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Holiday shoppers took advantage of the Black Friday sales Friday. Pictured here is Martha Lopez showing her grandson Jordan Lopez a toy while shopping for Christmas at Bealls in the Spring Town Plaza, formerly Big Spring Mall, located on FM 700.

## You better watch out

*Holiday festivities to hit full stride next weekend*

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

Santa has a very busy itinerary planned for Saturday, Dec. 7 when he makes a visit to the Crossroads Area.

The Man in the Red Suit will start his day early with breakfast at the Heritage Museum, be the highlight of the Big Spring Herald Community Parade in the evening and end the day visiting with children at the Pocket Park courtesy of the Downtown Revitalization Association.

"After the parade, we will host our Christmas on Main Street," said Christy Brorman, DRA president. "We will light up the Pocket Park which is located next to the Sparenberg Building and kids can visit with Santa. We will be allowing kids to get pictures with Santa but there is a \$5 charge for that. It is a fundraiser for us."

Train rides, hot cocoa and kettle corn will also be available for a small fee and the event will begin right after the end of the Herald lighted Christmas parade. City officials will close off part of Main between Third and Fourth Streets for the event.

"We will also be handing out teddy bears and stuffed animals for free to the children who are in line to see Santa whether they take a picture with him or not," Brorman added. "We'll be handing out bears while our supplies last."

Funds raised from the event is used to supporting DRA projects which are aimed to promote, clean up and revitalize the downtown area of Big Spring.

"We want to see people come to town, move to town and take advantage of all the nice buildings that we have in downtown and turn it into the entertainment area of Big Spring," Brorman said.

Last year's Christmas on Main Street brought in a sizable amount of participation, Brorman said.

"We like to invite everybody out," she said. "Come have a good time. Get your picture with Santa. Drink hot cocoa and have a good time. Last year we had a great turn out, and we are hoping to have an even better one this year."

Other holiday activities happenings on Saturday, Dec. 7:

**Heritage Museum's Breakfast with Santa and Christmas Parade Watch**

The museum will hold its annual Breakfast With Santa from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Dec. 7. Children will have a chance to visit with Santa and learn how to decorate a gingerbread cookie and a Christmas tree ornament. Parents, bring a camera and take a snapshot of

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Officials say:

## American fighters in Syria a security risk

By **EMERY P. DALESIO**

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Federal officials say Americans are joining the bloody civil war in Syria, raising the chances they could become radicalized by al-Qaida-

linked militant groups and return to the U.S. as battle-hardened security risks.

The State Department says it has no estimates of how many Americans have taken up weapons to fight military units loyal to Syrian President Bashar Assad

in the 3-year-old war that has killed more than 100,000 people. Other estimates — from an arm of the British defense consultant IHS Jane's and from experts at a nonprofit think tank in London —

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Big Spring Fire Department and emergency services responded to a structure fire early Saturday at the 1800 block of Donley. The house had been vacant for years but has a history of vandalism, according to witnesses at the scene.

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# Obituaries

## Billy Smith



Billy Smith, 80, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2013, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 2, 2013, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery, Coahoma.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1, 2013, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born Oct. 31, 1933, in Liberty Hill, Texas, and married Charlsye Davis July 26, 1958, in Durant, Okla.

Billy had owned and operated several automatic transmission shops for more than 30 years. After retiring, he picked up the hobby of woodworking

and loved sharing his projects with family and friends. He loved his church, First Baptist Church of Sand Springs.

He is survived by his wife, Charlsye Smith, of Big Spring; his son, Billy Smith and wife, Dena of Big Spring and three grandchildren, Brandi Michelle Smith, Jerrod Lee Smith and Brandon Jake Smith.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Penny Smith; his parents, Milo S. and Dollie Newsom Smith; one sister, Evelyn Marie Brock; and five brothers, Leonard Smith, Willis Smith, Lee Roy Smith, Jimmy Smith and Junior Milo Smith.

The family suggests memorials be made to First Baptist Church of Sand Springs, 8517 N. Service Road, Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

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

*Paid obituary*

## Julius 'Jim' Ryals



Julius "Jim" Ryals, 77, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2013, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, 2013, at Big Spring Full Gospel Fellowship, 309 Benton, with Billy Guy officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born July 13, 1936, in Wilmer, Ala. and married Shirley Ann Clawson Aug. 13, 1966, in Big

Spring.

Jim started working for the City of Big Spring in 1960. Soon after, he joined the Big Spring Fire Department, where he worked for 27 years, the last five as fire chief. After retiring, he began working at the Big Spring State Hospital and retired again. He attended Texas A&M University and taught Fire Science at Howard College and Arson Investigation

School at UTPB.

Jim was a member and served as deacon at Big Spring Full Gospel Fellowship.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Ann Ryals of Big Spring; granddaughter, Brookelynn Jensen; grandson, Zacary Barber; sister-in-law, Wanda Phipps of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Amanda Barber; his parents, Fred and Emma Maples Ryals; two brothers, Prentice Ryals and Roger Ryals; and two sisters, Eloise Coggins and Juanita Blackmon.

The family suggests memorials be made to Big Spring Full Gospel Fellowship, c/o 1709 Kentucky Way, Big Spring, Texas, 79720 or the donor's favorite charity.

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

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## Connie Underwood



Connie Underwood, 71, of Big Spring, died Thursday Nov. 28, 2013, at his residence. Private family services will be at a later date.

He was born Oct. 14, 1942, in Hamilton, Ala., to Zora and Gracy Underwood. He grew up in Alabama. He was a Baptist and he served in the U.S. Air Force and came to Big Spring in 1961. He was stationed at Webb AFB from

1961 to 1965. After the Air Force, he stayed in Big Spring and worked for Caldwell Electric and later

A&B Electric until his retirement.

Connie is survived by his wife, Paula Underwood of Big Spring; one son, Timothy Underwood of Big Spring; three daughters, Kendra Brazell of Fort Worth, Texas, Sheila Underwood of Big Spring and Mary Beth Ellis of Big Spring; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one brother, Leean Underwood of Detroit, Ala.; three sisters, Ann Kitchens of Saitillo, Miss., Gladys Binger of Toledo, Ohio and Mamie Ray of Adrian, Mich.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by one sister, Lou Nell Homer.

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

## Alicia Angel Cruz

Alicia Angel Cruz, of Big Spring, infant daughter of Anastacia and Anthony Cruz, died Nov. 27, 2013, at Covenant Lakeside Medical Center in Lubbock.

A prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She is survived by her parents: Anastacia and Anthony Cruz; one brother, Adrian Ray Gaitan; one sister, Alaihya Marie Cruz, all of Big Spring;

grandparents, Sylvia and Hector Cansino, Angel and Joe Loera and Johnny Cruz, also all of Big Spring; great-grandparents, Anita and Agustin Gaitan of Big Spring and Lupe and Ascencio Robles of Big Spring, Elena and Juan Cruz of Lubbock and Yolanda and Jesse Perez of Lubbock; great-great-grandfather Concepcion Rodriguez of Big Spring; and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins.

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

# Police blotter

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

- PEDRO HERNANDEZ JR., 39, of 1700 East 15<sup>th</sup> Street, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- VICTORIA ROCHELLE WINTERS, 19, of 706 East 13<sup>th</sup> Street, was arrested Friday on a warrant for assault by contact.
- HEATHER ELIZABETH LOONEY, 29, of 1007 Bluebonnet Dr., Cedar Park, Texas, was arrested Friday on a charge of fraudulent possession of controlled substance prescription schedule III/IV.
- JOHNNY RICHARD REYES, 26, of 107 North-east 9<sup>th</sup> Street, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- KEVIN MICHAEL ZUBIATE, 26, of 211 East Main, was arrested Friday on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to report change of address/name.
- LANCE WAYNE LAND, 24, of 5203 Sterling Rd., was arrested Friday on warrants for possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces, possession of a dangerous drug and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- JASON HARVEY BEDFORD, 29, of 110 Scout Hut Rd., was arrested Friday on warrants for theft stealing or receiving stolen check/sight order, possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram

and possession of drug paraphernalia.

- DISTURBANCE was reported at he 3400 block of East Interstate Highway 20.
- THEFT was reported at he 3600 block of West Highway 80.
- MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 3200 block of East Interstate Highway 20.
- ASSAULT was reported at the 300 block of East 19<sup>th</sup> Street.
- FORGERY was reported at he 700 block of South Scurry.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported at the 1000 block of South Birdwell Lane.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported at the 1400 block of Sycamore.

