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The Herald angels are waiting for adoption. According to Salvation Army officials 133 families registered their children for the program. To adopt an angel call the Herald offices at 263-7331 or come by 710 Scurry. The angels feature local children who and a list of what they would like for Christmas. Other locations include Wal-Mart, Blums and Bealls in the Springtown Plaza, Prosperity Bank at 1411 Gregg, the Howard County Library at 500 S. Main, Higginbotham and Bartlett at 1900 FM 700, and Scenic Mountain Medical Center at 1601 West 11th Place.

Judge Yeats is seeking a 2nd term

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
 Managing Editor

118th District Court Judge Tim Yeats has filed for re-election in the March primaries.

Yeats, who was first elected to the position in November 2010, filed with the Republican Party.

The 118th Judicial District Court is a court of general jurisdiction which hears criminal, civil and family law cases in Howard, Martin and Glasscock counties.

"I look forward to having the opportunity to continue serving as district judge of the 118th Judicial District," said Yeats. "I consider it a privilege to serve as district judge, and I appreciate the trust the people of Howard, Martin and Glasscock counties have placed in me."

Offices up for election include county judge, precinct 2 commissioner, precinct 4 comm-

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Academic performance major focus for BSISD, trustees told

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Reporter

Trustees with the Big Spring Independent School District approved plans targeted to

improve academic performance at the district and school level Thursday night.

"We didn't get in this position overnight," said BSISD Interim Superintendent Chris Wigington. "This is going to take a while for us to get back to where we need to be. I know everyone wants results now, and we're trying to get to that point, but it is going to take time."

"Everybody is looking for that magic bullet to fix things and what we have here is a systemic problem," Wigington continued. "We want to make a systemic change. When teachers come into the district, and for the teachers who are here, they understand that these things are what we do to help our students. We don't

want that magic bullet. We want a systemic change. We want a process that we use to help our students, to help our teachers."

Before the meeting, BSISD held a public forum where Wigington gave an overview of the plan to bring the district out of its low academic performance status under the Texas Education Agency standards. Details of the plan were expected to be published on the district website sometime today.

In August, Big Spring was one of 80 school districts or charters in the state to receive a rating of "improvement required," the lowest of three possible ratings under revamped

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City pursues federal job creation grant

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

The city of Big Spring is pursuing a federal grant which, if approved, will help to create jobs in low-income areas of the community.

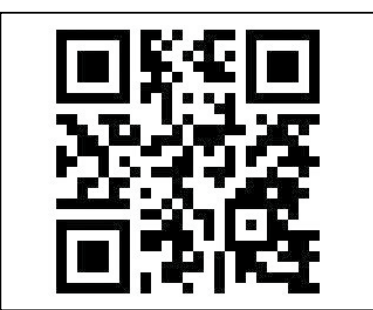
The grant application, which was approved by the city council earlier this week, targets the northwest portion of the city.

City Manager Todd Darden said it is estimated the grant money would create about 30 jobs.

"It is federal grant money that comes through the Texas Department of Agriculture for the creation and retention of jobs in low-to-medium income areas," Darden said. "If the grant is approved, it will likely be used for creation of jobs in the hotel/motel and restaurant sectors."

The city is eyeing commercial expansion

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Forget-Me-Not Drive underway

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Veterans were out early this morning at the Walmart entrance, collecting funds for the Disabled America Veterans Chapter 47 annual Forget-Me-Not drive.

"We hope the community will come out and support our area veterans," said Mike Tarpley, DAV Chapter 47 senior vice commander. "The money we collect with this

drive stays here to help our local veterans."

The DAV is a national organization concerned with assisting veterans and their families through financial help, education, community outreach and helping



veterans and their families obtain their full range of benefits earned through military service. The DAV also advocates for veterans and their families on the federal, state and local governmental level.

DAV representatives will be

outside by the doors throughout the day and will have an early start Saturday beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Tarpley said cooperate sponsorship is always welcome as well as anyone who wishes to donate. For more information, call Tarpley at 432-556-2227.

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Obituaries

Jessie Henry



Jessie Henry, 61, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013, at his residence after a short battle with leukemia. The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

He was born Nov. 19, 1951, in Big Spring, Texas and married Karen Daniels Feb. 14, 1975, in Big Spring.

Jessie was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and worked in the oil fields all his life. He was currently working for R.H. Well Service. He loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He enjoyed trav-

eling the back roads and watching westerns and war history movies.

Survivors include his wife, Karen Henry of Big Spring; three sons, Murphy Henry and Russell Henry and wife, Stephanie, all of Big Spring, and SSgt. Steven Henry and wife, Rachel, of Fort Campbell, Ky.; grandchildren, Karissa Henry of Raeford, N.C., Logan Henry of Big Spring and Jackson Smith, Nolen Henry, Griffin Henry and Collin Henry, all of Fort Campbell, Ky.; a sister, Barbara Kinard of Big Spring; and his mother-in-law, JoNell Daniels of Big Spring.

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

Paid obituary

J.D. 'Jake' Hyden



J.D. "Jake" Hyden, 84, of Waco, formerly of Big Spring died Thursday Nov. 14, 2013 at his home after a lengthy illness. The family will receive friends Friday from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Teresa Cassidy officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born May 1, 1929, to Ina (McMurry) and Cecil Hyden in Howard County and was raised in Luther. After serving in the Navy, he worked as a transmission mechanic for Jack Lewis Cadillac and Shroyer Motors. He also owned and operated Hyden Transmission Shop for more than

40 years. He was married to Bonnie Brunson for more than 30 years. After moving to Waco, he was an active member of Top Hand Cowboy Church in Valley Mills.

He is survived by one son, Randy Hyden of Lubbock; four daughters, Brenda Linehan and husband Adam of Bastrop, Teresa Cassidy and husband Jim of Waco, Linda Hyden of Lubbock and Sandy Wood and husband Blane of Lubbock; one brother, Ross Hyden of Carlsbad, N.M.; one sister, Imogene Burroughs of Minnesota; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by two brothers; one sister; a son John Hyden; a granddaughter and one great granddaughter.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel. Please pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

May Lefern Pierce

Mrs. May Lefern Pierce, 84, of Monroe, N.C., formerly of Big Spring, Texas, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2013, at her residence.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013 at Gail Cemetery, Gail, Texas. A celebration of her life will be conducted at noon Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013, at the Henry Hall Wilson Home, 1301 East Franklin St. in N.C..

Mrs. Pierce was born Sept. 19, 1929, in Victoria, Texas, a daughter of the late John Wilbourn and Birdie M. Pearce Wilbourn. She was married to the late Lee Roy Pierce, who passed in 1976.

She was preceded in death by three daughters, Jean Pierce (1947), Martha Epsaro (1991) and Jean

Pierce (2010).

She was a loving wife, mother and homemaker.

Survivors include three daughters, Betty Ann Jordan and husband, Col. Donnie Jordan of Monroe, N.C., Vicki L. Townsend of Monroe, N.C. and Rita L. Brumley of Pigeon Forge, Tenn.; a son, Roy Lee Pierce and wife, Cindy Pierce of Mt. Holly, N.C.; four sisters, Lois Crawford, Pearl Wells, Dorothy Pearce and Anna Mae Wilbourn; and three brothers, Merle Wilbourn, Edward Wilbourn and Jack Wilbourn; three grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; and many nieces and nephews.

