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Members begin signing up for the upcoming Relay For Life, set for April 19-20, during the Community Kick-off Relay For Life event held Tuesday evening at First United Methodist Church. This year the goal is to have 35 teams on the field with 175 survivors walking the Survivor Lap.

## Why not? Relay For Life vols getting ready for 2013 event

**By AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Special to the Herald  
 \$192,000, 35 teams and 175 survivors ... Why not?  
 That's the question Howard and Glasscock counties can expect to be hear from Relay For Life members in 2013. The annual event is set for April 19-20 at Blankenship Field.  
 During the Community Kick-off for the 2013 Relay For Life, held Tuesday night in Garrett Hall at First United Methodist Church, the goals for the upcoming Relay were announced.

"This year I am not taking no for an answer. We are going to Relay big this year so that we can be in line with the national theme, Dream Big, Hope Big, Relay Big, Why not?," Relay Chairman Manny Negrón said.  
 Last year, the monetary goal was set at \$192,000 and was barely missed, which is why Negrón said he feels like it can be reached this year. There were 165 survivors last year and Negrón wants to increase that number to 175 and is expecting to see 35 teams on the field compared to the 25 last year.  
 "I am issuing the challenge this year of 'Why not?' to all communi-

ty members. I want all residents in Howard and Glasscock counties to fight strong against cancer this year and make this the best Relay yet," Negrón said. "Let's fight strong. Let's fight big in Howard and Glasscock counties."  
 As of Tuesday evening there were already 10 teams signed up for the 2013 Relay. Several of the teams, many of which are returning from previous years, already have fundraisers underway.  
 "One dollar can do a lot. That \$10 required to sign up a team is going to help someone fighting

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## Shooting death still under scope

*Chris Marquez arrested for aggravated assault; murder charge not filed*

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Law enforcement officials with the Howard County Sheriff's Office say the investigation into the Oct. 27 shooting that claimed the life of one Big Spring man and injured another is still ongoing, as investigators try to piece together the events of the night.



Luis Adolfo Pena, 33, was pronounced dead at Scenic Mountain medical Center shortly after 2:30 a.m. on Oct. 27 from a gunshot wound at the former VFW building, located at 500 Driver Road. A second victim, Raul Mendez, 33, was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center by private vehicle where he was treated for his wounds and released.

An arrest warrant was issued for 19-year-old Chris Daniel Marquez, 19, of Big Spring, who was arrested Oct. 31 in the 1900 block of Sherwood Way in San Angelo on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

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## Empty Bowls Thursday

Limited tickets are still available for Thursday's Empty Bowls fundraiser, set at the Dora Roberts Community Center.  
 The event, which benefits United Way of Big Spring and Howard County, will be held from 11:30 until 1 p.m.  
 Ticket holders receive a unique, one-of-a-kind handmade bowl plus a variety of homemade soups. Tickets are \$20 each and available at the United Way office (the Chamber of Commerce Building) at the corner of Gregg and Third Street.

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## Museum will host book signing

**Herald Staff Report**

The Heritage Museum will sponsor a book signing Saturday for "Texas Dames: Sassy and Savvy Women Throughout Lone Star History" by Carmen Goldthwaite.  
 The signing will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The museum is located at 510 Scurry in Big Spring.  
 Featured in the compilation is Dora Roberts, Big Spring rancher and banker. A description of the book reads:  
 "These are the Texas Dames, women who sallied forth to run sprawling ranches, build towns, helm major banks and shape Lone Star history. These dames broke gender and racial barriers in every facet of life.  
 "Some led the way as heroines, while others slid headlong into notoriety, but

nearly all exhibited similar strands of courage and determination to wrest a country, a state and a region from the wilds.  
 "From Angelina of the Hasinai, interpreter for the Spanish and sharpshooter Sally Scull to Dr. Claudia Potter, America's first female anesthesiologist, and Birdie Harwood, first female mayor in the United States, historian Carmen Goldthwaite has been profiling Texas women and their accomplishments in her popular 'Texas Dames' column. Here are their stories, from early Tejas to the 20th century."  
 The public is invited to meet Goldthwaite and purchase this historical book.

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**A book signing is set for 1 p.m. Saturday at the Heritage Museum.**



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## Obituaries

## 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 January 18, 1963. They were planning to celebrate their upcoming 50th wedding anniversary in January 2013.

She was a hairdresser for the majority of her life until becoming disabled in 1999. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Parish.

Lucy lived for her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandbaby. She enjoyed life to the fullest and was a fighter. She fought her heart problems with such determination until the very end, when God thought it was time for another precious angel.

She was strong in her faith and attended church every Sunday until recently, when she became ill. Lucy never met a stranger and was always willing to help those in need. She enjoyed the companionship of her friends at the Senior Citizen Center and most recently, volunteering at the Chalet with her sister, Lupe.

Lucy will be dearly missed by her family and all those whose lives she touched.

She is survived by her husband, Saragosa Ochoa; her only child and daughter, Patsy Sanchez and son-in-law Henry Sanchez of Big Spring; two grandchildren, Amanda and Jared Sanchez of Big Spring; one great grandchild, 2-year-old Amelia Sara Islas; one sister, Lupe Barraza of Big Spring; one brother, Alfonso (Poncho) Narbaiz of Big Spring; one niece, Teresa Marlow of Big Spring; two nephews, Richard Barraza of Big Spring and George Narbaiz; and one nephew, Gilbert Narbaiz, who they raised as their son. She is also survived by numerous grand-nieces and nephews, who she loved very much.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Santos Narbaiz; and one brother, Gilbert Narbaiz Sr.

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](http://www.npwelch.com)

*Paid obituary*

## Apolonio 'Hoppy' Hernandez



Apolonio "Hoppy" Hernandez, 77, of Big Spring died Sunday, Nov. 11, 2012, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

He was born Dec. 28, 1934, in Coahoma, Texas, to Leonor and Antonio Hernandez. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He worked for Union Pacific Railroad as an engineer and was a lifetime resident of Howard County. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Josie Hernandez of Big Spring; five sons, Domingo Hernandez, Reynaldo Hernandez, Rafael Hernandez and wife Irene, Antonio Hernandez and wife Christy and Jaime Hernandez, all of Big Spring; 11 grandchildren; three brothers, Arturo Hernandez and wife Linda and Ignacio Hernandez and wife Olga, all of Big Spring, and Jose Hernandez and wife Helen of Coahoma; and one sister, Juanita Torres of Coahoma.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Joanna Hernandez; one sister, Santiago Ramirez; and four brothers, Manuel, Willie, Emelio and Julio Hernandez.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

## Abraham Espinoza Jr.



Abraham Espinoza Jr., 74, of Big Spring died Monday, Nov. 12, 2012, at Texas Specialty Hospital in Lubbock, Texas. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born March 31, 1938, in Eola, Texas, to Micaela and Abraham Espinoza Sr. He grew up in San Angelo and moved to Big Spring in 1961. He married Martina (Martha) Robles on Sept. 12, 1961, in Big Spring.

He worked 16 years at BSISD, mostly at Anderson Kindergarten Center. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Martina (Martha) Espinoza of Big Spring; seven daughters, Janie Martinez and husband Marcos of Fort Worth, Bonnie Abundez and husband Paul of Pearsall, Sandra Corona and husband Tony of Brownwood, Veronica Rodriguez and husband Carlos, Ernestina DeHoyos and husband Victor, Emily Gonzales and husband George and Devoun Blount and husband Jeremy, all of Big Spring; four sons, Bobby Espinoza, Oscar Espinoza and wife Lorraine, all of Visalia, Calif., Michael Robles and wife Dora and Steven Robles and wife Nancy, all of Big Spring; one brother, Arturo Espinoza of Carrollton; 22 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by one son, Joey Robles; three sisters; and one brother.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects on line at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

## Edwin Rentas

Edwin Rentas, 56, of Midland died Sunday, Nov. 11, 2012. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, 2012, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Edwin was born May 1, 1956, in Ponce, Puerto Rico, to Esther (Berrios) and Euclides Rentas. He worked at the Federal Bureau of Prisons in Big Spring and was a veteran of the United States Army. He spent the last three years as an escort with Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Survivors include wife, Lourdes Rentas; son, Edwin Rentas Jr.; daughter, Lori Rentas, all of Midland; and sister, Madeline Rentas of Clearwater, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

## Police blotter

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

Note — The BSPD reported no arrests were made for the corresponding period.

- THEFT was reported:  
In the 1000 block of E. Second Street.  
In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.  
In the 800 block of Rosemont.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported:  
In the 1200 block of S. Goliad.  
In the 2000 block of Virginia.  
In the 1000 block of S. Goliad.  
In the 1100 block of Mulberry.
- ASSAULT was reported:  
In the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.  
In the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1200 block of S. Goliad.

## Sheriff

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

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

- RUBIN SARABIA, 45, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on Medina County warrants for failure to

appear and flat tires.

- CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL REECE, 34, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond – evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, municipal capias warrants for speeding, expired driver's license, driving while license invalid and failure to appear and municipal warrants for violation of a promise to appear (three counts) and failure to appear (three counts).

- GERALD CARL WHITFIELD, 26, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

- SAMMY HERNANDEZ LIMON, 30, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

- MICHAEL SHANE ALLEN, 38, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

## Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Carlton. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of W. FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Lamesa. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of Scurry. No transport.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Colby. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of E. Fifth Street. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of W. 17<sup>th</sup> Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3600 block of Dixon. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of N. Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

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

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

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**Take Note**

• Big Spring State Hospital patients are in need of warm clothing. Clean items should be taken to the Community Relations Office near the south entrance of the hospital, 1901 N. U.S. Highway 87. Clothing that cannot be used by the patients will be taken to the hospital's Chalet Resale Shop for sale to raise money for patient needs. Men's clothing and larger-sized clothing are always in need. For more information, call Melissa Adams, BSSH program coordinator, at 432-268-7730.

