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Santa and Mrs. Claus talk to a young girl during Howard College's Luminaria event in 2011. This year's event will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday in the area between the Hall Center for the Arts and the student union building.

## HC luminaria event Thursday

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Howard College is going to light up the night, and quite possibly the eyes of some children, as well. The college's Christmas gift to the community will be unveiled Thursday when HC holds its annual Luminaria ceremony. Hundreds of luminarias and other holiday decorations will light

up the college's Birdwell Lane campus, Christmas music will be played and Santa Claus will pay a visit to hear children's gift requests and pose for photos. The event will be held from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the area between the Hall Center and the student union building. There is no admission charge, but people are asked to bring non-perishable food items to support

the Phi Theta Kappa honor society food drives. Donations go to the local Salvation Army. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served. For more information, contact the college at 264-5000. Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

## Collection project a success

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

When the city of Big Spring and Keep Big Spring Beautiful asked Crossroads residents to participate in the annual e-Waste Collection project, few could have predicted just how successful the recycling project would be. According to Johnny Womack, environmental services and assistant director of public works with the city of Big Spring, the annual effort collected nearly three-dozen pallets of e-waste. "We took in 33 pallets of e-waste with a weight of a little more than 30,000 pounds," Womack said. "That is one and one-third semi trailers full, which is really an amazing amount of material."

Among the items that were collected Nov. 16 and 17 were batteries (excluding car and truck batteries); computer components, including cables, parts and components, keyboards, modems, printers, scanners and networking hardware; phone and PDA-related items such as pagers and voicemail and answering machine systems; video cameras; and citizen band radio hardware. Womack said officials with local beautification organization Keep Big Spring Beautiful consider the effort a huge success. "Keep Big Spring Beautiful feels the recycling event was a great success," Womack said. "We appreciate the citizens for bringing their e-waste to us for proper recycling. We would also like to thank the volunteers who worked so hard during the event, helping to make it a success."

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of public works

Womack said recycling e-waste not only keeps bulky items out of the municipal landfill — which is already facing issues of reaching its capacity — it also keeps potentially hazardous materials from finding their way into the local environment. See **PROJECT**, Page 3

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## U.S. presses NATO to honor Afghanistan commitments

By **BRADLEY KLAPPER**  
Associated Press

BRUSSELS — The Obama administration pressed its European allies on Wednesday to follow through on their pledges to Afghanistan's security after most international troops withdraw in 2014, fearful of being left with the check in an era of austerity budgets and defense austers. Donors pledged \$4.1 billion a year to support Afghan forces from 2015 to 2017 at a May summit in Chicago — firming up a key plank of the U.S. strategy to leave behind a secure Afghanistan after battling insurgents for more than a decade. But many governments have yet to come through with the cash. Speaking at NATO headquarters, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton told allies it is "crucial

for every nation to follow through on their commitments, and for those who haven't yet committed any funding to do so." To make her point, she invoked Afghanistan's troubled history of chasing out the Soviet Union in the 1980s only to descend into civil war and the oppression of an extremist Taliban government. "All of us here have an interest in ensuring this region does not once again become a safe haven for international terrorists," Clinton said. "We cannot afford to repeat the mistakes of 1989 and just disengage. That's why we made an enduring commitment, and it's why we have to follow through on it — today, tomorrow and for years to come." For the United States, supporting

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## Obituaries

## Allison Tamara Waddell



Allison Tamara Waddell, 28, passed away Nov. 29, 2012, in her sleep at her home in Big Spring.

Allison is survived by her mother, Alice Lewis; siblings, Janet Jackson and husband Joe and their children, Brittany, Cassidy and Ethan, Trudy Harris and her children, Sky Ann and Ryan, Karl Jones and wife Heather and their children, Ella Rose and Collen, Trey Cee Fairmen and son, James Robert; sister-in-law, J.C., mother of Logan, Skylar and Bralley Wilson; honorary sister, Kacie Carson; God children, Myda, Aaron, Jonathan, Tater and Jacob; grandmother, Henrietta Lewis; and various aunts and uncles.

She was preceded in death by her brother, James Wilson; and grandfather, W.W. Lewis.

A celebration of life service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, 2012, at First Baptist Church  
*Paid obituary*

## Charlie Jake Turner



Charlie Jake Turner, 59, of Big Spring died Thursday, Nov. 29, 2012, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born April 11, 1953, in Big Spring to Terry and Jake Turner. He worked for Price Construction for 22 years and Big Spring State Hospital for 15 years. He lived most of his life in Big Spring, except for a few years in Louisiana.

He is survived by his wife Wanda of Big Spring; two sons, Charlie Jake Turner Jr. and Christopher Turner, both of Big Spring; two daughters, Kinshay Harris and April Turner, both of Big Spring; mother, Terry Turner of Arlington; three brothers, Wayne Turner of Georgia, Rayfield Turner and wife Vee of Arlington and Kenneth Turner of Dallas; three sisters, Joyce Turner of Irving, Linda Miller and husband Harry of Salado and Ellen Clewis and husband Phil of Arlington; and six grandchildren.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by two brothers, John Turner and Kevin Turner.

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

## Martha Hunter Saunders



Martha Hunter Saunders, 91, of Big Spring died Sunday, Dec. 2, 2012, at the Marcy House. Graveside funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, 2012, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born June 11, 1921, in Torrance County, N.M., and married Millard Eugene Saunders on Nov. 24, 1939, in Mitchell County. He preceded her in death Sept. 15, 1980.

She came to Big Spring in 1961 from Garden City and worked for and had managed Elliott Waldron Abstract Companies for 40 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Pat Underwood and husband Loyd of Big Spring and Jaylene Oakes and husband Chip of Evergreen, Colo.; one son, Bud Saunders and wife Margaret of Midland; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Ector and Myria Hunter; two sisters, Myria Gardner and Opal Hyatt; and two brothers, Bud Hunter and J.B. Hunter.

The family suggests memorials be made to Crossroads Hospice, 421 Main St., Big Spring, Texas 79720; or to First Baptist Church Library Fund, 705 W. FM 700, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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)

## J. Juanita Bryant

J. Juanita Bryant, 84, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2012, in an Odessa hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Sharon Brummett



Sharon Brummett, 48, of Rhome, Texas, formerly of Big Spring died Thursday, Nov. 29, 2012. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Vealmoor Cemetery.

She was born June 2, 1964, in Big Spring to Jean and C.B. Brummett Jr. She graduated from Borden County High School in 1982. She worked for the Federal Camp in Big Spring, Town and Country and Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. She was a lifetime resident of Howard County, moving to Rhome three years ago. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by her fiancée, Mark Vanausdall of Rhome; one brother, Audry Brummett and wife Debbie of Vealmoor; one sister, Joie Bayes and husband Brobbie of Vealmoor; one niece; and several aunts and uncles.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one nephew.

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

## Gordon Williamson

Gordon Williamson, 92, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, Dec. 2, 2012 in Trinity, Texas. Funeral services were at 10 a.m. today, Dec. 5, 2012, at Stacy-Wilkins Chapel in Goldthwaite, Texas. Interment followed at Hurst Ranch Cemetery in Star, Texas.

He was born to James and Tenney Bowman Williamson Feb. 13, 1920, in Lipan, Texas and married Myrtle Kelly Aug. 19, 1939, in Goldthwaite. He retired from Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring and worked for the State of Texas here for several years. He served as a justice of the peace in Goldthwaite, then moved back to Big Spring before finally relocating to Trinity in 2003.

He is survived by his daughters, Ruth Wilson of Trinity and Wanda Moss of Huntsville, Texas; his sons, Milton Williamson and wife Roseann, and Melvin Williamson and wife Ella, all of Big Spring; nine grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Patricia Knowles of Austin.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Myrtle; and siblings Keith Williamson, Lloyd Williamson, Lowell Williamson and Imogene Sparkman.

Funeral arrangements by Stacy-Wilkins Funeral Home, 1415 Parker St., Goldthwaite, Texas.

## Police blotter

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

- FABIAN HENRY FLORES, 19, of the 100 block of N.W. Eighth Street (exact address not provided), was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.
- THEFT was reported:  
In the 1400 block of Tucson.  
In the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane.  
In the 600 block of Steakley.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1600 block of Lark.

## Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 63 inmates at the time of this report.

- FABIAN HENRY FLORES, 19, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for bail jumping – felony failure to appear.
- RANDY LEE TREVINO, 28, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of bail jumping – failure to appear.
- LAWRENCE EUGENE HARRISON, 36, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property – more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000.
- ROXANA BLACKWELL, 38, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- ADRIANA MARIE ENRIQUEZ, 23, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property – more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000.

