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## College 'stars' hit dance floor

Special to the Herald

Call it "Dancing With the College Stars."

Howard College and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf will team up this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Hall Center for the Arts, to raise funds for SWCID's scholarship program.

The SWCID Student Government Association and Howard Dance Department are reinventing the "Dancing with the Stars" TV contest on the Howard campus.

Contestants and judges include students, faculty and staff from both SWCID and Howard College.

Ticket reservations are available by calling 432-264-5161.

Some of the contest numbers include dances from India and Africa, along with salsa and lyrical dance styles.

Judges for the event are Howard President Dr. Cheryl Sparks, Washington Elementary Principal George Bancroft and Mark Dickson of CAAG.

"This collaboration has been a good learning experience for both the SWCID students and Howard students, as they learn to work together on this project," said Eulaine McIntosh, dance director at Howard College.

Tickets for this first-ever event are \$5 for the general public and \$3 for Howard College and SWCID students, staff and faculty.



McIntosh



File photo

The annual Canterbury Christmas Bazaar, which features a wide variety of arts and crafts items, will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

## Canterbury bazaar set for Saturday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Area residents looking to fill their stockings with something a bit different this holiday season need look no further than the Canterbury Christmas Bazaar, as the annual show and sale looks to kick off Saturday.

With more than 30 vendors expected to be on hand, Canterbury Executive Director Shannon Na-

bors said the bazaar will offer something for everyone in the family.

"Thanksgiving has come and gone and now it's time for the Christmas shopping season to get under way," Nabors said. "And while Black Friday gave many area shoppers an early jump on their shopping lists, the bazaar will give those of us who missed it plenty of opportunities to do some Christmas shopping."

Nabors said the event will feature a plethora of gift ideas, from jew-

elry to food items.

"This year's event will showcase 30-plus vendors and will have a variety of treasures," Nabors said. "There will be handmade quilting, wood crafts, homemade crafts and plenty of home décor, including southwestern and holiday items."

"We'll also have homemade hot sauce and salsa, homemade tortillas, as well as decorative cross-

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## Obama to make case for tax hikes for wealthy

By **KEN THOMAS**  
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama plans to make a public case this week for his strategy for dealing with the looming fiscal cliff, traveling to the Philadelphia suburbs Friday as he pressures Republicans to allow tax increases on the wealthy while extending tax cuts for families earning \$250,000 or less.

The White House said Tuesday that the president intends to hold a series of events to build support for his approach to avoid across-the-board tax increases and steep spending cuts in defense and domestic programs. Obama will meet with small business owners at the White House on Tuesday and with middle-class families on Wednesday.

The president's visit to a small business in Hatfield, Pa., that makes parts for a construction toy company will cap a week of public outreach as the White House and congressional leaders negotiate a way to avoid the tax increases and spending cuts scheduled to take effect Jan. 1. The trip will mark Obama's first public event outside the nation's capital since winning re-election.

Both sides warn the so-called "fiscal cliff" could harm the nation's economic recovery, but an agreement still appears far from assured. The White House and congressional Republicans have

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Pennsylvania  
 Sen. Pat Toomey

differed on whether to raise revenue through higher tax rates or by closing tax loopholes and deductions.

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, has pushed for raising additional revenue through the reducing of tax loopholes instead of raising tax rates on wealthy Americans. The White House has countered that the president will not sign legislation that extends current tax rates for the top 2 percent of income earners, or those households with incomes over \$250,000.

Pennsylvania Sen. Pat Toomey, a conservative Republican who opposes Obama's plan to increase taxes on the wealthy, said that while a presidential visit to his state "is always welcome," he remains staunchly against Obama's strategy for avoiding the fiscal cliff crunch.

"The president seems absolutely determined to inflict a tax increase on

the American people," Toomey told CNN on Tuesday. He said Obama and congressional Democrats must come up with cuts in entitlement programs like Social Security and Medicare.

Obama, only weeks after winning reelection, has signaled his intention to rally the public to pressure Congress to support his agenda, an approach that helped him win passage of a payroll tax cut extension and prevented interest rates on millions of federal student loans from doubling last summer.

Obama campaign manager Jim Messina said in an email to supporters after the election that the president's volunteer base was crucial to his re-

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## Obituaries

### Boyd Don Batla



Boyd Don Batla, 28, of San Antonio, Texas passed into eternity on Nov. 23, 2012, at his home. He was born April 18, 1984, in Rankin, Texas to Garry and Darla Batla.

Boyd was a proud graduate of Garden City High School, where he excelled in a variety of sports and other UIL activities. As a crowning high school accomplishment, Boyd earned the recognition of valedictorian for the class of 2002. He continued his education at Texas Tech University, where he graduated an avid Red Raider fan with academic honors added to his list of achievements.

Pursuing his ambition to become a physician, Boyd was immediately accepted into the school of medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center of San Antonio. He was anticipating with excitement to the Spring when he would begin his career as a resident anesthesiologist.

Jesus said that our love for one another will prove to the world that we are his disciples, and Boyd demonstrated this truth with a passion to love and serve others. His contagious smile came easily and could instantly brighten any circumstance. As a true Texan, Boyd enjoyed making music, hanging out with friends and deer hunting.

He is preceded in death by his aunt, Linda Batla Little, and cousin, Clinton Boyd.

Those remaining to cherish Boyd's memory are a large loving family: parents, Garry and Darla Batla of St. Lawrence; sister, Misti Kay White and husband Delvin of Garden City; niece, M'Kynlee Kay Harland, who will lovingly remember him as "MY Uncle Boyd;" sister, Kyndra Lee Batla of Garden City; the love of his life, Katie Liner of San Antonio; maternal grandparents, Roger and Iwanda Boyd of Abilene; paternal grandparents, Delmer and Marcie Batla of St. Lawrence; aunts and uncles, Roger and Deana Boyd of Odessa; Cathy and Steve Livingston, Mike and Denise Batla, Kenny and Vicki Batla, and Nancy and Mike Hillger, all of Garden City; Rich Little of Paint Rock; and Larry and Becky Batla and Richard and Carol Batla of St. Lawrence; and numerous cousins and friends from every season of his life.

Friends and family will be welcomed at visitation on Tuesday evening, Nov. 27, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring. Memorial services to honor the life of Boyd will be Wednesday, Nov. 28 at 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Big Spring with the Rev. Koby Abney officiating. Interment will follow at Garden City Cemetery in Garden City.

Pallbearers are Edward Alvarez, Keith Batla, Matthew Frysak, Anthony Hoelscher, Tony Lopez and Dr. Paul O'Leary.

In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to be given to the Glasscock County ISD Activity Fund. Gifts may be sent to: GCISD, Attn: Steve Long, P. O. Box 9, Garden City, TX 79739.

Arrangements 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)

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### Clifford Hale Jr.



Clifford Hale Jr., born Nov. 29, 1926, went to be with his Lord on Nov. 24, 2012. Memorial Service will be held at First Methodist Church at a later date.

Clifford was born in Waco, Texas, to Lilly and Clifford Hale and was raised from age 14 by his beloved stepfather, Bob Spence. At 17, he joined the U.S. Army and served during World War II. He was deployed to Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, helping with cleanup.

Cliff returned to Big Spring after the war and married Wynelle Franklin, who preceded him in death Sept. 7, 2007. He worked for his father at Hale Pump Company for many years. He also co-owned Hamby Motor Company.

Cliff was also preceded in death by parents, Clifford and Lilly Spence and stepfather Bob Spence.

He is survived by his brother, Jim Montgomery and wife Nancy of Atlanta, Ga.; a son, Terry Hale; a daughter, Donna Carey Atkins and husband Richard; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Cliff taught Sunday school and helped start Kentwood Methodist and returned for a second time to First Methodist, where Wynelle and he were married. He was a Mason and member of the First Lodge of Big Spring, Texas and was a supporter of the Waco's Methodist Children's Home.

The family suggests memorials be made to First United Methodist Church of Big Spring, Waco's Methodist Children's Home or the American Cancer Society.

