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With Christmas fast approaching, many local homes are reflecting the holiday season, including this house on the 1500 block of Johnson.

Holiday decorations can be fun, but also deadly, Condray says

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Officials with the Big Spring Fire Department are knocking on wood, and with good reason. The seasonal upswing in the number of house fires the city of Big Spring and outlying areas normally see thanks to the holiday and colder weather has yet to arrive, according to Fire Marshal Carl Condray, but the good luck doesn't usually last. "Normally, when the weather



Condray

turns cold we see a big increase in the number of structure fires, caused mainly by people looking for ways to stay warm," said Condray. "However, we haven't seen that increase yet, and here we are going into December. It's a surprise, and certainly a good surprise, but I'd say the chances of it lasting are pretty slim."

Condray said the convergence

of three times of year — colder temperatures, the Thanksgiving holiday and decorating for Christmas — make for a dangerous situation.

"We really haven't had much cold weather, so there are still plenty of people who haven't used their heating systems or space heaters," Condray said. "When you add that to all of the decorating for the holiday, it can cause a pretty serious uptick in the

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Autopsy ordered on body

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Law enforcement officials say there are no outward indications what caused the death of a 39-year-old Big Spring man whose body was discovered in a field Friday afternoon in the southwest part of the city.

Daniel Gene Moses, 39, of Big Spring was pronounced dead at the scene by Howard County

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Items in '12 Days of Christmas' now top \$107K

By **KEVIN BEGOS**
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Add seven swans, six geese and five golden rings to the list of Christmas gifts that cost more than they did a year ago.

And if you get all 364 items repeated throughout "The Twelve Days of Christmas" carol, you'll pay 6.1 percent more this year, according to the so-called Christmas Price Index that PNC Wealth Management updates annually. That comes to \$107,300.



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Bounce houses a hit but injuries soar

By **LINDSEY TANNER**
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO — They may be a big hit at kids' birthday parties, but inflatable bounce houses can be dangerous, with the number of injuries soaring in recent years, a nationwide study found.

Kids often crowd into bounce houses, and jumping up and down can send other children flying into the air, too.

The numbers suggest 30 U.S. children a day are treated in emergency rooms for broken bones, sprains, cuts and concussions from bounce house accidents. Most involve children falling inside or out of the inflated playthings, and many children get hurt when they collide with other bouncing kids.

The number of children aged 17 and younger who got emergency-room treatment for bounce house injuries has climbed along with the

More than one-third of the injuries were in children aged 5 and younger.

popularity of bounce houses — from fewer than 1,000 in 1995 to nearly 11,000 in 2010. That's a 15-fold increase, and a doubling just since 2008.

"I was surprised by the number, especially by the rapid increase in the number of injuries," said lead author Dr. Gary Smith, director of the Center for Injury Research and Policy at Nation-

wide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

Amusement parks and fairs have bounce houses, and the playthings can also be rented or purchased for home use.

Smith and colleagues analyzed national surveillance data on ER treatment for nonfatal injuries linked with bounce houses, maintained by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Their study was published online Monday in the journal Pediatrics. Only about 3

percent of children were hospitalized, mostly for broken bones.

More than one-third of the injuries were in children aged 5 and younger. The safety commission recommends

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Obituaries

Wanda Jean Roman Owen



Funeral Services for Mrs. Wanda Jean Roman Owen, 77, will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2012, at First Baptist Church of Marble Falls with the Rev. Max Copeland officiating. Interment will immediately follow at Lakeland Hills Memorial Park in Burnet, Texas. The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Wanda Jean Roman Owen was born Feb. 6, 1935, in Lynn County, Texas, and passed to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday, Nov. 23, 2012, after a long and difficult bout with Parkinson's and Lewy Body Disease. Throughout her illness she exemplified grace, dignity and her twinkling blue eyes and genuine smile never failed.

Jean graduated from Knott High School in 1953 as valedictorian and graduated Magna Cum Laude from Hardin-Simmons University with a bachelor's of science in health and physical education. She received her master's of education from Southwest Texas State University in August 1966.

Jean began her teaching and coaching career in Mertzon, Texas, and taught in Seminole and Wall, Texas, as well as at Hardin-Simmons University before moving to Austin and coaching at Lanier and Austin High Schools. Coach Owen encouraged and led her teams to many district, bi-district and regional championships and state finals in basketball, volleyball, track and bowling. She was honored as Austin High School Teacher of the Year in 1986. She retired from teaching in 1992.

Jean married Robert E. Owen in 1961 and they were happily married until Bob passed away in 2005. She was a member of Austin Association of Teachers, TSTA, NEA, National Federation of High School Coaches and the Texas High School Coaches Association. Jean was a leader in fighting for the equal funding of women's athletics at all levels and in ensuring that Title Nine of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, enacted in June 1972, was upheld and applied to her students.

Outside of "school" she was a member of the Women's International Bowling Congress, Horseshoe Bay Women's Golf Association and numerous bowling teams, including the Austin Women's Bowling Association. After retirement, Jean worked with the First Baptist Church of Marble Falls Prison Ministry. She and her husband, Bob, were two of the founders of the Hope Sunday School Class and she was instrumental in finding creative, entertaining and fun party opportunities for the class.

Jean continued to golf and bowl, bowling in the women's seniors and team senior tournaments through the U.S. for many years. Jean's own words about herself are the best honor we can give her today. In her "Philosophy of Teaching" statement, she wrote, "A teacher/coach should be open-minded. She should use her heart as well as her head and have faith in people. She should believe in them, trust them and draw out the best in them while being able to accept with understanding their faults and shortcomings as well as recognizing her own deficiencies. The teacher/coach should have a sense of humor and not be a stuffed shirt. She should maintain discipline, but have a humble spirit and the ability to laugh at herself."

Jean was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Robert Owen; parents, Elbert Lee Roman and Laura Curry Roman; brothers, E.L. Roman II and Odell Roman; and sisters, Ruby Doris Roman Cheatham and husband Robert and Hildred Lynette Roman Rutledge and husband James.

She is survived by two brothers, Maxie Ray Roman and wife Karen and Don Dwaine Roman and wife Beth; sister, Judith Ann Roman Robbins; sister-in-law, Wanda Lee Roman; step-children, Marvin Owen and his family, Molly Owen and Mark Owen; many nieces and nephews; and many close friends. Special thanks and deep appreciation to Linda Fletcher, Jean's dear friend and teaching associate; Matilde McEachron, her companion and caregiver, and her husband Alfonso; Roger and Dot Foil of Horseshoe Bay; JW and MaryAnn Cradock of First Baptist Church; Tsachka Morag and Sandra McCrae, Holly Hale, former director of Cedar Ridge Alzheimer's Care Center and Odyssey Hospice and their wonderful staff for their unwavering encouragement, support, visits and love for Jean during her last years.

Please offer your condolences via the online guestbook at www.edgarfh.com. If desired, memorials in Jean's name can be made to the Hardin-Simmons University Women's Athletic Scholarship Fund, 2200 Hickory, Abilene, Texas 79698. Arrangements entrusted to Edgar Funeral Home, 2105 N. Highway 281, Marble Falls, Texas, 830-693-5808.

Paid obituary

Boyd Don Batla



Boyd Don Batla, 28, of San Antonio, formerly of Garden City died Friday, Nov. 23, 2012, in San Antonio. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2012, at the First Baptist Church of Big Spring. Interment will follow at Garden City Cemetery, Garden City, Texas.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2012, at the funeral home.

