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BSHS singers clear hurdle toward state

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Eleven Big Spring High School students received all-region accolades during tryouts this weekend in Odessa. Nine BSBS students were named to the all-region choir outright, while two others were selected as alternates. The all-region qualifiers are: Toby Shubert, Cory Hilario, David Juarez, Hannah Morgan, Micaiah Rodgers, Brycen Kiker, Roy Gomez, Michael Matthews and Donovan Clark. Aron Rios and Kate Sorton were selected as alternates to the choir.

pre-area tryouts in Odessa Nov. 14. The top 10 performers in each section there advance to all-state choir auditions in January, BSBS Choir Director Anna Castaneda Gann said. The number of selections were notable because of the sheer quantity of competition — Saturday's tryouts included students from all University Interscholastic League classifications, Gann said. "They've been working on this since July," she said of her students. "They worked very hard to compete, especially considering they were



HERALD photo/Andrea Medlin

The Big Spring High School Empty Bowls workshop began its first class Tuesday. Above, from left are Jalynn Wagner, Molly Rupard and Martha Moore. The bowls will be auctioned off at a luncheon to be held Nov. 21, with the proceeds going to local United Way charities. The basic premise is simple: Potters and other craftspeople, educators and others work with the community to create handcrafted bowls. Guests are invited to a simple meal of soup and bread. In exchange for a cash donation, guests are asked to keep a bowl as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world.

SMMC to offer help with new Affordable Care Act

Special to the Herald

You've probably heard about the new affordable health insurance options that began Monday. On Oct. 28, at 5:30 p.m. in the Senior Circle Room, Scenic Mountain Medical Center is inviting members of the community to learn about the new health insurance options. Scenic Mountain Medical Center will have representatives on hand who will clear up confusion sur-

rounding the Health Insurance Marketplace. This initiative is part of the Affordable Care Act, which requires most U.S. citizens to have health insurance beginning Jan. 1, 2014. A primary goal of the Affordable Care Act is to help uninsured, eligible Americans gain access to affordable healthcare. Financial help to lower costs is also available for people who qualify.

plans on the Marketplace that cover a comprehensive set of benefits, and they cannot be denied coverage based on a pre-existing condition. Some of the health benefits include preventive care and wellness services, doctor visits, prescription drugs, hospital and emergency department care, lab services, pediatric services and more.

Medicaid Expansion
 While Texas has chosen not to

Free presentation to learn about new health insurance options:

Oct. 28, 5:30 p.m.
 Scenic Mountain Medical Center
 Senior Circle Room

To make an appointment for sign-up help for the Health Insurance Marketplace or Medicaid, call 268-4855

Local federal agencies feel shutdown impact

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Some local residents are already noticing the effects of

the federal government shutdown. With Congress' failure

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Statement from Social Security Administration

Due to Congressional inaction to prevent the Government shutdown, we will only provide the following services at Social Security field offices:

- Help you apply for benefits
- Assist you in requesting an appeal
- Change your address or direct deposit information
- Accept reports of death
- Verify or change your citizenship status
- Replace a lost or missing Social Security payment
- Issue a critical payment
- Change a representative payee
- Process a change in your living arrangement or income (SSI recipients only)

We cannot provide the following services:

- Issue new or replacement Social Security cards
- Replace your Medicare card
- Issue a proof of income letter



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Taking advantage of warm, sunny conditions Monday, Jesusita Cerda enjoys the slide at the Comanche Trail Park.



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Obituaries

Mary Virginia Womack

Mary Virginia Womack, 88, of Coahoma, Texas died Monday, Sept. 30, 2013, in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, 2013, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Monroe Teeters officiating. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 3, 2013, at the funeral home.

Mary was born May 3, 1925, in Colorado City, Texas and married J. P. "Pete" Womack Jan. 30, 1951, in Lovington, N.M. He preceded her in death on Sept. 18, 1993.

She served as a cafeteria supervisor for Coahoma ISD from 1958 to 1988. She also volunteered at Salem Baptist Church and in the community and was rec-

ognized for 30 years of service to Big Spring State Hospital.

She is survived by one son, Rick Womack (Paula) and one daughter, Judy Mize (Jim); four step-children, Jean, Kenneth (Shirley), Bob (Lisa), and Billy Bob (Marion); and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by one step-son, James.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Salem Baptist Church in Coahoma, 8911 Old Colorado City Highway, Big Spring, TX 79720, or your favorite charity.

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

Police/Sheriff/EMS

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

- LEWIS JUNIOR PERRY, 43, of 2901 Forest Point Drive apartment 1311, Arlington, Texas, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance greater than or equal to 4 grams but less than 200 grams.

- BYRON ANTHONY MILLER, 30, of 805 Northeast Green Oaks Boulevard 266, Arlington, Texas, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces.

- GARRY MONTEL STEPHENSON, 52, of 707 Wyoming Street, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

- MICHELLE ANTOINETTE DOSS, 48, of 2513 Carol Drive, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.

- DANIEL RIOS, 27, of 711 Creighton, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of assault – causes bodily injury.

- ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK, 73, transient, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.

- THEFT was reported at the 600 block of Interstate Highway 20.

- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 600 block of Gregg.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at the 1400 block of East Fourth Street, 1500 block of Tucson and the 1700 block of East FM 700.

- UNWANTED SUBJECT was reported at the 2500 block of Gregg.

- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at the 500 block of South Runnels.

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 75 inmates at the time of this report.

- MICHELLE DOSS was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property greater than or equal to \$20 but less than \$500.

- JAMIE CHAVARRIA was booked by DPS on a charge of violation of probation and fictitious license plate.

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

- MEDICAL was reported at the 1500 block of West Third Street. One patient transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported at the 700 block of West Interstate Highway 20. One patient transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported at the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard. One patient transported to SMMC.

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at the 1100 block of North Lamesa Highway. One patient transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported at the 800 block of East Eleventh Place. One patient transported to SMMC.

- TRAUMA was reported at the 1600 block of Rob-in. One patient transported to SMMC.

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at the 600 block of Gregg. No transport.

- TRAUMA was reported at the 3200 block of Fordham Road. One patient transported to SMMC.

- AUTOMOBILE FIRE was reported at the 300 block of 13th Street. Extinguished.

Take Note

- American Legion Post 506 3rd annual Garza Mexican lunch will be held Saturday. Serving will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plates are \$10 and carry out is available. The post is located at 3203 West Highway 80. For more information call 263-2084. Everyone is welcome.

- Masonic Lodge No. 598 will present its annual Golden Trowel Award, given to members for outstanding service, at 7 p.m. Thursday at the lodge, located at Third and Main streets in Big Spring. For more information, call 270-0127.

- New affordable health insurance options are available as of Oct. 1. Scenic Mountain Medical Centers wants to help you understand the new marketplace. Come to one of our presentations in the Senior Circle Room at SMMC: Oct. 24 for Sr. Circle & Healthy Woman members; or one of our community presentations Oct. 10, 5:30 p.m. at YMCA or Oct. 28, 5:30 p.m. at SMMC. For more info or to RSVP, call 268-4699 or 268-4721.