## Support Groups

### TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

- Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or [kerrirosenbaum9488@msn.com](mailto:kerrirosenbaum9488@msn.com)

### John J. Eckley



John J. Eckley, 81, of Big Spring, Texas, died Nov. 20, 2012, at his home.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2012, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Mandan, N.D., with the Rev. Shane Campbell as celebrant. Burial will be at the North Dakota Veteran's Cemetery south of Mandan, with military honors provided by the VFW Post No. 707 and American Legion Post No. 40.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2012, from 3-8 p.m. at Weigel Funeral Home, with a Catholic Daughter's Rosary at 4 p.m. and Parish Vigil at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue at the church one hour prior to the service on Wednesday.

John was born Oct. 21, 1931, to Harvey and Dorothy (Johnson) Eckley in Ruthven, Iowa. He was educated in the Ruthven Public School and upon graduating from high school he was employed as a bookkeeper for Ruthven Elevator. John started his military career in the U.S. Air Force in April of 1951. On Oct. 25, 1958, John married LaVerne Leingang in St. Anthony, N.D. During his time in the Air Force, he was continually furthering his education. He attended the University of Maryland, Howard College and the University of Oklahoma.

During his 20 years in the USAF, John spent time in Air Defense Command, Strategic Air Command, Tactical Air Command and Air Training Command as an instructor pilot in the T-38. John retired in 1971 with the rank of Major after 20 years of service to his country.

After his retirement from the Air Force, John was employed with the State of Texas in the employment field. Before John's lengthy illness, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and woodworking. These memories of John will be cherished. Those who knew him, saw him as a "Good Guy."

John will be deeply missed by his loving wife, LaVerne; son John "Michael" (Marianne), Big Spring, Texas; grandchildren, Michael, Lewisville, Texas, Adrianna, Fort Worth, Texas and Katerina, Manhattan, Kan.; and sisters, Rosemary (David) Anderson, Minneapolis, Minn. and Marietta (Richard) Odell, Cottonwood, Ariz.

John was preceded in death by his parents; an infant son, Gerald; and his mother and father-in-law, Jack and Rose Leingang.

Memorials may be directed to the North Dakota Veteran's Cemetery or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Go to [www.weigelfuneral.com](http://www.weigelfuneral.com) to sign the online guestbook and view flower and tribute photos.

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## Police blotter

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

- JOHNNY JORGE RODRIGUEZ JR., 23, of 2625 Ent, was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency.
- JOE MICHAEL CANALES, 32, of 1505 Vines, was arrested Monday on two warrants from other agencies.
- ERIC AGUIRRE, 32, of 4113 Dixon, was arrested Monday on a charge of burglary of a habitation.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1000 block of E. FM 700.
- THEFT was reported:  
In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.  
In the 4100 block of Dixon.  
In the 600 block of W. Interstate Highway 20.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 4200 block of Dixon.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 4000 block of Dixon.

## 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.

- JOE MICHAEL CANALES, 32, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on motions to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated — open container, driving while license invalid and a charge of driving while intoxicated — open container.
- ERIC AGUIRRE, 32, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

### WEDNESDAY

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

### 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.

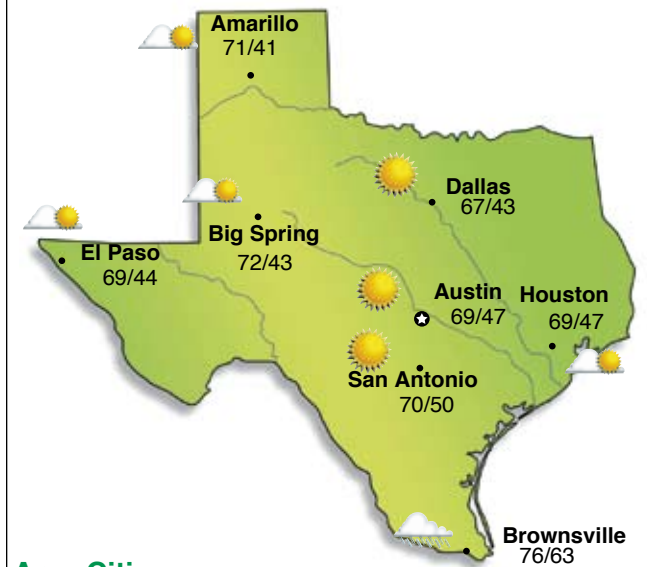
## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 11/29	Fri 11/30	Sat 12/1	Sun 12/2	Mon 12/3
<b>72/43</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.	<b>75/49</b> Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	<b>78/49</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	<b>81/47</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 40s.	<b>78/48</b> Sunshine. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:27 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:41 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:28 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:41 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:29 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:41 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:30 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:41 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:30 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:41 PM

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## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	70	46	mst sunny	Kingsville	74	61	pt sunny
Amarillo	71	41	pt sunny	Livingston	69	38	sunny
Austin	69	47	sunny	Longview	65	38	sunny
Beaumont	68	43	sunny	Lubbock	71	40	pt sunny
Brownsville	76	63	rain	Lufkin	69	40	sunny
Brownwood	71	44	sunny	Midland	72	45	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	72	61	pt sunny	Raymondville	76	61	pt sunny
Corsicana	67	41	sunny	Rosenberg	69	47	pt sunny
Dallas	67	43	sunny	San Antonio	70	50	sunny
Del Rio	72	53	pt sunny	San Marcos	70	46	sunny
El Paso	69	44	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	65	40	sunny
Fort Stockton	73	46	pt sunny	Sweetwater	70	45	pt sunny
Gainesville	65	40	sunny	Tyler	67	40	sunny
Greenville	65	38	sunny	Weatherford	67	41	sunny
Houston	69	47	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	69	45	sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	61	34	sunny	Minneapolis	30	23	mst sunny
Boston	40	26	cloudy	New York	42	31	mst sunny
Chicago	39	29	sunny	Phoenix	78	51	sunny
Dallas	67	43	sunny	San Francisco	62	57	rain
Denver	58	35	pt sunny	Seattle	51	46	cloudy
Houston	69	47	pt sunny	St. Louis	51	34	sunny
Los Angeles	66	55	cloudy	Washington, DC	48	32	sunny
Miami	80	65	rain				

## 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 food 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.

- 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.



# News in brief

## Egypt president stands by edicts giving him sweeping powers, says he acted within rights

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's President Mohammed Morsi struck an uncompromising stand Monday over his seizure of near absolute powers, refusing in a meeting with top judicial authorities to rescind a package of constitutional amendments that placed his edicts above oversight by the courts.

Morsi's supporters, meanwhile, canceled a massive rally planned for Tuesday to compete with a demonstration by his opponents, citing the need to "defuse tension" at a time when anger over the president's moves is mounting, according to a spokesman for the president's Muslim Brotherhood.

The opposition rally was going ahead as scheduled at Cairo's Tahrir square, birthplace of the uprising that toppled Hosni Mubarak's regime nearly two years ago.

The meeting between Morsi and members of the Supreme Judiciary Council was a bid to resolve a four-day crisis that has plunged the country into a new round of turmoil, with clashes between the two sides that have left one protester dead and hundreds wounded.

Morsi, according to a presidential statement, told the judges that while the constitutional declaration he announced Thursday grants him immunity from any oversight, he intended to restrict that to what it described as "sovereignty issues."

## Rice meeting with senators whose votes she'd need if nominated cabinet post

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice is meeting with key lawmakers in what could be her final pitch for their support if she is nominated to be the next secretary of state.

The discussions, beginning Tuesday, will focus on her much-maligned explanations of the attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya, that killed the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans, officials said, but she's also clearly auditioning for America's top diplomatic job.

Despite lingering questions over her comments five days after the Benghazi attack, Rice has emerged as the front-runner on a short list of candidates to succeed Hillary Rodham Clinton, with Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., seen as her closest alternative. But despite a softening of Republican opposition to Rice, she still has work to do to ensure that enough GOP senators are willing to back her potential nomination.