Survivors include his parents, Garry and Darla Batla of Garden City; two sisters, Misti White and husband Delvin and Kyendra Batla.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory, Big Spring, Texas.

Daniel Gene Moses

Daniel Gene Moses, 39, of Big Spring died Friday, Nov. 23, 2012. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Clifford Hale Jr.

Clifford Hale Jr., 85, of Big Spring died Saturday, Nov. 24, 2012, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- JARVIS LAMAR ALEXANDER, 31, of Lubbock, Texas, was arrested Sunday on five warrants from other agencies.
- RILEY ERIK WOOD, 20, of 605 Highland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a previous conviction.
- TERELL JACOBY DEMERSON, 19, of 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. (apartment number not provided), was arrested Sunday on warrants for consumption of alcohol by a minor and failure to appear.
- LUIS ALEJANDRO RAMOS, 24, of 1606 Cardinal, was arrested Sunday on charges of shoplifting – less than \$50 and public intoxication.
- DONTAE CARR, 31, of 3006 Cherokee, was arrested Sunday on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, no driver's license – when unlicensed and failure to appear (two counts).
- DANIEL LEE USSERY, 35, of 1800 S. Monticello, was arrested Sunday on a charge of theft – more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000 and a warrant from another agency.
- JOHNNY JORGE RODRIGUEZ JR., 23, of 2625 Ent Dr., was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency.
- CASEY GENE RICHTER, 24, of the 3500 block of Interstate Highway 20 (exact address not provided), was arrested Sunday on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct – language.
- CHRISTOPHER ALAN ACRI, 31, of 4105 Dixon, was arrested Sunday on a warrant for criminal mischief – more than \$500 and less than \$1,500.
- RONNIE CHAMBERLAIN, 25, of Hobbs, N.M., was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- BOBBY LEE TAYS, 21, of Rosebud, Texas, was arrested Sunday on charges of public intoxication and unlawfully carrying a weapon on alcohol premises.
- CODY BUCK BEASLEY, 24, of Archer City, Texas, was arrested Sunday on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon on alcohol premises.
- JOSEPH SHELDON HOOD, 50, of Snyder, Texas, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- DIANE CASTILLO, 41, of 1211 Wood, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 500 block of Jeffery Road.
- THEFT was reported in the 2900 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- BURGLARY OF A COIN OPERATED MACHINE was reported in the 800 block of W. FM 700.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 6300 block of E. Midway Road.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported: In the 300 block of N.W. 10th Street.
- In the 4200 block of Hamilton.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 66 inmates at the time of this report.
- CHARLES BAYARD ADAMS SR., 50, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication and a TDCJ Austin parole warrant.
- WENDALL CAMPBELL, 52, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check – more than \$20 and less than \$500 and motions to revoke probation for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance.
- TONY RAY KAPLAN, 49, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of illegal dumping.
- BRIAN JOE SOLIS, 21, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a municipal capias warrant for failure to yield at intersection.
- ASHLEY MARIE JENKINS, 23, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the Martin County Sheriff's Office on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and a Hill County warrant for bail jumping – failure to appear.
- ROBERT RUBIN SANCHEZ, 48, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROSALIE GUADALUPE AGUILAR, 55, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- TERRY WAYNE BLIESNER, 48, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a municipal capias warrant for no driver's license.
- BRETT RAMSEY, 39, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on charges of assault of a family or household member – impeding breathing or circulation and interfering with an emergency phone call.
- JOEL RAMOS, 28, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of miscellaneous – Class C.

- YRMA HILARIOS MARTINEZ, 53, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for expired motor vehicle inspection certificate.

- LUIS GARCIA JR., 18, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of hindering peace officer discharging official duties.

- TREVOR LOWELL WORTHINGTON, 46, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- HOLSTON BANKS III, 21, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

- DANIEL RAY LEWIS, 24, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

- CASEY GENE RICHTER, 24, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

- HENRY TREVINO FRANCO JR., 21, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for assault – family violence.

- APRIL DAWN JARAMILLO, 23, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on municipal warrants for hindering officers discharging official duties and failure to appear.

- JESSIE LOUIS SANCHEZ, 23, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

- TIFFANY ANN ELDER, 30, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for bondsman off bond – tampering/fabricating physical evidence with intent to impair and a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive – giving false information.

- JUDY L. ESTES, 50, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of service – more than \$20 and less than \$500 and a motion to revoke probation for burglary of a habitation.

- TERELL DEMERSON, 19, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage and failure to appear.

- BOBBY LEE TAYS, 21, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon on alcohol premises and public intoxication.

- CHRISTOPHER ALLAN ACRE, 31, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of criminal mischief – more than \$500 and less than \$1,500.

- RILEY ERIK WOOD, 20, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle with a previous conviction.

- CODY BUCK BEASLEY, 24, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon on alcohol premises.

- CASEY GENE RICHTER, 24, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of disorderly conduct – language and public intoxication.

- JARVIS ALEXANDER, 31, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on Lubbock County warrants for motor vehicle inspection, no driver's license, expired license plate, failure to appear and a capias warrant for domestic assault.

- JOSEPH SHELDON HOOD, 50, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid.

- LUIS ALEJANDRO RAMOS, 24, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and theft – less than \$50.

- RONNIE CHAMBERLAIN, 25, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

- RAJVINDER SINGH, 45, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- BILLY RAY WILSON JR., 26, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- DIANE CASTILLO, 41, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

- DONTAE RENELL CARR, 31, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on municipal capias warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, no driver's license and failure to appear (two counts).

- DANIEL LEE USSERY, 35, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on charges of issuance of a bad check and theft – more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000.

- KAREN KAY DURHAM, 52, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.

- VICTOR RIVERA, 45, was booked into the county detention center Monday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated – second offense.

- JOHNNY JORGE RODRIGUEZ JR., 23, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of open container.

- KERRY RYAN MILLS, 35, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Settles. Service refused.

- TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of N.W. 12th Street. Service refused.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAUMA was reported in the 800 block

Texas briefs

Texas Aggie ring lost in Wyoming returned to grad

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A Texas A&M-Galveston class ring lost at a snowy park in Wyoming has been returned to the 2012 graduate. Toni Chandler of Austin was devastated last December when the ring slipped off at Grand Teton National Park. The marine biology graduate says she made a snow angel, got up, removed her gloves to shake off and the ring flew from her hand. KXAN-TV reported Sunday that a couple from Cape Cod., Mass., visited the campsite last spring and found the ring. Barb Walsh spotted something shiny in the gravel. Chandler's name was engraved inside the ring but Walsh had little luck finding her. Walsh and her husband had friends over for dinner last week, including a retired law enforcement officer. His knowledge of investigating helped Walsh locate Chandler.

SUV driver killed in crash into Houston ambulance

HOUSTON (AP) — Investigators in Houston say an SUV driver has died and seven people were hurt after the vehicle hit a parked ambulance that was picking up a patient. Authorities say the patient and a relative plus five emergency responders were injured in the wreck early Monday. Houston Fire Department spokesman Jay Evans says the SUV struck the ambulance head-on. Evans says the patient was in the back of the ambulance and the relative was in the front seat. Both were transported to hospitals, along with the five injured emergency personnel. Further details on their conditions weren't immediately available. Authorities did not provide details on the original ailment of the patient picked up at a nearby home. The name of the SUV driver who died wasn't immediately released.