- The Permian Historical Society will hold its fall meeting at the historic Hotel Settles on Oct. 26. Five programs on the history of Big Spring and Howard County will be presented: Government Incompetence Engraved in Stone; Why the Wrong Service is on Pvt. James B. Gordon's Tombstone; Dr. J.W. Barnett, Pioneer Big Spring Physician; Early Howard County Schools; Pro Football Players from Big Spring High School; and The Fascinating Saga of Settles Hotel. If you like, dress as a 1930s hotel guest and win a prize. The meeting begins at 9 a.m. with a continental breakfast, book sales and visiting. The programs begin at 10, followed by lunch at the Hotel Settles. Those planning to attend must register and send \$14 for lunch to Peggy Kelton, P.O. Box 901, McCamey, TX 79752 by Oct. 11. Register by phone at 432-652-8738 or email at peggy.kelton@gmail.com

- Red Mesa is the featured Dine Out Days sponsor this week. As a Dine Out Day sponsor, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County 2014 campaign to support the 17 member agencies. To be a Dine Out Day sponsor or to find out how to contribute to the campaign, call Sandy Stewart at 267-5201.

- Cancer Crushers Relay For Life team is hosting a Halloween Carnival in the Malone and Hogan Clinic parking lot. The carnival will take place Oct. 31 from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. The event will include the following booths: fishing, football throw, cake walk, bean bag toss, ring toss, train rides, a concession stand and a ticket booth.

- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to violent

crimes of assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process background check and attend training. We need you. Volunteer training dates for October will be announced soon. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

- Adopt a Military Hero, Howard County's Christmas for the Troops project is needing addresses for deployed military personnel. All addresses can be mailed to AAMH 1606 East Third, Big Spring, Texas, 79720 or emailed to adoptmilitaryhero@sbcglobal.net Let's make sure that every Howard County hero and all of their buddies receive a little bit of home for the holidays.

- The Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations office is accepting donations of magazines. They should be brought to the Community Relations office on campus. For more information, call Jamey Stegall at 268-7535 or james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us

- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

- Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people's lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.

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Douglas M. Green

Douglas M. Green, 71, of McKinney, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, Sept. 29, 2013, at Baylor McKinney Hospital. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

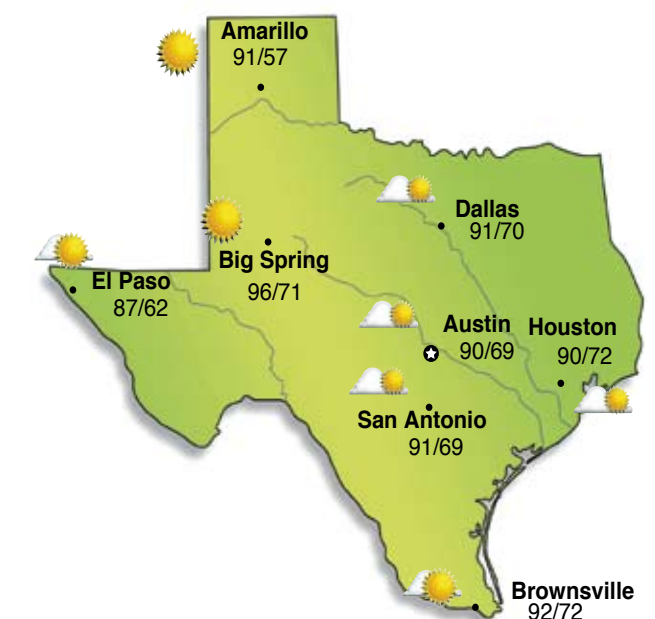
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Thu 10/3	Fri 10/4	Sat 10/5
 96/71 Mainly sunny. Hot. High 96F. Winds S at 15 to 25 mph.	 95/58 Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 50s.	 72/50 Partly cloudy and windy. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s.
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Texas At A Glance



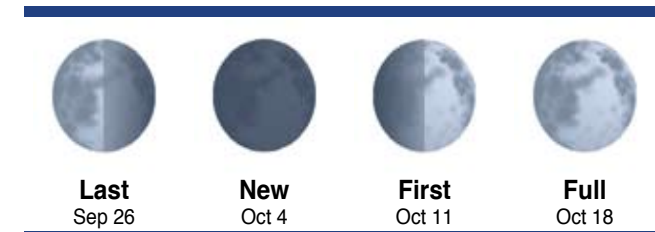
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	92	69	pt sunny	Kingsville	93	72	pt sunny
Amarillo	91	57	sunny	Livingston	90	69	pt sunny
Austin	90	69	pt sunny	Longview	88	69	pt sunny
Beaumont	89	73	pt sunny	Lubbock	93	63	windy
Brownsville	92	72	mst sunny	Lufkin	89	69	pt sunny
Brownwood	93	69	pt sunny	Midland	95	70	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	91	75	pt sunny	Raymondville	93	71	mst sunny
Corsicana	89	69	mst sunny	Rosenberg	91	71	pt sunny
Dallas	91	70	pt sunny	San Antonio	91	69	pt sunny
Del Rio	94	72	pt sunny	San Marcos	91	69	pt sunny
El Paso	87	62	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	90	70	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	97	68	mst sunny	Sweetwater	92	68	pt sunny
Gainesville	90	67	pt sunny	Tyler	88	69	mst sunny
Greenville	89	67	mst sunny	Weatherford	90	68	pt sunny
Houston	90	72	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	92	68	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	83	59	mst sunny	Minneapolis	67	54	rain
Boston	77	54	mst sunny	New York	78	62	pt sunny
Chicago	82	65	t-storm	Phoenix	91	67	sunny
Dallas	91	70	pt sunny	San Francisco	69	54	pt sunny
Denver	70	39	t-storm	Seattle	53	46	rain
Houston	90	72	pt sunny	St. Louis	88	68	t-storm
Los Angeles	73	58	sunny	Washington, DC	86	66	pt sunny
Miami	87	77	t-storm				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Thu 10/3	Fri 10/4	Sat 10/5
8 Very High	8 Very High	8 Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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Around the area

Flintknapping demonstration

QUANAH — Flintknapping, the art of making stone knives, arrowheads, scrapers and other tools, will be demonstrated at Copper Breaks State Park during the campsite talk scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 5 at 3 p.m., right after Meet the Longhorns. Visitors will be able to see a tool made from start to finish in the presentation.

The Saturday program is free with regular park admission of \$2 for adults. The Flintknapping program is another in a series of Campsite Talks offered at Copper Breaks State Park.

For more information on Copper Breaks State Park events or facilities, contact the park daily during business hours at 940-839-4331. Copper Breaks State Park is located 13 miles south of Quanah and eight miles north of Crowell on State Highway 6.

