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Corey Wood addresses the Big Spring Independent School District school board Thursday. Wood said he supports allowing teachers and administrators to carry concealed weapons on campuses.

Parent urges ISD to arm teachers

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

When it comes to student safety and security, Big Spring Independent School District officials say very few options are off the table. Student safety, which has become the main topic of discussion for school officials everywhere since last month's killing of 20 elementary students in Newtown, Conn., was addressed during Thursday's BSISD trustee meeting, and officials said they are willing to consider just about any viable method — including arming teachers — to achieve that goal.

The discussion included an address to the board by BSISD Technology Director Corey Wood, whose children attend school locally, advocating for allowing teachers and administrators to carry concealed weapons on campus.

"For years, public schools have cultivated a deadly illusion that a gun-free policy makes us safer. The mass shootings we've seen in recent years only prove killers don't play by the rules. Today, I'm calling on you to change those rules."

—Corey Wood, BSISD technology director

Wood said the current policy of making schools gun-free zones has only served to make students easier targets for persons intent on causing harm.

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Big Spring High School students named to the Class 3A and below all-state band are, from left, junior Catherine Harris, sophomore Nick Conner, senior Chris Nunez and junior Kenan Lewis.

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Big Spring High places foursome on all state band

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

In a good year, Big Spring High School places one or two students in the all-state band. What do you say about this year, then? Four Steer Band members — a number that is a modern record, to say the least — have been selected to the Class 3A and Below All-State Band. "That's the most we've had since I've been here," said BSHS Band Director Rocky Harris, who has led the program for almost 15 years. "And it may be the most we've

ever had." Junior oboe player Catherine Harris, sophomore trombonist Nick Conner, junior baritone player Kenan Lewis and senior tuba player Chris Nunez were named to the all-state band, which will perform at the Texas Music Educators Association state convention next month in San Antonio. "They're very talented and a joy to work with," Rocky Harris said of the group. "You combine talent, a good attitude and the willingness to work hard, that makes for some good kids." He has a personal connection with one of the honorees — Catherine is his daughter. "To see my dad's reaction when I made all-state was great," she said. "He's my biggest mentor and he said he was very proud of me." For Catherine, making the all-state band was also a matter of some sweet revenge. "There was a lot of pressure," she said. "They only take one oboe player from this area, and I was selected over the guy who beat me out last year."

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Cook-off to help kids set Saturday

Herald Staff Report

Cooking begins at 8 a.m. Saturday for the annual chili cook-off benefitting the West Texas Center's Children in Need Fund. Judging gets underway at 11:30 a.m. for the event, which is being held at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 3188 at 703 W. Third in Big Spring. Chili cooks are still welcome to enter. Teams are limited to two people and the entry fee is \$10. Prizes are awarded to the top finishers. Tickets for the public are \$5 and enable entrants to all the chili they can sample. Last year, the Children in Need fund provided clothes, school supplies, tuition for activities, transportation, cap and gown and many more requests. The fund was established in 2001 to assist families and children who are receiving mental health services. "This chili cook-off has become a long-standing tradition in Big Spring for many of our local residents and amongst the many veteran chili cooks who travel the

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Texas Briefs

Ex-Iraq contractor gets prison, fraud

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A former Texas co-owner of a development company has been sentenced to 2½ years in prison for submitting nearly \$1.3 million in fake invoices for Iraq reconstruction. Prosecutors in San Antonio say 33-year-old Jill Ann Charpia in August pleaded guilty to falsifying official documents.

The former San Antonio woman was sentenced Thursday in connection with fabricated documents and forged signatures related to Iraq reconstruction government contracts. She must also pay at least \$920,000 in restitution.

Charpia during 2008 and 2009 co-owned Sourcing Specialist LLC, a privately owned firm that contracted with the U.S. government to help develop business opportunities in Iraq.

Investigators say Charpia signed and submitted false invoices for mobilization costs, three armored vehicles and the rental of two villas in Baghdad.

2nd suspect arrested in shooting

HOUSTON (AP) — A second suspect has been arrested in a shooting that wounded three people at a Houston-area college.

Harris County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Christina Garza says 22-year-old Trey Foster was captured early Friday in the Dallas suburb of Plano, 250 miles north of Houston.

Garza says officers escorted Foster back to Houston. He is being held in the Harris County Jail.

Foster faces two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in Tuesday's shooting at a Lone Star College campus.

Carlton Berry, who was wounded in the incident, has been charged with two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Berry faces a court hearing Wednesday.

Jody Neal, who was also hurt, told investigators that Foster shot him during an argument. A college maintenance man was also wounded.

Texas has another minor earthquake, nobody hurt

TIMPSON, Texas (AP) — East Texas has had a minor earthquake.

The U.S. Geological Survey says the 4.1 magnitude quake happened at 1:01 a.m. Friday and was centered about two miles west-northwest of Timpson.

The Shelby County Sheriff's Office had no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

Timpson is a town of about 1,200 located 165 miles southeast of Dallas.

An earthquake earlier this week in the Dallas area had a 3.0 magnitude. Experts say Tuesday night's quake was centered about five miles north-northwest of Irving.

Former inmate sentenced for smuggling heroin

ALEXANDRIA, La. (AP) — A former federal inmate from Wichita Falls, Texas, has been sentenced to two years in prison for attempting to smuggle heroin into the U.S. Penitentiary in Pollock.

U.S. Attorney Stephanie Finley tells The Town

Talk Jose Pueperto Alaniz also was sentenced Wednesday by U.S. District Judge Dee Drell to three years supervised release. Another defendant, Diana Castillo, also of Wichita Falls, was sentenced to three months in prison.

Castillo had visited Alaniz in May 2010 in the Pollock facility, and officials saw Alaniz remove something from Castillo's waistband and put it in his jumpsuit. A search found about 74.8 grams of black tar heroin. Alaniz had been serving a sentence for violating his release on a conviction of distribution of cocaine.

Judge to decide whether teen to be tried as adult

EDINBURG, Texas (AP) — A 16-year-old South Texas boy charged last year with attempted capital murder in state juvenile court is to go before a judge for a decision on whether he'll be tried as an adult in the shooting of a federal agent.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent Kelton Harrison was conducting surveillance as part of a drug trafficking investigation in July 2012 when he was chased and shot.

A criminal complaint accused the boy, whose identity is being withheld because of his age, of firing about six shots from a .22 caliber rifle. It also alleges that his 18-year-old brother Arnoldo Alvarado fired "numerous" shots from a 9mm handgun as they rode in a vehicle driven by their father Pedro Alvarado. The older Alvarados await trial in federal court.

