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First baby for 2013

SMMC photo

Ginger Silva poses with baby Miles — Scenic Mountain Medical Center's first baby of the year. The boy, born Friday Jan. 4, weighs 6 pounds, 1 ounce and is 19-3/4 inches in length. Ginger, Miles and dad, Juan are residents of Forsan. Grandparents are Benny and Kathy Pickett and Antonio and Elisa Silva, all of Big Spring.

Don't spin your tires, PD warns

Ordinance to go before city council this Tuesday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council is expected to hear first reading of a new traffic ordinance that would allow police officers to issue citations to motorists making a "display of acceleration" or a rapid start, leaving a legal middle ground created several years ago when state law changed.

The new ordinance, which would be added to Section 18-78 entitled Racing and Exhibition of Acceleration, would make it unlawful for any person to race or otherwise cause a motor vehicle to make a rapid start or acceleration on a roadway.

According to Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith, the addition of the ordinance will give police officials a middle ground when dealing with motorists — mostly young-

sters — simply showing off. "About three or four years ago the state changed the law surrounding racing on a highway," Smith said. "Up until then, officers could write a citation if someone was making a rapid start or spinning their tires. However, the change made it a Class B misdemeanor, which meant if an officer wrote that ticket, they would have to arrest the driver."

The new ordinance would allow officers and other law enforcement officials to be more community-minded when approaching these types of situations, Smith said.

"A lot of these cases are simply kids spinning their tires or otherwise showing off; however, they aren't racing on the highway or other roads," Smith said. "This will allow officers to address the problem without these 16- and 17-year-old kids ending up with an arrest record when

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Protect your pipes!

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

With the winter season getting into full swing — complete with below-freezing temperatures — officials with the city of Big Spring are asking local water customers to take measures to keep the water lines in their homes from bursting.

Todd Darden, assistant city manager, said residents can protect their property — and more to the point, their water lines — by taking precautions as temperatures continue to drop.

"Leave your hot and cold water dripping just enough to keep the pipes from freezing, as well as insulating any

exterior pipes or fixtures," he said.

"We also suggest people take old newspaper or towels and stuff them in their meter boxes to help keep them from freezing. The boxes are underground, but they still sit in a void, so they are susceptible to the freezing temperatures and could burst."

Darden said area residents should also remember to insulate any sewer lines that are above ground or not buried at a safe depth, which would be 12 to 18 inches. Freezing temperatures can also cause numerous breaks in the city's main water lines — deemed "Code Blue" during past years by city offi-

cials and crews — something he's hoping to avoid during the current cold snap.

"As long as the temperature warms up gradually, we should be OK," Darden said. "However, if the warmer weather comes back quicker than we're expecting, we could certainly see a lot more main breaks in the city."

Temperatures are expected to remain fairly mild the first part of the week, with lows expected to hover just about 32 degrees.

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

Texas Comptroller to release budget estimate

By **PAUL J. WEBER**
 Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — The first big number of the next Texas budget is on its way.

Today, Republican Comptroller Susan Combs releases

her biennial revenue estimate — the crucial number that sets the limit on what lawmakers can spend for 2014 and 2015, when Democrats and teachers hope to reverse, or at least bandage, deep cuts in the current budget that

included \$5.4 billion slashed from public education.

Budget observers expect Combs to announce a surplus that could be in the neighborhood of \$8 billion, as Texas' economy is humming again after lawmakers in 2011 wrote

a cut-to-the-bone budget as the nation lurched out of the Great Recession.

At the time, unemployment in the state was the highest in a decade and the Legislature

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Gasoline prices spiral up 5.7 cents per gallon

Special to the Herald

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have risen 5.7 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.16/g Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas.

This compares with the national average that has not moved in the last week to \$3.26/g, according to gaso-

line price website GasBuddy.com. Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices Sunday were 4.2 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and 6.6 cents per gallon higher than a month ago.

The national average has decreased 9.3 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 6.8 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

"With the fresh start of 2013, many motorists have begun seeking information on where gasoline prices will be going for the upcoming year," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "GasBuddy will be releasing its 2013 forecast this week, available on the GasBuddy Blog, which will highlight not only where we expect gasoline prices to go, but new this year is our

diesel forecast, just more tools to help motorists budget and be prepared for what lies ahead," DeHaan said.

The GasBuddy blog can be found at <http://blog.gasbuddy.com>. About GasBuddy GasBuddy operates TexasGasPrices.com and more than 250 similar websites that track gasoline prices at more than 140,000 gasoline stations in the United States and Canada.

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Obituaries

Gerald F. 'Jerry' Anderson



Gerald F. "Jerry" Anderson, 70, of Big Spring died Friday, Jan. 4, 2013, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Pastor Jim Binnix of Midway Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Feb. 6, 1942, in Brady, Texas, to Velma and John Anderson. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He lived most of his life in Big Spring. He was a retired electrician, having worked many years for Colorado River Municipal Water District. He was a member of the Pentecostal Church.

He is survived by his son, Gary Anderson of Big Spring; one daughter, Amber Anderson of Big Spring; three sisters, Wanda Young and husband Dale of Big Spring, Anita Mallett and husband Bob of Oklahoma City and Johnnye V. Black of Denver, Colorado; three grandchildren, Kali Marie Anderson, Bailie Renay Anderson and Kalie MaNay Banks; and one great-grandchild, Brinleigh Tindol.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Doris Martin.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Paid obituary

Luella Groth Arnold

Luella Groth Arnold passed away Friday, Jan. 4, 2013, in Midland, Texas. She was born to Wesley Charles Groth and Emma Antonia Walters Groth on March 6, 1918, in Waco, Texas. Luella attended Waco High School and Dallas Business School.

She married Edwin F. Arnold on Aug. 10, 1946, in Dallas, Texas. She worked as a bookkeeper for several years in Dallas. Luella was a loving wife and mother. From earliest childhood, Luella loved the Lord. She gave her heart to Christ at age 10 and had a strong faith all of her life. Luella loved art, family, putting puzzles together and canning.

Luella was preceded in death by her husband, Edwin; her sisters, Annette Warren, Lillums Braswell, Edna Gaeke, Esther Groth and Agnes Morris; and her brothers, Carl Groth, Herman Groth and Ervin Groth.

Luella is survived by her son, Charles F. Arnold; her sister, Alyda Shiplett of Waco, Texas; and her brother, Glenn Groth of Austin, Texas.

Memorials in Luella's name may be made to Hospice of Midland, 901 W. Texas Ave., Midland, Texas 79701; or to Alzheimer's Research.

Visitation will be held Monday, Jan. 7, 2013, from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home. Services will be held Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2013, at 10 a.m. in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park North. Condolences may be made at www.ellisfunerals.com

Paid obituary

Jimmie O. Huitt



Jimmie O. Huitt, 96, of Big Spring died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2013, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2013, at Trinity Baptist Church with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2013, at the funeral home.

He was born June 19, 1916, in Eastland, Texas, and married Vera Mae McCarty on May 22, 1937, in Big Spring, Texas. She preceded him in death Jan. 15, 1997.

Jimmie worked for T&P Railroad while farming. He later began working for Cosden Oil Refinery, retiring after 35 years. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter-in-law, Becky Huitt of Big Spring; two grandsons; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by one son, Kenneth Huitt; four brothers, Billy Ray Huitt, John Lee Huitt, Charlie Huitt and Calvin Huitt; and two sisters, Mary Maurine Huitt and Ruby Nix.

The family suggests memorials be made to Trinity Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 1448, Big Spring, TX 79721-1448.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Marguerite Haddad

Marguerite Haddad, 91, of Big Spring died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2013, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

- SUSAN MICHELLE SALAZAR, 30, of 1902 Mittel Ave., was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

- TINA MARIE AUSBIE, 25, of 1100 Pickens, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

- PATRICIA ANN BACON, 40, of 5700 Cedar Rd., was arrested Sunday on two warrants from other agencies and a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive – giving false information.

