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Freezing weather hits Texas

From wire, local reports

Freezing weather reached parts of Texas this morning as strong winds cut electricity to about 3,000 homes and businesses in central parts of the state.

Northern Howard County received a light dusting of snow overnight but roads remained clear

Temperatures dipped into the teens in parts of the Panhandle. Some schools in the Lubbock area delayed the start of classes due to weather.

The National Weather Service reported light snow associated with the cold front was reported in parts of North Texas, including Decatur, Denton and Fort Worth.

Austin Energy spokesman Ed Clark said about 2,300 customers in Austin lost electricity when a power pole was damaged. The rest lost power when strong winds blew tree limbs into power lines. Crews restored electricity to about two-thirds of those customers by 8 a.m.

For Howard County, highs today were expected to be in the lower 40s with north winds 5 to 10 mph becoming light and variable. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear skies with lows in the lower 20s.

Tuesday, temperatures will range up to 52. Wednesday's high is expected to be in the lower 60s. Temperatures will warm to mid 60s Thursday and around 70 Friday.

Gasoline prices tumble 3.4 cents

Special to the Herald

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 3.4 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.08/g Sunday.

This compares with the national average that has fallen 4.8 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.34/g, according to gasoline price website TexasGasPrices.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices Sunday were 0.4 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 9.1 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 12.2 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 5.5 cents per gallon higher

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Courtesy photo

Elbow Elementary School kindergartners and first graders perform during a Christmas program staged at the school Friday.

City to approve utilizing Stage 2 water restrictions

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council is expected to approve the emergency reading of a resolution moving the city from State 3 to Stage 2 of the municipality's drought contingency plan during its Tuesday meeting, making water conservation by city customers voluntary instead of mandatory.

The city has been in Stage 3 of its drought contingency plan for several months now, since the Colorado City Municipal Water District made multiple restrictions to water consumption by its municipal customers due to the extremely low levels of its water

reservoirs.

According to Assistant City Manager Todd Darden, the change from mandatory conservation to voluntary limitations will go into effect immediately following the meeting if the council approves it.

"Water customers are requested to voluntarily limit the irrigation of landscaped areas to Sundays and Thursdays for water customers with a street address ending in an even number," Darden said. "Saturdays and Wednesdays will be for water customers with a street address ending in an odd number and to irrigate only between the hours of midnight until

10 a.m. and 8 p.m. and midnight on designated days."

"Irrigation of landscaped areas is permitted at anytime if it is by means of a hand held hose, a faucet filled bucket or watering can of five gallons or less, or drip irrigation system. Also, water customers are requested to refrain from washing cars and to continue to practice water conservation and to minimize or discontinue water use for non-essential purposes. Wasting of water is still very much prohibited."

Darden said the voluntary restrictions should get the

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Boy Scout sale sees record 'pop'

Special to the Herald

Autumn is in full swing, bringing cooler temperatures, falling leaves —and popcorn.

Local Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts hit the streets this past month, selling Trail's End brand popcorn to fund their Scouting activities; a sale that should result in nearly \$400,000 of popcorn being consumed by West Texans.

"This has been a great year for Scouting," said Buffalo Trail Council Development Director Valerie Acosta. "We have more than 300 more Scouts in our program this year than last year and, as a result, the popcorn sale saw a huge increase."

The Scouts sold a little more than \$350,000 worth of popcorn last year. And this year, they are hoping to sell \$400,000.

"Scouts will be delivering the orders this coming week," said Acosta. "If you didn't have a chance to order or you need more, we do have popcorn available."

Many packs and troops rely on this annual sale to support their activities — like the Pinewood Derby and camp — throughout the entire year. The sale also allows individual scouts to earn prizes and scholarship money for college. On average, 70 percent of all popcorn sales go directly to support local Scouting.

As the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts have offered for the past several years, customers also have the

option of sending popcorn treats to U.S. troops stationed overseas. Acosta said 70 percent of every military donation supports local scouting.

"We're thrilled to begin our

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Obituaries

Walter 'Tommy' Ledbetter



Walter "Tommy" Ledbetter, 86, of Buchanan Dam, formerly of Stanon, died on Friday, Dec. 7, 2012, in an Austin hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2012, at First Baptist Church of Stanton with the Rev. David Harp officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, Dec. 10, 2012, at the funeral home.

Tommy was born June 26, 1926 in Scranton, Texas, and served in the United States Navy onboard the USS Rosewood in World War II.

He is survived by his son, Rodney Ledbetter and wife Vicki; two granddaughters; three great grandsons; a brother, Lloyd Ledbetter; a sister, Retta Rosaland; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Ann; one son, Bradford Ledbetter; his parents, Thomas and Eula Mae Ledbetter; his brothers, Alton, James and Clifton; and his sister, Jerry.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Donald Lee Elwell

Donald Lee Elwell, born Dec. 14, 1951, in Winnemucca, Nev., passed away Sunday, Dec. 9, 2012. Visitation will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday at East Fourth Street Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

- **HOLSTON BANKS III**, 21, of 1905 Donley, was arrested Sunday on a charge of harboring a runaway child.
- **MARIA C. HERNANDEZ**, 26, OF HOBBS, N.M., was arrested Sunday on a warrant from another agency.
- **JOSE ANGEL CASTILLO**, 57, of 3500 E. Interstate Highway 20, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated – second offense.
- **MICHAEL EUGENE MENEFIELD JR.**, 21, of 1509 Bluebird, was arrested Sunday on charges of disorderly conduct – exposing genitals/anus in public and public intoxication.
- **JASON OWEN BEAUCHAMP**, 28, of Colorado City, Texas, was arrested Sunday on a charge of obstructing highway or other passageway.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported: In the 600 block of N.E. 10th Street.
- **THEFT** was reported: In the 200 block of N. Main Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 67 inmates at the time of this report.
- **WILLIE KNITE FIELDS**, 35, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of assault – family violence.
 - **NOE SOLIZ**, 28, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of contempt of court – disobedience of a court order.
 - **CRYSTAL AMANDA MAYERS**, 30, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of assault – family violence.
 - **RUBEN VEGA**, 42, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a municipal capias warrant for following too closely.
 - **HOWARD EUGENE GRAHAM JR.**, 56, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
 - **STEVEN HERNANDEZ**, 55, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
 - **BRIAN ANDRES GUERRA**, 31, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
 - **RAYMOND OVERTON JR.**, 33, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of disregarding a stop sign.
 - **JOHN FLORES JR.**, 48, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
 - **WILLIE GUTIERREZ**, 45, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
 - **ANGLITA F. GUTIERREZ**, 42, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
 - **JOANN LOPEZ**, 45, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive – giving false information and municipal warrants for failure to appear (four counts), speeding, violation of a promise to appear (two counts) and driving while license invalid.
 - **DAVID RODRIGUEZ RIOS II**, 26, was booked