Rice's series of meetings on Capitol Hill this week will therefore be a critical test both for Republicans, who will decide whether they can support her, and the administration, which must gauge whether Rice has enough support to merit a nomination.

According to congressional aides and administration officials, Rice is expected to meet with small groups of lawmakers who will press her on her since-retracted description of the Benghazi attack as the byproduct of an angry protest over an American-made film ridiculing Islam.

She'll be joined by acting CIA Director Michael Morell in the meetings.

## Bangladeshis mourn garment-fire dead, plan more protests over poor worker safety

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — Bangladesh held a day of mourning Tuesday for the 112 people killed in a weekend garment fire, and labor groups planned more protests to demand better worker safety in an industry notorious for operating in firetraps.

The national flag flew at half-staff in government buildings. The country's factories were closed as a mark of respect, and prayers for the dead were held in places of worship across the Muslim-majority South Asian nation.

Relatives and colleagues gathered near the site of Saturday's blaze, many wearing black badges as a sign of mourning.

"I've lost my son and the only member to earn for the family," said Nilufar Khatoun, the mother of a worker who died. "What shall I do now?"

Some labor organizations planned rallies later Tuesday. About 15,000 workers protested Monday blocks away from the gutted factory, blocking traffic on a major highway in a suburb of Dhaka, the capital.

## Cuomo compares Katrina and Sandy as damage estimate soars to more than \$62B

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo declared Superstorm Sandy in some ways worse than 2005's Hurricane Katrina as he said his state would need \$42 billion to recover from the damage wreaked in late October and prevent future catastrophe.

The figure includes more than \$32 billion for damage and restoration and an additional \$9 billion to head off damage in future storms, including steps to protect the power grid and cellphone network.

As he and other political leaders in his state conferred on how much federal aid to seek, he said New York taxpayers can't foot the bill.

"It would incapacitate the state," he said at a news conference Monday. "Tax increases are always a last, last, last resort."

Comparisons of Sandy to Katrina, which swamped New Orleans and the Gulf Coast in 2005, put the East Coast's recovery "in focus," he declared, saying Sandy hit a more densely populated region and caused more costly damage than Katrina.

## Experts exhume remains of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat searching for clues to his death

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Palestinian officials say Yasser Arafat's remains have been reburied, just hours after being exhumed as part of a probe into his death.

The exhumation began early Tuesday, under the cover of huge blue sheets of tarpaulin that have been draped around Arafat's mausoleum in his former government compound in the West Bank city of Ramallah.

Two Palestinian officials say samples from the remains were given to expert teams from Switzerland, France and Russia who will examine the samples separately in their countries.

The Palestinian officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the exhumation.

Arafat died of a stroke in 2004, but the underlying causes of death remain a mystery.

## Ark. police arrest neighbor in death of 6-year-old girl involved in prior abuse case

BENTONVILLE, Ark. (AP) — A 6-year-old girl who was at the center of a high-profile child abuse case that sent her father and stepmother to prison was killed last week by neighbor, Bentonville police said Monday evening.

Jersey Bridgeman was reported missing the morning of Nov. 20. Minutes after a search for her began, Jersey's body was discovered in an abandoned house two doors from her home.

Zachary Holly, 28, who lives next door to where Jersey was staying, is being held in the Benton County Jail on charges of capital murder, kidnapping and residential burglary, police Chief John Simpson said Monday night.

Simpson said Holly will have a bail and probable cause hearing Wednesday, during which a probable cause affidavit will be released.

# Beauty queen killed in shootout

CULIACAN, Mexico (AP) — A 20-year-old state beauty queen died in a gun battle between soldiers and the alleged gang of drug traffickers she was traveling with in a scene befitting the hit movie "Miss Bala," or "Miss Bullet," about Mexico's not uncommon ties between narcos and beautiful pageant contestants.

The body of Maria Susana Flores Gamez was found Saturday lying near an assault rifle on a rural road in a mountainous area of the drug-plagued state of Sinaloa, the chief state prosecutor said Monday. It was unclear if she had used the weapon.

"She was with the gang of criminals, but we cannot say whether she participated in the shootout," state prosecutor Marco Antonio Higuera said.

The slender, 5-foot-7-inch brunette was voted the 2012 Woman of Sinaloa in a beauty pageant in February. In June, the model competed with other seven contestants for the more prestigious state beauty contest, Our Beauty Sinaloa, but didn't win. The Our Beauty state winners compete for the Miss Mexico title, whose holder represents the country in the international Miss Universe.

Higuera said Flores Gamez was traveling in one of the vehicles that engaged soldiers in an hours-long chase and running gun battle.

# TAX

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election but said it was not aimed "just to win a campaign. We have more progress to make, and there's only one way to do it: together."

Following the election, Obama aides asked supporters to record YouTube videos discussing the need to have the wealthiest

Americans pay more in taxes. Some of the people who shared their stories on YouTube planned to join Obama at the White House on Wednesday.

On Friday, Obama will tour and deliver remarks at The Rodon Group manufacturing facility in Hatfield, Pa., offering the company up as an example of a business that depends on middle-class consumers during the holiday season. The company manufactures

parts for K'NEX Brands, a construction toy company whose products include Tinkertoy, K'NEX Building Sets and Angry Birds Building Sets.

Congressional Republicans, led by Boehner, have expressed openness to discussing additional revenue but oppose any plan that raises tax rates on the wealthy. They argue that the higher rates would also hurt

some small businesses and hinder economic growth.

Republicans have called for changes to the tax code to eliminate tax breaks and loopholes that primarily benefit the wealthy.

Several key Republican lawmakers have also said they would not be bound by a no-tax-increase pledge that they have adhered to in

the past.

Boehner and GOP leaders planned to meet Wednesday with members of a bipartisan coalition of former members of Congress and business leaders that has advocated cuts in spending in major health care programs as well as changes in the tax code to raise more money but also to lower rates.

# BAZAAR

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es and religious items, jewelry, aprons and pot holders, Scentsy items, Tupperware and MaryKay gift sets. We'll also have our burrito and baked goods booth again this year, which will offer a burrito meal deal this season."

The bazaar — currently in its 21st year — provides a unique shopping experience for the facility's residents, as well as members of the community, according

to Nabors.

"This tradition began as a way for our residents to be able to shop for their families and for some to show off their talents to the community," she said. "Over the years it has evolved from 10 vendors to more than 30, from areas as far as Lubbock and Coleman, Texas. It has become so popular we currently have a waiting list for vendors hoping to get a new spot."

The Canterbury Christmas Bazaar — which will be located at 1700 S. Lancaster — is

slated for 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday. For more information, contact Nabors at 432-263-1238

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

**sudoku**

ANSWERS

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4	9	6	8	5	7	3	1	2
1	7	3	2	9	4	8	5	6
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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we delve a little deeper into Your word, Lord.

Amen

# States choose their own paths with one-party governments

In Washington, Americans have two-party government, with a Democratic president and Senate and a Republican House. We had it before November's election and will have it again for the next two years.

Looking back from 2014, we will have had two-party government for most of the preceding two decades, for six years of Bill Clinton's presidency, three and a half years of George W. Bush's and four years of Barack Obama's.

But in most of the 50 states, American voters seem to have opted for something very much like one-party government.

Starting next month, Americans in 25 states will have Republican governors and Republicans in control of both houses of the state legislatures. They aren't all small states, either. They include about 53 percent of the nation's population.

At the same time, Americans in 15 states will have Democratic governors and Democrats in control of both houses of the state legislatures. They include about 37 percent of the nation's population.

That leaves only 10 percent in states in which neither party is in control.

The Republican edge is largely a result of the Republican trend in 2009 and 2010. Normally, you would expect the Democrats to recoup and shift the balance the next time they have a good off-year.

Maybe they will in 2014. But what's striking now is the wide margins in legislatures for one party or the other in state after state — most of them, in fact.

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, Republicans will have more than 60 percent of the members of both legislative houses in 17

states (Nebraska has a single nonpartisan legislature). And in nine more states, they'll have 60 percent of the members of one house plus a majority in the other and the governorship.

