had a state version of it. His luck ran out on Tuesday.

In olden days, when moderate Republicans freely roamed New England, Brown would have enjoyed stronger odds for re-election. And in nearby Maine, Republican survivor Olympia Snowe would have probably gone back to the Senate had she not retired, exhausted by attacks from the right.

The tea party didn't build this alone. It had help from the punditry-industrial-complex — the radio mouths and book-peddling professionals who make a fine living telling the troops that they're always right and they're always winning.

Republican analyst Schmidt also said Wednesday the likes of Donald Trump and Rush Limbaugh need to be "shut down." What he undoubtedly means is that mature Republican leaders should stop trying to ingratiate themselves with the publicity bottom feeders.

Conscientious Republicans do want their party back. May they get it.

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Kid Scoop Together: FUNNY FILLER

Ask a friend to give you each type of word to fill in the blanks. Then read your silly story aloud.

Football Frenzy

This season, the _____ CITY NAME
_____ PLURAL NOUN played the
_____ CITY NAME PLURAL NOUN
in a crazy football game.

Instead of a football, they used
a _____ NOUN. Throwing it
was difficult, so they soon
replaced it with a _____ ADJECTIVE
_____ NOUN. That wasn't
much better.

After the kick-off, the players
all began to _____ VERB out
of the stadium. Fans of each
team ran onto the _____ NOUN
as the referees blew whistles
loudly. Someone tackled a
_____ NOUN and another person
ran with a _____ NOUN into
the end zone. The crowd
cheered.

By the end of the day, a
_____ ADJECTIVE _____ NOUN, a
_____ ADJECTIVE _____ NOUN and a
_____ ADJECTIVE _____ NOUN
had been used as footballs. No
one knew what the score was,
but as people began to _____ VERB
home, all agreed it was a truly
_____ ADJECTIVE game!

Standards Link: Language Arts: Use nouns, adjectives and verbs correctly.

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

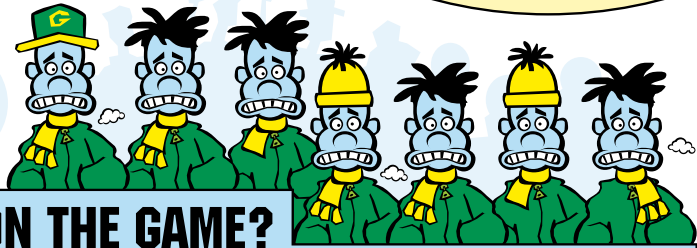
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FOOTBALL!

FROZEN FANS

The coldest game in National Football League history was the Dec. 31, 1967, game between the Green Bay Packers and the Dallas Cowboys. The temperature on the field was -13°F (-10.5°C) with a wind chill factor of -46°F (-7.7°C)! This championship game earned the nickname, "The Ice Bowl."

Can you find the two identical football fans?



WHO WON THE GAME?

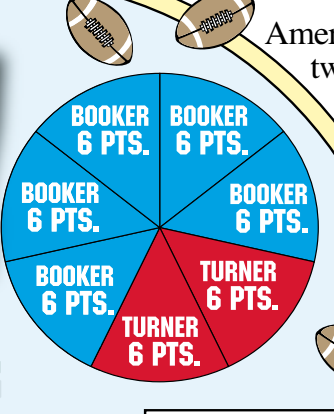
The Number Crunchers and the Ready Readers both played their best. The score was close! Add up the numbers on the jerseys for each team. Write the winning score on the large football jersey.

	1ST QUARTER	2ND QUARTER	3RD QUARTER	4TH QUARTER	WINNING SCORE:
NUMBER CRUNCHERS	7	10	14	10	
READY READERS	21	3	6	7	

Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums to 50.

FOOTBALL FRACTIONS

Last week, Ready Readers wide receiver Mark Booker scored **30 points**. Running back Page Turner scored **12 points**, giving the team a total of **42 points**. What fraction of the points did Booker score? What fraction of the points did Turner score?



BOOKER
_____ / 42

TURNER
_____ / 42

Standards Link: Number Sense: Students know fractions refer to parts of a whole.

American football, a sport that grew out of two games – soccer and rugby – is an American favorite. It is popular to play and to watch on television. In fact, football is one of the most-watched sports in America.

The name **football** is also used for team sports played in other parts of the world. The game called **soccer** in the United States is called football in most countries.

What's hiding in the picture of the football player? Find a bird, a fish, a key, and a candle.



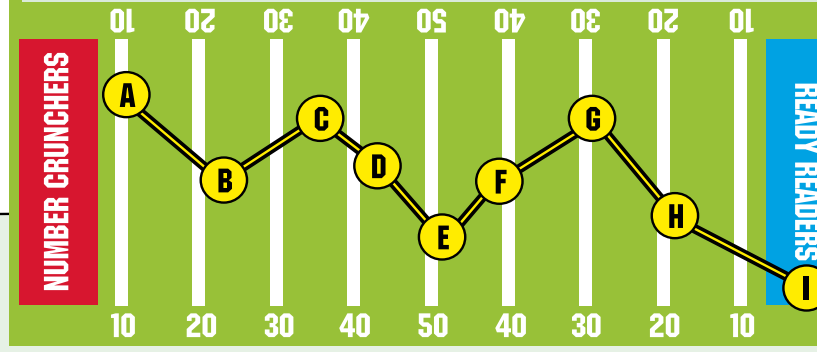
FOOTBALL FUNNIES

How many silly things can you find in this picture?



TOUCHDOWN!

Race to the end zone as you complete each activity on today's page! Can you make a touchdown?



Look through the sports section and find the scores of football games played. Make a math problem with the scores.

Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning: make decisions about how to set up a problem.

COLOR THE SPACES

What's the most important thing on a football player's mind?

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Color each space with an even number **YELLOW**. Then color each odd-numbered space **BLUE** to discover the answer.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

How many footballs can you find on this page? What fraction are being carried by a football player?

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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TEAMS		D	A	E	A	O	O	B	O	W	L
SCORES		A	L	M	R	F	T	Z	O	O	S
READERS		E	L	A	Z	O	N	E	E	T	P
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Rate That Story

Select an interesting story from the newspaper and devise a rubric or a scale of 1 to 5 to rate it. Is there a good headline? Are there supporting details? Does it have a good conclusion? Survey classmates to compare your results.

Standards Link: Writing: Evaluate writing.

Why is someone who borrows money but does not pay it all back like a football player?

ANSWER: Because sometimes he gives you a quarter back and sometimes a half back.

Write On!

IT HAPPENED AT HALFTIME

During halftime, the most amazing thing happened! Finish this story.

Bird Poop: Gentle hands and kindly words

As he listened to a man's description of a bird's injuries and the circumstances involved, the game warden could feel his blood pressure rising. After telling the caller he'd come for the bird, the officer prepared for another long day in the oil fields.