into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **ANSELMO ARREDONDO VEGA**, 19, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication and municipal capias warrants for failure to appear (three counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility, no driver's license and assault – family violence.
- **ANTHONY JOSEPH YANEZ**, 21, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JOSE ANGEL CASTILLO**, 57, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated – second offense.
- **HOLSTON BANKS III**, 21, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of harboring a runaway child.
- **MICHAEL EUGENE MENEFIELD**, 21, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of disorderly conduct – exposing genitals/anus and public intoxication.
- **MOISES MARTINEZ-LOPEZ**, 35, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated – open container.
- **JASON OWEN BEAUCHAMP**, 28, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of obstructing highway or passageway.
- **MARIA HERNANDEZ**, 26, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for escape from custody.

Take Note

- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright, will hold its 16th annual Christmas toys giveaway beginning at 10 a.m. Wednesday. Mothers, dads or grandparents raising children can come pick out four presents each for the youngsters.
- 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.
- An account has been established at Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union in the name of Glenda Berger, who was recently diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer. Donations will be used to help defer medical costs and mounting bills. All donations are greatly appreciated. Call Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union at 800-299-6761.

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

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

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

- 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.

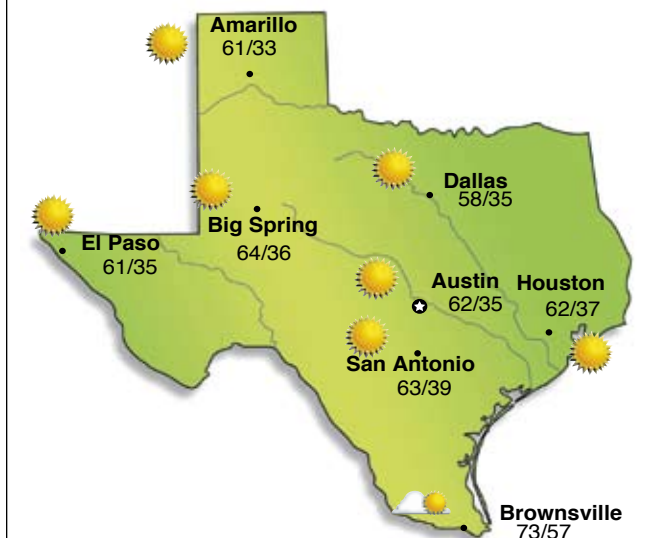
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 12/12	Thu 12/13	Fri 12/14	Sat 12/15	Sun 12/16
64/36 Sunshine. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	66/47 More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 40s.	73/41 Morning clouds followed by afternoon sun.	65/35 Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	68/39 Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 30s.
Sunrise: 7:38 AM Sunset: 5:42 PM	Sunrise: 7:39 AM Sunset: 5:42 PM	Sunrise: 7:39 AM Sunset: 5:43 PM	Sunrise: 7:40 AM Sunset: 5:43 PM	Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 5:43 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abiene	63	40	sunny
Amarillo	61	33	sunny
Austin	62	35	sunny
Beaumont	61	34	sunny
Brownsville	73	57	pt sunny
Brownwood	64	36	sunny
Corpus Christi	67	51	sunny
Corsicana	58	34	sunny
Dallas	58	35	sunny
Del Rio	66	42	sunny
El Paso	61	35	sunny
Fort Stockton	68	40	sunny
Gainesville	57	32	sunny
Greenville	56	30	sunny
Houston	62	37	sunny
Kingsville	70	50	mst sunny
Livingston	60	29	sunny
Longview	57	31	sunny
Lubbock	61	30	sunny
Lufkin	60	32	sunny
Midland	65	38	sunny
Raymondville	71	54	pt sunny
Rosenberg	62	37	sunny
San Antonio	63	39	sunny
San Marcos	63	35	sunny
Sulphur Springs	57	33	sunny
Sweetwater	63	38	sunny
Tyler	59	34	sunny
Weatherford	58	32	sunny
Wichita Falls	60	35	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	56	34	pt sunny
Boston	38	27	cloudy
Chicago	42	30	sunny
Dallas	58	35	sunny
Denver	51	31	pt sunny
Houston	62	37	sunny
Los Angeles	61	50	rain
Miami	82	68	pt sunny
Minneapolis	36	20	pt sunny
New York	40	32	cloudy
Phoenix	70	47	sunny
San Francisco	56	45	rain
Seattle	43	37	rain
St. Louis	50	32	sunny
Washington, DC	46	33	cloudy

Moon Phases



UV Index

Wed 12/12	Thu 12/13	Fri 12/14	Sat 12/15	Sun 12/16
3	3	3	3	3
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, 0 being the lowest and 11 the highest. A higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children.

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National Briefs

Cleanup continues to site of NJ train derailment

PAULSBORO, N.J. (AP) — Workers are continuing to remove debris at the scene of a New Jersey freight train derailment that released hazardous gas into the air.

Seven cars on an 84-car train derailed on or near a swivel-style bridge over Mantua Creek in Paulsboro more than a week ago. A tanker car carrying vinyl chloride, a gas used to make PVC plastic, was ruptured.

The gas led to the evacuation of more than 329 families and businesses.

Air monitors tested 262 homes and 23 businesses Friday and Saturday. Vinyl chloride was not detected.

The evacuation order has been lifted for all but approximately 30 people who live near the derailment site.

The National Transportation Safety Board has left the scene and a preliminary report on the derailment is expected in about two weeks.

5 dead in Calif. Indian reservation shootings

PORTERVILLE, Calif. (AP) — The church bell that rings out to announce the deaths of tribal members on the Tule River Indian Reservation tolled repeatedly after a man went on a shooting rampage that left a daughter, his mother and her two brothers dead. The suspect also died in a shootout with police.

Authorities cornered Hector Celaya, 31, on a country road in the middle of citrus orchards 30 miles away from the reservation and about six hours after the Saturday night shootings, that also left two of his other children wounded.

In the car with him were two daughters: 8-year-old Alyssa who had life-threatening injuries and 5-year-old Linea who was seriously hurt. Sheriff's spokeswoman Chris Douglass

said it was unclear when Celaya shot his daughters.

Celaya was wounded by deputies after he opened fire on them, and died hours later at a hospital, she said.

By Sunday night, authorities confirmed that Alyssa had also died. Police said Celaya had a tattoo of her name on his right leg.