Saving of the bison

LUBBOCK — Hear the story of "Saving the Southern Plains Bison at Caprock Canyon State Park" at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5 at Helen DeVitt Jones Auditorium, Museum of Texas Tech University. Listen to how Charles Goodnight and Caprock Canyon State Park helped save the Southern Plains Bison from extinction. Admission is free. Presented in conjunction with the Windows on the West exhibit at the Museum of Texas Tech, made possible through The Helen Jones Foundation. For more information, contact the Education Division at 806-742-2432 or museum.education@ttu.edu

Upton County Mental Health Center to be renamed

MCCAMEY — The Upton County Mental Health Center building will be renamed the Vikki Bradley Building Monday, Oct. 7, in memory of the former West Texas Centers Trustee and Upton County Judge.

The public is invited to attend the dedication ceremony, which begins at 10 a.m.

The building at 103 N. Bursleson in McCamey was purchased in September 2008 by Upton County to serve the patients of Upton, Terrell and Crane counties.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Police and emergency medical personnel responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Sixth and Gregg streets Tuesday morning. No major injuries were reported.

"Judge Bradley was instrumental in acquiring the building," West Texas Centers CEO Shelley Smith said. "We have wanted to memorialize her in some way for many years and we thought this would be a great tribute to her and her legacy."

Bradley served on the West Texas Centers Board of Trustees for 11 years, from 2001 until her death in 2012.

"She was a remarkable leader and a woman of great vision," Smith said. "She selflessly served her community for many, many years often putting the needs of others before her own. Judge Bradley was a dedicated and spirited member of our board of trustees, often travelling great distances to attend our meetings. But she knew the work we did here was important to the people living in rural West

Texas."

Upton County had been looking for additional space for its mental health center for a number of years before purchasing the building in 2008, Smith said.

"We had outgrown our previous location and with Judge Bradley's and the county leadership's assistance, we were able to acquire the new building," she said. "It's only fitting that Judge Bradley's name grace the building for many years to come as a thank you for all her years of work."

The mental health center houses the Center's full-time staff as well as the itinerant staff that float amongst several centers in the western region, Smith said. The Vikki Bradley Building serves as the central point of services for about 60 patients.

CHOIR

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going up against 5A schools like Midland Lee and Odessa Permian. I'm just really proud of them."

Other BSHS choir students

who competed in Saturday's tryouts were Dakota Jones, Jose Vargas, Anthony Romero, Joshua Martinez, Rikki Salgado and Marisol Starr.

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

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CARE

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expand Medicaid, government subsidies to help citizens obtain coverage from the Health Insurance Marketplace are available, depending on

income and other qualifications.

There are still have many individuals in Howard County who qualify for Medicaid cov-

erage even though Texas is not expanding Medicaid. These individuals can enroll at any time and coverage can begin immediately.

IMPACT

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to pass an emergency spending resolution, the federal government, in effect, closed its doors for most non-essential services.

Agencies like the U.S. Postal Service and the Federal Corrections Institute are considered essential, so operations will continue there, but other federal offices in this area are already feeling the pinch.

A call to the U.S. Department of Agriculture was answered by a voice message saying office staff was on furlough for the duration of the shutdown, with personnel unable to even answer voice mail or e-mail during that time.

Likewise, a call to the Social Security Administration hotline number was answered by a voice message saying that SSA offices, with the exception of card centers, are open for limited services only. A list of those services can be found on the SSA's

web site, www.socialsecurity.gov.

Despite the shutdown, the West Texas VA Health Care System will keep the light on for area veterans, officials said.

"The West Texas VA Health Care System will continue to provide health care to veterans and remain fully operational," said Andrew Welch, interim director.

Previously scheduled appointments will not be affected, he added.

The Department of Veterans Affairs receives a two-year government appropriation that will fund operations through 2014, meaning the shutdown will have little or no immediate effect, officials said.

Veterans can also con-

tinue to enroll in VA health care in the business office at the local VA Medical Center.

Where the shutdown may most effect the medical center's operations is in claims processing and payments.

VA has funds available to ensure claims processing and payments in the compensation, pension, education, and vocational rehabilitation programs will continue through late October.

"However, in the event of a prolonged shutdown, claims processing and payments in these programs will be suspended when funds are exhausted," Welch said. "Due to the shutdown, veterans benefits administra-

tion will not be able to continue overtime for claims processors."

Regarding the National Cemetery Administration, interments in will continue, but may be on a reduced schedule.

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Lunch: 11am-2pm-Barbecue Brisket, Homemade German Sausage and all the trimmings, homemade dessert including diabetic desserts, tea, coffee and water.
Noon Tickets For Adults \$10.00 and \$8.00 For Children Under 12
Sausage Sandwiches and other food Concessions will be available after 4:00pm for purchase.

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Opinion

Good still prevails over evil

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

—FIRST AMENDMENT

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There seems to be an abundance of dishonest, conniving, opportunistic self-serving scoundrels in the world who capture the headlines and tempt us to believe that all humanity is corrupt and that no good exists anymore. Not so. In fact, may I state emphatically, not so. Even though the spotlight is too often trained onto these miscreants, I still believe in the bountiful goodness that does indeed exist within the hearts of millions of extraordinary and wonderful people.



EDDY PRINCE

Just this past week an event happened that warmed my heart. A homeless man in Boston, who police said turned in a backpack containing tens of thousands of dollars in cash and traveler's checks, said even if he were desperate he wouldn't have kept "even a penny."

Boston Police Commissioner Edward Davis honored Glen James on Monday, giving him a special citation and thanking him for an "extraordinary show of character and honesty."

James said in a handwritten statement he gave out at a news conference that he was glad to make sure the bag and its contents were returned to the owner.

"Even if I were desperate for money, I would not have kept even a penny," he said.

James, who said he once worked as a Boston courthouse employee, flagged down a police officer after he found the backpack containing \$2,400 in cash and almost \$40,000 in traveler's checks at the South Bay Mall in Boston. The man who lost it told workers at a nearby store and they called police, who later returned the backpack to him.

Boston police honored James with a special citation last Monday. After reading media accounts of James' honesty, a stranger, Ethan Whittington, started a fund for James on the crowdfunding site gofundme.com. By Thursday morning, \$97,889 in donations had been made.

Whittington, a 27-year-old

from Midlothian, Va., who is an accounts manager for a marketing firm, said he decided to try to raise money for James after reading about his honesty. Now Whittington says he's overwhelmed by the generosity of strangers.

"The fact that he's in the situation he is, being homeless, it blew my mind that he would do this (turn in the backpack)," Whittington said Wednesday.

"It's caught on like wildfire ever since," he said. "It's brought me a lot of hope. This isn't only about rewarding a great guy. I think it's a statement to everyone in America. If we come together and work toward one thing and work together, then we can make it happen."

It's encouraging to know that things like that aren't all that rare, but just too often never seem to make it into the public eye. In Pittsburgh recently, a young woman named Kat and her husband had a world of worry. Her husband was just returning to work after prolonged health problems, and his car broke down. A roadside stranger wanted to help, so he ran across four lanes of traffic to visit a bank, and he returned with \$300 for them. He departed without knowing their story, or without them knowing his name.