BEBE McCASLAND

The drive from Monahans was familiar. Endless miles of cactus, creosote and scrubby survivors of a shade less plains dotted the landscape.

Turning on to the caliche roadway that led to the wellhead, the warden watched the billowing dust rise behind his vehicle. Lately, it seemed as if he had been destined to endure the extremes of a job he truly loved.

After stopping, he waited for the powdery cloud to settle. As he started to leave his pickup, he heard the voice of the person who had called earlier.

"It's over here," said the man as he walked toward a large, plastic cooler. Although the hinges for the top had broken from use, the container could still keep refreshing drinks cold as long as the top fit snugly into the grooves.

Placed askew, the lid allowed air and some light into the confined space below. If an animal needed a quiet, soft resting spot, it could find comfort away from the relentless sun and the constant noise and bustle of the well.

Lifting the lid for the warden to see what he had befriended, a frightened water bird. After struggling to rise, it fell back into the pile of rags the man had provided.

"That's a grebe. They live most of their lives on the water. What's it doing here?" asked the warden.

Telling the officer the bird had landed some time during the night, he thought it must have mistaken an oily sheen for a watery surface. "It can't fly."

"See those lobbed toes? That's a least grebe," advised the officer. "The only reason it



can't fly is its feet didn't have a body of water to push against so it could gain enough forward momentum for flight." Then he paused.

"Looks like its leg is broken," he added. "Yeah," said the man. "Now how'd that happen?" prodded the warden.

When it wouldn't fly, some of the guys started throwing rocks at it," he replied. "Then one guy, he acted like it was target practice."

Judging from the warden's eyes and the look on his face, the employee sensed there was no easy way out of the situation. Faced with trying to help the grebe, the man knew he was risking the anger of his crewmates, citations for his company and probably the loss of his job. However, when he intervened and picked up the fragile little creature and felt its soft, thick plumage, he decided enough was

enough.

His attention had been drawn to the bird's deep yellow, almost golden eyes. After looking up at the man, the grebe had defiantly pecked him on the back of his hand with its slim, black bill. "That point hurts."

"Its still in its breeding plumage," said the officer. The crown of its head and chin were blackish, while its head, short neck and upper parts were a darker gray. Its underside was pale in comparison. "It'll lighten up for the winter months."

After a brief discussion, the man thanked the game warden for coming and taking the bird. "Do you think it can be fixed," he asked as he gestured toward the badly damaged leg.

"A veterinarian and rehabilitator will have to decide what's best for the bird," answered the officer as he opened the passenger side of his vehicle.

Having talked with the game warden on numerous occasions, I was startled by the sound of his voice. Filled with emotion, he paused several times to

gain composure.

"They stoned that bird. The vet says its leg cannot be fixed. Its body is badly bruised. One look at its plumage is all you need to see. Where the feathers have been broken by a rock's impact, the vet says there is the distinct possibility of internal damage."

After the warden said the veterinarian advised euthanasia came silence. Interrupting the eerie quiet on the other end of the line was the officer clearing his sinuses. At least a minute passed.

When he spoke again, the warden wanted my opinion. "I agree with your veterinarian. What about the man, his job, the company, the culprits?" I asked.

"They don't dare let that man go. As for the violations, the fines will be impressive."

As we discussed this fall migration and cruel outcome, I told him I was puzzled. The least grebe is known to be in the southernmost parts of California and Arizona. Often, it is called a Mexican or border grebe.

"What is a water bird known to frequent the

lower Ro Grande Valley and coastal areas doing in far West Texas?" "Nature seems to be out of sorts!" was his reply.

Two years have passed since the stoning incident occurred at the beginning of one of the most severe droughts in Texas history. Volunteers and rehabilitators have been sorely challenged. Our environment, it seems, is still out of sorts.

Then, and now, Albert Schweitzer, a German theologian, encompassed in a quote the "lesser animals," and our needs: "For animals that are overworked, underfed and cruelly treated; for all wistful creatures in captivity that beat their wings against bars; for any that are hunted or lost or deserted or frightened or hungry; for all that must be put to death ... and for those who deal with them we ask a heart of compassion and gentle hands and kindly words."

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Parents Corner: Hitting a home run takes knowledge

Sometimes we make a decision or perform an action that can be described as "hitting a home run"! We know exactly what this saying means, both in the game and in life.

Hitting a home run is one thing that every baseball fan dreams of, but it is usually accomplished by what precedes the act of stepping up to the plate. We should

choose our bat carefully. It should have just the right grip, length and weight; it should suit our style, preference and need.

Then we should find a good batting stance and posture. This is important when it comes to swinging and hitting. Then we should practice our swing.

The next step is to understand that there are three types of pitches that are best to hit a home run on. They are the fastball, a straight, fast pitch with little movement; the curveball, a pitch with dip, and probably the ideal pitch to hit a home run on; and the slider, a pitch

that spins away from the plate as it approaches it.

Once the bat is carefully selected and the pitches are understood, the batter is in position to be a home run hitter. And so the game of baseball is so strategized.

Sometimes, however, in life a home run is hit out of pure luck. It just happens! A person has been lucky and things have fallen into place without preparation; a home run has been hit!

However, there is another step to the home run that is usually not considered. Both in the game and in life, when a home run is hit, the bases have to be run. So often,

in life, the bases are never completed and the score is never made. We must keep in mind that running the bases is often as difficult as the advance preparation of making the hit and at this point, there is no luck involved. Whether we were prepared or just lucky, we must set in gear the knowledge of why we were at bat in the first place; why we desired to hit the run and what were our overall goals.

If this knowledge is lost, we are in no condition to run the bases. We might even forget where the bases are located. If we lose sight of the goal then we often lose the ability

to finish running the bases and the result of hitting the home run has been negated. As life takes on the aspects of the game, we must keep our mind on why we were at bat in the first place.

As General Omar Bradley once said, "We need to set our course by the stars, not by every passing ship!" I guess Robert Schuller's quote also makes sense here. He said, "Opportunities are never lost; someone else will take the ones we miss!"

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DARRELL RYAN

LIMBAUGH

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2010 congressional campaigns — on the cutting room floor, for obvious reasons.

As many of us conservatives have preached for years, contrary to the conventional wisdom of the establishment, though you must woo independents, you must first secure and

energize your base. Romney performed well with independents, and I had talked myself into believing that he was motivating the base, as well, but hindsight reveals that he didn't quite close the sale with many of them, which is amazing considering Obama's record.

Obama did not reciprocate in positive and cautious campaigning. Even without present-

ing his own second-term agenda, through negative and targeted campaigning, he falsely depicted Romney as the one who hadn't presented specific plans to turn the economy around and reduce our debt. Further, he demonized Romney, distorted his record, scapegoated George W. Bush — to the point that a large percentage of the public actually bought into this lunacy — lied about his own record and worked his base into a frenzy through divisive race and class warfare.