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

Police/Sheriff

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

- AMANDA LEE MARQUEZ, 27, of 804 Powell, Midland, Texas, was arrested Thursday on a charge of criminal mischief \$5 but less than \$500 and public intoxication.
- THEODORE E. RIOS JR., 20, of 306 Northeast Sixth St., was arrested Thursday on warrants for fail to appear – six counts, no drivers license when unlicensed, failure to maintain financial responsibility and expired motor vehicle registration certificate.
- AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ, 66, of 1511 Princeton, was arrested Thursday on a charge of criminal trespass – property, building/aircraft/vehicle.
- MEAGAN NICOLE SPARKS, 23, of 2001 S. Monticello, was arrested Thursday on a charge of theft greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500 shoplifting.
- JENNIFER EANN PITTMAN, 21, of 1802 Hearn St., was arrested Thursday on a warrant for stop, stand, park on roadway side of parked vehicle and fail to appear.
- JOSHUA B. VALENZUELA, 27, of 4405 Connally, was arrested Friday on a charge of deadly conduct discharge firearm in a habitation/building/vehicle.
- MARY KATHOLEEN ROWLAND, 41, of 7000 South Service Road Interstate Highway 20 no. 30, on a warrant from another agency.
- SUSIE LEDESMA, 28, of 510 State, was arrested Thursday on a warrant for parent contributing to nonattendance and no drivers license when unlicensed.
- BONNIE SUE BIRMELIN, 52, of 211 Grant Ave., was arrested Thursday on a warrant for theft greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF reported at the 1900 block of North Highway 87 and 100 Ramsey Avenue, Coahoma.
- THEFT reported at the 200 block of West FM 700, the 1600 block of Osage and the 200 block of West FM 700.
- UNWANTED SUBJECT reported at the 1700 block of East FM 700.
- MINOR ACCIDENT reported at the 2600 block of Wasson.
- SHOTS FIRED reported at the 800 block of West 4th Street.

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Beaumont	77	68	cloudy	Lubbock	77	49	windy
Brownsville	87	72	pt sunny	Lufkin	78	69	pt sunny
Brownwood	82	61	mst sunny	Midland	82	56	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	83	71	cloudy	Raymondville	88	69	pt sunny
Corsicana	69	57	pt sunny	Rosenberg	83	71	pt sunny
Dallas	76	66	windy	San Antonio	79	67	pt sunny
Del Rio	79	61	pt sunny	San Marcos	76	60	sunny
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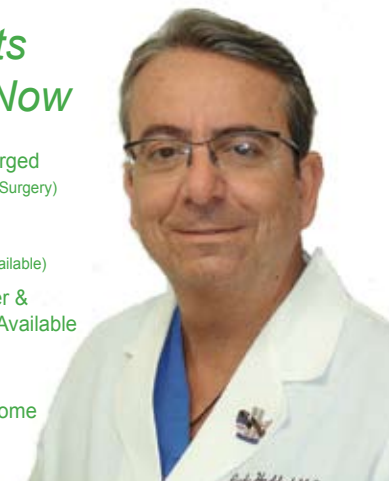
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- Big Spring ISD will dismiss all classes at 3 p.m. today.
- The KoKo LoCo Arts & Crafts Bazaar is this weekend - Saturday, from 9 to 5 and Sunday, from 11 to 5. We have lots of great vendors with wonderful hand crafted goodies. The event is at Kokopelli's and admission is free.
- Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) will be selling tickets to win one of two Christmas wreaths to benefit United Way. Tickets are \$5 a piece or five for \$20 and are available at the CASA office located at 310 Scurry, 263-4162 or at the Midland location, 1611 West Texas Avenue, 683-1114. The drawing will be held Nov. 21, at the Empty Bowls luncheon to be held at the Dora Roberts Community Center in Big Spring.
- Hangar 25 Air Museum's annual fundraiser is coming up in January. The Silver Wings Ball will be Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014, at the Hotel Settles. Evening events begin at 6 p.m. with

a cocktail hour. Join us for a night of fine dining and dancing. Contact Hangar 25 Air Museum to purchase tickets for underwriting and sponsor opportunities. Underwriting opportunities range from \$250 to \$5,000. All underwriters will receive two tickets to the event and advertisement opportunities. Tickets for the event are \$50.

- A fund for funeral expenses has been established at Myers & Smith Funeral Home for Olga Godina who passed away Monday. Donations can be made at the funeral home.
- Big Spring Chapter of Credit Unions is honoring International Credit Union Day by holding a food drive for Isaiah 58. International Credit Union Day was on Oct. 17, and this year's theme was "Credit Unions Unite For Good: A Better Way." The community is encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to any one of the local credit unions by Nov. 15 to help make this food drive a success. The collection will be delivered to Isaiah 58 on Nov. 18.

BSISD

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state accountably rankings from the TEA. For two years prior, the district was declared "academically unacceptable" by the TEA under the old rankings. This plan will focus on seven factors, Wigington said: improve school quality, family community engagement, academic performance, utilize data, leadership effectiveness and increase learning time. The district will implement these factors by using data to figure needs, making those improvements and monitoring to make sure the issues have been successfully addressed.

During the trustee meeting, board president Irene Rodriguez invited Tena Gray, a professional service provider contracted with the district, to speak about her experience with the plans.

According to the TEA website, professional service providers are experienced educators — Gray is a former superintendent — who provide technical assistance to campuses and districts in the improvement process.

Gray, who bluntly admitted to trustees she considered not returning to the district this year, citing philosophical differences with the previous administration, said she felt the current

leadership and staff are heading in the right direction.

"I think there are some things in place now that are really going to make an improvement," Gray said. "I'm very impressed with the leadership. They created a sense of urgency that I feel wasn't here before. I feel like they have told teachers that they are going to hold themselves accountable, they are going to hold principals accountable and they are going to hold teachers accountable. And everyone is going to be expected to do what needs to be done to turn the situation around."

"When you really try to make adjustments to curriculum, instruction and major changes to a district, three to five years is what it really takes to turn something around," Gray said, cautioning trustees about expecting quick results. "I also wanted leave you with a thought. I really think we are going to make an improvement this year. I think we've got a really good chance to get close to getting out of this situation. That's my job, to work myself out of a job and not to have to come back again. Please understand that when you put these processes in place, it is going to take time. We are going to see that improvement but there is really no guarantee how much improvement we are going to see this year, and I hope that for the sake of district, the folks who are in charge

are going to have an opportunity to give this a little time so that we can make sure everything is effective."

In other business, trustees

- Heard from Debbie Green, chief financial officer, that the district received a superior rating in the Financial Accountability Rating.

- Heard the annual delinquent tax report from local attorney Drew Mouton.

- Approved bids for food service and for maintenance and transportation.

- **P e r s o n n e l** employment and resignations

- Delegated 834 of 1,577.68 available votes for the Howard County Appraisal District Board election to their nominee Donnie Baker which will effectively elect Baker to another term on the board. That left just 743.68 remaining for the board's other nominee, Tim Blackshear. Since Howard College trustees elected to split their 473.66 votes between the five nominees for the Appraisal District on Oct. 28, Blackshear has collected enough to effectively win a seat on the board. The threshold is 834 votes.