## Today's Weather

## Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 12/7	Sat 12/8	Sun 12/9	Mon 12/10	Tue 12/11
<b>80/45</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 40s.	<b>79/47</b> More sun than clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	<b>76/49</b> Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	<b>75/31</b> Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 30s.	<b>41/34</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise: 7:34 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:34 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:35 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:36 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:37 AM Sunset: 5:42 PM



## Texas At A Glance



## Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	77	53	sunny	Kingsville	80	62	mst sunny
Amarillo	72	35	pt sunny	Livingston	75	55	pt sunny
Austin	75	54	sunny	Longview	71	57	pt sunny
Beaumont	75	59	pt sunny	Lubbock	79	40	pt sunny
Brownsville	81	64	pt sunny	Lufkin	75	58	pt sunny
Brownwood	78	52	sunny	Midland	80	47	sunny
Corpus Christi	76	64	pt sunny	Raymondville	81	63	pt sunny
Corsicana	74	54	pt sunny	Rosenberg	75	58	pt sunny
Dallas	74	55	pt sunny	San Antonio	76	57	sunny
Del Rio	78	56	sunny	San Marcos	76	54	sunny
El Paso	75	44	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	72	56	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	85	53	sunny	Sweetwater	78	50	sunny
Gainesville	71	50	pt sunny	Tyler	74	58	pt sunny
Greenville	71	53	pt sunny	Weatherford	73	50	sunny
Houston	75	58	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	77	46	mst sunny

• BRANDY LYNN SEVERANCE, 34, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of bail jumping – failure to appear.

## Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of S. Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Nolan. 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 2600 block of Ann. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Galveston. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of S. Owens. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- AUTOMOBILE FIRE was reported near the 181 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 600 block of S. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of E. 11th Place. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 700 block of Highland. One person was transported to SMMC.

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## Take note

• Big Spring Independent School District will hold a Key Communicator meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday in the high school board room. Registration for the event is necessary — call Jarry Fulgham at 264-3600 or email [jfulgham@bsisd.esc18.net](mailto:jfulgham@bsisd.esc18.net).

• There will be a Christmas Sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at My Redeemer Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. A wide variety of gifts for people of all ages will be available, most for between \$1 and \$5.

• 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.

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

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

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

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

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

• Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

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

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

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

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• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

• Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center.

• Visual Awareness Support Group (VASG) is open to the public but specifically aimed for people who suffer from vision problems. For more information, call 263-2501.

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Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel

## NATO

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Afghanistan's army of about 230,000 men is also an issue of economics. Hoping to map the way out of an unpopular war, the U.S. and NATO brought in dozens of other countries earlier this year to build as broad a funding base as possible for Afghanistan's still-

developing army. The argument was straightforward: Even \$4 billion a year to prop up the Afghan military comes out far cheaper than maintaining a foreign army in the country, and a lot easier for war-weary publics to swallow.

Together, the U.S. and governments outside the fighting force promised to come up with the bulk of the money. But

having repeatedly guaranteed the Western-backed government of President Hamid Karzai that his country won't be abandoned, Washington doesn't want to be left covering even more because of unfulfilled pledges.

NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said NATO and other coalition partners agreed Wednesday to develop a mechanism so

funds are managed accountably and transparently. Widespread corruption in Afghanistan has prompted reservations by several governments.

Afghan Foreign Ministry spokesman Janan Mosazai said his government was aware of the fiscal constraints cash-strapped European nations are facing, but he expressed confidence in all pledges being met.

The money "is an investment not only in the security of Afghanistan, but also in the security of the region and the wider world," Mosazai told reporters at NATO. "So in our view, that is an efficient, cost-effective investment in long-term security."

## PROJECT

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"Many of the older computer monitors contain lead and other hazardous metals and materials," Womack said. "By recycling these items

we help protect our own natural resources while also allowing electronics makers to utilize the recycled materials.

"There are also non-hazardous materials — such as gold and silver — used in some computer components and by recycling them, we

keep them from wasting away in a landfill. Overall, the entire process is a step in the right direction for our planet."

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# Who do they think they are?

A few years back I saw a guy wearing a T-shirt that declared, "People who think they know everything irritate those of us who do." It reminded me of another one I saw that stated, "I thought I made a mistake once but I was mistaken." Then there's the one that's been around forever: "It's hard to be humble when you're perfect".

I guess this species of creature has been around a long time, because I can remember my dad saying about certain folks, "If I could buy him for what he's worth and sell him for what he thinks he's worth I'd be rich."

We've all seen those majestic posters that have slogans like "Inspiration", "Success" or "Achieve." Well, there's one you can buy and put it in a prominent place in your office or home if you're one who would wear any of the aforementioned T-shirts. It states a definition of arrogance that reads, "When you're better than others, it's best to let them know in no uncertain terms so they won't embarrass themselves by questioning your decisions or actions."

Certainly you know, my educated and humble reader, that it's a waste of time to take anyone seriously who displays such ridiculous propaganda, until you run into someone who really thinks that highly of themselves. I sure hope you aren't one of "them" because I would hate to be the one who bursts your little bubble. Truth is, anyone who even remotely believes they have all the answers and that their opinion is superior to all others is seriously deficient of any degree of intellectual validity. Simply stated, anyone who thinks that is foolish and greatly deceived because no one is right all the time.

Uh-oh, there went the bubble. You may not think that level of arrogance and self-righteousness exists in our world today, but unfortunately it does. The problem is most folks who think their ideas and opinions are all that matters aren't helping us out by wearing a stupid self-defining T-shirt. It would be helpful if they would because

then we could simply avoid them and ignore everything they say and do.

There is no question that being in the public eye can breed this kind of thinking. Arrogance is eyeball-deep in Washington and Hollywood, for sure. For too long, we have been fed a steady diet of political and entertainment arrogance by a community of self-proclaimed "superstars" who are intolerable and unacceptable to the honest folks who make up the majority of the human race.

George Bernard Shaw said, "He knows nothing; and he thinks he knows everything. That points clearly to a political career." One of the reasons our country is in this mess is because so many of our leaders are unwilling to think outside of their own box of understanding or embrace any ideas that aren't original to them or their cronies.

Compromise of righteous principles and unquestionable truth should never be an option, but to be so absolute in one's thinking that the mind is closed to any new or different ideas is a prescription for disaster. Tragically, that kind of thinking is prominent in Washington these days.

The Hollywood mindset is so out of control that it almost defies comprehension. If you think our grandchildren are spoiled, you need to read on.

The famous singer and actress Jennifer Lopez is well known as being a demanding celebrity when she performs. Among other things, she requires a trailer at least 40 feet in length, in which everything is white. That means drapes, couches, candles, tablecloths, lilies, and roses (she also requires yellow roses with red trim thrown in as well).

And if you're hoping to keep a prolonged smile on "Jenny from the Block's" pretty mug, you can't forget the selection of current CDs she requires, chosen from a list of 43 artists, or her three favorite scented candles from Diptyque—Tuberose, Figuier, and Heliotrope. And that's just from her contract for a charity song benefiting AIDS victims in Africa! Did I mention Jenny was only at the event for a total of 90 minutes?

But she certainly isn't alone in thinking the whole world revolves around her and her wishes. Celine Dion requires a children's choir with 20 to 24

## I COLUMN AS I SEE 'EM

children of all races. Pavarotti used to demand that there be no noise backstage or distinct smells anywhere near him; but he did want a golf cart. Cher can't perform without a wig room, cable TV that shows Turner Classic Movies and a room for her massage therapist.

"Weird Al" Yankovic is a strict vegan and forbids Dasani water. Elton John demands that his dressing room be kept at 60 degrees in summer and 70 degrees in winter. And Busta Rhymes insists that there be no pork or beef anywhere near his dressing room, but he does want a 24-piece bucket of KFC and an assortment of things I would not dare mention in this family-friendly column.

One of the newest superstar divas seems to be proficiently following in the footsteps of her predecessors. The 23-year old singer, Adele, requires chicken salad sandwiches, Marlboro Lights, the "best quality" red wine and six metal teaspoons in her dressing room. She also bans organic honey. Factor in the nonsensical demands of Beyonce, Justin Bieber, Katy Perry, and an endless list of others and you start to get the idea arrogance is out of control in Tinseltown.

I don't have time to address the spoiled athletes, but you can rest assured this sickness has reached epidemic in that arena as well.

So if you're open to advice, I'll end my column with a couple of quotes from George Clooney and the Bible. George said, "You never really learn much from hearing yourself speak." Proverbs 11:2 says, "When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom." Proverbs 13:10 says, "Pride only breeds quarrels, but wisdom is found in those who take advice." My advice is to be willing to listen to other's advice.

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

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# Save a life; deport unlicensed driver

On Nov. 16, 2010, an unlicensed driver named Roberto Galo took a left turn at Harrison and 16th streets and hit motorcyclist Drew Rosenberg. After Galo backed over Rosenberg's body, the law-school student died. A jury convicted Galo for manslaughter and driving without a license. After serving 43 days in jail, he was released on home detention.