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a news item,  
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## Ludin A. DeHoyos

Ludin A. DeHoyos, 66, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2013, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel.

## Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast		
Sun 12/1	Mon 12/2	Tue 12/3
<b>69/41</b> Overcast. High 69F. Winds WSW at 5 to 10 mph.	<b>72/44</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	<b>78/53</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 50s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:29 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:41 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:30 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:41 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:31 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:41 PM



## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	69	43	cloudy	Kingsville	79	60	pt sunny
Amarillo	61	35	pt sunny	Livingston	68	53	cloudy
Austin	71	52	cloudy	Longview	64	49	cloudy
Beaumont	69	57	cloudy	Lubbock	64	35	pt sunny
Brownsville	81	61	pt sunny	Lufkin	67	54	cloudy
Brownwood	70	43	cloudy	Midland	70	42	cloudy
Corpus Christi	75	61	pt sunny	Raymondville	79	58	mst sunny
Corsicana	66	44	cloudy	Rosenberg	72	58	cloudy
Dallas	66	44	cloudy	San Antonio	71	55	cloudy
Del Rio	73	52	cloudy	San Marcos	72	52	cloudy
El Paso	68	41	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	65	45	cloudy
Fort Stockton	73	44	cloudy	Sweetwater	68	42	cloudy
Gainesville	62	39	cloudy	Tyler	65	50	cloudy
Greenville	63	41	cloudy	Weatherford	65	39	cloudy
Houston	71	57	cloudy	Wichita Falls	64	37	cloudy

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	54	43	cloudy	Minneapolis	33	27	cloudy
Boston	46	35	rain	New York	45	36	cloudy
Chicago	40	31	pt sunny	Phoenix	71	50	mst sunny
Dallas	66	44	cloudy	San Francisco	66	50	pt sunny
Denver	51	35	pt sunny	Seattle	48	47	rain
Houston	71	57	cloudy	St. Louis	49	35	pt sunny
Los Angeles	73	51	sunny	Washington, DC	47	35	pt sunny
Miami	79	63	t-storm				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Sun 12/1	Mon 12/2	Tue 12/3
<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
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# Take note

• Encompass Cares, a charity arm of Encompass Home Health, is collecting medical supplies and blankets for victims of the typhoon in the Philippines. Drop off your donations at the Encompass Home Health Office at 1900 Gregg in Big Spring through Friday. For more information, contact Arminae Ward at 432-634-5488 or call the local Encompass Home Health at 432-264-0044.

• Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Canterbury (1700 Lancaster) will host its annual Christmas Bazaar. The Bazaar will feature, Christmas décor, many type of homemade items and crafts. Gifts of every sort and type and treats for every taste. Canterbury cookbooks will be available and there will be burritos for sale.

• A fund has been set up at Western

Bank, 607 South Scurry, for the Ean Cook family who lost their house and belongings in a fire Sunday. The account is in name of Charlene Cook, Ean's mother. Donations of clothing, food and living supplies will be greatly appreciated. To donate supplies call 816-5013 or 816-7810.

• 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.

• The Big Spring Pow Wow Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main. Whether you are a Native American or interested in Native American culture and would like to be a part of the 10th anniversary of the Big Spring Pow Wow, you are invited. For more information, call Richard Lesser at 432-935-0125 or Randy McKinney at 432-267-4843.

• 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.

• Victim Services is a non-profit

independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to violent crimes of assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process background check and attend training. We need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations office is accepting donations of magazines. They should be brought to the Community Relations office on campus. For more information, call Jamey Stegall at 268-7535.

## SYRIA

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put the number of Americans at a couple dozen. The IHS group says al-Qaida-linked fighters number about 15,000, with total anti-Assad force at 100,000 or more.

This year, at least three Americans have been charged with planning to fight beside Jabhat al-Nusrah — a radical Islamic organization that the U.S. considers a foreign terrorist group — against Assad. The most recent case involves a Pakistan-born North Carolina man arrested on his way to Lebanon.

At a Senate homeland security committee hearing this month, Sen. Thomas Carper, D-Del., said: "We know that American citizens as well as Canadian and European nationals have taken up arms in Syria, in Yemen and in Somalia. The threat that these individuals could return home to carry

out attacks is real and troubling."

The hearing came about two weeks after the FBI and other officers arrested Basit Sheikh, 29, at the Raleigh-Durham International Airport on charges he was on his way to join Jabhat al-Nusrah. Sheikh, a legal resident of the United States, had lived quietly, without a criminal record, in a Raleigh suburb for five years before his Nov. 2 arrest. A similar arrest came in April in Chicago. And in September, authorities in Virginia released an Army veteran accused of fighting alongside the group after a secret plea deal.

In August, outgoing FBI Director Robert Mueller told ABC News that he was concerned about Americans fighting in Syria, specifically "the associations they will make and, secondly, the expertise they will develop, and whether or not they will utilize those associations, utilize that expertise, to undertake an attack on the homeland."

Current FBI Director James Comey said this month that he worried about Syria becoming a repeat of Afghanistan in the 1980s, after the Soviet invasion, with foreign fighters attracted there to train. The FBI refused to say whether it's directed agents to increase efforts to stop Americans bound for Syria.

In the case of Sheikh, his North Carolina home isn't considered a breeding ground for terrorist activity. But Aaron Zelin, who works for both the London-based International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation and the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, notes that Sheikh lived about three hours from the hometown of Samir Khan, the editor of an English-language al-Qaida magazine who was killed in a drone attack in Yemen.

Sheikh is charged with planning to assist a group the State Department has declared a terrorist organization. It's not illegal for Americans who also hold

citizenship in another country to fight in that country's military. But American citizenship can be lost for voluntarily serving in foreign armed forces hostile to the U.S.

For five months this year, Sheikh didn't know he was being monitored as he posted messages and videos on Facebook expressing support for jihadi militants fighting Assad's forces, according to a Nov. 2 sworn affidavit by FBI Special Agent Jason Maslow in support of the warrant to arrest Sheikh.

In August, Sheikh commented to an undercover FBI employee's posts on a Facebook page promoting Islamic extremism. The two struck up an online relationship, the affidavit said. Sheikh told the informant he planned to trek to Syria to join "a brigade in logistics, managing medical supplies." Days later, Sheikh said he'd bought a one-way ticket to travel to Turkey in hopes of making contact with people who would get

him to Syria.

Sheikh said he backed out because "he could not muster the strength to leave his parents," the affidavit said. Sheikh said he had traveled to Turkey last year hoping to join the fight in Syria, but became dispirited by his experience with people who claimed to be part of the U.S.-backed Free Syrian Army. After Sheikh expressed online support for Jabhat al-Nusrah and interest in traveling to the war zone, the FBI employee suggested Sheikh contact a person with the group — another FBI informant.

Sheikh made contract, describing Jabhat al-Nusrah as the most disciplined group of anti-Assad fighters, the affidavit said. "I'm not scared," Sheikh wrote, according to the affidavit. "I'm ready."

Two federal public defenders appointed to represent Sheikh are barred by local court practice from discussing their cases, spokeswoman Elizabeth Luck said. Sheikh's father,

Javed Sheikh, said his son was falsely accused but that he trusts U.S. courts to find the truth.

A federal magistrate ruled that Sheikh should be detained until his trial because there was clear evidence that he wouldn't appear if released on bond and that there was a "serious risk" to the community if he were freed.

Basit Sheikh's arraignment is scheduled for January. He could face up to 15 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine if convicted.

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Ray Turner, 74, died Sunday. Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Saturday at Cowboy Church in Barnhart. Burial with Military Honors will follow in Resthaven Cemetery in Barnhart.

Elvira A. Olivas, 81, died Wednesday. Funeral Mass was at 10 a.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Connie Underwood, 71, died Thursday. Private family services will be at a later date.

Alicia Angel Cruz, infant, died Wednesday. A prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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## HOLIDAY

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your kid on Santa's lap. Cost for that event is \$3 per child.

That evening, the museum will hold its annual parade watch. Those attending can watch the Herald Christmas Parade from the front "balcony" of the museum and enjoy refreshments.

For more information on the holiday events, contact the museum at 432-267-8255.

### • Canterbury Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Canterbury (1700 Lancaster) will host its annual Christmas Bazaar. The Bazaar will feature, Christmas décor, many type of homemade items and crafts. Gifts of every sort and type and treats for every taste. Canter-

bury cookbooks will be available and there will be burritos for sale.

### • Parade

The Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade is an annual event that draws thousands of spectators and many, many participants. This year's parade — the 26th — will begin at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 at 24th Street and Scurry.