Contact Lyndel Moody *citydesk@bigspringherald.com* or by 264-7331, ext. 234



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Pictured from right, Cheri Wilson receives a Forget-Me-Not flower from DAV Chapter 47 members Mike Tarpley, David Leonard and Edgar H. Meiser at Walmart this morning. The annual drive raises funds for the organization, which provides assistance to local veterans. DAV representatives will be out today and Saturday at the store to collect donations.

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issioner, county clerk, district clerk, county treasurer, precinct 1 place 2 peace justice, precinct 2 peace justice, county surveyor, district court judge and district attorney. Filing continues

GRANT

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in what officials call the northwest corridor — city-owned property in that sector of town — and this grant money would go hand-in-hand with those efforts, they said.

The city will have to submit two applications to TDA, the first of which is due by early next week.

If all goes well, Darden said, city officials should know by sometime in January if the grant has been approved. After that, funds should be re-

ceived by late April or early May.

Darden is optimistic the grant will be approved by TDA.

"There's a very strong likelihood it will be," he said. "Not that many cities are applying for the grant money."

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Stephanie Shea Powell, 40, of Big Spring died Thursday, November 14, 2013, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Felix Anguiano, 48, of Big Spring died Thursday, November 14, 2013, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Elvira Hilario, 78, of Big Spring died Thursday, November 14, 2013, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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“Substandard” and “cut-rate” is what President Obama calls the health plans that millions of Americans have lost, even though they wanted to keep them. Backpedaling on his promise that “if you like your plan, you can keep your plan,” Obama is now telling Americans another whopper. The president claims the insurance Americans can get on Obama-care exchanges is a better deal.

Don't believe him. On the exchanges, you may no longer be able to use the doctors and hospitals you prefer. Many exchange plans exclude the top drawer academic hospitals like Cedar Sinai in Los Angeles, the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota and New York Presbyterian in New York City. Instead, the law says that exchange plans must cover care at “essential community providers ... that serve predominantly low-income, medically underserved individuals.” (Sec. 1311c(1)C) That means clinics, public hospitals and hospitals largely serving the Medicaid community.

The law's authors reasoned that exchange plan customers should be able to shift back and forth between their plans and Medicaid, as their earnings fluctuate, without changing doctors and hospitals. That's reasonable, but it's bad news for consumers who had access to esteemed hospitals and doctors under their old plans and then got pushed into the exchanges.

Medicaid level care is, sadly, “substandard” to use the president's word. A review of the experiences of nearly 900,000

patients undergoing eight different surgical procedures found that Medicaid patients were 50 percent more likely to die in the hospital after surgery than patients with private coverage. This review, by researchers at the University of Virginia, is one of several studies proving that Medicaid patients get worse care than patients with private insurance.

But many of the plans being offered on the exchanges are Medicaid with a private label slapped on them. The McKinsey Center for U.S. Health System Reform reports that Medicaid insurers are playing a large role in the exchanges.

Just as many doctors refuse to accept Medicaid, they are also refusing to accept exchange insurance. In California, a Blue Cross plan on the exchange covers 47 percent fewer doctors than Blue Cross subscribers in California currently get.

In New York, only a quarter of physicians have decided to take exchange insurance, because the payments are so low.

Why so low? Because insurers know the low-cost plan will be king in nearly every exchange. All the plans offer the “essential benefit package.” Customers currently have no other way to compare than on price.

That's despite the law's promise that exchanges would list each plan's quality rating and disclose which hospitals and doctors are covered, (Sec. 1311d(4)D) and (Sec. 1311c(1)B). Why isn't this information provided, as the law requires? We can only guess that it's because Obamacare administrators don't want us to see the truth.

Cancer patients whose plans are cancelled are getting whacked the hardest. They are losing access to the specialized cancer hospitals and oncologists

treating them. And they will get meager help, if any, paying for innovative cancer drugs that cost thousands of dollars.

The most troubling provision in Obamacare's Section 1311 gives the Secretary of Health and Human Services blanket authority to control how doctors and hospitals treat patients. This is all in the name of improving “quality.” This could mean everything in medicine.

What that means for you is that if you enroll in an exchange plan, with or without getting a subsidy, your care will be standardized by the federal government with an eye to reducing what you consume and how much it costs. Your doctor may have to choose between doing what's right for you and avoiding a penalty. Exchange plans can pay only those doctors who obey whatever regulations the secretary imposes.

Yet the president claims that people losing their health plans and having to sign up on the exchanges will be getting a better deal. Losing your doctor, blind shopping for a health plan, and settling for Medicaid-level care and government controls, all for a premium 41 percent higher than before with a deductible that's doubled that sounds substandard to me.

Right now, most people getting cancellations bought plans in the individual market. Wait until the other shoe drops in 2014 and millions more people who had coverage through their job lose it.

The truth about Obamacare will become so painfully obvious that even the White House lie machine won't be able to cover it up.

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DAILY PRAYER

As we enter the holiday season, Lord, help us look for a way to extend a hand to others.

Mess of Obama's own making

Really? Look, I've done my best to support the poorly nicknamed “Obamacare.” Funny, we don't have Roosevelt Security or Johnson Care, but that's another column.

These cancellations were 100 percent predictable. Honestly, they were more than predictable; they were required.

Absent Obamacare, there is no guarantee that you get to keep your insurance. Individual policies, the kind that are getting canceled, tend to be one-year deals. They are subject to cancellation. Period. So that's not the president's fault, and he never should have suggested that Obamacare would stop the practice.

But Obamacare doesn't just leave the status quo intact. It establishes minimum requirements for health insurance policies, expanding the coverage people get (whether they want it or not). Many of the canceled policies were cheaper than the new ones because they covered less — less than the law now requires and less than any insurer would provide without charging

more.

So, if you had one of those cheap policies that only covered you in the event of a catastrophe, with high deductibles, no preventive care, no pregnancy coverage, no prescription drugs, if you had a cheap policy that provided minimal benefits and you were happy with it, then guess what? You were going to lose your policy. No rocket science required.

Of course, the answer is: But now you will get a better policy, and you might even get a subsidy to help you pay for it. And that is a very good thing — if you get sick. If you don't get sick, it just means you pay more.

That's why people are angry. They don't plan to get sick, and they don't want to pay more.

Again, guess what? Many of those people who don't plan to get sick are actually right. That's because they're young and healthy right now. And the reason they need to sign up for policies that are more expensive than they want (and likely need) is precisely because they aren't going to get sick and require expensive health care. But some of us (older and sicker) are, and so we need them to subsidize us.

That is how the system works. People who don't get in accidents subsidize people who do. People who don't get sick subsi-

dize people who do. If you get rid of the exclusions for pre-existing conditions (which is certainly a very good thing for anyone with pre-existing conditions), then you need a whole lot of healthy people to subsidize the sick people who otherwise would either not get coverage or have to pay a large fortune for it.

I'm not saying President Obama was wrong to insist that everyone get better coverage. Actually, I think it's a good idea. One way or another, all of us end up paying for the people who didn't plan to get sick but did. Prevention is a good thing.

The problem is that the president had to know that when he told people they could keep their policies, he wasn't including the people who had cheap plans that didn't cover as much as the new law requires. He had to know this. So why did he say otherwise? Why did it take so long for him to own up? This is a mess of the administration's own making, and for all the talk about fixes, it's not the least bit clear that it can be fixed.