It is difficult to compete against a sophisticated propaganda machine run by ruthless community organizers who have been refining their skills for decades. When you're up against that kind of opponent,

you must fight back harder and more aggressively, and you must be unafraid to portray your opponent as the radical he is. Romney could have done a better job emphasizing the dire consequences that would result with Obama's re-election.

There is no question demographics have changed significantly and will continue to change. There is no doubt that large percentages of people are on government assistance, which makes the Republicans' future more challenging. But I reject the fatalistic conclusion that we can't turn this around.

Despite all the advantages of his incumbency, a hyper-corrupt liberal media establishment's protecting him and a ruthless but

highly skilled propaganda machine, Obama won re-election by a relatively small margin.

Conservative ideas — our founding principles — are still salable, but it will require more than empty rhetoric. We must faithfully adhere to them in practice. Republicans have a mixed record on resisting the expansion of the welfare state, entitlements and the size and spending of the federal government. We just have to figure out how to make our case more effectively and to reach minorities and, yes, single women, without diluting our transcendent and universal principles. Outreach is fine, as long as it doesn't mean becoming mini-liberals, as we have seen with

our forays into federal programs on education.

Though Republicans have had remarkably strong intervals in holding back government spending — such as the Newt Gingrich Congress, for which Bill Clinton has forever co-opted the credit — we haven't been so consistent in resisting spending as liberals have been relentless in expanding it. Even our beloved supply-siders have been negligent about the spending side of the equation. Keeping marginal tax rates low spurs economic growth, but neglecting restraints on federal spending smothers the private sector, which is the tale of Obama's first term. It also allows Democrats to deceitfully blame increasing deficits on growth-inducing tax cuts instead of the reckless spending that causes them.

So let's do a better job of walking the walk instead of merely talking the talk. Let's have a sincere discussion within the conservative movement and the Republican Party and then choose the best course on which to proceed.

We must never give up. America is not over.

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Petraeus resigns amid scandal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The sex scandal that led to CIA Director David Petraeus' downfall widened Tuesday with word the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan is under investigation for thousands of alleged "inappropriate communications" with another woman involved in the case.

Even as the FBI prepared a timeline for Congress about the investigation that brought to light Petraeus' extramarital affair with his biographer, Paula Broadwell, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta revealed that the Pentagon had begun an internal investigation into emails from Gen. John Allen to a Florida woman involved in the case.

Allen succeeded Petraeus as the top American commander in Afghanistan in July 2011, and his nomination to become the next commander of U.S. European Command and the commander of NATO forces in Europe has now been put on hold, as the scandal seemed certain to ensnare another acclaimed military figure.

In a White House statement early Tuesday, National Security spokesman Tommy Vietor said President Barack Obama has held Allen's nomination at Panetta's request. Obama, the statement said, "remains focused on fully supporting our extraordinary troops and coalition partners in Afghanistan, who Gen. Allen continues to lead as he has so ably done for over a year."

It was Broadwell's threatening emails to Jill Kelley, a Florida woman who is a Petraeus family friend, that led to the FBI's discovery of communications between Broadwell and Petraeus indicating they were having an affair. Petraeus acknowledged the affair when he resigned from the CIA post on Friday.

In the latest revelations, a Pentagon official said "inappropriate communications" — 20,000 to 30,000 pages of emails and other documents from Allen's communications with Kelley between 2010 and 2012 — are under review. He would not say whether they involved sexual matters or whether they are thought to include unauthorized disclosures of classified information. He said he did not know whether Petraeus is mentioned in the emails.

Allen has denied wrongdoing. If Allen was found to have had an affair with Kelley, he could face charges of adultery, which is a crime under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

That was the same day Obama accepted Petraeus' resignation, and the 60-year-old retired Army general, who headed U.S. military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan before taking charge of the CIA, acknowledged an affair with Broadwell, and expressed regret.

A federal law enforcement official, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss details of the investigation, said the FBI had concluded relatively quickly — and certainly by late summer at the latest — that there was no security breach. Absent a security breach, it was appropriate not to notify Congress or the White House earlier, this official said.

Thousands on Long Island still without power 2 weeks after Sandy; fuming at local utility

HICKSVILLE, N.Y. (AP) — Priscilla Niemiera has a message for officials at the Long Island Power Authority.

"I'd tell them, get off your rear end and do your job," the 68-year-old Seaford resident said. Well, she would if she could get in touch with anyone.

Over the last two weeks since she lost power from Superstorm Sandy, she says, "every time I called they hung up on me."

While most utilities have restored electricity to nearly all their customers, LIPA still has tens of thousands of customers in the dark.

The company said that the storm was worse than anyone could have imagined and that it didn't just damage outdoor electrical lines; it caused flooding that touched home and business breaker boxes. It acknowledged that an outdated computer system for keeping customers notified has added to people's frustration.

Despite rebel unity deal, Syria has enough firepower to fight

BEIRUT (AP) — Nearly 20 months into the Syrian uprising, President Bashar Assad's message to the world has been nothing if not consistent: His military is strong, his enemies are mere terrorists and he will prevail in the end.

And despite a unity deal signed by Syrian rebels this weekend, which they hope will persuade foreign backers to send more powerful weapons to use to battle the regime, Damascus still has enough firepower and resources to keep up the fight.

"Syria has more than enough weapons for fighting the rebels," said Igor Korotchenko, a retired colonel of Russia's military general staff who is now editor of National Defense magazine. "As long

Woman who drove on sidewalk holds 'idiot' sign

CLEVELAND (AP) — A woman caught on camera driving on a sidewalk to avoid a Cleveland school bus that was unloading children is standing in the cold at an intersection holding a sign warning people about idiots.

A Cleveland Municipal Court judge ordered 32-year-old Shena Hardin to serve the highly public sentence for one hour Tuesday and Wednesday. She arrived bundled up against the 34-degree cold, puffing a cigarette, wearing head phones and avoiding comment as passing vehicles honked.

Satellite TV trucks are on hand to stream the event live near downtown Cleveland.

The sign reads: "Only an idiot would drive on the sidewalk to avoid a school bus."

Hardin's license was suspended for 30 days and she was ordered to pay \$250 in court costs.

as Bashar Assad has the money to pay his military, it will keep fighting."

He said Syria has more than 1,000 tanks, along with a system of repair shops created during Soviet times and enough experienced personnel to service the weapons.

Analysts say it is difficult to come up with reliable figures on the Syrian air force and air defenses

because of the extreme secrecy surrounding its military matters. Assad's regime — its forces stretched thin on multiple fronts — has significantly increased its use of air power against Syrian rebels since the summer.