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"For years, public schools have cultivated a deadly illusion that a gun-free policy makes us safer," Wood said. "The mass shootings we've seen in recent years only prove killers don't play by the rules. Today, I'm calling on you to change those rules."

Wood urged local officials to follow the lead of two other Texas school districts — Harold ISD and Union Grove ISD — which have approved plans to allow teachers to carry concealed weapons.

"As more and more schools choose to enact such a policy, those who don't will become the

minority and a proverbial target will be placed on those schools," he said. "You might as well put a sign outside that reads, 'Criminals welcome; there are no guns in this school.'"

"You have to ask yourself, what sort of message do you want to send to criminals?" he added. "How far are you willing to go to protect the students at Big Spring ISD? How far would you be willing to go at home? What's the difference?"

School officials stopped short of endorsing Wood's comments, but agreed the idea of arming teachers is just one of many the district will have to consider as it fine-tunes its safety procedures.

"I think the comments Corey made are the kind of things that

are on people's minds these days," BSISD Superintendent Steven Saldivar said. "We all want are children to be safe. As teachers and administrators, our worst nightmare would be that these things which are happening more and more at other places might happen here."

Saldivar also stressed that arming teachers is a step the district would not take lightly.

"Keep in mind, when you're carrying a gun, that's a lot of responsibility," he said. "It's one thing to say teachers should carrying guns ... it's another when you have 25 kindergartners in your classroom, or you have 1,000 high school students walking the halls of your school."

Saldivar said the dis-

trict has taken several steps in the recent past to upgrade its security.

At the new elementary schools and the refurbished junior high, all exterior doors except the main entrance are locked once the school day begins and all visitors are funneled through the main office before being allowed into classroom areas.

The situation is more problematic at the high school, which is the largest campus and has more students coming and going at various times. There, however, the district employs an armed "resource officer" and is looking to hire another, Saldivar said.

BSISD also works closely with local law enforcement in conducting safety drills and

reviewing procedures, he added.

School Board Member Tony Kennedy said possible security improvements will continue to be addressed in the future.

"There are more options out there," Kennedy said. "We're not against arming teachers, but we need to discuss that possibility — a lot. We are going to make an informed decision ... and make it with a good thought process in mind. I agree we need to do something. We just need to decide what's right for Big Spring ISD."

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BAND

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Conner is getting to be an old hand at this all-state band thing — this is the second straight year for him to be selected. That doesn't mean, however, that making the group was any easier the second time around.

"If anything, it was more difficult this time," he said. "I already knew the competition I'd face, so I knew I had to work even harder this year to make all-state."

And earning the honor is definitely not getting

boring, he added.

"I had the same reaction, pretty much," Conner said. "It was very, very exciting."

Lewis said his selection came as a very nice surprise.

"I really didn't feel good about my tryout," he said. "You could hear the other (students) as they performed ... and they were pretty good. I was really excited when I learned that I had made it."

Nunez pulls extra-curricular double duty at BSIS — aside from performing in the band, he also was a key member of this year's football

team.

"You definitely have to manage your time," he said of his various commitments. "It can get pretty tough. You just have to make sure you dedicate the time you need for certain things."

Being named to the all-state band was something of a shock, he recalled.

"I didn't even come close to area tryouts last year, so this year was kind of a surprise," Nunez said. "I was sitting at a table after my tryout and (Conner) came over and tackled me when he found out.

It was a pretty good feeling."

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News in brief

Too many gun laws around the country makes it hard to enforce tougher state and local laws

WASHINGTON (AP) — There is a legal avenue to try to get any gun you want somewhere in the U.S., thanks to the maze of gun statutes across the country and the lack of certain federal laws.

That undermines gun-control efforts in communities with tougher gun laws — and pushes advocates of tighter controls to seek a federal standard. Gun rights proponents say enforcing all existing laws makes more sense than passing new ones.

An Associated Press analysis found that there are thousands of laws, rules and regulations at the local, county, state and federal levels. The laws and rules vary by state, and even within states, according to a 2011 compilation of state gun laws by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

These laws and regulations govern who can carry a firearm, what kind of firearm is legal, the size of ammunition magazines, and more. In some places, a person can buy as many guns as desired.

Not only can people acquire military-style assault weapons, they can also get gangster-style Tommy guns, World War II-era bazookas and even sawed-off shotguns.

1st woman to lead U.S. troops in combat 'thrilled' that Pentagon opening more roles to females

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Former U.S. Army Capt. Linda L. Bray says her male superiors were incredulous upon hearing she had ably led a platoon of military police officers through a firefight during the 1989 invasion of Panama.

Instead of being lauded for her actions, the first woman in U.S. history to lead male troops in combat said higher-ranking officers accused her of embellishing accounts of what happened when her platoon bested an elite unit of the Panamanian Defense Force. After her story became public, Congress fiercely debated whether she and other women had any business being on the battlefield.

The Pentagon's longstanding prohibition against women serving in ground combat ended Thursday, when Defense Secretary Leon Panetta announced that most combat roles jobs will now be open to female soldiers and Marines. Panetta said women are integral to the military's success and will be required to meet the same physical standards as their male colleagues.

"I'm so thrilled, excited. I think it's absolutely wonderful that our nation's military is taking steps to help women break the glass ceiling," said Bray, 53, of Clemmons, N.C. "It's nothing new now in the military for a woman to be right beside a man in operations."

The end of the ban on women in combat comes more than 23 years after Bray made national news and stoked intense controversy after her actions in Panama were praised as heroic by Marlin Fitzwater, the spokesman for then-President George H.W. Bush.

Education Department tells schools to find ways for disabled students to play sports

WASHINGTON (AP) — Students with disabilities must be given a fair shot to play on a traditional sports team or have their own leagues, the Education Department says.

Disabled students who want to play for their school could join traditional teams if officials can make "reasonable modifications" to accommodate them. If those adjustments would fundamentally alter a sport or give the student an advantage, the department is directing the school to create parallel athletic programs that have comparable standing to traditional programs.

"Sports can provide invaluable lessons in discipline, selflessness, passion and courage, and this

guidance will help schools ensure that students with disabilities have an equal opportunity to benefit from the life lessons they can learn on the playing field or on the court," Education Secretary Arne Duncan said in a statement announcing the new guidance Friday.

The groundbreaking order is reminiscent of the Title IX expansion of athletic opportunities for girls and women four decades ago and could bring sweeping changes to school budgets and locker rooms for years to come.

Activists cheered the changes.

Questions surround N.M. slayings as family, church community prepare to bury former pastor, kids

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Fifteen-year-old murder suspect Nehemiah Griego grew up in a family deeply rooted in the Christian faith.