- ANTHONY ELIZANDRO SOLIS, 21, of 1407 Oriole, was arrested Sunday on a warrant from another agency.

- SAUNDRA JO GARRARD, 38, of 1502 W. Third St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of shoplifting – more than \$50 and less than \$500.

- MARGARET ELAINE THOMAS, 36, of Temple, Texas, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

- AMBER RENEE ROBINSON, 27, of 1212 E. 19th St., was arrested Sunday on a warrant from another agency.

- JASON KYLE WOODS, 41, of Abilene, Texas, was arrested Sunday on a charge of shoplifting – less than \$50.

- THEFT was reported:
In the 200 block of W. FM 700.
In the 100 block of Miller Road.
In the 1200 block of Stanford.
In the 200 block of W. FM 700.
In the 2300 block of Wasson Road.

- ASSAULT was reported in the area of 18th Street.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 68 inmates at the time of this report.

- JOSEPH MICHAEL GONZALES, 30, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while license suspended with a previous conviction.

- JOHNNY LEE RIOS, 27, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct – language.

- ALICIA MORALES, 31, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a municipal capias warrant for animal at large and a charge of issuance of a bad check.

- DANIEL RIOS, 26, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct – language.

- LUIS RIOS JR., 47, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct – vulgar language.

- MARY ESTHER ZUBIATE, 53, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of issuance of a bad check and theft of property by check – more than \$20 and less than \$500 (two counts).

- PAUL ROSTUM RAMIREZ, 47, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

- ERNESTO MARQUEZ ZUBIATE, 59, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check – more than \$20 and less than \$500.

- JOSEPH MARTINEZ, 21, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation, public intoxication and hindering officers discharging official duties.

- MARGARITA MATA MUNIZ, 33, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- MICHAEL DUANE GIRTZ, 48, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of possession of a dangerous drug and public intoxication.

- RUBEN ZAPATA PEREZ, 52, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of driving while intoxicated and evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

- KRISTEN LEA BEARD, 38, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.

- RICARDO RUDY ARNDT, 48, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- JACQUELINE KAY RAINER, 22, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on municipal capias warrants for failure to display driver's license, expired motor vehicle inspection, driving while license invalid and minor in consumption of alcohol.

- DANIEL LORENZO TORRES, 30, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

- PRISCILLA LEANN TORRES, 30, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on charges of interfering with a police officer discharging official duties, resisting arrest, search or transportation and failure to identify.

- MARK ANTHONY MCBETH, 26, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on charges of disregarding traffic control device and violation of a promise to appear.

- JERRY MICHAEL JONES, 61, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated – blood alcohol more than 0.15.

- JESS JOSEPH RODRIGUEZ, 40, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of assault – family violence.

- SUSAN SALAZAR, 30, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

- TINA MARIE AUSBIE, 25, was booked into the

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 1/8	Wed 1/9	Thu 1/10
 49/42 Mostly cloudy skies with a few showers later in the day. High 49F. Winds E at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 30%.	 44/37 Rain with a few rumblings of thunder. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the upper 30s.	 62/41 Sunshine. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:58 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:59 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 6:00 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	46	41	rain
Amarillo	55	30	pt sunny
Austin	51	49	t-storm
Beaumont	60	57	t-storm
Brownsville	74	65	t-storm
Brownwood	48	44	rain
Corpus Christi	69	63	t-storm
Corsicana	50	47	rain
Dallas	51	48	rain
Del Rio	55	49	rain
El Paso	53	33	mixed
Fort Stockton	45	37	rain
Gainesville	50	43	rain
Greenville	51	45	rain
Houston	62	59	t-storm
Kingsville	72	63	t-storm
Livingston	58	53	t-storm
Longview	55	49	rain
Lubbock	53	39	cloudy
Lufkin	57	53	rain
Midland	46	42	rain
Raymondville	75	63	t-storm
Rosenberg	63	59	t-storm
San Antonio	54	51	t-storm
San Marcos	53	50	t-storm
Sulphur Springs	54	48	rain
Sweetwater	47	41	rain
Tyler	53	50	rain
Weatherford	48	44	rain
Wichita Falls	52	42	rain

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	49	42	cloudy
Boston	44	30	mst sunny
Chicago	40	32	pt sunny
Dallas	51	48	rain
Denver	49	28	pt sunny
Houston	62	59	t-storm
Los Angeles	71	50	sunny
Miami	81	70	pt sunny
Minneapolis	34	25	cloudy
New York	45	35	mst sunny
Phoenix	66	41	mst sunny
San Francisco	64	49	mst sunny
Seattle	50	45	rain
St. Louis	51	34	mst sunny
Washington, DC	51	35	pt sunny

Support Groups

MONDAY

- PEP — Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

- Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m. and meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

- 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. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

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- KENNETH RAY PEACOCK, 24, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated, driving while license invalid, a Tom Green County warrant for burglary of a building and municipal warrants for driving while license invalid and failure to appear.

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SPECIAL GRANT

Wal-Mart Co-Manager Tito Drummond (left), Isaiah 58 Board President Frank Sickles, Isaiah 58 volunteer John Arista and Community Involvement Coordinator Manny Negron pose for a 12 Days of Giving grant to Isaiah 58 from Wal-Mart in the amount of \$10,000. The funds will help Isaiah 58 stay open for the next year, providing assistance to the needy of Big Spring and Howard County.

Local/Texas briefs

Help group meets tonight

Are you ready for a change? Give RUI (Reformers Unanimous International) a try.

We are a faith based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the back of the church.

Defendant in scam gets 10 years

DALLAS (AP) — A federal judge in Dallas has ordered 10 years in prison for the final defendant in a \$13 million investment scheme mainly targeting the elderly.

Adley Husni Abdulwahab must serve the Texas sentence consecutively to a 60-year Virginia term he's now serving over a \$100 million life insurance scheme. He must also make restitution in the Texas case.

Abdulwahab last year pleaded guilty in Dallas to securities fraud during 2006 and 2007. He's the third defendant over failed investments in the W Financial Group.

Michael Wallens Sr. of Nantucket, Mass., and his son Michael Wallens Jr. of Plano earlier pleaded guilty to securities fraud. The father was sentenced to 4½ years in prison, while the son received a five-year term.

Abdulwahab was sentenced Friday.

Friend charged in deaths of 2 teens

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — Police say a North Texas man has been charged with failing to help two teenage friends who died after alleged drug and alcohol overdoses at his home.

Grapevine police Sgt. Robert Eberling says 22-year-old Cullen Marino faces two counts of criminally negligent homicide. Marino was being held Monday in the Grapevine City Jail on \$10,000 bond.

Counselors are available at Southlake Carroll Senior High School following the deaths of 17-year-old Kyle McNutt and 18-year-old Chase Nunez.

Police believe the Grapevine youths became unconscious after using alcohol and drugs Friday night with Marino, who allegedly then put them in a bedroom. Marino's father call 911 after finding the victims Saturday. The teens were dead when paramedics arrived.

Woman set to die loses at court

HOUSTON (AP) — A female Texas death row inmate facing execution this month for the fatal stabbing and bludgeoning of a 71-year-old woman has lost an appeal at the U.S. Supreme Court.

The high court, without comment, refused Monday to review the case of 51-year-old Kimberly McCarthy.

McCarthy is set for lethal injection Jan. 29 for the July 1997 killing of retired college professor Dorothy Booth during a robbery at the victim's home in Lancaster, about 15 miles south of Dallas.

McCarthy is one of 10 women on death row in Texas but the only one with an execution date. At least eight men have executions scheduled in the coming months.

McCarthy would be the fourth Texas woman put to death since the state resumed carrying out capital punishment in 1982.

Firm gives WVU \$18M in grants

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — An oil industry services company is giving West Virginia University nearly \$18 million worth of grants for geology and geophysics software.

The gift from Schlumberger will benefit students in the colleges of engineering and arts and sciences. Software plug-ins, licenses and maintenance are provided under the latest agreement.

Texas-based Schlumberger made its first in-kind software donation to WVU in 2007.