Israel considers resuming targeted killings of Gaza militant leaders to stop rocket fire

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel is considering resuming its contentious practice of assassinating militant leaders in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip in an effort to halt intensified rocket attacks on Israel's south, according to defense officials.

That Israel might renew a practice that brought it harsh international censure is evidence of the tight spot Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is in. With Israeli elections two months away, rocket barrages from Gaza are disrupting the lives of 1 million residents of southern Israel, pressuring the government to come up with an effective response.

In the latest flare-up, Gaza militants have fired more than 100 rockets at Israel in recent days, triggering retaliatory Israeli airstrikes that have killed six people in Gaza.

Some Israelis are demanding a harsh military move, perhaps a repeat of Israel's bruising incursion into Gaza four years ago. Others believe Israel should target Hamas leaders, a method it used to kill dozens of militants nearly a decade ago.

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Mavs fall to banged up Timberwolves, 90-82

DALLAS (AP) — With a growing injury list and a patchwork lineup, the Minnesota Timberwolves relied on rugged defense to extend their early-season success.

Nikola Pekovic scored 20 points before leaving with an injury and the short-handed Timberwolves beat the Dallas Mavericks 90-82 on Monday night.

The Timberwolves dressed only 10 players. The 6-foot-11 Pekovic, the team's leading scorer, became the latest Minnesota player to get hurt when he exited late in the third quarter with a sprained left ankle and didn't return.

Even with the risk of injuries and the lineup in a state of flux, the one constant all season has been Minnesota's defense — which entered fifth in the NBA in points allowed.

The Mavericks shot a season-low 36.3 percent and never led after the opening 3 minutes.

"I credit our character," Minnesota forward Andrei Kirilenko said. "Nobody really looks down and nobody feels sorry. Everybody just keeps coming out and trying to give their best. I think as a team, we played good team defense."

Minnesota stars Kevin Love (broken right hand) and Ricky Rubio (torn left ACL) have yet to play this season.

On Sunday, the Timberwolves announced Chase Budinger will have surgery for a torn lateral meniscus in his left knee, an injury he sus-

tained while filling in for Brandon Roy on Saturday night. Roy missed his second game Monday with a sore right knee.

Former Mavericks guard J.J. Barrea (left foot sprain) did not travel with Minnesota and missed his third straight game.

Pekovic then turned his ankle when he stepped on the foot of Dallas guard Vince Carter running down the court with 2:46 left in the third.

Minnesota coach Rick Adelman said he didn't think Pekovic's injury was serious.

"I don't know when it's going to stop," Adelman said. "Hopefully we can get some guys back and maintain the same energy level we've had."

Minnesota's energy was evident from the start as it held Dallas to 17 points in the first quarter. The Mavericks missed 13 of their final 15 shots in the first quarter and then misfired on their first four attempts in the second.

Dallas coach Rick Carlisle was ejected after arguing a foul call with 5 minutes left. Assistant coach Jim O'Brien coached the team the rest of the way.

After a 4-1 start, the Mavericks have lost three in a row.

"We got carved up in the second half," Carlisle said. "Our effort wasn't where it needed to be. I

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Dallas' Darren Collison takes a shot during Monday's 90-82 home loss to the Minnesota Timberwolves. Collison led the Mavericks in scoring with 21 points. AP photo

Tannehill, Dolphins try to regroup after loss to Titans

MIAMI (AP) — Reggie Bush is out of coach Joe Philbin's doghouse, which might not be large enough to house all of the deserving Miami Dolphins.

Bush and teammate Richie Incognito were benched for part of Sunday's 37-3 loss to Tennessee, but they were hardly the only culprits in the Dolphins' most lopsided home defeat since 1968.

"It was an uncharacteristic performance from the whole ballclub," Philbin said Monday.

The defeat was Miami's second in a row, a deflating development for a team hoping to end a streak of three consecutive losing seasons and perhaps even sneak into the playoffs.

The Dolphins (4-5) must regroup quickly before playing Thursday at Buffalo in their lone prime-time game this year.

Despite the short week, Philbin

felt the need to review the meltdown against the Titans with his team.

"When you play like that, we need to make some corrections," Philbin said. "We need to make improvements, even though we're in a semi-time crunch."

Bush's mistake was very publicly noted. He lost a fumble six minutes into the game to set up the Titans' first score, spent the rest of the first half on the sideline and carried only four times for 21 yards.

Philbin seemed ready to put the matter in the past, at least unless Bush coughs the ball up again. He has committed three fumbles and lost two this season.

"He's not in any doghouse that I know of," Philbin said. "The guy shows up, he practices hard,

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Ex-teammates Trout, Harper voted MLB Rookies of the Year

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Trout and Bryce Harper were teammates on the Scottsdale Scorpions last fall. The outfielders arrived in the major leagues on the same April day this year, both played in the All-Star game and they won Rookie of the Year awards a half-hour apart Monday, the vanguard of baseball's next generation.

The 21-year-old Trout was a unanimous pick as the youngest AL rookie winner, and the 20-year-old Harper edged Arizona pitcher Wade Miley 112 points to 105 to become the second-youngest winner of the NL honor.

"It's pretty neat," said Trout. "It would just top it off," Trout said.

For the first time, players learned the voting results when they were an-

nounced on television. "My heart was beating a little bit," Harper said.

Trout, who turned 21 on Aug. 7, received all 28 first-place votes from the AL panel of the Baseball Writers' Association of America. The Los Angeles Angels center fielder was the eighth unanimous AL pick and the first since Tampa Bay's Evan Longoria in 2008.

There could be more to come, too. Trout is among five finalists for AL MVP and is considered the chief challenger to Triple Crown winner Miguel Cabrera for that award, which will be announced Thursday.

Trout hit .326, second-best in the league to Cabrera's .330, with 30 homers and 83 RBIs, and he led the majors with 129 runs

and 49 steals. He joined Ted Williams, Mel Ott and Alex Rodriguez as the only players to hit .320 or higher with 30 or more homers in seasons they started as a 20-year-old.

Trout received the maximum 140 points. Oakland outfielder Yoenis Cespedes was second with 63, followed by Texas pitcher Yu Darvish (46), who joined Trout as the only players listed on every ballot.

Detroit second baseman Lou Whitaker had been the youngest AL winner in 1978, but he was 3 months, 5 days older than Trout on the day he took home the award.

In addition to Trout and Longoria, the only other unanimous AL winners were Nomar Garciaparra, Derek Jeter, Tim Salmon,

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Local Sports Calendar

TODAY

- Basketball**
- Fort Stockton at Big Spring, Boys and Girls, 7:30 p.m.
 - Grady at Forsan, Girls — 6 p.m., Boys — 7:30 p.m.
 - Coahoma at Reagan County, Girls and Boys, TBA.