Democrats will have 60 percent plus of both houses in 11 states, and in two more they will have 60 percent in one house, a majority in the other plus the governorship.

This is true even in presidential target states. The Ohio Senate will be 23-10 Republican, the Florida House 74-46 Republican.

This trend to one-party control seems likely to have two consequences — one of interest to political scientists and pundits, and the other to the larger public.

Pundits and political scientists will start to identify the chief conflicts being played out not so much in battles between the two parties — like the struggle over public employee bargaining in Wisconsin — but increasingly within the parties.

We've already seen examples of this.

The key event in Kansas politics this year was the defeat of moderate state senators by Republicans in the August primary. The November election was irrelevant.

This is reminiscent of the one-party politics in the Old South, in which victory in the Democratic primary was, according to the political cliché, “tantamount to victory.”

Political junkies may want to dust off their copies of political scientist V.O. Key's classic “Southern Politics,” first published in 1949, which showed how each Southern state had its own particular brand of one-party politics.

For the national public, one-party Democratic and one-party Republican states provide a look at how each party governs — and the results.

In California, voters just gave Democrats two-thirds majorities in both houses and a tax in-

crease, as well. We'll see if their policies help California reduce its dismally high unemployment and resolve its enormous pension underfunding.

In Illinois, Democrats won again, despite increasing the state income tax from 3 to 5 percent in 2011, after which the state's unemployment rate went up, while declining in neighboring states. Democrat Michael Madigan has been speaker of the Illinois House for 28 of the last 30 years.

Many Republican governors and legislatures have gone in another direction, holding down spending increases and seeking to cut taxes or hold rates even, rather than raise them.

Texas' low taxes (no income tax) and light regulation have been followed by some of the most robust job creation in the nation. Texas' population grew so rapidly in the last decade that it gained 4 U.S. House seats from the 2010 Census.

No-income-tax Florida gained two seats, and no other state gained more than one. California, for the first time in its history, gained none.

States are laboratories of democracy, Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis wrote. Citizens of every state can monitor their experiments and judge which set of one-party states is getting better results.

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# Bobo and a Bigfoot skeptic

Forgive me, Bobo, but I do not believe in Bigfoot. Nevertheless, it was a delight spending a Saturday afternoon with you — the sasquatch hunter from Animal Planet's “Finding Bigfoot” — in, of all places, a midtown Manhattan bar. Most pleasant was your welcoming embrace of one rejecting the existence of the ape-like hominid you say inhabits the forests of North America.

What a refreshing change from a campaign season heavy with creationists condemning subscribers to the theory of evolution for not accepting the strict Biblical interpretation of humanity's origins. What relief from the pseudo-scientists denying the existence of global warming — or humankind's role in it — and accusing climatologists of making up stuff to get more funding for their labs.

In Bobo's good-natured world, Bigfoot skeptics are a necessary presence. An essential member of the “Finding Bigfoot” team is Ranae Holland, a field biologist and Bigfoot doubter. She adds gravitas by demanding evidence.

Bobo plays another role. A hulking 6 feet, 7 inches with long uncombed hair and a voice that could wake the Amazon, Bobo would seem the most — how shall we put this? — “simpatico” with Bigfoot, should the hominid stroll before the camera in broad

daylight.

“Bigfoot,” I ask Bobo over a bloody mary, “isn't he supposed to be somewhere in the Pacific Northwest?” Bobo immediately corrects me. It's not “he,” it's “they.”

“There are a lot of them there,” he confirms.

“Manhattan?” I ask.

No, not in Manhattan. But he notes, “There are woods outside the city.”

I first met James “Bobo” Fay about 10 years ago through his uncle, a friend. Bobo was living in a tiny cabin near Arcata, Calif., making some money as a commercial fisherman, paddling ocean canoes — he circled Maui — and “squatching,” as aficionados of the activity like to call it.

Uncle Frank took both of us to dinner at a nice restaurant, where Bobo kept talking about Bigfoot. (Bobo's father in Manhattan Beach, Calif., was reportedly hoping that his boy would get off the Bigfoot thing.)

Bobo is now a star. He was in New York to make a commercial for Wendy's and “doing print media with MSNBC or CNBC.”

Bobo said a group of Army guys had just stopped him on Lexington Avenue to have their pictures taken together. That sort of thing happens a lot.

“They want to put it on their Facebook page,” he explained. (I promptly took a photo for my Facebook page.)

People keep asking Bobo the same questions: Have you found him yet? Do you really think they're real? Are they really from UFOs?

I order another bloody mary

and again ask: Do you really, really believe in Bigfoot?

“Well, I saw one in 2002,” Bobo patiently answers. “A buddy and I watched for 22 minutes.”

He explains the biology: There's probably no human tree with straight descending evolutionary lines. “There are like five hominids that all overlapped and were breeding together.”

Bigfoot hunters talk about DNA from hair samples found in the woods. They use fancy infrared cameras to “record” humanoid creatures moving at night. And they cite eyewitness reports: Their sources tend to be — not your average suburbanite on a hike — but “hillbillies,” aborigines and serious believers.

I'm obviously not converted, but that's fine with Bobo. He doesn't accuse me of blasphemy, and I happily listen to his fabulous stories of primal nature and the beings who inhabit it.

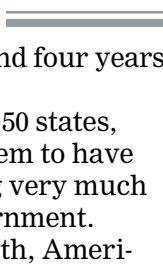
I hadn't thought this much about Bigfoot since being scared out of my wits long ago by tales around the campfire. How good to recall a time when I imagined that he — I mean they — would emerge from the dark woods at any moment. I was imagining, right?

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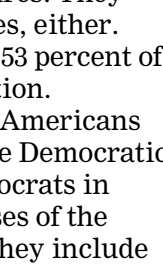
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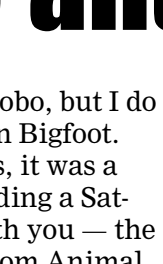
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FROMA HARROP







# Bird Poop: A weary harrier gets some help

Some Novembers have an early, killing frost. Others try to stretch the warm, mild days of October into December. This November was no different.

"It almost seems confused," he thought.

As his truck headed toward the next stop, the lineman for Caprock Electric wished cold weather would come to stay. Thus far, temperatures had gone from the upper 20s to the low eighties. Many a day he would shed his jacket by noon.

Having left his truck, he was cautious as he gingerly stepped through tall, dry weeds. Warm afternoons of late fall meant some rattlers might not have denned up for winter. He didn't want to find one heading to an outcrop to sun.

When nearly to the utility pole, he saw it. Blending into the various hues of browns,

rusts and beiges left over from a lush, late summer growth, a large bird of prey ignored his approach. The crunch of his boots brought no response.

The lineman realized that he would have to move what he thought was a hawk before climbing the pole. Taking off his jacket, he placed it over the bird. There was little resistance.

Walking back to his truck, he placed the raptor on the floor in front of the passenger seat. Leaving it covered, he hoped the bird would remain as quiet as it had been.

Completing his work and ready to return to Stanton, the lineman was relieved that his passenger was so passive. Easing over and through every rut and hole in the dirt road, he made his way back to the welcome pavement of a county road.

At the courthouse, the dispatcher in the sheriff's office radioed the game warden. Two counties away, he advised having the lineman call us.

After a brief description of his finding the

bird, the man asked if we could meet him at the rest stop between Big Spring and Stanton. An hour later, we were all looking underneath the jacket inside his pickup.

"It's a Northern harrier," we told him.

"Not a hawk?" he inquired.

Telling him it used to be called a "marsh hawk" in some of our oldest bird books, we added that after many years of being called such, the specie was now referred to as a northern harrier.

While hunting, its wings took different shapes due to the demands of its flight patterns. Ornithologists had thought, in comparison to hawks, it would be more appropriate to describe it as a harrier, which means hunter. Since the specie often summers in Canada and the northern portion of the United States, the adjective "northern" was included.

Our first introduction to the specie had been northeast of Big Spring in 1980. Finding a marsh hawk hanging upside down in a mesquite tree, a young boy had asked us out to his family's home situated in ranching country.