The theme is "Christmas Through the Ages."

Because of some construction on U.S. 87 South and increased truck traffic, the route has been changed for 2013. Instead of heading north on Gregg Street, this year's route will move a block east to Scurry, and travel south to Fourth Street and on to Main.

### • Living Christmas Tree

The Christmas season

in Big Spring opens in song, specifically the music of a hundred voices as First United Methodist Church holds its Living Christmas Tree on Dec. 7-8.

Rehearsals began in November for the event, which opens Dec. 7 with a dress rehearsal. Performances are at 8 p.m. Dec. 7 and Dec. 8. Tickets for the 35th annual presentation are free; its a gift to Big Spring

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## DAILY PRAYER

May we be faithful about studying Your word, Lord.

Amen

# An expression for every occasion

Dr. Mavis P. Kelsey Sr. established several medical clinics around Houston. He retired in 1986 and since then has written books on genealogy, history, medicine, art and architecture.

He is co-author of a book published in 2007 by A & M Press on Texas court-houses. His latest book is titled “Texas Sayings & Folklore,” published by Bright Sky Press.

“If you look in my book, you’ll find all kinds of expressions,” says Dr. Kelsey. “One of them is: I’ve seen a lot of changes and I’m agin’ every one of ‘em.”

The book has approximately 100,000 acronyms, expressions, admonitions, advice, proverbs, maxims, oxymorons, phrases, puns, quips and sayings he collected over a two- or three-year period.

“I just kept running into sayings and remembered a lot of them. I just started writing them down on slips of paper and the first thing you know I was doing a book on them.”

The book is divided into sections: money, medicine,

weather, old age, romance, food and drink, travel, time and other topics. A phrase in the section of Folk Speech of Northeast Texas reads, “Don’t never fool with nothing that ain’t none of your business.”

He has one about talking and being careful about what you say: “Words spoken can never be controlled. Once you’ve said it, you’re stuck with it.” Another: “Words are like tooth paste. Once out of the tube, you can’t put them back.”

The book has sayings of famous people. Davy Crockett said, “Be sure you’re right, then go ahead.” Mark Twain said, “Truth is not hard to kill, but lies are immortal.”

Here are some more: “Eggs cannot be unscrambled” and “You can’t unring a bell.” A few more: “God made the country, man made the town” and “The generous pocket will never be empty” also “What the world needs is more warm hearts and less hot heads.” Here’s an old one: “It’s too late to shut the door after the horse is out of the barn.”

“He says the oldest saying he has found dates back to 5,000 BC, more than 7,000 years ago: “Wealth is hard to come by and the poor are always with us.”

Dr. Kelsey, a fifth generation



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

medical doctor, whose family came to this country before the American Revolution, is a graduate of A & M University and the University of Texas Medical School. He started his book with the sayings he heard as a child. “If you start collecting them, you’ll find out you’ve got maybe several thousand. I’ve written all these on paper with a ball point pen.”

In his introduction to the book, Dr. Kelsey quotes W. M. Thackeray: “There are a thousand thoughts lying within a man that he does not know till he picks up a pen to write.” Dr. Kelsey is 101 years old. His book on sayings was published last year. He lives in a heavily wooded section of Houston in the house he had built in the early 50’s. “It was the first house out here and there were no roads. Now the neighborhood is full. There’s so many billionaires around here they’ll pay four million dollars for a lot with a house on it, tear down the house and build a mansion.”

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

of our deployed military this year.

I’m so proud to be from a community that gives back so generously! It was a true community effort.

Thank you, Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan, Gail, Garden City, Lubbock and everywhere in between for your help. We had volunteers this year from as far away as Knoxville, Tenn.

God bless you all and have a wonderful Christmas with friends and family knowing that

you have helped make the Christmas season a little brighter for 506 of our men and women in uniform.

Sincerely,

Debbie Burrow

Howard County Christmas for the Troops

### Prayer of thanks

To the Editor:

After the horrible ice storm

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# Who was that young kid?

He was, almost certainly, a young man whose name we’ll never know. Perhaps age 10, he was nondescript, like a background figure in a Charlie Brown comic strip. He sought not to make a name for himself, but rather to help out — not “paying it forward,” but “paying it up and down.”

My wife and I, among the 3,100 guests disembarking from the week-long maiden voyage of Carnival Cruise Lines’ Carnival Sunshine, were back in New Orleans. It was time to face the “real world” after a few days of “good old summertime” in the Caribbean.

On the elevator down, we noticed the youngster stationed nearest the button panel, assuming he “belonged” to one of the three other couples on the car. After all adults exited, he remained on the elevator, and we realized our error of assumption. This well-scrubbed, happy “button-pusher,” his voice raised slightly, announced, “Going up.”

He seemed resolute to help luggage-laden guests end on a high note. We scratched our heads like folks in Lone Ranger episodes, pondering the identity of the “masked man.”

Transfixed, we watched the process twice more before the announcement of our disembarking number beckoned us to the gangway.

Each shoreward step brought with it lowered temperatures and heightened memories of a grand week that underscored good intentions — rendered both corporately and by individuals.

These good deeds were capped off by a nameless youngster

seemingly determined to help out.

Upon boarding, we “oohed and aahed” over the \$155 million makeover of the Carnival Destiny — the largest cruise ship on the high seas when it debuted in 1996. We soon overheard several conversations about Filipino crew members who make up some 15 percent of Carnival’s 39,000 employees.

Many of them, of course, were affected by the typhoon that wiped out so much of their homeland. It was gratifying to learn that Carnival’s parent company, Carnival Corporation — along with the Miami Heat — already had written a \$1 million check to help the stricken area.

Further, the corporation pledged another \$100,000 as matching funds for employee gifts.

Additionally, the cruise line underwrote free transportation back to the Philippines for employees whose lives were hardest hit.

Other crew members “doubled up” to cover duties of their grieving comrades, readily adding to already challenging responsibilities. They were cheerful givers, realizing that if their Filipino companions had remained at their work stations, they would have been smiling by day but crying by night.

This backdrop brought with it thoughts of how crew members thought relentlessly, certain that their jobs represent “tickets out” from far less attractive employment opportunities back home.

Again, they are “Everyman” — and, of course, “Everywoman” — mostly nameless. Some impress so greatly, however, that one feels compelled to learn their names and details of their pilgrimage.

One such person is Marzhan Batyrshayeva.

At age 22, she is manager of the ship’s Ji Ji Restaurant, which

features Asian cuisine. In our view, it provides the most memorable dining experience on the vessel. A native of Kazakhstan, at age 20 she saved money for a plane ticket to Lithuania, where her future rested on a positive interview with the cruise line. With charm, beauty and a glacier-melting personality, she was hired. Now, she directs the work of an entire staff — all of whom are her elders.

Much is different about the Sunshine, which, in 75 days, was transformed by thousands of contractors working around the clock on a massive project unprecedented in maritime history.

The result is a masterpiece, details of which are too many to describe.

Foretelling cruise delights was the ship’s naming ceremony, highlighted by enthusiasm churned by band members and cheerleaders of New Orleans’ Destrehan High School. They won performing rights after competing with 20+ other schools.

The program was stunning. Lin Arison, whose late husband Ted founded CCL in 1972, pressed the button to electronically break a champagne bottle against the bow. (Mardi Gras, Carnival’s first vessel, went aground on its maiden voyage.)

Officials spoke; a priest offered a prayer of blessing.

Program-planning professionals pushed “all the right buttons.” Remembered equally as much, though, is the unscripted role of an unnamed youngster. He, too, pressed buttons to help out.

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Snowmen were heralding in the season at Hallmark Friday. Nicole Gaston, left, and her sister, Shelby Petersen, took advantage of the Black Friday sales in the Spring Town Plaza formerly Big Spring Mall located on FM 700.

LETTERS

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we experienced this last week, I want to offer up a very sincere prayer of thanks to a service we tend to ignore when everything is running smoothly and are so indebted to when we need them. That service is Oncor.

On Monday, about lunchtime, I heard a loud pop-pop-pop. Flashes of electricity were coming out from the transformer on the pole in the alley.

Within only minutes, our doorbell rang and an Oncor lineman as-

sured me they had already taken care of it and I had nothing to worry about.

What fabulous service. I was so impressed that they took the time to put a customer at ease when they had so much work to do to restore the service.

Thank you, Oncor. You are so appreciated.

Margie and Sam Myers  
Big Spring

Huge success

TO THE EDITOR:

Again, the 5th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Alive In Christ Lutheran Church was a huge success.!