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Church News

Crestview Baptist Church

2305 Gatesville Rd.
Pastor: Tom Lassiter
Sunday school: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday night: 6 p.m.
Wednesday night: 6:30 p.m.
Sermon topic for Sunday morning: "My Cup Overflows" (Psalm 23:5)
On Sunday and Wednesday nights we are going through Ephesians, verse by verse.

East Side Baptist Church

In concert Nov. 24, at 10 a.m., Mrs. Rosie O'Toole will be singing the gospel of our Lord. You are invited to come and enjoy this special lady and her music. She is always a blessing to us and we know she will be to you as well.
Christmas Vacation Bible School is Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for 6- to 12 year-olds. See and hear the real story of Christmas. Fun Christmas crafts and Christmas stories. Have your picture made with Mary or Joseph and have fun. Come and enjoy. Reservations can be made. Call 267-1915 or 235-6672. Our regular service times are: Sunday school for all ages - 9:45 a.m.; Morning worship and Children's Church - 10:45; afternoon service - 1:45; Wednesday night prayer, Bible study and Kids Klub - 7.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Walterhouse and wife Debbie invite you to join them for worship services beginning at 2 p.m. Sunday. This growing fellowship is excited to be a part of what God is doing in, and through, the deaf community in our area. Currently, Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W. FM 700.

First Baptist Church

"Family Survival Kit" is Sunday morning's message as Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the series

"Hope Changes Everything." Bring your smart phone, iPad, or Kindle Fire and interact with the teaching live through You Version.

The sermon is drawn from Genesis chapters 37 and 50 in which Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, along with the life of Joseph, teaches the importance of forgiveness and kindness in family relationships; God can take a messed-up family and offer hope.

The morning worship service begins at 10:50 with Sunday school classes for all ages meeting at 9:30. Come early for coffee and fellowship.

Sunday evening's worship service begins at 6, with the message taken from I John 1:5-7, entitled "Walking in the Light," which focuses on walking in the light of Jesus Christ so that we may have fellowship with God and one another.

Also Sunday evening, AWANA (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed) meets at 5:30, and all area children, kindergarten through grade 6, are invited to participate in this fun Bible based program. The youth will gather in the second floor youth department at 6 and Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini will teach about Jesus' encounters with people in the Bible entitled "Anything But Ordinary."

Bring your gift-filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child to the morning worship service and they will be gathered together to begin the steps for distribution through Samaritan's Purse.

Our Mother's Day Out program continues to minister to families each Tuesday and Thursday. Contact Tracy Boeker at tboeker90@gmail.com or call

267-8223 for more information.

Wednesday evening's schedule begins with a meal served from 5 to 6 in the family Life Center, followed by children's activities, Adult Choir, prayer meeting and worship, and youth fellowship and teaching. Go to fbcbigspring.org for additional information.

If you have questions about God or need a word of encouragement, stop by or call First Baptist Church at 267-8223, and someone will be happy to listen, pray with you, and talk with you about Jesus, the one and only Hope for all of us.

FBC is located at 705 W. FM 700. There is always a place for you at First Baptist Church.

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. Classic Worship gathers at 8:30 a.m. and Family Worship is at 10:50 a.m. Both services meet in the sanctuary. Sunday school for all ages meets at 9:45 a.m. A nursery is provided at all times. The 10:50 a.m. Family Service can be heard each Sunday morning on KXCS - 105.5 FM.

We're currently in a message series entitled "Rhythm" on Sunday mornings. This Sunday, Pastor Ivins will continue the series with a message entitled "The Rhythm of Generosity." The message comes from Luke 12:13-21.

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Sudoku Answer on Page 13

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Double-Dummy Problem

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♦ A J 6
♣ A J 5

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♦ K 7
♣ 10 6 3 2

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

SOUTH
♠ K 10 4
♥ K Q 10 9 6 3
♦ 5 2
♣ K Q

North
♠ A
♥ A J 6
♦ A J 5

West
♠ 8 7
♥ K 7
♦ 10 6 3

East
♠ Q 3
♥ Q 10 9
♦ 9 8

South
♠ 10 4
♥ 9
♦ 5 2
♣ K Q

This is a double-dummy problem. You, South, are in Seven Hearts, and West leads the nine of spades. You are permitted to look at all four hands as you attempt to make the contract. How do you proceed?

You start with 12 tricks and must try to develop a 13th. Assuming best defense, your only chance to make the grand slam is by a squeeze.

The three elements usually necessary for a successful squeeze are all present: 1. You have all the remaining tricks but one. 2. One opponent — in this case East — has two suits to guard (spades and diamonds). 3. You will have satisfactory communication between your own hand and dummy when the squeeze card is eventually led.

Play a low spade from dummy at trick one and take East's jack with the king. Cash five rounds of trumps, discarding a low spade from dummy. East has a choice of how many diamonds and clubs to discard on the five trumps — all leading to the same dead end — but let's assume he discards three diamonds and two clubs, producing this position:

Cash the king of clubs, then overtake the queen with the ace and lead the jack of clubs. This last play destroys East. If he discards a spade, you discard a diamond and next cash the ace of spades, felling East's queen and establishing your ten.

If East instead discards a diamond on the jack of clubs, you also discard a diamond, then play the ace of diamonds and ruff a diamond, making dummy's jack a trick.

There is no escape for East.

Tomorrow: A delicate operation.
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CHURCH NEWS

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The 10:50 a.m. Celebration Choir will sing as the call to worship, "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made" by Mark Hayes. The congregation will also experience a special blessing from our Children's Choir J.A.M. (Jesus and Me), and our Epic Youth Band will sing "Take Me to the River" by Jon Egan. We'll conclude the service as Adrian Calvio leads the congregation in singing "Ten Thousand Reasons" by Matt Redman.

This Sunday, children in pre-school through second grade will continue the series called "Altitude." In this series, the Preschool and Kindergarten class will learn lessons from the Bible that happened on mountains.

Our Children's Church will be focusing on Thankfulness. This Sunday's lesson is entitled "Thankfulness No Matter What." Children's Church is held during the 10:50 a.m. worship service only for children 4 years old through fifth grade. A nursery is available for children 3 and younger during the Sunday school hour and 10:50 worship service.

"Real Life" on Wednesday night is filled with food, fellowship, worship and study. Supper is served at 5:30 p.m. in Garrett Hall. This coming week, our Adult Discipleship and Evangelism Teams will continue testing our new discipleship pathway with Class 201 "Walking the Walk." It's a nine-week series that answers the question, "How do I live a Christ-like lifestyle?"

Children's Ministry on Wednesday includes our J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) Children's Choir under the leadership of Christi Mikeska. J.A.M. is for kids in fourth and fifth grade. Other Wednesday night children's activities include "Bible Drills, Skills, and Thrills."

Children also share in the fellowship meal at 5:30 p.m. before heading off to these activities from 6 to 7:15 p.m. The adult Celebration Choir rehearsal rehearses each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Children's Day Out is a Children's Ministry of First United Methodist Church. The purpose is twofold. We minister to parents, grandparents and guardians by providing a "day out" and time of refreshment. We also minister to the family and their children by providing a happy, loving, and Christ-centered environment for children.

Children's Day Out is open Monday and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for children from 4 months to pre-K. Call our Church office for more information at 267-6394.