DAYS

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"The rise is larger than expected considering the modest economic growth we've had," said Jim Dunigan, managing executive of investments for PNC. He noted the government's Consumer Price Index has risen just 2 percent in the 12 months before September. Thrifty shoppers may find some reasons for cheer. Six items mentioned in the song haven't gone up in price: maids-a-milking, ladies

dancing, lords-a-leaping, calling birds, turtle doves and the partridge. The eight maids-a-milking still cost just \$58 because the minimum wage hasn't risen. Twelve drummers drumming (\$2,775.50) and eleven pipers piping (\$2,562) might also be considered relative bargains compared to seven swans, which will set you back \$7,000. Nine ladies dancing will cost you \$6,294.03. Dunigan said the 2011 drought caused the prices of some birds to soar, partly because of corn and other feed costs. "The geese were up

29.6 percent, and swans were up 11 percent," Dunigan said, adding that none of the gifts in the song went down in price this year. The price of a pear tree is \$189.99, an 11.8 percent jump from last year's \$169.99. Five gold rings jumped 16.3 percent this year, to \$750, and three French hens are now \$165, instead of \$150. The \$15 partridge is the cheapest item, and swans the most expensive, at \$1,000 each. Last-minute shoppers who turn to the Internet will pay a bit more for the gifts. Buying one

set of the core items in each verse costs \$24,431 in traditional stores this year, but \$40,440 online. Part of that difference is the extra expense of shipping live birds, Dunigan said, adding that Internet costs rose 1.5 percent compared to last year. PNC Financial Services Group Inc. checks jewelry stores, dance companies, pet stores and other sources to compile the list. Some of its sources this year include the National Aviary in Pittsburgh and the Philadelphia-based Pennsylvania Ballet Company.

FIRE

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number of fires. The most important thing we can do leading into this time of year is educate people and urge them to be very cautious." In addition to residents firing up their heating systems and space heaters for the first time this season, Condray said residents' choices in holiday decorations can play a vital role in keeping things safe and fun. "There are a lot of ways things can go wrong when you're decorating for the holiday, but there are steps you can

take to reduce the risk to yourself and your loved ones," said Condray. "One of the best we've seen so far this year is the use of the newer LED Christmas lights. They are cool burning and only use a fraction of the electricity. "In fact, you could decorate your whole house in LED lights, and the amount of electricity you'll use this holiday season will still be less than with just one string of regular incandescent bulbs." Regardless of what type of holiday lights you choose, Condray said there are some hard-fast rules residents should go by when they get ready to put them

up. "Only use indoor lights indoors and outdoor lights outdoors. And always look for the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) label," Condray advised. "Check lights for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires or loose connections. You should check them by setting them on a non-flammable surface and leaving them plugged in for 10 to 15 minutes to make sure they don't melt or smoke. Turn off all the lights on trees and decorations when you go to bed or leave the house. "When you're hanging the lights, be sure to keep them away from flammable materials

such as curtains, and make sure the cords aren't near any sources of water. Never connect more than three sets of light to an extension cord, and to prevent overheating, pinching and fraying cords, avoid running lights under rugs or behind furniture." Condray said another decoration many families will want to pay close attention to is their Christmas tree, as the holiday centerpiece can quickly turn into an instrument of woe if not handled properly. "Try to select a fresh tree by looking for one that is green. The needles of pines and spruces should bend and

not break and should be hard to pull off the branches," said Condray. "On fir species, a needle pulled from a fresh tree will snap when bent, much like a fresh carrot. Also, look for a trunk sticky with sap. "Cut off about two inches of the trunk and put the tree in a sturdy, water-holding stand. Keep the stand filled with water so the tree does not dry out quickly. Stand your tree away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources. Make sure

the tree does not block foot traffic or doorways. If you use an artificial tree, choose one that is tested and labeled as fire resistant. Artificial trees with built-in electrical systems should also have the UL label." *Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com*

BOUNCE

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against letting children younger than 6 use full-size trampolines, and Smith said barring kids that young from even smaller, home-use bounce houses would make sense. "There is no evidence that the size or location of an inflatable bouncer

affects the injury risk," he said. Other recommendations, often listed in manufacturers' instruction pamphlets, include not overloading bounce houses with too many kids and not allowing young children to bounce with much older, heavier kids or adults, said Laura Woodburn, a spokeswoman for the National Association of Amusement Ride Safety Officials. The study didn't include deaths, but some accidents are fatal. Separate data from the product safety commission show four bounce house deaths from 2003 to 2007, all involving children striking their heads on a hard surface. Several nonfatal accidents occurred last year when bounce houses collapsed or were lifted

by high winds. A group that issues voluntary industry standards says bounce houses should be supervised by trained operators and recommends that bouncers be prohibited from doing flips and purposefully colliding with others, the study authors noted. Bounce house injuries are similar to those linked with trampolines, and the American Academy of Pediatrics has recommended

against using trampolines at home. Policymakers should consider whether bounce houses warrant similar precautions, the authors said. **Dragon China Buffet**, 1300 Gregg 268-8888. **\$1.00 Off Per Adult**, **.50 Off Per Child** Up to 10 People (NOT FOR CARRYOUT) EXP. 11/30/12

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL, 24th & Johnson 267-8288. Willie Williams, 79, died Tuesday. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. today at Baptist Temple. Daniel Gene Moses, 39, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Clifford Hale, Jr., 85, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

BODY

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Justice of the Peace Bennie Green shortly after the call was received by law enforcement. According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department, the body was discovered and reported to police at approximately 4:15 p.m. "The body was discovered by some children who were walking around the neighborhood, near the 2500 block of Barksdale," Everett said. "The children told some adults who contacted police dispatch. Officers arrived on the scene shortly after. "There are no outward indications of cause of death," Everett said. "An autopsy was ordered by J.P. Green and is expected to be conducted today in Lubbock. There are no signs of foul play, however, we'll have to wait until the autopsy results come back before we can begin to establish a cause of death." Funeral services for Moses are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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of Andree. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Highland. One person was transported to SMMC. • TRAUMA was reported in the 700 block of E. 15th Street. Service refused. • TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 600 block of State. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of Mountain Park Drive. One person was transported to SMMC. • TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Tucson and Kenney. Service refused. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Goliad. One person was transported to SMMC. • TRAUMA was reported in the 1500 block of Robin. Service refused. • MEDICAL was reported near mile marker 172 of Interstate Highway 20. Service refused. • TRAUMA was reported in the 100 block of N.E. 10th Street. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Washington. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of Lamar. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC. • RUBBISH FIRE was reported in the 4200 block of W. Highway 80. • MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of E. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of S. Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of S. Owens. Service refused. • MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of W. 18th Street. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of W. Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Larry. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of S. Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of E. 16th Street. One person was transported to SMMC. • TRAUMA was reported in the 1000 block of Ridgeroad. One person was transported to SMMC. • TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 1000 block of E. Interstate Highway 20. Service refused.

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ANSWERS

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

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News in brief

Bangladesh garment workers hold protests a day after a fire killed 112

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — Thousands of Bangladeshi workers blocked the streets of a Dhaka suburb Monday, throwing stones at factories and smashing vehicles, as they demanded justice for 112 people killed in a garment-factory fire that highlighted unsafe conditions in an industry rushing to produce for major retailers around the world.