After his card was declined at a Tampa International Airport, "Andy" experienced an act of generosity that surprised him.

Andy, who gave only his first name in interviews, stepped out of line to call his bank provider and upon returning to the counter, he learned his baggage fee had been taken care of and was given an anonymous note that read:

"Hey I heard them say your card was declined. I know how it feels. Your bag fee's on me. Just pay it forward the next time you get a chance. Have a safe flight (smiley face)"

Overwhelmed by the act of kindness, Andy decided to post a photo of the note to Reddit to thank the author of the anonymous note.

"If you're reading this, thanks for making my day," Andy posted online.

But the financial help wasn't so much what pleased him as the kind act itself.

"Seriously, reading their note gave me goose bumps and gave me faith that there are still good people out there," Andy told Yahoo! Shine.

Many have asked Andy how he plans to pay the act forward but he'd rather it be a spontaneous decision.

"I think it will be a random decision, spur-of-the-moment type thing," Andy said. "I really don't think that person walked into that airport saying, 'I'm going to pay someone's baggage fee today.' So neither will I."

A recent act made headlines when California man Breck Reeves turned in the \$6,900 he found in an envelope on the ground near the Visalia DMV. Visalia police eventually tracked down the rightful owner, Guadalupe Salazar.

Salazar, 69, had taken the money out of the bank to buy his son a new car. The envelope apparently fell out of his car, reported The Fresno Bee.

People who do these kind deeds are often called "Good Samaritans" based on the Biblical story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37, which is probably so familiar that to some it probably starts to verge on a cliché. Even people who seldom read the Bible know the image of compassion embodied by the Samaritan who takes the risk to help a stranger in the midst of great trouble. It is a powerful example of God's expectation for us to do good to our fellow man, to help the stranger in need with abandon. It is a timely message to those of us living in a world so often characterized by selfishness and neglect of one another, and too often our ability to ignore the plight of others in need is astounding. The Good Samaritan therefore remains an anomaly in our midst, yet because of many truly inspiring and heart-warming events and "random acts of kindness" displayed by benevolent people around the world, I still believe good prevails over evil.

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

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DAILY PRAYER

Thank you, dear Lord, for all the wonders you have bestowed upon us.

Amen

Baby farming is not fair

In Sunday's San Francisco Chronicle, reporter Stephanie M. Lee delivered a down-the-middle story about a Bay Area couple, Jennifer Benito-Kowalski and Steve Kowalski, 40 and 41 — who paid an Indian woman to help them attain their goal of making a baby with their own DNA. To many moderns, this arrangement presents a win-win formula. The poor gestational carrier gets needed money, and the comfortable couple get a baby. What's not to like?



DEBRA SAUNDERS

As Lee's story concludes, the baby appears to be healthy, and surrogate mother Manisha Parmar is considering serving as a surrogate again. Perhaps for these two families, there will be a happy ending, but it's hard to see how this story is a win-win for the world.

For one thing, there's a medical risk to carrying a child. In 2012, an Indian surrogate died while carrying someone else's child. In 2013, it happened again. Indian clinics routinely perform cesarean deliveries, which carry complications for surrogates like Parmar.

Benito-Kowalski told me Monday that she was aware of Indian surrogacies gone wrong; that's

why she checked a dozen Indian clinics. She chose Dr. Nayna Patel's Akanksha clinic because it has a solid track record and because Patel does a thorough job of vetting her surrogates.

Yes, there was a clause in the contract that allowed the Kowalskis to order an abortion if the child is not healthy. It's true; Parmar wouldn't have a choice in the matter. That's because Patel put the clause in the contract, Benito-Kowalski responded. "We knew our baby was going to be healthy, so it wasn't an option for us." And: "We weren't going to abort Kyle."

If the baby wasn't healthy? "That's hypothetical," she answered.

Since Lee's story was published, the Kowalskis have been bombarded with "just plain mean" criticism.

The couple opened up to the Chronicle to let other childless couples know that there is hope, Benito-Kowalski told me. She was unprepared for the barrage of others passing judgment over a decision that gave the couple their beloved son. Please don't make us look like bad people, she said to me.

I don't think they're bad people. I think the Kowalskis represent a prevalent view in American society, that when affluent childless couples want to have a baby, they have a right to have a baby — indeed, the exact baby they choose. If their

decision risks the health of poor women, well, that's OK because the couple are acting out of love.

And if they sign a contract that turns a desperate woman into a mule who carries a child at the will of others? That's OK, too, because the couple paid good money that will help the poor woman's family.

And if the poor woman is torn apart because she has bonded with the baby inside her? Doesn't matter; the mule signed a contract.

The Kowalskis aren't bad people. They're decent people who live in a bad culture that tells them that outsourcing the gestation of their test-tube babies is a good thing. It's a win-win.

"It's not fair," Steve Kowalski told Lee, that other couples conceive simply by having sex.

When Parmar and her husband returned to their home and children, they had to live with the shame and family who disapproved. What's really not fair is that one country has too much shame while the other has none.

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Texans are facing delays in health insurance exchange

CHRIS TOMLINSON

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Steve Wolf was at his computer by 9 a.m., anxious to see how much it would cost to buy his family health insurance in Texas under the Affordable Care Act.

But he was still trying seven hours later, after repeatedly getting kicked out of the online system that slowed to a snail's pace on Tuesday due to high demand and technical glitches on the first day of open enrollment.

The self-employed movie and television stunt specialist said he kept getting the same message: try again later. Other Texas residents turned to the phones, flooding local call centers looking for help in a state with the highest rate of uninsured residents in the nation.

"It's exactly what I expected it to be, though, pretty disappointing, but I didn't have high expectations," the 50-year-

old father of three said. "It doesn't save any information, so you have to start from scratch every time."

At the United Way call center in Austin, which usually gets about 150 calls a day from people looking to enroll in social services, calls had topped 180 by 11 a.m., mostly from people looking for help getting insurance, said Jessica Venson, the center's director. And at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, three-dozen people trained to help register insurance seekers turned to paper applications to speed up the process because of the slow website.

It was a similar theme at nonprofits, hospitals and clinics statewide that are advertising the program and encouraging people to sign up in Texas, where 25 percent of residents — or about 6 million people — don't have health insurance.

But the groups are getting no help from the state or its politi-

cal leadership, who are unanimously and loudly opposed to President Barack Obama's health care law.

Texas is one of 36 states that relied on the federal government to set up its online market place, known as a health care exchange, for consumers to compare and buy health insurance. Texas lawmakers also chose not to expand Medicaid as part of Obama's law, so more than a million Texas residents living in poverty will not qualify for free or subsidized coverage. In Texas, Medicaid goes only to children, the disabled and impoverished senior citizens.

Stephanie Pollock, who was hired in August as a counselor to work with Houston residents buying coverage, said she spoke to one couple whose \$2,100 monthly income made them ineligible to receive Medicaid. She said the wife was a diabetic and the husband had a heart

condition, and each took turns alternating 15-day supplies of their medication.