His father, a gang member turned pastor, helped others turn their lives around. There were missions to Mexico, prayer sessions with former jail inmates and weekly Bible study gatherings. For Griego, there were jam sessions with the Calvary Albuquerque's youth band and pickup basketball games at the church.

That all changed last Saturday when his parents and three younger siblings were slain at home and Griego was arrested and charged with the killings.

On Friday, family and friends will gather at the church to mourn the deaths — a tragedy that just doesn't make sense to surviving family members or the church community that has watched him grow up.

Griego was just a normal teen to Vince Harrison, a former police officer who had known the family for about 10 years through his security work at the church.

NASA testing vintage engine left over from Apollo 11 rocket to improve for future missions

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP) — Like vinyl records and skinny ties, good things eventually come back around. At NASA, that means looking to the Apollo program for ideas on how to develop the next generation of rockets for future missions to the moon and beyond.

Young engineers who weren't even born when the last Saturn V rocket took off for the moon are testing a vintage engine from the program.

The engine, known to NASA engineers as No. F-6049, was supposed to help propel Apollo 11 into orbit in 1969, when NASA sent Neil Armstrong and two other astronauts to the moon for the first time. The flight went off without a hitch, but no thanks to the engine — it was grounded because of a glitch during a test in Mississippi and later sent to the Smithsonian Institution, where it sat for years.

Now engineers are learning to work with technical systems and propellants not used since before the start of the space shuttle program, which first launched in 1981.

Nick Case, 27, and other engineers at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center on Thursday completed a series of 11 test-firings of the F-6049's gas generator, a jet-like rocket which produces 30,000 pounds of thrust and was used as a starter for the engine. They are trying to see whether a second-generation version of the Apollo engine could produce even more thrust and be operated with a throttle for deep-space exploration.

Hundreds of MBA students play poker tournament in Vegas to win job at Caesars casino

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Forget the firm handshake and networking chit chat. Business students who want a job at Caesars Entertainment need to work on their poker faces.

Nearly 300 Master of Business Administration

students and alumni anted up for a three-day Texas Hold 'em poker contest last weekend in hopes of hauling in a corner office. Hiring managers and corporate executives schmoozed with candidates during breaks in the action.

The annual MBA tournament on the Las Vegas Strip was little more than a marketing gimmick until last year, when Caesars decided to add cocktail hours and high-level interviews, said Tijuana Plant, who works in the company's human resources department.

Now, the event is a serious recruitment tool. The festive atmosphere and real-money stakes help the company screen for the critical thinking ability and social aptitude needed in the gambling industry, where business is often mixed with pleasure. Plant said.

"We like to see analytical people," she said. "Poker players are analytical and are willing to take strategic risk, and that is what we're looking for."

Blind sled dog thrives with brother's help at N.H. kennel that takes in rescue, 2nd-chance, dogs

JEFFERSON, N.H. (AP) — When Gonzo started tripping over his food dish three years ago, no one could explain or stop the Alaskan husky's quickly advancing blindness. But a veterinarian offered some simple advice: "Run this dog."

Gonzo, one of 120 dogs at Muddy Paw Sled Dog Kennel, was happy to comply. With help from his brother, Poncho, he soon resumed his place pulling a sled all over New Hampshire's North Country to the delight of tourists and his caretakers, who quickly realized that if Gonzo didn't treat his blindness like an obstacle, neither would they. Given the dog's obvious eagerness, he was allowed to continue on as usual.

"Even though he's blind, he still knows when hook-ups are happening. He's still very aware," said kennel manager Ben Morehouse. "When you have a dog such as Gonzo, with such a want and a drive and a desire ... you try it, you hook up, you see what happens."

A frenzy of excited barking engulfs the kennel whenever Morehouse and other staffers haul out a sled. The chosen team is outfitted with harnesses and booties; those left behind scramble onto their doghouse roofs and howl. Gonzo and Poncho are lined up side-by-side, usually toward the back of the eight-member team — "brains to brawn" is how Morehouse describes the order.

"A lot of people say everything about dog sledding is efficiency. Gonzo and Poncho are not the most efficient sled dogs out there. They won't set a speed record, they won't pull the most you've ever seen," Morehouse said. "To be honest, they're probably some of the goofiest dogs you can put in harness. But they're just fun."

Stars join Damon as he 'hijacks' Kimmel's ABC show

NEW YORK (AP) — Matt Damon had his revenge.

The butt of a long-running joke on ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live," the actor opened Thursday night's show as a kidnapper who tied Kimmel to a chair with duct tape and gagged him with his own tie.

"There's a new host in town and his initials are M.D.," Damon said. "That's right, the doctor is in."

For years, Kimmel has joked at the end of his show that he ran out of time and was unable to bring Damon on as a guest. Kimmel was the silent one Thursday, watching from the back of the stage as Damon did his job.

Damon tormented Kimmel by bringing on a succession of big-name guests. Robin Williams stopped by to finish the monologue. Ben Affleck had a walk-on role. Sheryl Crow was the bandleader and performed her new single. Nicole Kidman, Gary Oldman, Amy Adams, Reese Witherspoon and Demi Moore all crowded the talk show's couch.

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Fort Bliss chief backs plan for women in combat

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — The commander at Fort Bliss said Thursday that he supports allowing women to serve in combat positions but wants uniform physical training standards for men and women.

Gen. Dana Pittard called the change "the right thing to do" during a news conference at the West Texas Army post that was held shortly after Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta

announced the ban had been lifted. But, Pittard said "the requirements ought to be equal. The Army is looking at that."

Several other military facilities in Texas declined to comment on the issue Thursday, deferring questions to Panetta's office.

Soldiers have expressed concerns that some women would not meet the physical requirements of some infantry and

artillery jobs. Brandon Pryor, an air defense staff sergeant at the base, said "I don't want a 100-pound woman trying to pull me out of an overturned Humvee."

Panetta said in a news conference in Washington that the requirements already in place to participate in combat duties would not be lowered. He expects not all women who apply for the positions to meet

the qualifications, "but everyone is entitled to a chance," he said.

Pittard said women have shown interest in joining combat positions and that it should not pose a significant challenge as most Army units already are integrated. He compared the development to past steps taken by the Army toward integration, such as desegregation in 1948.

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Church News

Forsan Baptist Church

Sunday mornings, we are examining the ministry of Jesus as He taught, healed and fed thousands on His way to that fateful week in Jerusalem. Sunday evenings, we are conducting a verse-by-verse survey of the Book of Romans, and Wednesdays we are undertaking a study called "The Seven Stages of Peter's Life."

Our sanctuary remodel is moving rapidly. Dry-wall is being installed now, carpet has been ordered, windows are on the way and the new sound system has been pre-wired. We will also have our pews reupholstered as part of the renovation. Check out our Facebook page for pictures of the progress.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday school begins at 9:50 a.m., with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday youth activities have resumed and will continue throughout the school year. We will provide a meal and refreshments for these activities.

Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m.

Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

First United

Methodist Church

Pastor Bill Ivins will be preaching at both the 8:30 and 10:50 morning services Sunday. He will continue his sermon series "Kingdom Quest" based on the Book of Acts. The memory verse for this month is Act 1, verse 8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Sunday school classes for all ages are held at 9:45 a.m. This Sunday there will also be a new member fellowship during the Sunday school hour. This will meet in Garrett Hall and is planned as a get acquainted session for those who have been visiting and a time to learn the history of the Methodist Church as well as our local church. Refreshments will be served and a nursery will be available if needed.

"Sermon in a Sack" has become a very popular segment of the 10:50 service, especially for the children, but also thoroughly enjoyed by the adults. Objects dropped in that sack by the children often give pastor Bill and Beau a real challenge. Following this part of the service, the children may go to Youth Hall for their own service. They are currently enjoying a new study "Fear Knot," exploring common fears and seeing what God's word has to teach us about each of them.

All interested persons are invited to the United Methodist Women's meeting Tuesday, Jan. 29. This immigration study is not only very timely but also calls to mind our Christian responsibilities as citizens. The meeting will be held in Youth Hall beginning at 2 p.m.

Wednesday Noon Bible Study and Luncheon is held each week in Garrett Hall. Pastor Bill brings the Bible study; meal serving begins at 12:15. This week, the meal will be catered by Cowboy's.

Real Life Wednesday begins serving the evening meal at 5:50, followed by Children's Choir (JAM), EPIC Youth, Bible Study and Beth Moore Bible Study.

There will be a prayer summit at Lakeridge United Methodist Church in Lubbock on Friday and Saturday Feb. 8-9, you are invited to experience the fullness of God's love as well as be empowered and encouraged in your Christian life. For more information, contact Beau at the church, he will be participating in this presentation.

Remember to check our website for the regular schedule as well as special event. Check us out at www.fumchs.org, we are First Jaunted Methodist Church in downtown Big Spring at Fourth and Scurry.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5:17 p.m. in the church library and the Chancel Choir practices at 6 p.m. Wednesday. The Children's Choir practices Wednesday at 4:45 p.m.

The Youth Group meets at 6 p.m. Sundays for a meal, followed by bell choir practice.

The Boy Scouts meet in the entrance room of the fellowship hall at 6 p.m. Monday.

Susan Holstedt is in charge of this week's "Take Ten." Marj Carpenter is liturgist for January. Ushers for the month are Lynn and Helen Glass, Don and Christine Boling.

The lectionary for the Third Sunday after Epiphany is Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; I Corinthi-

ans 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21.

The Chancel Choir will present "Behold the Tabernacle of God" by William Harris for the anthem and "Rejoice in the Lord Alway" by Henry Purcell for the offertory. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The Noisy Offering will be collected during the worship service.

Following worship, we will have a pot luck lunch in the fellowship hall, during which time we will have our annual congregational meeting.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM., beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpcbs.org. On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt.

College Baptist Church

The sermon this past Sunday delivered by Pastor Ken McMeans came from Acts 1:7, Leadership from God's Point of View, Servants Needed. This is a Biblical look at God's ministers. They should be Christ-centered, Holy Spirit-motivated, God-ordained, and biblically directed. God's leaders should be servants, not proud and stiff-necked, but humbly act as servants of God.

As I thought about this, I remembered when I first came to College Baptist Church. I brought my 7-year-old granddaughter and my 2-year-old son. I was directed to the nursery-children's department and took my 2-year-old to class. There was the former mayor of Big Spring, Tim Blackshear with 2- and 3-year-olds all around him and one of the lady workers. My son went straight to Mr. Blackshear and climbed up on his lap.

I was surprised to see Mr. Blackshear there working with the young children. I had been attending church since I was a child and had not seen the men of the church working with the very young children. That job was usually left to the mothers and grandmothers or paid nursery workers. I learned later that many of the deacons and other men of the church volunteered to help out and still do. This is a true picture of church leaders humbly working as servants of God.

The R.A. boys, a group of boys from 1st through 5th grade, are taking on a mission project called, A Mile for Missions Disaster Relief. They will be collecting pennies for the Texas Baptist Men's Disaster Relief Fund. Their goal is five miles of pennies. That is 5,280 feet and it takes 16 pennies to make a foot so we really need to help them to reach this goal as this is a worthy cause. The men of this disaster relief group are usually the first responders after hurricanes or wild fires or tornadoes. There will be large jars placed around different areas of the church to put your pennies in.

A United Blood Service Drive will take place at the church on Wednesday, Jan. 30 from 5 to 8 p.m. You may either call the church at 432-267-7429 or go on line at www.UnitedBloodServices.org to register to give blood or just come that evening.

—Dean Priest for College Baptist Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church would like to invite you to join us Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for praise and worship, followed by the Word. Our 2013 Vision Focus is Restoring Hope to the Hopeless. Last week, Pastor Willard began a new series entitled The Church: Hope for a Community, with intro topic of "Give No Place to the Devil!" Main scripture was taken from Ephesians 4:27. This week he will continue in the same topic, with title of "Hope for Marriage," which will be taken from Ephesians 5:22-33.

Discipleship 101 Bible Study will be Wednesday beginning at 7 p.m. in the main sanctuary.

Overcomers: Recovery & Restoration class has been moved to Thursday evenings, from 6:30-8 p.m. and will be located in the "Green Room" of the east wing. For more convenient access to the meeting

Are we really trapped?

As TV cameras rolled, the nation recently watched as firefighters in Portland, Oregon, rescued a woman trapped between the exterior walls of two buildings. Thankfully, after several hours of hard work on the part of the ingenious firemen, a section of a concrete wall was removed and the woman was released from her captivity.

Joining other viewers who watched the ordeal caught on camera, I kept waiting to hear someone say how the woman happened to fall into a narrow space between the two buildings. While various reporters tried to pry information from the fire department's spokesperson, he skillfully redirected the interviews toward the rescue effort.



BONNIE WHEAT

In later news reports, the police had not made any arrest in the strange case, and no charges had been filed against the woman. The victim had declined to be interviewed about her entrapment.

Sometimes in the course of life, it is good to focus on the positive outcome of a situation and refrain from digging too deeply into the cause of the events. At other times, however, the root of our troubles needs to be dug up and destroyed.

Someone once said that inside every fat person we meet is a skinny person just waiting to be released. To take the analogy a bit further, inside every angry, grumpy person we meet, there is a happy person just waiting to be freed from the burden of resentment.