WVU President Jim Clements said Monday it will help students in petroleum and natural gas courses, as well as geology and geography. Officials say some of those departments are growing rapidly as West Virginia's oil and natural gas deposits are developed.

Schlumberger vice president David Seabrook says that students trained on industry-standard software will be better able to make valuable contributions to the industry when they join the workforce.

2 treated following suites hotel fire

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas (AP) — Emergency officials say two guests at a Dallas-area suites hotel have been treated for non-life threatening injuries following a fire traced to a corner room.

Grand Prairie firefighters early Monday responded

to the blaze at a Budget Suites of America. Authorities are trying to determine what sparked the fire in a downstairs room.

Fire Chief Robert Fite says one elderly woman suffered smoke inhalation and was stable after being transported to a hospital. Fite says a second elderly woman was treated at the scene for stress-related issues and she did not require hospitalization.

Dog returned after being found in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — A microchip implant has helped a dog from Pennsylvania named Roxy get home after the missing animal was found 1,500 miles away in Houston.

Animal shelter officials say the German shepherd registered to Dan Loefflad of Allentown, Pa., was returned Sunday afternoon. The pet was flown from Houston to Newark Liberty International Airport via United Airlines.

An animal control officer on Friday picked up the dog wandering on a southwest Houston street.

Officials noticed the pooch had a microchip, which led to Loefflad. He told animal shelter authorities who contacted him that a relative took his dog without permission and apparently drove Roxy to Houston.

Keith to headline Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

HOUSTON (AP) — Country great Toby Keith will kick off the musical entertainment at this year's Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Organizers say tickets go on sale Saturday for the Feb. 25 through March 17 events.

Keith is the opening night entertainer. Alan Jackson performs Feb. 27. Mary J. Blige is featured March 1, while Tim McGraw takes center stage March 8.

Kenny Chesney performs March 12. Blake Shelton is scheduled March 15.

The closing concert March 17 will feature George Strait, Martina McBride and the Randy Rogers Band.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

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BUDGET

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want a budget cap that would limit any increase in state spending to a sum of population growth plus inflation, which would likely come in below the revenue forecast.

Under current conditions, their plan would create a general revenue budget of \$89.29 billion. Combs' estimate in Jan-

uary 2011 was \$72.2 billion in general-purpose spending available.

The state still has bills to settle before writing the next budget. Among the obligations are a \$4.7 billion Medicaid tab and about \$600 million spent battling wild-

fires in 2011.

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COUNCIL

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it's really not necessary."

Smith said the new ordinance is something many West Texas cities are addressing, including several nearby cities.

"Both Midland and San Angelo have passed similar ordinances," he said. "A lot of Texas cities are addressing the issue."

While the ordinance will give peace officers something of a middle ground when dealing with these cases, Smith

stressed it won't apply to drivers who decide to take it to far.

"For those who are racing, nothing will change. If they get caught, they will be arrested," Smith said firmly. "That won't change."

Also during Tuesday's meeting, the council will address:

- Final reading of a resolution authorizing the city to apply for a grant from the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission and Regional Solid Waste Grants Program.
- Approval of a joint election agreement with the Big Spring Independent School District.

• Acceptance of Big Spring Economic Development Corporation board of directors minutes from the meeting held Nov. 20, 2012.

Tuesday's meeting is to get under way at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

For more information, call 264-2401. A complete copy of the meeting agenda can be found online at www.mybig-spring.com

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

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ANSWERS

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News in brief

Obama picks Chuck Hagel as next defense secretary, setting up likely confirmation fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defying congressional opposition, President Barack Obama will nominate Chuck Hagel as his next defense secretary, setting up a potentially contentious confirmation fight over the former Republican senator's views on Israel and Iran.

The president will announce Hagel's nomination from the White House Monday, a senior administration official said, requesting anonymity in order to discuss the nomination ahead of Obama. Hagel, 66, served in the Senate with Obama and the two grew close during congressional trips overseas.

A moderate Republican and decorated Vietnam veteran, Hagel would add a whiff of bipartisanship to Obama's Cabinet if confirmed. But the former Nebraska lawmaker has faced withering criticism from Congress — Republicans in particular — since emerging as the front-runner for the Pentagon post. Still, GOP lawmakers have stopped short of saying they might try to block the nomination.

Hagel is the second straight Obama favorite for a top national security post to face criticism from Capitol Hill even before being nominated. United Nations Ambassador Susan Rice withdrew her name from consideration for secretary of state amid charges from GOP senators that she misled the public in her initial accounting of the attacks on Americans at a diplomatic post in Benghazi, Libya.

After Rice withdrew, Obama named Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., to lead the State Department. Kerry is expected to be easily confirmed by his longtime Senate colleagues.

White House, GOP draw lines in debt limit debate, vow not to budge

WASHINGTON (AP) — Struggling for the upper hand in the next round of debt talks, Republicans and Democrats this weekend drew lines in the sand they said they'd never cross when it comes to the U.S. debt limit.

The tough talk on the Sunday morning talk shows doesn't bode well for voters who are frustrated by the political gridlock.

"I believe we need to raise the debt ceiling, but if we don't raise it without a plan to get out of debt, all of us should be fired," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.

Last week's deal to avert the combination of end-of-year tax increases and spending cuts known as the "fiscal cliff" held income tax rates steady for 99 percent of Americans but left some other major pieces of business unresolved.

By late February or early March, the Treasury Department will run out of options to cover the nation's debts and could begin defaulting on government loans unless Congress raises the legal borrowing limit, or debt ceiling. Economists warn that a default could trigger a global recession.

Prosecution set to outline case against theater shooting suspect, 6 months after the killings

CENTENNIAL, Colo. (AP) — Nearly six months after a bloody rampage in a Colorado movie theater left 12 people dead, prosecutors will go to court Monday to outline their case against the suspect, James Holmes.

Holmes is charged with more than 160 counts including murder and attempted murder.

Investigators say he was wearing body armor and a gas mask when he tossed two gas canisters and then opened fire in a theater in the Denver suburb of Aurora on July 20. A midnight showing of the Batman movie "The Dark Knight Rises" had just begun.

In addition to the 12 dead, 70 were wounded. Many of the survivors and family members of the dead are expected to attend the preliminary hearing, and court officials expect an overflow crowd of reporters and spectators.

People in Connecticut and Colorado less excited about buying guns than those in other states

WASHINGTON (AP) — In Connecticut and Colorado, scenes of the most deadly U.S. mass shootings in 2012, people were less enthusiastic about buying new guns at the end of the year than in most other states, according to an Associated Press analysis of new FBI data. The biggest surges in background checks for people who want to carry or buy guns occurred in states in the South and West.

The latest government figures reflect huge increases across the U.S. in the number of background checks for gun sales and permits to carry guns at the end of the year. After President Barack Obama's re-election, the horrific school shooting in Connecticut and Obama's promise to support new laws aimed at curbing gun violence, the number of background checks spiked. In Georgia, the FBI processed 37,586 requests during October and 78,998 requests in December; Alabama went from 32,850 to 80,576 during the same period.

Nationally, there were nearly twice as many more background checks for firearms between November and December than during the same time period one year ago.

"It's a fear there will be a crackdown," said Thomas Wright, who runs Hoover Tactical Firearms near Birmingham, Ala. Wright said he took on more employees to handle the sales crush after 20 children were killed in Newtown, Conn. "We used to have what was called our wall of guns. It's pretty much empty now." Every high-capacity magazine in Wright's store was sold out.

The government's figures suggested far less interest in purchasing guns late in the year in Connecticut and Colorado, where background checks also increased but not nearly as much as most other states. Twelve people died in July in a shooting at a Colorado movie theater. The numbers of checks in Colorado rose from 35,009 in October to 53,453 in December; checks in Connecticut went from 18,761 to 29,246 during the same period. Only New Jersey and Maryland showed smaller increases than Colorado in December from one month earlier.