The geographic reference to marshes had been used for decades as a natural consequence of the specie hunting in the marshes and wetlands of our developing country. As people moved westward to the prairies and open grasslands to settle, numerous species followed as they learned that fence lines were havens for small mammals and birds, their natural food.

As I held the raptor, the man could see its white rump band where the body ends and tail begins. Even in flight, this was an identifying mark. Characteristics



Courtesy photo

The sex of a northern harrier is determined by color. While the female is brown, the male is gray. The raptor tilts from side to side in a graceful glide over fence lines and open fields. Since it flies low over the ground, it can stop suddenly to drop and catch its prey.

of the slender bird were its long tail, legs, and wings. With its ability to hover for minutes, and glide while hunting, it was the "ultimate mouse trap" for ranchers and farmers.

"Why does it look like an owl?" asked the lineman. As I pointed to its facial feathers that formed an owl-like disc near its yellow eyes, I explained that also like an owl was its ability to hear. Large ear openings beneath its feathers enabled the bird to detect mice rustling and squeaking in thick grasses from a distance.

When asked if the harrier were male or female, we replied, "Female." Males are gray, while females are exquisite shades of brown. From above, her wings and tail were a notable brown; her neck was graced with cinnamon. Her

buff colored breast and belly were streaked with brown, while even darker brown bands accented her tail.

Promising to stay in touch, we waved to the lineman as he left the roadside facility. Once home, we found no evidence of an injury.

The next day we delivered the harrier to the wildlife sanctuary in Midland. Midge Erskine felt either the northern harrier had sustained a bruised wing or was exhausted after a long fall migration. When placed in an outdoor area, it stood glancing at every side of the enclosure.

Then it spread its wings as if a good stretch were in order. After folding them, the bird took only a moment before making another decision. With a few downward strokes of those long wings,

it rose to a tree limb about four feet above the ground.

At times, thought Midge, confinement and lots of mice were all that were needed. With time to recover and exercise, she felt the harrier could be released.

As we drove back to Big Spring, flocks of sandhill cranes crossed the highway. An occasional red-tailed hawk soared in search of prey. Predicted on a morning newscast, wintry blasts of wind suddenly hit our vehicle from the northeast. With only seven days until December, maybe cold weather had finally come to stay.

*Bebe McCasland is author of "The Scoop from Bird Poop." She is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.*

## sudoku

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

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	6		3		9		8	

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## Parent's Corner: Adjusting to speed bumps

I have two daughters and both of them are involved in marathons. I love hearing of their escapades and the hurdles they meet and conquer in their training.

However, about a month ago my oldest daughter was training for a bicycle marathon

and as she was riding she became distracted and hit a speed bump she didn't notice. She

was hurled from her bicycle and received numerous scrapes and bruises. She wasn't hurt severely but it was enough to make her very cognizant that she needs to watch for what may lie in the road ahead.

As she told me the story, I couldn't help but relate it to life in general. We all encounter speed bumps as we travel our life's journey; the speed bumps of problems and hard times and the speed bumps of ill health and financial worries.

We can fight or resist them or we can decide to accept them as natu-

ral occurring events and adjust our life to handle them. As the bicyclist, we should relax and prepare to take the bump in stride with as little adjustment as possible.

I once read about a sailor who commented about the winds at sea. He said the winds are going to occur; we can fight them and lose or we can adjust our sails and allow them to assist in reaching our destination.

As we question our efforts and question the best way to adjust to each problem that arises, we will realize that we have options. Speed

bumps are designed for a purpose; they are there to slow us down and take precautions.

And so it is in life; and we can expect the same results. When our problems come along, the speed bumps of life, we need to adjust our day by slowing down and looking for the best approach to handle the problem. If we think about this approach, labeling our problems as the speed bumps of life, we will find that our problems are much more manageable.

Vince Lombardi, one of the greatest coaches of our time, once said, "When you are doing something wrong, doing it more intensely isn't going to help!" If we can figure ways over the speed bumps in the streets then we can figure ways over the speed bumps of life.

I once read where rocks can be stumbling blocks or stepping stones. Can we also view speed bumps with such perspective?

*Darrell Ryan is director of federal programs for the Big Spring Independent School District.*



DARRELL RYAN

## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Keep Your Eye on the Ball

South dealer.  
East-West vulnerable.  
NORTH  
♠ K 10 4  
♥ 9 8 7 2  
♦ 9 4  
♣ A 9 6 3  
WEST  
♠ 5  
♥ A K Q 10 3  
♦ K J 10 2  
♣ J 4 2  
EAST  
♠ 8 7 6 2  
♥ 6 4  
♦ 7 5 3  
♣ Q 10 8 5  
SOUTH  
♠ A Q J 9 3  
♥ J 5  
♦ A Q 8 6  
♣ K 7

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♠ 2♥ 2♠ Pass  
4♠

Opening lead — king of hearts.

Many mistakes in declarer play can be traced to a failure by declarer to count his winners or losers at the start of play. South was guilty of that omission in this deal, and it cost him his contract.

West led the K-A-Q of hearts, declarer ruffing the third round as East discarded a diamond. South led a club to dummy's ace and finessed the queen of diamonds, losing to the

king. West returned the ten of hearts, on which East shed his last diamond.

South was now in serious trouble. When he played the ace of diamonds, planning next to trump his two diamond losers in dummy, East ruffed, and that was that — down one.

When the play is examined, it can be seen that the diamond finesse was totally unnecessary. True, it might have gained declarer an overtrick if East held the king, but South should have been far more concerned with making four spades than five.

After West's third heart lead, South could count five trump tricks plus the ace of diamonds and A-K of clubs. Therefore, all he needed to do to make the contract was to ruff two diamonds in dummy. The K-10 of trumps guaranteed that East could not overruff dummy at any point, so the diamond finesse constituted an unnecessary risk.

South should simply have trashed the ace of diamonds at trick four, then played another diamond to pave the way for two subsequent diamond ruffs. Had he done this, he would have finished with 10 tricks.

It pays to start the play by counting your tricks and/or losers. If you do, you are much less likely to stray from the straight and narrow.

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- Grape Creek at Forsan, J.V., 4 p.m.; Varsity, 6 p.m.
- Klondike at Coahoma, TBA.
- Reagan County at Stanton, J.V. 4 p.m.; Varsity, 6:30 p.m.

##### Boys Basketball

- Big Spring at San Angelo, J.V., 4:30 p.m.; 9th, 6 p.m.; Varsity, 7:30 p.m.
- Grape Creek at Forsan, J.V., 5 p.m.; Varsity, 7:30 p.m.
- Klondike at Coahoma, TBA.
- Reagan County at Stanton, J.V., 5:15 p.m.; Varsity, 8 p.m.

#### THURSDAY

##### Women's Basketball

- Howard College at Ranger College, 5:30 p.m.
- Forsan Varsity at Garden City tournament (through Saturday), TBA; J.V. at Sands Tournament (through Saturday), TBA.
- Coahoma Varsity at Garden City Tournament (through Saturday), TBA; J.V. at Tahoka tournament.
- Stanton Varsity at Garden City tournament (through Saturday), TBA; J.V. at Sands tournament, TBA.

##### Men's Basketball

- Big Spring Varsity at San Angelo tournament (through Saturday), TBA; J.V. at Denver City tournament, TBA; 9th at Sands tournament, TBA.
- Forsan Varsity at Garden City tournament, TBA; J.V. at Sands tournament, TBA.
- Coahoma Varsity at Garden City tournament (through Saturday), TBA, J.V. at Tahoka tournament, TBA.
- Stanton Varsity at Garden City tournament (through Saturday), TBA; J.V. at Sands tournament, TBA.

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Big Spring's Charles Green goes for a layup during last week's game against Lubbock High. The Steers (2-1) are back in action tonight against San Angelo on the road.

HERALD file photo/Tony Claxton

## Dallas defense thin, calls upon Batman

### SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas — The next man up for the depleted Dallas defense is Batman. That's the way new-comer Brady Poppinga is looking at it, anyway.