The congregation is gearing up for the 35th Annual Presentation of the Living Christmas Tree Dec. 7 and 8. Congregation members will erect the Tree Nov. 24, and decoration of the Tree will take place the following week.

This year's Living Christmas Tree will feature the music of Mark Hayes and include the combined choirs of Big Spring High School. The Varsity Girl's Choir from Big Spring Junior High will also take part, along with the J.A.M. Children's Choir from First United Methodist Church.

Community members are also invited to sing in this year's Tree. Rehearsals will be in Garrett Hall at First United Methodist Church Dec. 1 through 3 and again on Dec. 5 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. One final evening rehearsal will be Friday, Dec. 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. A full dress rehearsal will take place in the sanctuary Dec. 7, at 3 p.m. The public is invited to that rehearsal and no ticket is required.

The first evening performance of the Living Christmas Tree is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 7, at 8 p.m. The final performance will take place Dec. 8, at 8 p.m. Tickets are required for the evening performances. To pick up your free tickets, stop by the church office at 400 Scurry St. For more information, phone 267-6394.

For more information on any activity at First United Methodist Church, visit our website at fumbcs.com or phone the church office at 267-6394.

First Presbyterian Church

The Children's Choir Program, for ages 5 through sixth grade, begins at 4:20 p.m. Wednesday. Also on Wednesdays, the Lectionary Bible Study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5:17 p.m., and Chancel Choir rehearsal is at 6 p.m.

The youth group meets on Sunday at 6:30 p.m. for a meal, bell choir and program. We still need volunteers to provide supper for this group; a sign-up

sheet is provided in the Narthex or in the church office.

At the Called Congregational Meeting following worship last Sunday, the new class of Elders for the Class of 2016 were elected. They are Buddy Cochran, John Ferguson, Jennifer Patterson and Sarah Salinas.

Don't forget the Allego Concert at 7:30 in the Chapel (Seventh and Runnels) tonight. This outstanding group of Permian Basin singers, including some of Big Spring's finest, Joyce Bradley, Susan and Joe Dawes, did a concert in our sanctuary. Their performance in the warm acoustic of our 1930s chapel promises to be another great musical experience.

The regular November Session meeting is slated for 6 p.m. in the church library Tuesday, Nov. 19.

The Community Thanksgiving Service, featuring the combined choirs of Big Spring First Presbyterian, First Christian and St. Mary's Episcopal, will be at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian (Eighth and Runnels) Sunday, Nov. 24.

Helen Glass is in charge of Take Ten for Sunday. Liturgist is Suzanne Gulick.

The lectionary for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time is Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12; II Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19.

The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The Chancel Choir will present "On Eagle's Wings" by Michael Joncas for the anthem and "Lord, Here Am I" by John Ness Beck as the offertory anthem.

Note that our worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before our radio broadcast at 11.

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

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Sunday service will begin at 9 a.m. with Bible study and Sunday school to follow at 10:15. George vonHassell will present the readings this week. We begin a new adult Bible study class on Wednesday, Nov. 13. This series is titled "I am Second" by e3 Partners. Class begins at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Mid week classes are in session for the youth. A light meal is served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The 5th annual Thanksgiving feast is in the planning stages. The meal will be Nov. 28. This is a free Thanksgiving meal. We will be serving from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Meals will be delivered to you if you are unable to join us at 2805 Lynn Drive. Please RSVP by Nov. 21. Call 213-0698 or 264-7818.

Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts."

Grace Fellowship

If you enjoy good, old-fashioned gospel singing, Grace Fellowship will be the place to be Sunday as they welcome the "Jubil-Heirs" from Dallas for an evening of song.

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Choosing the road less traveled

"Two roads diverged in a yellow wood. And sorry that I could not travel both and be one traveler."

This is a dilemma that we all must face from time to time. Like Robert Frost, we must decide whether to take the well traveled road or the one that is grassy and wants wear. If we choose wisely, we will be able to say with the poet, "And that has made all the difference."

A lot of great men have dished out advice about deciding which road to take, but deciding which advice to heed requires discernment. Should we take the easy road that will get us to the end of our journey quicker? Maybe we should choose the more difficult path that requires more travel time but leads to a more desirable destination. The hill that is hardest to climb often offers the better view from the peak.

An adamant traveler named David Livingstone, perhaps better known as a medical missionary to Africa, insinuated that a man's character is revealed by his choice of roads. He stated, "If you have men who will only come if they know there is a good road, I don't want them. I want men who will come if there is no road at all."

It may take a lot of plodding forward to travel where there is no road at all, but the level of faithfulness needed for the task surely must have its reward.

From a different perspective, Lewis Carroll, author of the timeless "Alice in Wonderland" made a rather piercing statement about road choices: "If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there."

When we like Alice spend our time chasing rabbits, there is no telling where our ventures will take us.

Lest we give in to the temptation of not pursuing a path to follow, a syndicated columnist warned against indecisiveness. Jim Hightower is credited with having said, "The middle of the road is for yellow lines and dead armadillos."

If we are to avoid staggering down the center stripes of life and stepping over road kill, perhaps we would do well to commit to a chosen path.

While the world offers a lot of advice about how we should travel through life, Jesus spoke with authority when He said, "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it" (Matthew 7:13-14 NASB).

The only road that leads to eternal life is the one that Jesus described as the narrow way. If we are fortunate enough to have discovered that path, we too can say, "It has made all the difference."

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- Forsan vs. Windthorst, Colorado City, 7:30 p.m.
- Stanton vs. Cisco, Sweetwater, 7:30 p.m.
- Grady vs. Whiteface, Ropesville, 7:30 p.m.

Volleyball

- Big Spring vs. Springtown, 3 p.m., Regional Tournament, Snyder.

Swimming

- Big Spring at Odessa Invitational, Permian High School, 11 a.m.

Men's Basketball

- God's Academy at Howard College, 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball

- Lamesa at Big Spring, JV, 4:30 p.m.; Varsity, 6 p.m.
- Coahoma at Rotan, 6 p.m.
- Howard College at Ranger College, 5:30 p.m.



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Howard College softball players (at table, from left) Lani Munoz, Elizabeth Torres and Alyssa Rangel pose with fellow Hawks and Head Coach Kelly Raines Thursday after signing letters of intent to play ball at four-year universities. Torres, a catcher, has signed on with Lubbock Christian University. Rangel, a pitcher, and Munoz, who plays outfield, have committed to further their collegiate careers at the University of Houston at Victoria. Fall ball has wrapped up for the year, but the Hawks will be back on the diamond in spring of 2014.



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SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID) basketball is underway. Kelsey Holmes Jr. is pictured getting fouled on a shot during Wednesday's 83-46 loss against the Western Texas Whirlwinds. The Rattlers and Lady Rattlers have a new head coach in Derrick Jackson. The next home game is slated for Nov. 25 against Frank Phillips College at SCWID Gym.

Cabrera repeats as AL MVP, McCutchen takes NL MVP honors

NEW YORK (AP) — All those who marvel at Miguel Cabrera can only wonder what he might've done this year if completely healthy.

Even so, Cabrera was a huge hit in Motown.

Despite being hobbled by all sorts of ailments, the Detroit Tigers slugger won his second straight American League Most Valuable Player award Thursday, once again beating Angels outfielder Mike Trout by a comfortable margin.

