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## Fill your bowl for United Way

Some tickets still available for Thursday event

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**  
 Staff Writer

It's lucky number seven for the annual Empty Bowls event.

United Way of Big Spring and Howard County is gearing up for the annual event, which will be held from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Thursday at the Dora Roberts Community

Center.

This year, the event is being sponsored by the Howard College Art Department, the Big Spring High School Art Department and H-E-B.

Empty Bowls was started in Big Spring by Pastor Ken McIntosh as a way to not only support the local United Way, but to draw attention to the

ever-growing problem of hunger throughout the nation. The ceramic bowls, created by community members, that will be used at the event represent the thousands of bowls that are left empty around the world.

Ceramics workshops are See **BOWLS**, Page 3

## STATE BOUND!



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

**Big Spring's Lady Steers defeated Abilene Wylie W 25-23, L 25-18, W 25-16, L 25-13, W 17-15 to win the Region I-3A championship Saturday, making them the first BSHS volleyball team to advance to the state tournament since 1977. Next up: Decatur on Friday in Garland. See Page 5 for the story.**



HERALD photo/Andreia Medlin

**Kim Long and Jim DePauw were volunteers Saturday during the Keep Big Spring Beautiful E-Waste Recycling Day at the local landfill. The discarded electronics included televisions, refrigerators and other household appliances that were loaded on semi trailers to be transported to a certified recycler in Dallas.**

## Festival of Lights preparations are already gearing up

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

With less than a month to go, preparations for the annual Festival of Lights have gone past high gear and are safely into overdrive, organizers said.

The 17<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas season attraction, which attracts thousands of visitors to Comanche Trail Park, will run from Dec. 15-31 at Comanche Trail Park, long-time director Pat Simmons said.

But the attraction will get its unofficial start the evening of Thanksgiving, when the switches are thrown on several lighted poinsettias which will decorate the dam at Comanche Trail Lake.

"(Former Big Spring Mayor) Russ McEwen asked me one time if we could do something like that," Simmons recalled. "A lot of visitors who come through here on Thanksgiving won't be here for Christmas, so it is for those people."

The week after Thanksgiving, festival workers will begin setting up displays on Dec. 2. The festival will feature more than 1 million lights and hundreds of displays, turning a large section of the park into a West Texas style Christmas wonderland.

More than 20,000 visitors are expected during the event, which last year attracted people from 38 states and 17 foreign countries.

"I'm hoping for 25,000 people this year," Simmons said. "We've come close a couple of times, but we've never quite reached that number, and I'd like to see that happen."

The festival has always been a treat for the eyes, but Simmons hopes to make it a joy for the ears this year, as well — she is organizing

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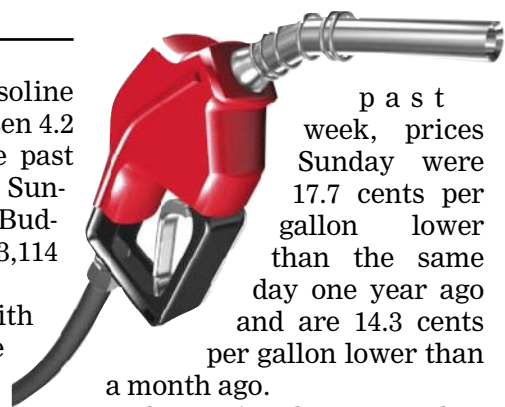
## Gasoline prices in Lone Star State increase a head-scratching 4.2 cents

Special to the Herald

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have risen 4.2 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.96/g Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas.

This compares with the national average that has increased 1.6 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.21/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the



past week, prices Sunday were 17.7 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 14.3 cents per gallon lower than a month ago.

The national average has decreased 16.3 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 22.5 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

"Surprisingly, the decreases we've seen in the national average have all but dried up," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan.

"I admit, it's a bit of a head scratcher to have seen wholesale gasoline prices perk up last week, and it's a bit premature to say we've seen the end of decreases in gas prices for the time being, so I'm hopeful that an uptick in the national average is merely temporary, but then again, this year has featured trends in prices that have all been earlier than expected," DeHaan said.

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## Obituaries

## Tricia Jo Tompkins

Tricia Jo Tompkins, 41, went to be with her Lord on Friday, Nov. 15, 2013, holding the hands of the people she loved most. Her courage and faith remained with her as she "fought to the end." The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Dr. Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Tricia is survived by her husband Ron Ballard of Ralls; her beloved mother Rhonda Leal and step father Jimmy Leal; her brother Troy Tompkins and wife Dana; her sister Tonya Graves and husband Mike, all of Big Spring, Texas; step-grandmother Marie Tompkins of Buchanan Dam, Texas, and the five most important people in her life (listed in birth order as Tricia would have it.) Katie Tompkins-Wilkerson, Macy Jo Graves, Matthew Tompkins, Tyler Graves and Meagan (Weezer) Graves. She is also survived by Katie's husband, Jared Wilkerson and an abundance of precious friends and family members.

She was preceded in death by her father, Tommy Tompkins, paternal grandparents Charles and Mattie Bell Tompkins, maternal grandparents Clyde and Freda Walker, as well as by the light of her life, her dog, Jack Walker Tompkins.

Tricia was born on April 29, 1972, in Big Spring, Texas. Growing up, she was a lover of all things outdoors and was quite the tomboy. She loved her pets, riding her three-wheeler with the neighborhood boys, water skiing, snow skiing, sports, hunting, and dirt bikes. She graduated from Big Spring High School in 1990 and remained a Steer fan for life. She attended Howard College and then Texas Tech University where she graduated with honors and received her bachelors of science degree in Spanish in 1995.

Tricia was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She was active with Ronald McDonald House, CASA, and Habitat for Humanity where she helped build several homes. During college, Tricia spent a summer living with a host family and studying in Mexico in San Luis Potosi, where she learned an even greater love of the language and culture.

She was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis as a senior at Tech. This devastating diagnosis did not define nor stop her. After graduation from Tech, she taught Spanish at Coahoma High School in Coahoma, Texas, for one year and at Mackenzie Junior High in Lubbock, Texas for one year.

Despite her MS and the need for a wheel chair, she went back to Texas Tech and graduated with honors, receiving her masters of business administration in 1999. She worked at Covenant Health Systems as a Project Manager until she was no longer physically able to because of her illness.

During her time in Lubbock, Tricia started an MS support group which she named ULTRA (Understand, Live, Transcend, Respect, Advocate). This support group continues to help those diagnosed with MS. In addition, Tricia co-chaired the MS Walk in Big Spring for two years and went to Austin to speak to the legislators regarding long-term health care.

She was very proactive in bringing light to MS. More important than that, however, was Tricia's ability to bring light to the precious things in life. For her, the most precious things in her life were her five nieces and nephews: Katie, Macy, Matthew, Tyler, and Meagan.