Authorities have not disclosed what motivated Celaya to kill his relatives, who lived in a travel trailer on a family compound on the reservation of about 800 people. But tribal members said the former custodian at the reservation's casino had a troubled past.

"He had a real hard life," said Rhoda Hunter, the tribal council secretary. "But all of us do, we all have a hard time. But we try not to let it get the best of us."

Hunter said that Celaya's mother was a friend of hers. The Tulare County sheriff's department, which is investigating the case, identified her 60-year-old Irene Celaya.

The killings stunned the tightknit tribal community.

"We've had a lot of deaths here, but nothing like this. Not murder. No, not murder," Hunter said.

The remote reservation relies on the Eagle Mountain Casino for revenues. Each tribal member receives \$500 a month, but Hunter said most of the profit is invested into educational programs for the children.

The compound where the shooting took place is on a dirt road in a scenic canyon lined with oaks and sycamore trees. Herds of horses graze the hillsides, and modular houses sit on hilltops.

The 911 call came to the Tule River Indian Reservation fire department at about 7:45 p.m. Saturday, said Shelby Charley Jr., an engineer and supervisor.

He said his crew, which most often attends to people who fall ill at the casino, was shocked by the carnage.

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city through the winter months — historically, the least demanding time of the year for municipal water services. However, if water usage increases too much, municipal customers could find themselves right back where they started.

"Because of the move from mandatory restrictions to voluntary conservation practices, we'll be watching consumption levels very closely," Darden said. "If we can't achieve the level of conservation necessary, then we'll simply have to go back to Stage 3 and mandatory restrictions."

Darden said he doesn't expect that to happen, however, as most area residents have a much deeper understanding of ongoing drought conditions these days.

"You know, until you actually have to live through those conditions, the idea of such severe drought conditions and mandatory water conservation is a bit abstract to most people," he said. "After having lived through the last couple of years, however, and seen how we've struggled to maintain a viable water source, I think a lot of people have a much better understanding of the situation and the necessity of water conservation in our area."

"I feel like we've done a good job of reaching out to our cus-

tomers — both through the notes on their water bills and through the media — and educating them on what's going on. That goes a really long way in supporting water conservation and our citizens have readily shown that."

Also during Tuesday's meeting, the council is to approve plans and specifications for renovations to its water and wastewater systems, dubbed Phase A of the voter-approved project to overhaul the municipal water systems.

The \$13 million project — which the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation picking up the majority of the tab — was approved by voters in May.

As part of the agreement between the council and the Big Spring EDC board of directors, the EDC will provide \$750,000 a year for the first two years, and then 40 percent of its sales tax revenue — with a floor of \$500,000 and a ceiling of \$750,000 for the following 18 years — with the city of Big Spring picking up the remainder of the tab.

Tuesday's meeting is to get under way at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth. For more information, call 264-2401. A complete copy of the meeting agenda can be found online at www.mybigspring.com

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

POPCORN

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33rd year helping scouts support their activities with our popcorn," said Elizabeth Weaver, director of marketing for Trail's End popcorn. Weaver adds that Trail's End offers an online selling option for scouts who don't want to go door-to-door, or who want to sell to family and friends that live far away.

"By placing an order on trails-end.com, people who don't personally know a scout can support their local council, just by entering their zip code," Weaver said.

For more information or to place an online order, visit www.trails-end.com or call 432-570-7601.

GASOLINE

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than this day one year ago.

"The national average has continued to see a steady decline over the last week, and that trend will likely continue through this week at the very least," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan.

"Last week, the Energy Information Administration reported one of the largest single week increases in gasoline inventories in my recent memory, which will likely contribute downward pressure to wholesale gasoline prices in the days and perhaps weeks ahead," DeHaan said.

sudoku

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

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	8	7	1		9	2	6	
	3							4

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♦ K 7
♥ A 10 9 8
♦ J
♣ K Q J 7 6 5

WEST
♦ A 6 5 4 3 2
♥ 5
♦ 10 7 6
♣ 10 8 2

EAST
♠ Q J 10 9 8
♥ 7
♦ A 4 3 2
♣ A 4 3

SOUTH
♠ —
♥ K Q J 6 4 3 2
♦ K Q 9 8 5
♣ 9

The bidding:

South West North East
4♥ Pass 5♥ Pass
6♥ Pass Pass Dble
Opening lead — ace of spades.

This deal occurred in the 1932 national pair championship. The hand itself was not extraordinary, but what happened at one of the tables provides a most amusing story.

East-West had already played half the afternoon session when they encountered the deal. During that time, they had accomplished the unenviable feat of losing no fewer than seven aces during the play (mostly on defense).

They were naturally disconsolate by the time this hand came along. North-South then proceeded to reach six hearts in jig time, mostly due to North's overly optimistic five-heart bid. (It was back in the days before Blackwood.)

Trying desperately to recover some points for his side, East, holding two aces, doubled the slam. West, on lead, promptly plunked down the ace of spades, announcing jubilantly, "Well, here's one ace we won't lose."

West was mistaken. South trumped the ace, led a heart to the eight and discarded a club on the king of spades. He then led the king of clubs and ruffed out East's ace.

Warning to his task, declarer crossed to dummy with another trump, cashed all five of dummy's remaining clubs — which luckily were divided 3-3 — and discarded all five of his diamonds. As a result, he wound up making the doubled contract with an overtrick!

Of course, had West led any suit but spades, South would have gone down one, and West's words would not have achieved immortality. As it was, though, East-West, who had started the deal having had seven of their aces put to sleep, finished the hand with three more aces to add to their collection.

Tomorrow: Hidden asset.
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UK police unable to identify man who fell from sky

LONDON (AP) — Police believe he was from Africa, probably from Angola, but they don't know his identity.

The mystery began in September when residents of a suburban street in the Mortlake neighborhood of West London woke up on a quiet Sunday morning to find the crumpled body of a black man on the sidewalk of Portman Avenue, near a convenience store, an upscale lingerie shop and a storefront offering Chinese medical cures.

Detectives believed at first the man was a murder victim and cordoned off the area. Within a day, however, police concluded the man — probably already dead — had fallen to the ground when a jet passing overhead lowered its landing gear as it neared the runway at nearby Heathrow Airport.

The apparent stowaway had no identification papers — just some currency from

Angola, leading police to surmise that he was from that African nation, especially as inquiries showed that a plane from Angola was beginning its descent into Heathrow at about that time.

The macabre explanation made perfect sense to residents, who are familiar not only with the roar of the jets descending, but are also able to see the planes lower their landing gears as they pass overhead, said Catherine Lambert, who lives a few doors down from the spot where the man landed.

