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## Council to consider force policy

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council will consider a resolution spelling out the city's stance on excessive force by law enforcement personnel when they meet in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday

The city recently received grant money from the Texas Department of Agriculture, officials said. As part of the agreement on accepting those funds, the city is required to adopt a formal resolution defining its stance on excessive force by law enforcement.

The resolution the council will consider Tuesday reads in part: It is the policy of the City of Big Spring to prohibit the use of excessive force by the law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individual engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstrations. The City also prohibits the physical barring of any entrance to, or exit from, such a facility within its jurisdiction."

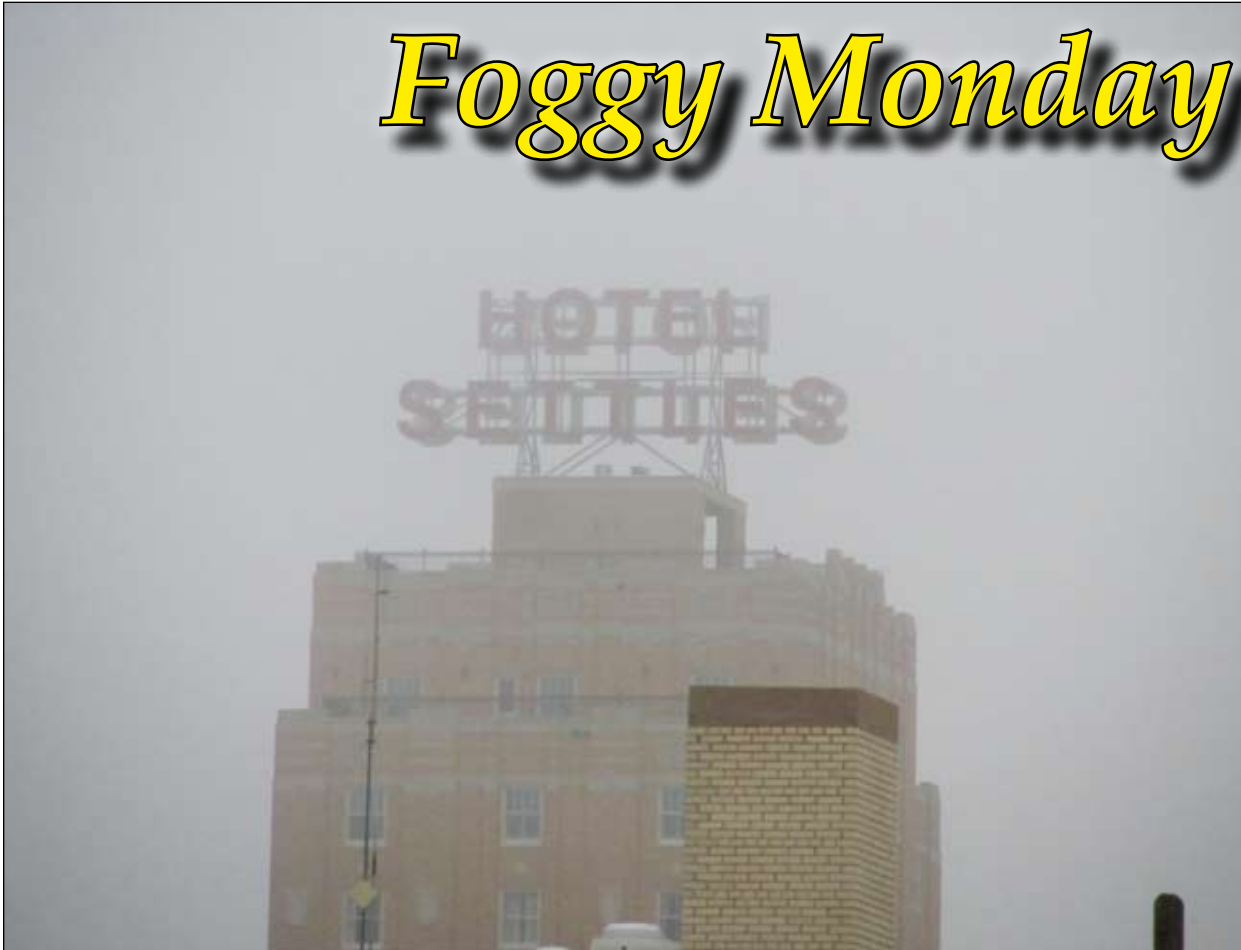
The resolution goes on to state the city shall enforce its policy "to the fullest extent of the law" and establishes a policy for persons to file grievances.

The policy will take effect immediately upon final approval by the council.

In other business Tuesday, council will consider:

- Emergency reading of a resolution authorizing the filing of two grant applications with the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission under the Regional Solid Waste Grant Program.
- A budget amendment of slightly more than \$8,000 to complete funding of a solid waste study previously authorized by the council.
- Approval of an interlocal Agreement with the South Plains Association of Governments for assistance with a Texas Community Development Grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture for water improvement projects.

Contact Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235.



## Foggy Monday

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
**Dense fog welcomed area travelers as they headed to work this morning along with blustery, cold wind. Cold weather is expected to stay around through most of the week in the Cross Roads area.**

## Gas prices down slightly

**Special to the Herald**

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 2.9 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.08 a gallon. This compares with the national average that has fallen 0.7 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.24 a gallon, according to gasoline price website TexasGasPrices.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were unchanged compared to the same day one year ago and are 15.7 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 3.9 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 10.4 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

"The National Weather Service says this week begins with much of California under a 'hard freeze warning' and separate storm systems tracking across the Great Lakes region and from the Gulf Coast to the northeast, bringing snow, sleet and freezing rain from the Lower Mississippi River

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## He'll be back

Santa Claus holds an infant on his lap during his recent visit to Spring Town Plaza. Icy weather forced the postponement of several Christmas celebrations this past weekend. Although none have been formally rescheduled as of this morning, organizers said the events, which include the Big Spring Herald's Community Christmas Parade, the museum's Breakfast With Santa and Canterbury's annual Christmas Bazaar will be held later this month.

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## Obituaries

## Jimmie F. Samuels

Jimmie F. Samuels, 77, of Big Spring, Texas, died Friday, Dec. 6, 2013 in a Midland, Texas, hospital. Memorial services were held at noon Monday, Dec. 9, 2013 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Josh Holcombe, Youth Pastor, Green Acres Baptist Church South Campus, of Tyler, Texas and Randy Samuels, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Sinton, Texas, officiating. He was born April 26, 1936 in Breckenridge, Texas, and married Carol June Lee Nov. 9, 1996, in Abilene, Texas.