WEDNESDAY

- Basketball**
- Cisco College at Howard College, Women, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

- Basketball**
- Howard College at Lubbock Christian University J.V., 7:30 p.m.

- Football**
- Garden City (3-7) vs. Water Valley (10-0), Sterling City, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

- Basketball**
- Big Spring at San Angelo Lake View, Girls and Boys, 6:30 p.m.
 - Monahans at Forsan, Girls — 6 p.m., Boys — 7:30 p.m.
 - Coahoma at Grape Creek, Girls and Boys, TBA.
- Football**
- Forsan (6-4) vs. Quanah (7-3), Clyde, 7 p.m.
 - Grady (7-3) vs. Ropes (7-3), Ackerly, 7:30 p.m.

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Cowboys focused on NFC East after win

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Talk of who's replacing Dallas coach Jason Garrett figures to be secondary — at least this week — to how the Cowboys can stay in the NFC East race.

A week after losing in Atlanta, when speculation centered on whether Sean Payton was coming to Dallas, the Cowboys won at Philadelphia on the same day a report surfaced that Mike Holmgren was interested in joining the Cowboys.

Garrett spent all week deflecting the Payton questions, and owner Jerry Jones did more of the same with Hol-

mgren on Sunday, when the Cowboys beat the Eagles 38-23 in what amounted to an elimination game for any realistic playoff hopes.

Tony Romo started the rally with a spectacular scramble and throw that saved a drive and led to a long scoring toss to Dez Bryant. The Cowboys secured the win by scoring fourth-quarter touchdowns on a punt return, an interception and a fumble. It was the first time Dallas had all three in one game.

The Cowboys will try to keep it going Sunday against Cleveland,

where Holmgren has been ousted as president, but is scheduled to remain in an advisory role until the end of the season. He's admittedly unsure whether he wants to coach again, but strongly denied a report he was interested in Dallas if Garrett were fired.

"Hey, look, it gets back to football, but you lose another game and there's going to be more talk," tight end Jason Witten said. "We know what's at stake, and I thought it was big of our team to go find a way to win, and hopefully we'll build on that."

Last week was ac-

tually busier than just replacement talk for Garrett and Jones. The Dallas owner started a dialogue with former coach Jimmy Johnson by claiming he had always been in charge of football decisions with the Cowboys. Credit was part of the reason for their acrimonious split in 1994 after consecutive Super Bowl wins, so naturally Johnson shot back.

Johnson, though, went a little further, calling the Cowboys' practice facility a "country club" and forcing Garrett, one of his former

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Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2300 to 4000 feet. LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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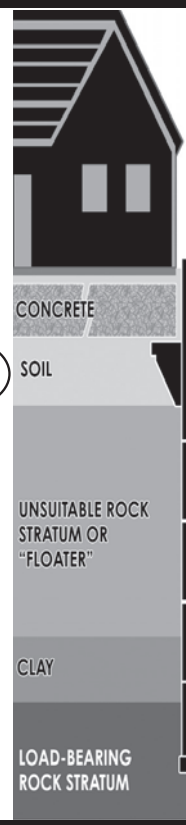
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Dear Annie: My cousin "Tyler," who had a host of problems as a teenager, became a policeman at age 23. He was a jerk before he joined up, but now he's become a bigger jerk.

Tyler is always bragging that he can fix parking tickets or give you a ticket just for annoying him. He talks back to people constantly, always trying to have the last word. It's awful, and it makes family gatherings impossible.

His mother is a champion grudge holder and is still angry with Tyler for things he did as a teen. His father is completely passive. Tyler's wife is OK, although I don't know what she sees in him. His toddler son is very aggressive.

I've asked Tyler politely to behave more appropriately, but of course, he won't listen. I've walked out of family dinners and made it clear why. I've even spoken to my family about it, but they refuse to avoid occasions just because of Tyler, even though after these gatherings my mother vents to me in the car.

I can't take this anymore, and I now avoid Tyler at all costs. I'm thinking of videotaping him and showing his superiors. I would not trust this man to carry a gun, serve warrants or make arrests. I'm afraid he's going to do something rash and someone will get hurt, and I'll have to testify against him at his trial. If any police out there are reading this, I'd like to know what they think.

— No State

Dear No State: Earning a badge would not change Tyler from a jerk into a responsible adult, but it does increase the fear levels. However, if he is simply bragging to his relatives and not actu-



KATHY MITCHELL
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ally doing anything, there's not much recourse for you. Your parents get to handle Tyler however they choose, so please stop trying to dictate their actions. But if you dislike your cousin so much that you cannot bear to be in his presence, we agree that you should avoid these family gatherings whenever possible.

Dear Annie: I'm one of several people planning our upcoming high school reunion for the class of 1962. There are a few people who have never attended any of our reunions.

I know my classmates didn't have the same high school experience I did. But for the life of me, the one excuse I can't get my head around is, "I haven't been a success." Success means so many things and is different for every person. It makes me sad to think someone would stay away because of that.

Please tell those who feel they cannot attend reunions because they aren't "successful": We miss you and want to see you on this side of heaven. Time is short and very precious, and we want to

spend some of it with you. — *Sad 50th HS Reunion*

Dear Reunion: You have made a heartfelt plea for people to attend such functions regardless of their personal insecurities. It is not uncommon for attendees to judge themselves against others' accomplishments, but by the time a 50th reunion rolls around, such fears are meaningless. We know that some people had such a terrible high school experience that they have no desire to relive it in any form, and they shouldn't be pressured. But for the rest of you, please go.

Dear Annie: Dan Peek from Grandparents and Others on Watch, Inc. was right on target in advising "Older Sister" to contact authorities about her brother, the sex offender.

We live in a tight community. One woman was having sleepovers at her home while her father, a registered child sex offender, was living with her. She was unwilling to recognize the risk, so we contacted all the parents of the children. We could not endure knowing that she was supplying him with potential victims. — *Serious in the South About Protecting Kids*

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Dear Ann Landers: Here are my spouse's excuses for avoiding sex:

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I have to go to work.

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It's too early in the morning.

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I'll bet you think this letter is from a husband complaining about his wife.

You're wrong. It's from a wife complaining about her husband. He is 50 years old, and I am 40.

We are both too young to be giving up sex. If you have any suggestions on how to improve this not-so-hot relationship, I'd like to hear them. — *Failing in Fresno, Calif.*



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Dear Fresno: The best way to improve a "not-so-hot" relationship is to heat it up. Be subtle but persistent. It sounds as if your husband is unsure of his ability to perform sexually.

He needs reassurance, praise and the knowledge that you really do care about him. Start talking.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I have been married for 30 years. He is Italian, and I am Canadian. I speak only English. Whenever we are with my mother-in-law, she and my husband speak nothing but Italian.