Pollock said the woman told her that she was saving their lives by steering them toward affordable health care.

"I call it the Berlin Wall coming down in America," Pollock said.

Pollock noted that phones were ringing off the hook on Monday. She said most callers were between the ages of 45 and 63, and had either been unable to find a job since the recession or had a medical condition that rendered them unable to work.

The Obama administration provided grants to groups to help advertise and train counselors, also known as navigators. Tim McKinney, president and CEO of United Way of Tarrant County, which received the largest grant, said 49 people had passed certification tests to become navigators and were helping residents in 215 of Texas' 254 counties.

"I knew there had to be glitches, but I am somewhat surprised that it affects the entire system," McKinney said Tuesday, noting that the website slowdown was also slowing their work.

But he said the problems reflect the intense demand for health insurance across the state. He also noted that enrollment is open for six months.

Led by Gov. Rick Perry, Republican leaders in Texas are some of the country's biggest critics of the Affordable Care Act. Despite having the highest uninsured rate in the nation — about 34 percent among working-age adults — conservatives insist that government should play no role in providing health care to healthy adults.

Because of Perry's opposition and uncertainty about new rules he wants to impose on navigators, four government councils chose not to assist people even after initially agreeing to help.

In Lubbock, The Claborn Agency Inc. is among about 15 insurance companies with whom that the city's largest hospital, University Medical Center, is partnering to enroll area residents.

Lawmakers still get paid, even in shutdown mode

HENRY C. JACKSON

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — There's at least one constant in a government shutdown: The 532 members of Congress continue to be paid — at a cost of \$10,583.85 per hour to taxpayers.

Lawmakers get their pay even as hundreds of congressional staffers are sent home, packs of tourists are turned away at the Capitol, and constituent services in many offices grind to a halt. Most entrances to House and Senate office buildings and underground parking garages are closed.

House members and senators can't withhold their own pay even if they want to. Under the Constitution's 27th Amendment, lawmakers can only change the pay of those in a future Congress, not the one in which they serve. Senators and House members are paid \$174,000 a year; a handful of leaders make up to \$20,000 more.

Lawmakers aren't oblivious to how it looks. Republican Sen. Ted Cruz and others are pledging to donate their salaries to charity during the shutdown.

While lawmakers' paychecks will continue, the same isn't true for their aides and some support staff at the Capitol. Like some 800,000 other federal employees judged to be nonessential and therefore furloughed, thousands of workers on Capitol Hill were sent home Tuesday. Those who weren't will still see their paychecks delayed.

Sen. Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga., told all but four of the 30 staffers in his Washington office they were not needed during the shutdown. People quit answering his office phones at noon, replaced by a recorded message normally used for greeting after-hours callers. "They'll get to hear my message," Chambliss quipped.

Assistant Senate Democratic leader Dick Durbin sent about 80 percent of his Washington staff home and closed all four of his offices in Illinois. Other lawmakers determined a bigger share of their aides was too important to be furloughed.

German command to leave West Texas Fort Bliss Army post

JUAN CARLOS LLORCA

Associated Press

FORT BLISS, Texas — After nearly 60 years of having a presence in the West Texas desert, the German Air Force has deactivated its USA/Canada Command.

Tuesday's deactivation is the first step toward the Germans closing its command center at Fort Bliss by 2017.

The move is part of a German military reorganization. "We don't have a cold war anymore, and you have to find which barracks are expensive and here is quite expensive," said Sgt. Maj. Juergen Volmer, Public Affairs Officer for the Command.

The command dwindled from about 40 officers in previous years to about two dozen, and only seven remained before it was officially shuttered.

Some were transferred to New Mexico's Holloman Air Force Base, some 70 miles north of El Paso while others were sent to other bases around the U.S. where the German air force has presence. The Luftwaffe flight training center in Alamogordo, New Mexico, will expand its responsibilities.

The air command, established in 1966, was in charge of all the German Air Force's operations in the U.S. and Canada. Its duties were largely administrative.

The Air Defense Center, the other German unit in Fort Bliss, was set up in 1956, and since then more than 50,000 German soldiers have trained there.

Just 11 years after the end of WWII, German soldiers went to this Far West Texas post to learn to use the anti-air cannons of the era.

The air defense systems used by the Germans evolved into missiles that could shoot down other rockets and German soldiers began training with the Nike Hercules and, later, the Hawk systems. Currently, soldiers learn to use Patriot missile batteries. Training of German officers will continue in Germany sometime after 2017, when the classroom buildings there are completed, said Hauff.

Volmer says Fort Bliss was always welcoming. The fact that many U.S. soldiers have served in Germany means "you come here and you are always a friend."

Good friends and the weather, are what he loves about El Paso. "In Germany it's always raining, dark and cold."





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In our current celebrity-centered culture, it is difficult for some to understand the wisdom of this ancient Chinese curse: "May you live in interesting times and attract the attention of important people." Those who understand why this is the opposite of well-wishing will be inspired by Mercury in Scorpio to shun shallow things and go deeper.



HOLIDAY
MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Most religious philosophies would agree that pleasure is not real happiness, and yet it's hard to imagine that it doesn't have at least something to do with happiness. Today you'll debate the morality of a pleasurable circumstance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Buddha suggested that practically every other creature on Earth was your mother in a past life. Casual connections will seem charged with complexity and familiarity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Honesty isn't always the easiest choice, but if you are true to yourself, you won't be false to someone else. "Resolve to be thyself, and know that he who finds himself loses his misery." -- Matthew Arnold

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The stars place such an emphasis on doing creative and aesthetically pleasing work these days. Just now it may seem like a lot of pressure to live up to. Loosen up. Really, really bad art can be fun, too.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Don't gossip, and avoid the messenger role, as it's a no-win situation. If you deliver good news, you'll be depended upon for more. If you deliver

bad news, you'll be forever associated with it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Very intelligent people tend to bring out the good sense in others, and thuggish types bring out their worst. You'll make a smart and productive choice to stick to your own business and expect others to do the same.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your gifts cannot be shaped on the anvil of life without some kind of outside force. A skillful teacher is like a blacksmith who knows just how much impact is necessary to help you transform.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). In your mind, you are only doing the thing that makes the most sense considering all of the variables present. In someone else's mind, you're amazing. Maybe genius is just common sense in abundance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're a social person who likes to be alone sometimes, too. But in today's case, you absolutely need to be alone in order to accomplish the very personal mission of the day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Bring more optimism to your situation. Even 10 percent more optimism will make the difference between love and apathy, connection and loneliness, success and failure.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). As you strive for mastery of a skill and fail often in this regard, remember to celebrate this interesting juncture. Those who have already mastered the skill are often bored with it. You're in a good place.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). In these indecisive times, some people can't seem to decide which side of the bread to butter, or whether to use margarine or marmalade instead... They

need your help. Decide for them.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 2). Your birthday emboldens you to call up the top people you want to know, do business with or date. You feel ready to mingle with the best of the best. Tradeshows and meet-ups will put you on a lucrative path. Your thoughtful investment in November will double by July. New alliances are formed in December. Aries and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 7, 14, 11 and 9.