He served in the United States Air Force and was an instructor at Webb Air Force Base for the T-36, T-37 and T-38 aircraft and had been named NCO of the year. After retiring, he contracted with the United States Postal Service as a rural route mail carrier for 16 years and then was the custodian for his church. Jimmie was a very humble man and would never speak of himself unless asked.

Survivors include his wife, Carol Samuels of Big Spring; three daughters, Debra Legg and husband Robert of Big Spring, Pam Holcombe and husband Steve of White Oak, Texas, and Jessica DeVaney of Big Spring; one son, Randy Samuels and wife Sherri of Sinton; a sister-in-law Edna Burgett; nine grandchildren, Rusty Holcombe, Josh Holcombe and wife Rachel, Bobby Legg and wife Andi, Aline Fuselier and husband Chris, Brett Samuels, Braden Samuels, Stetson Word, Makenzie Word and Landon Wilson; five great-grandchildren, Kierstyn and Logan Legg, Breanna Fuselier and Kaleigh and Aimey Wheeler; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George W. and Irene Gipson Samuels Smith; six brothers and three sisters.

The family suggests memorials to the Wounded Warrior Project at [www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate).

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)  
Paid obituary

## Ila Blanche Moore

Ila Blanche Moore, 87, of Big Spring, Texas, died Friday, Dec. 6, 2013 in a local hospital. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2013, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

She was born Aug. 1, 1926, in Stephenville, Texas and married Ronald E. "Mutt" Moore July 26, 1947, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death March 10, 2008.

She was a longtime resident of Big Spring and was the snack bar manager at Runnels Junior High School for many years.

Survivors include one daughter, Tonia Moore Ollerton and husband Jim of Uvalde, Texas; one son, Jerry Dale Moore and wife Tashia of Big Spring; one step-daughter, Cynthia Kay of San Angelo; three sisters, Wanda Wells of Fort Worth, Texas, Sybil Willborn of Brownwood, Texas and Jessie Dillingham of Granbury; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents Jess A. and Mattie Cowden Lawson; one brother Ervin Lawson; and one sister, Bernice Lawson.

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

## Tim Ballard

Tim Ballard, 52, of Big Spring, Texas, died Friday Dec. 6, 2013, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Memorial Services will be at 3 p.m.

Wednesday at First Baptist Church. Private interment will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Oct. 6, 1961, in Big Spring to Enola Myrlene and Bill Ballard. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County. He graduated from Coahoma High School in 1980. He married Kim Kendrick, Sept. 14, 1985, in Big Spring. He served with the U. S. Postal Service for 33 years. He was a member of the Forsan

School Board since 2007. He was a member and deacon of Berea Baptist Church, where he was presently minister of music and taught the adult Sunday School Class. He was also involved in the Nursing Home Ministry for over 30 years.

He is survived by his wife, Kim Ballard of Big Spring; three sons, Timothy Ballard and his wife Stephanie of Hampton, Virginia, Tanner Ballard and Travis Ballard, both of Big Spring; one grandson: Aedyn Ballard of Hampton, Va.; three brothers, Bill Ballard and his wife Pat of Culpepper, Va., Courtney Ballard and his wife Kelli of Big Spring, and Kent Ballard and his wife Tammy of Guthrie, Texas; two sisters, Barbara Reilly and Altie Winn and her husband Mark, all of Big Spring; step-mother, Barbara Ballard of Big Spring; mother-in-law, Helen Kendrick of Big Spring; brother-in-law, Termie Kendrick and his wife Traci of Big Spring; several aunts and uncles; and a number of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Marvin Kendrick.

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

## William Robert

## 'Billy Bob' Watson

Former Big Spring resident William Robert "Billy Bob" Watson joined his wife in heaven Dec. 3, 2013.

Born to Charles Lee Watson and Jewel Bell Smith in Strawn, Texas, on Oct. 15, 1929, Billy Bob served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Upon military discharge, he sought guidance from his minister, which led to meeting the minister's niece and Billy Bob's future wife, Candace Dickinson. Billy Bob proposed on their first date during the Governor's Ball at the Driskill Hotel and Candace said yes. They began their lives on the Dickinson ranches in New Mexico.

Soon after, came children and a move to Midland, Texas, where they owned and operated William Watson Gifts. Seeking better opportunity for their growing family, the Watsons moved to Houston, Texas, and while managing the Sakowitz store Billy Bob graduated from the University of Houston to become a teacher. He began his teaching career as a special education teacher and ultimately found his niche as a Texas history teacher in the Spring Branch ISD.

After retiring from teaching, Billy Bob stayed busy with several beach houses in Surfside, Texas, until Candace's death. He enjoyed reading, gardening, his grandchildren, and his dog Juno. He never said no to dessert! In his final years, Billy Bob moved to Austin, Texas, to enjoy the lifestyle at Longhorn Village.

He is survived by his children, Charles G. Watson and fiancée Lori S. Brix, Suzanne Watson and husband Michael Danks, all of Austin; Elaine Watson Jones and husband Kenneth Jones of Houston; and Marybell Davison of Plano. Billy Bob especially loved his grandchildren Jordan Jones, Amanda Davison, Kendall Jones, Austin Davison and Connor Jones. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and a group of California girls who called him Daddy, too! He will be greatly missed by his family and his many friends.

Special thanks to everyone at Longhorn Village, Hospice of the Hills, and Divine Canine.

Family graveside services will be in Strawn, Texas, Dec. 13. The family will host a celebration of Billy Bob's life on Dec. 17 at 3 p.m. in the Lantana wing of Longhorn Village.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be sent to Hospice of the Hills, Austin, Texas; Divine Canine, Austin, Texas; or your local animal rescue shelter.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home - (512) 452-8811. Obituary and memorial guestbook available online at [www.wcfish.com](http://www.wcfish.com)  
Paid Obituary

## Hayes Stripling

Hayes Stripling, 87, of Big Spring, died Sunday, December 8, 2013, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

## Police blotter

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

- HEATHER MARIE GRANADOS, 26, of 2001 Williams Road, was arrested on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties.
- DOMINGO RIOS RJ., 25, of 3206 Auburn Avenue, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest/detention using a vehicle or watercraft.
- JOSEPH H. HINES, 41, of 1809 Nolan rear, was arrested on warrants for two counts of criminal trespass-property/building/aircraft/vehicle.
- GARY LEE SMALE JR., 39, of 2000 S. Monticello Avenue, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram in a drug free zone and driving while license suspended/invalid — previous conviction.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 3300 block of West Highway 80 and in the 1600 block of Lexington Avenue.




## Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 62 inmates at the time of this report.
- JOSHUA WINN CLARK, 35, was booked by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- CHRISTOPHER SALAZAR, 26, was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than or equal to 2 ounces in a drug free zone.
- ASHLEY BURT, 26, was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- GARY DON GOODMAN, 19, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram in a drug free zone.
- LUIS DUTCHOVER PEREZ, 62, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- JAMIE JONE CHAPPELL, 36, was booked by the BSPD on charges of resisting arrest search or transport and assault-family violence.
- TIMMY WYANE ROGERS, 34, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of assault-causing bodily injury to a family member.
- BOBBY ALLEN BRYANT, 42, was booked by

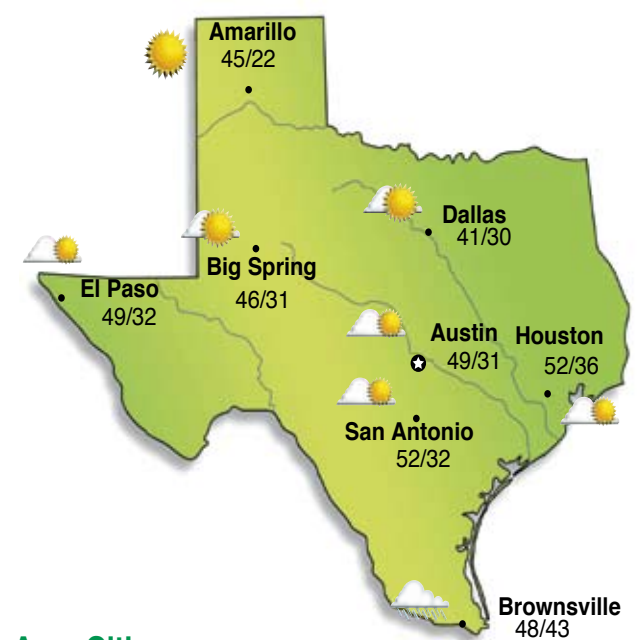
## Today's Weather

## Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 12/10	Wed 12/11	Thu 12/12
		
<b>46/31</b>	<b>47/26</b>	<b>46/37</b>
Sunshine and some clouds. High 46F. Winds light and variable.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the mid 20s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the upper 30s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:36 AM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:37 AM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:38 AM
<b>Sunset:</b> 5:42 PM	<b>Sunset:</b> 5:42 PM	<b>Sunset:</b> 5:42 PM



## Texas At A Glance



## Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	43	29	mst sunny	Kingsville	51	40	rain
Amarillo	45	22	sunny	Livingston	49	30	pt sunny
Austin	49	31	pt sunny	Longview	46	31	sunny
Beaumont	51	35	pt sunny	Lubbock	44	25	sunny
Brownsville	48	43	rain	Lufkin	50	32	pt sunny
Brownwood	44	29	mst sunny	Midland	45	31	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	49	40	rain	Raymondville	49	41	rain
Corsicana	41	29	mst sunny	Rosenberg	51	35	pt sunny
Dallas	41	30	mst sunny	San Antonio	52	32	pt sunny
Del Rio	52	35	pt sunny	San Marcos	50	31	pt sunny
El Paso	49	32	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	43	32	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	50	32	mst sunny	Sweetwater	42	29	mst sunny
Gainesville	39	26	sunny	Tyler	45	31	mst sunny
Greenville	40	28	mst sunny	Weatherford	39	26	mst sunny
Houston	52	36	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	42	25	sunny

## National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	49	30	rain	Minneapolis	7	-13	pt sunny
Boston	35	22	sn shower	New York	35	25	sn shower
Chicago	23	16	windy	Phoenix	60	38	mst sunny
Dallas	41	30	mst sunny	San Francisco	52	34	sunny
Denver	40	14	pt sunny	Seattle	35	32	pt sunny
Houston	52	36	pt sunny	St. Louis	37	21	sunny
Los Angeles	62	38	windy	Washington, DC	36	25	mixed
Miami	83	70	pt sunny				

the HCSO on a Bexar County warrant for motion to revoke probation-burglary of a habitation.

- BLANCA ESTHEL FERNANDEZ-FAZ, 45, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of assault by contact.
- EUGENE SCOTT, 64, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for criminal mischief, more than \$50 but less than \$500.
- HENRY GUSMAN, 37, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- HEATHER MARIE GRANDOS, 26, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties.
- DOMINGO RIOS JR., 25, was booked by the BSPD, on a charge of evading arrest, detention with a vehicle.
- REYMONDO CANALES JR., 21, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOSEPH HENRY HINES, 41, was booked by BSPD on warrants for two counts of criminal trespass.
- GARY LEE SMALE JR., 39, was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram in a drug free zone and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction, suspension.
- ANDREW SLAON ROBINSON, 18, was booked by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.

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# Texas news in brief

## Texas 2014 candidate filing deadline hours away

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Political hopefuls statewide have only a few more hours to throw their hats into the 2014 electoral ring.

The close of business Monday is the filing deadline for necessary paperwork to compete in Texas primaries March 4, with winners advancing to November's general election.

Of the 15 statewide offices up for election, 36 Republicans and 15 Democrats have filed with the secretary of state's office.

A Democrat hasn't won statewide office since 1994, and the party may struggle even fielding a candidate for all possible slots. No Democrat has yet filed for any of the four Texas Supreme Court and three Court of Criminal Appeals races.

Still, next year's much-watched race to replace Gov. Rick Perry looks set, pitting Republican Attorney General Greg Abbott against Democratic state Sen. Wendy Davis.

## Travel slowly improves days after Texas ice storm

DALLAS (AP) — Travel began to slowly return to normal as temperatures warmed in North Texas on Monday following an ice storm that forced the cancellation of hundreds of flights, closed schools and cut electricity to thousands of homes and businesses.

The Texas Department of Transportation said in a late Sunday statement that it had reopened all major highways in the areas hardest hit by the wintry weather. Bridges could remain icy and the agency urged drivers to use caution Monday as the National Weather Service forecast temperatures would be in the upper 30s, giving way to warmer conditions and sunny skies by Tuesday.

Over the weekend, church services were canceled, some businesses closed and grocery stores scrambled to keep up with demand in the Dallas-Fort Worth area due to freezing temperatures.

Fort Worth-based American Airlines and American Eagle canceled 700 flights on Monday, mainly in North Texas. The carriers on a typical day operate about 3,500 flights, said spokeswoman Dori Alvarez.

About 650 people were stranded Sunday night at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, said David Magana, an airport spokesman. About 2,000 travelers were stranded there on Saturday night, while Friday night about 4,000 travelers were stranded, he said. Four of the five regularly used runways were open Monday.