We delivered and served more than 250 meals.

Thank you to everyone involved and a huge thank you to Rick and Sheena at Fuller Foods, Colorado City, and Chon Rodriguez (Pogie) at Papa Chons for such a generous donation.

We could not do any of this without everyone's help.

Members and non-members helped us in so many ways.

The delivery alone was a huge job but so many people wanted to help do anything they could. Thank you to everyone that was involved and thank you, Big Spring,

you all always come through in one way or another.

JEANIE KNOCKE  
BIG SPRING

Great job!

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to express my appreciation to the Walmart employees and to the manager Tim

Walsh for how wonderful they were on Thursday evening during the pre-Black Friday sale.

Even amidst all the commotion and crowds, the employees were always courteous and friendly, helping to locate items and getting you what you needed.

The sales at our Walmart were so great there

was no need to shop elsewhere Thursday night or Friday for my family.

It is so nice when you can get what you need here in Big Spring and even better when you get great deals on them.

Thanks, Walmart employees and Tim, for all you do for our town.

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# Valiant effort

## Steers take Stephenville to limit in narrow loss

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**  
Sports Editor

ABILENE — In what was probably the most exciting game in the state over the weekend, Big Spring came up just short of a major upset over defending state champion Stephenville Friday at Wylie's Bulldog Stadium.

The Steers (9-4) had a two-point lead over the Yellow Jackets (12-1) with 35 seconds to go in the regional playoff game, thanks to a late touchdown by junior quarterback Tobyn Tannehill.

Then, Stephenville quickly assembled a scoring drive, moving 65 yards down the field in 25 seconds. A touchdown put SHS ahead 41-36. A series of last ditch lateral passes by Big Spring wound up in the wrong hands and with no time left, the Yellow Jackets added a pick six, making the final score of 47-36 appear more lopsided than it actually was.

The Steers drew first blood on their opening possession when hard-charging running back Hunter Hill scored from the four-yard line. Then it was Big Spring's defense who stepped up, forcing a SHS punt.

A 20-yard field goal by All-State selection Devin Roberson grew the Steers' lead to 10-0 as heavily favored Stephenville seemed dazed by BSHS, which was playing at an intensity level Head Coach Phillip Ritchey had never seen before.

"It was a perfect game for us," a proud Ritchey explained. "We did exactly what we needed to do to have a chance at beating that team. We scored points, we forced turnovers. All we wanted was a chance to win and we did exactly what we needed to do. They're a really good team. We knew we had to create turnovers to slow them down. The kids played their hearts out."

Both Stephenville fumbles were recovered by Big Spring. Shaiem Menefeldt intercepted a pass.

The Jackets tacked on a TD of their own with seconds left in the first quarter, then added another in the second. With :15 left in the half, Tannehill scored on a three-yard run, but the PAT kick was no good. The Steers led 16-14 at the halfway mark.

It only took 46 seconds for SHS to regain the lead when play resumed. It came on a 33-yard pass by QB Stidham — a player Ritchey referred to as a "D-I quarterback" and much of the reason for the Yellow Jackets' success.

"It's hard to point out any negatives, but we gave up the big play," Ritchey said. "We gave up some long passes."

Down 27-23 at the start of the fourth stanza, SHS tacked on another score, but Hill — who chipped in touchdown No. 12 in three post-season games — barreled down the field for a 41-yard score.

Tannehill followed suit on the next Steer



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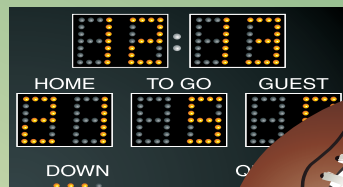
Above: Big Spring's Hunter Hill fights his way into the end zone for a TD during Friday's loss to defending state champion Stephenville in Abilene in the regional playoff round. Below: Seniors Chris Lindem and Ronnie Bell are joined by teammates as they take down a Yellow Jacket ball carrier. The Steers finished with a 9-4 record.



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# Brady, Patriots pay visit to struggling Texans

HOUSTON (AP) — When Tom Brady looks at the Houston Texans, he doesn't see one of the worst teams in the league that has lost nine games in a row.

Instead, the New England quarterback sees the league's No. 1 defense led by J.J. Watt, and a talented team

hungry for a win.

"Anything that's happened for them this season doesn't matter and anything that's happened for us makes no difference, either," Brady said. "They've lost some close games, we've pulled out some close games. I think that's the big difference.

It could just as easily go the other way."

Houston's defense is allowing the fewest yards in the NFL and Watt has 9 1/2 sacks, but the Texans are 2-9. Six of their losses, including each of the last five, have been by a touchdown or less. The Patriots (8-3) have won five

games by seven or fewer points, including last Sunday's overtime win against Denver. It was the largest comeback in franchise history after New England trailed by 24 points at halftime before rallying for the 34-31 victory.

"We have a big challenge," Brady said. "I don't think we've really performed to our level of what we need to. We're still building and trying

to figure out what kind of team we're going to be."

The AFC East-leading Patriots are trying to break a three-game road skid with an offense they still see as a work in progress. Coach Bill Belichick still doesn't think all of his offensive pieces are comfortable with one another.

"I think there's a lot of room for improvement, we've just got to con-

tinue to work with the people that are available and improve our level of execution, communication, and make sure that we're doing things efficiently and fundamentally properly," he said.

The Pats look to continue a trend of excellent December play on Sunday. New England has won 15 of its last 16 games in the month and Belichick is 47-8.



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## STEERS

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possession, scoring from a yard out to take the lead before the quick strike by the Yellow Jackets sealed the game.

It may have been a heartwrenching loss for Big Spring, but it was also a massive feat for a team who didn't win a single district outing in the two years prior.

"We played with a lot of heart," Ritchey said. "(Stephenville) matched us in size, they matched us in strength and they matched us in speed, but they couldn't match us in heart. In my opinion, that's the reason we had a chance to beat them. We earned a lot of respect from them, the state and a lot of people around the here who may have counted us out."

As for Ritchey's seniors, who played their final game in a Steer uniform, he said the team's success wouldn't have been possible without them.

"Our seniors were incredible (Friday) and all year," he said. "Some of those guys saw the lows and they worked hard to create the highs. They're a special bunch. They play together. We never have problems in the locker room. They raised the bar for Big Spring football. People are going to talk about the 2013 Steers for a long time."

There's some rebuilding which must take place if the Steers are to repeat the success they enjoyed this season. Offensively, Big Spring will be looking for linemen and receivers to fill vacancies when Tate Kennedy,

Menefield and Roberson graduate.

On the defensive side, BSHS will have many replacements to make.

Despite losing such integral players, the Steer offense is poised to be just as potent next season. Running backs Hill and freshman Preston Alexander are slated to return, along with Tannehill, who accumulated 156 rushing yards and 246 passing yards during Friday's nailbiter.

But for now, Ritchey is savoring the moment. The Steers may have lost, but they certainly didn't look like losers.

"It was one of the most exciting high school games you could be a part of," Ritchey added. "We went to toe-to-toe with the champ and went 15 rounds. And it ended on a split-decision — a controversial one. It was a great year. I wouldn't trade places with anybody right now. This is one of the best football teams in Big Spring history. We appreciate the support from the community. We may not have been able to celebrate a victory, but we can celebrate the effort."

### Statistics

**Total yards:** BSHS, 530; SHS, 567.

**Passing:** T. Tannehill, 21-37-2-246.

**Rushing:** T. Tannehill, 29-156; H. Hill, 11-115; D. Roberson, 1-28; P. Alexander, 7-9.

**Receiving:** D. Roberson, 7-164; T. Kennedy, 7-97; H. Hill, 2-18; Matt Yanez, 3-12; Garrett Wigington, 1-10; S. Menefield, 1-5, 1 int.

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 Left: Tobbyn Tannehill takes a snap under the watchful eye of Charlie Boling. Right: Tate Kennedy reaches around a defender to snag a pass during Friday's loss to Stephenville.

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# How TECHNOLOGY Can Simplify Your Holiday Season

### FAMILY FEATURES

The advancements in technology have changed many things in our daily lives including how we celebrate the holidays. From making shopping easier to planning holiday getaways, the endless capabilities of smartphone devices have made the holidays easier and better than ever before, allowing you to save time and money all with the touch of a button.

From travel to shopping, here are some of the ways to use technology to enhance your yuletide celebrations and resolve some of the stress-inducing activities of the season.