"You could see him, his body was contorted," she said. "It was a beautiful blue day, really sunny, but we had to keep the children inside. I didn't want the children to see, and to have to explain to them every time a plane goes over."

A post mortem conducted two days after the body land-

ed listed the cause of death as "multiple injuries."

In the days afterward, some neighbors put flowers on the spot where the stowaway was found, and a small group of Angolans who live in the London area came to place more flowers and to pray. Lambert, 41, said there is lingering sadness, since the man has not been identified and there has been no way to tell his family he is gone.

"I felt, what was he running away from? What made him think he could he could? And how will his family ever know? He's a lost soul now; his father and mother are probably waiting for him to make contact," she said.

A London police spokesman, who wasn't authorized to speak on the record because of force policy, said Sunday that police are appealing to the public for help identifying the man based on a composite image of his face

and a photo of a tattoo on his left arm. The tattoo showed the letters "Z" and "G" inked on his upper arm, with a horizontal line through the "Z".

Police also said attempts to identify the man with the help of Angolan authorities had been unsuccessful. They stressed there is only "circumstantial" evidence linking the stowaway to that country.

Police said the man is believed to be an African of slight build between the ages of 20 and 30. He was wearing jeans, white sneakers and a gray sweatshirt when he was found on Sept. 9, police said.

Although firm figures are not available, in recent years there has been a rise in the number of stowaways trying to get to Western Europe by hiding in the undercarriages of passenger planes.

Aviation safety specialist Chris Yates of Yates Consulting said Sunday that poor air-

port perimeter security at a number of airports in Africa — including the main Angola airport at Luanda — and in other parts of the world has made it easier for people to stow away on planes, but that most attempts fail.

"They so often end in fatality because more often than not stowaways climb into the wheel base or cargo hold, and those areas are not necessarily pressurized," he said. "When you start moving beyond 10,000 feet, oxygen starvation becomes a reality. As you climb up to altitude, the issue becomes cold as well, the temperature drops to minus 40 or minus 50 degrees centigrade, so survival rates drop."

He said the man who crashed to the pavement in Mortlake had probably lost consciousness and died within the first hour of his flight. Police said the body is being held for possible repatriation.

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Lady Steers place third in Monahans, Steers tripped up by Greenwood, 60-52

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

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Big Spring Girls

MONAHANS — The Lady Steers picked up another win Saturday in the Sandhills Tournament after defeating the Monahans Lady Lobos 35-27. The win gave BSHS a third place finish in the tourney and a 8-6 overall record.

Boys

LAMESA — The Steers lost their opening game against Odessa Permian 62-45 and couldn't rebound against Greenwood Friday as BSHS fell to the Rangers 60-52.

Chazzell Robinson put up 15 points and Tavaris Walker added 14, but the Steers' mid-game deficit was too much to overcome.

"We started off OK," Cliff Thompson, head basketball coach said. "We kind of went cold, and Greenwood built a 13-point lead by halftime. We fought back and got within four points, but Greenwood shoots the ball well. You can't spot a team like that 20 points and expect to come back and win."

It wasn't all bad for Big Spring despite the two losses. Both came at the hands of talented teams.

"It was promising that we were down late in both games," Thompson added. In the face of adversity, they didn't fold in and pack it up, they played hard. Unfortunately, we started playing too late."

Consistent shooting was the problem, according to Thompson.

"We shot poorly," Thompson said. "Even in the paint we were missing a lot."

The Steers will travel to Lubbock on Tuesday to play Monterey High School. Tip off is slated for 7:30 p.m.

Coahoma

Boys

STANTON — Tanner Ruiz tossed in 20 points, but it wasn't enough for the Bulldogs, who lost 71-46 to Midland High JV in the Hooptown

Tournament's consolation final Saturday.

Girls

STANTON — The Bulldogettes (4-11), were defeated by Lamesa on Saturday in the Hooptown Tournament, 53-24.

Both Coahoma varsity squads will be traveling to Post on Tuesday.

Forsan

Boys

GAIL — The Buffaloes came home from the Borden County Tournament on Saturday with a third place finish. Forsan downed Seminole JV 59-43.

Aric Hernandez led the Buffs in scoring with 16 points and two rebounds, Kade Fannin had 11 points and 13 rebounds, Dillion Bagnall put up nine points and racked up six rebounds and Jerol Womack added six points and ten rebounds.

Forsan is now 5-2 on the season and will host Garden City on Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Stanton-Sands

Boys

STANTON — The host Buffaloes played their way to the championship game Saturday at the Hooptown Tournament in Stanton.

The visiting Mustangs, however, claimed the title with a 54-51 victory over the Buffs.

Stanton's Scott Smith and Jonathan Ramnos each chipped in 14 points and Cole Schroyer had 10 points.

Sands' leading scorers were Caleb Thomasson with 13 and Jared Staggs with 12.

Other scores:

Garden City (boys) defeated Robert Lee, 45-42. Corbin Davis: 31 points. Next: at Forsan, Tuesday, 8 p.m.

Stanton (girls) lost to Midland Classical on Saturday, 42-32 in Stanton.

Grady (girls) lost to Lovington N.M., 55-38 Saturday in Water Valley.

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Big Spring's Dyrshae Vanderbilt takes a shot during a game against Pecos earlier in the season. The Lady Steers defeated Monahans on Saturday, 35-27 to place third in the Sandhills Tournament,

Numb Cowboys beat Bengals on last second FG

CINCINNATI (AP) — Dan Bailey's 40-yard kick went straight through the uprights. The Dallas Cowboys had won an important game on a last-second field goal. They weren't sure how to react.

Numb. Grieving. Distracted. The Cowboys were all those things on Sunday, dealing with the death of one teammate and the tribulations of another.

Winners, too, though they hardly felt like it.

Bailey's kick gave Dallas a 20-19 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals that ended a tough afternoon with the Cowboys' playoff chances enhanced and their heads full of so many thoughts.

"You think about everything," quarterback Tony Romo said.

"Like I said, it's a roller coaster of emotions. I don't know what's right; I don't know what's wrong. I don't know what you're supposed to feel.

"It's a hard, hard situation we're in. There's no playbook for this sort of thing in life."

With a late comeback on Sunday, they got a momentary reprieve from their grieving.

The Cowboys overcame a nine-point deficit in the closing minutes behind Romo, who held his hand over his heart during a moment of silence to honor teammate Jerry Brown before the kickoff. The linebacker died in an auto accident early Saturday.

Defensive lineman Josh Brent, who was driving, was released from jail on Sunday in Texas

about an hour after the game ended. He's charged with intoxication manslaughter.