She adored them, had many hilarious adventures with them, called them by affectionate nicknames, and considered them her own. Tricia, although a handful and a real spit-fire, was a witness to all she came in contact with. Through her spirit and magnetic personality, she taught God's grace, true courage, patience, and to always smile, whether she was walking down the aisle (yes, walking) to marry her husband, Ron, in the nursing home, or in her last moment on earth in ICU.

It is with her smile in my mind and a smile on my face that I write this for her. As she said to me shortly before she went to be with God, "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28) Tricia, to know you was to love you. You will always be a prince for God.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to UMC Health System, 602 Indiana Avenue, Lubbock, Texas 79415.

Pallbearers will be Chad Freeman, Jeff Rutledge, Tim McQueary, Jimmy Leal, Carey Walker, and Jim Wilson.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

*Paid Obituary*

## Take Note

• 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. Tickets for a chance to win a nights stay at the Hotel Settles are \$10 or six for \$50.

## Edith "Tink" Harrell

Edith "Tink" Harrell, 90, of Lubbock, Texas, formerly of Big Spring, Texas, died Saturday Nov. 16, 2013, at Crown Point Health Suites in Lubbock. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Matt Wolfington of Saint Luke's United Methodist Church of Lubbock officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Dec. 10, 1922, in Scurry County to Ruby and George Collier. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and very active member of East Fourth Baptist Church. She married Willie Fay Harrell on July 4th 1942, in Big Spring and they were married over 68 years before his death in December 2010.

She is survived by daughter, Ann Krusemark and husband Richard of Bentonville, Arkansas; son, Rich Harrell and wife Jane of San Antonio; daughter, Kathy Smith and husband Mike of Lubbock; sister, Juanita "Pete" Smith of Big Spring; five grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents she is preceded in death by her husband, one brother Babe Collier and one sister Gladys Clinton.

The Family suggests memorials be made to the Book Fund at East Fourth Baptist Church.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel. Please pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

## Charles Thompson

Charles Thompson, 73, of Big Spring, Texas, died Sunday, Nov. 17, 2013, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Elvira Gander

Elvira Gander, 73, of Big Spring, Texas, died Sunday, November 17, 2013 at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Support Groups

## MONDAY

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

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

• Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m. and meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 517-4922 or 935-6306.

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the back of the church.

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

- ASSAULT was reported in the 900 block of East 16th St and the 1900 block of Martin Luther King.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 3900 block of Hamilton St.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1100 block of Johnson St and the 1600 block of Lexington Ave.
- HARRASSMENT was reported in the 1000 block of E. 15th and the 1600 block of West Leatherwood.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 700 block of NW 5th St. and the 300 block of Scurry.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1500 block of East 4th St.




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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 67 inmates at the time of this report.

- ARMANDO AVINA, 31, was arrested by HSCO on warrants for harassment.
- JOANN HIRZEL, 22, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for MTAG/possession of a controlled substance less than one gram.
- NATASHA MICHELLE MORRIS, 27, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for issuance of bad check and failure to display or expired motor vehicle inspection.
- SONYA MARISSA MORIN, 29, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant sent/MTRP/criminal mischief, more than \$500 but less than \$1,500.
- NATHANIEL DEVON LANG, 19, was arrested by HCSO, on a warrant for sent/possession of marijuana, less than 20 ounces.
- TINO OLAGUE VILLA, 22, was arrested on a warrant for driving while license invalid.
- TRAVIS ALLEN BURCH, 38, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

## Today's Weather

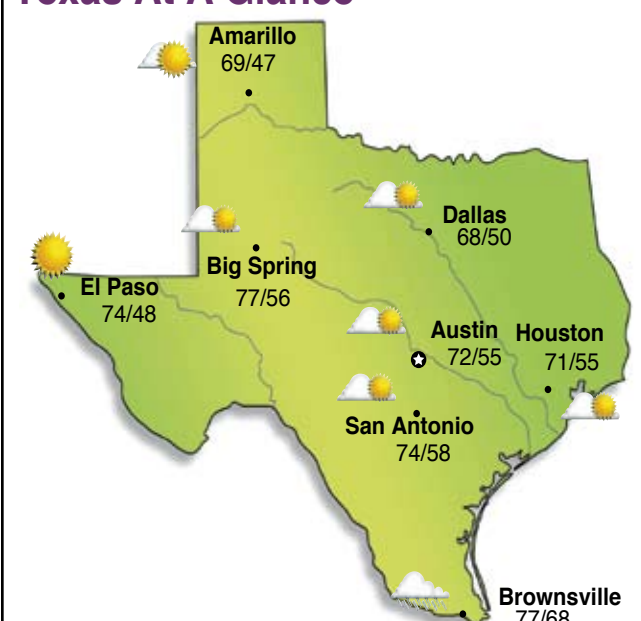
## Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 11/19	Wed 11/20	Thu 11/21
		
<b>77/56</b> Mostly cloudy early, then afternoon sunshine. High 77F. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph.	<b>80/59</b> Mostly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	<b>78/38</b> Clouds giving way to sun. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 30s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:19 AM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:20 AM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:21 AM
<b>Sunset:</b> 5:44 PM	<b>Sunset:</b> 5:43 PM	<b>Sunset:</b> 5:43 PM

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## Texas At A Glance



## Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	71	56	mst sunny	Kingsville	75	65	cloudy
Amarillo	69	47	mst sunny	Livingston	71	47	pt sunny
Austin	72	55	pt sunny	Longview	66	43	pt sunny
Beaumont	70	50	pt sunny	Lubbock	70	49	mst sunny
Brownsville	77	68	rain	Lufkin	71	45	sunny
Brownwood	72	52	mst sunny	Midland	75	55	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	72	66	cloudy	Raymondville	78	66	rain
Corsicana	68	48	pt sunny	Rosenberg	70	56	pt sunny
Dallas	68	50	pt sunny	San Antonio	74	58	pt sunny
Del Rio	72	60	pt sunny	San Marcos	73	55	pt sunny
El Paso	74	48	sunny	Sulphur Springs	67	46	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	79	55	mst sunny	Sweetwater	72	56	pt sunny
Gainesville	65	49	mst sunny	Tyler	67	46	pt sunny
Greenville	66	46	mst sunny	Weatherford	67	49	mst sunny
Houston	71	55	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	68	53	pt sunny

## National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	60	38	pt sunny	Minneapolis	49	41	cloudy
Boston	44	27	sunny	New York	50	34	sunny
Chicago	47	34	mst sunny	Phoenix	75	54	pt sunny
Dallas	68	50	pt sunny	San Francisco	60	53	cloudy
Denver	59	35	cloudy	Seattle	50	45	rain
Houston	71	55	pt sunny	St. Louis	56	40	pt sunny
Los Angeles	67	52	pt sunny	Washington, DC	52	36	sunny
Miami	83	71	t-storm				

## Moon Phases



## Police/Sheriff

- LACEY E WARNKEN, 25, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- CLINT BOLLIER, 23, was arrested by BSPD on a warrants for bail jumping and failure to appear.
- LISA ANNE PETROWSKI, 62, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- PEDRO VEGA JR., 25, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of failure to identify giving false/fictitious information.
- CHASITI K FRANCIS, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for violate promise to appear.
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# News briefs

## Tornadoes, powerful thunderstorms kill 6 and level homes across Illinois, then sweep east

WASHINGTON, Ill. (AP) — As a powerful tornado bore down on their Illinois farmhouse, Curt Zehr's wife and adult son didn't have time to do anything but scramble down the stairs into their basement. Uninjured, the pair looked out moments later to find the house gone and the sun out and "right on top" of them, Zehr said. The home on the outskirts of Washington, Ill., was swept up and scattered over hundreds of yards by one of the dozens of tornadoes and intense thunderstorms that swept across the Midwest on Sunday, leaving at least six people dead and unleashing powerful winds that flattened entire neighborhoods, flipped over cars and uprooted trees.