• Whiting Oil and Gas Big Spring employees are organizing a fund drive to help families in need throughout the community. The drive will be held through Dec. 20. Food donations (non-perishable) can be dropped off at the Whiting Big Spring Field Office, 5306 South Service Road. For more information, call the local office at 432-264-0004 and ask for Cindy Klaus, Vickie Reynolds or Mark Strickland.

• An account for Bill Griffen has been established at the Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union, 1110 Benton. Griffen, a Big Spring resident, recently passed away and the family is in need of funds for funeral arrangements.

• An account has been set up at Western Bank for Kristen Lasater and family, who lost their home to a house fire Monday afternoon. The account number, for those wanting to make a donation, is 1004597.

• An account has been set up at Citizen's Credit Union for Emma Leos, who was recently diagnosed with colon cancer.

• Jo Anna Bailey, an aide for many years at Washington Elementary School, has been diagnosed with cancer. A medical donation account has been established for her at the Big Spring Education Credit Union, located at 1110 Benton. Your generosity will enable her to have much-needed tests and treatment.

• Compass Hospice is in need of your help. If you would be interested in offering your love and God's comfort to those who are suffering, or to their families, contact Michelle Coutermarsh at 263-5999 or come by 602 S. Main.

Volunteers are needed in many categories including patient care. You may give as much or as little time as you wish. Any amount of time is greatly appreciated. Training is offered free of charge.

**SHOOTING**

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According to Howard County Sheriff Stan Parker.

Parker said Marquez is the prime suspect in the murder case, however, investigators are not ruling anyone out at this time. Marquez has not been charged with murder, law enforcement officials confirmed.

"We have some key forensic evidence we're waiting to come back from the lab," Parker said. "We're also in the process of interviewing and re-interviewing witnesses in the case."

Parker said trying to piece together an eyewitness account of the alleged altercation between Pena and Marquez has been a rather frustrating piece of the overall puzzle.

"It has been very tough to find anyone who will talk to us about what transpired," Parker said. "It's extremely frustrating. Normally, in a situation like this,

witnesses would be coming forward and helping us fill in the blanks. However, most of the witnesses we've talked to get to a certain point and they just don't want to talk anymore. Our investigators are having to go through and interview them, then re-interview them to try to get an accurate picture of what happened."

According to Park-

er, deputies were dispatched to the former VFW facility — located south of Big Spring, near U.S. Highway 87 — at approximately 2:33 a.m.

"Upon arrival, deputies found Pena in the parking lot suffering from what appeared to be a gun shot wound. Pena was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center by emergency

medical services, where he was later pronounced dead."

Pena's body was sent to Lubbock to undergo an autopsy, which was ordered by Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman, according to law enforcement records.

Parker declined to comment on the cause of the alleged dispute between Pena and Marquez, citing an ongoing

• An account has been established at Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union in the name of Glenda Berger, who was recently diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer. Donations will be used to help defer medical costs and mounting bills. All donations are greatly appreciated. Call Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union at 800-299-6761.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432-268-7535.

• Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

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

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

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial

challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• The Salvation Army has funding for Texas Military Personnel now serving or has served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The military member or their family member may apply at 811 W. Fifth St. or call 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

• Road to Recovery seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call (877) 277-1618, the High Plains American Cancer Group Report Center. Anyone wishing to volunteer should call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 at her office at Home Hospice.

**RELAY**

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this battle and can help someone beat cancer," Negron said. "So, I ask, 'Why not?' If we don't do it then there goes a life. There are so many lives that have been saved and many more stories can be shared because we Relay."

Teams can consist of one member or 100 members, according to Negron. There is no limit of members for a team.

"There is no minimum number of members required to form a team. There can be one person on a team or a group of people; the important thing is that we get the people who have a heart for Relay and the passion to get out there and fight this battle so that another person doesn't have to hear the word cancer," Negron said.

To register for the 2013 Relay For Life, contact Negron at 432-816-9464 or go online to relayforlife.org/bigspringtx.

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Lou Knight, 71, died Sunday. A Memorial Service will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Midway Baptist Church. Apolonio "Hoppy" Hernandez, 77, died Sunday. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Abraham Espinoza, Jr., 74, died Monday. His vigil service will be at 7:00 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

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# Buckle your seat belts, folks

Well, the election is over, but the fun is just beginning. Amid numerous reports of documented voter fraud, interestingly always favoring the Democratic candidates, and a mess in our nation unparalleled in history, Mr. Obama begins his second term as our president with monumental problems in his immediate future. He inherits a mess far worse than the one he has whined about for four years, left to him and his cronies by Mr. Bush.



EDDY PRINCE

I admit that I am shocked that he was re-elected at all, much less by the margin being reported. I, for one, am very skeptical that there was integrity in the election process and it will be interesting to read more reports in the days ahead about missing and shredded ballots, malfunctioning voting machines, and numerous other situations that have already been exposed.

There will always be people who will defend their stance on the issues whether their views and opinions are valid or not and whether or not the facts support their hypothesis. Pride is such a powerful enemy of truth and integrity. Even though you may adamantly disagree, I firmly believe America has just made her biggest mistake in history. Of course, only time will tell if I am right or not so save your hate mail until after the dust settles.

However, it appears that I am not alone in my conjecture. As I am penning this column, hundreds of thousands of Americans are doing more than complain about the frightening social and financial future looming on our horizon. In a move that is obviously an attempt to make a statement that profoundly protests Mr. Obama's re-election, residents in more than 30 states have filed secession petitions with the "We the People" program on the White House website.

Now, I am absolutely certain that the United States will remain a Union but I do indeed find it fascinating that so many Americans are willing to go that far to express their frustrations with the condition of our govern-

ment, especially immediately following the election. Folks, the facts are clear. There isn't just a diminutive faction of disgruntled rebels that are unhappy with this mess. It's widespread and getting wider by the minute. Hard working patriotic Americans are plenty unhappy and they are making their voices heard loud and clear.

A petition for Texas to secede from the union, submitted to the White House, reached the number of signatures needed to draw comment from the Obama administration on Tuesday.

The petition appeared on a section of the White House website called "We the People" that invites users with a U.S. zip code to submit or sign petitions about policy changes they would like to see. A petition must reach 25,000 signatures within 30 days for the administration to comment on it.

The petition to "Peacefully grant the State of Texas to withdraw from the United States of America and create its own new government," was submitted on Friday of last week. Just three days later, at 3:22 p.m., it zoomed past the 25,000 mark and kept going.

I am not uninformed or ignorant of history, and I assure you dear reader, this is not anything new. There have been many attempts, even in recent months, for the establishment of new states or independent republics. The late 20th and early 21st centuries have seen examples of local and state secession movements and all such movements to create new states have failed.

But this is a different scenario and one that isn't going to fade away like a morning mist. I don't expect secession to happen but I do believe the extreme discontent in the hearts of millions of Americans is not a Democratic or Republican issue, but rather a fear that the foundational building blocks that made this country what it is are being compromised to the point of inevitable disintegration.

It isn't just the economy, the national debt, unemployment, Obamacare, and his ideas of social reform and fundamentally transforming America that are troubling many patriotic Americans. It goes much deeper than those oft-addressed matters. It is things like eliminating the White House commemoration

of the National Day of Prayer, an honored tradition since President Truman, and in a statement, commemorating the Muslim holiday of Ramadan — calling it a time to "cherish family, friends, and neighbors, and to help those in need."

"On behalf of the American people, Michelle and I extend our warmest wishes to Muslim Americans and Muslims around the world at the start of Ramadan," Obama said. He has shown an unusual sensitivity toward atheists, the first president to mention non-believers in an inaugural address when he said, "For we know that our patchwork heritage is a strength, not a weakness. We are a nation of Christians and Muslims, Jews and Hindus and non-believers."

"Whatever we once were, we're no longer a Christian nation. At least not just. We are also a Jewish nation, a Muslim nation, and a Buddhist nation, and a Hindu nation, and a nation of nonbelievers," Obama said during a June 2007 speech. While I unquestionably support religious freedom for everyone I ferociously take offense to the first line of that statement because I believe it to be absolutely and unequivocally false. If I am wrong, then our nation is headed for judgment and possibly extinction because I believe Almighty God's favor is our only foundation for security.

Then you factor in bowing to foreign kings, the "Apologizing for America" world tour, repeatedly disrespecting Israel, spending \$1.4 billion taxpayer dollars to support his family and staff in 2011 while teetering on the fiscal cliff (which includes \$102,000 for their dog-handler), and all the other questionable words and actions of this administration and one can somewhat understand the reasoning behind the secession petitions that are now bombarding Washington.

Buckle your seatbelts, folks. The ride is about to get very interesting, and probably pretty bumpy.

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

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# Shutting down badge fraud

Just over two decades ago, the Texas Attorney General's Office had a very limited role in the law enforcement community.

It wasn't until 1991 that the Texas Legislature authorized the attorney general to commission peace officers — but even then, the law only allowed the agency to commission up to five officers. Eight years later, the Texas Legislature lifted the cap, but by the time I took office in late 2002 there were only about three dozen officers serving the agency.

Since then our law enforcement focus has increased dramatically. Today, the agency has 140 commissioned peace officers. At the Attorney General's Office, our approach is somewhat unique. We work to fill gaps in the law enforcement field and have developed unique expertise in a variety of investigative fields. That helps ensure our work is not duplicative and that specially trained officers with statewide jurisdiction are available to help state and local agencies investigate complex cases that require specialized investigative experience.