Too often, we accumulate layers of grievances that leave us encrusted with anger and bitterness. That "root of bitterness" (Hebrews 12:15) grows from the inside outward until we are trapped beneath the weight of perceived injustices.

Although it is easy for us to blame all of our troubles on someone else, from God's perspective we are responsible for how we deal with those troubles when they slap us in the face. It isn't the presence or lack of difficulty in life that determines who we are. It is how we respond when adversity strikes that exposes our character.

Although the Bible speaks freely of God's forgiveness, it never negates personal responsibility. The apostle Paul writes, "Do not be deceived. God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap" (Galatians 6:7 NASB).

When we sow seeds of anger and bitterness, regardless of how we acquired them, we are the ones who get trapped under the load of the harvest we helped to produce. Perhaps the key to freedom is to simply plant a different variety of seed.

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room, park in the back of the church and enter through the metal door across from the fellowship hall. For more info, contact the church office.

CCC offers ministries in the following areas: New Beginnings (Newborn to 18 months); Tiny Tots (19 months-kindergarten); Kovenant Kids (1st-6th grade); Chosen Generation (7th-12th grade); Covenant U - College Ministry (18-24 years.); Men's & Women's Ministries; and Marriage Enrichment.

CCC meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for Discipleship 101 Bible Study and Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for worship. Sunday morning services are recorded, so if you'd like a free copy of a CD, see our multimedia department. Mother's Lounge and Children's Church are offered for both mid-week and Sunday services.

CCC is located at 706 East 12th St., (on the corner of 12th and Owens). For more information, contact

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us at 264-0015, visit us on the web at www.cccbigspring.org or check out Covenant Connect on Facebook, Twitter or Myspace.

First Christian Church

You are invited to attend First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), located at 911 Goliad. Each Sunday starts with fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before Sunday school for all ages at 9:45. Church starts at 10:50. We celebrate Communion every week. The Lord's Table is the center of our worship each time we worship. We practice an open table, which means anyone who is a follower of Jesus is welcomed at the Communion table. Christ is remembered as we offer to one another the bread and cup of remembrance.

Sunday, which will be the Third Sunday after Epiphany in the Christian Calendar – the Rev. Ken McIntosh's message will be "Why are We Christians who Do?" from Psalm 23.

Elders will be Joe McCright and Hollis McCright; deacons will be Dan Miracle, Bo Reagan, Karen Reagan and Shirley Lee; worship leader will be Paul Smith; communion prep will be Karen Reagan and Bo Reagan; Children's Church will be Wanda Brock; greeter will be Maxine Myers; homebound communion will be Hollis McCright.

There will be a church board meeting at 12:15 p.m. for the month of January. All board members are asked to attend.

Each week Isaiah 58 is open from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Mondays, and 3 until 5 Tuesdays. We are working Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. until 11, so we need volunteers for those days to help.

Also, every Monday evening, the TOPS Group will meet at the church fellowship hall at 5 p.m. for weigh-in. The meeting is at 5:30.

There will be choir this week on Wednesday.

The Samaritan Counseling takes place at our Church on Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 4 each week.

We believe the church is built by people worshipping together and we welcome you to visit at any time. For questions or further information, call the church office 432-517-4821 or view our website at www.fcbs125@yahoo.com or email to fcbs125@yahoo.com

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church
LCMS

Our pastor is the Rev. Lannon Martin.

Our motto is "Celebrating and Sharing God's Love and Grace in our Lives."

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Subdivision in Big Spring. The church phone number is 264-7818. Our website is <http://www.m2c-texas.org/chweb/aliveinchrist/>. Our e-mail address is aliveinchrist@rcrom.net.

Sunday service is at 9 a.m. with Bible Study at 10:15 a.m. Mid-week classes Wednesday begin with meal and fellowship at 5:45 p.m. and Bible study beginning at 6 p.m.

Shele Gilbert will present the readings this week. The readings reference "Rejected At Home."

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts."

A new website offered by The Lutheran Hour Ministries is available. The site, www.jcplayzone.com, promises fun and Christian educational based games and videos. Fun for all ages and offered in several languages, this safe internet site is something to check out.

Replenishing the earth

For the past two weeks, the smog alert in Beijing, China has been off the charts. Visibility dropped as pollution blocked out the sun. Tops of buildings disappeared in the murky haze that settled over the city. The air smelled of coal dust and car fumes. Most stayed indoors and ran air purifiers to escape the toxic conditions. Those who ventured out greeted one another behind white masks.



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Pollution is measured in PM2.5 particles. These particles, when breathed, penetrate deep inside the lungs causing respiratory problems and increased susceptibility to illness. Safe levels should not exceed 25 micrograms of PM2.5 per cubic meter. At 100 micrograms, children and the elderly are urged to remain indoors. The index in Beijing, according to some reports, exceeded 800 micrograms per cubic meter.

Twenty years ago, we took our children on one of those vacations-of-a-lifetime to Disneyland in Los Angeles. We bought a

van for the summer and coaxed it across the desert to the west coast. When we took the kids to the beach we were unable to see the surf on the horizon because of the greenish-yellow haze trapped against the coast.

At some point TV weather forecasters in Dallas added reports on the day's pollution index to the routine reports on temperature, rain and humidity. For years, I commuted to work listening to reporters often declaring orange and red alerts for air quality.

The first photos of earth sent back by the Apollo crews in the 1970s dramatically impressed us that our tiny blue planet rotating in space is precious and fragile. The thin layer of air that surrounds us not only contains the oxygen essential to life, but protects us from the sun's ultraviolet rays and regulates earth's temperature. Three-fourths of the atmosphere lies within 6.5 miles of the earth's surface. Outer space is considered to exist 62 miles up. We are dependent on an amazingly thin film of atmospheric gases to sustain life on our planet.

I guess I should not be surprised. The Bible clearly predicts that the earth will "wax old like a garment." Our finite earth

will wear out. Of course, I also know that one day I will wear out. We are all mortal. None of us lives forever. But my own mortality doesn't mean I should start smoking, drinking, indulging in high fat foods and refusing to exercise.

Instead, I am motivated to discipline my body so that I can experience greater health and longevity. In the same way, we must learn to discipline ourselves regarding the creation that God has entrusted to our care. In the very first chapter of the Bible, with His very first words to mankind, God instructs us to "be fruitful and multiple and replenish the earth." (Genesis 1:22).

I doubt that pollution will become intolerable in my life time, though it seem to already be so in Beijing, at least until the wind kicks up and blows it our way. But I wonder about the world we are bequeathing to our children and grandchildren.

Will they continue to enjoy a pristine world with all its life-giving beauty and majesty?

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. For more info visit www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.