"It's signs of progress," Magana said.

## South Texan charged with killing toddler son

JOURDANTON, Texas (AP) — A South Texas woman has been charged in the stabbing death of her toddler son.

Atascosa (a-tuhs-KOH'-suh) County jail records show 26-year-old Tashawna Cadwell was being held Monday on a charge of capital murder of a child younger than 6 years old. Jail records don't list an attorney for Caldwell, whose bond was set at \$1 million.

Investigators are trying to determine what prompted the attack early Sunday at a home near Poteet. Deputies responded to a disturbance call. Sheriff David Soward says the boy, Caiden Parker, was dead at the scene. The victim would have

turned 2 years old on Wednesday.

A second woman and an older child, who suffered minor injuries, were at the home where Caldwell was arrested.

Poteet is 25 miles south of San Antonio.

## Chief: Wounded San Antonio officer may not survive

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio police officer was shot in the head and critically wounded before daybreak Sunday during a car chase with armed robbery suspects, authorities said.

San Antonio Police Chief William McManus asked for prayers for the officer, whom he identified as Robert Deckard, 31, a seven-year veteran of the department. Deckard was in intensive care after surgery at San Antonio Military Medical Center.

McManus said Sunday afternoon doctors were not optimistic Deckard would survive.

"The prognosis has not gotten any better," he said.

Two people, identified only as a 32-year-old man and 28-year-old woman, were taken into custody after dawn Sunday in a rural area south of the city in neighboring Wilson County as police using tracking dogs and helicopters joined the hunt. Their names and details of their capture weren't immediately released.

There were few details about the shooting, but authorities believed the chase began after a convenience store robbery early Sunday. The people in the vehicle took off and officers gave chase out of the city down Interstate 37. Eventually, gunfire was exchanged as speeds reached 100 mph.

The officer crashed after he was hit with a bullet that went through his car's windshield.

Sgt. Marcial Luevano told the San Antonio Express-News that Deckard normally works in north San Antonio but was filling in on a shift on the city's south side.

## South Texas jury awards \$281 million in lawsuit

CARRIZO SPRINGS, Texas (AP) — The family of a man killed by a part breaking off a truck doing Eagle Ford Shale oilfield work has won a \$281 million lawsuit judgment from a South Texas jury.

The Dimmit County lawsuit stemmed from the May, 29, 2012, death of Carlos Aguilar. He was struck by a drive shaft from a tractor-trailer truck belonging to Heckmann Water Resources, an oil patch supplier in Pleasanton, near San Antonio.

Aguilar was in a pickup hit by the flying piece that went through the windshield, killing him.

A jury late Thursday agreed with a negligence lawsuit by Aguilar's family that Heckmann didn't properly maintain the truck. The verdict included \$100 million in punitive damages.

Company attorney Rick Reyna didn't immediately respond to a message Sunday from The Associated Press.

## Travis County DA facing civil suit; could be fired

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehmburg heads to court this week as a defendant in a civil trial that could result in her ouster from office.

The trial, set to start Monday in Austin before a visiting judge from San Antonio, stems from Lehmburg's drunken driving arrest in April. She pleaded guilty within days, was sentenced to 45 days in jail and took a leave of absence to check into rehab. Lehmburg, who a year ago had been elected overwhelmingly to a second four-year term, then returned to her job.

But a petition seeking her removal was filed by Austin attorney Kerry O'Brien under a state law that allows the removal of elected officials for "incompetency," "official misconduct" or "intoxication on or off duty caused by drinking an alcoholic beverage." Anyone living in a county for six months can file a petition there.

"I think the integrity of the office is compromised as long as she is there," O'Brien told the Austin American-Statesman.

## Lone abortion clinic in Corpus Christi sees surge

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — The physician who runs an abortion clinic in Corpus Christi says his patient load has tripled since similar clinics in the Rio Grande Valley have closed because of tougher state-imposed restrictions.

Dr. Eduardo Aquino's clinic is the only one along the Texas Coastal Bend.

He tells the Corpus Christi Caller-Times he doesn't need to continue the procedures but believes women should have access to them.

Aquino has been based in San Antonio for 13 years but retained admitting privileges at a Corpus Christi medical system. That puts him in compliance with a state requirement that physicians who perform abortions must have admitting privileges at hospitals within 30 miles.

Aquino also says his clinic may be too small and outdated to comply with other state provisions taking effect in 2014.

## North Texas has 3.7 magnitude earthquake

MINERAL WELLS, Texas (AP) — North Texas has had another earthquake in the same general area where more than a dozen minor quakes were recorded in November.

The U.S. Geological Survey says a 3.7 magnitude earthquake happened at 3:23 a.m. CST Monday and was centered about 11 miles north-northeast of Mineral Wells.

The Parker County Sheriff's Office did not immediately have any reports of damage or injuries.

Other recent minor earthquakes happened in the Reno and Azle (AY'-zil) areas, about 20 miles north-east of Fort Worth.

## Texas touts law protecting Christmas in schools

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Just in time for the holidays, a Texas lawmaker is making extra sure everyone remembers wishing someone "Merry Christmas" is now protected by law in public schools around the state.

Houston Republican Rep. Dwayne Bohac is holding a state Capitol press conference Monday with his son Reagan and with Santa Claus.

He sponsored a bipartisan measure that garnered national attention when it sailed through the Legislature this summer. It removes legal risks from exchanging holiday greetings in the classroom, and also protects holiday symbols such as a menorah or nativity scene.

# Take note

- Encompass Cares, a charity arm of Encompass Home Health, is collecting medical supplies and blankets for victims of the typhoon

for every taste. Canterbury cookbooks will be available and there will be burritos for sale.

- Big Spring Professional Firefighters Honor Guard is giving away a Yeti Tundra 45-quart cooler, valued at \$330. For more information, call Lt. Jay Holt at 432-264-2315 or FF. Albert Cavazos at 806-559-6722. The cooler will be given away at 1 p.m. Dec. 20 at Fire Station 1, located at 1401 Apron Drive.

- 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. 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.

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Bertha Mae Jolley, 85, died Tuesday. Memorial Services will be 2 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Tim Ballard, 52, died Friday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park. Memorial Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church.

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Valley northeastward to New England," said Gregg Laskoski, senior petroleum analyst, GasBuddy.

"Under conditions like that, consumer demand usually declines and that often results in a nominal decrease in retail gas prices," Laskoski

added. "That may be what lies ahead this week."