"They saw (the tornado) right there and got in the basement," said a stunned Zehr, pointing to the farm field near the rubble that had been his home. Entire blocks in Washington were leveled. Other area towns were heavily damaged, too, and officials at Chicago's Soldier Field evacuated the stands and delayed the Bears-Baltimore Ravens game.

The wave of thunderstorms that brought the damaging winds and tornadoes affected 12 states:

Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and western New York.

## Philippine corruption magnifies effects of typhoon, from infrastructure to expat donations

TACLOBAN, Philippines (AP) — When a newspaper for Filipino workers in New Zealand told readers how to donate to the typhoon relief effort in their homeland, it mentioned agencies like the Red Cross but not a list of government bank accounts that the Philippine Embassy had sent over.

"I'm not going to mince words," said Mel Fernandez, the editorial adviser for the Filipino Migrant News. "We would like every cent to reach those poor people there rather than getting waylaid."

Corruption is a concern after any major natural disaster, as millions of dollars in cash and goods rush in from around the world. But those worries are especially acute in the Philippines, where graft has been a part of life for decades.

The government of President Benigno Aquino III, who has made fighting corruption a priority, is promising full transparency in reconstruction spending in areas devastated by Typhoon Haiyan, known in the Philippines as Yolanda. It announced Monday that it has established a website called the Foreign Aid Transparency Hub where funds given by foreign donors can be tracked.

"There's an urgent call now for us to monitor the

movement of foreign aid funds for Yolanda so they will go exactly where they're supposed to: to the survivors of the typhoon," Undersecretary of Budget and Management and Chief Information Officer Richard Moya said in a statement.

## Once considered a leader, Oregon's insurance exchange till hasn't enrolled anyone

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — With all the problems facing the rollout of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, nowhere is the situation worse or more surprising than in Oregon, a progressive state that has enthusiastically embraced the federal law but has so far failed to enroll a single person in coverage through the state's insurance exchange.

Despite grand ambitions, an early start, millions of dollars from the federal government and a tech-savvy population, Oregon's online enrollment system still isn't ready more than a month after it was supposed to go live. The state has resorted to hiring or reassigning 400 people to process insurance applications by hand.

"We're all surprised and frustrated that we're in the position that we're in now," said Jesse O'Brien, a health care advocate at the Oregon State Public Interest Research Group, which lobbied for the exchange.

The state has received about 18,000 paper applications, at 19 pages each, and is scrambling to manually file and clear them. State officials have not been able to say when they expect the online system to launch, nor have they established a deadline to submit paper applications in order for coverage to begin Jan. 1. Meanwhile, the exchange's board is demanding answers from the executive director about when the website will work and how his team will get people enrolled on time.

For consumers, the application process can be long and frustrating.

## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
**Famous Hand**

South dealer.  
East-West vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A 10 8 7 5 2  
♥ A 5 4  
♦ K J 10  
♣ 7

**WEST**  
♠ J 9 6  
♥ 2  
♦ 8 7 6  
♣ Q J 10 9 6 5

**EAST**  
♠ K Q 3  
♥ 10 9 8 6  
♦ A Q 2  
♣ K 8 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ 4  
♥ K Q J 7 3  
♦ 9 5 4 3  
♣ A 4 2

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

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

**This deal occurred** in a match between the United States and Portugal in the 2000 Open Team Olympiad. When a Portuguese pair held the North-South cards, they reached four hearts as shown. West, David Berkowitz, led the club queen to South's ace, and declarer immediately led a diamond to dummy's jack.

**Against normal defense**, South might have found the winning route to 10 tricks. If East takes the diamond with the queen and returns the trump ten, declarer can win with dummy's ace and lead another diamond. East wins and returns another

trump, but South takes the king, ruffs a club with dummy's last trump and cashes dummy's high diamond. He then plays the spade ace, ruffs a spade, draws trumps and scores his 10th trick with the diamond nine.

**But that's not exactly** how it went, because when declarer played a diamond to the jack at trick two, East, Larry Cohen, won with the ace! He then returned a trump to dummy's ace.

**Convinced that West** had the diamond queen, declarer now embarked on a line of play that, with normal breaks, was virtually certain to yield 10 tricks. He played the ace of spades and ruffed a spade, ruffed a club, on which Cohen unblocked the king, and ruffed another spade. He then cashed the K-Q of trumps, disclosing the 4-1 trump split and leaving Cohen with the master trump.

**South had eight tricks** and thought he had a good chance to score two more with the K-10 of diamonds. But when he next led a diamond to the ten, the roof caved in. Cohen took his queen and returned a club to West's ten. When Berkowitz cashed another club, Cohen got rid of his remaining diamond, and his ten of trumps took the last trick for down two!

**Observe that after Cohen** took the first diamond with the ace, declarer could have scored five heart tricks in his hand, two club ruffs in dummy, the two black aces and the diamond king to make his contract.

**Tomorrow:** Look before you leap!  
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## Sudoku Answer on Page 10

# sudoku

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

Sudoku Puzzle - Easy

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

www.sudoku-puzzles.net

## Investigators try to determine what caused Boeing crash

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian investigators on Monday combed through the charred fragments of a Boeing 737 jetliner as they tried to determine what caused its crash that killed all 50 people on board.

The plane belonging to Tatarstan Airlines crashed Sunday while trying to land at its home port in the Russian city of Kazan, the capital of the oil-rich province of Tatarstan. The son of the provincial governor and the chief of the local branch of Russia's main security agency were among the victims.

The plane, which was flying from Moscow, crashed while making a second attempt at landing, said Alexander Poltinin, the head of the local branch of Russia's Investigative Committee. He said the investigators are trying to determine why the crew couldn't land at first try.

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## BOWLS

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held each year by both Big Spring High School and Howard College art departments. Participants pay a nominal fee to attend and each create a bowl in their own individual style.

Tickets are on sale and can be purchased at the United Way office, located at 215 W. Third, for \$20 per person. With each ticket purchase is the opportunity to take

home a one-of-a-kind bowl, created by community members.