For example, we've expanded the

state's capacity to pursue white collar criminals who defraud the Texas Medicaid program, launched new statewide fugitive sex offender apprehension teams, and developed a highly specialized computer forensics unit that is now the premier source of IT Forensics Analysis for state and local law enforcement agencies across Texas.

As the agency's peace officer ranks and law enforcement responsibilities have expanded, I've had the privilege of learning about great police work from some of the country's finest officers. From the outstanding officers who serve the Attorney General's Office to esteemed Texas Rangers to courageous patrol officers who police our state's most dangerous neighborhoods to deputy sheriffs in rural counties who spend every day keeping their small town communities safe, Texas is blessed to have more than 70,000 peace officers willing to devote their lives to protecting their fellow Texans.

Given the risks and sacrifices that these officers and their families endure for their communities, anyone who seeks to pad their own wallet by falsely and fraudulently seeking donations on behalf of Texas peace officers deserves to encounter some real law enforcement. And I'm proud to say that's exactly what we had in store for the folks who ran a badge

fraud operation called the Texas Highway Patrol Association (THPA).

Late last year, the Attorney General's Office charged the THPA, its affiliates — which included the Texas Highway Patrol Museum (THPM) — and the individuals who oversaw the organizations with fraudulently soliciting funds for the benefit of fallen state troopers and their families. We also successfully froze the organizations' accounts so that the defendants couldn't spend any more donated funds for their personal benefit. Thanks to the asset freeze, we were able to ensure the organizations' remaining funds were put to good use supporting fallen officers' families. By the end of the day, we shut down the organization and prevented its telephone solicitors from continuing their shameless quest for donations that never would have reached the intended beneficiaries.

While the THPM claimed that 100 percent of donated funds went directly to fallen officers' families, our investigation revealed that the real beneficiaries were the organizations' own executives. After scouring the defendants' financial records, our investigation found that THPM officials spent donated funds on veterinarian bills for an executive's prized cat, a trip to Sea World, tickets to Gold Class Cinema and even a flight to Hawaii.

So let's get this straight: The THPA asked generous Texans to support the families of fallen peace officers, promised that 100 percent of the donations would go directly to survivors and claimed to provide these families a \$10,000 death benefit — but they actually spent the proceeds on trips to Hawaii and Sea World.

As the saying goes, don't mess with Texas. The THPA's executives had to learn that lesson the hard way. I'm proud to report that the THPA and its affiliates have now been shut down and the defendants' assets have been liquidated. The proceeds from the liquidation, together with the funds that were frozen last December, are being distributed to the families who lost a beloved officer but never received the \$10,000 death benefit they were promised. If there are any funds left over after the families have been properly paid, the remaining dollars will be transferred to the Texas Department of Public Safety Foundation, a legitimate charity that will make sure Texans' donations are put to good use. Meanwhile, the perpetrators responsible for this egregious case of badge fraud better be hard at work because they still have to pay off the \$2 million penalty they owe the State.

*Gregg Abbott is the Texas Attorney General.*



GREG ABBOTT



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**O**n June 25, 1876, General George Armstrong Custer and his 7th Cavalry attacked a large Lakota Cheyenne village on the Little Bighorn River in Montana Territory. He lost not only the battle but his life, and the lives of his entire cavalry. Pulitzer Prize winner Larry McMurtry has long been fascinated by the "Boy General" and his rightful place in history. In "Custer" (B RN), he delivers an expansive, agile and clear-eyed reassessment of the iconic general's life and legacy.



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We see Custer in all his contradictions and complexity as the perpetually restless man with a difficult marriage, a hunger for glory and an unwavering confidence in his abilities. While Custer is first and foremost an enthralling story filled with larger-than-life characters — Ulysses S. Grant, William Tecumseh Sherman, Sitting Bull, Crazy Horse — McMurtry also argues that Little Bighorn should be seen as a monumental event in our nation's history. Like all great battles, its true meaning can be found in its impact on our politics and policy, and the epic defeat clearly signaled the end of the Indian Wars

and brought to a close the great narrative of western expansion. In "Custer," McMurtry delivers a portrait of a complicated, misunderstood man that not only irrevocably changes our long-standing conversation about Custer, but once again redefines our understanding of the American West. Other McMurtry books you might enjoy: "The Last Picture Show" (F McM L), "Texasville" (F McM L), and "Lonesome Dove" (F McM L).

Still mining the shelves for hidden gems, I discovered some fiction that readers may have missed. The first one is Carolyn Parkhurst's "Lost and Found" (F PAR C). Laura and her daughter Cassie, as well as contestants Abby and Juliet, have been chosen to compete on Lost and Found, a new reality show. They will race across the globe, from Egypt to Japan, from Sweden to England, to battle for a million dollar prize. They must decipher clues, outwit the other team, and recover mysterious artifacts to stay in play. If you have watched Amazing Race, then you know that is not the hardest part; the hard part is the personalities, the tensions that arise and tempers that flare. See how the challenges "read" versus "watching" it on TV.

The second book is "Red Hook Road" (F WAL A) from Ayelet Waldman. Set in Red Hook, Maine, it is the story of summer people and the people who work for them. Becca Copaken (summer per-

son) and John Tetherly (worker person) are young, in love and just married, when a vehicle rams their limousine, just an hour after their marriage and kills them instantly. "Red Hook Road" is the story of how Jane Tetherly, John's mother and Iris Copaken, Becca's mother (there are other characters) cope with funeral planning, Iris' strong-willed interest in Jane's niece musical career and a budding romance in the remain-

ing two children, Matt and Phoebe. The art of living, music and literature are woven by Waldman into a tapestry of unbreakable bonds of family life. There were excellent reviews online and print of Waldman's previous books.

Beatriz Williams' "Overseas" (F WIL B) is one of those books that has "d'j' vu" written all over it or time travel or something like that.

It is a feeling when you go to a place and

you have such a strong impression that you has been here before? Anyway, "Overseas" is the story of Kate Wilson, a 25-year-old transplanted Midwesterner trying to get ahead on Wall Street. Early in the novel, after getting screwed over by an ambitious colleague, she still seems to make a big impression on powerful British hedge fund bazillionaire Julian Laurence.

In fact, the man appears to be inexplicably

smitten with Kate, and she can't deny how drawn she feels to him. In a parallel story line, set in WWI France, we meet another Kate who is approaching Captain Julian Ashford, a younger man who is a stranger to her. She's on a mission to warn him away from danger at the front. Switching from WWI to modern-day New York, Kate and Julian must protect themselves from the

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### ND sunflower company opening roasting plant in Texas

HORACE, N.D. (AP) — A North Dakota-based sunflower business is beginning production this month at a sunflower roasting facility in the Texas city of Lubbock.

The SunGold Foods plant will produce in-shell sunflower seeds to be sold as snack food. The National Sunflower Association says the plant will open with 40 full-time employees, with room to more than double capacity.

SunGold Foods is based in Horace. It is a subsidiary of Fargo-based Red River Commodities Inc., which also has a bird food plant in Lubbock.

### Texas squatter on trial: Didn't mean to break law

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A North Texas man on trial for theft and burglary after he tried to claim squatters' rights on a house using an obscure law says he wasn't trying to break the law.

David Cooper is charged with first-degree felony theft and burglary. Cooper's wife, Jasmine, is charged with burglary of a habitation.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports Cooper told jurors he was relying on a law allowing what's known as "adverse possession." Cooper said he studied adverse possession at a law library and filed a claim for \$16 on a \$400,000 Arlington home.

He was arrested last November. The family that owned the home was away because one member was being treated for cancer.

Area county clerks say the law is being misused and have stopped accepting claims.

### Salem trees headed for Dallas

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — A helicopter speeds up the Christmas tree harvesting at the Noble Mountain Tree Farm near Salem.

General manager Bob Schaefer tells the Statesman Journal a helicopter has harvested as many as 14,000 Christmas trees in one day.

Noble Mountain is one of the largest Christmas tree growers in the state, and Oregon is one of the top-producing states in the nation with 65,000 acres.

Noble Mountain is cutting trees this week destined for Dallas, Texas. The farm ships trees to 15 states, mostly in the South.

The trees are put in refrigerated containers to keep them fresh for the holiday.

### Portland-area police bust fly-in burglary ring

HILLSBORO, Ore. (AP) — The Washington County sheriff's office says a regional police task force

busted a Houston, Texas, based burglary ring that periodically flew into the Portland area to commit waves of burglaries.

The sheriff's office says burglars would rent cars, buy tools and break into homes when they suspected no one was home. They focused on stealing gold, which was easy to sell in Texas.

With the help of police in Houston, three people were arrested on Oct. 27. One is jailed in Hillsboro and two others are held for extradition. A fourth is believed to be hiding in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Detectives believe they are responsible for more than 40 burglaries in the Portland area and may have committed similar fly-in burglaries in other states.

### \$82M sale of former Naval Station Ingleside done

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Occidental Petroleum Corp. has completed its \$82 million purchase of the South Texas site of former Naval Station Ingleside.

Port of Corpus Christi commissioners in May approved the 815-acre contract. Port consultant Tom Moore on Tuesday announced the deal has been finalized.

The company plans to redevelop the property near its Oxy Chemicals unit.

The former naval facility closed in 2010.

### Punishment phase of day care fire trial to resume

HOUSTON (AP) — A Texas woman convicted of murder in the death of a child in a fire at her home day care has a troubled past with a history of arson, according to testimony for the prosecution.

As a teenager, Jessica Tata was convicted of at least one arson count because of her involvement in two fires — on the same day — in a bathroom at her suburban Houston high school.