Don Rosenberg of Westlake Village — in Los Angeles County — blames San Francisco politics for his son's death. He also fears that the like-minded Obama administration will shield unlicensed drivers to the detriment of public safety — and Washington isn't giving him reason to believe otherwise.

This sanctuary city has been so eager to protect illegal immigrants who cannot obtain California drivers' licenses that in 2009, then-Mayor Gavin Newsom announced that the city no longer would impound the cars of unlicensed drivers automatically. In 2008, the AAA Foundation for Public Safety reported that 29 percent of fatal car crashes in California involved a driver without a valid license. No worries, San Francisco sent a message to folks who haven't

even passed a driver's test: You can drive here and get away with it.

Accidents happen, but Rosenberg doesn't see this crash as an accident — Galo, after all, backed over Rosenberg's son.

You can't blame California's law that denies driver's licenses to illegal immigrants. As a legal immigrant given temporary protective status, Galo was eligible for a driver's license. But he didn't have one, and he drove anyway. That decision demonstrated a reckless disregard for the safety of others and disrespect for the law.

Repeated disrespect. Five months earlier, police stopped Galo for driving the wrong way on a one-way street and driving without a license. He paid a \$220 fine. Then-Police Chief George Gascon — now the district attorney — supported the Newsom plan. He even told me at the time that it would help legal residents who couldn't afford to get a license or driver training. Does he still support it? No answer from his office.

The Public Defender's Office, which represented Galo, did not wish to discuss the case.

The next question is whether Galo, having been convicted of two misdemeanors, can remain in the United States legally. While immigration officials have not responded to my queries, aides to Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif, told me that Immigration

and Customs Enforcement (ICE) told them Galo was guilty of only one crime of moral turpitude — which suggests that he can stay.

Jessica Vaughan of the pro-enforcement Center for Immigration Studies told me, "What makes this particular case disconcerting is that authorities seemed willing to overlook this serious violation in order to protect someone from deportation who has killed someone." Will Washington follow San Francisco's example?

If so, thank groups like the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles who have sold the idea that driving without a license is not a big deal. Spokesman Jorge-Mario Cabrera told me, "We don't believe that most traffic offenses should be deportable."

As Rosenberg noted, San Francisco's message to unlicensed drivers is that they can drive, kill somebody and serve only 43 days in jail. The Obama administration, however, could send the message that when immigrants seeking permanent legal status flout the law and drive without a license, and they kill somebody, they will be deported.

The only reason not to send that message: You care more about people who break the law than the law-abiding general public.

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# Clues, hints, begs: Tales of elusive gifts

By LEANNE ITALIE

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's not possible for Katie Jackson to be any more clear about what she wants for Christmas. It's the same thing she has asked for three years running: a dog.

But not just any dog. A Leonberger, one of those gentle giant breeds that can cost up to \$1,500 and would occupy a good chunk of her Long Island City apartment.

The first year she asked, she got a replica fashioned from

chicken wire. The next year, Jackson tracked down a Leo breeder in Montana, where she was visiting her parents for the holidays. She printed out the directions, wrapped them in a big box and presented them to her father as a gift. "We went home without one, but it was a fun road trip."

And the year after that? Her mom shipped her a giant stuffed dog to stand in for the real thing.

While her parents have good reasons for not granting her wish (cost, size), other people

aren't so sure why their numerous gift hints year after year yield a big fat nothing, even when their sought-after treasures aren't out-of-this-world expensive.

David Bakke, 46, said he's not the greatest at matching his clothes and always asks for new shirt-and-pant combos. It never happens.

"Time and again, I end up with a new GPS or digital camera," he said. "People always tell me that clothes are boring to give as a Christmas gift. I'd take that boring gift

any day of the week."

Bakke also hinted for an iPad last year. Didn't get it. "I'm a little more excited about it this year because I'm not even asking for the newest iPad," he said.

Marissa Anwar, 29, in Waterloo, Ontario, has been left in the cold. She's an avid snowboarder who wants a season pass to the ski club near her house. The cost? About \$700.

"I'm pretty sure that I've wanted that for the last five years or so, but my family

has a really hard time getting the hints," she said.

She should swap parents with Bakke.

"I'm not quite sure what the issue is. I have a feeling that it may be the fact that my family really likes giving 'tangible' gifts. Mostly electronics and clothes," Anwar said.

Anwar has been so bold as to suggest a few friends join forces to make her wintry dream come true, "but that

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# Home observatories make star-gazing easier

By MELISSA DUTTON

Associated Press

Regardless of their interest in astronomy, visitors to Chris Krstanovic's home want to look through his telescope.

Krstanovic recently built an observatory at his house in Windham, N.H. Before he added the domed structure, he didn't star-gaze as often as he liked because of the time and effort involved in setting up his telescopes and other equipment.

"It takes you two hours to set up plus two hours to take down. It takes away from your observing time," said the business owner, who developed an interest in astronomy as a kid. "Being out there in the open sky, it's kind of cold. It's miserable."

Now, he can easily search the sky for exoplanets — planets outside the solar system — anytime he wants to. And share his hobby

with guests.

"Everybody that comes to our house wants to go in there and look," he said. "Many of my neighbors have young kids. This opens up a whole new field for them. It is a very good way to get young people interested in science."

A growing number of amateur astronomers around the country are installing home observatories to indulge their passion for exploring the night sky, said John Goss of Roanoke, Va., vice president of The Astronomical League, which represents more than 200 astronomical societies.

The cost of equipment has decreased dramatically over the last 20 years, he said. Advances in technology also mean amateurs can buy cameras and viewing equipment once limited to professional observatories. Today, amateurs can buy a telescope and accessory equipment

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Aside from telescopes and cameras, a home observatory must have a roof that opens or retracts, and a stable mount for the telescope. Do-it-yourselfers often construct observatories out of shed-type structures designed so the roof rolls off the building onto support beams. Others buy prefabricated domes and mount them on their homes or other small buildings. It helps to live far from the city lights.

You can set up a home observatory for about \$20,000, said Suzy Gorton, education manager

at the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, in San Francisco.

She used to see such a project "as the exception. Now, I'd compare it to buying a new car."

And the equipment for viewing and photographing the sky has advanced so much that amateurs, too, are regularly "contributing to science," she said.

"That's the amazing part. The equipment to do scientific observations has become affordable," she said.

Volunteers helped astronomers at Yale University discover a series of small galaxies that could offer insights on how stars are formed.

An amateur in Australia is credited with alerting NASA to a spot on Jupiter that scien-

tists believe occurred when a comet or meteor crashed into the planet. Current equipment also allows amateurs to closely study supernovas and offer data on the life cycle of stars.

Krstanovic works with professional astronomers to help measure star spots, which can determine how fast a star rotates.

"You now can have something that if you know how to use it and if you have the right camera, you can do some real science," he said.

He completed his observatory, a 10-by-10-foot structure built on a deck behind his house, about four months ago. Winter viewing is best and he is looking forward to using the new setup in the coming months.

He already often watches the sky remotely from a computer in his house because the observatory is unheated. Telescopes function best when they are the same temperature as the air.

Hobbyists often opt for a home observatory when they acquire so much equipment that it's cumbersome to set it

up and take it down, said Jerry Smith, owner of Technical Innovations, a Gaithersburg, Md., company that produces observatory domes for amateurs and professionals. For \$20,000, he said, an amateur can create a setup that would have cost about \$200,000 a decade ago.

Many of Smith's customers are retirees who have more time to pursue their interest in astronomy. Some clients design their retirement homes to include observatories, and he cites communities in Arizona, Georgia and New Mexico that are intended for amateur astronomers. The developments are in rural areas and have restrictions on outdoor lighting to make star gazing easier.

Scott Jamieson doesn't live in a dedicated astronomy community but he was thinking about his observatory when he chose the location of his home in Eagle, Wis. The recent retiree heads out to the observatory in his backyard about once a week to photograph galaxies and star clusters.

## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Sylvia Hits the Jackpot

South dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

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**WEST**

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**EAST**

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♦ J 6 4

♣ K 10 5

**SOUTH**

♠ A K J 8 7 5 3

♥ 5

♦ A K 9

♣ 7 3

The bidding:

South West North East

1♠ Pass 1NT Pass

4♠

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

When Sylvia first joined the club, she barely knew a spade from a hole in the ground. She thought a coup was something politicians did, a pass something boys made at girls and a double something you saw in the mirror.

But this didn't stop Sylvia from playing in the expert game, where, of course, she was outclassed. Her lack of familiarity with the finer points of the game produced countless disasters, but at the same time, this igno-

rance occasionally resulted in a triumph that would become a cause celebre among the membership.

Take today's deal, which occurred shortly after Sylvia learned to finesse. This newly found device was a revelation to her, and she relished each and every opportunity to use it with a zest that scared her partners half to death.

West led the queen of clubs against Sylvia's four-spade contract. Sylvia won with dummy's ace, returned a trump and finessed the jack! After this extraordinary play succeeded, Sylvia lost a heart, a diamond and a club to make four spades.