### Holly jolly entertaining with ease

Time spent with loved ones is what the holidays are all about. Here are some ways your smartphone can make these occasions even more joyous:

- **Festive films and shows:** Whether you want to entertain the kids while waiting to board the plane or just want to catch your favorite holiday movie from the convenience of your phone, you can do so with ease with the Netflix app. Included with your Netflix membership, this easy app lets you download and stream thousands of your favorite television shows and movies to enjoy at any time you please.
- **Merry-making invitations:** Send out invitations to your ugly sweater party with the Evite app. This helpful, tool also allows you to manage guest lists and RSVP to other events in a snap.
- **Good tidings and great tunes:** The holidays would not be complete without the sounds and songs of the season filling the air. From kids' school parties to a holiday feast with family and friends, you can create your own personal holiday playlists to fit every event and mood. This unlimited access to music at your fingertips is a gift in itself.

### Festive holiday apps for kids

Let the little ones in on all the merriment with these great apps designed just for them. Just download onto your device and let your child play away while embracing the holiday spirit.

- **Gingerbread Crazy Chef — Cookie Maker**  
With ingredients for dough and plenty of fun ways to decorate, kids learn to make their own gingerbread cookies with this creative app.
- **Jolly Jingle**  
This musical app teaches the words to popular holiday songs, encouraging kids to join in on the fun by singing along.
- **Toca Hair Salon — Christmas Gift**  
Let the kids take Santa to the salon for a special haircut or dye job. Kids will have a blast giving Santa a makeover just in time for his big night.

### Holiday shopping simplified

So many gifts to purchase and so little time. Try these handy helpers to get all the gifts you need and still have time to stop and enjoy the egg nog:



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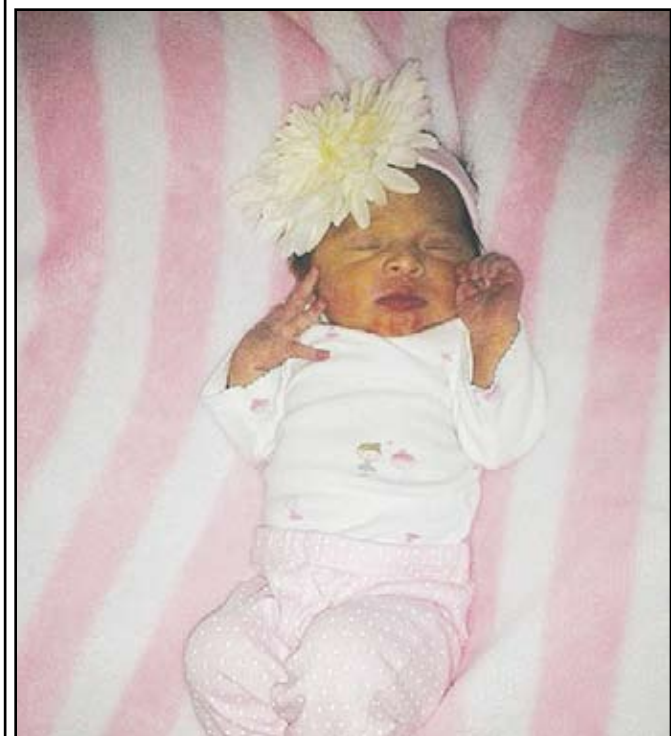
Charles and Kimberly Elam and Kenneth Mitchell announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Brianna LaShay Mitchell, of Ira, Texas, to Jeremy Mark Winn of Coahoma, Texas, the son of the Rev. Mark and Altie Winn.

The couple will exchange vows at 1 p.m. Dec. 7, at the First Baptist Church of Coahoma.

The father of the groom, the Rev. Mark Winn and uncle, the Rev. Matthew Winn will officiate.

Brianna is a 2012 graduate of Ira High School and works at TDCJ. Jeremy is a 2007 graduate of Coahoma High School and attended Howard College. He works for West Texas Gas Company. The couple will make their home in Sand Springs, Texas.

## Births



Kylie Nicole Fierro, a girl, was born Nov. 22, 2013, at 5:26 a.m. She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Kylie is the daughter of Agustin and Sylvia Fierro of Big Spring, Texas. Maternal grandparents are Raymond Sapien and the late Maria Garcia. Paternal grandparents are the late Agustin and Celia Fierro.

## Weddings



Tiffani and Sunil Nair

Tiffani Breann Paige of Big Spring, Texas, and Sunil Nair of Mumbai, Maharashtra, India, exchanged wedding vows at 3 p.m. Oct. 28, 2013, at Marriage Island in San Antonio, Texas. A reception followed at The Palm Restaurant.

The bride has a bachelors of art and a masters of art in communications from Angelo State University and is employed by the American Diabetes Association. She is the daughter of Roger and Tammie Paige of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Henry and Verla Paige and James and Billie Procter, all of Big Spring.

Sunil Nair of Mumbai, Maharashtra, India, has a bachelor of commerce in economics from Mithibai College in Mumbai and is employed by Tata Consultancy Services. He is the son of Udaya Nair and the late Gopalkrishnan Nair of Mumbai and the grandson of Devaki Pillai of Kerala, and the late Neelkanth and Radha Menon from Mumbai and Narayanan Pillai of Kerala.

The couple were married in an intimate ceremony with close family and friends on Marriage Island on the San Antonio Riverwalk. They will make their home in San Antonio, Texas.

## Beware of parking lot shoppers

By ANDREIA MEDLIN

Staff Writer

The holiday shopping season has arrived. The malls and shopping centers will be packed. Vehicle burglary will increase according to the Texas Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority – a division of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. These statistics have a tendency to escalate between Thanksgiving and

Christmas when multiple drivers tend to be out shopping or visiting with family and friends and sometimes leave belongings in plain sight in the vehicle or forget to lock doors.

To help prevent thefts follow these tips - Drivers should always:

- Remove belongings from view.
- Secure vehicles.
- Never leave keys inside.

The ABTPA also suggest

that drivers always park in well-lit areas, near surveillance cameras and heavy foot and vehicle traffic. "The more thieves feel threatened by detection, the less likely they are to focus on targets in such areas," the release said. For more information on the ABTPA, auto burglary, vehicle theft, prevention, statistics or public service announcements, call 800-CAR-WATCH or visit [www.txwatchyourcar.com](http://www.txwatchyourcar.com).

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## Market Watch



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The stock market crawled to a new record high in the wake of Janet Yellen's testimony to the Senate Banking Committee. But it did not surge to a new high. In fact, as of the time of this writing, the S&P 500 is trading slightly below the levels seen on the day of Ms. Yellen's testimony. Some may be wondering why the stock market did not trade meaningfully higher after receiving virtual confirmation that the likely new Federal Reserve (Fed) chief will keep the current easy-money policies in place for the foreseeable future.

The reason, at least in this strategist's mind, is that investors had a very good feel for what Yellen was going to say well before she sat down in front of the microphone. Janet Yellen has a history — a long history. And that history shows she tends to be on the dovish side of the line. In other words, Ms. Yellen usually leans toward keeping interest rates lower for longer than some of her colleagues might prefer. Those colleagues frequently are of the opinion that too loose monetary policy eventually leads to inflation becoming a problem. Indeed, that has generally been the case over the last 50-plus years.

But this time has been different. Despite interest rates near zero and trillions of dollars pumped into the economy during the last few years, the Fed has yet to generate any meaningful inflation — or significant economic growth, for that matter. The speed at which money is moving through the economy, often referred to as monetary "velocity," is low. Demand for credit is also low. Wage growth is painfully slow, as unemployment remains high. And there is not much pressure for employers to hike compensation when millions are still unemployed.

The Fed has a dual mandate of generating maximum employment and keeping inflation in check. It has been easier said than done since the late 1970s, when those mandates were first put in place. And the two mandates have butted heads many times in the past. The Fed normally has to strike a delicate balance between maintaining rates high enough to keep inflationary pressures modest, yet low enough so that economic activity is not negatively affected. Right now, inflation probably is the last thing the Fed needs to worry about.

The market is confident that Janet Yellen will keep Ben Bernanke's policies in place and it had thus priced in her testimony well before she even said a word.

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## Techies vs. NSA:

# Encryption arms race escalates

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Encrypted email, secure instant messaging and other privacy services are booming in the wake of the National Security Agency's recently revealed surveillance programs. But the flood of new computer security services is of variable quality, and much of it, experts say, can bog down computers and isn't likely to keep out spies.

In the end, the new geek wars — between tech industry programmers on the one side and government spooks, fraudsters and hacktivists on the other — may leave people's PCs and businesses' computer systems encrypted to the teeth but no better protected from hordes of savvy code crackers.