Testimony in the punishment phase of the 24-year-old Tata's trial was to resume Wednesday. A jury found her guilty Tuesday of one count of felony murder. She faces up to life in prison.

The February 2011 fire at the day care Tata ran at her Houston home killed 16-month-old Elias Castillo and three other children. Three others were seriously injured. Prosecutors said the fire started after Tata left a pan of oil on a stove while she went shopping at a nearby Target store. The children, who had been left unsupervised, could be heard crying inside the burning home out of the reach of neighbors.

Tata's attorneys argued that she never intended to hurt the children, who ranged in age from 16 months to 3 years, and that she tried to save them. But prosecutors did not need to show she intended to harm the children, only that the deaths occurred because she put them in danger by leaving them alone. Under Texas law, a person can be convicted of felony murder if he or she committed an underlying felony and that action led to the death.

Tata had no visible reaction as the guilty verdict was read Tuesday.

### Family of man slain in Amarillo settles for \$760K

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Relatives of a Texas man fatally shot by police while allegedly driving toward officers during a downtown Amarillo brawl will get a \$760,000 settlement.

The family of 24-year-old Claudio Trujillo of Amarillo filed a \$10 million civil rights lawsuit following the January 2011 gunfire. Attorneys for the city of Amarillo and police had argued public safety was at stake.

The parties did not admit wrongdoing in the financial settlement approved Tuesday by a federal judge in Amarillo. City officials must also write a condolence letter to the Trujillo family.

The lawsuit accused

police of gross negligence, excessive force and failure to properly train officers. Relatives say police fired more than 40 shots at Trujillo's vehicle.

### Galveston dedicates park to black boxer Johnson

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — A Southeast Texas city has dedicated a park and bronze statue to the first black world heavyweight boxing champion.

Ceremonies were held Tuesday afternoon in Galveston at Jack Johnson Park.

The Galveston County Daily News reports the statue portrays Johnson wearing boxing gloves and in a fighting stance. Johnson, who was born on the island in 1878, held the world title from 1908 to 1915. He died in 1946 in North Carolina.

Johnson had relationships with white women and racial resentment boiled over in 1910 after he defeated white boxer Jim Jeffries. Johnson later served time in prison for violating the Mann Act, which made it illegal to transport women across state lines for immoral purposes.

Congressional efforts to win a presidential pardon for Johnson failed in 2011.

### 3 detained after store standoff

BELLVILLE, Texas (AP) — Investigators say an apparent burglary attempt at a closed Southeast Texas grocery store has led to a standoff and three suspects arrested.

The incident happened early Wednesday at a business in Bellville, about 60 miles northwest of Houston. Police responded to an after-hours alarm and discovered the men breaking into a pharmacy area.

Police say the nearly two-hour standoff ended around 4 a.m. Wednesday when the suspects surrendered. One of the suspects who allegedly ingested something from the pharmacy was transported to a hospital to be checked.

Bellville police did not immediately provide further details.

Bellville is a town of about 4,000.

### Actress Whelchel says she has West Nile virus

FLOWER MOUND, Texas (AP) — Actress and CBS reality show "Survivor" contestant Lisa Whelchel says she's been diagnosed with West Nile virus.

The 49-year-old former star of the "The Facts of Life" television show used Facebook and Twitter to announce her illness.

Whelchel, who lives in the Dallas suburb of Flower Mound, said a doctor called her Tuesday with blood test results. She says she's "fine, just tired" and expects to take a year to fully recover.

Whelchel is competing on this year's "Survivor" program, which was taped in the Philippines. She has not said where or when she believes she contracted the West Nile virus.

### Saudi man gets life in prison in U.S. bomb plot

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — A former Texas college student from Saudi Arabia was sentenced to life in prison Tuesday for trying to make a bomb for use in a religious attack, possibly targeting a former U.S. president.

Khalid Ali-M Aldawsari was sentenced in Amarillo, where jurors convicted him in June of attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction. Prosecutors say he had collected bomb-making material in his apartment and researched possible targets, including the Dallas home of former President George W. Bush. A handwritten journal found in his apartment included notes that he believed it was time for "jihad," a Muslim term for holy war.

Although the 22-year-old Aldawsari apologized Tuesday for "these bad actions," Judge Donald E. Walter said the evidence against him was overwhelming. Walter acknowledged he was conflicted due to Aldawsari's youth and signs that outside influences had led him astray.

"But the bottom line is that but by the grace of God there would be dead Americans," Walter said. "You would have done it."

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# Fate of pets adds to stress of storm survivors

By VERENA DOBNIK

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Kate and Warren Sherwood had to think quickly about what to take when Superstorm Sandy's surge flooded their barrier island and caused five houses on their block to burn to the ground. Luckily for their two black cats, Schwartz and Scooter, their pets were a priority.

But the narrow escape wasn't the end of the road for the felines. Their owners took refuge at a hotel that didn't accept cats.

"We sneaked them in and put a 'do not disturb' sign on the door — pretending we're on our honeymoon," said Warren Sherwood, 56, a systems analyst. "But after three days, they got restless and starting meowing."

The couple ended up having to take them to a shelter set up in a gym near their hometown of Long Beach, N.Y.

Entwined with the human costs of the storm, which killed more than 100 people and caused billions of dollars in damage, is another significant toll — that of the cherished pets that died or were left behind as families fled for their lives, adding in many cases to feelings of displacement and trauma.

Some find it hard to understand why animals are a key concern in disasters engulfing human lives, but owners feel an attachment and responsibility to their pets, said Niki Dawson, director of disaster services for the Humane Society of the United States.

"There's such a strong bond between people and animals that people will put their lives at risk not to leave a pet behind," Dawson said. "So they stay, even when they're told to evacuate, and that puts first responders going back for them at risk."

Owners have recounted tales of a dog swimming through flooded streets and extra food left behind for a tarantula no one was willing to take in.

In New York City and on Long Island, the ASPCA has rescued more than 300 animals and treated or provided supplies to about 13,000, working with government and private animal welfare agencies, said spokeswoman Emily Schneider.

City shelters took in about 400 animals along with their families in the first days after Sandy, Schneider said. There are now more than 100 in shelters with their owners, and a mobile animal medical clinic is cruising decimated neighborhoods in the Rockaway areas of Queens and on Staten Island.

In New Jersey, the Humane Society deployed dozens of first responders using mobile units and boats to bring in about 60 displaced animals each day on the barrier islands hit by the storm.

Two weeks after Sandy made landfall, followed a week later by a nor'easter, search-and-rescue teams were led by Animal Care & Control of NYC, a city-contracted nonprofit responding to hotline calls about pets in distress. Callers are owners forced to leave animals behind or unable to care for them, or people who see them wandering in hard-hit areas.

A Manhattan shelter takes in animals round the clock, hoping for owners to show up. And social media teams scour the Internet for reports of lost pets, helping reunite them with owners.

Rescuing animals is mandatory under federal law, which requires local and state governments to include plans for pets in emergency procedures. Federal Emergency Management Agency funds go toward the welfare of animals in disaster zones.

New York City's human shelters are required to accept pets, and so are taxis and public transportation.

More than 200 dogs, cats and other pets from a devastated area of Long Island are being sheltered in the gymnasium of a community college, set up by the North Shore Animal League America, the nation's largest no-kill rescue and adoption organization. Many, like the Sherwoods' Schwartz and Scooter, belong to owners in nearby shelters and hotels.

"We're ridiculously stressed out; we're freaked out," Warren Sherwood said. "But I'd do anything in the world for these people who are keeping our cats alive."

Also among the pets in the gym is Emma, a Manchester terrier who swam to safety through flooded streets in Freeport on Long Island, while its owners carried their cats above the water, plus some clothes they grabbed at the last minute.

"We lost our house. It's submerged," said Mark Swing, who fled with his girlfriend as the tides rose. "All we got out was our four cats and the dog,

except for a few changes of clothes."

The 8-year-old terrier was "a little tired, but fine," said Swing, 48, a contractor who was in a Red Cross shelter.

Cats and dogs weren't the only pets rescued from the storms.

"We're finding chinchillas, guinea pigs, rabbits, reptiles, birds," Dawson said.

There are stories of pets whose fates remain unknown, like gerbils and a tarantula left behind by a teenage boy whose Staten Island home has been deemed uninhabitable.

His aunt in Brooklyn agreed to take in the gerbils, but no one wanted the hairy tarantula. The teen left it behind with lots of food — in hopes the spider could be retrieved later.

Transport trailers distributed pet food and supplies like crates, leashes and litter from a warehouse in Queens set up days before Sandy descended, said the Humane Society's Schneider. Tons of food donated by manufacturers is being trucked in.

Celebrity chef Rachael Ray is donating \$500,000 to the ASPCA to help pets and families struggling to rebound from Sandy. She said her pet food brand, Nutrish, is also shipping 4 tons of wet and dry dog food for Sandy animals, and her Yum-o organization is donating \$100,000 to City Harvest and the Food Bank for New York City.

The ASPCA will use the money to lease a build-

ing to board Sandy animals until their owners can take care of them.

It will likely be months before any estimates are available as to how many pets might have died or were lost during New York's double storms. And like their owners, many animals that survived won't go home anytime soon.

Dawson said she has seen people stuck in shelters, wearing donated clothing, with no idea when they'll go home. But when they turn to their dog or cat, "their faces light up."

And that, she says, is why animals matter amid a human disaster.

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#### TODAY

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#### 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, Boys, 6:30 p.m. Girls at Lamesa, 6 p.m.

• Monahans at Forsan, Girls — 6 p.m., Boys — 7:30 p.m.