12 MAPS TO NOW: Do you sometimes stray so far from Now that you have trouble finding your way back? That's a good way to miss out on life. Here's another map to return you to the present.

MAP No. 4: The Strawberry. The experience of eating can be so effective in bringing us back into our bodies and the present moment

that reaching for food, hungry or not, becomes an automatic response for many who have drifted out of the moment. Unfortunately, eating without mindfulness won't fulfill our hearts or our hunger even though the calories are the same.

To reinforce the practice of mindful eating, try this exercise in making a mini-meal out of a single strawberry. Let your eyes feast on the heart shape and exciting pop of red. Smell the sweet berry goodness of this perfect fruit. Feel the tiny scratch of the seeds against your lips. When you bite into a strawberry, there's a rainbow of subtle color variations inside -- it's an artist's study in reds and pinks. Is it more sweet or tart? Maybe it's a fleshy envelope containing the weather report of the season that formed it. Or maybe it's an edible summary of soil nutrients and water and billions of years of

botanical genetics. Or, just maybe, it's your Zen.

C E L E B R I T Y PROFILES: Sting's highly anticipated album "The Last Ship" grew out of a musical he wrote of the same name that may grace a Broadway stage in the near future. This Libran superstar has stated his new music is a tip of the hat to Rodgers and Hammerstein, Lerner and Loewe, Brecht and Weill. Sting was born under an impressive number of artistic

Libran luminaries, with five planets in the harmonious sign.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Sudoku Answer on Page 12

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3	1					4		9
6			1			2		
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9	2	7		8	5			4
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		4		2				3
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Art of Card-Reading

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A K 9 2
♥ K 10 9 8
♦ Q 7 5
♣ 6 5

WEST
♠ J
♥ 7 5
♦ A K J 10 3
♣ K J 9 8 2

EAST
♠ Q 10 8 4
♥ 6 2
♦ 9 6 2
♣ 10 7 4 3

SOUTH
♠ 7 6 5 3
♥ A Q J 4 3
♦ 8 4
♣ A Q

The bidding:
West North East South
1♦ Pass Pass 1♥
Pass 3♥ Pass 4♥

Opening lead — king of diamonds.
There are some deals where declarer can tell exactly how the missing cards are divided and, as a result, can achieve the maximum result possible.

Declarer has two main sources of information that guide him in working out the composition of the unseen hands. One is the bidding; the other is the plays already made, which nearly always shed valuable light.

Consider this case where South winds up in four hearts after West has opened the bidding with one dia-

mond. West leads the king of diamonds and shifts to the jack of spades. South sees that the contract is easy to make if the spades are divided 3-2, since he can eventually establish dummy's diamond queen and his fourth spade to come to 10 tricks. He therefore begins to think in terms of what he might do if the spades turn out to be divided 4-1.

After taking the first spade with the king, he plays the A-K of trumps and then leads the eight of diamonds. West wins with the ace and returns a diamond to the queen, on which South discards a spade. But when declarer next cashes the ace of spades, West shows out, leaving South with the prospect of losing both a spade and a club for down one.

Declarer can, of course, attempt a club finesse, hoping to find East with the king, but this is a bleak prospect, since West is virtually certain to have the king for his opening bid.

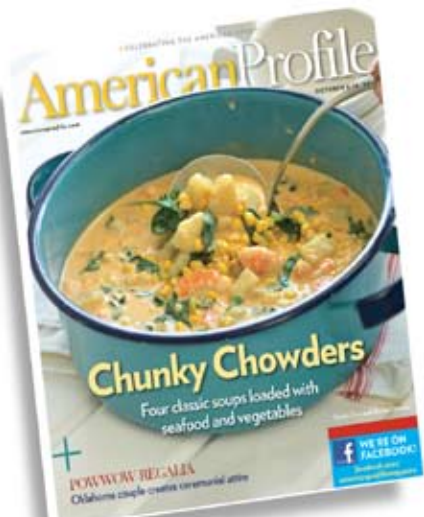
It is this clue, gained from the bidding, that saves the day for declarer. Instead of trying the tempting club finesse, South plays the ace of clubs followed by the queen.

West wins with the king but is stymied. He is forced to lead a diamond or a club, and, whichever he chooses, South ruffs in dummy and discards his last spade to bring home the contract.

Tomorrow: Eternal vigilance.
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Big Spring battles Monahans, but falls in 5



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Big Spring's Julianna Rodriguez passes the ball to a teammate during Tuesday's loss to Monahans. The Lady Steers (22-10, 1-1) will be back in action Friday against Snyder.

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

It took five grueling sets, but in the end, No. 13 Monahans put away No. 16 Big Spring Tuesday at Steer Gym.

The Lady Steers (22-10, 1-1) opened by winning the first set 25-21. BSHS took an 8-7 lead early in the set and never relinquished it. Monahans came back to edge Big Spring in the second set (22-25), but the Lady Steers showed resiliency. After MHS went on a 9-0 run to take a 16-12 lead, BSHS stormed back. A hit by Kelsie Guinn knotted it at 17 and the Steers went on to close out the set with a 13-3 run, winning 25-20.

"I was proud of the girls," said BSHS Head Coach Lynn Osborne. "They didn't fold or roll over. They fought all night. This is the most mentally tough team I've coached at Big Spring, they show a lot of tenacity."

Unfortunately for the Lady Steers, Monahans was equally tough. The Lady Lobos took advantage of Big Spring miscues and built an insurmountable lead the fourth stanza. A 12 point run capped an 11-25 set.

With one more chance to send Monahans home with a loss, the Lady Steers again bounced out to a 6-3 lead. After exchanging leads several times, Monahans came out on top after scoring 3 unanswered points to win 15-12.

Now 1-1 in District 4-3A play, Osborne said her team is up to the challenge that lies ahead and will continue to polish up certain aspects of the game.

"I knew there was going to be a lot of pressure," Osborne said of the match against Monahans. "We did a lot of stuff right and few things wrong. We need to get good blocks outside. We have good blockers, we just need to work on that. I thought we played consistently. We played the game on our side of the court. I feel really good. The girls are prepared and they are excited for district."

Next up for the Lady Steers will be a road trip to Snyder on Friday.

Osborne nominated junior varsity's Alyssa Armentrout for outstanding offensive play, August Alexander for outstanding defense and Emily Smith for the evening's top setter during the Lady Steers' 25-12, 25-17 win.

Junior high lost 16-25 and 22-25. Jaci Aguilar was named outstanding server, Klarissa Franco took the honors on defense and Kiana Ramsey earned recognition for her offensive play.

Individual stats vs. Monahans

BSHS: (22-10, 1-1) 25-21, 22-25, 25-20, 11-25, 12-15

Setters: Morgan Seaton, 30 assists, 16 digs, 9 kills, 5 blocks, 2 aces; Knisey Wash, 16 assists, 6 digs, 1 ace.