Poppinga joined the Cowboys on Monday as the roster replacement for linebacker Bruce Carter, who will miss the rest of the season with a dislocated left elbow. Carter is the fourth starting Dallas defender to be placed on injured reserve.

A seven-year veteran caught up in a mess of defensive injuries when Green Bay won the Super Bowl two years ago, Poppinga last played in the 2011 season finale for St. Louis on New Year's

Day. He's been working out and waiting for another chance ever since.

"I was in what you call Batman shape, meaning when I get the call, boom, I put the mask on, I'm gone," Poppinga said. "I got the mask on, so here I am."

Problem is, the Cowboys may need Superman and a few of his friends to help a defense missing a third of its starting lineup and two key reserves. It comes off a demoralizing second quarter that put Dallas in a 28-3 hole on the way to a 38-31 Thanksgiving loss to Washington.

Dallas is now without both starting inside linebackers in Carter, injured in the third quarter against the Redskins, and defensive leader Sean Lee, who

badly injured a toe last month.

Dan Connor, an offseason free agent pickup from Carolina, will be the third defensive play caller at the start of a game Sunday against Philadelphia. The player next to him will likely be Ernie Sims, signed off the street a month ago after Lee was injured. Poppinga could be the primary backup.

"The next man up philosophy is alive and well with the Cowboys," Dallas coach Jason Garrett said. "Always has been, so if you're a part of the 53-man roster, you'd better be ready to play."

Several Dallas defenders apparently weren't ready when the second quarter started

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## Column: Johnny Football should be Johnny Heisman

### PAUL NEWBERRY

AP National Writer

Johnny Football finally got a chance to speak Monday.

This was it, our first opportunity to hear from the quarterback himself why he feels he should win the Heisman Trophy.

Turns out, he's not much of a lobbyist.

Off the charts when he's got that ol' pigskin in his hands, Texas A&M's Johnny Manziel sounds like just another boring QB when asked about his chances of becoming the first freshman to claim college football's highest individual honor.

He says it would be "a dream come true." (Booring!) He says "whatever is meant to happen will happen." (Givethismananaward for clichés.) He deflects credit to his teammates and coaches, pointing out time and time again that none of his success would be possible without those around him. (Wake us when he's done.)

That's OK. Nothing more really needs to be said.

Johnny Football, meet Johnny Heisman.

With a nod to Notre Dame defensive star Manti Te'o, a dominating linebacker with a

bittersweet back story, Manziel's numbers are simply too outlandish to be denied.

— He's rushed for 1,181 yards and 19 touchdowns.

— He's thrown for 3,419 yards and another two dozen TDs.

— He's already surpassed Cam Newton's totals from two years ago by 273 yards (in two fewer games), and the former Auburn quarterback won the award in a landslide.

Manziel deserves a similar rout.

"The way Johnny has performed this season, the numbers speak for themselves," said Texas A&M coach Kevin Sumlin, who had barred Manziel from talking to reporters until Monday. "He's a tremendous competitor, a tremendous leader. That's something you really don't see in a player as a redshirt freshman. But all his leadership — on and off the field, all throughout the season — made our season a real special one."

Sumlin's policy of denying media privileges to all his freshmen, even those like Manziel who are in their second year of school, has only

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## Spurs down winless Wizards 118-92

### WASHINGTON (AP)

— About 15 minutes after his San Antonio Spurs handed the Washington Wizards their 12th straight defeat, Spurs coach Gregg Popovich bumped into his Wizards counterpart, Randy Wittman in the hall. Popovich put his hand on Wittman's shoulder and wished him luck.

Wittman will need more than consoling.

The Wizards are the 12th team in NBA history to start the season 0-12 according to STATS and are six away from equaling the New Jersey Nets' record 0-18 start in

2009-10.

San Antonio easily polished off Washington 118-92 on Monday night. In the Wizards' first 11 games, they lost by 72 points, and never by more than 16. Washington was completely outclassed by the Spurs, who played their usual precise offensive game with pinpoint passes and lots of open shots.

"I'd like someday for us to play like that," a wistful Wittman said after the game.

San Antonio took the lead with eight minutes to go in the first half and ended it on a 20-10 run for a 60-48 lead.

"It kind of took our will away," Wittman said.

The Spurs steadily increased their advantage in the third quarter and led 92-70 after three. San Antonio's largest lead was 29 in the fourth quarter.

San Antonio had seven players in double figures as they continued their successful road trip. Boris Diaw scored 16 points, Tiago Splitter had 15 points and 12 rebounds and Tony Parker added 15. Tim Duncan had 14, Gary Neal 13, Manu Ginobili 12 and Matt Bonner had 11. After winning the

first four games of the six-game trip, they're now 8-1 on the road and 12-3 overall.

"They carved us up pretty good tonight," Wittman said.

Popovich had some compassion for his counterpart, who had to play without John Wall and Nene. Wall has missed all season with a left knee injury, but Nene had to sit this game out after playing 29 minutes in a double-overtime loss to Charlotte on Saturday. It was just his second game back after he missed the first nine

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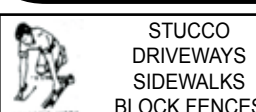
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mars and Pluto Join Forces

Power means different things to different creatures. To a whale, it might mean plankton; to a tree, the sun. To humans, it often means the ability to do something in a preferred way. Mars and Pluto conjoin, reminding us that when those ways are impeded, we can either struggle or look for a new way. There almost always is an alternative.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES

(March 21-April 19). Transitions can be rough, but you're so ready to move on that the change will be relatively easy. It helps that you feel good about what's happened so far and can look back with a smile.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The people in your inner circle deserve to be there. You wouldn't keep them there unless they proved trustworthy. You'll give your best to the ones who have seen you at your worst.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your favorite responsibilities will be the ones you can execute quickly if not

automatically. Your least favorite require so much effort and figuring out that you'll wonder why you volunteered in the first place.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). How can you be unaffected by the desires and fears of the visible world around you? This seems impossible, and yet you'll prove that it's not so hard. You quiet your mind, and a higher purpose takes hold.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Stay cheerful, if not because you genuinely feel like smiling, then because it's good practice. There will come a time when your positive attitude will make all the difference in the world to someone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You like to hold the remote, but you're also the first to admit that total control can be overrated. You'll submit to the fates and be pleased and surprised by the outcome.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Happiness based on reasons is not true happiness at all because it's based on a fragile set of circumstances that could change at any moment. True happiness — the kind that cannot be taken away — has no reason.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Tranquility may seem like a stretch, but

you're willing to try for a greater sense of harmony in your world. Paring down your schedule will help. With a few items off of your plate, you can relax and embrace the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You will never want for creativity. Inside you exists a wonderful well of ideas you've toyed around with and also a deeper reservoir of ideas that have not even been born yet.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Knowing that you've done something that helped others is so important to you that you really don't need much else. Once you see that you've had a positive impact, you'll move on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Keep to your course. One day you will be victorious. The person who realizes that the journey is long and the road not always smooth and still doesn't give up is well deserving of success.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have a strong instinct for what's important, and to the rest you don't give too much energy. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter, and if it doesn't matter, then why would you mind?

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 27). Love plays the starring role this year.

December brings more questions than answers, and you'll love being a student of life. After a stint of smart, diligent work at the start of the year, finances improve. Be slow to commit in January because February brings better offers. A June proposal starts an adventure. Aquarius and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 1, 38, 28 and 50.

CURRENT ASTRAL BACKDROP, NEPTUNE IN PISCES: Since Pisces is ruled by Neptune, when the dreamy outer planet inhabits this part of the sky, there is comfort and a sense of being at home. Pisces energy is considered healing, and Neptune touches the medical world with special luck during this 13-year transit. Medical breakthroughs seem to happen on a daily basis these days, and the astounding melding of biology and robotics seems torn from the science fiction of yesteryear.

Neptune has only had one complete orbit since its discovery in 1846. Neptune moved into the feminine sign of Pisces in 1849, which happens to be the same year in which Elizabeth Blackwell became the first woman to receive a medical

degree in the United States.