• Coahoma at Grape Creek, Girls, 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.

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 237, or e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com



Courtesy photo/Valerie Avery

Grady's Ellyn Avery drives down the court during Tuesday's 56-54 win over Forsan. The Lady Buff's Rachel Haggard and Brittany Hergert are defending. Grady will travel to Midland Christian on Saturday and Forsan will face Monahans at home on Friday.

## Local basketball roundup

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

Football is winding down and the colder weather is setting in. It must be basketball season.

The Big Spring boys cleaned up, winning at the freshmen, junior varsity and varsity levels against Forst Stockton. The 9<sup>th</sup> graders dominated 39-3, the JV squad won convincingly, routing their opponents 65-19 and the varsity team defeated the Panthers 64-29 to begin the season with a win.

11-out-of-12 players on court on varsity, including Tavaris Walker, who scored 11 points and had three assists, Trent Thomas with 10 points and two rebounds and Ty Sealy with eight points

and nine rebounds.

"They played really well," Varsity Head Coach Cliff Thompson said. "All three teams had decisive victories."

Odessa High narrowly defeated the varsity girls squad, 33-30. Dyrshae Vanderbilt led the Lady Steers with 13 points.

The Forsan Lady Buffaloes lost a close game to Grady after a second-half rally by Forsan fell short. The Lady Wildcats won 56-54.

Grady's Cayley Opegard put up 22 points and Ellyn Avery had 20, leading Grady in points scored. Leading the Lady Buffs was Ali Knight with 156 points.

The Coahoma boys open their

season Monday, but the girls (0-3) played Reagan County on Tuesday, opening the season with a 58-54 loss. Kaeli Yager and Devin Martin each scored 12 points, Kyla Clanton accounted for 10, Savannah Neff 8 and Julia Castilaw 5.

"The girls played extremely hard and we put ourselves in a great position to win the game," Head Coach Paul Hartman said. "We are improving with each game and are working very hard each day."

Contact Sports Editor Brian McCormack at 263-7331 ext. 237 or by e-mail at sports@bigspringherald.com

## Spurs push past Los Angeles 84-82

GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — The San Antonio Spurs' final offensive play was smartly drawn and precisely executed, ending in a clutch jumper by Danny Green.

The Lakers' final play? Well, 7-foot Pau Gasol ended up shooting a 3-pointer.

While coach Mike D'Antoni is on his way to Los Angeles with new schemes and strategies, Gregg Popovich and the Spurs are headed out of town with an outstanding start to the season.

Green hit the go-ahead 3-pointer with 9.3 seconds left, Tony Parker scored 19 points and the Spurs beat Los Angeles 84-82 Tuesday night in the Lakers' first loss since firing Mike Brown.

Tim Duncan had 18 points and 11 rebounds for the Spurs, who improved the Western

Conference's best record to 7-1 thanks to Green's third 3-pointer of the night. The Spurs executed perfectly when facing a one-point deficit, with Duncan helping Kawhi Leonard get the ball to Green.

"(Popovich) drew up a play and said, 'If you're open, catch it and shoot it,'" Green said. "When he draws plays for the young guys like myself, it's very rare and very surprising. You don't expect it. It's only my third year here, so for him to draw up a play for me, there was a lot of pressure on me. But you take the shot with the confidence he gives you."

The Lakers are hoping to have that feeling when D'Antoni arrives, likely for practice Thursday. Interim coach Bernie Bickerstaff ran the team

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## Tannehill eager to bounce back against Buffalo after 37-3 loss

STEVEN WINE

AP Sports Writer

DAVIE, Fla. — Ryan Tannehill's best play of late was a tackle, which for a quarterback is not good.

Tannehill's teammates were still laughing Tuesday about his touch-down-saving, open-field stop of linebacker Zach Brown, which was the best moment for the Miami Dolphins in their 37-3 loss to Tennessee.

"Ryan showed some speed," tight end Anthony Fasano said. "He wrapped his arms around him and kind of twisted him down. It was impressive. Maybe we should get him on some special teams."

That won't happen. Tannehill will keep concentrating on quarterbacking, especially this week as the Dolphins (4-5) prepare to play Thursday night at Buffalo (3-6).

The rookie hopes to rebound from his worst performance since the season opener. Tannehill threw three interceptions Sunday against the Titans, including one returned for a score and another that forced him to corral Brown

with Miami trailing 34-3.

"I shouldn't be making the tackle; that's my fault to begin with," he said, flashing a sheepish grin. "At that point there was a lot of adrenaline and anger built up, so it's not too hard."

The drubbing was the worst endured by Tannehill as a quarterback since high school. All came in close games.

Not that Tannehill was the lone culprit. A collective meltdown resulted in the Dolphins' worst home loss since 1968, which made them glad they must wait only until Thursday for another game.

"It's a good thing for us," Tannehill said. "We can spin it into a positive. We had a tough game and we have to bounce back quickly. We can't sit around and mope."

Dolphins coaches are optimistic Tannehill will resume making the steady progress he had showed. His passer rating of 98.3 in October ranked seventh in the NFL, and he had a streak of 107 throws without an interception before the flurry of turnovers

against the Titans.

"He is doing amazingly well for a rookie," Bills coach Chan Gailey said. "He is still learning and growing as a quarterback, but he has done a good job thus far."

Tannehill is well aware there's room for more growth. He ranks last among all starters in the league with five touchdown passes, trailing even Tennessee backup Matt Hasselbeck. Tannehill is 29th in passer rating, and he's still learning how costly turnovers can be.

All nine of Tannehill's interceptions have come in defeats. In the four games they've won, he hasn't had a single pass picked off.

"You have to learn from your mistakes, but you can't dwell on them," he said. "You've got to look forward."

In assessing the interceptions against Tennessee, Tannehill said there was no common thread. All came on third down and none came against a blitz, but the Titans' coverage was different each time.

One ball was tipped. One was thrown into tight coverage. The last came during garbage

time.

Afterward, teammate Reggie Bush offered words of encouragement.

"I told him these types of games build character," Bush said.

"They are going to make him stronger in the long run, and you need these types of games, especially as a rookie."

Tannehill declined to use his health as an excuse, but he hasn't been rolling out or scrambling as much since leaving a game against the New York Jets two weeks ago with left knee and thigh injuries.

"I'm just starting to get back to 100 percent," he said. "I feel really good this week."

The former college receiver's mobility is one of his strengths, and a concern for the Bills.

"He's a guy who can get out of that pocket and run," Buffalo linebacker Nick Barnett said.

"And when he runs, he's still looking downhill for his target. He has done a lot of good things this year as a rookie. And our job is to make him look like a rookie instead of a vet."

## Melvin, Johnson named Managers of the Year

BEN WALKER

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Young rosters, small budgets, limited expectations.

No matter. Bob Melvin of the Oakland Athletics and Washington's Davey Johnson won big right away and were chosen as managers of the year Tuesday after guiding their teams to huge turnaround seasons.

Melvin beat out Baltimore's Buck Showalter for the AL honor in a close vote by a Baseball Writers' Association of America panel. In his first full season with Oakland, the rookie-laden A's made a 20-game improvement, finished 94-68 and stunned just about everyone by winning the AL West with baseball's lowest payroll.

Still, the unassuming skipper was surprised to win.

"Absolutely shocked. I mean, Buck had such a great year," Melvin said on MLB Network.

Johnson was an easy choice for the NL prize after the Nationals — who had never enjoyed a winning season — posted the best record in the majors and made their first playoff appearance.

Johnson, who turns 70 in January, was honored for the second time. He was tabbed as the AL's top manager in 1997, hours after he resigned from the Orioles in a feud with owner Peter Angelos.

This time, Johnson will get a while to enjoy the accolade.

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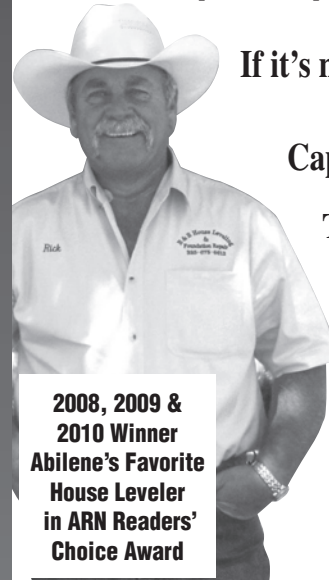
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Grass Greener on Other Side of Sagittarian Moon

On the heels of yesterday's new moon and total solar eclipse, the Sagittarius moon rules this fresh beginning. There's a global consciousness and a wandering spirit that accompany this lunar transit. Whether you think the world is big or small, you're likely to find wonder in its size and scope during this adventurous cycle.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Old people are just as happy as younger people, if not more. So why fear age? The effects of years? Trust that they will be good to you, and allow yourself to develop naturally without worry.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You have a story to tell to anyone who stops to talk to you. Some might even say that you've perfected the art of storytelling. This is a skill that will take you far.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Your guiding planet changed stations yesterday, urging you to make positive conclusions about what has happened to you. Because you see the upside, you'll continue to experience it.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Absolutely everything has an associated risk. Not only do risk-takers win, but you absolutely cannot win unless you are willing to take a risk. Evening will



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reveal to you the perfect partner.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). It is not necessary to understand the complexities. Just knowing that much work went into the reality of a situation and all for many reasons will be enough for now.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You want to be with friends and family, and ideally this would happen on your own terms. Except that it won't. The get-together will be born out of the flexibility of everyone involved.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If everyone wants it their way and no one is willing to give in, the only possible outcome is disappointment on all fronts. Tolerance is an underrated virtue and one that keeps people together.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You may find yourself searching outside of yourself for the strength to continue on in a project or relationship. But the world can't offer this fuel. It's something you can only get from a fire within.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It takes two flints to make a fire, two to tango and two to make a thing go right. You'll find yourself wondering whether there's anything worth doing that you could accomplish with only one. Hint: There is!