Offense: Erin Pollard, 13 kills, 3 digs, 1 block; Kelsie Guinn, 11 kills, 5 blocks, 2 digs, 1 assist.

Defense: Julianna Rodriguez, 25 digs, 2 aces, 1 kill; Stevi Ward, 15 digs, 3 kills, 2 blocks, 2 assists.

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Low-spending teams get crack at MLB playoffs

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball's playoffs no longer are an exclusive club of high rollers.

Pittsburgh, 26th among the 30 teams with a \$73.6 million payroll, rolled past Cincinnati on Tuesday night and into an NL division-series matchup against St. Louis.

Oakland, 27th on the spending list at \$71.1 million according to Major League Baseball's latest figures, won the AL West and faces Detroit. And Tampa Bay, 28th at \$65.6 million, plays the wild-card game on Wednesday night against Cleveland,

21st at \$88.6 million.

"We've created things that have really helped our sport. They've really helped us in a myriad of ways," Commissioner Bud Selig said with pride Tuesday. "The economics — they were archaic. I used to joke that we were still in back in the Ebbets Field-Polo Grounds days. What I call the reformation of the economic system certainly created a lot of this, there is no question."

Sure, some of the big spenders found their way into October. The Los Angeles Dodgers raised their spending to

\$236.8 million during the season and are currently about \$100,000 behind the Yankees. (Final figures may change depending on award bonuses and revisions).

Despite a No. 1 payroll, the Yankees finished tied for third in the AL East following an injury-filled season.

Boston is third at \$174.1 million, Detroit fifth at \$153.4 million, St. Louis 11th at \$119.3 million and Cincinnati 13th at \$113.3 million.

But half the playoff teams are from the bottom 50 percent in spending, with the A's, Rays, Pirates and Indi-

ans joined by Atlanta (16th at \$95.3 million).

Increased revenue sharing has helped. But a team must make good draft picks and be prudent with contracts and clever with trades.

"I think that the playing field is not level, never will be. But we as the Pittsburgh Pirates have committed ourselves to never using that as an excuse," controlling owner Bob Nutting said just before the team's first post-season appearance since 1992. "Is it easier to build a

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Government shutdown puts service academy sports on hold

WASHINGTON (AP) — Army, Navy and Air Force might be forced to skip their football games next weekend because of the partial government shutdown.

The Defense Department temporarily suspended sports competition at the service academies Tuesday as a result of the budget impasse in Congress.

A Pentagon spokesman, Army Col. Steve Warren, said the decision was being reviewed by lawyers considering a series of legal questions, including whether money that comes from sources other than Congress could be used to pay for sports during the government shutdown.

Meantime, the suspension put a pair of college football games in jeopardy: Army at Boston College, and Air Force at Navy.

During a six-day government shutdown in November 1995, Army, Navy

and Air Force played football games — all at home.

The U.S. Naval Academy said in a statement that a decision will be made by noon Thursday about whether the Midshipmen will play the Air Force. Navy's football team did practice Tuesday.

Air Force associate athletic director Troy Garnhart said their sports teams was being halted — including for Saturday's football game at Annapolis, Md. A scheduled news conference with Air Force football coach Troy Calhoun and players was canceled Tuesday "due to the government shutdown," according to a statement.

The football rivalry between Navy and Air Force dates to 1960, and they have played each other every year since 1972. Saturday's game, which is sold out, is part of the series that determines the Commander-In-Chief's Trophy, award-

ed annually to the service academy with the best record in games involving Army, Navy and Air Force.

The NBA's San Antonio Spurs are holding their training camp at the Air Force Academy but the club was not affected by the shutdown, practicing Tuesday as planned.

As for Army against Boston College, B.C. athletic director Brad Bates said: "We have been in close communication with Army athletics officials regarding the potential impact of the government shutdown on this Saturday's football game. Obviously our intention is to exhaust all possibilities to play the game and we will communicate the information promptly."

The U.S. Military Academy issued a statement saying, "Sporting competitions can still be at risk but are being assessed by our chain of command and Department of the Army."

Sports Calendar

FRIDAY

Football

- Forsan at Sundown, 7:30 p.m.
- Garden City at Robert Lee, 7:30 p.m.
- Grady at Sterling City, 7:30 p.m.
- Buena Vista at Sands, 7:30 p.m.

Volleyball

- Big Spring at Snyder, varsity, 6:30 p.m.; 9th and J.V., 5 p.m.
- Brownfield at Coahoma, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY

Cross Country

- Big Spring at South Plains College CC Festival, Level-land.
- Coahoma at San Angelo State Park, San Angelo.
- Forsan at Oil Patch Invitational, Sundown.

Swimming

- Fort Stockton/Pecos Dual, Big Spring YMCA, 1 p.m.

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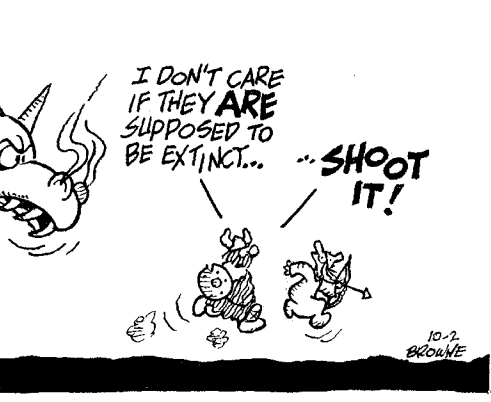
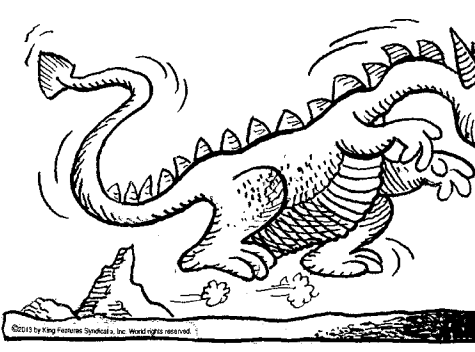
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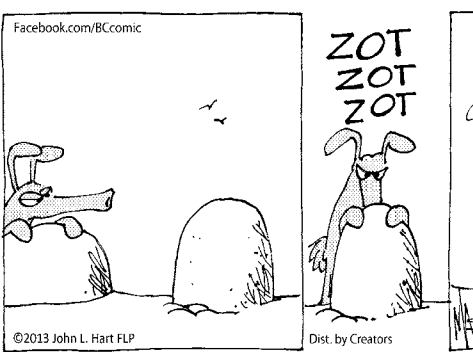