"Every time a situation like this erupts you're going to have a frenzy of snake oil sellers who are going to throw their products into the street," says Carson Sweet, CEO of San Francisco-based data storage security firm CloudPassage. "It's quite a quandary for the consumer."

Encryption isn't meant to keep hackers out, but when it's designed and implemented correctly, it alters the way messages look. Intruders who don't have a decryption key see only gobbledy-

gook. A series of disclosures from former intelligence contractor Edward Snowden this year has exposed sweeping U.S. government surveillance programs. The revelations are sparking fury and calls for better encryption from citizens and leaders in France, Germany, Spain and Brazil who were reportedly among those tapped. Both Google and Yahoo, whose data center communications lines were also reportedly tapped, have committed to boosting encryption and online security. Although there's no indication Facebook was tapped, the social network is also upping its encryption systems.

"Yahoo has never given access to our data centers to the NSA or to any other government agency. Ever," wrote Yahoo CEO Marissa Mayer in a Nov. 18 post on the company's Tumblr blog announcing plans to encrypt all of its services by early next year. "There is nothing more important to us than protecting our users' privacy."

For those who want to take matters into their own hands, encryption software has been proliferating across the Internet since the Snowden revelations broke. Heml.is — Swedish for

"secret" — is marketed as a secure messaging app for your phone. MailPile aims to combine a Gmail-like user friendly interface with a sometimes clunky technique known as public key encryption. Younited hopes to keep spies out of your cloud storage, and Pirate Browser aims to keep spies from seeing your search history. A host of other security-centered programs with names like Silent Circle, RedPhone, Threema, TextSecure, and Wickr all promise privacy.

Many of the people behind these programs are well known for pushing the boundaries of privacy and security online. Heml.is is being developed by Peter Sunde, co-founder of notorious file sharing website The Pirate Bay. Finland's F-Secure, home of Internet security expert Mikko Hypponen, is behind Younited. Dreadlocked hacker hero Moxie Marlinspike is the brains behind RedPhone, while Phil Zimmerman, one of the biggest names in privacy, is trying to sell the world on Silent Circle. Even flamboyant file sharing kingpin Kim Dotcom is getting in on the secure messaging game with an encrypted email service.

The quality of these new programs and ser-

vices is uneven, and a few have run into trouble. Nadim Kobeissi, developed encrypted instant messaging service Cryptocat in 2011 as an alternative to services such as Facebook chat and Skype. The Montreal-based program received glowing press for Cryptocat's ease of use, but he suffered embarrassment earlier this year when researchers discovered an error in the program's code, which may have exposed users' communications.

Kobeissi used the experience to argue that shiny new privacy apps need to be aggressively vetted before users can trust them.

"You need to be vigilant," he says. "We're two years old and we're just starting to reach the kind of maturity I would want."

Heml.is also encountered difficulties and angered users when its creators said they wouldn't use open source — or publicly auditable — code. And Silent Circle abruptly dropped its encrypted email service in August.

"What we found is the encryption services range in quality," says George Kurtz, CEO of Irvine, Calif.-based CrowdStrike, a big data, security technology company.

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Nov 1, 2013  
Status/Permit No. 772284  
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEAD-  
LINE: 5:00PM, Dec 6, 2013  
Address:  
Railroad Commission of Texas  
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit  
P.O. Box 12967  
Austin, Texas 78711-2967  
Fax: (512)463-6780  
Email:  
SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the APACHE CORPORATION, (RRC Operator No. 027200) has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 11, Bk. 31, T2N, T&P RR CO SVY Survey, A-182, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 13.6 miles N direction from COAHOMA, Texas.

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Lease/Unit Name: ATM 11  
Lease/Unit Well No.: 2  
Lease/Unit Acres: 125.7  
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 911.0  
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 1344.0  
Lease Lines:  
723.0 F. NORTH L,  
911.0 F WEST L  
Survey Lines:  
1787.0 F SOUTH L,  
1127.0 F EAST L  
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Special Rules 467/0,  
80.0 acres  
This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 7800 feet. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Jenna Hernandez, at (432)818-1112, x1112.  
#8051 November 10, 17, 24, and December 1, 2013

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LINE: 5:00PM, Dec 6, 2013  
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Railroad Commission of Texas  
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit  
P.O. Box 12967  
Austin, Texas 78711-2967  
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Lease/Unit Well No.: 2  
Lease/Unit Acres: 81.4  
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 567.0  
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 995.0  
Lease Lines:  
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637.0 F EAST L  
Survey Lines:  
567.0 F NORTH L,  
1980.0 F WEST L  
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Special Rules 467/0,  
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#8052 November 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2013

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Colleen Barton  
312 Scurry  
Big Spring, Texas 79720  
C.E. "Mike" Thomas  
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You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday December 2nd, 2013, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, at 312 Scurry Street in said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 10/16/2013 in the entitled cause 49404.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: IN RE: A CHILD as is more fully shown by the Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at office this 16th day of October, 2013.  
COLLEEN BARTON  
District Clerk of  
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By: Jury Padron  
#8059 November 17, 24, 2013 and December 1 & 8, 2013

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#22 Ruth Privett  
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#139 Johnny Munoz  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 It may put pressure on you
  - 10 Dude
  - 15 Evocativeness
  - 16 Kid's character who "speaks for the trees"
  - 17 Off the record
  - 18 Still
  - 19 Aristotle's "ornament to the young"
  - 20 It means "practitioner"
  - 21 Jump on
  - 22 Hustles
  - 23 At all
  - 25 Son of Jacob
  - 26 Propeller center
  - 27 Ring aide
  - 28 Any of three *Mikado* characters
  - 29 SUVs no longer made
  - 31 Lack of interest
  - 33 Name
  - 34 Ingest impolitely
  - 38 Up
  - 42 Dairy dweller
  - 43 Cover slip
  - 46 Fools
  - 48 "Serving Up Safe Buffets" publisher
  - 49 \_\_ games
  - 50 *Marat/Sade* character
  - 51 Puccini seamstress
  - 52 *Compañero*
  - 54 Quasi-opposite of "flash"
  - 55 Miscellaneous
  - 56 Going by
  - 57 Supermodel Gisele Bündchen, e.g.
  - 59 Major cocoa producer
- DOWN**
- 1 Fashion statement
  - 2 Site in a poor-protection simile
  - 3 Unsuccessful 2020 Olympics contender
  - 4 Sociologist's studies
  - 5 Martial-arts weapon
  - 6 Spread (out)
  - 7 Choose ritually
  - 8 Push preceder, perhaps
  - 9 Substance of a 1963 treaty
  - 10 Place for a lesser
  - 33 Across
  - 11 Unique
  - 12 Big name in shoestrings
  - 13 President re-elected in 2009
  - 14 Stretch
  - 23 Raven's tail
  - 24 Place cited but not entered in Luke 2:7
  - 27 Columbus landfall of 1492
  - 28 It's not a big thing
  - 30 Round number
  - 32 Implements
  - 35 Putting one's stamp on
  - 36 Buffalo and emu
  - 37 Informal refusal
  - 39 "Absolutely"
  - 40 Lock
  - 41 Back
  - 42 Oral objection
  - 43 Certain string sounds
  - 44 Its logo has three tuning forks
  - 45 Most important
  - 47 Toothpick target
  - 50 End notes
  - 51 Mario Prada's birthplace
  - 53 Dude
  - 55 First-known variable star
  - 58 Word from the Sanskrit for "absorption"