"There are no two bowls alike and each one has a uniqueness all their own," said Professor Stacy Slaten, head of the Howard College Art Department. "It's fun to see all the different designs that people create and the best part is that you get to take one of the bowls home as a reminder of your good deed."

This year, there will be lots of gourmet soups

to choose from during Empty Bowls. Some of the former chefs will be returning, along with a few new faces.

Also, there will be a silent auction and a live auction on a select group of bowls. In addition, the painting "Kitchen Help," by Kay Smith will be auctioned.

Everyone is encouraged to get their tickets early due to limited availability. "We have more than 200 beautiful bowls to choose from and of course lots of delicious soups to sample," said Slaten. "It's all you can eat and the best part is you're helping people in need."

Tickets can be purchased at the United Way office, check for availability at 267-5201 as United Way officials said this morning there are a limited number still available.

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# Opinion

## Obama's litany of dodges, excuses

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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### LETTER

# -WANTED-



Original or copy of the 16mm football game film of the Big Spring High Steers vs. the San Angelo Central High Bobcats on November 22nd, 1963. If you or someone you know has this film, contact Jack Bowen at 405-650-0380. Reward will be paid only to the first person who supplies this video so we can make a digital copy of it, then, if desired, original will be returned to you. Offer expires 12/31/13. If you have this film, please contact the number above ASAP.

# \$1,425 REWARD

Fifty years after the game, an online bounty of almost \$1500 is being offered to the first person who can come up with film of an epic West Texas high school football battle that had national implications ... a game that almost wasn't played.

It was November 22nd, 1963, the same day JFK was assassinated. When news of the Dallas tragedy came, the San Angelo Central High Bobcats were already on the road to Big Spring for a showdown that night with the BSHS Steers. So, it was decided to go ahead and play.

The teams were coached by two giants, the Bobcats by Emory Bellard who would become a legendary college coach who is probably best remembered as inventor of the Wishbone offense, and Big Spring by one of Bear Bryant's original Texas A&M Junction Boys, Don Robbins. San Angelo was ranked as the No. 1 team in Texas in Division 4A football, back when 4A was the highest classification. A high school football magazine also named them No. 1 high school team in the nation. San Angelo had already clinched the championship of the 2-4A Conference, also known as "The Little Southwest Conference."

In a shocking upset, Big Spring won the game, 20-to-6. Recently, at a 50th anniversary reunion of the BSHS 1963 team, most of the former players said they would give almost anything to have the 16 millimeter film that was shot that night by the Big Spring or San Angelo schools. Both schools no longer have their film, and the Big Spring players are hoping someone might have the original or a copy of the game film. So far, they've pledged to pay \$1,425 to the first person who can provide the film so it can be digitally copied.

Anyone who can come up with the film in order to collect the reward should contact Jack Bowen at 405-650-0380.

The Big Spring players say San Angelo Central always had such a great team, and that it's a tribute to the Bobcats that the Steers treasure being one of the rare teams to upset them.

Jack Bowen

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### DAILY PRAYER

Help us find peace, dear Lord, when we feel we have been wronged.

Amen

I don't know how President Obama could get more surreal. At this point, it's hard to tell whether he's more dishonest or delusional.

At Obama's news conference Thursday, CBS' Major Garrett pressed him, essentially, to admit he'd flagrantly lied when he promised Americans that with the advent of Obamacare, they could keep their health care plans and their doctors if they liked them.

Though Obama did pay lip service to admitting he shouldn't have made the promise "unequivocally," he quickly degenerated into a disjointed string of meaningless verbiage involving nuances, grandfathering, great-grandfathering and whatnot, all designed to confuse us and excuse himself. Besides, he insisted, many congressmen made the same "sincere" pledge that he made concerning keeping their plans. "They did it, too, Mommy."

The unequivocal truth is that Obama made the claim unequivocally not through excess passion born of selfless magnanimity but as a calculated maneuver to sell his unpopular plan. It was not, as he stated, sincere. Had he not made the claim unequivocally, he wouldn't have been able to cram the bill through, even with the unconscionable level of arm-twisting he engaged in.

It's beyond offensive that he blithely waved off his premeditated lie as a bare misstatement.

Obama not only was not forthcoming in accepting actual responsibility for his fraud but mouthed a number of other specious arguments to distract from his culpability and blame his opponents.

Like a jet fighter pilot sending out chaff and flares to divert a heat-seeking missile, Obama tried desperately to disguise this colossal failure as mostly a website problem. How many times did he use the term?

His propaganda ministers were careful in the words they chose for him. Obama said he "fumbled the rollout."

Fumbles are, by definition, accidental. Plus, he deserves credit for the good things he's wrought. "There are a whole bunch of things about (the rollout) that are working really well which people didn't notice ... because they weren't controversial." Controversial? Try nonexistent.

Having changed the subject, he clumsily positioned himself as an outsider again, just as frustrated and injured by the technical problems caused by his executive incompetence as the rest of us. Even here, he didn't fully concede the full-on failure of the website. He took pains to describe how complex the task his IT team has undertaken, thus implying it is understandable they are having so many problems. (That should make some late-night skits.)

Obama also blamed the website problems on the lack of government IT procurement overall. Never mind that this mini-despot doesn't need to depend on government procurements.

He just orders what he wants — in this case, hundreds of millions. But I guess that isn't enough for this mind-blowing complexity. But hey, if you were allowed to say anything you wanted without fear of contradiction for five years, you might say ludicrous things, too.

Obama further comforted us with the dubious assertion that a million people have accessed the website but just haven't gotten around to picking their plans yet.

After discharging all his chaff, fighter pilot Barack prepared his sidewinder missiles to fire back on Republicans, without whose obstruction Obamacare and its rollout would presumably be running swimmingly. After all, progressives have been trying to make this happen for a hundred years, and he is not about to let mere catastrophic failure disrupt his signature socialist achievement.

If it just weren't for the shutdown... And if every state governor would follow the lead of Ohio Gov. John Kasich and just sign up hundreds of thousands of more people into Medicaid, all would be wonderful. ... And if Republicans hadn't refused to of-

fer their own ideas (which they have), we wouldn't be suffering through this rollout.

Having regained his confidence through the sheer power of his own rhetoric to convince himself, he shifted to his usual righteous indignation mode. No matter what kind of problems we may be experiencing, he assured us that he isn't going back on his promise of providing affordable care to everyone. No, America the ugly is the only rich nation in the world that doesn't guarantee its citizens health insurance.

He went right back to using his fraudulent number of 40 million uninsured (after having been shamed into backing away from it before) and saying he won't walk away from their chance to get health insurance for the first time.

I can't get over the fact that no one, especially in news conferences, challenges his false premises about the uninsured or points out that his beloved Affordable Care Act, even if it works as planned, will leave millions of uninsured, giving the lie to this entire sordid scheme.