Google executive chairman and ex-New Mexico Gov. Richardson arrive in North Korea

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — The Google chairman wants a first-hand look at North Korea's economy and social media in his private visit Monday to the communist nation, his delegation said, despite misgivings in Washington over the timing of the trip.

Eric Schmidt, executive chairman of one of the world's biggest Internet companies, is the highest-profile U.S. executive to visit North Korea — a country with notoriously restrictive online policies — since young leader Kim Jong Un took power a year ago. His visit has drawn criticism from the U.S. State Department because it comes only weeks after a controversial North Korean rocket launch; it has also prompted speculation about what the businessman hopes to accomplish.

Schmidt arrived on a commercial Air China flight with former New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, who has traveled more than a half-dozen times to North Korea over the past 20 years.

Richardson, speaking ahead of the flight from Beijing, called the trip a private, humanitarian mission.

"This is not a Google trip, but I'm sure he's interested in some of the economic issues there, the social media aspect. So this is why we are teamed up on this," Richardson said without elaborating on what he meant by the "social media aspect."

Sandy prompts some elderly who lived alone to opt for new homes in assisted living facilities

MASSAPEQUA, N.Y. (AP) — For the first time in her life, Marion Johnston says she feels old.

The petite 80-year-old retired school secretary who uses a walker is still adjusting as one of the newest residents at the Bristol Assisted Living retirement community. She moved in November after the howling winds and rising flood waters of Superstorm Sandy destroyed her Long Island waterfront condominium.

Johnston had often thought about moving, but Sandy revealed an uncomfortable truth: "I just can't be on my own."

Although New York and New Jersey health care officials say it's too soon to confirm a spike, some senior care operators say they've seen a surge in older people relocating to assisted-living or retirement communities after Sandy. Prolonged power outages, wrecked homes and flooded streets have helped convince even the most stubborn seniors that they may not be capable of living independently.

"Very often you need that little push over the cliff to make you realize," said Dr. Gisele Wolf-Klein, director of geriatric education at North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System. She is not surprised to hear facilities are experiencing increased demand. "When your home is leaking and flooding and you're sitting in the dark, you come to realize you no longer have the skills of survivorship."

Fast-food robber suspect returns to eat, is nabbed

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Officials say a suspected robber of a suburban Detroit restaurant who apparently returned months later to get some food is under arrest after being recognized by employees.

The Oakland County sheriff's department says workers at a McDonald's in Pontiac spotted the 40-year-old man Saturday in the drive-thru.

Sheriff's deputies responded and took the Pontiac man into custody. He was being held at the Oakland County Jail pending charges.

The robbery happened Oct. 5.

Iowa prison let inmates watch movies with sexual content, ignoring female officer's pleas

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Administrators let offenders at one of Iowa's most dangerous prison units watch violent and sexually explicit movies and TV shows for years, despite repeated complaints from a female officer who said it encouraged inmates to sexually harass her.

Murderers, sexual predators and other men housed at a unit for mentally ill inmates at the maximum-security state prison in Fort Madison were allowed to watch movies such as "Deranged," a horror film that includes a scene in which a woman is beaten, raped, hung upside down and skinned. Among other movies inmates watched were "Delta of Venus," an erotic film; "Coffey," which shows sadism and attempted rape; and "Cruel Intentions," records show.

Despite correctional officer Kristine Sink's complaints, administrators told her not to turn off the movies or shows. When she did, they accused her of insubordination, according to department records that Sink provided to The Associated Press. One warden blamed Sink for causing problems by complaining, and another supervisor suggested her outfits — a standard-issue uniform — were enticing inmates.

Sink said she has fought a lonely battle under four wardens against movies that caused inmates to become sexually aggressive — through "10 years of misery." She filed a lawsuit Nov. 30 against prison officials alleging sexual harassment, discrimination and workplace retaliation, seeking an unspecified amount of damages.


Europe grads in dilemma as universities flunk teaching

PARIS (AP) — Estelle Borrell knew she wanted to work in law since she was a teenager, when she interned at a court in Versailles, France. "The lawyers in their black robes, they were like gods to me," said the 24-year-old Parisian.

Borrell studied law at Vienna University, where she dreamed of putting her passion into practice at an international organization. She got a shock when she began working at a Vienna law firm.

"I knew how to resolve cases on paper, but when I got into the law firm it was really ridiculous," Borrell said. "My boss asked me to call a judge and I was absolutely not able to do it. I didn't even have the vocabulary I needed to do a really simple call."

Borrell, who is now back in France seeking work while continuing legal studies in Paris, had found out firsthand what educators, industry and governments across the continent are slowly coming to acknowledge as globalization intensifies competition and a devastating economic crisis swells youth unemployment: Europe's universities, many founded during the Middle Ages, are failing to prepare students for the demands of the 21st century world.



Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠ A 7 5			
♥ Q 6 5			
♦ 7			
♣ A K J 6 5 4			

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

SOUTH			
♠ K Q J 9 8			
♥ 10 4 3			
♦ Q J 6 2			
♣ 3			

The bidding:
South West North East
Pass Pass 2♣ Pass
2♠ Pass 4♣ Pass

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

This deal occurred in the 1977 world championship match between the United States and Argentina. At the first table, with Bobby Wolff and Bob Hamman North-South for the U.S., the bidding went as shown. An opening one-club bid by Wolff would have promised at least 17 high-card points, so he opened two clubs, indicating six or more clubs and 12 to 16 high-card points.

The Argentine West led the king of diamonds and shifted to a club. Hamman cashed the A-K of clubs,

discarding a heart, and when the queen of clubs fell, he continued with the jack. When East ruffed, Hamman overruffed and led the queen of diamonds.

West covered the queen with the ace, ruffed in dummy. Hamman then led a low trump to the jack, ruffed his six of diamonds with dummy's ace, ruffed a club with the nine, cashed the K-Q of trumps and jack of diamonds and conceded the last two tricks to make four spades for a score of 620 points.

At the second table, the Argentine North-South pair also got to four spades, but the outcome was altogether different. At this table, John Swanson, West for the U.S., led the king of diamonds and shifted to the jack of hearts! This sounded like the death knell for the contract. It did not matter whether declarer covered with the queen or allowed the jack of hearts to win; either way, he would lose three heart tricks in succession.

After taking the first trick and viewing the dummy, Swanson decided that by far his best chance was to find his partner with the A-10-x-(x) or A-9-x-(x) of hearts, and this hope materialized. Had Swanson instead led the king or eight of hearts at trick two, South would have gotten home safely with correct play. Only the lead of the jack could kill the contract.

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

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All eyes on Irish and Tide

PAUL NEWBERRY

AP National Writer

MIAMI — Love 'em or hate 'em, it's hard to turn away from Notre Dame and Alabama.

They are storied programs that stir plenty of passions, college football's North and South versions of the New York Yankees.

Well, now they're facing each other for the biggest prize of all.

A national championship.

"Having those two traditions come together in a game like this certainly creates a lot of national interest," said Alabama coach Nick Saban, "which is probably really good for college football."

Indeed, this was shaping up as one of the most anticipated games in years, a throwback to the era when coaching giants named Bear and Ara ruled the sidelines, when it was a big deal for teams from different parts of the country to meet in a bowl, when everyone took sides based on where they happened to live.

"I'm pretty aware of our history. I've become more aware of theirs over the past few months," said Barrett Jones, the Crimson Tide's All-American center. "I know that they are a very storied program. We both are. I think that's part of what makes this matchup fun."

ESPN executives were hopeful of getting the highest ratings of the BCS era. Tickets were certainly at a premium, with a seat in one of the executive suites going for a staggering \$60,000 on StubHub the day before the game, and even a less-than-prime spot in the corner of the upper deck requiring a payout of more than \$900.

"This is, to me, the ultimate matchup in college football," said Brent Musberger, the lead announcer for ESPN.

For Alabama (12-1), this is a chance to be remembered as a full-fledged dynasty. The Tide will be trying to claim its third national championship in four years and become the first school to win back-to-back BCS

titles, a remarkable achievement given the ever-increasing parity of the college game and having to replace five players from last year's title team who were picked in the first two rounds of the NFL draft.