My husband doesn't see anything wrong with this, even though I am left totally out of the conversation. He says the language is part of his heritage and it makes his mother happy. I would be more understanding if my mother-in-law could not speak English, but she speaks it very well.

When our children were growing up, I never made an issue of it, because I wanted the children to feel close to their grandparents, but now it is bothering me to no end. I feel completely excluded and avoid being with just the two of them. I say they are terribly rude. What do you say? — *Excluded and Offended*

Dear Ex.: I think you should have learned to speak Italian a long time ago.

Get some elementary Italian grammar books at the public library, and ask your husband to help you. Start practicing with him. I'll bet he will be pleased and your mother-in-law will be astonished.

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The total eclipse of the sun will add a sense of permanence to your decisions. That's not to say that whatever you decide will be a permanent choice, but it will feel that way. So focus on what you'd love to let go of and wave goodbye. This Scorpio new moon of renewal will help you transform and move on.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's been said that a large building needs a solid foundation. But actually, the same is true for any size building. Respect whatever scale you are working on today. Even small things need to be done right.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Talk about the dreams that bring meaning to your life. Others will be inspired to help you. If they have the means to do this, they will let you know. If not, they are helping just by listening.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Asking too many questions will lead to further confusion. Learn through observation. Declare what is. You'll be amazed at what you can gather without pushing and prodding for more information.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You will enjoy an engaging tour of someone else's reality. You'll love the experience as long as you're reasonably sure you are free to leave this world at any time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You may feel a bit like a hamster in a wheel, running exuberantly and staying in one place. What's so wrong with that? As any hamster knows, the running itself feels terrific, and it always brings you back home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your actions will be guided by your aspirations. That they are lofty, to say the least, is no matter. Your faith is the magic ingredient that makes the unattainable quite attainable.



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Tomorrow's Horoscope

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You can remain open and learn, as long as you really believe in the person imparting knowledge. If this person has gained your trust, you will refrain from being defensive as you soak up all there is to know.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your routine has become a kind of prediction. You expect that habits A, B and C will naturally lead to the result of D. But today something different will happen to challenge your prediction.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There was a scenario in your recent past that didn't go the way you wanted it to. To change your destiny, imagine the same scene playing out in the way you wish it would have gone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll solve a puzzle quickly when you start at the end and work your way backward. It's not cheating. It's finding an advantage in looking at things in a different way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Being hard on yourself can lead to becoming successful and strong. But sometimes you take it too far. You may not even realize the grudge you were holding against yourself until today's events inspire you to let it go.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You need extra care, and you deserve to get it. Encourage, coach and pamper yourself. Treat yourself in the same way you would a child or a fragile friend.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 13). Highlight what's different about you. These advantages will get you noticed in a good way. Professional kudos in the next six weeks will be followed by a pay raise. January brings mutual romantic feelings, joint travel and adventure. In March, you'll be the recipient of a grant or an act of kindness. Leo and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 1, 24, 39 and 15.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Last year I saw a comedy show and was immediately smitten.

I'm convinced that our stars are perfectly aligned. What do you think of a relationship between a Libra guy (10/3/1980) and comedian Chelsea Peretti (2/20/1978)?"

I get it. Pisces comedian and television writer Chelsea Peretti is adorable and real, and the omens indicate that her professional status is on the rise. Have you dated comedians before? If not, you might be surprised to find out that as a general rule comedians are much more sensitive and subdued than their stage acts project. Being the life of the party on the outside requires a person to be extremely attentive to an inner world filled with the ingredients of comedy, which are: 1. Truth and 2. Pain. In my experience, the insightful individuals attracted to this profession are often a bit shy, and they cherish their alone time. Peretti is a Pisces with Venus in Pisces, too, indicating an attraction to artistic individuals, a love of music and a sensitive heart. Her moon and Saturn in Leo indicates that she is driven to make a significant mark in entertainment and is likely to put work before romance. And you might be fine with this, given that your moon and Venus are in Leo.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: The ubiquitous Whoopi Goldberg recently appeared as Carmen Tibideaux on the hit television series "Glee." Multitalented Goldberg was born when the sun, the moon, Mercury and Saturn were all in Scorpio, suggesting she's keenly attuned to the inner emotional life of the people around her. She may also be quite psychic. Jupiter, Uranus and Pluto in Leo shows a natural-born performer.

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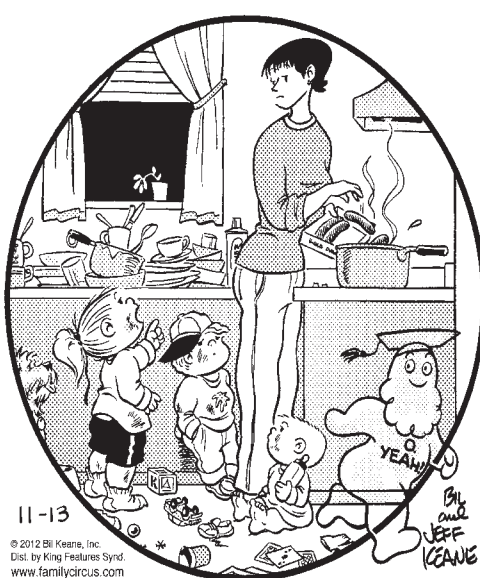
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"AREN'T YOU TWO A LITTLE OLD FOR THAT KINDA STUFF?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