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

**Balsamic Moon of Hope**  
The balsamic moon is a sliver of hope to hang your dreams on. Those who have been doubtful lately will become increasingly filled with the feeling that no matter how many bad things have already happened, good things can still happen. "We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope." — Martin Luther King Jr.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Your expectations of yourself are always changing. You want to require more, but you don't want to require so much that you set yourself up to fail. Baby steps are best.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You've heard enough excuses from people who are not ready to take action to know that most of the problems they bring up aren't real; they're just procrastination tactics. You won't let yourself get away with such excuses today.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Avoid murkiness. By becoming clear, you'll also become strong. When your intentions, thoughts and words are aligned, you'll get the point across about who you are and what you want.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You're going to fight for something. One strategy is to bring the battle to the other party and put them on the defensive. However, this tactic will only work if they don't see it coming.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be teaching again. Remind your students that even the most solid-seeming bit of knowledge is not foolproof. If you can inspire them to question everything, you've taught them a lot.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The selfish people in your life may cause you pain, but they have their advantages, too. For instance, you don't have to worry about how you're going to entertain them. All you have to do is listen to them.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Don't be afraid. Whatever comes, you can take it. If it hurts, it will make you bolder. If it's troubling, it will make you smarter. If it's good, let it make you happy.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Some animals get aggressive when looked straight in the eye. Some run off, spooked. You'll use eye contact effectively, taking a different approach with each person.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have a way of making people feel relaxed. Of course, some people are harder to pacify than others. When your usual methods don't work, look at it as an invitation to explore new options.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your plan will work if you have the right people involved, people who will follow your directions with a smile. If you sense that you don't have a good crew, now is the time to change the lineup.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). No one who loves as much as you do should

wind up feeling worn out and unloved at the end of the day. So don't forget to accept love in return. That part is crucial; it keeps you from burnout.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). In general, you laugh much more than you cry. Today a good friend will have you in stitches. The next time you do cry, remember the laughter today that offset the balance.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Dec. 1). You have an important social role. You'll help people see what's possible. Your example will inspire change. This month brings an award. Don't be afraid to invest in your vision in January. Domestic improvements happen in February. Travel in May and September broadens your professional horizons. Scorpio and Cancer people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 14, 3, 33, 28 and 7.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** Hope is the theme this week. The balsamic moon sets a tone: a shimmering slice of rock just perfect for hanging your dreams on. Do you know what they are? If not, brainstorm the possibilities now while Neptune is encouraging the more whimsical side of your mind. The Sagittarius sun will help out by inspiring you to look beyond the usual influences and gather ideas from different places, cultures and lifestyles.

Monday brings the new moon, and it's an ideal start time for projects and goals. The Sagittarius new moon favors aims that have to do with expansion and travel. This part of the sky likes to ask: Is what's out there better than what's here? The answers have a way of moving us around the globe, as we can't rest until we've seen what it's like beyond our front gate.

Wednesday brings a sign change for Mercury, and the fleet-footed messenger boy will join the party in Sagittarius. Communication will be infused with optimism. In most cases, this is an improvement, but there will be those situations in which optimism makes it difficult to understand the scope of risk. Question heavily before you invest, or hold off investing entirely for the next three weeks.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Neo-soul singer Janelle Monae had a goal for her latest album, "Electric Lady": to bridge the gap between various communities and eliminate the divides between different races, political stances and sexual orientations. Sagittarian artists are worldly and sophisticated and love to explore cultures different from their own so they can meld their findings into a new statement.

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Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** I am in my 60s and have been married for 10 years to a wonderful man. It's a second marriage for both of us. He was a widower, and I was divorced.

The problem is his daughter, "Emily," who has been a thorn in our sides from Day One. When we married, we signed a prenup. My husband has investments, which are primarily in his children's names. My house was paid for, and his wasn't, so he sold it and we moved into mine. It's still in my name because I intend to leave it to my children after both of us pass on.

Emily has been complaining to her father that he should have his name on the deed to my house. I am not willing to do this, because if we divorce, he gets 50 percent of all of my assets, including the house. I don't have a lot of money, I don't make a lot of money, and I also don't ask my husband for money. Yet, Emily tells him I'm only after his money.

I think Emily is evil and mean, and I don't want to be around her. She gives bill collectors our phone number, so we get harassed about her missing



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payments. The reason she wants her father's name on my house is because she wants to inherit it. I am sick of her manipulations, but not sure what to do. Her father always takes her side, and it makes me wonder how much he loves me. — *Fed Up*

**Dear Fed Up:** Your problem isn't Emily so much as it is your husband, who refuses to tell her to knock it off. Please talk to him (do not badmouth his daughter) and explain that your prenup protects both of you and preserves your assets for your heirs. Reassure him that if you die, he can live in the house for the rest of his life, but then it passes to your children. Say that Emily's constant pressure on this issue is creating problems within your marriage, and he needs to make it clear that she must stop. How he handles that will determine whether he can be trusted to put you first — or whether you need counseling to assess your future with him.

**Dear Annie:** My wife and I recently married. The wedding was in Texas, but most of our family lives elsewhere. Although we were disappointed, we understood that many folks would be unable to attend due to the travel and hotel costs.

Here's the problem. Not one of these relatives sent so much as a card, let alone a gift. In the past few years, we have attended several family events and always gave gifts. Sometimes we had to travel great distances and pay for hotels and plane fares. We expected they would return the favor. Their failure to do so leaves a bad taste in our mouths and makes us not want to attend any events they plan in the

future. — *Confused in Texas*

**Dear Confused:** Many people feel that if they did not attend the event, they do not need to send a gift, although a card with good wishes is always proper. But please do not treat your wedding as a fundraiser. While a gift is welcome and appropriate, it should not be the point of the invitation. And gifts may still be forthcoming. We hope they will extend their good wishes, but you cannot demand that they do so.

**Dear Annie:** I read the letter from "Manager," who said his employees never complain about having to stand all day.

Well, here's a complaint. I've got a bad knee. I have a brace, and I use a topical analgesic. My manager, though, has no idea. I never complain, even though I wind up in bed the next day. Just because a person doesn't complain doesn't mean everything is hunky dory. Complaining could get you fired. — *Retail Worker in Florida*

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to [anniesmailbox@comcast.net](mailto:anniesmailbox@comcast.net), or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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Answer to previous puzzle

A	H	E	M	C	L	A	S	H	B	A	M			
P	U	R	E	H	I	P	P	O	G	O	G			
P	L	A	S	T	I	C	R	A	P	H	A	I	R	
S	A	S	H	I	M	I	R	I	C	O	T	T	A	
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**RECORDS**

Continued from Page 3B

1407 E. 19th St., Big Spring  
Timothy Donald Taylor, 4000 W. Highway 80 No. 18, Big Spring  
Shannon Keith Teel, 500 S. Oak St., Gail  
David Wayne Turner, 3204 Irving, Snyder  
Abram Heinrichs Unger, 503 NE Fourth, Seminole  
Ricky Lynn Waltenbaugh, 538 Westober Rd. Apt. 133, Big Spring  
Timothy Shea Wargo, 624 State, Big Spring

Charles Watson, 804 West IH 20 apt. 127, Big Spring  
Jacklynn Yvonne Watson, 1503 Tucson, Big Spring  
Thomas Weeks, P.O. Box 110891, Anchorage, Alaska  
Candida Lynn Whitehead, 3706 Connley, Big Spring  
Tamara Ruth Whitt, 1909 Morrison, Big Spring  
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. apt 28, Big Spring  
Byran Paul Williams, 1409 E. Main St., Round Rock  
Calvin Williams, 1313 Mulberry, Big Spring  
Frances Elena Yanez, 1610 Cardinal, Big Spring  
Jimmy Marmolejo Ybarra, 1315 Mesa, Big Spring

James Edward Young, 3313 Auburn, Big Spring  
Dennis Anthony Zaragoza, 4534 Sinclair Bldg 12, apt., 101, Midland

**District Court Filings**  
State of Texas vs Tabitha Montez, probated judgment – possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces, \$500 fine, 180 days in jail and \$342 court costs.  
State of Texas vs Nathaniel Devon Lange, judgment and sentence – possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces, \$200 fine, \$342 court costs and 30 days in jail.  
State of Texas vs Aaron Scott Combs, probated judgment – pos-

session of controlled substance three less than 28 grams, \$200 fine, \$342 court cost and 30 days in jail.  
State of Texas vs Bonnie Sue Birmelin, judgment and sentence – theft of property greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500.  
State of Texas vs Jackie Kyle Kirkham, probated judgment – possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces, \$250 fine, 180 days in jail and \$342 court cost.  
State of Texas vs Earnest William Clark, judgment and sentence – criminal trespass, \$200 fine, \$287 court cost and 90 days in jail.  
State of Texas vs Bobby Ray Newton II, probated judgment –

driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, 190 days in jail and \$457.10 court cost.  
**Marriage Licenses**  
Victor Manuel Rodriguez Amaro, 53 and Petra Lopez Atondo, 45, both of Big Spring.  
**Warranty Deeds With Vendors Lein**  
Grantor: Horace Lee Atkinson and Elvira Atkinson  
Grantee: Alfredo Garcia and Elizabeth Loya  
Property: N/2 sec 27, blk 32, 1N MH 14X66 SF  
Date: Sept. 19, 2013  
Grantor: RLS II Properties Management Inc.  
Grantee: TE2 Management Inc.  
Property: Sec 4 blk 32 T-1-S T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County  
Date: Sept. 19, 2013  
Grantor: Frank V. Brooks and Joann M. Brooks  
Grantee: Ken Allensworth  
Property: Lot 6 blk 6 Kentwood (unit 1)  
Date: Sept. 20, 2013  
Grantor: Horace E. Tubb  
Grantee: John Morton  
Property: SW/4 of sec 8 blk 33, T-1-S T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County  
Date: Sept. 20, 2013  
Grantor: Hoarace E. Tubb  
Grantee: Timothy Huit  
Property: SE/4 sec 43 blk 32 T-1-S T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County  
Date: Sept. 24, 2013  
Grantor: Vicki Dahmer  
Grantee: George Karibian and LaNita Sue Karibian  
Property: Lots 3 and 4 blk 12, Original Town of Big Spring  
Date: Sept. 25, 2013  
Grantor: Horace E. Tubb  
Grantee: Daniel and Stephanie Mata  
Property: 19.78 acre tract out of SE/4 sec 46 blk 31 T-1-N T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County  
Date: Sept. 26, 2013  
Grantor: George and Becky Oliver  
Grantee: Justin Scott Ditto and Melissa Magali Ditto