But in my estimation, the most disturbing announcement Obama made during his news conference was that he will allow "insurers to continue offering individual insurance plans for another year even if they do not comply with the law's rules for minimum benefits."

Have Americans gotten so numb to his glib violations of the Constitution that they don't even flinch anymore when he presumes to unilaterally change his formerly sacrosanct "law of the land" through administrative order?

This must not stand.

If Republicans, collectively, have any moral courage left, they will not yield to his lawless "fixes" or cooperate in legislatively salvaging this law, not for partisan reasons but because anything that helps save this law helps destroy America's health insurance and health care system.

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## The last Farm Bill?

Many conservatives want farm bills to stop coupling food stamps to agricultural subsidies. They see the linkage as an unsavory deal between urban Democrats and rural Republicans to waste the people's money.

But not all conservatives are principled conservatives. Principled conservatives oppose the farm subsidies as a monstrous example of corporate welfare. The other kind thinks it can strip spending from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program while preserving the farm rip-offs.

Sen. Ron Johnson of Wisconsin offers an example of the latter. "Farm-state lawmakers should no longer assent to the crass legislative tactic of combining farm policy and food stamps," he writes for National Review Online. "Instead of greasing the skids, the rapid growth in the use of food stamps is actually a major factor holding up the five-year reauthorization of agriculture programs."

A more realistic view of the politics involved comes from an agricultural bankers conference in Minneapolis. "If we succeed in taking food and nutrition programs out of the farm bill, this is the last farm bill," Kansas State University economist Barry Flinchbaugh told Hoosier Ag Today.

The notion that a giant wave of

support for slashing food stamps is crashing across the land may be a wee bit off politically. And the idea that the public approves of taxpayer handouts overwhelmingly geared toward the rich — including such renowned agriculturalists as Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen and investment company chieftain Charles Schwab, both billionaires — well, what can you say?

Flinchbaugh lays out the simple math: "There's 400 urban districts in the House, 35 rural. This isn't rocket science. Who needs who?"

The politics stink, and so do the aesthetics. Compassionate conservatives are appalled by the food stamp cuts, especially after lawmakers actually fattened the farm payouts — and at a time of fabulous crop prices.

"The conservative war on food stamps is the most baffling political move of the year," writes Henry Olsen of the Ethics & Public Policy Center. "What gives? And why are conservatives overlooking a far more egregious abuse of taxpayer dollars in the farm bill?"

Both the House and Senate versions would phase out direct payments to farmers. But they would increase subsidies for federally subsidized crop insurance.

Calling the crop insurance program "obscene," Olsen notes: "There's no income limit for this subsidy: The vast majority of this taxpayer money goes to farmers who make in excess of \$250,000 a year." Private companies selling this insurance enjoy a largely risk-free investment because the government pays them

about 20 percent of the premium cost.

"Every problem conservatives complain about in food stamps is even worse in crop insurance," Olsen writes.

Let's talk about food stamps. It is true that the program has grown fourfold since 2000. This reflects a weak economy for low-wage workers but also long-term structural change in the nature of jobs. That's a fancy way of saying high-paying manual jobs are going away. The working poor are getting poorer, and there are more of them.

Do food stamps encourage dependency? The vast majority of the beneficiaries are in families with children or are elderly or disabled. Many have lost their jobs, but more than half who can work do work. That includes families with children.

Is there fraud in the food stamps program? Yes, there is. Go after the cheats.

But there's fraud in every program, including the farm program. In North Carolina alone, U.S. agents uncovered a criminal ring working a crop insurance scam. The participants were tobacco farmers, insurance agents and claims adjusters. The cost to U.S. taxpayers: almost \$100 million.

Here you have people defrauding a program that already legalizes a taxpayer rip-off. Yes, let's split the food stamps and the farm program.

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FROMA HARROP



# State bound!

## Lady Steers edge Wylie, set for title run

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**  
Sports Editor

**SNYDER** — Big Spring is headed to the state championship tournament. The Lady Steers (31-13) may as well have been playing a home game Saturday against District 4-3A nemesis Abilene Wylie, as the crowd

was very Big Spring-centric. And quite loud.

The Lady Steers — after dispatching rival Monahans to get to the Region I-3A tournament, then rallying for a win over Springtown — defeated the No. 4 Lady Bulldogs 25-23, 18-25, 25-16, 25-15, 17-15 to advance to the

championship tournament in Garland — the first BSHS volleyball team to do so since 1977, when former Olympic volleyball player and Big Spring grad Rose Majors was a senior.

After falling behind early in the opening set, Big Spring charged back. Morgan Seaton tied the game at 20-all

on a block. Wylie was forced to take a time out after the Lady Steers took a 23-21 lead, but the stunned Lady Bulldogs couldn't regain control.

Taking the first set was a major factor in the victory, according to Head Coach Lynn Osborne.

"We went in thinking we had a good



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton/  
The Big Spring Steers pose with the Region I-3A championship tournament plaque after defeating Abilene Wylie Saturday. BSHS will play Decatur in the state semifinal round Friday in Garland.



shot at winning it all," she said. "Once we took one game off Wylie it really came into focus."

Wylie was no pushover, however, and the two teams were just beginning what turned into an all out war. The Lady Bulldogs nabbed the second set, but were stymied in the third when a 10-3 run by BSHS put WHS on the ropes.

Tied at 2-2, Big Spring jumped out to an early lead and Wylie couldn't recover in the shorter, decisive set. For the third time in as many matches, the Lady Steers put away their opponent in five games.

After defeating state ranked squads to get there, Osborne is confident her team has what it takes to bring home a Class 3A title.

"I believe this team is talented enough to be state champions," she said. "They just have to overcome the excitement of it all and not be intimidated by geography. They really started to peak late and they're peaking at the best time now."

Erin Pollard and Julianna Rodriguez were named to the Regional All-Tournament Team, while Morgan Seaton received tourney Most Valuable Player honors.

Though happy the trio was awarded for their efforts, Osborne said the Lady Steers' success was dependent on the entire team.

"I'm excited for those three to be recognized, but it made me tense up a little, too," she explained. "Volleyball is a true team sport. I was excited for them to receive these honors, but I felt that all the girls on the team were deserving of them. They all played extremely well. I was thrilled with all of their performances."

Big Spring will play the state semifinal round against Decatur (39-7) on Friday at 1 p.m. at the Curtis Culwell Center in Garland.

A win would pit the Lady Steers against either Bellville (40-7) or College Station (31-11) in the champions game Saturday at 2 p.m.

### Individual stats

**Setters:** Morgan Seaton, 23 assists, 20 kills, 12 digs, 6 blocks, 1 ace; Kinsey Wash, 27 assists, 11 digs.

**Offense:** Erin Pollard, 14 kills, 3 aces, 3 digs, 3 blocks; Kelsie Guinn, 10 kills, 4 digs, 2 blocks, 1 assist.

**Defense:** Julianna Rodriguez, 32 digs, 1 kill; Ebony Zavala, 29 digs, 5 kills.

**Other:** Tulsi Patel, 3 digs, 1 block, 1 kill; Leksey Yarbar, 1 dig.

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Big Spring's Leksey Yarbar (10) and Erin Pollard (12) team up to block a shot by Wylie during Saturday's regional tournament victory.