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### Thousands of South African police prepare for mourners, statesmen coming to Mandela ceremony

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Thousands of South African police officers will be on hand at a ceremony honoring Nelson Mandela in a Soweto soccer stadium, and authorities will block access to the site if crowds become too large, officials said Monday.

Mourners including dozens heads of state are expected to flock to the 95,000-capacity stadium for Tuesday's memorial for the anti-apartheid icon. Mandela made his last public appearance at the same stadium for the closing ceremony of the 2010 World Cup, when the venue was called Soccer City.

Lt. Gen. Solomon Makgale, a spokesman for the South African Police Service, said "thousands" of officers will direct traffic, protect mourners and help the bodyguards of visiting dignitaries.

"We will be on hand to make sure people are able to grieve in a safe environment," Makgale told The Associated Press.

Makgale said a joint taskforce of police, diplomats and intelligence service personnel already have been making plans and talking to the foreign delegations who plan to attend the ceremony.

### Obama to pay tribute to Mandela, attend memorial service in South Africa

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama will pay tribute this week to Nelson Mandela, making the long trip from Washington to South Africa Monday to attend a national memorial service for the anti-apartheid icon.

Tuesday's memorial service will also serve as a rare reunion of nearly all the living American presidents. George W. Bush and his wife, Laura, will accompany Obama and first lady Michelle Obama on Air Force One, while former Presidents Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter will travel separately to South Africa.

George H. W. Bush is the only living president who will not attend. His spokesman said the 89-year-old is no longer able to travel long distances.

The American leaders will join dozens of other dignitaries and tens of thousands of mourners at the memorial service at a Johannesburg stadium. Mandela will be buried Dec. 15, following a state funeral in his hometown of Qunu.

Obama has called Mandela a personal hero, and his own political rise has drawn inevitable comparisons to the former South African leader. Each was his nation's first black president and a winner of the Nobel Peace Prize — though those close to the U.S. leader say he is aware of the vast differences in the politicians' experiences.

### Powerful storm moving up East Coast dumps snow, travel headaches abound

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A plodding storm that dumped heavy snow on the unsuspecting Mid-Atlantic region threatened to make roads dicey in the northeast corridor for Monday's commute while travel disruptions continued to ripple across the country days after the same system first began wreaking havoc in the skies.

The seemingly never-ending storm that coated parts of Texas in ice struck with unexpected force on the East Coast, blanketing some spots in a foot of snow and grinding highways to a halt.

Travel problems could linger into Monday afternoon, with freezing rain and icy conditions sticking around as wintry weather stretched from Missouri to Maine.

The storm canceled more than 2,500 flights Sunday and delayed thousands more, according to estimates from the website Flightaware.com. More than 1,000 of Monday's flights were already canceled, the greatest share from Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, which was still reeling from the effects of the ice storm that brought North Texas to a standstill.

The forecast for Monday remained up in the air for the northeast, depending on how quickly the system moves and temperatures rise, according to the National Weather Service. Meanwhile, a winter storm warning was in effect until 10 a.m. for Washington, D.C., and Baltimore where up to a quarter inch of ice was expected because of freezing rain that could cause power outages.

### More socially liberal, America's new rich are wielding power but may foil income equality

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's not just the wealthiest 1 percent.

Fully 20 percent of U.S. adults become rich for parts of their lives, wielding outsize influence on America's economy and politics. This little-known group may pose the biggest barrier to reducing the nation's income inequality.

The growing numbers of the U.S. poor have been well documented, but survey data provided to The Associated Press detail the flip side of the record income gap — the rise of the "new rich."

Made up largely of older professionals, working married couples and more educated singles, the new rich are those with household income of \$250,000 or more at some point during their working lives. That puts them, if sometimes temporarily, in the top 2 percent of earners.

Even outside periods of unusual wealth, members of this group generally hover in the \$100,000-plus income range, keeping them in the top 20 percent of earners.

### Congress ready to renew plastic gun curb as Newtown anniversary underscores lack of gains

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate vote to renew an expiring ban on plastic firearms capable of evading metal detectors and X-ray machines is shaping up as a bittersweet moment for gun control supporters, days before the anniversary of the deadly mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut.

Monday's vote to extend the prohibition on plastic guns for another decade responds to a growing threat from steadily improving 3-D printers that can produce such weapons. But gun control advocates seem sure to lose an effort to impose additional, tougher restrictions on plastic firearms — a harsh reminder of their failure to enact any new federal gun curbs in the year since 20 first-graders and six educators were murdered in Newtown, Conn.

The slayings last Dec. 14 prompted the newly re-elected President Barack Obama to push gun control to the top of his domestic agenda. But Congress approved nothing, and gun control advocates face the same uphill struggle in 2014, complicated by internal divisions over what their next step should be.

"The gun lobby still has enormous power in Washington — more, frankly, than I thought they still had," said Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., who represented Newtown last year while in the House.

Illustrating the roadblocks that have thwarted gun control forces, an effort by Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., to make plastic guns more detectable by requiring them to have a permanent metal part seems certain to fail Monday. His plan is opposed by Republicans and the National Rifle Association.

### Thai PM dissolves Parliament, calls elections as 150,000 march in Bangkok streets

BANGKOK (AP) — Desperate to defuse Thai-

land's deepening political crisis, Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra on Monday said she is dissolving the lower house of Parliament and called for early elections. But the moves did nothing to stem a growing tide of more than 150,000 protesters vowing to overthrow her in one of the nation's largest demonstrations in years.

Analysts said the steps come too late and are unlikely to satisfy opponents who want to rid Thailand of her powerful family's influence. The protesters are pushing for a non-elected "people's council" to replace her democratically elected government.

Thailand has been plagued by major bouts of upheaval Yingluck's brother Thaksin was toppled in a 2006 army coup that laid bare a deeper conflict between the elite and the educated middle-class against Thaksin's power base in the countryside, which benefited from populist policies designed to win over the rural poor.

An attempt by Yingluck's party last month to pass a bill through Parliament that would have granted amnesty to Thaksin and others triggered the latest round of unrest.

"After listening to opinions from all sides, I have decided to request a royal decree to dissolve Parliament," said Yingluck, her voice shaking as she spoke in a nationally televised address Monday morning that broke into regular programming. "There will be new elections according to the democratic system."

### North Korea purges Kim Jong Un's influential uncle over "depraved life" of corruption, drugs

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea announced Monday it had sacked leader Kim Jong Un's uncle, long considered the country's No. 2 power, saying corruption, drug use, gambling, womanizing and generally leading a "dissolute and depraved life" had caused Pyongyang's highest-profile fall from grace since Kim took power two years ago.