Some 200 factories were closed for the day after the protest erupted in Savar, the industrial zone where Saturday's deadly fire occurred. Protesters blocked a major highway.

The government announced that Tuesday will be a day of national mourning, with the national flag flying at half-mast in honor of the dead.

Investigators suspect that a short circuit caused the fire, said Maj. Mohammad Mahbub, fire department operations director. But he said it was not the fire itself but the lack of safety measures in the eight-story building that made it so deadly.

"Had there been at least one emergency exit through outside the factory, the casualties would have been much lower," Mahbub said. He said firefighters recovered at least 100 bodies from the factory, and 12 more people died at hospitals after jumping from the building to escape the fire.

Emissions, climate aid in focus as new round of UN climate talks opens in Qatar

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — U.N. talks on a new climate pact resumed Monday in oil and gas-rich Qatar, where negotiators from nearly 200 countries will discuss fighting global warming and helping poor nations adapt to it.

The two-decade-old talks have not fulfilled their main purpose: reducing the greenhouse gas emissions that scientists say are warming the planet.

Attempts to create a new climate treaty failed in Copenhagen three years ago but countries agreed last year to try again, giving themselves a deadline of 2015 to adopt a new treaty.

A host of issues need to be resolved by then, including how to spread the burden of emissions cuts between rich and poor countries. That's unlikely to be decided in the two-week talks in the Qatari capital of Doha, where negotiators will focus on extending the Kyoto Protocol, an emissions deal for industrialized countries, and trying to raise billions of dollars to help developing countries adapt to a shifting climate.

"We all realize why we are here, why we keep coming back year and after year," said South Africa Foreign Minister Maite Nkoana-Mashabane, who led last year's talks in Durban, South Africa. "We owe it to our people, the global citizenry. We owe it to our children to give them a safer future than what they are currently facing."

Egypt's political foes grow more entrenched in fight over powers

CAIRO (AP) — Supporters and opponents of Egypt's president on Sunday grew more entrenched in their potentially destabilizing battle over the Islamist leader's move to assume near absolute powers, with neither side appearing willing to back down as the stock market plunged amid the fresh turmoil.

The standoff poses one of the hardest tests for the nation's liberal and secular opposition since Hosni Mubarak's ouster nearly two years ago. Failure to sustain protests and eventually force Mohammed Morsi to loosen control could consign it to long-term irrelevance.

Clashes between the two sides spilled onto the

streets for a third day since the president issued edicts that make him immune to oversight of any kind, including that of the courts.

A teenager was killed and at least 40 people were wounded when a group of anti-Morsi protesters tried to storm the local offices of the political arm of the president's Muslim Brotherhood in the Nile Delta city of Damanhour, according to security officials.

It was the first reported death from the street battles that erupted across much of the nation on Friday, the day after Morsi's decrees were announced. The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media, identified the boy as 15-year-old Islam Hamdi Abdel-Maqsood.

Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak says he's leaving politics, shaking up election campaign

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak on Monday abruptly announced he was quitting politics, shaking up the country's political system just weeks ahead of general elections.

Barak, a decorated former general and one-time prime minister, said he would stay on in his current post until a new government is formed following the Jan. 22 balloting.

"I didn't make this decision without hesitating, but I made it wholeheartedly," he told a hastily arranged news conference, saying he had been wrestling with the decision for weeks.

Barak's resignation could mean the departure of the most moderating influence on hawkish Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who is expected to retain his job after the election. Barak, who heads a small centrist faction in parliament, had often served as Netanyahu's unofficial envoy to Washington in order to smooth over differences with the Obama White House.

Barak, 70, made the surprise announcement even after polls showed his breakaway Independence Party gaining momentum after Israel's recent military offensive in the Gaza Strip.

Fiscal compromise is fine, groups say, provided members don't share the pain

WASHINGTON (AP) — A big coalition of business groups says there must be give-and-take in the negotiations to avoid the "fiscal cliff" of massive tax increases and spending cuts. But raising tax rates — a White House priority — is out of the question, the group adds.

The homebuilding industry says it won't tolerate even a nick in the mortgage interest deduction. It doesn't matter, industry leaders say, if it's part of a broad, spread-the-pain package designed to tame the soaring debt.

And there's no ambiguity in the views of the top lobbying arm for retirees.

"AARP to Washington: No cuts to Medicare and Social Security in last-minute budget deal" the group's Web site declares. AARP nixes the notion of slowing the cost-of-living formula for Social Security recipients, even if it's part of a big, bipartisan compromise package. And President Barack Obama should drop his idea of raising Medicare's eligibility age, AARP adds.

So much for the notion of shared sacrifice as Congress and the White House face a Dec. 31 deadline to craft a far-reaching deficit-reduction plan. If they fail, the government tips over the so-called fiscal cliff, at least for a time. Nearly everyone's taxes will rise, and federal programs will be whacked. Financial markets might quake, and a new recession could begin, economists say.

White House could get its chance to close books on Benghazi PR disaster, push Rice nomination

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House could finally have its chance to close the books on its Benghazi public relations disaster, as key Republicans signal they might not stand in the way of U.N. Am-

Schools' tracking devices cause controversy

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio school district's website was hacked over the weekend to protest its policy requiring students to wear microchip-embedded cards tracking their every move on campus.

A teenager purportedly working with the hacker group Anonymous said in an online statement that he took the site down because the Northside school district "is stripping away the privacy of students in your school."

The teen, who identified himself in an email as being 16 years old, said he hacked into the website Saturday, and it was not working Sunday. District spokesman Pascual Gonzalez said he has not yet been able to confirm that it was hacked.

Starting this fall, all students at John Jay High School and Anson Jones Middle School are required to carry identification cards embedded with a microchip. They are tracked by the dozens of electronic readers installed in the schools' ceiling panels.

Northside has been testing a "radio frequency identification" tracking system for the two schools to increase attendance in order to secure more state funding, officials have said. The program, which kicked off at the beginning of this school year, eventually could be used at all of Northside's 112 campuses, officials have said. The district is the fourth largest in Texas with more than 97,000 students.

bassador Susan Rice to become the next secretary of state.

"I think she deserves the ability and the opportunity to explain herself and her position," Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., told "Fox News Sunday." "But she's not the problem. The problem is the president of the United States," who, McCain said, misled the public on terrorist involvement.

Rice is widely seen as President Barack Obama's top pick to replace Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton as the nation's top diplomat. But Rice's reputation took a serious hit this fall when she relied on unclassified talking points provided by the intelligence community that portrayed the attack in Benghazi, Libya, as a spontaneous assault by a mob angered by an anti-Muslim video posted on YouTube.

Intelligence officials quickly amended their assessment to conclude the attack hadn't been related to other film protests across the Middle East. But that revised narrative was slow to reach the public, prompting Republicans to allege a White House cover-up ahead of the Nov. 6 election.

The attack killed Ambassador Chris Stevens, a State Department computer specialist and two former Navy SEALs who were working as contract security guards.

Cyber Monday is likely to be the busiest online shopping day, but other days gain ground

NEW YORK (AP) — Bye-bye Black Friday. So long Small Business Saturday. Now, it's Cyber Monday's turn.

Cyber Monday, coined in 2005 by a shopping trade group that noticed online sales spiked on the Monday following Thanksgiving, is the next in a series of days that stores are counting on to jumpstart the holiday shopping season.