A season after winning baseball's first Triple Crown in 45 years, Cabrera came back to lead the majors in hitting at .348 and finish second with 44 home runs and 137 RBIs.

"I think this year was tougher because of the injuries," he said on a conference call from the Miami area.

"It was the last two months. It was tough to play through it," he said.

The eight-time All-Star missed several games after the break because of a bad back, a sore left hip flexor, a strained lower abdomen, shin trouble and a groin tear. He recently had surgery to fix the tear and said he'll be ready for spring training.

Still, Cabrera got 23 of 30 first-place votes from members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America. He became the first player to win consecutive AL MVPs since Frank Thomas for the Chicago White Sox in 1993 and 1994.

Pirates center fielder Andrew McCutchen took the NL MVP by a surprisingly wide margin after leading a baseball revival in Pittsburgh.

McCutchen drew 28 of the

30 first-place votes to finish far ahead of Arizona first baseman Paul Goldschmidt and St. Louis catcher Yadier Molina.

"I'm floating right now," McCutchen said in Pittsburgh. "But I definitely didn't expect it to be a landslide with those other guys — Goldschmidt and Molina. They were great candidates and I didn't know what to expect."

McCutchen ranked among the NL leaders by hitting .317 with 21 home runs and 84 RBIs. He also scored 97 runs, stole 27 bases and had a .404 on-base percentage.

The 27-year-old with the long, flowing dreadlocks helped the Pirates stop a record streak of 20 losing seasons and make the playoffs for the first time since 1992.

Cabrera finished with 385 points, while Trout got five first-place votes and 282 points. The difference was 81 points last season, when Trout was AL Rookie of the Year.

Baltimore first baseman Chris Davis, who led the majors with 53 homers and 138 RBIs, was third.

"I think all three guys deserve this trophy," Cabrera said.

Davis and Oakland third baseman Josh Donaldson each received a first-place vote.

Cabrera took his third AL batting title in a row. He also drew a \$1 million bonus for winning a second MVP during his current contract with the Tigers.

No AL player has won three straight MVPs. Albert Pujols was the last

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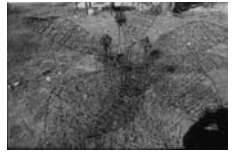
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After exchanging terse words with Uranus, Venus in Capricorn seeks refuge by snuggling up to Pluto in the same sign. As the love goddess aligns with the ruler of the underworld, there's the sense that we are intrinsically connected to our loved ones with an unbreakable bond that spans many lifetimes.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Whether or not you think you're good with money, it's something you have to deal with at every juncture of life. Establishing a few key fiscal habits now could make you far better off this time next year.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's difficult to move the frozen minds of people who think they already know. Let them talk for a while, and you really listen. The ice will start to melt. Things will get flexible up there again.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's not weak to circumvent an argument, confrontation or conflict — on the contrary. It's what people who plan to live a long, long time do. What can you do to avoid stress, worry and tension?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your relationship with younger people may seem complex, but you could simplify it by reducing your number of rules to two: 1. Keep them from doing wrong. 2.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Encourage them to do right.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You want to move up, but you are so good at doing what you're doing that the ones in power fear they will not be able to replace you. Record your systems and practices. How would you train someone to do what you do?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Nostalgia is for people with good memories. You will likely be the one to recount stories, and don't be surprised if no one remembers things as well as you. Your storytelling ability is one of the many wonderful things you contribute.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may have a gripe with your ancestors, as some of your genetic predisposition doesn't meet with your approval. And yet, you have to admit that the talents they did give you are pretty glorious.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It bothers you when people assume they could have done what you did had they felt like moving on the idea. Bottom line: They didn't act and you did. Hypothetical wins don't count.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Some people find it hard to be positive. They take their outrageous good fortune for granted. Not you. Your grateful thoughts will be blessings on your life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are physically strong now, and this will help you on every level. You'll be a top producer at work, your personal life will percolate with interesting offers, and you'll have an

attitude that keeps you in spiritual harmony.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). As much as you'd like to remain neutral, the time has come for you to choose a side. People who stand in the middle of the two-lane road are only safe until someone swerves.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Regarding today's risk: You really can't lose, because even losing will put you ahead. You may try and win, or you may try and fail, but either way you're better off than the ones who didn't try at all.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 15). It's a big year for your personal life. You'll start by getting organized, streamlining your responsibilities, property and life systems. You move into a new role in December. By January, you're off to the races with an ambitious project. April brings travel and a promise. Loved ones celebrate with you in February. Gemini and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 33, 38, 7 and 15.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: Watch out: You're willing to work, and the other person is willing to let you. Say "no" to freeloaders. **TAURUS:** What you do now sets the tone for the rest of the relationship, so make sure it's a dynamic you enjoy. **GEMINI:** You may find that your love is acting peculiarly, and that's what attracts you the most. **CANCER:** Show up strong. First impressions will be unforgettable under the full moon. **LEO:** The words you didn't want to say will slip from your lips. **VIRGO:** You can feel

it when someone tries to psychically connect with you. **LIBRA:** With your loved one, don't rush, cut corners or try to save time. Savor time. Languish in it.

SCORPIO: You'll be the leader, and the way you speak with loved ones will give relationships their character.

SAGITTARIUS: A relationship is on the precipice. Don't give up on it. This can work. **CAPRICORN:** Take action in a relationship, or later regret your inaction. **AQUARIUS:** You may sacrifice for love, but when it comes to romance, only give your heart to the one who recognizes that your attention is a precious gift. **PISCES:** If you're going to be bad, enjoy it.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Romantic feelings will swell with the Taurus moon until it becomes full on Sunday. This is one of the reasons Taurus is likely to catch Scorpio's eye. Because these two feel more powerful together than they do as individuals, they won't want to leave each other's side and invent reasons to spend every hour together. It's infatuation now, but it could develop into true love given more time.

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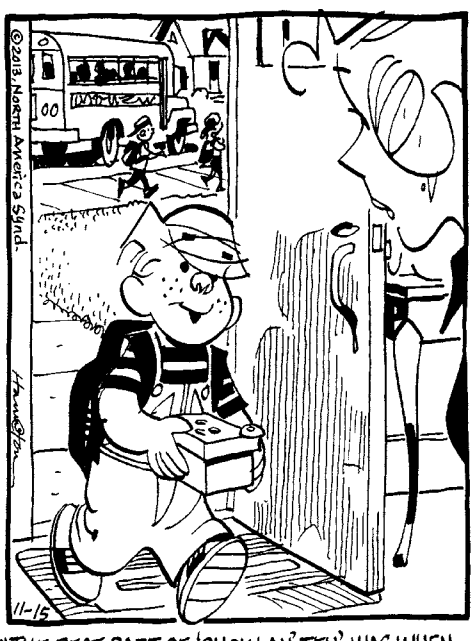
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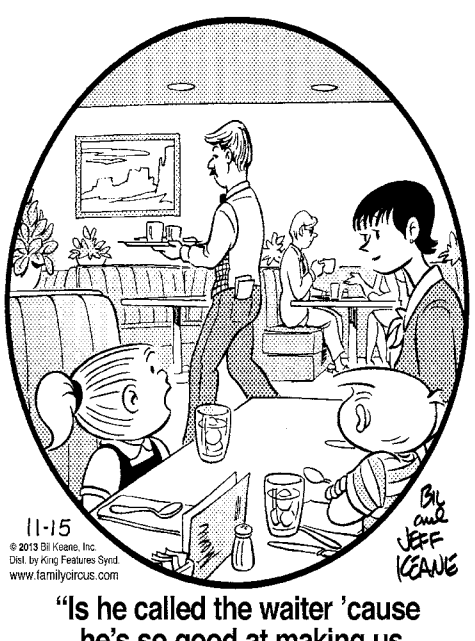
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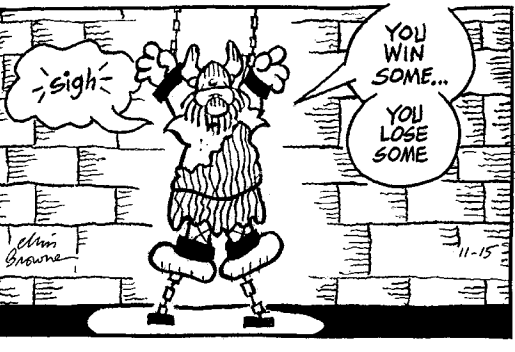