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). When you sense that things are going in a certain direction, you'll adjust your position to a more auspicious one. Some stubborn people you know will resist and fight it out.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You're a natural problem solver, and you won't give up. You'll apply your tenacity to the most obvious problem and get answers by the end of the day. This won't fix things, but it will be a start.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). People are curious about you now and may even go so far as to snoop. Be careful what you put down in writing. Once there's a visual record of your words, they take on a life of their own.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You may feel like you're doing 60 on the interstate and suddenly the windshield is magically removed. A rush of wind changes the dynamics, and you'll have to adjust to get comfortable.

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Don't lose your sense of play just because you hit a few rocks in the road. Love always wins in the end. When you're in the middle stretch, it might not seem like love is winning, and that's what makes it so exciting.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you have a fault — and everybody does — acknowledge it. To pretend it doesn't exist is just inviting criticism. But the criticism becomes admiration just as soon as people know you're working on yourself.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Charge for your work. If you don't, people won't take you seriously, and they'll devalue your contribution. You don't have to charge a big sum, but do charge something.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Loyalty is about what happens behind people's backs. Disloyal people act very differently depending on who is in the room. Don't trust anyone who displays disloyal qualities (even if they happen to adore you right now).

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If your views are considered radical today, they won't be tomorrow. Someone has to blaze the trail, and right now it's you. You're not trying to be sensational; you're just trying to tell the truth.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You hope, but you don't know. That's a good place to be, especially because it brings you together with other people in a similar mindset. Discussions will be particularly interesting this evening.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What you study

today has wide applications, and many will be grateful that you took the time to acquire the knowledge. Answer one question, and two more will grow out of that answer.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Your loved ones are proud of you, but that is not enough to make you relax. There's something you want, and this validation that the acceptance and praise of a person could not provide.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Nov. 18). Your purpose shifts over the next three months, and you'll warm to a new social landscape, too. December and March are your best times to expand your home and business. You'll be the one to make decisions for your family in December. You'll fix something in February that makes money for you come spring. Aquarius and Capricorn people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 4, 33, 28 and 35.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "My close girlfriend (Pisces) told me that my fiance (also a Pisces) was flirting with her and that he tried to kiss her. It was at a party, and they had been drinking. I had left already because I had to work in the morning. Anyway, I didn't bring it up with my fiance, but I see no reason why my friend would lie to me about this. Do you think I should call off the engagement? He did cheat on me three years ago, but we got past it. I'm a Virgo."

It's true that Pisces are impressionable sorts, known for getting caught up in the moment. Pisces

men are sensitive, too, and this could be a case of your Pisces fiance crumbling under the pressure as you get closer to your wedding date. But it's more likely he's just being the way he is. If infidelity is a deal breaker for you, you'd be wise to heed this situation as a harbinger of things to come. The fact that he chose a person very close to you means he was willing to risk your finding out, and maybe even that he wanted you to find out. Investigate before you do any more wedding planning.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Scorpio Owen Wilson will star in the upcoming comedy "You Are Here" with an all-star cast that includes Zach Galifianakis and Melissa Rauch of "The Big Bang Theory." Wilson was born when the sun, the moon, Mercury and Neptune were all in Scorpio, which is the dominant energy of his natal chart. It's a charismatic astral lineup — intense, passionate and creative. This much Scorpio influence indicates a person attuned to people's motives and to what's going on under the surface.

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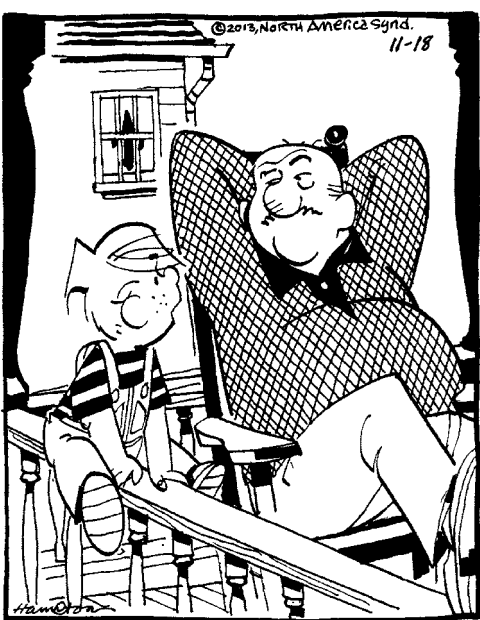
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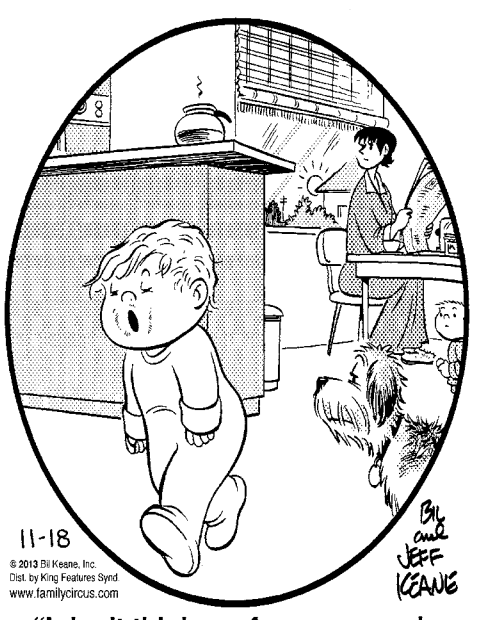