"To be honest, I think this team has kind of exceeded expectations," Saban said Sunday. "If you look at all the players we lost last year, the leadership that we lost ... I'm really proud of what this team was able to accomplish."

That said, it's not a huge surprise to find Alabama playing for another title. That's not the case when it comes to Notre Dame.

Despite their impressive legacy, the Fighting Irish (12-0) weren't even ranked at the start of the season. But overtime wins against Stanford and Pittsburgh, combined with three other victories by a touchdown or less, gave Notre Dame a shot at its first national title since 1988.

After so many lost years, the golden dome has reclaimed its luster in coach Brian Kelly's third season.

This is the beginning, he said. "Playing in this game is an incredible springboard into the next season," Kelly said. "They've already been here. You come back the next year, it's unacceptable for a standard to be any less than being back here again."

Both Notre Dame and Alabama have won eight Associated Press national titles, more than any other school. They are the bluest of the blue bloods, the programs that have long set the bar for everyone else even while enduring some droughts along the way.

Kelly molded Notre Dame using largely the same formula that has worked so well for Saban in Tuscaloosa: a bruising running game and a stout defense, led by Heisman Trophy finalist Manti Te'o.

"It's a little bit old fashioned in the sense that this is about the big felos up front," Kelly said. "It's not about the crazy receiving numbers

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HERALD file photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Julianna Rodriguez puts up a three-point shot during Friday's district-opening basketball game against Sweetwater. The Lady Steers will travel to Snyder on Tuesday to take on the Lady Tigers, while the Steers are on the road against Andrews today.

Sports Calendar

TODAY

Women's Basketball

• Midland College at Howard College, 5:45 p.m., Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Men's Basketball

• Midland College at Howard College, 7:45 p.m., Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Boy's Basketball

• Big Spring at Andrews, Ninth, 4:30 p.m.; J.V., 6 p.m.; Varsity, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Girl's Basketball

• Big Spring at Snyder, Ninth, 5 p.m.; J.V., 6:15 p.m.; Varsity, 7:30 p.m.

• Coahoma at Lamesa, TBA.

• Forsan at Sundown, TBA.

• Stanton at Colorado City, J.V., 5 p.m.; Varsity, 6:30 p.m.

• Garden City at Robert Lee, J.V., 4 p.m.; Varsity, 6:30 p.m.

• Grady at Loop, TBA.

• Sands at Dawson, TBA.

Boy's Basketball

• Coahoma at Lamesa, TBA.

• Forsan at Sundown, TBA.

• Pecos at Stanton, J.V., 5 p.m.; Varsity, 6:30 p.m.

• Garden City at Robert Lee, J.V.; 5 p.m.; Varsity, 8 p.m.

• Grady at Loop, TBA.

• Sands at Dawson, TBA.

Seahawks down Redskins, RG3 hurt

JOSEPH WHITE

AP Sports Writer

LANDOVER, Md. — Either way, a rookie quarterback was going to make it to the second round of the playoffs. The losing team would go home disappointed, but with the knowledge that its rookie did more than enough to prove that bright days are ahead.

If it only it were that tidy.

The first part still holds. Russell Wilson is indeed the last rookie QB standing in the NFL's postseason, having led the Seattle Seahawks to a 24-14 win Sunday over the Washington Redskins.

The Redskins, however, won't be completely at ease until they've learned the full extent of Robert

Griffin III's latest knee injury. He kept playing hurt until he finally went down for good in the fourth quarter, and his teammates can only hope it's something that can heal completely in the offseason and not prevent RG3 from being his old self next fall.

"You know he is such a huge player in our offense," Washington Pro Bowl left tackle Trent Williams said. "And for him not to be 100 percent healthy kind of hurt us."

Griffin was scheduled for an MRI, while Wilson and his teammates will be back on the East Coast next Sunday for a game against the Atlanta Falcons. The Seahawks have a five-game winning streak and their first road

playoff win since December 1983, while the Redskins ended a seven-game winning run that gave them their first division title since 1999.

"I'm done referring to Russell as a rookie," Seattle receiver Golden Tate said. "He's not playing like a rookie, doesn't act like a rookie. We're 17 games in, he's not a rookie no more."

The Redskins feel the same about Griffin, to the point that coach Mike Shanahan gave the quarterback plenty of leeway to keep playing even when it was clear all was not well. Griffin had already been hindered in two games since spraining the

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Lewis, Ravens advance after dumping Indy

DAVID GINSBURG

AP Sports Writer

BALTIMORE — After receiving rave reviews for its closing act in Baltimore, The Ray Lewis Retirement Tour heads to Denver for another show.

When Lewis and the Ravens go up against the top-seeded Broncos this Saturday, they won't receive as warm a reception as they did in their game against the Indianapolis Colts.

With Lewis leading the way, Baltimore eliminated the Colts with a

24-9 victory Sunday to set up a rematch against Denver in the second round of the AFC playoffs.

Following a 12-week layoff with a torn right biceps, Lewis led the Ravens with 13 tackles to spark an emotional win in the final home game of his spectacular 17-year career. The 37-year-old middle linebacker intends to retire after Baltimore completes its current playoff run.

If the Ravens have their way, Lewis won't peel off his No. 52 jersey

for the final time until Baltimore walks off the field in New Orleans after the Super Bowl.

"We all have a goal in mind, and we're focused in on that goal," wide receiver Anquan Boldin said.

Lewis began his emotional farewell to Baltimore with his trademark dance during introductions, a scene that captivated the sellout crowd, his teammates and even a few of the Colts.

Around three hours later, Lewis lined up at fullback as Baltimore

quarterback Joe Flacco took a knee on the game's final play. Then Lewis danced some more before taking a lap around the field to pay homage to the thousands of fans who refused to leave until he did.

"We're all appreciative, grateful for the opportunity to be here and to witness this historic moment in sports," Ravens coach John Harbaugh said. "And, it wasn't just about one guy. Nobody

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(March 21-April 19). Your work team will have all of the excitement of a top-rate marching band, playing and moving together, the sun glinting off of their instruments and creating a unifying spirit as they go.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Everyone has different gifts. You appreciate and value your friends accordingly. For instance, the one who remembers random useless facts isn't necessarily smarter than the others, but is more fun to have around.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You know what you like, and you seek to add more of it to your world. Being specific in this regard will be key to developing your own style, a worthwhile endeavor over the next three days.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There are few who would argue with you these days — not only because you make so much sense, but also because your amplified presence is slightly intimidating. Be aware and go gently.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Self-control feels like an arbitrary aim at this point. Why should you go against your basic nature to accomplish something that other people say you should do? It's a question you'll mull over all day long.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). While doing something you do well, you could become extremely bored. Challenge yourself to take on the untested and unknown. You'll gain

new skills, and you'll have fun.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you don't care where you are, you're neither lost nor found. What if you didn't believe in progress? Every place might be considered a destination point. There are many beautiful aspects to your current location.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The moon in your sign brings a bit of unexpected feeling keenly felt. You might say your eyes are open to the bittersweet symphony of life. Emotions fall into the slightly achy, beautiful category of "poignancy."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You could find yourself pulling Cupid's arrow from your person. Venus heads out of your sign tomorrow, and you might welcome the break from focusing so intently on personal relationships.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A loving force is coming into your life and very soon. Go deeper into your high-minded interests. Aligning yourself with intellectual greatness will attract the best.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The way you interact in personal and professional relationships may seem completely normal to you, and yet your style sets you apart in some way. You'll be admired and imitated, too.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Woodworkers know not to sand against the grain, and you know better than to work at cross-purposes with those around you. You'll make sure you understand their aims and expectations.

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MARCH: This is your month. You're unstoppable with a strong sense of focus. APRIL: The new moon in your sign on the 10th holds magic and gives a fresh start to relationships.