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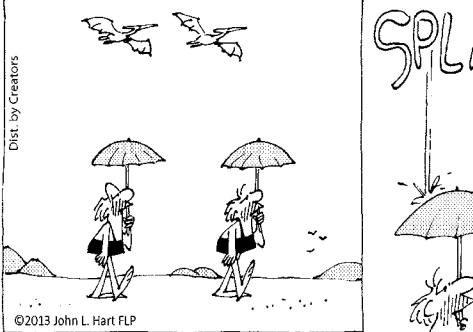
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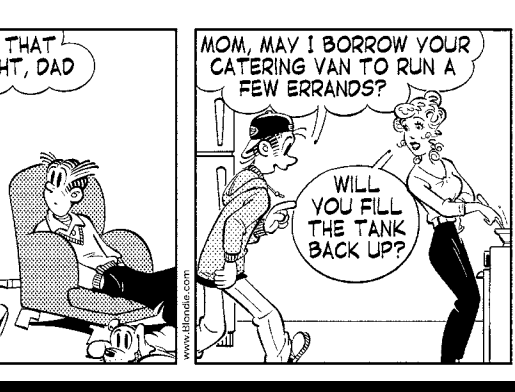
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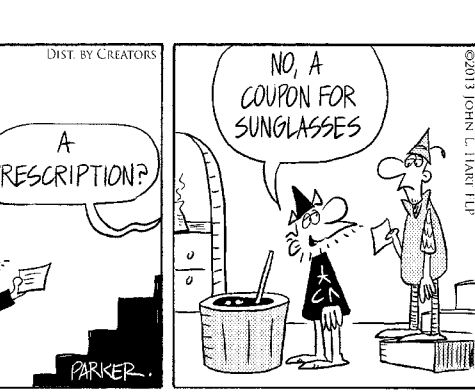
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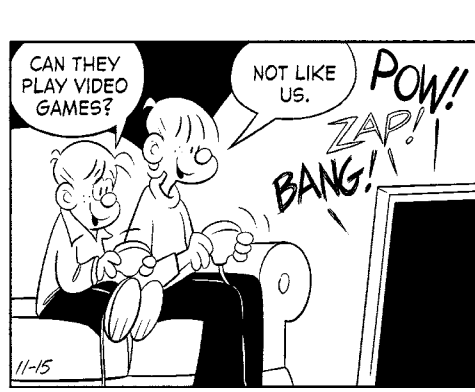
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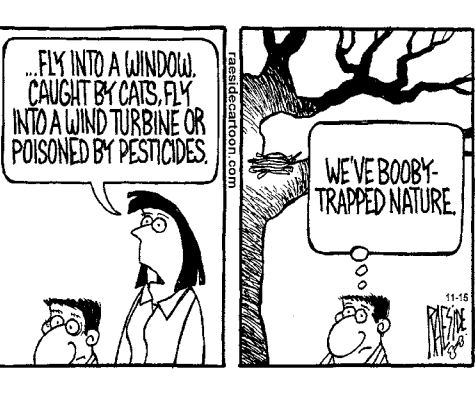
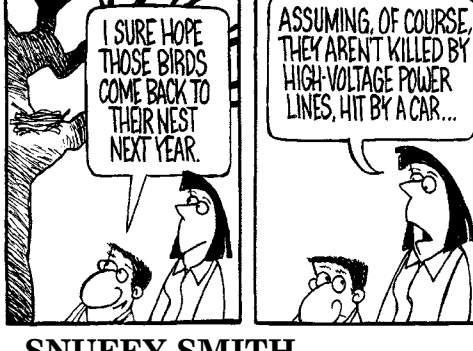
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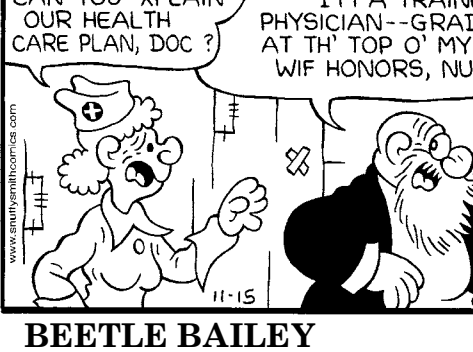
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Nov. 15, the 319th day of 2013. There are 46 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 15, 1942, the naval Battle of Guadalcanal ended during World War II with a decisive U.S. victory over Japanese forces.

On this date:

In 1777, the Second Continental Congress approved the Articles of Confederation.

In 1806, explorer Zebulon Pike sighted the mountaintop now known as Pikes (cq) Peak in present-day Colorado.

In 1889, Brazil was proclaimed a republic as its emperor, Dom Pedro II, was overthrown.

In 1935, the Commonwealth of the Philippines was established as its new president, Manuel L. Quezon, took office.

In 1937, the House and Senate chambers of the U.S. Capitol were air-conditioned for the first time.

In 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt laid the cornerstone of the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C.

In 1948, William Lyon Mackenzie King retired as prime minister of Canada after 21 years; he was succeeded by Louis St. Laurent.

In 1958, actor Tyrone Power, 44, died in Madrid, Spain, while filming "Solomon and Sheba." (Power's part was recast with Yul Brynner.)

In 1961, former Argentine President Juan Peron, living in exile in Spain, married his third wife, Isabel.

In 1966, the flight of Gemini 12 ended successfully as astronauts James A. Lovell and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin Jr. splashed down safely in the Atlantic.

In 1969, a quarter of a million protesters staged a peaceful demonstration in Washington against the Vietnam War.

In 1979, the British government publicly identified Sir Anthony Blunt as the "fourth man" of a Soviet spy ring.

In 1982, funeral services were held in Moscow's Red Square for the late Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev.

In 1985, Britain and Ireland

signed an accord giving Dublin an official consultative role in governing Northern Ireland.

In 1987, 28 of 82 people aboard a Continental Airlines DC-9, including the pilot and co-pilot, were killed when the jetliner crashed seconds after taking off from Denver's Stapleton International Airport.