The Cowboys (7-6) learned about Brown's death during their flight to Cincinnati on Saturday. Coach Jason Garrett told his team that the best way to honor him was to play well in a game with playoff implications for both teams.

One of the visitors' metal lockers at Paul Brown Stadium had a strip of white athletic tape with "53 JERRY BROWN" printed on it, a wooden stool inside sitting upside-down. Brown's No. 53 jersey was on the sideline during the game — defensive tackle Jason Hatcher held it up after Bailey's kick decided it.

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Manziel is first freshman to win Heisman Trophy

NEW YORK (AP) — He's Johnny Best in Football now — and a freshman, at that.

Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel became the first newcomer to win the Heisman Trophy, taking college football's top individual prize Saturday night after a record-breaking debut.

Notre Dame linebacker Manti Te'o finished a distant second in the voting and Kansas State quarterback Collin Klein was third. In a Heisman race with two nontraditional candidates, Manziel broke through the class ceiling and kept Te'o from becoming the first purely defensive player to win the award.

"That barrier's broken now," Manziel said. "It's starting to become more of a trend that freshmen are coming in early and that they are ready to play. And they are really just taking the world by storm."

None more than the guy they call Johnny Football.

Manziel drew 474 first-place votes and 2,029 points from the panel of media members and

former winners. Te'o had 321 first-place votes and 1,706 points and Klein received 60 firsts and 894 points.

"I have been dreaming about this since I was a kid, running around the backyard pretending I was Doug Flutie, throwing Hail Marys to my dad," he said after hugging his parents and kid sister.

Flutie was one of many Heisman winners standing behind Manziel as he gave his speech on stage at the Best Buy Theater in Times Square.

"I always wanted to be in a fraternity," Manziel said later. "Now I get to be in the most prestigious one in the entire world."

Manziel was so nervous waiting for the winner to be announced, he wondered if the television cameras could see his heart pounding beneath his navy blue pinstripe suit. But he seemed incredibly calm after, hardly resembling the guy who dashes around the football field on Saturday. He simply bowed his head, and

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Patriots offensive balance a challenge for Texans

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Stevan Ridley has emerged as a top running back in his second pro season. He's not the only Patriots rusher Texans coach Gary Kubiak has to worry about.

The revived New England ground game, with Shane Vereen and Brandon Bolden as backups, has brought balance to an offense that relied more heavily on quarterback Tom Brady in recent years.

Ridley, in his second pro season, is third in the AFC with 1,010 yards rushing going into Monday night's game between the Texans (11-

1), who have the best record in the AFC and have clinched a playoff berth, and the Patriots (9-3), who have locked up the AFC East title.

"He's a heck of a player," Kubiak said. "They've had a few different backs back there. It's what they do. It's almost like anybody they put back there is successful. They play young guys. Tom has got them in the right play all the time. They're not only running the ball well, but those backs out of the backfield catch the ball extremely well."

Vereen has rushed for just 173 yards and three touchdowns but

has scored on an 83-yard pass play. Bolden, a rookie who returns Monday night after sitting out a four-game suspension for violating the NFL policy on performance-enhancing substances, is second on the team with 234 yards rushing and two touchdowns.

"They're very capable of running the ball very well," Kubiak said.

And, of course, outstanding throwing it.

Brady is having his usual strong season with 25 touchdown passes and just four interceptions, and wide receiver Wes Welker leads the NFL with 92 receptions.

That pairing could be a real problem for Houston without cornerback Brice McCain, who had surgery on his left foot on Monday.

Balance also is a strong point for the Texans with Arian Foster, the AFC's leading rusher with 1,102 yards, and Andre Johnson, seventh in the NFL with 74 catches.

"He's a great player," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said of Johnson. "He's done it for a long time. He puts up big numbers every year and people are keying on him. They're looking for him and he keeps producing."

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). How can you care and be detached at the same time? You'll figure that out and more today



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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Cleo L. Carlile, Deceased, were issued to David A. Gross and Beverly Carlile Paul, Co-Independent Executors, on the 4th day of December, 2012, in the proceeding styled Estate of Cleo L. Carlile, Deceased, No. P14,123 in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, which is still pending and that said persons now hold such Letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in Howard County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same to said Co-Independent Executors, at the address given below before suite upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Said Co-Independent Executors' addresses are Beverly Carlile Paul 31313 Old Mamalahoa Hwy., Hakulau, Hawaii 96710, and David A. Gross, 794 Maplewood Drive, Keller, Texas 76248. Independent Executrix of the Estate of Cleo L. Carlile, Deceased, No. P-14,123 in the County Court of Howard County, Texas. #7599 December 10, 2012

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

as life brings you assistance and lessons both practical and spiritual.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There is one accomplishment that once achieved will make many other areas of your life fall into place. It may take weeks to finally get there, but after today's efforts, you'll be well on your way.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Is naivety a negative trait? That depends on whether it is caused by a lack of experience or refusal to experience. You'll help someone who is currently unable or unwilling to help himself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be in a quiet mood, and if your environment matches, you'll be golden. There's strength to be gained from the experience of your thoughts. Your energy increases because you let less of it escape through voluminous words.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The correlation between your inner and outer world will be increasingly pronounced. As your unspoken inner will aligns with advantageous events you'll know that you're on the right track.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Don't be tricked into thinking that someone can't live without you. Do what feels comfortable.

Times like this, it's beneficial and healthier for all involved to let people fend for themselves.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's amazing what a smile can do to light up someone else's world and open doors. You'll smile often and in many directions. This difference in attitude will bring new developments.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your ability to envision the future will be highlighted. What you speak will in some way announce the next moment even when you have no idea what that moment holds.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The best goals are as challenging as they are realistic. You're the expert in this regard and the restless feeling inside you declares that it's about time you found a new target to aim for.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are usually responsive to those who reach out to you. When you're not, there are specific reasons. Those reasons are probably mysterious now, but take notes. Later you'll solve this.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll develop new objectives. Be careful not to bite off more than you can chew. It's better to name a narrow focus and be successful there than

try for a broad accomplishment.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (DECEMBER 10). You will be extremely effective if you stay on course. It's important that your plan does not get derailed by allowing yourself to drift in different directions. Others will buy into your vision and give ample financial and emotional support. Someone who shares your values will bring joy and laughter in January. Aquarius and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 49, 31, 20, 14 and 39.