East-West felt deeply aggrieved by the unusual first-round trump finesse, without which they believed Sylvia would inevitably have gone down one. Yet, strangely enough, later analysis proved that Sylvia's play was correct and the only way to assure the contract.

Had the finesse lost to the singleton or doubleton queen, the contract would still have been a certainty. The defense could cash a club and shift to a diamond, but declarer would win, cash a high trump and then play a heart to the queen and ace. South would later discard her diamond loser on the king of hearts, using the six of spades as an entry to dummy.

Tomorrow: Double-dummy problem.

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## GIFTS

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suggestion has fallen on deaf ears."

Tiffany is lending a hand in the hint department. The luxury jeweler launched its Drop

a Hint program in November, in time for one of those blue boxes to show up under the tree.

Click any item on Tiffany.com and you'll see a "Drop a Hint" link allowing you to email the details to a recipient of choice with this message: "Dear \_\_\_\_: We

have it on good authority from our friends at the North Pole that this is on top of \_\_\_\_'s list and would make her very merry indeed." The blanks are filled in upon receipt.

More than 65,000 hints so far, said a Tiffany spokesman, Carson Glover.

Well played, Tiffany. Persistence worked for 62-year-old Mark Kinders of Edmond, Okla. He once spotted some wonderful neckties in the gift shop at

the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center in Madison, Wis., during a conference.

"My wife wouldn't let me buy it," he recalled. "Over the banquet later with lots of table buzz, I interrupted with, 'Did you hear that? I can hear that tie calling to me from the gift shop.' My wife could have killed me. Ten minutes later I interrupted with, 'There it is again.'"

The result: "I got the tie. Still have my wife."

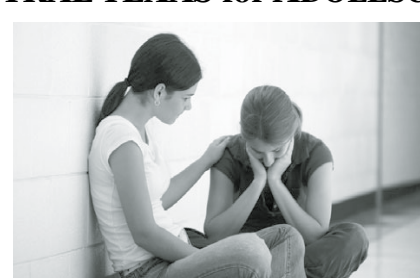
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# News in brief

## Fort Worth police major demoted after DWI arrest

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — An officer who was chief of staff to Fort Worth Police Chief Jeff Halstead has been demoted following his arrest on a driving while intoxicated charge.

Halstead says Maj. Paul Henderson has been demoted to captain and will return to work Saturday but with the community programs division. The police chief says Henderson will have administrative duties until the internal investigation is completed.

Henderson was off-duty when he was arrested last weekend in Parker County by a Texas trooper. Henderson was placed on detached duty status following his arrest. He also faces a pay cut with the demotion announced Tuesday.

## Troubled \$3B cancer agency meets amid new scrutiny

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Leaders of an embattled \$3 billion cancer-fighting agency in Texas are meeting for the first time since disclosing that a lucrative state grant was improperly awarded to a private company.

The Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas faces questions from top lawmakers after spending much of the year under a barrage of criticism. The agency's woes intensified when it was revealed that a Dallas biomedical company won \$11 million in taxpayer funds without having its proposal vetted by experts.

The agency's governing board meets Wednesday. Among the agenda items is a report from the compliance officer who uncovered the improper grant to Peloton Therapeutics.

Gov. Rick Perry and other key Republicans last week called on the agency to explain how and why Peloton's proposal was never reviewed.

## New judge appointed in Fort Hood shooting case

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — The Army's highest legal branch appointed a new judge to preside over the case of the Fort Hood shooting suspect, indicating the court-martial is on track to move forward after lengthy delays.

U.S. Army Col. Tara Osborn was named Tuesday to head the case of Maj. Nidal Hasan, who faces the death penalty if convicted in the 2009 shootings that killed 13 and wounded more than two dozen on the Texas Army post.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces on Monday ousted the previous judge, Col. Gregory Gross, saying he appeared biased against Hasan. The court also tossed out Gross' order to have Hasan's beard forcibly shaved before his court-martial, though it didn't rule on whether the order violated his religious rights as he claimed.

While in custody this spring, Hasan started growing a beard that he says is an expression of his Islamic faith. Gross had sided with prosecutors who say the beard violates Army grooming standards and could confuse witnesses.

The ruling Monday by the military's highest court said the command, not a judge, is responsible for enforcing grooming standards, which means another judge isn't likely to order Hasan to shave, some military law experts said.

"This ruling will have a chilling effect on the future judge because he or she ... will not pursue this beard issue any longer, and the appeals court still hasn't answered the key question of whether Hasan has to comply with military regulations and shave like every other military officer," said Jeff Addicott, director of the Center for Terrorism Law at St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio. The retired military attorney is not involved in Hasan's case. "But on the flip side, the jury is going to see him in a full beard and may think he is motivated by radical Islamic beliefs. That's what prosecutors and the judge (Gross) were trying to prevent."

## Texas murder suspect surrenders after escape

DALLAS (AP) — A capital murder suspect stole a deputy's gun, fled a Dallas hospital and held police at bay for nearly two hours Tuesday night before surrendering peacefully and returning to the hospital, officials said.

Franklin B. Davis, 30, of Carrollton, surrendered shortly before 11 p.m. Tuesday and was returned to Parkland Memorial Hospital, the same hospital from which he'd escaped about 8:30 p.m. while receiving treatment, Dallas County sheriff's spokeswoman Carmen Castro said.

Castro said she did not know what kind of treatment Davis was receiving.

Dallas police tactical squad officers surrounded the 30-year-old Carrollton man about 9 p.m. after he sought refuge in a van about a mile from the hospital, Castro said. Negotiations finally resolved the standoff peacefully, she said.

Castro said the deputy was not injured in the incident at the hospital, but she said she had no other details.

Davis is awaiting trial in the death of Shania Gray, a 16-year-old sophomore at Hebron High School in Carrollton. Her body was found Sept. 8 along a fork of the Trinity River. She had been shot and strangled.

Davis already had been charged with four counts of sexually assaulting Gray when he allegedly took Gray from her school. Police have said Davis confessed to killing the girl. Police say he did so to prevent Gray from testifying against him in a sexual assault case.

Family and friends had said that when she was

killed Gray's family was in the process of moving from one Dallas suburb to another so her father could be closer to work. Neighbors in Mesquite, the eastern suburb where the family lived for years, described Gray as friendly and caring.

## South Texas man gets 14 years as child predator

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A South Texas man has been sentenced to more than 14 years in prison for being an online child predator and meeting his victim in Laredo.

A federal judge in Corpus Christi on Tuesday sentenced Anthony Michael Puckett. The 41-year-old Corpus Christi man in September pleaded guilty to online coercion and enticement of a child.

Prosecutors say Puckett in 2010 began communicating with a then-14-year-old girl and eventually met her in Laredo for sexual activities.

Investigators say Puckett, who was indicted in July, communicated with the girl twice while in federal custody.

He remains behind bars.

## Agents in El Paso seize \$52K from detergent box

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Border agents in Texas are trying to determine whether \$52,000 in undeclared cash hidden in a detergent box was laundered money.

El Paso County Jail records show 36-year-old Edgar Lopez Chavez was being held Wednesday on a bulk cash smuggling charge.

Online jail records did not list bond or an attorney for Chavez, who's from Mexico but lives in Aurora, Colo.

Customs and Border Protection officials say Chavez was arrested Monday when his southbound car was searched at the Bridge of the Americas. Officers found five packets of currency in the laundry detergent box.

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## News in brief

### Fiscal cliff offers hint at billions more in defense cuts on top of 10-year, \$500B reduction

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans' "fiscal cliff" counteroffer to President Barack Obama hints at billions of dollars in military cuts on top of the nearly \$500 billion that the White House and Congress backed last year, and even the fiercest defense hawks acknowledge that the Pentagon faces another financial hit.

The proposal that House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, and other Republican leaders sent to the White House this week calls for cuts of \$300 billion in discretionary spending to achieve savings of \$2.2 trillion over 10 years. The blueprint offered no specifics on the cuts, although the Pentagon and defense-related departments such as Homeland Security and State make up roughly half of the federal government's discretionary spending.

By any credible calculation, the military, which is still coming to grips with the half-trillion-dollar cut in last year's deficit-cutting law, is looking at an additional \$10 billion to \$15 billion cut in projected defense spending each year for the next decade. It's a prospect that Republicans recognize is the new reality, with wars in Iraq and Afghanistan ending and deficits demanding deep cuts.

"Not too devastating," said Sen. John McCain of Arizona, the top Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee. That's especially true compared with the alternative that McCain dreads — the double hit of tax hikes and automatic spending cuts dubbed the fiscal cliff.

If Obama and Congress are unable to reach a deal this month, the Pentagon would face across-the-board cuts of some \$55 billion after the first of the year and nearly \$500 billion over a decade. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta and military leaders have warned that such a meat-ax approach to the budget would do considerable harm.