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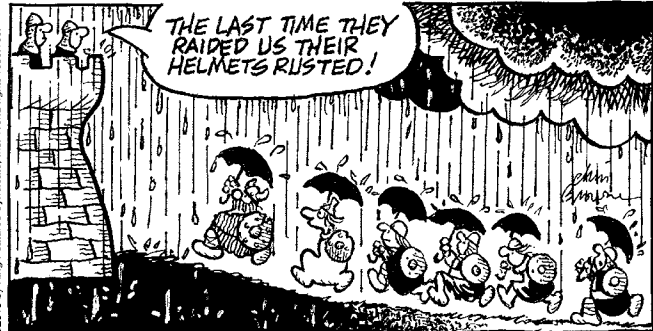
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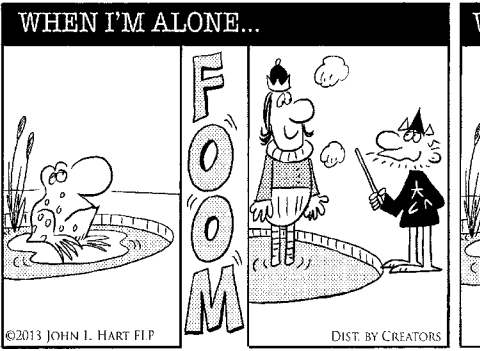
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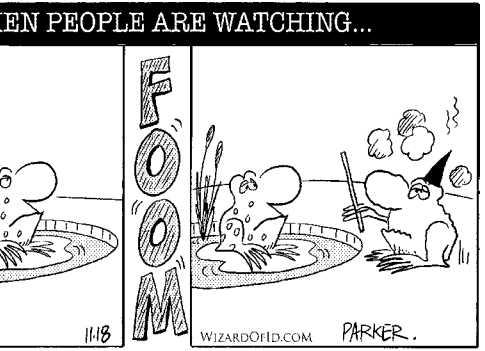
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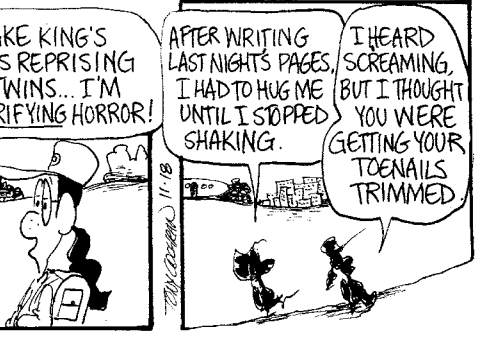
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## This Date In History

Today is Monday, Nov. 18, the 322nd day of 2013. There are 43 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 18, 1928, Walt Disney's first sound-synchronized animated cartoon, "Steamboat Willie" starring Mickey Mouse, premiered in New York.

On this date:

In 1883, the United States and Canada adopted a system of Standard Time zones.

In 1886, the 21st president of the United States, Chester A. Arthur, died in New York.

In 1910, British suffragists clashed with police outside Parliament on what became known as "Black Friday."

In 1936, Germany and Italy recognized the Spanish

government of Francisco Franco.

In 1942, "The Skin of Our Teeth," Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning allegory about the history of humankind, opened on Broadway.

In 1958, the cargo freighter SS Carl D. Bradley sank during a storm in Lake Michigan, claiming the lives of 33 of the 35 on board.

In 1959, "Ben-Hur," MGM's Biblical-era spectacle starring Charlton Heston and directed by William Wyler, had its world premiere at Loew's State Theatre in New York.

In 1962, Nobel Prize-winning physicist Niels Bohr died in his native Denmark at age 77.

In 1966, U.S. Roman Catholic bishops did away with the rule against eating meat on Fridays outside of Lent.

In 1978, U.S. Rep. Leo J. Ryan, D-Calif., and four oth-

were killed in Jonestown, Guyana, by members of the Peoples Temple; the killings were followed by a night of mass murder and suicide by more than 900 cult members.

In 1987, the congressional Iran-Contra committees issued their final report, saying President Ronald Reagan bore "ultimate responsibility" for wrongdoing by his aides. A fire at London King's Cross railway station claimed 31 lives.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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## Newsday Crossword

CLOSE THE DOOR by Gail Grabowski  
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- ACROSS**
- Criminal, to a cop
  - Confidence game
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  - Full collection
  - Acted as a guide
  - Sought-after guests
  - Walked heavily
  - IRS form expert
  - Vowel sound in "drove"
  - Strike, as a mosquito
  - Knee-to-ankle area
  - Thunderstorm sighting
  - Draws upon
  - Place to bowl
  - Angels' toppers
  - Got together
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  - Needing immediate attention
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  - Hour after midnight
  - Oppose verbally
  - Artistic category
  - Short letter

- DOWN**
- "Bam!"
  - Long heroic story
  - Poison-ivy reaction
  - "Not guilty," for one
  - Pebbles and boulders
  - Tennis-playing area
  - Poker-pot starter
  - Flat-topped hill
  - Swung at a baseball
  - Shy away from
  - Start over with
  - High-fiber cereal
  - Pig's pen
  - "Ain't so!" reply
  - Fabric
  - Book with personal photos
  - Off the leash
  - Seashore recess
  - Some NCOs
  - String for packing
  - Be angry
  - Argentina neighbor
  - Attach, as a nametag
  - Uneasy feeling
  - Venetian-blind part
  - Unforeseen problem
  - News bulletin
  - Tossed
  - Trail walkers
  - Not yet mailed
  - Woodworker's fastener
  - In first place
  - Departed
  - Not fooled by
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# Tannehill, embattled Dolphins stop Chargers

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — Ryan Tannehill watched the final play from the sideline, hopping anxiously as an opponent's desperation heave hung in the air, then letting out a jubilant scream when a teammate swatted the ball to the turf.

At the end of a dismal week, the Miami Dolphins finally had something to celebrate.

Brent Grimes broke up Philip Rivers' final pass in the end zone as time expired, and the embattled Dolphins beat the San Diego Chargers 20-16 Sunday.

Tannehill threw for 268 yards, including a 39-yard score to Charles Clay, who broke two tackles on the play. Miami managed 104 yards rushing behind a makeshift line.

The victory came amid a harassment scandal that raised questions regarding the team's locker room culture. An NFL special investigator will question players this week about the relationship between offensive tackle Jonathan Martin and guard Richie Incognito.

"There's a lot going on, but we're not focused on that," Tannehill said. "We're focused on football."

The Dolphins (5-5) won for only the second time in the past seven games. They're still in contention for an AFC wild-card berth, despite a dreadful defeat last Monday at Tampa Bay and the distractions of the harassment case.

"We're fighting through this," tackle Tyson Clabo said. "Someone's got to get that last wild-card spot. Why not us?"

The Chargers (4-6), who were plagued by penal-

ties and missed tackles, lost their third game in a row.

"We made too many mistakes from start to finish," coach Mike McCoy said. "We hurt ourselves way too much."

Trailing by four points, San Diego started from its own 17 with 1:54 left and drove to the Miami 25. On the final play, a harried Rivers lofted a pass toward Vincent Brown in the end zone, but the 5-foot-10 Grimes leaped to slap the ball away.

Rivers threw for 298 yards and Ryan Mathews ran for 127, including a career-best, 51-yard dash to set up a field goal. But the Chargers had 10 penalties for 76 yards, including two infractions that cost them 11 points in the first half.

"Ten penalties, that's a lot," Rivers said. "We're not playing well enough to overcome those things."

Miami played at home for the first time since the scandal broke. The stands were less than two-thirds full, and an airplane banner reflected the mood by calling for the firing of general manager Jeff Ireland, who has long been in disfavor with fans.

Because center Mike Pouncey missed the game with an illness, the Dolphins had three backups starting on the offensive line. Martin missed his third consecutive game while undergoing treatment for emotional issues, and the suspended Incognito sat out his second game.

Working behind the patchwork line, Tannehill was sacked four times, increasing his NFL-high season total to 41. But Miami averaged 5.5 yards per

rush to limit the Chargers' time of possession.