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's been said that misery loves company, but the truer statement is that misery loves a nurse. Unless you are qualified, don't walk willingly into a situation where someone is obviously infirm.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Maybe the reason you struggle to say certain words is that they are not entirely accurate. You'll find more fitting words after you've given some thought to what is really true.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). If you choose to share your opinions, your dear ones will either find your level of insight astounding, or they will feel stripped of their defenses and become incensed.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Nov. 14). The year is marked by your high ideals and level of personal responsibility. Because you're committed to doing things in the right way, you'll be noticed and promoted in an arena that matters to you. Family celebrates you in December. January drops fresh fun into your life. Invest in new business this March. Capricorn and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 31, 2, 35, 38 and 19.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I'm a Scorpio. You wrote that honesty is liberating for Scorpions, and I've been practicing radical honesty lately. I love it. I told my sister that her stories are boring, my mom that her cornbread is dry and my girlfriend that I liked her old haircut better. Guess what! My sister won't talk to me, my girlfriend broke up with me, and my mom is making me get my own food. If honesty is so great, why does everyone hate it except me? Should I just go back to pretending?"

Sharing your negative opinions is

honesty for amateurs — and for total jerks. Anyone can point out people's flaws and tear down their mood and self-esteem. A person of good character is usually looking for (and finding!) something nice to say that will build people up. As for the liberating kind of honesty, it's usually something that starts with you telling the truth to yourself. For instance, maybe you can look deep into your own heart and psyche and ask: What is it that's really bothering me that I would want to alienate the people who love me in this way? You may find the answer to that question liberating indeed.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** "Transformers" star and former fashion model Josh Duhamel is a sizzling Scorpio born when the moon was in Aquarius, the sign of technology. Besides being technologically savvy, Aquarius moon people are usually philanthropic to the extreme. Duhamel supports a wide range of causes, including help for displaced polar bears, disaster victims and those in need of medical care.

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Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** Recently, my husband mentioned that he wanted to get together with some friends for a project. I encouraged him to invite the guys to our home to work on it. I thought it would be a few hours, but it ended up taking well over 12. They arrived early in the morning and stayed until

late that night, taking over our living room.

I suggested in private to my husband that he should have wrapped things up by late afternoon. The project is for fun. It's not like they had a deadline for work.

It is also designed to continue on a weekly basis for the next six months, so committing to only a portion of the day would not have made much difference.

My husband, however, is a people pleaser and didn't feel he could ask his friends to leave before they wanted to. Would it be wise to discuss a lax but scheduled time of arrival and departure with them in the future, or am I being unfair to suggest that the party should move elsewhere after 10 hours?

I want my husband and his friends to feel comfortable in our home, but I also don't want my house invaded for such a long period of time. — East Coast

**Dear East Coast:** It is always wise to discuss time constraints in advance, particularly when overstaying annoys you so much. Some wives would have no objection to a 12-hour marathon. They would occupy themselves elsewhere, and this is one option for you. But please discuss reasonable limits with your husband, allowing yourself to be the "bad guy" in order for him to ask his friends to leave when you've had enough. There is no point creating ill will with one's spouse if it could easily be avoided.

**Dear Annie:** My husband has been put on the lung transplant list, and we are praying and waiting. Please remind your readers about donating their organs. They only need to mark the back of their driver's licenses. Many people are desperate for a lung, and my husband's time is getting shorter. — Vermont

**Dear Vermont:** People are also desperately waiting for kidneys, livers, hearts and corneas. We urge all of our readers to consider the gift of being an organ donor.

**Dear Annie:** I'd like to add another take to "Not a Fan of the Big Gulp." I

agree that a Big Gulp is probably a little over the top. However, I always bring my own canned soda to my family's parties.

You see, I am a recovering alcoholic with 24 years of sobriety. Sadly, my family members cannot be trusted not to add liquor to whatever is served. My sponsor suggested that I bring my own drink and keep it with me at all times. One can then be certain that alcohol-free drinks are neither tampered with nor inadvertently mixed with alcoholic drinks.

At a bridal shower for my nephew's fiancée, I brought my own soda. As I was leaving, my sister took me aside and told me that our niece had spiked the lemonade with vodka so people would "loosen up." I was shocked and angry that this 37-year-old niece would pull such a juvenile and dangerous trick. Aside from my sobriety, she never considered that some guests may have been taking medication that could be lethal in combination with alcohol. — Recovering Drunk

**Dear Recovering:** We are certain that etiquette would give you a pass. We also heard from someone whose well water was tainted. But in

most instances, it is rude to bring your own beverage to occasions where there is a variety served. And it is never appropriate to bring a Big Gulp.

**Dear Annie:** I am one of 13 siblings. Both of our parents have been sick for the past four years. At one time, we had a family meeting, and everyone agreed to pay \$20 a week for a caregiver, since we all worked. But slowly, my siblings started to bail out. The first to go was their favorite (and ungrateful) daughter.

Dad died three months ago. It was hard on those of my sisters who gave up their weekends to care for their folks and put their families on the back burner in order to do the right thing by our parents. Meanwhile, the ungrateful daughter and another sister were listed as beneficiaries on Dad's life insurance policy. We talked to them about leaving the money to Mom, who needed it, and suggested they give her at least half. One sister did. The other, however, pocketed all of it.

How can she live with herself? Why are some siblings so selfish? What can we do? — Saddened Sibling

**Dear Sibling:** We can't explain why some kids turn out the way they do. The psychological factors

are too numerous to mention. Unfortunately, you cannot force your sister to return any of the money or to be gracious enough to give it to Mom. Chalk it up to a frustrating and sad loss, not only of the money, but also of your closeness to your sister.

**Dear Annie:** My heart goes out to "In the Middle." We, too, have a grossly overweight daughter and have tried every way we know to help her. I have paid for just about every diet there is, only to find her cheating. It kills me to see her this way. She is the most beautiful girl and has a heart to match.

She is now 35 and still can't see what she is doing to herself. She has three children and teaches kindergarten. She nearly lost her job because she could not bend down to the children's level. She is often at the doctor's office. Her knees ache, and she can't walk very far, but no physician has said a thing about her weight.

I know we must let her lead her own life, but I

can't stand to hear her complain about her knees and then find candy wrappers all over the house. We are so afraid she may end up with diabetes, heart disease and who knows what else. A parent never gives up on their child, no matter what. — We Are There and It Hurts

**Dear Hurts:** It is not "giving up" to allow your daughter to see that she is responsible for her own health. All you can do is love her as she is for as long as you can.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to [anniesmailbox@comcast.net](mailto:anniesmailbox@comcast.net), or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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ANSWERS

5	1	7	3	6	2	9	8	4
2	6	8	4	9	7	3	5	1
3	4	9	5	1	8	6	2	7
9	7	5	1	2	4	8	6	3
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4	2	6	9	8	3	7	1	5
8	9	4	6	3	1	5	7	2
7	5	2	8	4	9	1	3	6
6	3	1	2	7	5	4	9	8

Legals

NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY

On the 30th day of October, 2012 Kind of Animal: Horse Breed: Quarter Color: Brown Age: 2 Size: 900 lbs Brand, Earmark, Identifying Characteristics, under skin chip information. And, On The 1st Day of November, 2012, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray in the Estray Book of Howard County, Texas. I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Howard County, Texas, for the owner of said estray, and contacted local owner of the estray fowl but the search did not reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 26th day of November, 2012, said estray will be sold at public auction/Sheriff's Sale at 3605 East 11th. Witness my hand this 1st day of November 2012. Deputy Sheriff of Howard County Texas #7562 November 11 & 14, 2012

Legals

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

5		7						9
	6	8		9	7	3		
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	9		6		1			7
		2	8	4		1	3	
		1				4		8

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Best Way to Skin a Cat

North dealer. North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**

♠ A Q 9 5  
♥ A 8 4  
♦ J 10  
♣ Q 7 4 3

**WEST**

♠ 7 3  
♥ K J 10 5  
♦ 8 6 5 2  
♣ K 10 2

**EAST**

♠ 6 4  
♥ 9 6 3 2  
♦ K 7 4 3  
♣ A 8 6

**SOUTH**

♠ K J 10 8 2  
♥ Q 7  
♦ A Q 9  
♣ J 9 5

The bidding:

North East South West  
1♣ Pass 1♠ Pass  
2♣ Pass 4♣

Opening lead — two of diamonds.

**Declarer often cannot overcome** a bad lie of the adverse cards and so has no choice but to hope that they will be divided favorably. But there are also times when he can succeed despite an unlucky distribution, and these are the times that test his mettle.

**Consider this deal** where West leads a diamond against four spades, declarer winning East's king with the ace. South sees four potential losers — three clubs and a heart — and

immediately starts looking for a way to eliminate one of them.

**One possibility**, after drawing trumps, is to lead a low heart from dummy toward his queen. If East has the king and takes it, South will eventually get rid of a club loser on the ace; if East does not take his king, he loses it.

**Another possibility** is to attack clubs by leading a low one toward dummy's queen. If the queen loses to East's king or ace, South will still have the J-9 left and can later lead a club from dummy toward his hand and perhaps score a club trick.

**As the cards lie**, neither of these approaches succeeds against best defense, and South would go down one. However, declarer can assure the contract if he plays correctly. After drawing trumps, he cashes the Q-9 of diamonds, discarding a heart from dummy, and then plays the ace and another heart.