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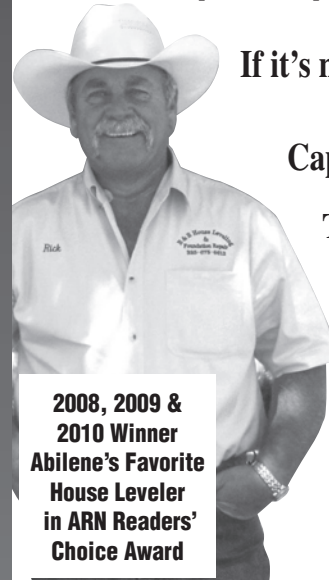
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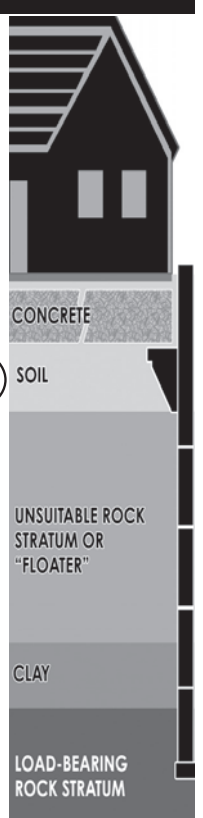
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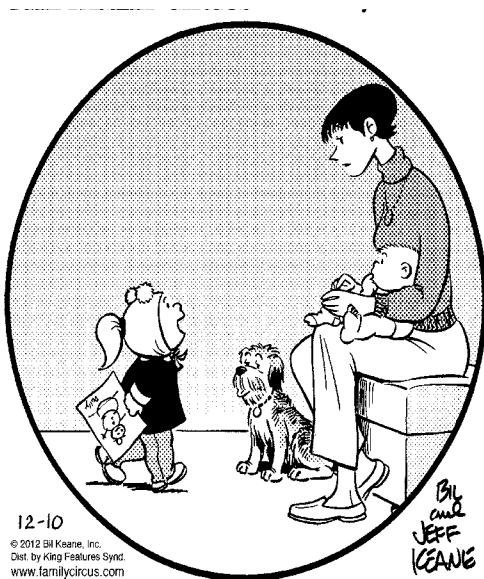
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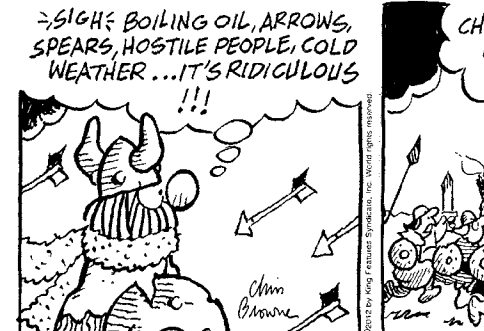
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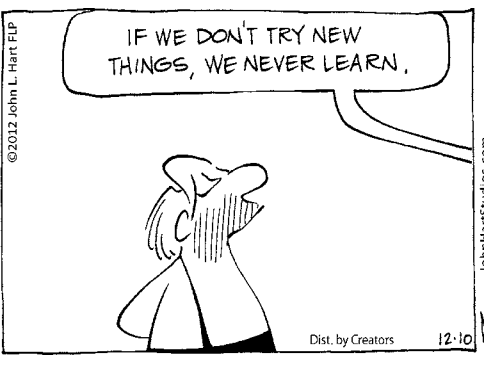
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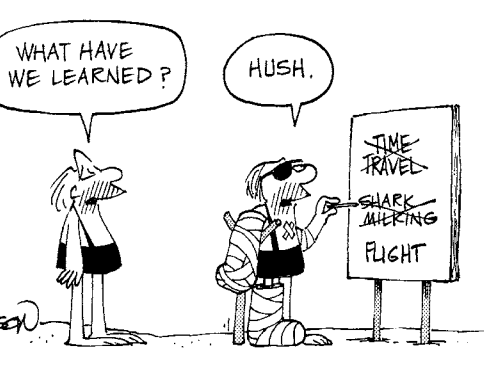
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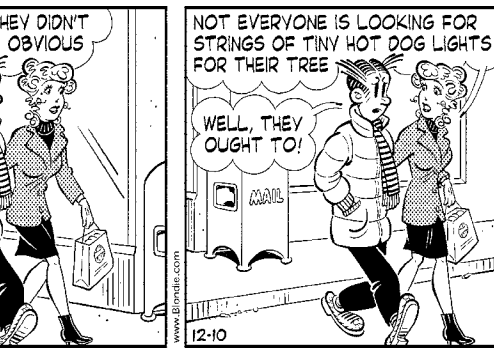
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Today is Monday, Dec. 10, the 345th day of 2012. There are 21 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 10, 1962, "Lawrence of Arabia," David Lean's epic film starring Peter O'Toole as British military officer T.E. Lawrence, had its royal gala premiere in London, with Queen Elizabeth II and her husband, Prince Philip, in attendance.

On this date:

In 1520, Martin Luther publicly burned the papal edict demanding that he recant, or face excommunication.

In 1787, Thomas H. Gallaudet, a pioneer of educating the deaf, was born in Philadelphia.

In 1817, Mississippi was admitted as the 20th state of the Union.

In 1861, the Confederacy admitted Kentucky as it recognized a pro-Southern shadow state government that was acting without the authority of the

pro-Union government in Frankfort.

In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt became the first American to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, for helping mediate an end to the Russo-Japanese War.

In 1931, Jane Addams became the first American woman to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize; the co-recipient was Nicholas Murray Butler.

In 1948, the U.N. General Assembly adopted its Universal Declaration on Human Rights.

In 1950, Ralph J. Bunche was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, the first black American to receive the award.

In 1964, Martin Luther King Jr. received his Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1967, singer Otis Redding, 26, and six others were killed when their plane crashed into Wisconsin's Lake Monona.

In 1972, baseball's American League adopted the designated hitter rule on an experimental basis for three years.

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev concluded three days of summit talks in Washington.

Today's Birthdays: Former

Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yetter (YEYE'-tur) is 82. Actor Tommy Kirk is 71. Actress Fionnula Flanagan is 71. Pop singer Chad Stuart (Chad and Jeremy) is 71. Actress-singer Gloria Loring is 66. Pop-funk musician Walter "Clyde" Orange (The Commodores) is 66. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ralph Tavares is 64. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jessica Cleaves (Friends of Distinction) is 64. Country singer Johnny Rodriguez is 61. Actress Susan Dey is 60. Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich is 56. Jazz musician Paul Hardcastle is 55. Actor-director Kenneth Branagh (BRAH'-nah) is 52. Actress Nia Peeples is 51. TV chef Bobby Flay is 48.