It's estimated that this year's Cyber Monday will be the biggest online shopping day of the year for the third year in a row: According to research firm comScore, Americans are expected to spend \$1.5 billion, up 20 percent from last year on Cyber Monday, as retailers have ramped up their deals to get shoppers to click on their websites.

Amazon.com, which is starting its Cyber Monday deals at midnight on Monday, is offering as much as 60 percent off a Panasonic VIERA 55-inch TV that's usually priced higher than \$1,000. Sears is offering \$430 off a Maytag washer and dryer, each on sale for \$399. And Kmart is offering 75 percent off all of its diamond earrings and \$60 off a 12-in-1 multigame table on sale for \$89.99.


Facing bias, loss of children, disabled parents should get more support, advocates say

Millions of Americans with disabilities have gained innumerable rights and opportunities since Congress passed landmark legislation on their behalf in 1990. And yet advocates say barriers and bias still abound when it comes to one basic human right: To be a parent.

A Kansas City, Mo., couple had their daughter taken into custody by the state two days after her birth because both parents were blind. A Chicago mother, because she is quadriplegic, endured an 18-month legal battle to keep custody of her young son. A California woman paid an advance fee to an adoption agency, then was told she might be unfit to adopt because she has cerebral palsy.

Such cases are found nationwide, according to a new report by the National Council on Disability, an independent federal agency. The 445-page document is viewed by the disability-rights community as by far the most comprehensive ever on the topic — simultaneously an encyclopedic accounting of the status quo and an emotional plea for change.

"Parents with disabilities continue to be the only distinct community that has to fight to retain — and sometimes gain — custody of their own children," said autism-rights activist Ari Ne'eman, a member of the council. "The need to correct this unfair bias could not be more urgent or clear."



Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

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

The bidding:
North 3♦ East Pass South 6NT West 3♦
Opening lead — nine of diamonds.

This deal occurred in a match between Italy and France many years ago. When the French held the North-South hands, they got to six trumps as shown.

Eugenio Chiaradia, winner of six world championships, had a wide choice of opening leads. In an effort to find a neutral lead — one that would not cost his side a trick — he chose the nine of diamonds. He acted on the mistaken assumption that the opponents' diamonds were solid, or nearly solid, and that his diamond lead would do no harm.

Sadly, this did not prove to be the case. Declarer covered the nine with the ten, trapping East's jack. South then had no trouble making the slam, losing only a diamond trick.

At the second table, with an Italian pair now North-South, the bidding went:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♠	1♠
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	

Both club bids by the Italians were artificial and merely denoted high-card strength. Pierre Ghestem, West for France, had the same difficult choice of leads and finally decided on the ten of hearts.

Declarer covered the ten with the queen and won East's king with the ace. A low diamond to the king lost to the ace, and East returned a heart, ducked to West's seven.

After a heart continuation forced out his jack, South cashed the queen of diamonds, entered dummy with a club and played another diamond to establish the suit. East took the jack and cashed two heart tricks to put the contract down one.

As a result, one more oddity was recorded in the annals of world championship bridge. At one table, declarer bid six no-trump and made it; at the other, declarer bid three no-trump and went down. Bridge is at times a strange game!

Tomorrow: Keep your eye on the ball.
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1	8				9			2	4
				6		4			
	3	4					8	5	

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Petersburg outlasts Grady 70-60

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

HERMLEIGH — Grady was the lone team remaining to represent Crossroads area high school football over the weekend.

Despite a well-played game, the Wildcats fell to Petersburg on Saturday 70-60, eliminating them from postseason play in the Division I Six-man regional semifinal round.

Grady kept the pace with the 11-1 Buffaloes at the start. Just four minutes into the first quarter, it was tied at 14-14, but Petersburg scored on three straight possessions and appeared to be pulling away from the Wildcats.

The offense began clicking again for Grady when Brandon Lucas went the distance on a Buffalo kickoff, followed by a two-point conversion to cut Petersburg's lead to 14.

Both teams had strong defensive showings for the remainder of the half as the Buffaloes led the Wildcats 36-22.

One minute and 22 seconds into the third stanza, Grady quarterback E.J. Rodriguez connected with Taylor Polson for a touchdown. A valid kick tacked on another two points and all of a sudden, Petersburg found themselves in a dogfight with the Wildcats, who now trailed by only six points.

Joseph Briseno picked off a pass from Petersburg QB Brett LaBadie and Grady marched downfield and took the lead for the first time in the game with four minutes and twenty-eight seconds remaining in the third quarter.

Petersburg answered back with a



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Courtesy photos/
Valerie Avery

Grady's Michael Jimenez (top) breaks tackles by Petersburg defenders on his way to the end zone for a touchdown Saturday in Hermleigh during the Six-man regional semifinal game. E.J. Rodriguez (left) is shown sacking Petersburg's quarterback Ryan Smith during the Wildcat's 70-60 loss.

Tannehill rallies Miami past Seattle, breaks Marino's record

By **STEVEN WINE**

AP Sports Writer

MIAMI — For much of the game, when the Miami Dolphins had the ball, the only thing that seemed to work was the sprinklers.

They came on by mistake late in the third quarter, dousing both teams and causing a brief interruption. An amused crowd roared, but otherwise fans had little to cheer about until Miami's offense suddenly came to life.

Rookie and Big Spring native Ryan Tannehill helped the Dolphins score 17 points in the last 8:08, including a field goal on the final play, and they rallied past the Seattle Seahawks 24-21 Sunday.

Tannehill had drawn criticism for mistakes down the stretch in close games, but he moved the Dolphins 65 yards in six plays over the final 92 seconds to set up

the decisive 43-yard field goal by Dan Carpenter.

"There was no panic," Tannehill said. "Everyone felt confident out there."

Tannehill pulled off his first fourth-quarter comeback victory, and the Dolphins overcame a seven-point deficit in the final period to win for the first time since 2005. Carpenter hit the winning kick on his 27th birthday to help Miami (5-6) break a three-game losing streak.

"Anytime you lose consecutive games like that it's tough," Tannehill said. "We're just looking to get back on track."

The Seahawks (6-5), unbeaten at home this year, lost for the fifth time in six road games.

"In the NFL you've got to play tough games on the road to win," defensive end Red Bryant said. "So far this year that's a part of our game we haven't been able to translate."

Tannehill and Miami caught a break with Seattle leading 14-7 early in the fourth quarter. Bobby Wagner intercepted a pass by Tannehill in the end zone, but the turnover was negated by a penalty on safety Earl Thomas for roughing the passer.

"The NFL, they need some goggles," Thomas said. "I can't stop in midair like magic. I'm not Superman."

Seattle coach Pete Carroll called the penalty on Thomas questionable.

"He jumped up to block the pass and came down on the quarterback with no intent to hit him," Carroll said. "It was a very big call to make at that point in the game."

One play after the penalty, Daniel Thomas scored the tying touchdown on a 3-yard run.

Leon Washington returned a

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Parker puts up 32 as Spurs beat Raptors

TORONTO (AP) — Tony Parker called it was a game that "could have gone either way." But with a perfect performance in the second overtime, Parker made sure his San Antonio Spurs came out on top.

Parker scored six of his 32 points in the second OT, Tim Duncan had 26 and the Spurs beat Toronto 111-106 Sunday, their fourth straight victory over the Raptors.

Duncan said no one was more vital to San Antonio's win than Parker, who made all three shots he took in the second overtime and topped 30 points for the second straight game.