**This leaves South** firmly in the driver's seat. The defender who wins the second heart with the king will have to yield a ruff-and-discard or else lead a club, establishing a club trick for declarer.

**The suggested method of play** totally eliminates the luck factor that appears to exist when dummy first comes down.

Tomorrow: Ultrasane insanity.

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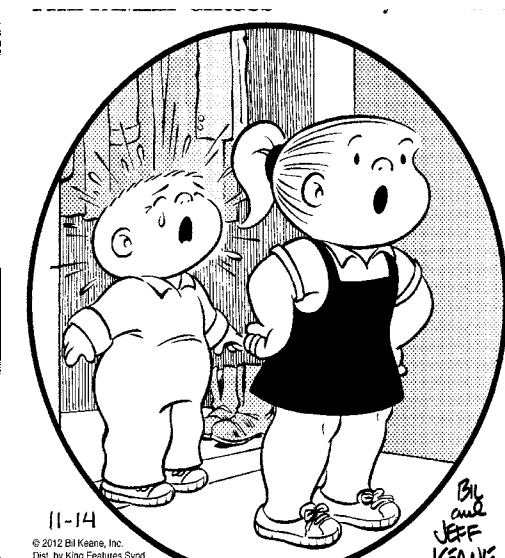
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**DENNIS THE MENACE**



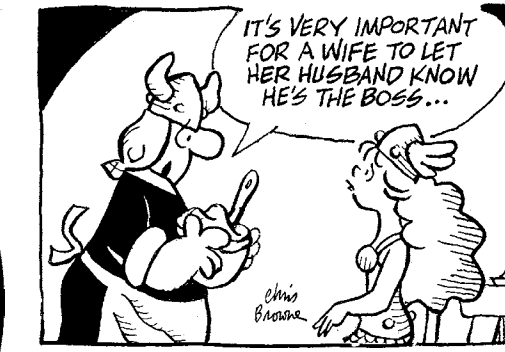
"FORGET THE LACTOSE, MARTHA. I THINK I'M DENNIS-INTOLERANT."

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**



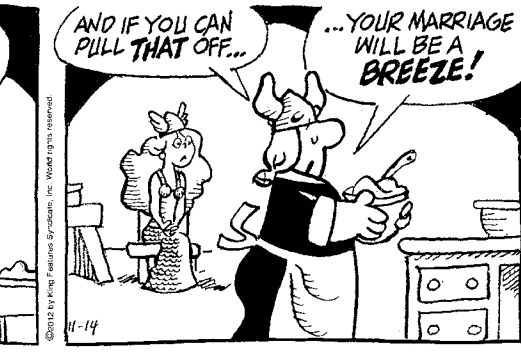
"Mommy! Will you help PJ hide? He always hides here and gets mad when I find him."

**HAGAR**



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**BLONDIE**



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THE VASTNESS OF THE UNIVERSE REALLY PUTS THINGS INTO PERSPECTIVE. OUR DAILY WORRIES AND MENIAL CONCERNS ARE SO TRIVIAL - SO MEANINGLESS. YOU DON'T HAVE THE 20 BUCKS YOU OWE ME, DO YOU? CASE IN POINT.

**WIZARD OF ID**



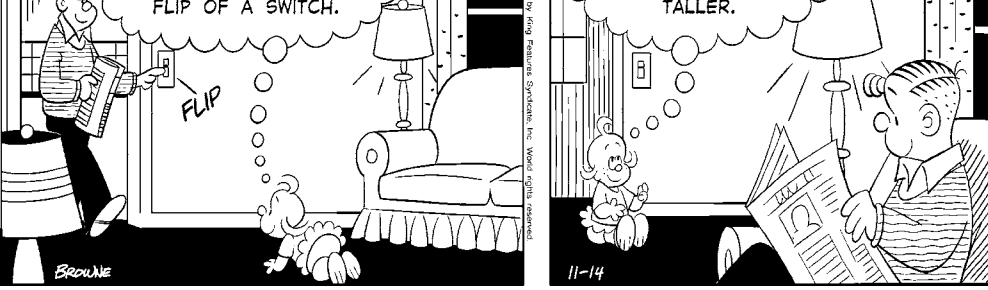
NOW, THIS NEXT INCANTATION IS TRICKY... GET IT RIGHT, AND YOUR ACNE IS GONE! GET IT WRONG, HOWEVER, AND YOU OPEN A PORTAL TO HADES. HOWDY-HO, NEIGHBOR! TAKE NOTE... MORE PARIKA.

**AGNES**



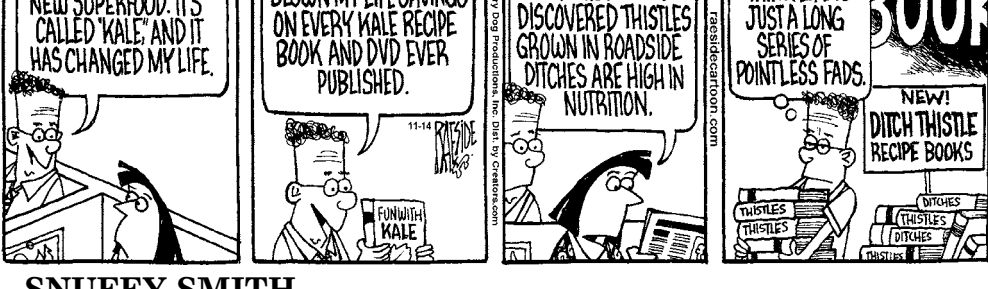
I LEARNED MY FIRST ACCORDIAN SONG! UH... GREAT! NO NEED TO PROVE IT. I BELIEVE YOU. IT'S NO PROBLEM, REALLY. IT'S CALLED "ERUPTION." EDDIE VAN HALEN WROTE IT IN AN ATTEMPT TO BRING POLKA TO LA IN THE EIGHTIES. I HAVE TO PUT ON MY NOSE GUARD... THE BELLOWNS REALLY GETS TO FLAPPIN' ON THIS ONE!

**HI AND LOIS**



IT'S AMAZING HOW LIGHTS GO ON AND OFF WITH THE FLIP OF A SWITCH. I'LL BE DOING LOTS OF FLIPPING WHEN I GET TALLER.

**THE OTHER COAST**



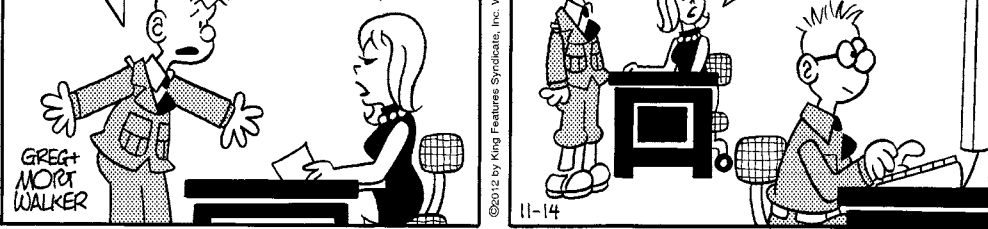
VICKY, I'M ON A BRAND-NEW SUPERFOOD. IT'S CALLED 'KALE' AND IT HAS CHANGED MY LIFE. I'M SO INTO KALE I'VE BLOWN MY LIFE SAVINGS ON EVERY KALE RECIPE BOOK AND DVD EVER PUBLISHED. IT SAYS HERE THAT SCIENTISTS HAVE DISCOVERED THAT THISTLES GROWN IN ROADSIDE DITCHES ARE HIGH IN NUTRITION. I SOMETIMES THINK LIFE IS JUST A LONG SERIES OF POINTLESS FADS.

**SNUFFY SMITH**



DON'T EXTRA, ELVINEY, LI'L TRIXIE IS TH' LAST PUPPY !! I'LL FIND A HOME FER HER SOON !! SHE'S TH' PICK O' TH' LITTER, LUKEY !! SHE'S STAYIN' RIGHT HERE WIF US AN' I DON'T WANNA HEAR NO ARGUMENTS !!

**BEEBLE BAILEY**



I TRIED CALLING THE GENERAL BUT GOT A GUY IN INDIA. I KNOW. HE HAD GIZMO OUTSOURCE ALL YOUR CALLS.

**This Date In History**

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 14, the 319th day of 2012. There are 47 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 14, 1862, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln gave the go-ahead for Maj. Gen. Ambrose Burnside's plan to capture the Confederate capital of Richmond; the resulting Battle of Fredericksburg proved a disaster for the Union.

On this date:

In 1851, Herman Melville's novel "Moby-Dick; Or, The Whale" was first published in the United States.

In 1881, Charles J. Guiteau went on trial for assassinating President James A. Garfield. (Guiteau was convicted and hanged the following year.)

In 1889, inspired by Jules Verne, New York World reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochrane) set out to travel around the world in less than 80 days. (She made the trip in 72 days.)

Jawaharlal Nehru (juh-wah-hahr-LAHL' NAY'-roo), the first prime minister of independent India, was born.

In 1910, Eugene B. Ely became the first aviator to take off from a ship as his Curtiss pusher rolled off a sloping platform on the deck of the scout cruiser USS Birmingham off Hampton Roads, Va.

In 1922, the British Broadcasting Co. began its domestic radio service.

In 1940, during World War II, German planes destroyed most of the English town of Coventry.

In 1944, Tommy Dorsey and his orchestra recorded "Opus No. 1" for RCA Victor.

In 1969, Apollo 12 blasted off for the moon.

In 1970, a chartered Southern Airways DC-9 crashed while trying to land in Huntington, W.Va., killing all 75 people on board, including the Marshall University football team and its coaching staff.