MAY: The solar eclipse on the 9th may have you doubting yourself, but you're also brave enough to face your fear. JUNE: Riches come in many forms. JULY: Jupiter urges you to take an inventory of all the ways (good and bad) that you identify with your kin.

AUGUST: Be socially judicious. The ones who provide you with fun and games aren't always good for you. SEPTEMBER: There are many who need you and that which only you can do. You'll be inspired to sharpen your skills. OCTOBER: Your social life swirls with unfamiliar faces and adventures custom made for risk-takers like you.

NOVEMBER: Instead of saying "I don't know how to do it," say "we'll figure it out." DECEMBER: A worthy adversary inspires your competitive spirit. Your well-invested earnings will multiply.

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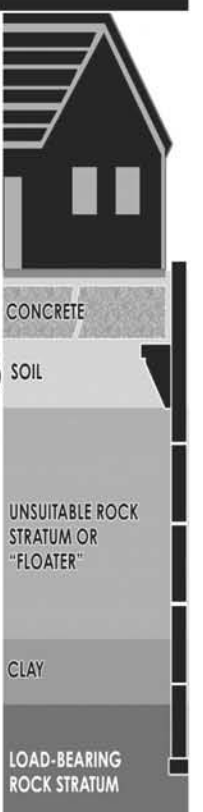
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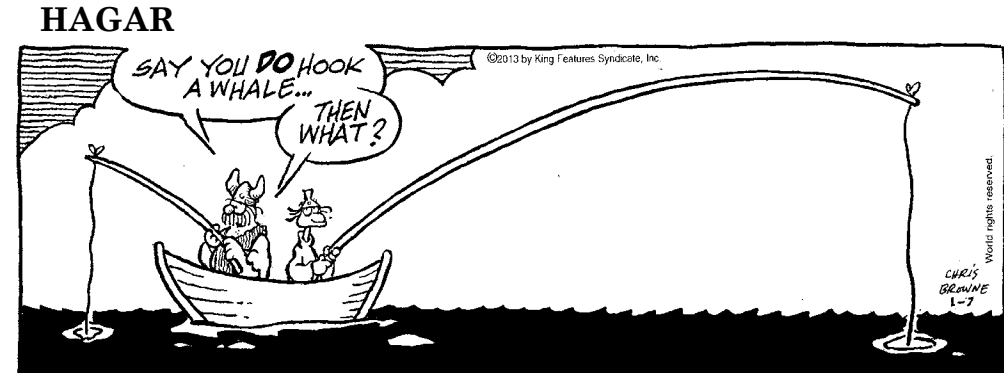
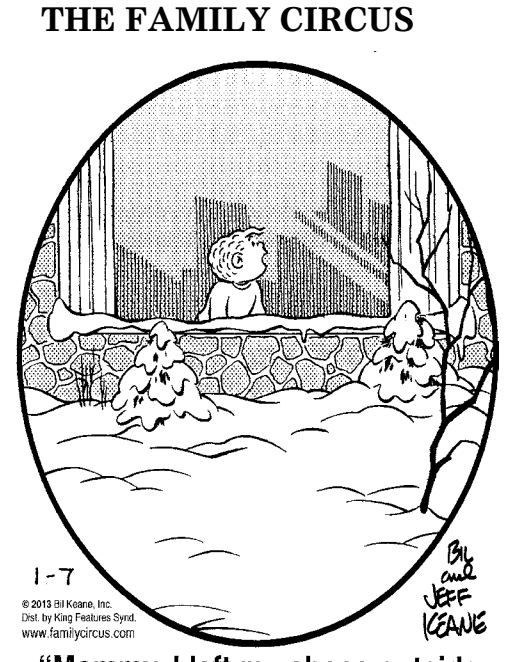
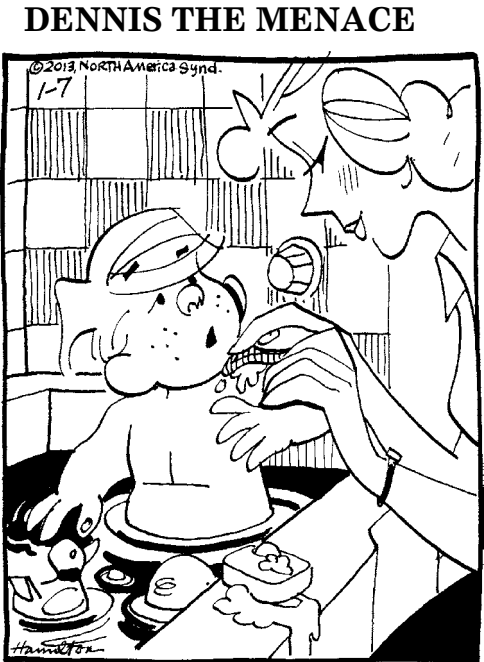


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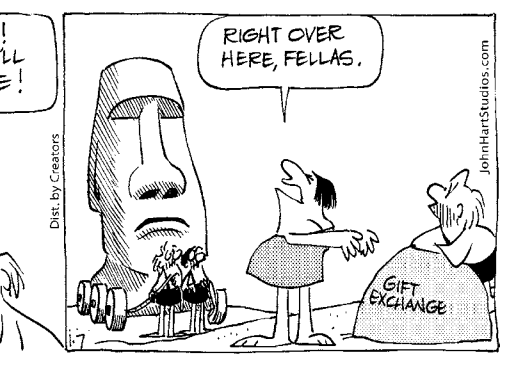
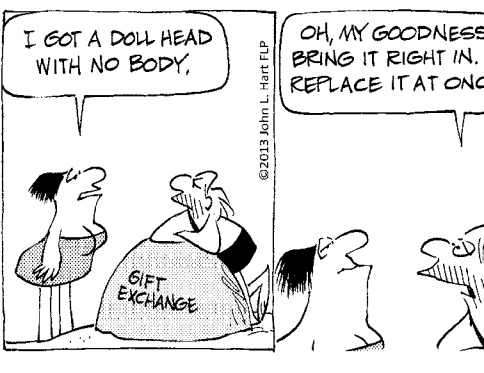
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Jan. 7, the seventh day of 2013. There are 358 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 7, 1973, sniper Mark Essex laid siege at a Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge in downtown New Orleans for about 10 hours, killing seven people before he himself was slain by sharpshooters.

On this date:

In 1610, astronomer Galileo Galilei began observing three of Jupiter's moons (he spotted a fourth moon almost a week later).

In 1789, the first U.S. presidential election was held. Americans voted for electors who, a month later, chose George Washington to be the nation's first president.

In 1800, the 13th president of the United States, Millard Fillmore, was born in Summerhill, N.Y.

In 1894, one of the earliest motion picture experiments took place at the Thomas Edison studio in West Orange, N.J., as Fred Ott was filmed taking a pinch of snuff and sneezing.

In 1927, commercial transatlantic telephone service was inaugurated between New York and London.

In 1942, the Japanese siege of Bataan began during World War II. (The fall of Bataan three months later was followed by the notorious Death March.)

In 1949, George C. Marshall resigned as U.S. Secretary of State; President Harry S. Truman chose Dean Acheson to succeed him.

In 1953, President Harry S. Truman announced in his State of the Union message to Congress that the United States had developed a hydrogen bomb.