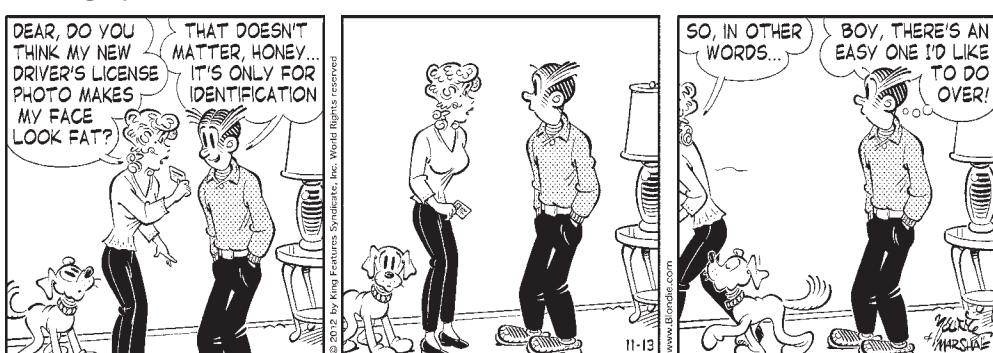


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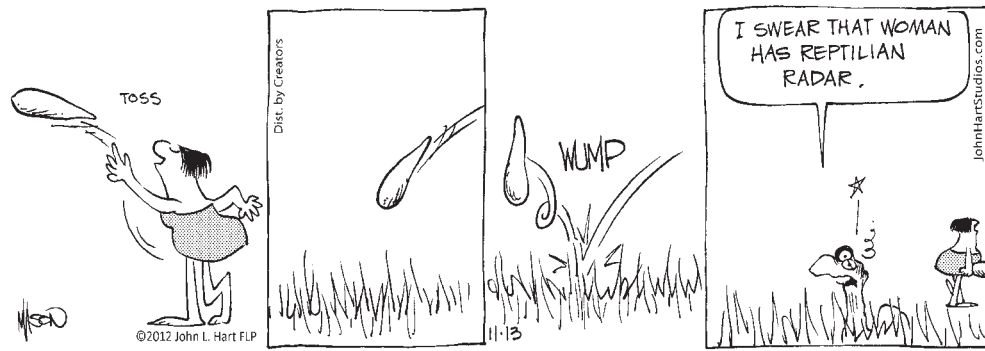
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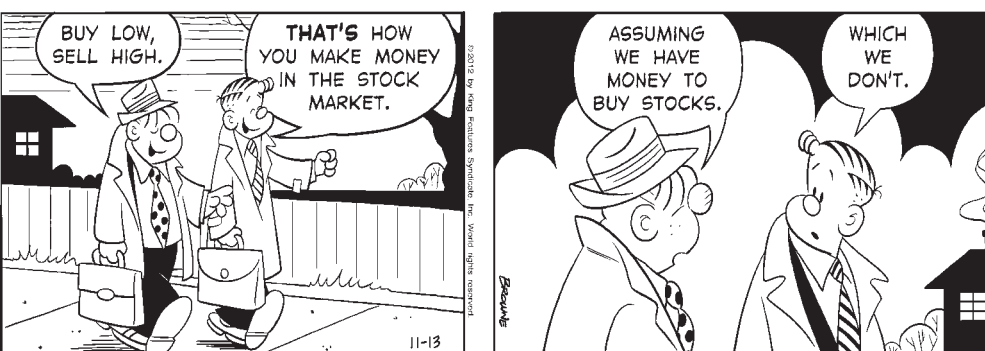
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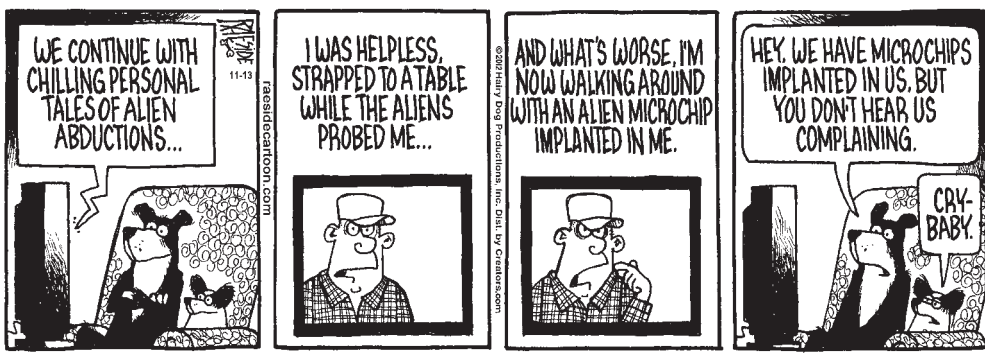
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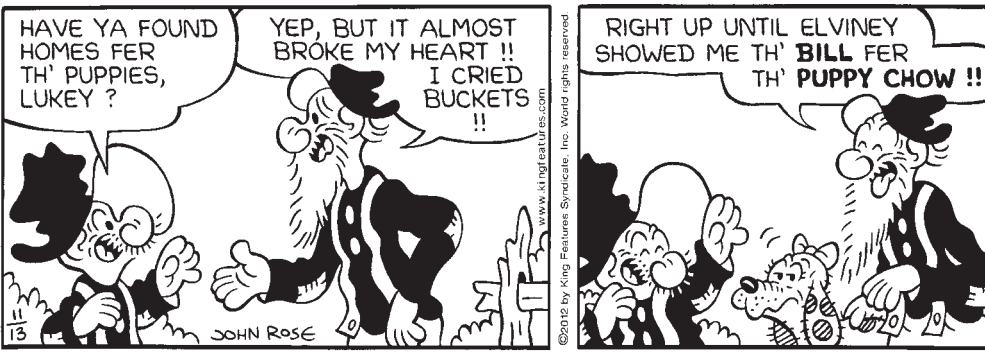
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 13, the 318th day of 2012. There are 48 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 13, 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, designed by Maya Lin, was dedicated on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

On this date:

In 1312, England's King Edward III was born at Windsor Castle.

In 1789, Benjamin Franklin wrote in a letter to a friend, Jean-Baptiste Leroy: "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."

In 1849, voters in California ratified the state's original constitution.

In 1909, 259 men and boys were killed when fire erupt-

ed inside a coal mine in Cherry, Ill.

In 1927, the Holland Tunnel opened to the public, providing access between lower Manhattan and New Jersey beneath the Hudson River.

In 1937, the NBC Symphony Orchestra, formed exclusively for radio broadcasting, made its debut.

In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a measure lowering the minimum draft age from 21 to 18.

In 1956, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down laws calling for racial segregation on public city and state buses.

In 1969, speaking in Des Moines, Iowa, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew accused network television news departments of bias and distortion, and urged viewers to lodge complaints.

In 1971, the U.S. space probe Mariner 9 went into orbit around Mars.

In 1974, Karen Silkwood, a technician and union activist at the Kerr-McGee

Cimarron plutonium plant near Crescent, Okla., died in a car crash while on her way to meet a reporter.