"He's our closer and he has been that way

for the last couple of years," Duncan said. "He steps up and makes big shots for us. That's what we ask him to do and he's delivered for us."

Manu Ginobili scored 15 points, Danny Green had 13 and Boris Diaw 11 as the Spurs won their third straight and improved their NBA-best road record to 7-1.

"We take pride in winning on the road," Ginobili said.

Parker made jump shots on consecutive possessions with less than 1 minute, 15 seconds to go in the second overtime as the Spurs held on.

"We had to work hard for this one," Parker

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may seem innocuous to
you, but the history of
the phrase could make
you change your mind.

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and more
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thinking,
there were
rules
regarding
when and
how a man
could beat a
woman. For
example, he
could not
beat her on
Sundays and
was not
allowed to beat her with
a stick that was thicker
than the breadth of his
thumb. Hence the
expression "rule of
thumb."

I think we should
eliminate that phrase
from our vocabularies
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her legs. My girlfriend
has more hair on her legs
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their legs, but is this
socially acceptable
nowadays in the United
States? — *A Hairy
Situation in the East*

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why a sophisticated
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aware of this. You should
tell your friend it would
please you if she would
do this, although she
may not. Incidentally,
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Mercury Straightens Up

Sometimes you start with the facts and draw conclusions based on the evidence. But the human brain doesn't always naturally follow this sequence. More often we skip to the conclusion and look for facts to back it up. Neither method is perfect, but the first way, which will take longer, would work best as Mercury straightens his course.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You may see someone in action and think, "I can do that, too." This is not a passing observation. It's a directive that will motivate you in the weeks to come. You can and will "do that, too."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're on top of your game. Most of what you need you can provide yourself or make arrangements to have it provided. There's a formula you can follow that will make things easier.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You burn bright today, and your energy could use a worthy outlet. Consider dedicating yourself to helping

another person. You stave off the chill of loneliness for that person and don't even know you're doing it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are in the mood to keep your private life to yourself. In this age of over-sharing, your refusal to give TMI (too much information) will be seen as a refreshing and effective social strategy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have maturity beyond your years. This explains why you don't see eye-to-eye with a friend who is your age. Steer clear of potentially hot topics for the next three days.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don't have a lot of time to spend with friends now, and so you are wise to be highly selective about the company you keep. You'll spend time with people who genuinely need you or with whom you are sure to have fun.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You don't need an olive branch to be an agent of peace. Everything you need is inside of you. You were born knowing how to bring people together. You build bridges with your words.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What you see is not only what you get; it's what you're likely to get

in the future. So if a person gives you bad service, don't continue doing business with that person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). What matters most to you today is the same thing that mattered most to you yesterday: improving the lives of those closest to you. Knowing that the ones you love are better off for your contribution is fulfilling.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's always nice when the universe speaks to you in clear, concise terms. You've long wondered whether a certain past decision was a good one, and now you'll get a definitive answer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll embrace the change others resist. When people see you moving forward unafraid, some will be inspired, and others will feel threatened. Stay brave and open-minded.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Realizing that to err is human, you wisely separate people from their actions. You can support a person without supporting that person's latest (baffling) endeavor.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 26). You've enjoyed a sense of rootlessness and exercised the benefit of your freedom. But at

the start of 2013, you'll dig in once more and establish ties that hold. Love bonds are cemented in words and ink. Big deals come together in February. March brings family additions. Music and fun fill your spring. Aries and Cancer people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 15, 18, 24 and 29.

CURRENT ASTRAL BACKDROP, PLUTO IN CAPRICORN: Moving from the outer to the innermost planets — or, in the case of Pluto, not quite planets — our current astral stage is set with the dwarf planet in Capricorn. When Pluto enters a sign, he's not messing around. He intends to stay awhile, and he will be in Capricorn until 2023. Pluto last entered Capricorn in 1762, at which time events that led to the American Revolutionary War were set in place. Before that, Pluto moved through Capricorn in 1516, when Spanish invaders on the quest for gold brought down the Aztec Empire; the Incans and Mayans followed.

One could argue: When isn't the world changing? And yet sometimes the power shift is more palpable. The Pluto-in-Capricorn influence can be felt as more of the

world's population becomes empowered by technology. High-level corruption and greed are exposed. Pluto in Capricorn will continue to test and shake up power structures, as these influences are ambitious and serious with little tolerance for what doesn't work. One of Pluto's hobbies is to expose artifice and determine what really makes things run. Knowing the structures that matter shows us what is no longer useful.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Soulful songstress Natasha Bedingfield delivers a hopeful message with her music, with hits like "Unwritten" and "Pocketful of Sunshine." Bedingfield was born when the sun, the moon, Uranus and Neptune were all in Sagittarius, indicating a traveler and a truth seeker. Her Mercury in Scorpio, an excellent placement for lyricists and poets, gives an enigmatic twist to communication.

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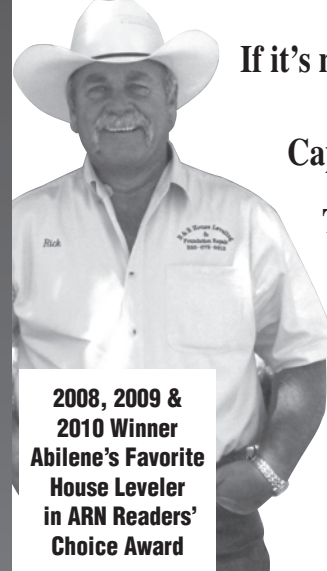
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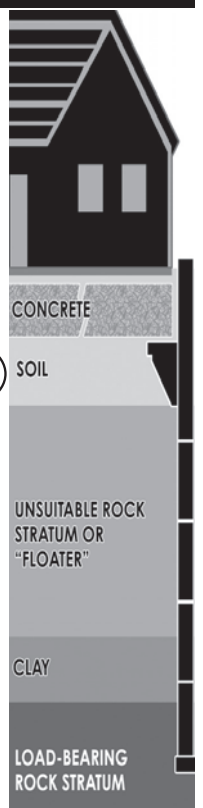
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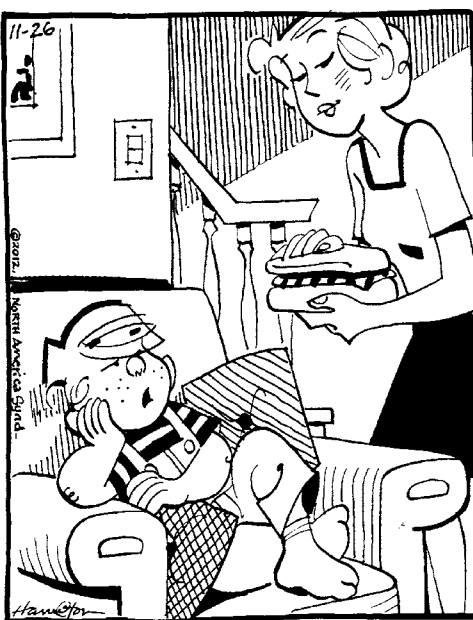
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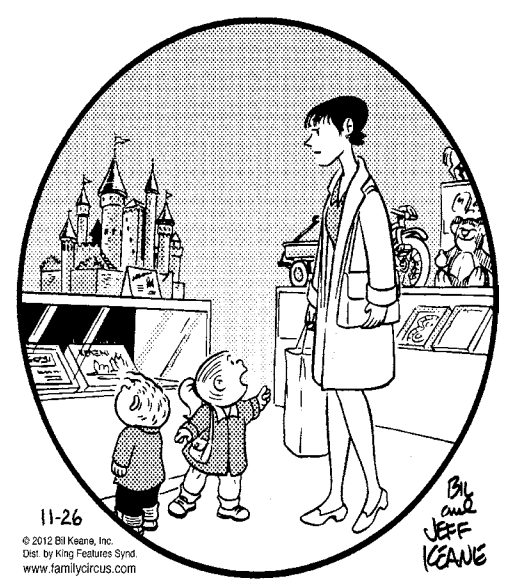
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1:AM	Paid	Par Ases	Ent		Pagado		Earl	Light of the Southwest		Munroe	American Chopper	Entourage		Good	College	Football	SportsCenter	