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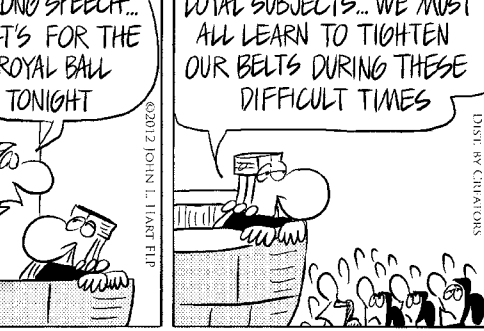
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WIZARD OF ID



"EAT, DRINK, AND BE MERRY!"

WIZARD OF ID



"WRONG SPEECH... THAT'S FOR THE ROYAL BALL TONIGHT"

Newsday Crossword

KITCHEN HELP

- ACROSS**
- Performs on stage
 - Those people
 - Hidden stockpile
 - "__ takes the cake!"
 - Roll-call
 - Spaniard's farewell
 - Rats' relatives
 - Train track
 - Got together
 - Snack-food gadget
 - Numbered rte.
 - Cashew or pecan
 - San Antonio shrine
 - Letters before tees
 - Room coolers: Abbr.
 - Photographer's device
 - Low-__ (suitable for dieters)
 - Shawl or stole
 - Coffee gadget
 - Spot of land in the ocean
 - Snakelike swimmer
 - Toxic substance
 - Tic-tac-__
 - Commercials on the tube
 - Kennel-club classification
 - Suit accessory
 - Rowing implement
 - Dessert gadget
 - Practical joke
 - Intuitive feeling
- DOWN**
- 24-hr. bank device
 - Serving-dish defect
 - Filled tortilla
 - Staircase part
 - Toss
 - Town crier's words
 - Nickname for Ireland
 - Shrill bark
 - University grounds
 - Highly skilled
 - Quote as a source
 - 60 minutes
 - Sixth sense: Abbr.
 - Tiresome task
 - Track circuit
 - Nail a test
 - Rodeo rope
 - More than enough
 - Insignificant
 - Bawl out
 - America's Uncle
 - Hop out of bed
 - Vessel that's paddled
 - Pay out
 - "Yours truly" alternative
 - Blender sound
 - Salty body of water
 - Snake charmer's snake
 - Box-office purchase
 - Melancholy
 - Not relaxed
 - Modify, as a law
 - Golf-bag club
 - Coupes and convertibles
 - __ so (nevertheless)
 - Assistant
 - Peck on the cheek
 - Improve, as a performer's part
 - __ Beta Kappa
 - Close to the ground

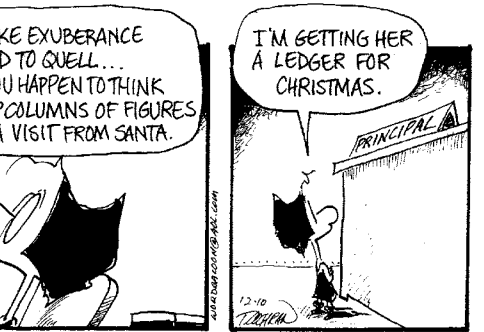
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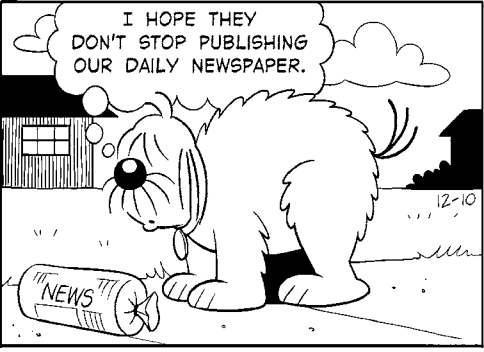
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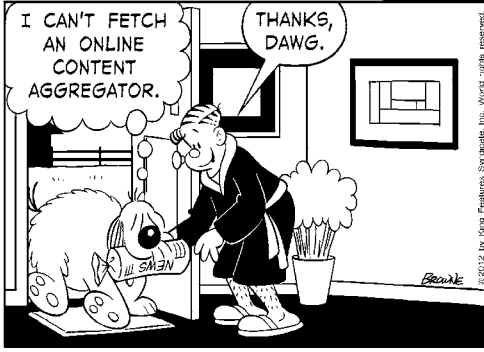
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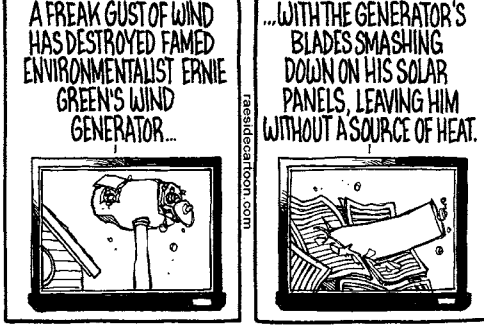
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"I CAN'T FETCH AN ONLINE CONTENT AGGREGATOR."

THE OTHER COAST



"A FREAK GUST OF WIND HAS DESTROYED FAMED ENVIRONMENTALIST ERNIE GREEN'S WIND GENERATOR..."

THE OTHER COAST



"...WITH THE GENERATOR'S BLADES SMASHING DOWN ON HIS SOLAR PANELS, LEAVING HIM WITHOUT A SOURCE OF HEAT."

SNUFFY SMITH



"A TRACTOR SHORE WOULD MAKE PLOWIN' EASIER!!"

SNUFFY SMITH



"MAW AIN'T GOT MUCH FLAIR FER TH' MECHANICAL!!"

BEEBLE BAILEY



"YOU SHOULD BE OUTSIDE FOR ROLL CALL!"

BEEBLE BAILEY



"I HAVEN'T DONE MY MORNING STRETCHES YET"

MANZIEL

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later gave the trophy a quick kiss. "It's such an honor to represent Texas A&M, and my teammates here tonight. I wish they could be on the stage with me," he said with a wide smile, concluding his speech like any good Aggie: "Gig'em."

Just a few days after turning 20, Manziel proved times have truly changed in college football, and that experience

can be really overrated. For years, seniors dominated the award named after John Heisman, the pioneering Georgia Tech coach from the early 1900s. In the 1980s, juniors started becoming common winners. Tim Tebow became the first sophomore to win it in 2007, and two more won it in the next two seasons.

Adrian Peterson had come closest as a freshman, finishing second to Southern California quarterback Matt Leinart in 2004. But it took

78 years for a newbie to take home the big bronze statue. "It doesn't matter anymore," he said. Peterson was a true freshman for Oklahoma. As a redshirt freshman, Manziel attended school and practiced with the team last year, but did not play in any games.

He's the second player from Texas A&M to win the Heisman, joining John David Crow from 1957, and did so without the slightest hint of preseason hype. Manziel didn't even win the starting job until two weeks before the season.