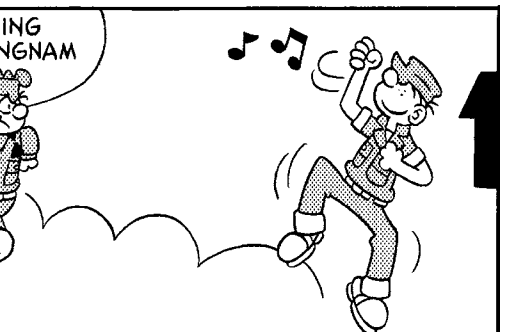
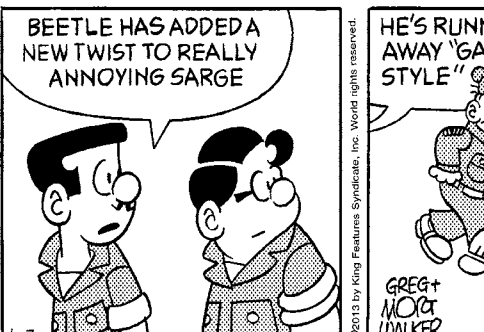
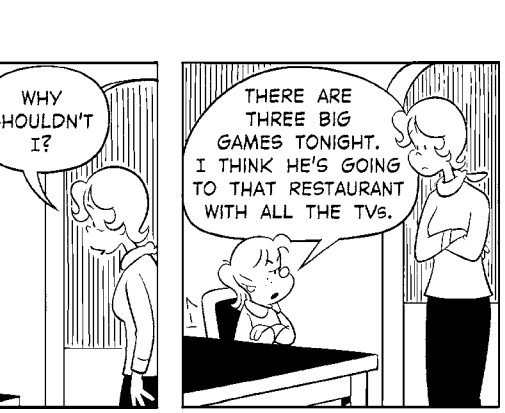
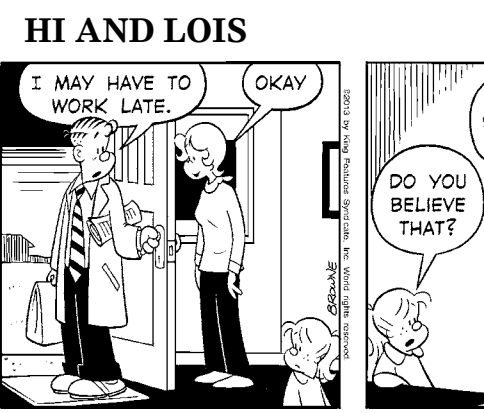
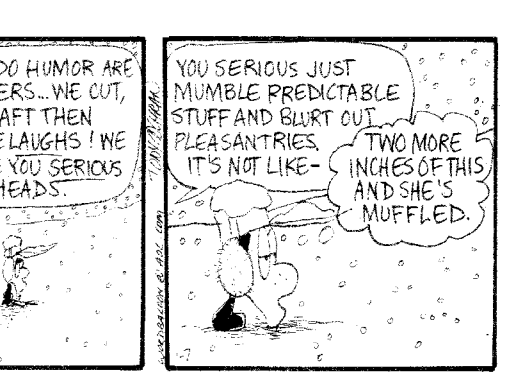
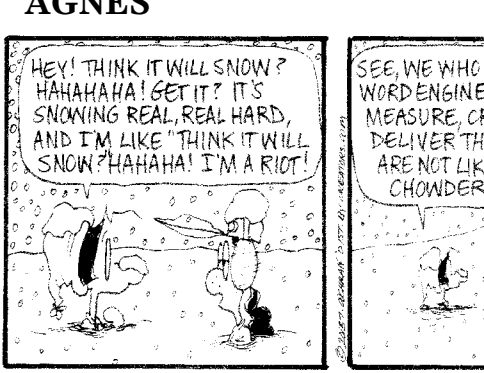
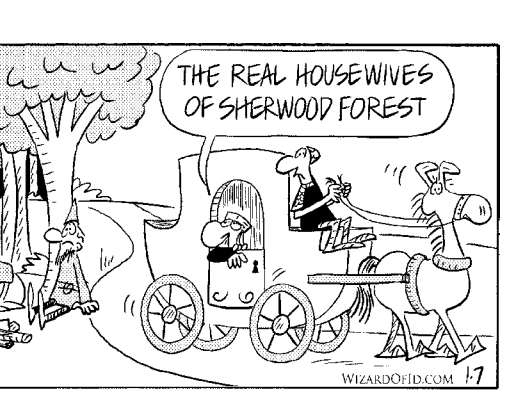
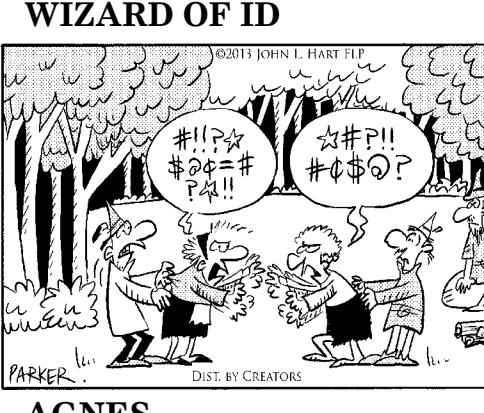
In 1963, the U.S. Post Office raised the cost of a first-class stamp from 4 to 5 cents.

In 1979, Vietnamese forces captured the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh, overthrowing the Khmer Rouge government.

In 1989, Emperor Hirohito of Japan died in Tokyo at age 87; he was succeeded by his son, Crown Prince Akihito.

Answer to previous puzzle

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17 Air-freshener target
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20 Graduation cap attachment
22 Hard-to-please actress
23 Letter before tee
24 Line on a list
26 What libraries do repeatedly
32 Computer input
35 Like ___ of bricks
36 Sensible
38 Pass, as legislation
40 Counterfeit coins
42 Payroll deduction
43 "Gin" card game
44 Entertains in one's condo
45 Glides on snow
47 Sound of a pager
48 Offer at retail
49 Coffeehouse order
51 Locate
54 Wedding-cake layer
55 ___-mo replay
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67 Outlet meat

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69 Opening words, for short
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72 Bask in the sun again
73 Disrespectful
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10 A pair of
11 After-bath garment
12 Historical times
13 Lock openers
19 Male goose
21 Sci-fi creatures: Abbr.
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27 Waterway through Vienna
28 Corned beef concoction
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31 Rattler or cobra
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Texans must find a way to score against Pats

HOUSTON (AP) — Another trip to New England awaits the Houston Texans, and coach Gary Kubiak knows what his team has to do to have a chance against the Patriots in the second round of the playoffs.

"We had a rough trip up there last time, but we've earned our right to go back," Kubiak said. "We want to go back and play a heck of a lot better than we did."

The AFC East champion Patriots trounced the Texans 42-14 at Foxborough on Dec. 10, and Houston gets another shot after beating Cincinnati 19-13 in Saturday's wild-card game.

Houston had lost just one game this season before that loss began a terrible month where the Texans lost three of their last four regular-season games to fall out of the top seed in the AFC.

The Texans did enough to beat the Bengals, but they have to figure out a way to score

touchdowns against a New England team that averages 34.8 points per game.

Houston got in the red zone four times on Saturday, and settled for field goals three of those times after the offense stalled.

"Get in the red zone, playing New England, we have to get touchdowns," left tackle Duane Brown said. "You've got to do a better job up front, whatever play is called ... can't settle for field goals. Everyone was pretty disappointed and that was a good thing. We're disappointed we got field goals and that's a sign of a great team, great offense, and we'll look at it and see what corrections need to be made."

Making his first post-season start, quarterback Matt Schaub threw an interception which was returned for a touchdown before halftime on Saturday. But he shook off the mistake to finish 29 of 38 for 262

yards. Schaub missed last season's playoff run with an injured foot.

He believes the recent trip to New England will help the Texans in this visit. The Texans were 6-0 on the road before the debacle at New England.

"What we learned and the situations we were in a month ago, we can definitely pull from that," Schaub said. "We've been down that road. We know what it takes to win and that's play good road football. We didn't do that last time we played up there."

Houston had struggled on both sides of the ball on third down recently, but fixed that problem on Saturday. The Texans entered Saturday's game having converted just 15 of 49 third-down attempts in their last four games.

On Saturday, they converted 47 percent of their third down attempts.

The Texans' defense

is looking to build on the solid performance it turned in against the Bengals. Houston held the Bengals to 198 yards on Saturday.

"I'm not the biggest believer in momentum in the world, but it definitely feels good to get back in our rhythm, get back to doing what we do," defensive end J.J. Watt said. "We're going to have some good film to watch because if we're going to go up there and beat them we need to play a game like we played (Saturday). Offense holding the ball, defense getting off the field on third down."