### Serbia ambassador to NATO leaps to death from parking garage platform at Brussels airport

BRUSSELS (AP) — Officials say Serbia's ambassador to NATO committed suicide by leaping from a busy parking garage platform at Brussels Airport.

A Serbian government statement said Wednesday that the envoy, Branislav Milinkovic, 52, died instantly on Tuesday night.

A diplomat who could not be identified because he was not authorized to speak to the media said Milinkovic suddenly jumped from the 8- to 10-meter-high (26- to 33-foot-high) platform while waiting with the Serbian delegation for foreign ministry officials due to hold talks with NATO officials.

Serbia is not a member of the military alliance, but has a mission in the headquarters complex. Milinkovic, a former journalist, previously served as Serbia's ambassador to Austria.

The death occurred during two days of meetings of NATO foreign ministers in Brussels.

### Workers end crippling 8-day strike at nation's largest port complex after deal is reached

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Clerical workers and longshoremen at the nation's largest port complex will return to work Wednesday, eight days after they walked out in a crippling strike that prevented shippers from delivering billions of dollars in cargo across the country.

"I'm really pleased to tell all of you that my 10,000 longshore workers in the ports of LA and Long Beach are going to start moving cargo on these ships," said Ray Familathe, vice president of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union. "We're going to get cargo moved throughout the supply chain and the country and get everybody those that they're looking for in those stores."

Negotiators reached a tentative agreement to end the strike late Tuesday, less than two hours after federal mediators arrived from Washington, D.C. No details about the terms of the deal were released, though a statement from the workers' union said it had won new protections preventing jobs from being outsourced.

Days of negotiations that included all-night bargaining sessions suddenly went from a stalemate to big leaps of progress by Tuesday. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said the sides were already prepared to take a vote when the mediators arrived.

### Obama signals willingness to go over 'fiscal cliff,' banks on GOP getting the blame

WASHINGTON (AP) — It may be just a bluff or a bargaining ploy, but the White House is signaling that President Barack Obama is willing to let the country go over the "fiscal cliff," a hard-line negotiating strategy aimed at winning concessions from Republicans on taxes.

If Washington really does fail to avert the looming series of tax hikes and spending cuts, the White House will portray Republicans as the culprits for insisting on protecting tax cuts for the wealthy, an effort the administration is laying the groundwork for now.

"This is a choice of the Republican Party," said Dan Pfeiffer, White House communications director. "If they are willing to do higher rates on the wealthy, there's a lot we can talk about. And if they are not, then they'll push us over the cliff."

But going over the cliff also would be full of risk for a president fresh off re-election and facing at least two more years of divided government.

Ending the year without a deal could roil financial markets and dent consumer confidence just as the economy is strengthening. It could make it harder for Obama to get Republican help on his second-term priorities like overhauling the immigration system and the nation's tax code, or in getting potential Cabinet replacements confirmed.

### World Bank: Climate change will hit Middle East and North Africa especially hard

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — The Middle East and North Africa will be especially hard hit by climate change in the coming decades, the World Bank said in a report Wednesday, saying the region will see less rainfall, more recording-breaking temperatures and rising sea levels.

Should temperatures rise as expected, the hotter conditions are likely to hit the region's \$50 billion (€8.2 billion) tourism industry and further worsen its food security since many countries in the region — especially Gulf states — depend heavily on imports to feed their populations. Crop failures will also increase while yields will decrease and

household incomes will fall, the report said.

The report was presented at the United Nations climate negotiations in Doha, Qatar, where nearly 200 delegates for the first time are in the Middle East to discuss cutting emissions in an attempt to ensure that global temperatures don't rise more than 2 degrees C (3.6 degrees F) over what they were in preindustrial times.

Temperatures have already risen about 0.8 degrees C (1.4 degrees F), according to the latest report by the IPCC.

### Class of 2012: EU labor market largely immobile as young find themselves trapped by language

MADRID (AP) — Maria Menendez, a 25-year-old caught in Spain's job-destroying economic crisis, would love to work in Germany as a veterinarian. Germany, facing an acute shortage of skilled workers, would love to have her.

A perfect match, it seems, but something's holding her back: She doesn't speak German.

The European Union was built on a grand vision of free labor markets in which talent could be matched with demand in a seamless and efficient manner, much in the way workers in the U.S. hop across states in search of opportunity. But today only 3 percent of working age EU citizens live in a different EU country, research shows. As young people in crisis-hit southern Europe face unemployment rates hovering at 50 percent, many find themselves caught in a language trap, unable to communicate in the powerhouse economy that needs their skills the most: Germany.

"I think going abroad is my best option," said Menendez, "but for people like me who have never studied German, it would be like starting from zero."

### Mud-stained bodies show graphic toll of powerful Philippine typhoon that killed over 270

NEW BATAAN, Philippines (AP) — Mud-stained bodies covered with banana leaves were laid out in a row and survivors dried their soiled belongings on the roadside under a bright sun Wednesday, a day after a typhoon killed more than 270 people in the southern Philippines.

Officials feared many more bodies could be found as rescuers reach hard-hit areas that had been isolated by landslides, floods and downed communications.

At least 151 people have died in the worst-hit province of Compostela Valley since Typhoon Bopha began lashing the region early Tuesday, including 66 villagers and soldiers who perished in a flash flood that swamped two emergency shelters and a military camp in New Bataan town, provincial spokeswoman Fe Maestre told The Associated Press.

About 80 people survived the deluge in New Bataan with injuries, but an unspecified number of villagers remain missing. On Wednesday, the farming town of 45,000 people was a muddy wasteland of collapsed houses and columns of coconut and banana trees felled by Bopha's ferocious winds.

Outside a town gymnasium, several mud-stained bodies were laid side-by-side, covered by cloth and banana leaves and surrounded by villagers covering their noses to fight the stench. A man sprayed insecticide on the remains to turn away swarms of flies.

### Georgian president and prime minister in battle of wills after parliamentary vote

TBILISI, Georgia (AP) — It is a battle of egos that could not be more visible: The shining palace of the president and the lavish glass villa of the new billionaire prime minister vie for attention on hills overlooking the capital of Georgia, a U.S.-allied former Soviet republic in the throes of a leadership shakeup.

And in a graphic symbol of President Mikhail Saakashvili's fading glory, the outdoor lights that illuminate his official residence will soon go off because his nemesis, Prime Minister Bidzina Ivanishvili, has refused to keep paying the bill.

Ivanishvili, who became prime minister after his Georgian Dream coalition unseated Saakashvili's party in this fall's parliamentary election, has set out to further weaken his rival with a series of arrests of top officials and moves to cut funding to the presidency and curb Saakashvili's powers.

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### Steers pull out double OT win over Lake View, Lady Steers pound Pecos 69-29

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

Big Spring

For the second time in four days, the Steers found themselves mired in an overtime battle with San Angelo Lake View on Tuesday, and for the second time, Big Spring came away the victors after nipping the Chiefs 65-63.

The first meeting between the Chiefs and the Steers was Saturday at the Doug McCutchen Memorial Basketball Tournament in San Angelo. BSHS ended the weekend with bang when Tyler Graves sunk a three-point shot as time expired to put the Steers up 57-56.

Last night's affair at Steer Gym was just as dramatic.

"We started off slow and then it was kind of back and forth," BSHS Head Basketball Coach Cliff Thompson said. "We fought back and tied it up."

Senior Chazzell Robertson — who until last night has been sidelined with a broken wrist — made his season debut count as he led the Steers in scoring, racking up 15 points in the first half.

"(Robertson) played well," Thomson said. "They all played well. They handled themselves well in a tight game. They played defense and made shots when they we were needed. Overall, it was a good effort, they were very unselfish."

The Chiefs kept pace with the Steers and it was a see-saw match for most of the second half. Four missed free throws kept BSHS from

closing out the game in regulation. "(San Angelo) cut the lead to two in the second overtime," Thomson said. "We held on, the kids stepped up when we needed them to."

The Steers (4-5) will be playing Lamesa beginning tomorrow in a weekend tournament. Thomson is eager to see how his squad will fare against larger schools such as Odessa Permian, who BSHS will be playing in the opener Thursday.

"If we can beat 5A Permian, we can win the tournament," Thomson added. "I definitely think they are the best team there. They are picked to win."

The Lady Steers also won at home Tuesday as they crushed Pecos 69-29, outscoring the Lady Eagles in every quarter. Logan Yarbar put 21 points on the board for Big Spring, while Yaneira Tuitt chipped in 10 points and grabbed six rebounds.

BSHS now holds a 6-5 record as it prepares for a road trip to Monahans for a tournament beginning Thursday.

#### Forsan

POST — The varsity basketball teams representing Forsan split last night in Post as the girls fell 44-42 in a tight game. Brittney Hergert and Reagan Haggard led the Lady Buffaloes in scoring with 10 points apiece. The Forsan girls are now 7-3.