As usual, the Dolphins went with pass plays two-thirds of the time. On the game's opening drive, they marched 76 yards — with all but 2 coming through the air — for a field goal.

Penalties repeatedly hurt the Chargers. Corey Liuget was flagged for roughing the passer to negate a teammate's fumble recovery at the San Diego 1, and two plays later the Dolphins scored a touchdown for a 10-7 lead.

Liuget said he didn't see Tannehill get rid of the ball.

"It was a costly penalty for us," Liuget said. "I wish I could get that one back. It's not a great feeling at all."

A scrambling Rivers hit Antonio Gates for a 5-yard touchdown with a minute left in the first half, but the quarterback was flagged for throwing past the line of scrimmage, and the Chargers settled for a field goal that made it 10-all at halftime.

A drive in the second half stalled after receiver Keenan Allen was flagged 15 yards for taunting, and the Chargers defense was penalized four times for offsides.

San Diego's Derek Cox dropped a potential pick-six in the first quarter, and on the next play Johnny Patrick intercepted Tannehill at midfield. The Chargers scored four plays later for a 7-3 lead.

Clay put Miami ahead to stay in the third quarter when he caught a short pass and ran over defenders Marcus Gilchrist and Donald Butler en route to the end zone, making it 17-10.

# NASCAR's Jimmie Johnson joins Richard Petty, Dale Earnhardt with sixth cup win

HOMESTEAD, Fla. (AP) — Soaked in sweat, champagne and success, Jimmie Johnson celebrated yet another NASCAR championship by sipping a beer.

A six-pack would have been more appropriate.

Back on top with only two NASCAR legends left to catch, Johnson won his sixth title in eight years Sunday to stake his claim as one of the most dominant competitors in sports history. Now looming large in Johnson's windshield is the mark of seven titles held by Richard Petty and the late Dale Earnhardt.

The party had barely started on No. 6 when the debate began: Where does Johnson, who on-and-off for two years has used the hashtag '6Pack' on Twitter to describe his bid for this title, rank among NASCAR's greats?

"I feel like this team is capable of a lot of great things. There's still great years ahead of us," Johnson said. "But all of that is in the future, a seventh, an eighth. I don't want to focus on that yet. It's not time."

The time to rank Johnson will be when his driving career is over. But at just 38 and the youngest driver to win six titles, his career

could last another decade or more.

"I have six, and we'll see if I can get seven," Johnson said. "Time will tell. I think we need to save the argument until I hang up the helmet, then it's worth the argument. Let's wait until I hang up the helmet until we really start thinking about this."

Said crew chief Chad Knaus, who trails only Dale Inman's eight championships in the NASCAR record books: "I don't think we're even close to the potential of the team yet."

That should be devastating news to the rest of NASCAR.

There's no telling how many drivers might have won titles had they not competed against Johnson and his Hendrick Motorsports team. The loser this year was Matt Kenseth, who 10 years removed from his only NASCAR championship had a career year but still came up short.

"Unfortunately, we're racing during the Jimmie Johnson era," said Denny Hamlin, winner of Sunday's race. Hamlin lost the 2010 title to Johnson.

"We're just unlucky in that sense. I think being out there and racing with him, I can say he's the best that there ever

was."

Johnson, needing only to finish 23rd or better to spoil Kenseth's dream season, was on cruise control most of the day at Homestead. His lone hiccup came when traffic stacked-up on a restart and he and Kenseth made slight contact, causing Johnson to plunge 15 spots in the field with damage to his fender.

Yet he still rallied to finish ninth and beat Kenseth for the title by 19 points.

"He is an amazing talent, there's no doubt about it," Knaus said. "He can do things with a race car that most mortals can't. Let's just be straight with it."

Kenseth, needing a Johnson collapse to have any shot at the title, positioned himself to pounce should anything go awry. Kenseth led a race-high 144 laps and finished second to Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Hamlin.

"It was just unbelievable year for us. Obviously, we wanted to win the championship as good as we ran all year," said Kenseth, winner of seven races in his first season with JGR.

Kenseth's effort just wasn't enough against a Hendrick Motorsports team that wouldn't be

denied for a third consecutive year.

"If Jimmie would have got a flat or something, that would have been all right," Kenseth lamented. "Never seen anything like this in the sport and probably never will again. ... Maybe he'll retire."

Johnson won a record five straight titles from 2006 through 2010, was mathematically eliminated before the 2011 finale, but was back in the title hunt last season. Only he had a tire failure in the penultimate race at Phoenix and then a mechanical failure in the finale to lose the championship to Brad Keselowski.

His two-year drought is over, and his crew was ready for the party on the South Beach.

"You better get a sip of that (water) bottle, it's the only healthy liquid you're going to get all night," Knaus radioed Johnson after he crossed the finish line.

Johnson planned to savor every moment of the celebration and his championship reign.

"This is extremely sweet. I feel like those five years were a blur. And things happen so fast," Johnson said. "It's not that I didn't enjoy it or appreciate it or respect what happened.

It just went by so fast it seems like. Now, I'm really going to slow things down here and enjoy it. This is so, so sweet."

It was just as special for Hamlin, who bounced back from a fractured vertebra earlier this season that sidelined him for over a month. Hamlin hasn't been the same since, and Sunday's victory, his first of the year, extended his winning streak to eight seasons.

"Is the year over yet?" a grinning Hamlin asked in Victory Lane. "Man, I wanted to keep that streak alive."

Hamlin's celebration was brief as the victory stage was cleared for Johnson. Hamlin nearly stood atop the podium in 2010, when he took Johnson down to the wire, only to fade in the finale as Johnson claimed his record fifth consecutive title.

Now, with the sixth title, Johnson's accomplishments resonate far beyond NASCAR.

His numbers stack up with Roger Federer, who won 16 of 27 Grand Slams from 2003-10; Michael Phelps, who won 18 gold medals in three Olympics from 2004 to 2012, and Tiger Woods, who won four consecutive majors in 2000 and 2001, and seven overall from 1999-2002.

More important to Johnson, like Michael

Jordan, he now has six rings, too.

Jordan won six NBA titles from 1991-98.

"When you mention Michael's name, he's given me a hard time that I only won five," Johnson said. "I can't wait to send him a text and say, 'Hey, buddy, I've caught up.'"

Johnson won the title this year with a 5.1 average finish over the 10 Chase for the Sprint Cup championship races. The mark was second only to the 5.0 average he posted in 2007 when he beat teammate Jeff Gordon for his second title.

It was four-time champion Gordon that discovered Johnson racing in the Nationwide Series in 2001 and convinced team owner Rick Hendrick to hire him for a new fourth team.

"You know, they are unbelievable and they proved it again this year just how good they are as a group, as a team," Gordon said. "Jimmie as a driver, Chad as a crew chief, Hendrick Motorsports, everybody is just so good. But specifically, the No. 48, they just have a chemistry."

## Weekend Scores

SATURDAY

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**Howard College**  
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