In 1972, the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above the 1,000 level for the first time, ending the day at 1,003.16.

In 1986, the Securities and Exchange Commission imposed a \$100 million penalty against inside-trader Ivan F. Boesky and barred him from working again in the securities industry.

In 1997, a jury in Fairfax, Va., decided that Pakistani national Aimal Khan Kasi (eye-MAHL' kahn KAH'-see) should get the death penalty for gunning down two CIA employees outside agency headquarters.

Today's Birthdays: Former U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali is 90. Actress Kathleen Hughes is 84. Former MLB All-Star Jimmy Piersall is 83. Former NASA astronaut Fred Haise is 79. Jazz musician Ellis Marsalis is 78. Writer P.J. O'Rourke is 65. Zydeco singer-musician Buckwheat Zydeco is 65.

Answer to previous puzzle

BRAC	SCAMS	BALM
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OATS	ATALL	OOFS
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NATO	COMETO	TOO
SCOTS	RED	INERT
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	BOARDING	PASS
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AGOG	TOKEN	EDIT
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**Newsday Crossword**

LAUGH TRACK by Norma Steinberg Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
1 Covered with concrete	1 DC lobbying group
6 Watched secretly	2 In the past
11 That ship	3 Enthusiasm
14 Spry	4 Quarterback Manning
15 Officiate on Thanksgiving	5 State clearly
16 Heavy weight	6 Public commotion
17 Breaker of dramatic tension	7 Drained of color
19 Museum pieces	8 Part of the eye
20 Places to bowl	9 Preceding night
21 Wash out suds	10 Pays part of instrument
23 Abrasion	11 Large stringed instrument
26 More riled	12 Stallion
27 Way up or down	13 Key above shift
28 "Psst!"	18 Sings hip-hop
30 Rid (of)	22 Nuptial vow
31 Marina fillers	23 Den
32 Prof.'s degree, often	24 Library fixture of yore
35 Annexes	25 Fixes improperly
36 Far from kind	26 Ancient legend
37 On-line auctioneer	27 Bridge
38 Home of JFK Airport	28 Orchestra section
39 Fair outside	29 "A cinch!"
40 Talk too much	31 Group of renegades
41 Alters	33 Despises
43 Unpleasant sounds	34 Coloring agents
44 Bits of blossoms	36 Barbarians
46 Tender touch	37 Toledo's water
47 List of candidates	39 Opts for
48 Cook in the oven	40 Impersonate
50 Piercing tool	42 Something under a vase
51 Be silly	43 Curiosity launcher
	44 Biblical song
	45 The Princess Bride star
	46 Sweet stuff
	48 Lasso
	49 Had debts
	52 Caustic solution
	53 Lode contents
	54 Actress Thurman
	55 Likewise not
	56 AMA members



MoYs

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The Nationals announced this month that he will guide them in 2013, when he will be the oldest manager in the majors. He's set to leave the Washington dugout and become a team consultant in 2014.

"World Series or bust," Johnson said on MLB Network. "It's going to be my last year, anyway."

Melvin also became a two-time winner, having been chosen in 2007 with Arizona. He and Johnson joined Jim Leyland, Bobby Cox, Tony La Russa and Lou Piniella as the only managers to win the award in both leagues.

La Russa was the only other Oakland manager to earn the honor, in 1988 and 1992.

Melvin received 16 first-

place votes. Showalter got the other 12 after leading the wild-card Orioles to their first winning season since 1997, and Chicago White Sox first-year manager Robin Ventura finished third.

With five rookies in their starting rotation, the A's were one of baseball's biggest surprises this year — especially after trades, injuries and the suspension of veteran pitcher Bartolo Colon wreaked havoc with the roster. Oakland never panicked under Melvin's cool demeanor, rallying from 13 games back on June 30 and overtaking Texas in the final week to win the division.

The Athletics went 72-38 after June 1, the best record in the majors. They became the first team in big league history to come back from a deficit of at least five games with fewer than 10 remaining to win a division or pennant. The A's then lost in five games in the

first round of the playoffs to AL champion Detroit.

"We just tried to keep it day to day," Melvin said. "It's a credit to the guys each and every day going out there and just worrying about that particular day."

Johnson received 23 of the 32 first-place votes, while Dusty Baker of NL Central winner Cincinnati got five firsts and came in second. Bruce Bochy of the World Series champion San Francisco Giants got four firsts and was third.

Washington won its second major individual award, both in the past two days. Bryce Harper was voted NL Rookie of the Year on Monday.

Before the season, a confident Johnson declared that if the Nationals didn't win the NL East, he'd probably be fired. Washington went 98-64, taking over the division lead in late May and staying in first place the rest of the way.

Boosted by Harper, Cy Young Award candidate Gio Gonzalez and their fresh "Natitude," they brought postseason baseball to Washington for the first time since 1933.

"This award's really nice, but I look at the award as an organizational award," Johnson said. "Young players this year really stepped in when key players got hurt. ... We had a lot of young catchers come up and everybody really produced and it was just a remarkable year. Actually, I didn't think they over-achieved, they just played up to their ability."

The playoffs didn't go quite so well. Minus Stephen Strasburg — team execs decided the ace had pitched enough in his first "full" season following elbow surgery — Washington blew a 6-0 lead and lost the deciding Game 5 of the division series to St. Louis. Voting for the BBWAA awards was done

before the playoffs.

Johnson oversaw a diverse roster, one made up of young and old, Washington veterans and newcomers. A four-time All-Star, three-time Gold Glove winner, two-time World Series champion and the last big leaguer to get a hit off Sandy Koufax, Johnson spoke with a soft, raspy tone but always held his team's attention. He would occasionally raise his voice — he liked to holler "whack-o!" when the Nationals homered.

"Davey Johnson's legacy was secure well before he became our manager in 2011, but his performance this season has to rate among his best work," Nationals general manager Mike Rizzo said. "He showed this club how to win despite being engaged in a pennant race for the first time. And he accomplished this with so many young players."

SPURS

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for the third straight game, but the final play went poorly when they couldn't get the ball to Kobe Bryant, who had 28 points and eight rebounds.

After Gasol unsurprisingly missed just the 117th 3-point attempt of his 12-year NBA career, Tiago Splitter's hustle prevented the Lakers from controlling the rebound before the buzzer

sounded on Los Angeles' first game since hiring D'Antoni late Sunday night.

"It felt good when I released it, (but) it wasn't designed to go that way," Gasol said. "We're not discouraged by it in the situation we're in. We're looking forward to a new coach stepping in on Thursday and getting going. Hopefully I'll be closer to the basket next time."

Dwight Howard had 13 points and 15 rebounds for the Lakers, who dropped to 3-5 after com-

mitting 17 turnovers on a poor shooting night.

After the wholesale upheaval of the past five days, the Lakers found another kind of drama in their first game since the club surprisingly bypassed 11-time NBA champion Phil Jackson to hire D'Antoni, who is expected to arrive in Los Angeles on Wednesday. The Lakers' crowd cheered for Bickerstaff, but never broke out into the "We want Phil!" chants that occurred in their past two games.

The Lakers haven't

said when D'Antoni will formally take over the team, and Bickerstaff could still be running the bench Friday when the Phoenix Suns visit Staples Center.

And though Jackson has criticized the Lakers' handling of his candidacy, the players who had been eager to play for the Zen Master seem equally eager to line up for D'Antoni. Bryant and Steve Nash enthusiastically endorsed D'Antoni's hiring at the morning shootaround, with Bryant downplay-

ing the notion that the Lakers' defense would suffer during the offense-minded coach's tenure.

"We're playing much, much better," Bryant said.

"We're being much more aggressive on both ends of the floor. We're doing a good job communicating during the game, pushing guys and making them take tough shots."

Both teams struggled with poor shooting until the final minutes, when Antawn Jamison's 3-pointer from the corner put the Lakers ahead 78-77 with 2:10 to play.

Duncan reclaimed the lead with a jumper, but Gasol hit two free throws with 1:36 left and added an elbow jumper.

Duncan trimmed the lead to one point before Metta World Peace missed an open jumper in the final minute, leading to the timeout in which Popovich drew it up for Green.

"Pop ran a play for

Danny, and I think that was a great call, because Kobe always has a tendency to stay in the paint and think it's a play for me or for Timmy," Parker said.

"Then we finished it off with a great play defensively. Kawhi did a great job denying Kobe."

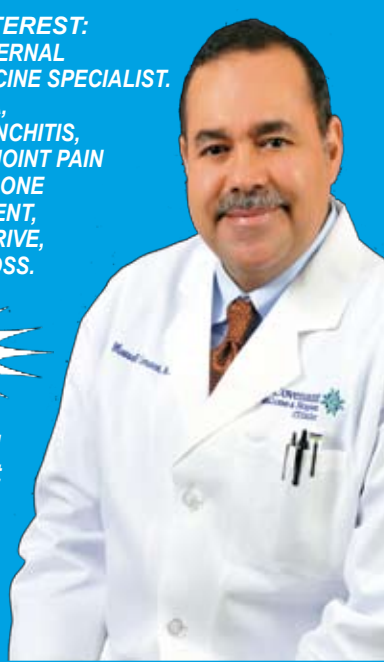
The Lakers played without point guard Steve Blake, who has a minor abdominal strain. Blake had started the Lakers' last five games in place of Nash, who will be out for another week or more with a small fracture in his leg.

Darius Morris had one point on 0-for-5 shooting in his first NBA start in Blake's place, while veteran backup Chris Duhon managed five points.

The Lakers played without a point guard down the stretch, with World Peace defending Parker while Bryant largely orchestrated the Lakers' offense.

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