The Buffalo boys picked up a win on the road, downing the Antelopes 56-46. Dillon Bagnall scored 20 points for the Buffs (4-2) as well

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Rodovan Skokan goes for two during the Steers' 65-63 double overtime win over San Angelo Lake View on Tuesday.

### Sports Calendar

#### TODAY

**Women's Basketball**  
• Howard College (7-3) at Cisco College, 6 p.m.

**Men's Basketball**  
• Howard College (9-0) at Ranger College, 7:30 p.m.

#### THURSDAY

**Boy's Basketball**  
• Big Spring varsity at Lamesa Tournament, J.V. and 9th at San Angelo Tournament (through Saturday), TBA.  
• Coahoma at Hoptown Tournament, Stanton (through Saturday), TBA.  
• Forsan at Borden County Tournament (through Saturday), TBA.  
• Stanton hosting Hoptown Tournament, Stanton (through Saturday), TBA.

#### Girl's Basketball

• Big Spring varsity at Monahans Tournament, J.V. at Abilene Cooper Tournament, 9th at Snyder Tournament (all through Saturday).  
• Coahoma at Hoptown Tournament, Stanton (through Saturday), TBA.  
• Forsan at Hoptown Tournament, Stanton (through Saturday), TBA.

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

### Cowboys' WR Dez Bryant heeding advice, rolling along

#### SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas — Dallas coach Jason Garrett implores Dez Bryant to run "north and south" with the ball. The Cowboys receiver is listening and his career sure seems headed a lot more north than south these days.

Bryant's first catch Sunday at Cincinnati (7-5) could get the Dallas receiver to 1,000 yards for the first time as a pro. The past four games, he scored in each one and had the same career high in yards twice.

On the go-ahead touchdown last weekend against Philadelphia, Garrett called for Bryant to get the ball on a screen pass 6 yards from the end zone.

The only way in was "north and south," and Bryant ran through a defender at the goal line, just inside the pylon.

"Dez is growing before our eyes," Garrett said after the 38-33 victory.

That score was actually the second time Bryant heeded his coach's words against the Eagles. The first wasn't planned, though. Tony Romo scrambled to his right and turned back to see Bryant wide open across the field. Bryant did a little weaving on that 23-yard score, but mostly headed in the direction Garrett prefers and beat two defenders to the goal line.

"Tony, he believes in me and I want that to increase more," said Bryant, who has 978 yards and eight touchdowns and a career-high 145 yards in consecutive games against Cleveland and Washington. "It's all about focus and not losing composure. If he calls a play and I do what I'm supposed to do, it makes a difference."

One other play might have been more important than Bryant's two touchdowns.

Dallas trailed Philadelphia 27-24

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### Kubiak, Texans looking for more after clinching playoff berth

#### KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans aren't content with their accomplishments after clinching their second straight playoff berth over the weekend.

They plan to build on their franchise-best 11-1 start to improve their playoff position. The Texans are also dealing with mounting injuries in the secondary and to their linebackers.

"Now every time we step to the plate we can probably gain something else," coach Gary Kubiak said. "So we just have to stay

focused on that. Our last month is going to be difficult, but when it's difficult, that's what gives you the best chance to prepare to be a good football team in January."

The first step is a Monday night matchup at New England. They'll have to face Tom Brady and the Patriots without cornerback Brice McCain, who will be placed on injured reserve list/designated for return after surgery to repair a broken left foot Monday.

Kubiak is concerned about facing a top quarterback with an injury-riddled and inexperienced

secondary.

"Well it's Monday and it's scary so I'm sure it's going to be real scary getting toward the end of the week," he said only half-jokingly.

"We know we're going to play a great player and one of the top passing games in the business for a long, long time. It's a challenge."

McCain, who has appeared in each game with two starts, is Houston's nickel cornerback. He was injured in the first half of the win at Tennessee on Sunday. By being

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### Super Bowl picks? All guesses are now under review

#### BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

Unless you're part of the Manning family and hoping for a hometown reunion with Eli, Peyton and their teams in New Orleans, there's little reason now to make Super Bowl reservations.

With a quarter of the schedule remaining, there's no way to pick a favorite for the Lombardi Trophy. Not even the two teams with 11-1 records, the Falcons and Texans, or Eli Manning's Giants or Peyton's Broncos.

While there has been significant separation between the haves and the have-nots in the NFL — three division races are over and only the NFC North has no odds-on choice among the undecided sectors — none of the top teams presents overwhelming credentials for winning it all.

Several teams are trending upward, most notably the Broncos with a seven-game winning streak and the Patriots, who always begin peaking in November and December. Atlanta just about has home-field advantage in the NFC, and Houston would pretty much secure it in the AFC if it wins at New England next Monday night.

So that makes them the top contenders, right?

Not necessarily.

"Well, there's different championships," Broncos coach John Fox said. "Your division is obviously one, everybody aspires to be in the conference championship, but at the end of the day, everybody is looking for that world championship."

"It's a great accomplishment, a tribute to the staff and coaches in that locker room. They did a fantastic job. We still have a whole quarter of the season left. We'll see what happens."

What has been happening in Denver is encouraging because the Broncos (9-3) have been winning in a variety of ways. Yes, Manning remains the key to a first Super Bowl trip since his current boss, John Elway, retired after the 1998 title season. Throughout his remarkable comeback year after missing 2011 because of neck surgery, Manning has become more comfortable and familiar with his targets, his blockers and his running backs. That bodes well for the winter rush toward the Big Easy.

So does having a solid, physically imposing defense with a dynamic, big-play leader (linebacker Von Miller) and other play-makers.

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Notice is hereby given that Laredo Petroleum, Inc., Operator 486610, has filed with the Texas Railroad Commission the following: P-17 application for the exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to surface commingle production, allocate production and for off-lease storage, from oil and gas leases in S/2 of Section 29, Block 34, T4S, T&P RR Co. Survey, N/2 of Section 32, Block 34, T4S, T&P RR Co./Chaney, W E Survey and the Section 32, Block 34, T4S, T&P RR Co./Chaney, W E Survey in Glasscock County, Texas under other leases. Any affected mineral interest owners who have not received written notification are advised to contact Randy Blurton of Laredo Petroleum, Inc., in Midland, Texas at 508 W. Wall, Suite 600, Midland, Texas 79701, (432)684-9955 by December 10, 2012. #7585 November 21 & 28 and December 5 & 12, 2012

**Legals**

AGENDA  
Glasscock County Independent School District  
Board of Education  
Public Meeting To Discuss The 2012  
Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST)  
December 10, 2012  
8:00 am  
Boardroom of Administration Building (308 West Chambers, Garden City, Texas)  
1. The Public Meeting will be combined with the regular December 2012 meeting of the board of trustees.  
#7588 November 28, 2012 and December 5, 2012

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Invitation to Bid  
The Howard County Auditor is accepting sealed bids for the 2013 Seal Coating on county roads throughout Howard County. Specifications may be obtained from Brian Klinksiek in the Road & Bridge Office, 1011 N. San Antonio, Big Spring, TX, or by calling 432-264-2208. Bids must be received by 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, December 20, 2012 in the office of the County Auditor, Jackie Olson, 300 S. Main, Room 203 and will be opened at that time. Mark sealed envelopes "Sealed Bids for Seal Coating". Bids will be presented to the Commissioners' Court at 10:00 A.M. on December 21, 2012 for their consideration. Project will be paid for out of current County funds. The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Jackie Olson, County Auditor [www.co.howard.tx.us](http://www.co.howard.tx.us) #7594 December 5 & 12, 2012

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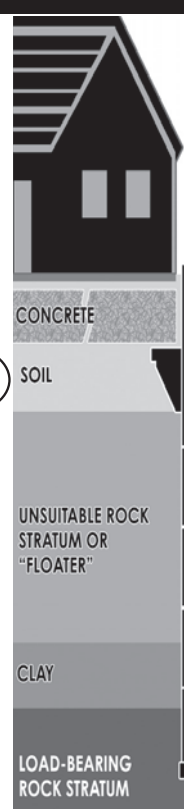
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# Pet Talk: Understanding equine distemper and purpura haemorrhagica