Pisces energy also governs spirituality and art, suggesting shifts in the way people express and identify with these parts of life. A surge of spirituality within and also separate from religion is to be expected; for some, the two areas will seem to have little to do with each other. Many will find or create rituals that heighten a feeling of connectedness to a divine source, or will return to known traditions with new reverence and devotion.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: The course of rock 'n' roll was altered by the early licks of Jimi Hendrix. A tragic childhood led Hendrix to quest for freedom, personal expression and artistic liberation through his love affair with electric guitar. Hendrix was born when the sun, Mercury and Venus were in the passionate and adventurous fire sign of Sagittarius. "Excuse me while I kiss the sky." — Jimi Hendrix

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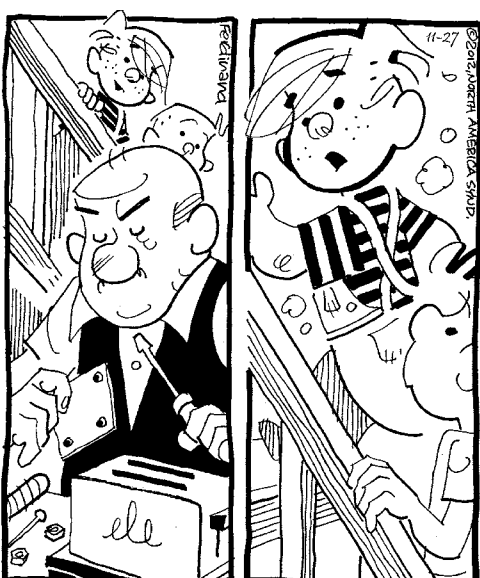
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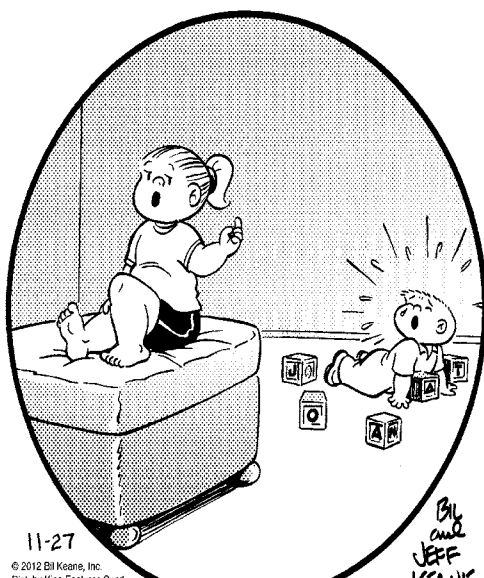
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"MR. WILSON LIKES TO TAKE THINGS APART TO SEE WHAT'S WRONG WITH 'EM."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



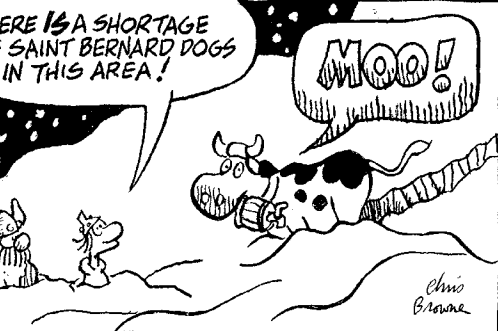
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I GUESS THE RUMOR IS TRUE...

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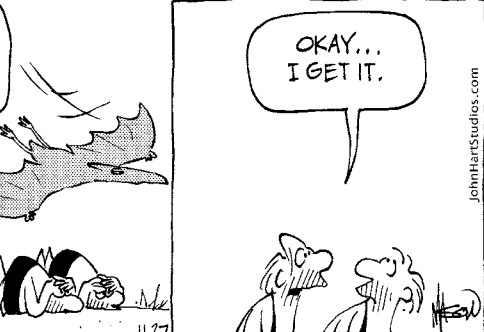
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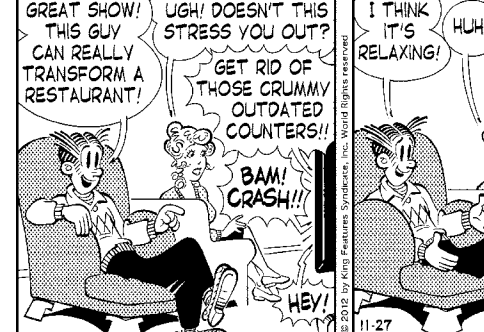
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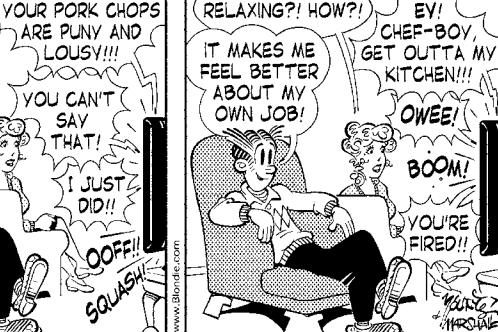
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HI AND LOIS



I'M FEELING THAT YOU'RE UNDERWHELMED BY MY FUN FACT.

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 27, the 332nd day of 2012. There are 34 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 27, 1942, during World War II, the Vichy French navy at Toulon (too-LOHN) scuttled its ships and submarines to keep them out of the hands of German troops.

On this date:

In 1839, the American Statistical Association was founded in Boston.

In 1901, the U.S. Army War College was established in Washington, D.C.

In 1910, New York's Pennsylvania Station officially opened.

In 1911, the stage comedy "The Playboy of the Western World" by J.M. Synge received a hostile reception in New York because of its portrayal of Irish characters. Theatrical producer David Merrick was born in St. Louis.

In 1937, the musical revue

GOOD RIDDANCE

"Pins and Needles," produced by the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, opened in New York.

In 1939, the play "Key Largo," by Maxwell Anderson, opened at the Ethel Barrymore Theater in New York.

In 1962, the first Boeing 727 was rolled out at the company's Renton Plant.

In 1970, Pope Paul VI, visiting the Philippines, was slightly wounded at the Manila airport by a dagger-wielding Bolivian painter disguised as a priest.

In 1973, the Senate voted 92-3 to confirm Gerald R. Ford as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew, who'd resigned.

In 1978, San Francisco Mayor George Moscone (mahs-KOH-nee) and City Supervisor Harvey Milk, a gay-rights activist, were shot to death inside City Hall by former supervisor Dan White.

In 1983, 181 people were killed when a Colombian Avianca Airlines Boeing 747 crashed near Madrid's Barajas airport.

In 1989, a bomb blamed on drug traffickers destroyed a Colombian Avianca Boeing 727, killing all 107 people on board.

Answer to previous puzzle

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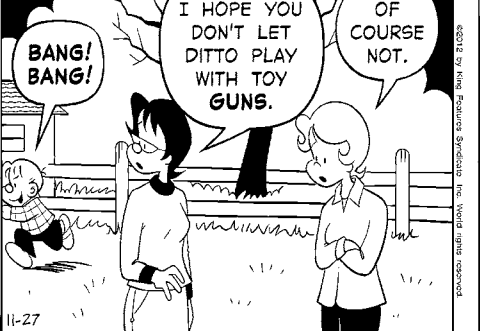
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DOG SPORTS BARS:



I'VE GOT TEN BUCKS ON THE POODLE.

SNUFFY SMITH



...AN' IN CONCLUSION, I'D LIKE T'SAY THAT I CAN'T IMAGINE EVER DOIN' ENNYTHIN' ELSE !!

BEETLE BAILEY



DANG !! JEST LIKE ON SUNDAYS !!

DOG SPORTS BARS:



CAREER DAY PARSON TUTTLE

BEETLE BAILEY



WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

BEETLE BAILEY



A SUBMARINE... A HOAGIE... A GRINDER... OR A HERO...