► Religious Briefs

Obama, Biden attend multi-faith
Cathedral prayer service

WASHINGTON (AP) — Christian, Muslim, Jewish and Sikh clergy prayed for President Barack Obama's second term in an inaugural service at Washington National Cathedral.

Obama and Vice President Joe Biden sat in the front pew Tuesday as prayers were said in English, Spanish, Arabic and Hebrew.

Kathryn Lohre, president of the National Council of Churches, asked God to "grant them wisdom to discern your will and to consider your Word among the counsel they receive."

The Rev. Adam Hamilton, senior pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kan., praised Obama's rhetorical skills — saying, "You should have been a preacher" — and urged the president to bring a divided nation together.

Earlier this month, the cathedral said it would begin hosting same-sex weddings.

Man accused of arson at Ohio
mosque seeks to withdraw guilty plea

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — A former Marine who said he set fire to an Ohio mosque because he wanted to avenge the killings of American troops has asked to withdraw his guilty plea to federal hate crime charges.

Randy Linn says he was under duress and depressed when he entered his plea last month in the fire at a suburban Toledo mosque.

A deal between prosecutors and Linn had called for him to be sentenced to 20 years next April after he pleaded guilty to intentionally damaging and destroying religious property and two gun-related charges.

Prosecutors say he broke into The Islamic Center of Greater Toledo last fall and went room by room to make sure no one was in the building before he

poured gasoline on a prayer rug and lit it on fire.

Linn described on Dec. 19 how he had been drinking heavily before he drove to the mosque in Perrysburg.

DA will review Los Angeles church
files for crimes

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Prosecutors who have been stymied for years in their attempts to build a criminal conspiracy case against retired Los Angeles Archdiocese Cardinal Roger Mahony and other church leaders say they'll review newly released priest files for additional evidence.

Thousands of pages from the internal disciplinary files of 14 priests made public Monday show Mahony and other top aides maneuvered behind the scenes to shield molester priests and provide damage control for the church.

Some of the documents provide the strongest evidence to date that Mahony and another key official worked to protect a priest who revealed in therapy sessions that he had raped an 11-year-old boy and abused up to 17 boys.

The top aide, then-Monsignor Thomas J. Curry, is now an auxiliary bishop for the archdiocese's Santa Barbara region. He did not respond Tuesday to a message seeking comment.

Egypt's top Muslim cleric cancels
Saudi visit over perceived slight

CAIRO (AP) — Cairo airport officials say Egypt's top Muslim cleric cancelled a visit to Saudi Arabia at the invitation of its monarch when he discovered that senior delegates traveling with him were assigned economy class seats by their Saudi hosts.

The officials said Sheik Ahmed al-Tayeb, the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar — Sunni Islam's highest seat of learning — angrily disembarked from a Saudi-bound airliner shortly before takeoff on Wednesday and instructed his delegation to follow suit.

Al-Tayeb was assigned a first class seat. The Egyptians were due to perform the minor pilgrimage to Mecca, or umrah, before flying to the Saudi capital Riyadh to attend Monday's award ceremony for the King Faisal International Prize for scientific and religious achievement.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because of the matter's sensitivity.

Bob Jones University asks
for outside abuse probe


COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Bob Jones University is asking an outside Christian organization that deals with child abuse to investigate how the fundamentalist college responds to abuse allegations.

Trustees at the Greenville Christian university agreed earlier this month to the investigation, which will include recommendations on how to better deal with any future abuse allegations.

The investigation will include Bob Jones Academy, which teaches students from preschool to 12th grade.

School officials say the investigation was prompted by heart-breaking revelations of sexual abuse in secular and Christian organizations. The investigation will review how it responds to students who say they were abused before coming to the school or outside its campus as well.

Officials said the investigation is expected be handled by an organization called GRACE, which stands for Godly Response to Abuse in the Christian Environment.



Contract
Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test Your Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Hearts. North leads the king of clubs, which you ruff. When you then play the ace of hearts, North discards a spade. How would you continue?

<p>WEST</p> <p>♠ A 3</p> <p>♥ A Q 9 5 3 2</p> <p>♦ 10 9 8 3 2</p> <p>♣ —</p>	<p>EAST</p> <p>♠ K</p> <p>♥ K 10 4</p> <p>♦ A K Q</p> <p>♣ J 9 8 6 4 2</p>
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2. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Notrump, and North leads the ten of spades. How would you play the hand?

<p>WEST</p> <p>♠ K Q 6</p> <p>♥ A 5</p> <p>♦ A 7 4</p> <p>♣ A 9 5 4 3</p>	<p>EAST</p> <p>♠ A J 3</p> <p>♥ K 8 2</p> <p>♦ K J 5</p> <p>♣ Q J 6 2</p>
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1. To give yourself the best chance of making 12 tricks, you should allow for the possibility of either opponent having four diamonds to the jack. Play the ten of hearts under the ace, cash the king of hearts, king of spades and ace of diamonds, then finesse the nine of hearts.

Next cash the queen of hearts and ace of spades, discarding the K-Q of diamonds from dummy! Then play the ten of diamonds to force out the jack, and this will be your only loser. If the diamonds are divided 3-2,

this method of play will cost you a trick worth 30 points, but if they are divided 4-1, you will be 1,000 or 1,500 points richer, depending on the vulnerability.

2. If you were sure of five club tricks, you'd also be sure of the contract, but since the odds strongly favor scoring only four club tricks, you must consider a diamond finesse as your best hope for a 12th trick.

This train of thought leads to the surprising conclusion that since there are two ways to play the clubs and only one way to play the diamonds, you should try the diamond finesse first to help you determine how to play the clubs.

Let's say you take the first spade in your hand and lead a diamond to the jack at trick two, and it wins. Once this occurs, the contract is foolproof. The only remaining problem is to guarantee four clubs tricks, which can be done by returning to your hand in any suit but clubs and leading a low club toward dummy. This enables you to guard against either opponent having the K-10-8-7.

If the diamond finesse at trick two loses, you will then have to hope that South was dealt specifically the K-x or K-x-x of clubs (a 26 percent chance) and rely on a finesse to produce five club tricks.

Tomorrow: Now you see it, now you don't.

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HC squads improve with wins over WTC

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

The Lady Hawks started strong against Western Texas College on Thursday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and held on to claim their second Western Junior College Athletic Conference win.

Sophomore Teiona Tarrant registered 13 points in the paint to help power Howard College past the Lady Westerners, 66-51.

HC was effective from the outside as well. Marion Lemonnier nailed three 3-point baskets, while Andrea Flowers and Stephanie Carrillo each added one. Carrillo's came with 3:30 left to play and gave the Lady Hawks an insurmountable 16-point lead.