Who needs hype when you can fill-up a highlight reel the way Manziel can?

With daring runs and elusive improvisation, Manziel broke 2010 Heisman winner Cam Newton's Southeastern Conference record with 4,600 total yards, led the Aggies to a 10-2 in their first season in the SEC and orchestrated an upset at then-No. 1 Alabama in November that

stamped him as legit. He has thrown for 3,419 yards and 24 touchdowns and run for 1,181 yards and 19 more scores to become the first freshman, first SEC player and fifth player overall to throw for 3,000 yards and run for 1,000 in a season.

"You can put his numbers up against anybody who has ever played the game," Texas A&M coach Kevin Sumlin said.

Manziel has one more game this season, when the No. 10 Aggies play Oklahoma in the Cotton Bowl on Jan. 4.

As for the Heisman, Manziel said he'd like to keep it right next to his bed.

"But I'm in college. A lot of people come through the house. We live in a college neighborhood. It might not be a good idea. If I can get a case that's indestructible, locked and looks pretty good, we'll see where I keep it," he said.

The resume alone fails to capture the Johnny

Football phenomena. At 6-foot-1 and 200 pounds, Manziel is master of the unexpected, darting here and there, turning plays seemingly doomed to failure into touchdowns.

Take, for example, what he did in the first quarter against the Crimson Tide. Manziel took a shotgun snap, stepped up in the pocket as if he was about to take off on another made scramble and ran into the back a lineman.

On impact, Manziel bobbled the ball, caught it with his back to the line of scrimmage, turned, rolled the opposite direction and fired a touchdown pass — throwing across his body — to a wide-open receiver.

He might as well have been back in Kerrville, Texas, where he became a hill country star in high school.

His road to college stardom was anything but a clear path.

Manziel competed with two other quarterbacks to replace

Ryan Tannehill as the starter this season, the Aggies' first in the SEC and first under Sumlin.

Manziel came out of spring practice as the backup, but became the starter in August.

Still, nobody was hailing him as the next big thing. Did Sumlin think he had a Heisman winner on his hands?

"No," he said emphatically, adding, "Not this year."

Then Manziel started playing and the numbers started piling up.

He also had some struggles against Florida in the season opener and in a home loss to LSU. The question was: Could he do his thing against a top-notch opponent?

Manziel passed for 253 yards, ran for 92 and the Aggies beat the Tide 29-24. Klein had been the front-runner for most of the season, but Manziel surged after beating 'Bama.

Though in the end, his play said it all.

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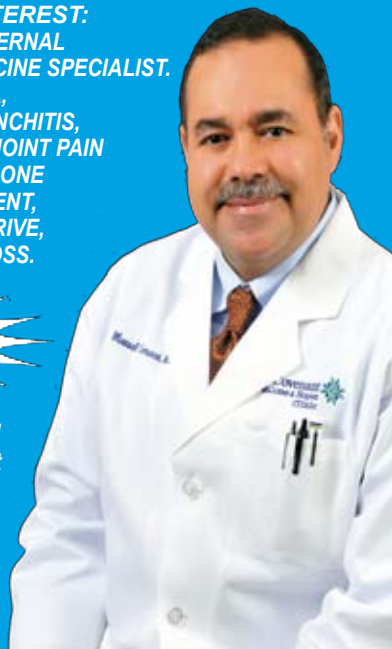
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COWBOYS

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There wasn't much of a celebration by an emotionally spent team.

"I don't remember crying this much other than maybe the day I was born," defensive lineman Marcus Spears said. "With Josh's situation and Jerry being gone, you felt it."

Players couldn't keep the tragedy out of their thoughts during the game, finding their minds wandering on the bench.

"I rarely let my emotions get the best of me," fullback Lawrence

Vickers said. "Today they did, but this was the place to do it."

Owner Jerry Jones described his team as grieving when it took the field. It was the second consecutive week that an NFL team was playing a day after losing a teammate. Last Sunday, Kansas City beat Carolina 27-21 one day after linebacker Jovan Belcher shot his girlfriend and then himself at the Chiefs' practice complex.

"There was a feeling of numbness on the field," Garrett said.

The Cowboys salvaged the game by scoring on their last two drives

against the Bengals (7-6), who had won four in a row and had a chance to move into position for an AFC wild-card berth with a victory.

Romo threw a 27-yard touchdown pass to Dez Bryant with 6:35 to go. Anthony Spencer's sack of Andy Dalton forced a punt, and Romo led the Cowboys in range for Bailey's winning kick. Romo finished 25 of 43 for 268 yards with a touchdown, an interception and three sacks.

Newcomer Josh Brown kicked field goals of 25, 33, 25 and 52 yards for Cincinnati, which wasted an opportunity to move ahead of Pitts-

burgh (7-6) for the second AFC wild card.

"They came here in an emotional situation, and you knew they were going to fight all the way," Bengals offensive tackle Andrew Whitworth said.

"That game meant a lot to them. They played great."

Dallas played a sloppy game until the closing minutes — nothing out of character there — and had a few especially bad moments.

Defensive coordinator Rob Ryan went onto the field and yelled at a Bengals player who had said something toward the Cowboys bench, drawing an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty in the third quarter. Dallas also was penalized for 12 men on the field during the drive, which ended with Brown's third field goal and a 16-10 Cincinnati lead.

In the end, a defense that has allowed only three touchdowns in the last four games couldn't hold on. And the Bengals made it tough on themselves by using all three of their timeouts early in the second half, leaving them unable to stop the clock on Dallas' final drive.

Dalton was 20 of 33 for 206 yards with five sacks, one touchdown and an interception that Brandon Carr returned 37 yards to set up DeMarco Murray's 1-yard touchdown dive in the second quarter.

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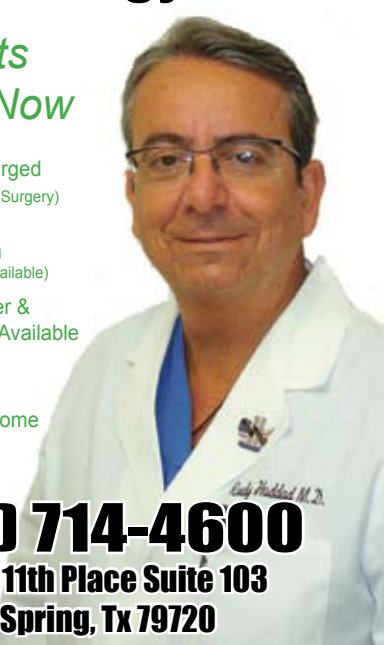
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