In 1985, some 23,000 residents of Armero, Colombia, died when a volcanic mudslide buried the city.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Madeleine Sherwood is 90. Journalist-author Peter Arnett is 78. Producer-director Garry Marshall is 78. Actor Jimmy Hawkins is 71. Country singer-songwriter Ray Wylie Hubbard is 66. Actor Joe Mantegna is 64. Actress Sheila Frazier is 65. Actress Frances Conroy is 59.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Bric-a-__
 - 5 Con games
 - 10 Soothing ointment
 - 14 Nevada city
 - 15 Quaint knickknack
 - 16 Aroma
 - 17 Granola ingredients
 - 18 In any way
 - 19 Butterfingers' cry
 - 20 Obstacle for an author
 - 23 Time of one's life
 - 24 Couches
 - 27 Constellation of scales
 - 30 "Just __ thought!"
 - 33 Foundations
 - 35 Had breakfast
 - 36 Expose as a fraud
 - 39 "Pay __ mind"
 - 40 "Why are you hurrying?"
 - 43 US alliance
 - 44 Arrive at
 - 45 Excessively
 - 46 Glasgow residents
 - 48 Crimson or maroon
 - 49 Not moving
 - 51 Keep __ to the ground
 - 53 Small bill
 - 54 Plane passenger's document
 - 61 Suburb of Phoenix
- DOWN**
- 1 Forehead
 - 2 Caboose locale
 - 3 Prefix for freeze
 - 4 Spotlight sharer
 - 5 Frighten
 - 6 Uses scissors
 - 7 Saudi, for one
 - 8 Pepper grinder
 - 9 Songs for one voice
 - 10 Publishers' expo
 - 11 Needless fuss
 - 12 Cut off, as a branch
 - 13 Bride's new title
 - 21 Old-fashioned oath
 - 22 Corn on the __
 - 25 Perceptive
 - 26 Electric eye, for example
 - 27 Suburban yards
 - 28 Cornell's city
 - 29 Hit, as a drum
 - 30 Detest
 - 31 "Don't like it? Tough!"
 - 32 Still asleep
 - 34 Not __ (mediocre)
 - 37 And so on: Abbr.
 - 38 Model builder's buy
 - 41 Carryalls
 - 42 Auctioneer's warning
 - 47 __ Paulo, Brazil
 - 50 Sister's son
 - 52 Goes on a tirade
 - 53 For days __ (nonstop)
 - 55 Cheer (for)
 - 56 Flood barrier
 - 57 Words of understanding
 - 58 Office assistant
 - 59 Lose traction
 - 60 Theater backgrounds
 - 61 Kitchen rug
 - 62 Self-importance
 - 63 Scatter, as seeds

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FOCUS

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quarterbacks, to answer still more questions. When he took the job, Garrett made it clear he wanted to use the Johnson model of accountability and discipline to try to make Dallas a winner again.

The best answer anyone could have given came Sunday against the Eagles, which might help explain Garrett's firm hug around the neck of Dwayne Harris after the punt returner who replaced the inconsistent Bryant sprinted 78 yards in front of the Dallas

bench to give the Cowboys the lead for good at 24-17.

"We have a good approach and a mindset of we don't worry about that outside noise and we know when you're 3-5 that's going to come," Witten said. "I thought Jason Garrett did a great job of letting our team (know) ... don't worry about anything else other than having a good practice today and going on the road and finding a way to get a win."

Now that the Cowboys have barely survived a stretch of four road games out of five, they get five of the next six at home, starting with three straight. After the Browns on Sunday, Washington

visits on Thanksgiving followed by a rematch with the Eagles on Dec. 2.

A trip to Cincinnati is followed by home games against Pittsburgh and New Orleans. The Steelers are the only team in that six-game stretch with a winning record right now.

The Cowboys are also just one game behind in the loss column to the NFC East-leading New York Giants, who have lost twice since getting out of Texas with a win when a catch by Bryant was overturned on replay.

"We know we have a shot. But we're not looking around to see what everyone else is doing," cornerback Brandon Carr said.

ROOKIES

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Sandy Alomar Jr., Mark McGwire and Carlton Fisk.

Trout's father made it to Double-A as an infielder with the Twins in the mid-1980s and watched his son build a career growing up in New Jersey, where the seasons are short and cold.

"He went out and did it and endured it," Jeff Trout said.

Added mom Debbie: "All the hard work paid off."

Trout, taken by the Angels with the 25th overall pick in the 2009 amateur draft, still lives at home with his parents during the off-season. The award will join others in the family house.

"He gets a lot of good home cooking," Jeff

Trout said.

Trout spent some time in the majors last year but still retained his rookie status. He began this season in the minors and made his first big league appearance this year on April 28 — the day of Harper's major league debut.

Trout was on a flight from Salt Lake City to Cleveland when he saw on Twitter that Harper was being called up the same day.

Harper turned 20 on Oct. 16 and has been hyped for years. When he was just 16, he appeared on the cover of Sports Illustrated with the headline "CHOSEN ONE."

"He's been put on the spotlight since he was 15 years old," Trout said.

The Washington Nationals outfielder got 16 of 32 first-place votes

from the NL panel. Miley was second with 12 first-place votes, followed by Cincinnati slugger Todd Frazier with three firsts and 45 points. Harper appeared on every ballot, and Bill Center of U-T San Diego was the only voter who didn't include Miley.

Harper was the top pick in the 2010 amateur draft and batted .270 with 22 home runs and 59 RBIs as Washington brought post-season play to the nation's capital for the first time since 1933. Only Tony Conigliaro (24) hit more home runs as a teenager.

"Every little kid's dream is to be a big league ballplayer or a doctor or a firefighter or whatever everybody wants to be," Harper said. "That was my dream and I wanted to make that dream come

true as quickly as possible."

At 20 years, 27 days on Monday, he was 24 days older than New York Mets pitcher Dwight Gooden when he won the NL award in 1984.

"This game is unbelievable. I love it with everything I've got," Harper said, "and I'm going to play every single day like it's my last."

And the admiration of Harper and Trout is mutual, especially after their time together last year with Scottsdale in the Arizona Fall League, for the game's premier prospects.

"He's one of the best players in baseball, if not the best right now," Harper said. "He's pretty impressive every day he plays."

For now, each has a rookie award. In the future, they may earn MVPs on the same day.

MAVS

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thought we tried hard in the second half and the results were still not

good."

Darren Collison had 21 points and O.J. Mayo added 18 for the Mavericks, who lost at home for the first time in four games.

Pekovic went 8 of 13

from the floor. Kirilenko and Alexey Shved each had 16 points for Minnesota.

Even with all the injuries, the Timberwolves (5-2) are off to their best start since 2001-02.

"Pretty gutsy performance by us," Minnesota guard Luke Ridnour said. "Everyone that came on the court for us just contributed."

Minnesota led by six at halftime and pushed

its advantage to 64-51 on Kirilenko's dunk with 3:52 left in the third. Pekovic went down to the floor just more than a minute later and was helped off the court by a trainer.

Dallas was within 76-68 in the fourth when Carlisle was ejected. The coach stormed toward halfcourt after a shooting foul was called on Mayo, and official Jason Phillips quickly gave Carlisle consecutive technicals.

The Timberwolves went on a 9-4 run over the next 1:37, capped by Shved's 3-pointers that gave Minnesota an 85-72 lead.

Dallas cut its deficit to 85-78, but Minnesota

went 5 of 6 on free throws in the final minute to put the game away.

"It's not the end of the world," Mayo said. "But at the same time, we have to get back to getting better."

Ridnour had 15 points and eight assists, and reserve Dante Cunningham chipped in 14 points for the Timberwolves.

The Timberwolves capitalized on Dallas' offensive struggles as Cunningham broke free for an easy dunk, putting Minnesota up 29-17 early in the second.

The Mavericks cut into Minnesota's lead late in the first half. They hit their final three shots to get within 45-39 at halftime.

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