The win breathed life into the Lady Hawks, who have struggled since opening WJCAC play after a strong pre-conference showing.

"This was a big, important win for us," HC Head Women's Coach Earl Diddle said. "It puts us back in the mix as far as conference goes."

Up by 10 at the halfway mark, the Lady Hawks (14-8) stayed ahead of the WTC and held a 16 point lead with 3:30 left top play after Carrillo's three.

The key to victory was a well-rounded game, which is what has been Diddle's focus for the past few weeks.

"We got off to a really good start," Diddle explained. "I thought we had a lot of energy. We shot the ball well, it was a good distribution of perimeter points and paint points. (Tarrant) is getting offensive rebounds and the team is anticipating her shots. She is finished all year. Your inside game makes your outside game and your outside game makes your inside game."

Diddle is remaining focused as he prepares to close out the first round of WJCAC action at Frank Phillips College on Thursday.

"(Frank Phillips) plays so many road games like us, their record may not reflect how good they are," Diddle said. "They have a player from Canada who is one of the best in the league. She can really dominate a game."

Tip off in Borger is slated for 5:45 p.m.

After losing two-of-four games to begin WJCAC play, the Hawks seem to be rounding back into form.

It was a low-scoring affair and Howard was missing starting forward Cameron Forte, but

pulled out a 56-47 win over Western Texas College at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on Thursday, improving their WJCAC record to 4-2 (17-3 overall).

DaShaun Wiggins drew first blood in opening seconds of play and the Hawks held the lead for the entire game. Phillip Miller had 18 points, including three 3-point baskets.

After a dominant first half, the Hawks were ahead 28-17.

The Westerners weren't through. They cut HC's lead to six midway through the second half, but a solid inside from Goran Huskic — who scored 11 points in the paint — and crafty play from point guard Rico Richardson overwhelmed the Westerners.

"(Huskic) played well on both ends of the floor," HC Head Men's Coach Mark Adams said. Of the seven-foot forward. "He made some good plays for us in the second half."

Adams also praised Ladon Carter's performance. The sophomore from Monroe, La. had eight points for the Hawks, six of which came from crowd-pleasing slam dunks.

"(Carter) had a good game, we're excited about his improvement each game. He had six steals," Adams said.

Adams hopes two straight wins is a sign that his team is ready for a strong final leg of regular season play.

"Hopefully, the team is getting better," Adams said. "They played with intensity with team unity on defense. It was one of those games where neither team could score. We struggled from the three-point line, but it was a great effort. I think it is something we can build on."

Next up for the Hawks will be a grueling road stint.

"We go on a four-game swing, which I've never seen before," Adams added. "We go to New Mexico Military Institute, then Borger, Midland and Clarendon. Then we get back Friday and we have to turn around and play South Plains on Saturday. It will be challenging. You just have to talk to the team and get them up to the challenge mentally."

Richardson hit six points for the Hawks and ended the game with a pass to Ladon Carter, who slam-dunked the ball with seconds left on the clock.

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Howard College's Destinee Thrash goes for a layup during a game earlier in the season. The Lady Hawks defeated Western Texas College on Thursday, 66-51, to improve to 2-4 in WJCAC play.

Duncan gets 14th NBA All-Star nod

NEW YORK (AP) — Tim Duncan was selected to his 14th All-Star game, Spurs teammate Tony Parker is joining him, and the Chicago Bulls also had two reserves chosen Thursday for next month's game in Houston.

Joakim Noah and Luol Deng were picked from the Bulls, who have stayed in the thick of the Eastern Conference playoff race despite the season-long absence of point guard Derrick Rose. Noah is one of five first-time All-Stars for the East, along with New York's Tyson Chandler, Indiana's Paul George, Cleveland's Kyrie Irving, and Philadelphia's Jrue Holiday.

Miami's Chris Bosh, picked for his eighth All-Star team, rounded out the East squad.

West forwards David Lee (Golden State), LaMarcus Aldridge (Portland) and Zach Randolph (Memphis)

all were picked for the second time. Houston's James Harden was chosen for the first time and joins former Oklahoma City teammate Russell Westbrook, headed to his third straight All-Star game.

Duncan wasn't chosen last year for the first time in his career but has bounced back with a terrific season at age 36, averaging 17.5 points, 9.8 rebounds and 2.7 blocked shots, his best statistics since 2009-10.

The co-MVP of the 2000 All-Star game joined a group that includes Michael Jordan for fifth-most selections. Kobe Bryant and Kevin Garnett, both voted to start, and Shaquille O'Neal all were picked 15 times. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is the career leader as a 19-time All-Star.

The reserves were voted by the head coaches from each conference, who

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Schools must provide sports for the disabled

WASHINGTON (AP) — Students with disabilities must be given a fair shot to play on a traditional sports team or have their own leagues, the Education Department says.

Disabled students who want to play for their school could join traditional teams if officials can make "reasonable modifications" to accommodate them. If those adjustments would fundamentally alter a sport or give the student an advantage, the department is directing the school to create parallel athletic programs that have comparable standing to traditional programs.

"Sports can provide invaluable lessons in discipline, selflessness, passion and courage, and this guidance will help schools ensure that students with disabilities have an equal opportunity to benefit from the life lessons they can learn on the playing

field or on the court," Education Secretary Arne Duncan said in a statement announcing the new guidance Friday.

The groundbreaking order is reminiscent of the Title IX expansion of athletic opportunities for girls and women four decades ago and could bring sweeping changes to school budgets and locker rooms for years to come.

Activists cheered the changes.

"This is a landmark moment for students with disabilities. This will do for students with disabilities what Title IX did for women," said Terri Larkowski, who for a decade led a coalition pushing for the changes. "This is a huge victory."

It's not clear whether the new guidelines will spark a sudden uptick in sports participation. There

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Sports Calendar

TODAY

- Boy's Basketball**
- Snyder at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m., Steer Gym.
 - Sundown at Forsan, 8 p.m.
 - Coahoma at Lamesa, 8 p.m.
 - Colorado City at Stanton, 8 p.m.
 - Garden City at Veribest, 8 p.m.
 - O'Donnell at Grady, 8 p.m.
 - Wellman-Union at Sands, 8 p.m.

- Girl's Basketball**
- Snyder at Big Spring, 6:15 p.m., Steer Gym.
 - Sundown at Forsan, 6:30 p.m.
 - Coahoma at Lamesa, 6:30 p.m.
 - Colorado City at Stanton, 6:30 p.m.
 - Garden City at Veribest, 6:30 p.m.
 - O'Donnell at Grady, 6:30 p.m.
 - Wellman-Union at Sands, 6:30 p.m.