The removal of Jang Song Thaek, once seen as Kim's mentor, is the most significant in a series of purges the young leader has conducted in an apparent effort to bolster his power since his father's 2011 death. But worries remained over whether the expulsion of such a senior figure could instead lead to less stability and open up the possibility of a power struggle.

The confirmation that Pyongyang had "eliminated Jang and purged his group," carried in an unusually detailed and lengthy dispatch by the North's official Korean Central News Agency, was seen by some analysts as a warning against dissent. It came about a week after South Korea's spy agency said that two of Jang's closest assistants had been executed for corruption.

North Korean state TV showed a still image of two uniformed guards holding Jang by the arms at a meeting of the country's Political Bureau as dozens of dark-suited officials seated behind rows of long desks looked on.

### Family of Pa. Amish schoolhouse shooter shares hopeful story of forgiveness, reconciliation

STRASBURG, Pa. (AP) — Once a week, Terri Roberts spends time with a 13-year-old Amish girl named Rosanna who sits in a wheelchair and eats through a tube. Roberts bathes her, sings to her, reads her stories. She can only guess what's going on inside Rosanna's mind because the girl can't talk.

Roberts' son did this to her. Seven years ago, Charles Carl Roberts IV barricaded himself inside an Amish schoolhouse near Lancaster, tied up 10 girls and opened fire, killing five and injuring five others before committing suicide as police closed in.

The Amish responded by offering immediate forgiveness to the killer — even attending his funeral — and embracing his family.

Terri Roberts forgave, too, and now she is sharing her experience with others, saying the world needs more stories about the power of forgiveness and the importance of seeking joy through adversity.



## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

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♥ A J 10 6  
♦ 10 9 6 5 3  
♣ K 9

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♥ Q 8 5 4  
♦ K 8  
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# Lady Steers split at Andrews Tournament

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

ANDREWS — The Lady Steers were handed their first defeat of the season Saturday after braving the weather to participate in what could be salvaged of the Andrews hoops tourney.

Midland Classical edged Big Spring (7-1) 47-46 after building an early lead over

the Lady Steers. Fighting back, BSHS eventually took a one-point lead with under a minute left in the game, but Midland regained the lead with seconds left and held on.

Julianna Rodriguez scored 18 points on six three-point buckets, while Diamonique Mayes chipped in nine.

“We got behind, but we

outscored (Midland) 32-28 in the second,” said BSHS Head Coach Mike Warren. “We took a one-point lead, but we threw the ball away.”

After just a 30-minute break, the Lady Steers took on Grady and defeated the Lady Wildcats 55-34. Mayes led the team with 16 points and Jackie Castillo added 12.

“Grady is a scrappy team,”

Warren said. “We hustled well. I thought Jackie Castillo had a good tournament. We will need Diamonique Mayes to continue to score, Julianna (Rodriguez) will get her points. We need Dyrshae Vanderbilt to score — we will need all of our starters to score. We need to play better offense. We have to score more points when we

play district teams such as Greenwood and Wylie. It was good to get a couple games in. The weekend wasn't a total wash.”

Big Spring will travel to Crane for a tournament this weekend. According to Warren, an away game could be added to the schedule Tuesday.

# Florida State, Auburn to usher out BCS era



AP photo

Florida State Head Coach Jimbo Fisher gets a Gatorade shower after winning the ACC championship. The Seminoles (13-0) will take on the Auburn Tigers (12-1) in the final BCS title game.

Jacobs said Saturday at the end of a week in which he and the rest of the SEC practically begged voters to overlook the number in the loss column and focus on quality of opposition: “I have nine words. Strength of schedule. Strength of schedule. Strength of schedule.”

Among this season's best teams, Stanford played the toughest schedule.

And then there is two-time defending champion Alabama (11-1).

“We're not a natural playoff sport,” said Duke coach David Cutcliffe, who was the offensive coordinator at Tennessee when it won the first BCS championship game against Florida State in the 1999 Fiesta Bowl. “I think we can make this work with four.”

Florida State showed Cutcliffe how far away Duke is from being in the

argument in a 45-7 victory Saturday night in the Atlantic Coast Conference title game.

In a season defined by blowouts, the only drama for Florida State came off the field, when quarterback Jameis Winston was investigated for sexual assault.

The state attorney said there was not enough evidence to charge the redshirt freshman with a crime two

on Baylor (11-1) and Big Ten champion Michigan State (12-1) might argue with that top two. But over 16 seasons college football fans have built up what can be called BCS acceptance, learning to live with the fact that there is only room for two.

Fans of particularly aggrieved teams (2000 Miami, 2004 Auburn, 2008 Texas, just to name a few) still burn over the slights. Generally, though, by the time the championship game kicked off, most everybody was on board. And only eight times before the BCS did No. 1 play No. 2 in a bowl game.

“It's been a remarkable seismic change for this sport,” executive director Bill Hancock said. “That was unthinkable before the BCS.”

Now think about this season playing out under next season's format. In the new world order known as the College Football Playoff, a selection committee will pick four teams to play in national semifinals. The winners play for the championship.

So how would a panel that includes Tom Osborne, Archie Manning and Condoleezza Rice sort out this season's top four?

Florida State and Auburn, of course. And ... Baylor and Michigan State? But what about (11-2)? Sure the Cardinal have two losses, but as Auburn athletic director Jay

Winston is the runaway favorite to win the Heisman Trophy next Saturday.

Auburn completed its worst-to-first run with a 59-42 victory in the Southeastern championship game against Missouri. The Tigers didn't win a conference game last season.

## Local briefs

### HC to host 8th Annual Hawk Buddies hoops clinic postponed

Boys and Girls in grades kindergarten through eighth are welcome to attend the 2013-14 Hawk Buddies, which has been postponed until Saturday, Jan. 18, due to weather.

Sponsored by Howard College Women's Basketball and longtime corporate sponsor Wells Fargo.

Under the instruction of Head Coach Earl Diddle, Assistant Coach Addie Lees and the Lady Hawk basketball squad, enrollees will enjoy a morning of learning basketball skills, followed by a pizza party.

Each participant will receive a Howard Hawk basketball and his or entire family will be allowed into all Hawk basketball home games for the duration of the season. A 'Buddies Night' will be held Feb. 13 at the camp during a home game against Frank Phillips College where attendees of the Hawk Buddies camp will be recognized.

Cost will be \$20 per camper and enrollment is limited. For more information, contact Diddle at 264-5043, or Lees at 264-5155. Registration begins the morning of the camp from 8:30-9 a.m., unless prior arrangements have been made.

### Forsan's Kolby Self set to be honored

Kolby Self, a senior at Forsan High School, was named 'Built Ford Tough Player of the Week' recently for his contributions on the football field.