BEETLE BAILEY



THAT'S WHAT I'M DOING RESEARCH ON

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Surrounded by 5 Helpers: Abbr.
  - 10 Use an eggbeater on
  - 14 Like drive-thru orders
  - 15 Speak
  - 16 Remove from office
  - 17 Close noisily
  - 18 Roaring beasts
  - 19 \_\_\_-day (vitamin dose)
  - 20 Listen secretly
  - 22 Borders
  - 23 "Am not!" response
  - 24 Purple flower
  - 26 Not very many
  - 29 Unexpected absentees
  - 33 By surprise
  - 38 Small apartment
  - 39 "You look like you \_\_\_ ghost!"
  - 40 Old saying
  - 42 Jail room
  - 43 Hams it up
  - 45 Toasts at a banquet
  - 47 Crosses out
  - 49 GPS suggestion: Abbr.
  - 50 Plane tracking device
  - 52 Cook in the oven
  - 57 Bottomless pit
  - 60 Desperate, as an effort
  - 63 Boring
  - 64 Toy truck brand
  - 65 Close by
  - 66 Remedy
  - 67 Ballot caster
  - 68 Cabbage variety
- DOWN
- 1 Totally bewildered
  - 2 Type of tooth
  - 3 "\_\_\_ it my best shot"
  - 4 Tops of some stadiums
  - 5 "\_\_\_ Lang Syne"
  - 6 Move slightly
  - 7 Seat at a bar
  - 8 Bowler's back-row target
  - 9 Upcoming graduates: Abbr.
  - 10 Groundhog
  - 11 Displayed on the wall
  - 12 "It's clear now"
  - 13 School fund-raising orgs.
  - 21 Couch
  - 22 Toward sunrise
  - 25 Have a tantrum
  - 27 Cleared the blackboard
  - 28 Marry
  - 30 Poetic tributes
  - 31 Droop in the heat
  - 32 Fly alone
  - 33 No longer new
  - 34 Specify
  - 35 Military truant: Abbr.
  - 36 Major transition point
  - 37 Feeling blue
  - 41 Watchdog's warning
  - 44 Cockpit announcements: Abbr.
  - 46 Uncool one
  - 48 Old West tavern
  - 51 Reached a total of
  - 53 Pigen sounds
  - 54 Really bothered
  - 55 Weighing device
  - 56 Lobbed
  - 57 Kindergarten basics
  - 58 Sky-colored
  - 59 Knitter's supply
  - 61 Distort
  - 62 Repairs, as a road
  - 64 They hook up to DVD players

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# HEISMAN

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added to the mystique.

Here was a guy with the cool nickname and enough highlights to fill his own YouTube channel, but we didn't really know anything else about him other than what was in the biography. The small-town Texas kid who initially committed to Oregon but really wanted to play in the Lone Star State.

Otherwise, our impressions were formed by what he did with the helmet on.

How he ran circles around opposing defenses, how he threw touchdown passes off the wrong foot, how he chased down and tackled two Louisiana Tech players after a turnover, how he led the Aggies to a surprising 10-win season in their Southeastern Conference debut.

Now, after an hour-long conference call with media from all over the country, we know a little more.

Manziel is cool with the nickname. He enjoys playing video games, including the college football version, though apparently not so much as himself.

"I don't see myself as Johnny Football. I see myself as Johnathan

Manziel," he says. "When people want to take my picture or ask for an autograph, I'm shocked by it. I'm not used to the whole thing, even though it's kind of becoming a daily thing."

He tries to avoid watching highlights of himself, like the ones posted in countless tribute videos, or the more humorous attempts to pay homage to his growing legend. No, he hasn't seen the video by the woman old enough to be his mother, who croons to the camera with her own version of early-1960s hit "Johnny Angel" while surrounded by Aggies gear.

"Johnny Football, how we love him," she warbles. "He's got something Aggies can't resist. And he doesn't even know impossible exists."

In other seasons, when the race wasn't so clear-cut, Te'o might've been positioned to join Charles Woodson as only the second defensive player to capture the Heisman.

The Notre Dame senior certainly has the stats to back up his candidacy, but there's so much more to his resume.

It's hard not to shed a tear every time he makes a big play, either, remembering how he's still dealing with the grief of losing both his grandmother (who died after

a long illness) and his girlfriend (who succumbed to leukemia) just a few hours apart on an awful day back in September.

A special season, to be sure.

But Manziel's debut season goes beyond that. It's transformational, like the first time you saw Herschel Walker flatten a defensive back, or Michael Vick cutting this way and that on one play, then unleashing a 70-yard pass on the next.

It's beyond Heisman-worthy.

"This is something you dream about as a kid," Manziel said. "When you're playing those NCAA (video) games as a kid, you create players who can win the Heisman by putting up some crazy numbers."

When he used to dream up his perfect player for that make-believe world, it looked more like Newton.

You know, 6-foot-6, about 250 pounds, stronger and faster than anyone else on the field.

In real life, Manziel didn't turn out that way. He's just a smidgen over 6-foot. He tips the scales at around 200 pounds.

"I did get tackled a couple of times and heard people say, 'You're really small' or 'You're not as big as we thought,'" Manziel conceded.

Turns out, he was better than the guy on the video game.

The one with the Heisman.

# SPURS

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with a left foot injury.

"You know, you take Tony and Tim off the floor, Manu and Tony off the floor for us, and we'll have a tough time. In the NBA, having your best players is really impor-

tant," Popovich said.

After Sunday's double-overtime win in Toronto, Popovich's team really needed an easy night. None of his players was on the floor for more than 26 minutes.

"It was huge for us to have a good start and make sure we play well right away. Don't mess with them, because we

knew they were 0-11. You don't want to mess with that kind of team. You just want to from the get-go pound them and that's what we did," Parker said.

The Wizards were led by Jordan Crawford's 19 and Kevin Seraphin with 18. San Antonio had 32 assists to Washington's 14.

"We're all embarrassed — plain and simple," Wizards swingman Martel Webster said.

While Washington was embarrassed, the Spurs were efficient, in play-

ing and leaving. Within a half-hour, their locker room was empty.

"We knew we were going to play a lot of guys and kind of keep our minutes down especially after the tough one last night. We came in here and we gave them (the bench) a little lead and guys stepped up and started making shots and we extended that lead. And it's just great to sit there in the fourth quarter, especially after the game we had last night," Duncan said.

# DEFENSE

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Thursday against Washington. Robert III Griffin, the Heisman Trophy winner from Baylor, was 8 of 8 for 178 yards with three touchdowns in Washington's first four-touchdown quarter in 13 years. Another rookie, Alfred Morris, averaged 7 yards per carry and had the other touchdown. The Redskins only faced two third downs, and converted both.

"They hit some big plays and we weren't playing very well," Dallas defensive coordinator Rob Ryan said. "That's just the truth."

The defense helped the Cowboys get back in the game, even getting just the fourth interception of Griffin this season to set up a touchdown that made it a seven-point game with plenty of time left.

But then Ryan's bunch let down again, allowing the Redskins to run nearly 5½ minutes on a field goal drive that killed any realistic hopes of completing the rally.

Dallas had a similar letdown five days earlier when a great defensive stand was followed on the next Cleveland possession by a communication problem., That gave the Browns a go-ahead touchdown in the final minutes before the Cowboys came back and won

in overtime.

"That's something we really focused on last year coming into this year is just not giving up those big plays and communication and all that stuff," said linebacker Anthony Spencer, who has a career-high 6 1-2 sacks after taking down Griffin twice.

"We just had a few of those things happen in this game that we definitely can't have happen."

Carter wasn't the only Dallas defender who didn't finish the Washington game. Defensive end Jason Hatcher, a key replacement with Kenyon Coleman gone for good with a torn triceps, had to leave with a concussion. Orlando Scandrick, the extra cornerback in pass coverage in a secondary already missing safety Barry Church (torn Achilles tendon) for the season, injured his left hand and is out indefinitely after surgery.

"Those are three ... good guys to add to the list of about a hundred, but that's the way it is," Ryan said. "We'll get back."

Cornerback Morris Claiborne said Ryan's message hadn't changed Monday.

"His mood and mindset don't really change," Claiborne said.

"He still feels like we're the best team in this league no matter what and he's the best coach. So his spirit will never change."

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