DENNIS THE MENACE



"I'M TRYIN' TO THINK OF SOMETHIN' FUN TO DO THAT WON'T PUT ME BACK IN TIME-OUT."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



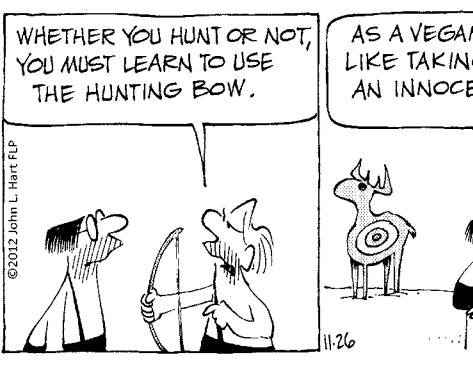
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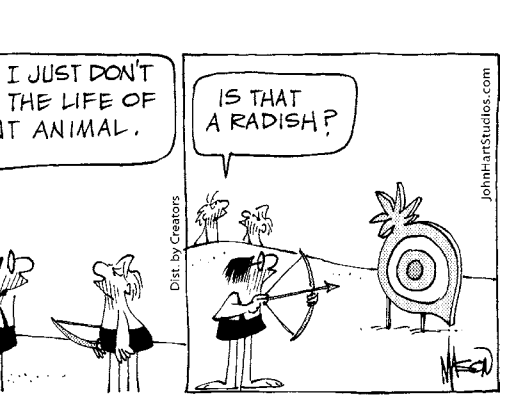


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WHETHER YOU HUNT OR NOT, YOU MUST LEARN TO USE THE HUNTING BOW.



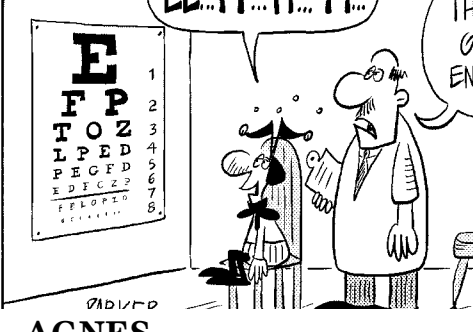
AS A VEGAN, I JUST DON'T LIKE TAKING THE LIFE OF AN INNOCENT ANIMAL.

BLONDIE



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WIZARD OF ID



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THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH

AGNES



WHEN I GROW UP, I'M GOING TO BE A FUNDRAISER.

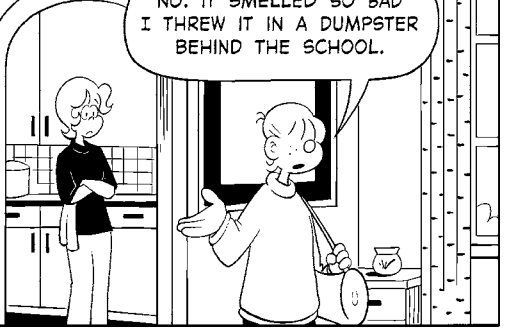


OH... A FUNDRAISER. I THOUGHT YOU SAID A FUN DRAZER.

HI AND LOIS



I'M GLAD FOOTBALL SEASON IS OVER.



NO. IT SMELLED SO BAD I THREW IT IN A DUMPSTER BEHIND THE SCHOOL.

THE OTHER COAST



SUCCESS! HE SWALLOWED THE PILL!

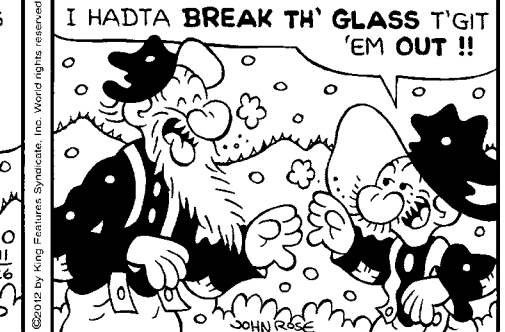


WOKO USUALLY SPITS OUT THE PILL, BUT THIS TIME, I OUTSMARTED HIM.

SNUFFY SMITH

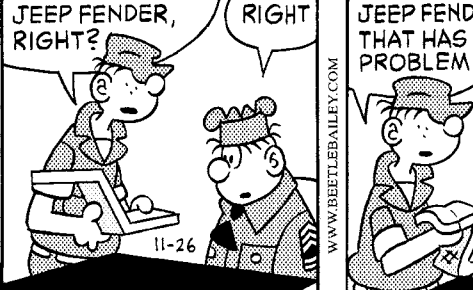


BRRR !! MY TEETH CHATTERED ALL NIGHT, SNUFFY !!



I HADTA BREAK TH' GLASS T'GIT 'EM OUT !!

BEEBLE BAILEY



THIS IS A NORMAL JEEP FENDER, RIGHT?



I THOUGHT IT WAS TOO BIG A SHOCK TO SEE THE WHOLE JEEP ALL AT ONCE

This Date In History

Today is Monday, Nov. 26, the 331st day of 2012. There are 35 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

- On Nov. 26, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered nationwide gasoline rationing, beginning Dec. 1. The motion picture "Casablanca," starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, had its world premiere at the Hollywood Theater in New York.
- On this date: In 1789, Nov. 26 was a day of thanksgiving set aside by President George Washington to observe the adoption of the Constitution of the United States.
- In 1825, the first college social fraternity, the Kappa Alpha Society, was formed at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y.
- In 1842, the founders of the University of Notre Dame arrived at the school's present-day site near South Bend, Ind.
- In 1912, CBS newsman Eric Sevareid was born in Velva, N.D.
- In 1933, a judge in New York decided the James Joyce book "Ulysses" was not obscene and could be published in the United States.
- In 1941, a Japanese naval task force consisting of six aircraft carriers left the Kuril Islands, headed toward Hawaii.
- In 1943, during World War II, the HMT Rohna, a British transport ship carrying American soldiers, was hit by a German missile off Algeria; 1,138 men were killed.
- In 1950, China entered the Korean War, launching a counteroffensive against soldiers from the United Nations, the U.S. and South Korea.
- In 1965, France launched its first satellite, sending a 92-pound capsule into orbit.
- In 1973, President Richard Nixon's personal secretary, Rose Mary Woods, told a federal court that she'd accidentally caused part of the 18-minute gap in a key Watergate tape.
- In 1986, President Ronald Reagan appointed a commission headed by former Senator John Tower to investigate his National Security Council staff

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- Whitish gemstone
- Shredded cabbage dish
- Waist circlers
- Piglets' moms
- Spinning toys
- Two-toned cookie
- China's continent
- Semester
- Same clock setting: Abbr.
- Unseals
- Secret supply
- Dragged from behind
- Central Florida city
- Cuts down, as trees
- Counterfeit
- Book's backbone
- Book leaf
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DOWN

- Aroma
- Lima's country
- End of a prayer (speechless)
- At a ___ for words
- Promise confidently
- Like a blackened chimney
- In addition
- Magician's word
- Method
- Childish giggle
- Pacific or Atlantic
- Resorts offering massages
- Big book
- Proceeds very carefully
- Glamour rival
- Narrow street
- Flip-chart holder
- Courtroom prosecutors: Abbr.
- Spouse
- Sahara animals
- Point at the target
- Some small batteries
- Helps to recall
- Entices
- Pickled veggie
- "It's clear now"
- Totally silly

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SEC championship to determine who plays Notre Dame for BCS title

NEW YORK (AP) — Two years before the playoffs start in college football, the Southeast-

ern Conference is staging a semifinal to determine who plays Notre Dame in the BCS title game.