Big Spring Ford and Forsan High School will be hosting an event at FHS on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., where Self will be officially recognized for the award. The public is invited to attend.

# Baylor, Knights to meet in Fiesta Bowl

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — The Baylor Bears had been the perennial patsy of the Big 12, stringing together 14 straight losing seasons following the demise of the Southwest Conference in 1996.

Art Briles changed the complexion of the program.

Capping a steady climb to respectability, the sixth-ranked Bears earned their first conference title in 33 years by beating Texas and were rewarded with a spot in the Fiesta Bowl alongside No. 15 Central Florida on New Year's Day.

“It's a big deal, a great accomplishment for the city of Waco, the state of Texas and the University of Baylor,” Briles said after the official announcement Sunday night. “Anytime you play in a bowl with a big B, C and S, it's a big-time deal.”

Baylor (11-1) did not have a winning record in the Big 12 before Briles arrived in 2008, winning three or fewer games nine times.

The Bears took baby steps at first, winning four games in 2008 and 2009 before putting together their first winning record since 1995 the next season.

Baylor won 10 games in 2011, eight

in 2012 and became national title contenders this season with an offense that put up 51 more yards per game than any other team.

The Bears' national-title hopes fizzled with a lopsided loss to Oklahoma State on Nov. 23, a game that also put a dent in their BCS chances.

Saturday's games left no doubt Baylor was headed to a BCS bowl for the first time.

It started with Oklahoma's win over Oklahoma State in the Bedlam game, a victory that cost the Cowboys the Big 12 title and essentially made the Texas-Baylor game the de facto conference championship.

The Bears took care of it early, building a 17-3 lead on the way to a 30-10 win over the Longhorns to cap their first 11-win season and first conference title since winning the SWC in 1980.

After trips to the Texas, Alamo and Holiday bowls, Baylor is in the BCS and hoping to make it a regular appearance.

“Now that we've established ourselves as Big 12 champions, like I told the freshmen earlier today, it's not like we've reached the mountain-top,” Briles said.

## Sports Calendar

### TUESDAY

#### Boys Basketball

- Lubbock Monterey at Big Spring, 9th, 5 p.m.; JV, 6:30 p.m.; Varsity, 8 p.m.
- Post at Coahoma, JV, 5 p.m.; Varsity, 8 p.m.
- Forsan at Garden City, JV, 5 p.m.; Varsity, 6:30 p.m.

#### Girls Basketball

- Post at Coahoma, JV, 4 p.m.; Varsity, 6:30 p.m.
- Forsan at Lamesa, JV, 5 p.m.; Varsity, 6:30 p.m.

#### Swimming

- Big Spring at Odesa High Dual, Ector Junior High, 5:30 p.m.

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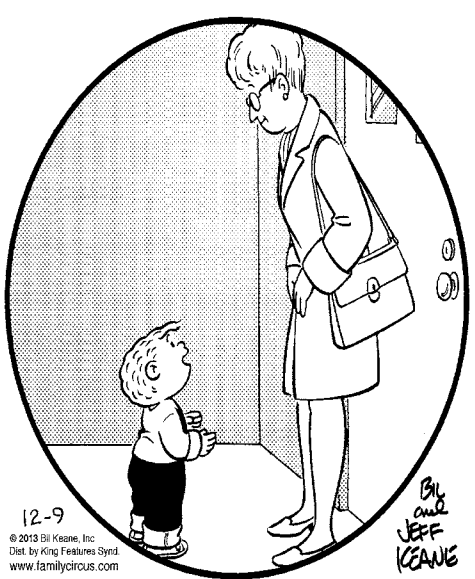
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DENNIS THE MENACE



"YOU SHOULD SEE THE SPARKS FLY WHEN I HIT YOUR NINE-IRON OFF THE DRIVEWAY!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



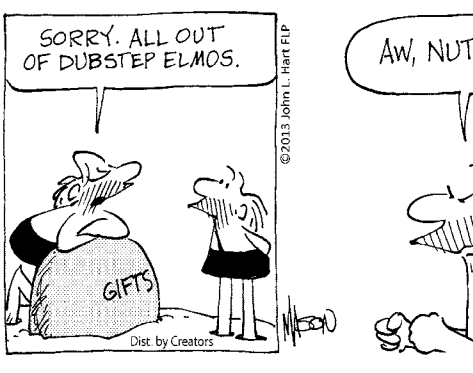
"Bend down here, Grandma. I'm gonna give you an early Christmas present."

HAGAR



EXOTIC WOOD... SOLID GOLD FIXTURES... THAT DOOR MUST HAVE COST A FORTUNE! SO LET'S JUST PLUNDER OUT HERE AND CALL IT A DAY!

BC



SORRY. ALL OUT OF DUBSTEP ELMOS. AW, NUTS. WE REFRAIN FROM THAT PHRASE BEFORE WINTER AROUND HERE.



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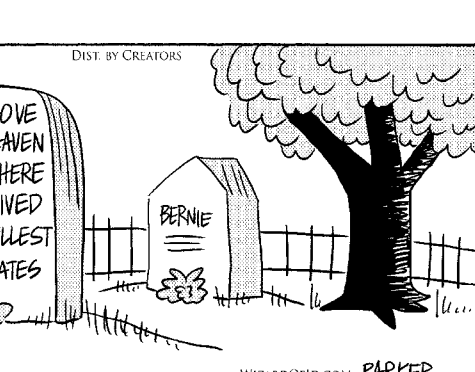


MR. B., I'VE GOT A GREAT IDEA FOR A NEW REALITY SHOW: 'BUMSTEADS' HOMESTEAD'!! WITH ENDORSEMENT DEALS, I HEAR THE CAST CAN RAKE IN MILLIONS!! IT WOULD GO AGAINST EVERYTHING I STAND FOR. WOULD YOU BE TOTALLY OPPOSED TO A CAMERA CREW BEING SET UP IN OUR HOUSE 24/7?