One of the most alarming of infectious diseases in the equine industry is Strangles, which is noted for the characteristic large swelling of lymph nodes under the jaw or in the throat area. Sometimes the node enlargement progresses to the point of interfering with airway or swallowing functions creating a concern that the patient might strangle. Strangles, also known as equine distemper, is caused by a bacterial infection of the highly infectious *Streptococcus equi* (Strep equi). It most commonly affects young horses, generally two years of age

or less. Although the disease is potentially fatal, the mortality rate is generally less than 10 percent. The morbidity rate, however, is quite high due to the infectious nature of the germ and its ability to survive once infected horses contaminate the environment. The disease has an incubation period ranging from a few days to two weeks. Therefore, minimum isolation time of two weeks is recommended with horses that have been exposed, or horses having an unknown history for biosecurity purposes. "We see it so commonly

in young horses when the germ is found in endemic areas; the younger animals often lack adequate immune protection," said Dr. Glennon Mays, clinical assistant professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Science (CVM). "That means that once a location is contaminated with Strangles, we often see it reappear in the horse population because the bacterium is located in that environment. When horses are born or brought to that location, if they don't have protective immunity, they become infected." The Strep equi germ can survive in contaminated soil, water troughs, feed buckets, and tack. The germ can even be transferred by people from one location to another. Direct transmission between horses occurs through contaminated mucus excretions of the infected horse to the naive horse. Contaminated horses may shed the germ for two to three weeks. Infected horses can exhibit several signs, such as general depression and dull behavior, runny nose or eyes and fever. The classic symptom of the infection is swollen lymph nodes beneath the jaw or throat areas or in other external and/or internal body locations. Lymph nodes will usually

swell two to three days after infection, and horses will be able to spread disease for approximately two to three weeks after clinical signs appear. "These lymph nodes swell in reaction to the infection, and often develop into large pus formations," Mays said. "After swelling, when the nodes soften, it is often therapeutic to drain the nodes by surgical incision. But this requires great caution since large blood vessels are often in close proximity. Care to contain the recovered pus is necessary because it can be very contaminating wherever it collects. The lymph nodes really serve as an area of collection of the bacteria and a concentration point of the infection." "You don't want that fluid getting into the soil, or on objects that will come in contact with uninfected horses," Mays said. "Remember that the person handling the infected horse or the infected material coming from the horse can become a vehicle for spreading the disease." In addition to relieving the swelling of glands, veterinarians will typically administer supportive care, such as anti-inflammatory medications, to horses that retain an adequate appetite, hydration status, and don't display difficulty breathing. Some patients may experience high fever spikes (103 F or more) and require more aggressive therapy. In these instances, administration of antibiotics, electrolyte fluids, and anti-inflammatories become necessary. Additional products believed to stimulate the immune system are

sometimes incorporated into the therapeutic plan, however, many equine practitioners choose against initiating antimicrobial therapy unless the patient is fevered, depressed, and listless to the point of not eating and drinking adequately. Mays explained that in some cases Strangles can develop into a clinical presentation called Purpura Haemorrhagica. Purpura causes vasculitis in the extremities resulting in painful swelling of the legs due to acute inflammation of peripheral blood vessels. The legs become tender and sore because circulation is impaired. Horses that develop this condition are either infected with Strangles and progress to the purpura stage, or were previously exposed to the germ without developing an infection. "The reason behind this development is poorly understood," Mays said. "But horses that develop purpura are extremely depressed and actually show more clinical signs of illness — essentially sicker than with Strangles alone." The vasculitis in the legs can significantly prolong recovery, and can be severe enough that the swelling permanently damages musculoskeletal structures. Laminitis is not an unusual resulting chronic condition. Complications from purpura can produce career-ending results for performance horses. Purpura can also become fatal if not treated in a timely or effective manner. "My biggest concern is purpura creating a systemic effect resulting in a generalized, body-wide infection producing toxins

that becomes a life-threatening condition," Mays said. "The best defense against Strangles is to create a barrier through biosecurity." Avoid transporting young horses into contaminated or endemic areas. Isolate horses of unknown exposure history for a minimum of two weeks to prevent possible exposure of disease to other animals. Do not bring horses displaying signs of illness into contact with healthy horses. Remember, the infection can be transferred on clothing, tack, vehicle tires, or hands. Due to Strangles extremely contagious character, seek veterinary care immediately if suspected. Often, the veterinarians prefer to examine the animal away from their clinic to avoid contamination. Vaccines have been available for decades, but remain a contested topic for recommendation. Mays explained that many veterinarians approach vaccination recommendation with caution. "Strep vaccines historically have more potential for reactive properties than other equine biological products. Many practitioners express concern for an increased frequency of post-vaccination complications with Strangles vaccine," Mays said. ABOUT PET TALK Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University. Stories can be viewed on the Web at <http://vetmed.tamu.edu/pet-talk>. Suggestions for future topics may be directed to [cvmtoday@cvm.tamu.edu](mailto:cvmtoday@cvm.tamu.edu). Disclaimer:

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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

**Here's the Plan**  
Motivational guru Jim Rohn said, "If you don't design your own life plan, chances are you'll fall into someone else's plan. And guess what they have planned for you? Not much." Boxer Mike Tyson said, "Everyone has a plan 'til they get punched in the mouth." To plan or not to plan? That is the question as the moon shifts from Leo to Virgo.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Small actions matter. So if you really don't know how to make a big decision at this point, maybe it's not a big decision you need to make. Minor improvements will completely freshen up your scene.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You have the witty

repartee, the put-together look and the stylish ride. Or if you don't, it seems to other people that this is the case, so enjoy their envious attention.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). There's a complicated balance of power where you work. That's the reason why some people don't accept blame that's clearly theirs to deal with. Think over your next move before you make it.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Dreams that stretch your mind will help you prepare for tomorrow's new moon. Imagine a life outside of today's norms. New eyes make all things possible.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Strange opportunities arise. When you feel like saying "no," just say it. Settling for anything you're offered is unwise for one so busy creating a bright tomorrow of your specifications.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Impossible demands may be made of you today. You can't magically conjure up what you don't have, but you can ask around to see whether anyone will help you out.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll show up and touch base, share ideas and swap resources. You'll offer support both tangible and intangible. Your friends and colleagues will be reminded why you're such a good person to know.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Most changes are not really for the better, but for the "different." So don't worry too much about how things will turn out. Instead, appreciate what's new about them.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You will perfect the art of half-relaxing. You'll be loose enough to enjoy yourself, but sharp enough to spring into action and handle whatever needs it.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Love makes you do embarrassing things that for some reason you are not embarrassed by at the time of action. Later, you may be surprised at decisions made under the influence of amore.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Words can be tricky. Speaking the same native tongue doesn't always mean that you speak the same

language. Someone will be confused by communication that makes perfect sense to you.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). If you're indecisive, you risk that someone else will nab the success you hope to achieve. And yet, it is more foolish to act when you're unsure. Trust and wait.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Dec. 5). Your mental vision is magical. You'll dream of a different kind of life, and there's no reason to limit yourself; barriers dissolve over the next 10 weeks. Someone makes an investment in you in January. You'll improve your health and strength in February. A special honor for your hard work comes in May. Cancer and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 3, 1, 33 and 25.


**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION:** "I've tried to make it as an entertainer for several years with varying degrees of success. After a long dry period, I decided to go back to school and study biology. I now have a job in a laboratory, and I love what I do. Suddenly, I got called to film a television pilot. What should I do? I thought my acting days were over! I was born on April 30, 1976." What a wonderful problem to have. Energetically, you moved on, but your other love (the love of entertaining) wants you back. If your two career choices were a dating problem instead, what would you do? Could you casually date two different people to see where things lead? This may go against your down-to-earth Taurus nature. And since you have your moon and Jupiter in Taurus, too, you prefer the secure feeling of knowing where you stand. But Venus in Aries indicates that you're willing to take risks when the time is right, and the time is right now. If you have to take a leave of absence at your current job to film the pilot, chances are you will be able to come back, free of regrets, to the same job without adverse consequence.