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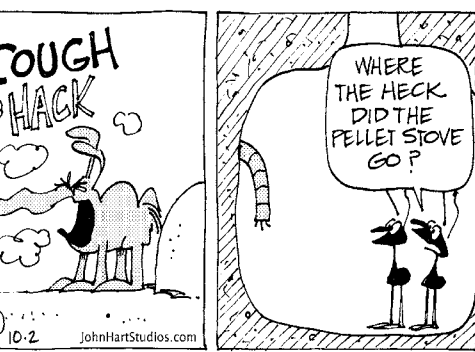
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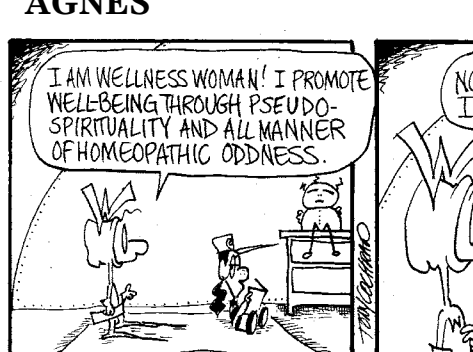
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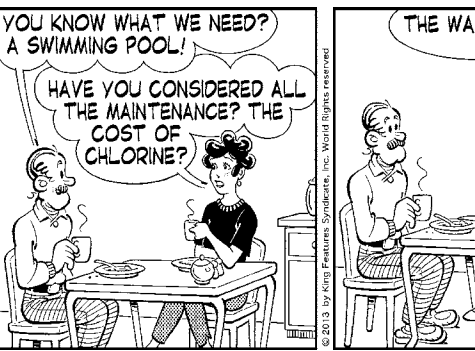
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On this date:
In 1780, British spy John Andre was hanged in Tappan, N.Y., during the Revolutionary War.

In 1835, the first battle of the Texas Revolution took place as American settlers fought Mexican soldiers near the Guadalupe River; the Mexicans ended up withdrawing.

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson suffered a serious stroke at the White House that left him paralyzed on his left side.

In 1941, during World War II, German armies launched an all-out drive against Moscow.

In 1944, Nazi troops crushed the two-month-old Warsaw Uprising, during which a quarter of a million people were killed.

In 1950, the comic strip "Peanuts," created by Charles M. Schulz, was syndicated to seven newspapers.

In 1958, the former French colony of Guinea in West Africa proclaimed its independence.

In 1970, one of two chartered twin-engine planes flying the Wichita State University football team to Utah crashed into a mountain near Silver Plume, Colo., killing 31 of the 40 people on board.

In 1971, the music program "Soul Train" made its debut in national syndication.

In 1985, actor Rock Hudson died at his home in Beverly Hills, Calif., at age 59 after battling AIDS.

In 2001, NATO Secretary-General Lord Robertson said the United States had provided "clear and conclusive" evidence of Osama bin Laden's involvement in the attacks on New York and Washington.

In 2002, the Washington, D.C. area sniper attacks began as a resident of Silver Spring, Md., was shot and killed in a store parking lot in Wheaton; the next day, five people were shot dead, setting off a frantic manhunt lasting three weeks.

In 2006, an armed milk truck driver took a group of girls hostage in an Amish schoolhouse in Nickel Mines, Pa., killing five of them and wounding five others before committing suicide.

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Rangers miss postseason for first time in four years

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Texas Rangers have gotten used to playing more than 162 games and into October. This time, they only got an extra regular-season game — and didn't even get in the playoffs for the first time in four years. Texas won at least 90 games for the fourth

year in a row, even with suspended slugger Nelson Cruz missing 50 games and opening-day starter Matt Harrison pitching only twice. But the Rangers are already done. "We played 163 games. In the past four years, our season was never over until 162 games were over," manager Ron Washington said

Tuesday. "I think that's an accomplishment in itself. The only thing I feel is disappointment that we expected to do more and it just didn't happen." The first day of October was set aside for Rangers players to clean out their lockers instead of preparing for a playoff game. Texas (91-72) lost the AL wild-card

tiebreaker 5-2 Monday night to Tampa Bay, the only other team to win at least 90 games the past four seasons. There was an empty feeling Tuesday in the clubhouse void of players. Texas, which hasn't won a game in October since going to its only two World Series in 2010 and 2011, won seven

games in a row just to force the majors' first wild-card tiebreaker since 2007. "It's been a lot of fun, until the end," second baseman Ian Kinsler said after the game. The Rangers were ultimately done in by a 5-15

slide to start September. That was after an AL-best 20-7 record in August for a two-game lead in the AL West going into the final month. Shortstop Elvis Andrus said what he regrets is the final month of the season.

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great club with \$200 million than with \$75-\$80 million? Absolutely. But I believe, have always believed and will continue to believe, that we can be competitive at that level. We need to make different decisions. We need to make smart decisions." Parity has increased markedly. No team has won consecutive World Series since the New York Yankees took three in a row from 1998-2000. Half of the 30 teams have made the expanded playoffs in the past two years. Twenty-one have reached postseason play in the last five, and every club except Kansas City and Toronto has appeared in the playoffs over the past 13 seasons.

Many accustomed to the October spotlight already are home. Missing out along with the Yankees were Philadelphia (fourth at \$166.2 million), the Los Angeles Angels (sixth at \$143.4 million), defending champion San Francisco (seventh at \$141.3 million), Texas (eighth at \$134.5 million) and Toronto (ninth at \$125.9 million).

Oakland, Pittsburgh and Tampa Bay have found success with youth. Only Houston (\$29.3 million) and Miami \$42.3 million had lower payrolls than the Rays, and they jettisoned veterans in favor of young players. While they endured terrible seasons — the Astros were 51-111 and the Marlins 62-100 — they hope a young core will transform into a contender in

a few years. "If you place that type of faith in them, a lot of times they'll come through for you," said Athletics manager Bob Melvin, who works under Billy Beane, the general manager who made "Moneyball" famous. Cleveland manager Terry Francona has seen the dollar divide from both sides. He led the large-market Red Sox to World Series titles in 2004 and 2007, and then took over the more-limited Indians last fall. "Once the game starts, dollar signs go out the window," he said. "It's more helpful in the winter when you're trying to sign guys, but I've immensely enjoyed this team and that has nothing to do with money. It's the characters and the character on this team, and whether we win or lose won't have anything to do with

money." Revenue sharing came in with the labor agreement in 1997, two years after the end of a strike that wiped out the World Series for the first time in nine decades. Revenue sharing was boosted again in the 2002 labor deal, when a tougher luxury tax was agreed to. That tax has gotten stiffer, and in 2011 players agreed to restraints on bonuses for amateur draft picks and international signings. "I took a lot of criticism back in those days," Selig said. "Is it worth it now? You bet it is. Because I knew we were doing the right things." Rays manager Joe Maddon thinks there's another factor at play: drug testing. With fewer players using performance-enhancing drugs since testing began in 2003,

there are fewer oversized sluggers with oversized statistics who bulk up their salaries in the free-agent market. "I thought that the elimination of PEDs in the game permits teams with lower payrolls to compete and win," he said. Salary may be the key figure from November to February, but once players are on the field, pitching and execution usually matter most. "Any team can beat any other team on any given day," Oakland catcher Derek Norris said. "It could be a guy making minimum versus a guy making \$30 million, that guy making minimum can still beat him."

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