Property: Lot 26 blk 3, Highland South Addition  
Date: Sept. 26, 2013  
Grantor: Glenda Akins Boyd  
Grantee: Faye Elois Rogers  
Property: E/90' of N/100' of lot 1 blk 71, Original Town of Big Spring  
Date: Sept. 27, 2013  
Grantor: Walter Vernon and Patricia Ann Ward  
Grantee: Braden Witt  
Property: Lots 1 and 2 blk 39, College Heights Addition  
Date: Sept. 30, 2013  
Grantor: Cicely Friar and Bryan Friar  
Grantee: Jose Hernandez  
Property: Lot 2 blk 3, Wasson Place Addition  
Date: Sept. 30, 2013  
Warranty Deeds  
Grantor: Jimmy Lynn Bertram, Sherri Ann Gibson and Heather Cooper  
Grantee: Texas Co. Title Inc.  
Property: Lot 16, blk 1, Suburban Heights Addition  
Date: Sept. 20, 2013  
Grantor: Darrell Horn and Lynelle Thomas Horn  
Grantee: James Proctor  
Property: Tract 2 of Country Livin' Subdivision, NE/4 sec 44 blk 31 T-1-N T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County  
Date: Sept. 23, 2013  
Grantor: Darrell Horn and Priscilla Horn  
Grantee: James Proctor  
Property: Tract 3 of Country Livin' Subdivision, NE/4 sec 44 blk 31 T-1-N T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County  
Date: Sept. 23, 2013  
Grantor: Darrell and Priscilla Horn  
Grantee: Steve Pilkington  
Property: Lots 19 and 20 tract 2 of Country Livin' Subdivision, NE/4, sec 44, blk 31 T-1-N T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County  
Date: Sept. 23, 2013  
Grantor: Marcellous Weaver  
Grantee: Dan and Melissa Thomas  
Property: Lots 7 and 8 blk 19, Boydston Addition  
Date: Sept. 24, 2013

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**Sudoku Answer on Page 10B**

**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.

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

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**NORTH**  
♠ 9 6 3  
♥ 8 5 2  
♦ A 7 4  
♣ 9 8 6 2

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

**WEST**  
♠ 5  
♥ 10 7 4 3  
♦ Q 10 6  
♣ K Q J 7 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K 10 7 2  
♥ A K Q J  
♦ J 9 3  
♣ A

The bidding:  
East South West North  
Pass 2 ♠\* Pass 2 ♦\*\*  
Pass 2 ♣\* Pass 3 ♣\*  
Pass 4 ♣\*

\* strong, artificial \*\* negative  
Opening lead — king of clubs.

One of the most important precepts of declarer play is founded on the Murphy's Law principle, which stipulates that anything that can go wrong will go wrong.

Consider this case where West leads a club against South's four-spade contract. After taking the ace, South plays the ace of spades and then continues with the deuce!

South's low trump play at trick three indicates that he is a firm believer in Murphy's Law. He makes this play because he realizes that the only real threat to his contract is a 4-1 trump break.

The low spade lead is designed to guard against this danger. When West shows out, declarer plays the nine from dummy, losing to East's jack. Declarer later crosses to dummy with a diamond and takes a trump finesse to wrap up the contract, losing only two diamonds and a trump trick.

Note that if the trumps turn out to be divided 3-2, as they will be about two-thirds of the time, South loses nothing by leading a low spade at trick three. The opponents get their trump trick earlier rather than later, and the safety play proves to be unnecessary.

Note also that the safety play does not work if it turns out that West has the Q-J-x-x of trumps instead of East. Even Murphy's Law would not help in that case, because the contract would fail whatever South did. Actually, this possibility should be ignored by declarer, who concerns himself only with matters over which he can exercise some degree of control.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.  
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Tuesday: Breakfast, mini maple pancakes, sausage patty, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, chicken fried steak or chicken nuggets, roll, mashed potatoes, green beans, strawberries and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, mini corn dogs, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, chicken fajitas or turkey and cheese wrap, charro beans, corn, orange smiles, fresh fruit bowl and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, blueberry loaf, strawberry yogurt, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, chicken spaghetti or popcorn chicken, breadsticks, garden salad, baby carrots, peaches and milk.

Friday: Breakfast, grape PBJ Uncrustable, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, Baja fish sticks or hamburger or cheeseburger, Texas toast, sweet potato tots, coleslaw, pineapple chunks, fresh fruit bowl and milk.

## Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast, pancake on a stick, chocolate chip muffin, buttered toast, dry cereal variety, chilled pineapple, fresh whole fruit, 100 percent fruit juice. Lunch, chicken fried steak fingers, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, chilled mixed fruit, whole grain roll, crême gravy.

Tuesday: Breakfast, breakfast pizza, scrambled eggs with ham, tator tots, buttered toast, dry cereal variety, blushing pears, fresh whole fruit, 100 percent fruit juice.

Wednesday: Breakfast, French toast sticks, mini maple pancakes, buttered toast dry cereal variety, baked cinnamon apples, fresh whole fruit, 100 percent fruit juice. Lunch, Big Daddy Homestyle Pizza cheese and pepperoni, corn on the cob, baked Italian zucchini and tomatoes, chilled Mandarin oranges,

whole grain garlic bread stick.

Thursday: Breakfast, waffles, sausage patty, bagel and cream cheese, buttered toast, dry cereal variety, chilled peaches, fresh whole fruit, 100 percent fruit juice.

Friday: Breakfast, morning sausage roll, biscuit and sausage patty, buttered toast, dry cereal variety, chilled mixed fruit, fresh whole fruit, 100 percent fruit juice. Lunch, popcorn chicken, macaroni and cheese, seasoned mixed vegetables, chilled pineapple tidbits, whole grain roll, tartar sauce/ketchup.

## Senior Center

Monday - Turkey gumbo, Cajun rice, cabbage, crackers, bread pudding and milk.

Tuesday - Cheese enchiladas, Spanish rice, beans, tortilla chips/salsa, orange Jello/oranges and milk.

Wednesday - Chicken fried steak, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, Harvard beets, rolls, fresh fruit and milk.

Thursday - Ham slice, lima beans, seasoned greens, lime/pineapple Jello, cornbread and milk.

Friday - Sweet and sour pork, brown rice, herbed green beans, rolls, plum crisp and milk.

## Sands ISD

Monday: Breakfast, French toast sticks, juice and milk. Lunch, cheeseburger, tater tots, Western beans and diced pears.

Tuesday: Breakfast,

scrambled eggs with biscuits and gravy, juice and milk. Lunch, tangerine chicken, brown rice, baby carrots, steamed broccoli and pineapple tidbits.

Wednesday: Breakfast, cereal and toast, juice and milk. Lunch, Tex-Mex stack with corn chips, Spanish rice, refried beans, garden salad, salsa and hot cinnamon apples.

Thursday: Breakfast, chicken and waffles, juice and milk. Lunch, stuffed barbecue potato, Texas toast, baby carrots and fresh fruit.

Friday: Breakfast, breakfast burrito, juice and milk. Lunch, chicken parmesan, bread stick, garden salad, savory green beans and fresh apple slices.

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Monday - Ham and cheese sandwich, vegetable sticks, applesauce and milk.

Tuesday - Barbecued wieners, Ranch style beans, mixed vegetables, bread and milk.

Wednesday - Pizza casserole, tossed salad, sliced peaches and milk.

Thursday - Fish sticks, hush

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## sudoku

ANSWERS

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

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