In 2001, President George W. Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin failed to resolve their dispute over U.S. missile shield plans but pledged to fight terrorism and deepen U.S.-Russian ties as their summit, which began at the White House before shifting to Bush's Texas ranch, came to a close.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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- 16 Writer Wiesel
- 17 Kitchen spice
- 18 Bishop's headdress
- 19 Wine monopoly?
- 22 Pollux?
- 26 If all goes well
- 29 Whole
- 30 Patient's info
- 31 OAS member
- 34 Rebuke
- 35 Slips up
- 36 Small hill
- 37 Simpsons saxophonist
- 38 Margarine holder
- 39 Florentine poet
- 40 Dollars and cents
- 41 UN member since '49
- 43 Runs the show
- 44 Pure two-timers?
- 48 Basement square-dance official?
- 52 City near Snowmass
- 55 Farm sound
- 56 Errand runner
- 57 Overcooked
- 58 ___ Lanka
- 59 Babe in the woods
- 60 20 fins

10 Bit in a horse's mouth	36 Superman's birth name
11 Natural resource	37 Superman character
12 Normal result	39 Diplomatic thaw
17 ___ Helens, WA	40 It means "beyond"
20 Steinbeck title	42 Path up
21 Immunity agent	43 Wine holder
23 Exhaustive	45 In the ballpark
24 Popped up	46 Pretty complicated
25 Makes good	47 Orange Muppet
26 Vinegary	49 Hemsworth of Hunger Games
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Major League Baseball to move ahead with instant replay

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The runner rounds third base and slides home in a cloud of dust. The catcher lunges with the tag.

All eyes are fixed on the umpire for the call...

And next year, they all will quickly shift to video screens far from the stadium for the decision: safe or out?

Most on-field calls in Major League Baseball next season will be subject to video review by umpires in New York.

MLB took the first vote in a two-step process Thursday, unanimously approving funding for expanded instant replay in 2014. They plan to approve the new rules when they meet Jan. 16 in Paradise Valley, Ariz., after agreements with the unions for umpires and players.

"We made a gigantic move today," Commissioner Bud Selig said. "This is quite historic."

Selig long opposed replay and watched from afar as it was first used by the NFL in 1986, the NHL in 1991, the NBA in 2002 and Wimbledon in 2006. Even the Little League World Series put replay in place for 2008.

MLB allowed it starting August 2008 but in a limited manner: to determine whether potential home runs were fair or cleared fences.

Now, virtually every decision likely will be subject to review, except balls and strikes, checked swings and some foul tips.

"Tag plays, out/safe at first, fair/foul past the bags, those are all going to be included," said Rob Manfred, MLB's chief operating officer.

Manfred said when a manager wants to challenge a call, he will notify an umpire, triggering a review in New York by what are likely to be present or retired big league umpers. A headset would be brought to the crew chief, who would be notified of the decision.

There will be a maximum of two challenges per manager in each game — "it could be less," Manfred said — and if the challenge is upheld it would not be counted against the manager's limit. If a manager is out of challenges, umpires probably will be allowed request a review on their own.

"Getting more plays right can only enhance the game," St. Louis Cardinals general manager John Mozeliak said.

Manfred appeared to indicate that the video being reviewed in New York could be shown to fans in stadiums or possibly on television broadcasts.

"I think you can expect that there will be as part of this package expanded use of in-stadium video boards," he said.

Selig has emphasized that he doesn't want replay to slow games, whose increased length in recent decades has been targeted for criticism.

"The current think-

ing is that if a manager comes out and argues, once he argues, he can't challenge that play," Manfred said.

But MLB doesn't want managers to tell players to stall to give team employees time to review video on their own and instruct the dugout whether to use a challenge.

In tests last week at the Arizona Fall League,

most reviews averaged 1 minute, 40 seconds.

Former manager Tony La Russa, now an MLB special adviser, said managers will have to "rely on their integrity" and not cause delays.

"This is an historic opportunity," he said. "We're going to monitor it. If somebody plays around with it, they're going to get called on the carpet."

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MVPs

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repeat NL MVP winner in 2008 and 2009; Barry Bonds took four straight from 2001-04.

The Tigers have virtually owned the major postseason awards during a three-year run of success. Justin Verlander was the MVP and Cy Young winner in 2011, Cabrera took the MVP last season and Detroit ace Max Scherzer won this year's Cy Young Award on Wednesday.

"I'm on the right team," Cabrera said.

The 30-year-old third baseman from Venezuela also captured the AL MVP last year when he hit .330 with 44 homers and 139 RBIs. Cabrera topped Trout 22-6 in first-place votes in that balloting.

Trout hit .323 with 27 homers and 97 RBIs this year, stole 33 bases and led the AL in runs and walks.

Cabrera clearly was baseball's most dominant hitter for most of the season as the Tigers won their third straight AL Central crown.

Voting for the BBWAA awards was done before the playoffs. Cabrera hit .262 with two homers and seven RBIs in 11 postseason games, and made a couple of key outs in Detroit's six-game loss to Boston in the AL championship series.

Cabrera was in contention for a second straight Triple Crown for much of the year, and was hit-

ting .359 with 43 homers and 130 RBIs through Aug. 26. But he managed only two extra-base hits in his next 25 games through the end of the regular season.

Cabrera said he didn't think rest would have helped heal his injuries near the end.

Instead, he took a different approach: "OK, let's play through it and see what happens," he said.

Cabrera still became the first right-handed hitter to win three straight batting titles in either league since Rogers Hornsby in 1920-25. Cabrera also kept amazing his teammates with his prowess at the plate.

In mid-August, he homered in all three games of a series at Yankee Stadium, twice connecting off career saves leader Mariano Rivera.

His shot in the opener was the most impressive, even though Detroit eventually lost. After fouling two balls off his left shin, Cabrera was having trouble standing in the batter's box when he tagged Rivera for a tying, two-run drive with two outs in the ninth inning.

Cabrera had bedeviled the Yankees before. As

a 20-year-old rookie, he helped the Marlins beat New York in the 2003 World Series.

McCutchen, third in MVP balloting last season, got 409 points. Goldschmidt finished second with 242, while Molina received the other two first-place votes and came in third.

McCutchen's win came two days after Pirates manager Clint Hurdle was picked as the NL Manager of the Year. McCutchen was the first Pittsburgh player to win the MVP since Bonds in 1992.

The Pirates went 94-68 this year, a season after going 79-83. Along the way, McCutchen became the face of the franchise and heard loud "MVP!" chants when he would step to the plate at PNC Park this summer.

"I'd lie to you if I said it didn't enter my mind ever," he said.

Pittsburgh beat Cincinnati in the NL wild-card game, then lost to St. Louis in a division series that went the full five games.

Boston wound up beating St. Louis in the World Series. No one on the Red Sox or Cardinals won any of the major BBWAA awards.

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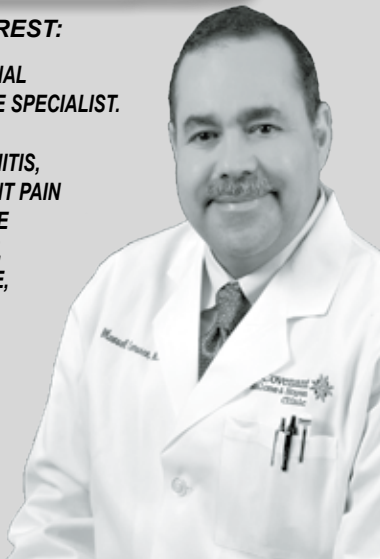
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