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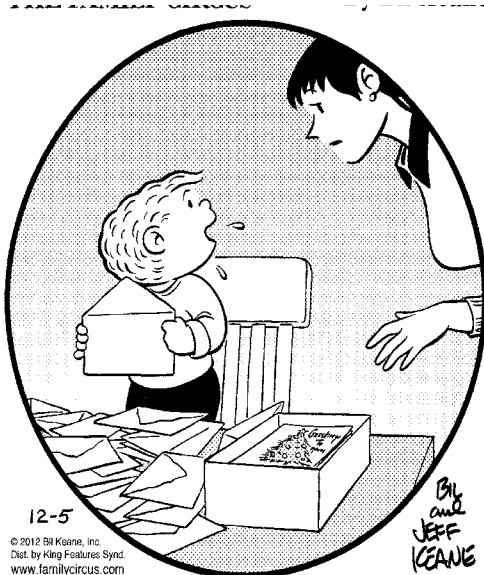
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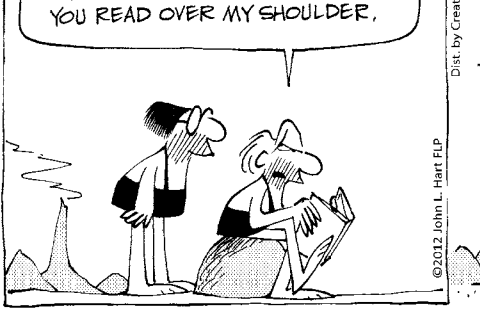
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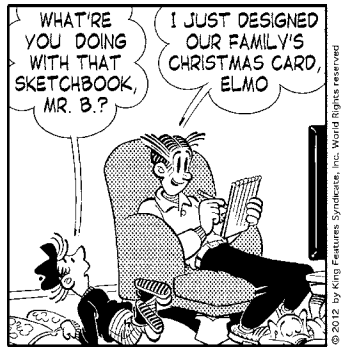
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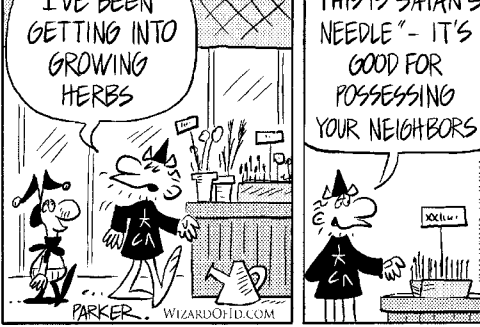
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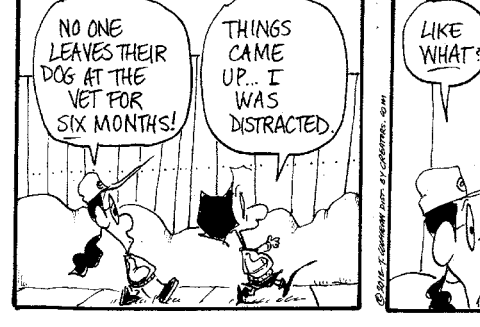
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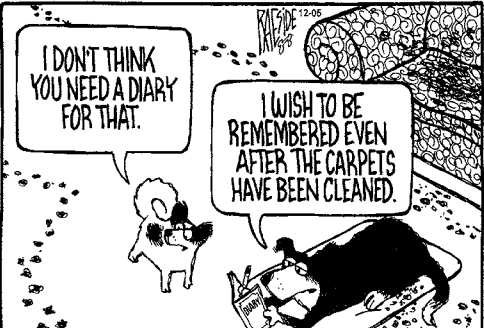
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**BRYANT**

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midway through the fourth quarter and was facing third-and-2, which usually dictates Romo throwing a short pass to trusty tight end Jason Witten. Instead, Romo went deep down the sideline to Bryant, who outran Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie on the 35-yard catch. The screen pass for the score came four plays later.

"It's dictated off of me looking at the corner seeing where the leverage is," Romo said. "It's also dictated off of whether or not you feel comfort-

able with the guy who's over there ..."

Hold it right there, even though Romo did some more explaining.

Trust has been perceived as an issue for Romo with Bryant since character issues dropped the former Oklahoma State star low in the first round in the 2010 draft. There's been evidence, too — as recently as the fourth game this year against Chicago, when Bryant ran the wrong route and the Bears kick-started a blowout with an easy touchdown on the resulting interception.

Things appear to have

changed quite a bit in two months.

"He's making less and less mistakes really every month that goes by," Romo said. "He's done a good job of locking in and focusing in practice. He's always worked hard."

There's other evidence that Bryant might be growing up.

For all the trouble of his first year in Dallas with lawsuits for unpaid bills and sagging pants at the mall, the most serious problem was a misdemeanor family violence arrest after a dispute with his mother over the summer. Last

month, Bryant reached an agreement with prosecutors that could lead to dismissal of the charge.

A few days after the deal was announced, Bryant opened up to reporters, saying he needed to "change my act up" and that his relationship with his mother was strong "even after the fact."

"I think in so many ways Dez has matured," Garrett said. "I think he's just been more consistent throughout the game whether he gets the ball or whether he doesn't get the ball, running his routes, doing

his job." And running north and south. One of the lowest points for what Garrett might call the "dancing Dez" was an aborted punt return against the New York Giants that ended in a fumble and cost Bryant those return duties. Bryant made a mistake even trying to field the ball, then was moving sideways when the ball was stripped. The play came while Dallas was falling behind 23-0 in a 29-24 loss in late October.

"Sometimes when Dez gets in trouble, he starts kind of dancing too much and that plays a little bit into the defense's hand," Garrett said. "A lot more guys can get around him. I thought he did a good job (against the Eagles) of putting his foot in the ground and going north and south, splitting defenders and just getting into the end zone."

Bryant's third season is already the best of his career. He has a chance to make it a breakout year.

**HOOPS**

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was picked up three rebounds, five assists and two steals. Kade Fannin accounted for eight points and 19 rebounds and Tyler Evans added nine points.

Both the boy's and girl's teams will be at the Borden County tournament beginning tomorrow.

**Coahoma-Grady**  
LENORAH — Both Grady

teams came out on top of visiting Coahoma (3-8) on Tuesday as the Lady Wildcats dispatched the Bulldogettes 52-37. Grady's Ellyn Avery and Cayley Oppgard each contributed 13 points and Charmynee Arnold added 11 to put the Lady Wildcats (8-2) ahead.

Kaeli Yeagar led Coahoma with 12 points.

Brandon Lucas scored a game-high 17 points and Brett Glaze chipped in 14 as the 4-1 Wildcats defeated the Bulldogs 51-42. Coa-

homa was anchored by Braxton Iden who got 14 points and Alex Hill who had 13.

The Grady teams will be taking part in the Water Valley tournament starting Thursday while Coahoma will be in Stanton on Thursday to kick off the Hoop-town Tournament.

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## GUESSES

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special teams and it's a nice mixture.

New England was 5-3 in 2011, then won eight in a row, two playoff games at home, and lost to the Giants for the championship. The Patriots (9-3) are on another roll and it would surprise nobody if they run the table, even though they have Houston and San Francisco coming up.

Tom Brady, the only quarterback with 10 division crowns, is in the MVP conversation again. He has a formidable running game for once, and even with standout tight end Rob Gronkowski injured, Brady doesn't lack for receivers.

Houston revived its dominant, ball-hawking defense Sunday at Tennessee and has more balance than any AFC team. It also has little postseason experience, some injury concerns that have tested its depth and very little behind Andre Johnson at wide receiver. Defenses often can shut down one brilliant receiver in the playoffs with double and even triple coverage.

Baltimore (9-3) probably will hold on in the AFC North, but its warts have shown for a while, especially the last two weeks in a tight escape over San Diego and a home loss to undermanned Pittsburgh.

Many pegged San Francisco (8-3-1) as most likely to emerge from the NFC after the Niners

manhandled the Bears and outplayed New Orleans with second-year QB Colin Kaepernick emerging.

With the road to the Super Bowl almost certainly heading through Atlanta, which is 6-0 at home, the Falcons might look like a good bet. Remember, however, that they went 13-3 and were the conference's top seed two years ago, yet went out meekly against Green Bay in their first playoff game.

The Packers and Bears need to get healthy to have any shot, but instead they keep seeing more players head to the infirmary. Green Bay has enough passing offense, Chicago has enough rugged defense. As for their other units, who knows?

## TEXANS

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placed on the designated to return list he must sit out eight weeks, which means the earliest he

could play is if the Texans reach the Super Bowl.

The Texans bounced back from a pair of weak defensive performances to sack Jake Locker six times Sunday. Kubiak

said the unit was helped by the return of nose tackle Shaun Cody, who missed the previous three games with a back injury. Another key to success was the development of linebacker Darryl Sharpton. Sharpton sat out the first nine games this season after tearing his right quadriceps last October.

"Getting Shaun Cody back gave us some versatility inside and took some snaps off some players, and we got our pass rush back," Kubiak said.

Houston will be without linebacker Brooks Reed for another few weeks as he recovers from a groin injury. But the Texans could get several injured players back this week. Kubiak said starting cornerback Johnathan Joseph, who missed the last two games with a hamstring injury, and linebacker Bradie James, out last week with a hamstring injury, will be listed as day to day this week.

Cornerback Alan Ball, who started for Joseph two weeks ago, also missed the Titans game with a sore foot, but should be ready for Monday night's game. Kubiak said the team is looking at their options in the secondary and could possibly add a player because they can't be as thin in that area as they were Sunday down the stretch.

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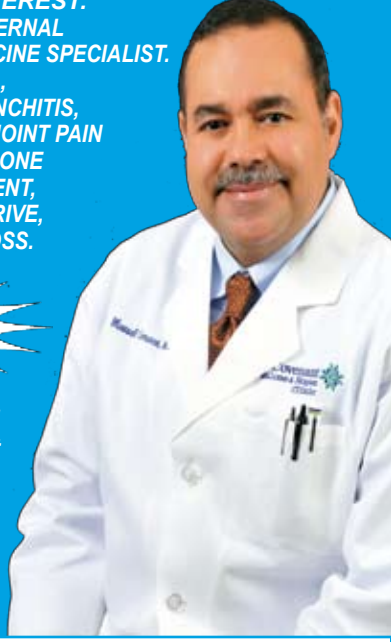
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