Arian Foster powered Houston's offense on Saturday with a season-high 32 carries for 140 yards.

He had just 46 yards rushing in the loss at New England, and is looking forward to proving that this team is much better than the one that showed up the last time in Foxborough.

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understands it more than the one guy we're talking about. It was about a team. It was about a city, a fan base, about a great sport, about a great career. I'm just humbled to be a part of it."

The Ravens (11-6) absolutely refused to lose on Lewis' final stand in Baltimore. Boldin set a team record with 145 yards receiving, Flacco threw for 282 yards and two scores and the defense relentlessly harassed rookie quarterback Andrew Luck while holding the Colts (11-6) without a touchdown.

"We all wanted to play well for him and make sure it wasn't his last game," Boldin said.

For Lewis and the Ravens, it amounted to a solid performance on a near-perfect day.

"I knew how it started, but I never knew how it was going to end here in Baltimore," Lewis said. "For it to go the way it went today, I wouldn't change anything."

The Ravens are the only NFL

team to reach the playoffs in each of the past five seasons, and they've won at least one game in each of those trips. To get to the AFC title game for the third time in that span, Baltimore will have to beat a Denver team that breezed past the Ravens 34-17 in Baltimore last month.

"It's onto the next one," Lewis said. "We saw them earlier in the year and now we get them back again, but with all of our guns back."

The loss ended a season in which the Colts went from 2-14 to the playoffs in coach Chuck Pagano's first year in Indianapolis. Pagano missed 12 weeks while undergoing treatment for leukemia and returned last week.

Baltimore's former defensive coordinator believes the Colts will benefit from the experience.

"The foundation is set, and we said we were going to build one on rock and not on sand," Pagano said. "You weather storms like this and you learn from times like this."

Owner Jim Irsay said: "This year was incredible. It was special and unique in so many ways. It was one of the most special sea-

sons in Colts history and probably in NFL history. I couldn't have imagined how this season would have played out. We had a coach fighting for his life, we reorganized, won 11 games and went to the playoffs. ... To say that our future is bright is an understatement."

Colts offensive coordinator Bruce Arians, who went 9-3 as interim coach, was absent Sunday after being hospitalized with flu-like symptoms. Pagano said Arians "is fine" and would stay overnight for observation before rejoining the Colts on Monday.

Quarterback coach Clyde Christensen called the plays, but he couldn't come up with a way to foil Baltimore's hard-charging defense.

"It's great making the playoffs, but you can't make mistakes and expect to beat a playoff team," said Luck, who threw an interception and was sacked three times. "We'll have to look back at those and hopefully fix them."

Indy's only points came on three field goals by Adam Vinatieri, from 47, 52 and 26 yards. He also missed from 40 yards.

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or passing yards or rushing yards. This is about the big fellas, and this game will unquestionably be decided up front."

While points figure to be at a premium given the quality of both defenses, Alabama appears to have a clear edge on offense.

The Tide has the nation's highest-rated

passer (AJ McCarron), two 1,000-yard rushers (Eddie Lacy and T.J. Yeldon), a dynamic freshman receiver (Amarion Cooper), and three linemen who made the AP All-America team (first-teamers Jones and Chance Warmack, plus second-teamer D.J. Fluker).

"That's football at its finest," said Te'o, who heads a defense that has given up just two rushing touchdowns. "It's going to be a great challenge, and a challenge

that we look forward to."

The Crimson Tide had gone 15 years without a national title when Saban arrived in 2007, the school's fifth coach in less than a decade (including one, Mike Price, who didn't even make it to his first game in Tuscaloosa).

Finally, Alabama got it right.

In 2008, Saban landed one of the greatest recruiting classes in school history, a group that has already produced eight NFL draft picks and likely will send at least three more players to the pros. The following year, he guided Alabama to a perfect season, beating Texas in the title game at Pasadena.

Last season, the Tide fortuitously got a shot at another BCS crown despite losing to LSU during the regular season and failing to even win its division in the Southeastern Conference.

In a rematch against the Tigers, Alabama romped to a 21-0 victory at the Superdome.

The all-SEC matchup gave the league an unprecedented six straight national champions, hastening the end of the BCS. It will last one more season before giving way to a four-team playoff in 2014, an arrangement that was undoubtedly pushed along by one conference hoarding all the titles under the current system.

"Let's be honest, people are probably getting tired of us," Jones said. "We don't really mind. We enjoy being the top dog and enjoy kind of having that target on our back, and we love our conference. Obviously, we'd rather not be a part of any other conference."

The schools have played only six times, and not since 1987, but the first of their meetings is still remembered as one of the landmark

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lateral collateral ligament in his right knee about a month ago, and he looked especially gimpy after falling awkwardly while throwing an incomplete pass in the first quarter Sunday.

"He said, 'Hey, trust me. I want to be in there, and I deserve to be in there,'" Shanahan said. "I couldn't disagree with him."

Shanahan said he'll probably second-guess himself over his decision. It was certainly open to question after Griffin's knee buckled while he was trying to field a bad shotgun snap in the fourth quarter. Griffin was in such pain he didn't even try to recover the loose ball. It was his last snap of the season.

"I think I did put myself at more risk," Griffin said. "But every time you get on the field, you're putting yourself on the line."

Even if Shanahan had tried to pull Griffin before that, the quarterback says he would have rebelled.

"I probably would have been right back out there on the field," Griffin said. "You respect authority, and I respect coach Shanahan. But at the same time, you have to step up and be a man, sometimes. There was no way I was coming out of that game."

The injury essentially clinched the outcome. The Seahawks had just taken a 21-14 lead on a 27-yard touchdown run by Marshawn Lynch and a 2-point conversion with 7:08 remaining. It was Griffin's turn to try to drive for a tie. Instead, the fumble gave the ball right back to Seattle and set up an easy insurance field goal.

Lynch finished with 132 yards on 20 carries, and Wilson completed 15 of 26 passes for 187 yards and ran eight times for 67 yards. The defense recovered after digging a 14-0 first-quarter hole — Seattle's biggest deficit of the season — and held the Redskins scoreless the rest of the way.

"It was only two touchdowns, but it's still a big comeback and, in this setting and the crowd, it's a marvelous statement about the guys' resolve," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said.

The day began with three rookie quarterbacks in the playoffs, but Andrew Luck was eliminated when Indianapolis lost to Baltimore.

A significant concern for the Seahawks is defensive Chris Clemons, their best pass rusher, who hurt his left knee in the third quarter and did not return. He also was scheduled for an MRI.

"We're concerned about it," Carroll said.

The Seahawks started their rally with three consecutive scoring drives to pull within a point, 14-13, at halftime. Steven Hauschka, who injured his left calf during the first half and had to relinquish kickoff duties, nevertheless sandwiched field goals of 32 and 29 yards around a 4-yard touchdown pass from Wilson to Michael Robinson.

The Seahawks controlled the second half, but one drive came up empty when Lynch fumbled at Washington's 1-yard line and another ended in a punt deep in Redskins territory rather than a long field goal attempt by an injured kicker.

Lynch finally produced the go-ahead score, however, and the Seahawks will carry on with their third-round rookie QB.

"Despite the fact that we have a 'nobody' team," Seattle cornerback Richard Sherman said, "a team not full of first-rounders and things like that, we have a lot of guys that play at a high level."

games in college football history.

Bear Bryant had one of his best teams at the 1973 Sugar Bowl, but Ara Parseghian and the Fighting Irish claimed the national title by knocking off top-ranked Alabama 24-23.

If you're a longtime Notre Dame fan, you still remember Parseghian's gutty call to throw the ball out of the end zone for a game-clinching first down. If you were rooting for the Tide, you haven't forgotten a

missed extra point that turned out to be the losing margin.

Of course, these Alabama players aren't concerned about what happened nearly four decades ago.

For the most part, all they know is winning.

"You want to be remembered for something," defensive lineman Damion Square said. "You live life to be remembered and do great things so that you can leave a legacy here when you're gone."

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