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

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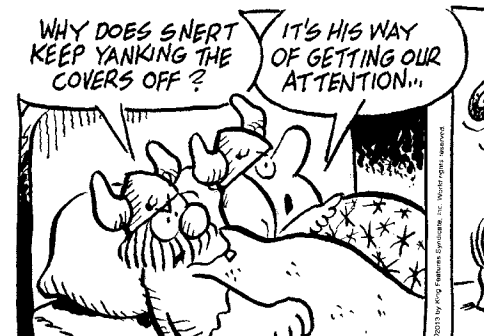
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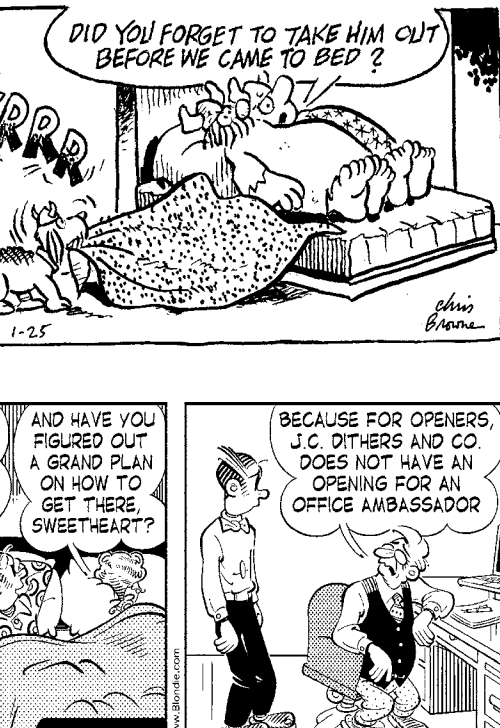
"Mommy, I'm not ready to do my homework yet. I've still got my brain in sleep mode."

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"WHY DOES SNERT KEEP YANKING THE COVERS OFF?"
"IT'S HIS WAY OF GETTING OUR ATTENTION."
"DID YOU FORGET TO TAKE HIM OUT BEFORE WE CAME TO BED?"

BLONDIE



"I'VE DECIDED I'D RATHER HAVE A MORE GLAMOROUS JOB THAN OFFICE MANAGER."
"LIKE WHAT?"
"I'VE DECIDED I'D RATHER HAVE A MORE GLAMOROUS JOB THAN OFFICE MANAGER."
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"SOMETHING ABOUT SLEDDING REALLY BRINGS OUT THE KID IN ME."
"ME, TOO."
"MY FEET HURT."
"THIS COLD AGGRAVATES MY ARTHRITIS."

WIZARD OF ID



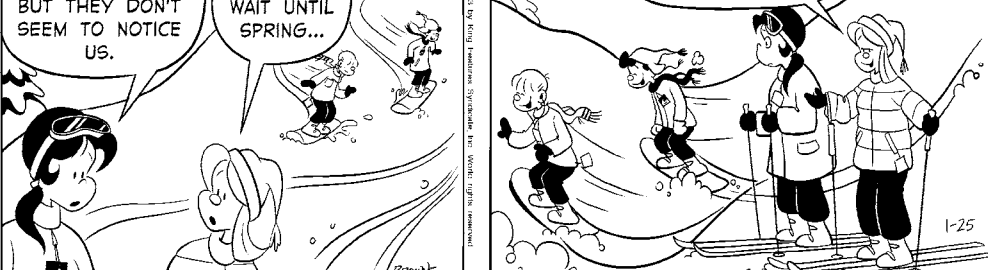
"I'D LIKE TO KNOW MY FUTURE."
"VERY WELL."
"HMMMM..."
"TAP TAP"
"WAIT A MINUTE... THIS IS A BOWLING BALL! I'VE BEEN HAD!"
"COME ON, SPIRIT WORLD... GIVE ME A TURKEY!"

AGNES



"SHOW ME YOUR FINGER."
"HEY!"
"YANK!"
"HA-HA-HA! I WAS CONDUCTING A PULL! GET IT? HA-HA-HA!"
"I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL PUBERTY MAKES HER MOODY AND WEEPY."

HI AND LOIS



"CHIP AND HIS FRIEND ARE CUTE, BUT THEY DON'T SEEM TO NOTICE US."
"WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL SPRING..."
"WHEN WE CAN SKI IN OUR BIKINIS."

THE OTHER COAST



"LOST BARRY-REWARD!"
"REALLY? THAT DOESN'T LOOK AT ALL LIKE BARRY."
"LOST BARRY-REWARD!"
"HOW IS IT THE PHOTOS ON LOST-DOG POSTERS NEVER LOOK LIKE THE DOG?"
"THEY'RE THE DOGGY EQUIVALENT OF DRIVER'S LICENSE PHOTOS."

SNUFFY SMITH



"GOT A WEATHER PREDICTION FER US, GRAMPY?"
"YOU BET, BOYS!!"
"SUMMER WILL BE HOT AN' WINTER WILL BE COLD!!"
"AN' WE'LL BE BROKE TH' WHOLE DANG YEAR!!"

BEEBLE BAILEY



"THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING, BEEBLE"
"WHY DID ALL OF YOU TAKE A STEP BACKWARDS?"

This Date In History

Today is Friday, Jan. 25, the 25th day of 2013. There are 340 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 25, 1863, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln accepted Maj. Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside's resignation as commander of the Army of the Potomac, and replaced him with Maj. Gen. Joseph Hooker.
On this date:
In 1533, England's King Henry VIII secretly married his second wife, Anne Boleyn, who later gave birth to Elizabeth I.
In 1787, Shays's Rebellion suffered a setback when debt-ridden farmers led by Capt. Daniel Shays failed to capture an arsenal at Springfield, Mass.
In 1890, reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochran) of the New York World completed a round-the-world journey in 72 days, 6 hours and 11 minutes.

Newsday Crossword

ACROSS: 1 A/C measure, 4 Babbled out, 9 Sound welcomed by a 9 Down, 13 Occur to, with "on", 14 Comics Viking, 15 Meteors, at times, 16 Sale stipulation, 17 Clue that coffee's on, 18 Name of the Rose figure, 19 Grammar slip that's not rocket surgery, 22 Confetti piece, 23 "Too much information!", 26 Branch, 29 Rope fiber, 30 Bard's fairy queen, 33 Apparently do, 37 King David predecessor, 38 Grammar slip to carefully avoid, 41 "Common" word, 42 Raises an eyebrow, 43 Hibernation station, 44 Smile upon, 46 Rainforest nut, 48 Cents before 1982, 51 "Pomp and Circumstance" composer, 55 This is a grammar slip don't use it, 59 Hard-boiled film genre.

Answer to previous puzzle: A crossword grid with words filled in.

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