Alabama (.9236) was second and Georgia (.8911) third in the BCS standings released Sunday. The Crimson Tide and Bulldogs play Saturday in Atlanta for the SEC championship.

The winner will advance to the national championship game in Miami on Jan. 7 against the Fighting Irish (.9979), who locked up their spot Saturday with a 22-13 victory against Southern California.

"If you think about what the game means, this that and the other, it doesn't really help you win the game," Georgia coach Mark Richt said. "The only thing that helps you win the game is preparation and getting your

mind ready to go to battle. That's what you've got to do."

Florida (.8882) is fourth in the standings, but with no games left, looks stuck behind their SEC rivals.

One way or another, the SEC will get a shot at its seventh straight BCS championship.

The Bowl Championship Series is in its second-to-last season. It will be replaced by a four-team playoff in 2014.

While the race for the BCS title game is now fairly straight forward heading into championship weekend in college football, there's some intrigue to watch for involving potential BCS busters.

Because it is almost a certainty that the Big East champion — Louisville and Rutgers will determine who that is on Thursday night in

New Jersey — will be ranked behind the MAC champion in the final BCS standings.

Boise State from the Mountain West is 20th in the standings and also still in the mix for that BCS buster bid. The team that could be hurt most if a BCS buster emerges is Oklahoma. The Sooners are sitting 11th in the standings with a game left against TCU. With another victory, they would seem to be in good shape to get into the BCS even if Kansas State clinches the Big 12 by beating Texas.

But that at-large spot could get gobbled up by a BCS buster.

Wisconsin and Nebraska will play for the Big Ten's Rose Bowl berth.

Florida State and Georgia Tech play for the ACC title and a spot in the Orange Bowl.

SPURS

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said.

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich agreed, not that he was happy about it.

"In a lot of ways, (Toronto) played better than we did," Popovich said. "They destroyed us on the boards. For most of the meat of the game they just threw it up there, missed it and they'd go get it again. That kept them in the ballgame. We did a better job in the overtimes defensively and on the boards, and that got us over the hump."

DeMar DeRozan led Toronto with 29 points, while rookie Jonas Valanciunas had 22. Kyle Lowry scored 20 points and Ed Davis had 15 points and 14 rebounds for the Raptors, who have lost their past three games by a combined seven points.

Toronto's Andrea Bargnani had a disappointing game, scoring four points and making just two of 19 field goal attempts.

"Today was definitely a very bad night," Bargnani said. "Maybe the worst."

Raptors coach Dwane Casey dismissed suggestions that he should have benched Bargnani, the first overall pick in the 2006 draft.

Valanciunas calmly made free throws to tie the score at 88 with 24 seconds left in regulation. San Antonio gave the ball to Parker, who let the clock run down to six seconds, but almost turned it over as he drove.

Parker's 3-point effort fell short, giving Toronto to one-tenth of a second to try for the winning basket, but Bargnani's no-look shot went wide, sending the game to overtime.

San Antonio led 92-90 on Duncan's dunk with less than 30 seconds to go in the first overtime when a foul by Parker gave possession to the Raptors. But Parker stole Jose Calderon's inbounds pass and raced in for a layup, giving the Spurs an 94-90 lead with 24 seconds left.

"I saw that Calderon was going to lob it and so I felt that with my speed I could sneak in there and get it," Parker said. "I just tried to make a play and it worked out for me."

Toronto never led in the second extra session, with Green's 3 with 4:43 to go giving the Spurs the lead for good.

Toronto led 60-51 with 7:29 left but the Spurs erased the deficit thanks to eight points from Ginobili.

GRADY

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touchdown of its own, but failed to convert on the PAT.

The Buffaloes would retain the lead for the duration of the game and although the Wildcats managed to add 22 more points, Petersburg held on to advanced to the Region I final on Friday where they will meet 12-0 Valley.

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TANNEHILL

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kickoff for a touchdown for the eighth time in his career to tie the NFL record and put Seattle ahead with eight minutes left. Miami answered with an 80-yard drive capped by Tannehill's 29-yard pass to Charles Clay, making it 21-21.

Russell Wilson was the better rookie QB for much of the afternoon. He threw two touchdown passes, completed 16 consecutive attempts and finished with a hefty passer rating of 125.9.

"We did a lot of great things, but we did some stuff that's not characteristic of us," Wilson said.

The Seahawks lost yardage on their final three plays and were forced to punt from midfield, allowing the Dolphins to start at their own 10 with 1:32 left.

Tannehill quickly moved Miami downfield and finished 18 for 26 for 253 yards and a score. He broke the Dolphins' rookie record of 2,210 yards passing set by Dan Marino in 1983.

A computer glitch caused the sprinklers to come on, creating a comical sight as they briefly showered the entire field on a cloudless afternoon. Wilson said the Seahawks were unfazed.

"I think they're used to the rain," he said.



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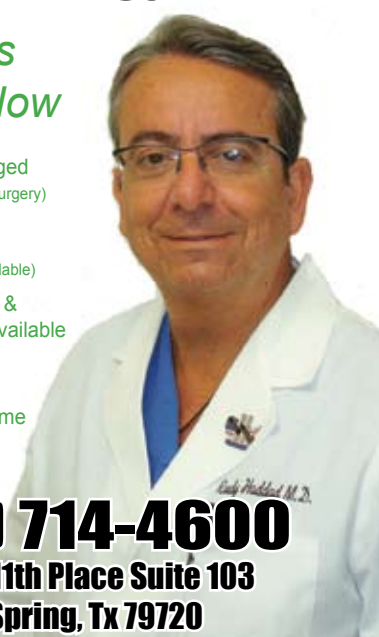
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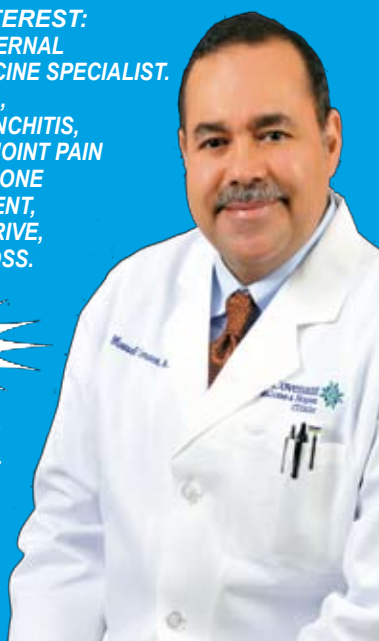
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