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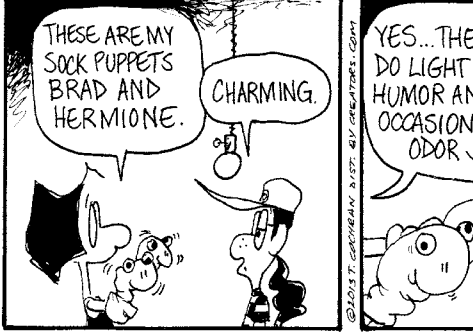


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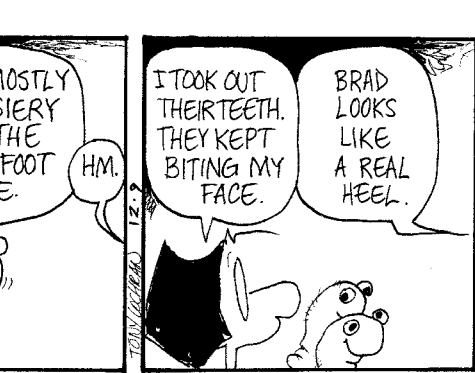


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AGNES



THESE ARE MY SOCK PUPPETS BRAD AND HERMIONE. CHARMING. YES... THEY MOSTLY DO LIGHT HOSEY HUMOR AND THE OCCASIONAL FOOT ODOR JOKE. I TOOK OUT THEIR TEETH. THEY KEPT BITING MY FACE. BRAD LOOKS LIKE A REAL HEEL.



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HI AND LOIS



YOU DON'T WANT ANY PRESENTS FOR CHRISTMAS? I ALREADY HAVE TOO MUCH STUFF. WHAT IF I GOT YOU A DUMPSTER? THEN YOU COULD GET RID OF SOME STUFF.



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THE OTHER COAST

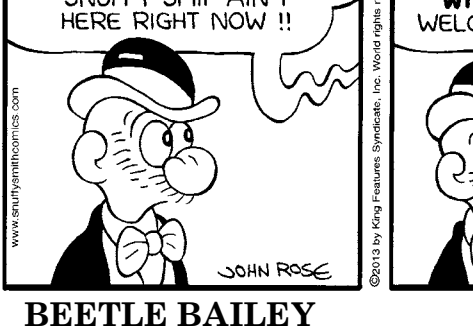


YOU'D LIKE TO RENT A SANTA SUIT WITH WATER-PROOF PANTS. I HAVE THESE RED RUBBER CLOWN PANTS. PERFECT. I'LL TAKE THEM. WATERPROOF SANTA PANTS? YOUR PET PHOTO WITH SANTA



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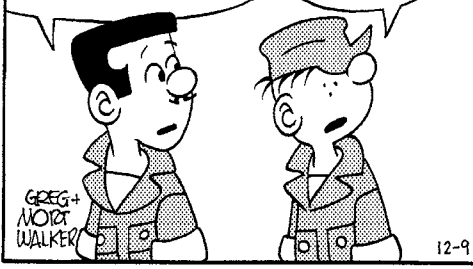


NOPE, SORRY, GOOGLE, SNUFFY SMIF AIN'T HERE RIGHT NOW !! BUT I'M SHORE HE WILL BE--YO'RE WELCOME TO WAIT !!



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BEEBLE BAILEY



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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Dec. 9, the 343rd day of 2013. There are 22 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 9, 1987, the first Palestinian intefadeh, or uprising, began as riots broke out in Gaza and spread to the West Bank, triggering a strong Israeli response.

On this date:

In 1608, English poet John Milton was born in London.

In 1854, Alfred, Lord Tennyson's famous poem, "The Charge of the Light Brigade," was published in England.

In 1911, an explosion inside the Cross Mountain coal mine near Briceville, Tenn., killed 84 workers.

(Five were rescued.)

In 1912, longtime House Speaker Thomas "Tip" O'Neill was born in Cambridge, Mass.

In 1940, British troops opened their first major offensive in North Africa during World War II.

In 1942, the Aram Khachaturian ballet "Gayane," featuring the surging "Sabre Dance," was first performed by Russia's Kirov Ballet.

In 1958, the anti-communist John Birch Society was formed in Indianapolis.

In 1962, the Petrified Forest in Arizona was designated a national park.

In 1971, Nobel Peace laureate Ralph Bunche died in New York.

In 1982, special Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski died at his Wimberley, Texas, ranch at age 77.

In 1984, the five-day-old hijacking of the Kuwaiti jetliner that claimed the lives of two Americans ended as Iranian security men seized control of the plane, which was parked at Tehran airport.

In 1992, Britain's Prince Charles and Princess Diana announced their separation. (The couple's divorce became final Aug. 28, 1996.)

Thought for Today: "Give me the liberty to know, to utter, and to argue freely according to conscience, above all liberties." - John Milton, English poet (1608-1674).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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DISTANT	RELATIVE	
ERIE	DOORPENER	
WAND	SWEATPROOF	

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Country estate
  - 6 \_\_\_ standstill (motionless)
  - 9 Staircase part
  - 13 Scarlett of *Gone With the Wind*
  - 14 Small town
  - 15 What a bullfighter waves
  - 16 Used a lasso
  - 17 Aroma
  - 18 *Garfield* dog
  - 19 Hurricane center
  - 20 Competitive advantage
  - 23 Aussie hoppers
  - 24 Lamb's mother
  - 25 Most urgent
  - 28 Appears gradually on-screen
  - 32 Creative thought
  - 33 Person's strong point
  - 34 Dip, as bread in gravy
  - 36 Desktop screen
  - 40 Yale student
  - 41 Dapper
  - 42 Fair-to-middling
  - 43 Bowler's goals
  - 45 Sang alone
  - 47 Had a snack
  - 48 Not in danger
  - 49 Timepiece attached to a vest
  - 54 Head-moving assent
  - 57 One of the Great Lakes
  - 58 Rabbit relative
  - 59 Run off to marry
  - 61 Caboose's place
- DOWN
- 1 \_\_\_ or less (approximately)
  - 2 Sailor's "Hello!"
  - 3 Back of the neck
  - 4 Metal-in-the-rough
  - 5 AM/FM devices
  - 6 German car
  - 7 Walked heavily
  - 8 Accepted, as contract terms
  - 9 Makes a touchdown
  - 10 Cry of accomplishment
  - 11 Long, heroic story
  - 12 Sneak a look
  - 14 Company head
  - 21 Forget-me-\_\_\_ for one
  - 22 12-year-old, for one
  - 23 Harvest, as crops
  - 25 Finely chop
  - 26 Much-admired celebrities
  - 27 Send payment
  - 28 Old West outposts
  - 29 Ground-based military force
  - 30 "Not so!" reply
  - 31 Cowboy's loop
  - 33 Lavish celebration
  - 35 Urge to act
  - 37 Join forces
  - 38 Puncher's cry
  - 39 Spot of land in the ocean
  - 44 Leaf gatherers
  - 45 Cul-de-\_\_\_ (dead end)
  - 46 Useful
  - 48 One-pot dinner
  - 49 Wavy haired cookie
  - 51 Italian "Toodle-oo!"
  - 52 Subside
  - 53 Neck of the woods
  - 54 Prohibited thing
  - 55 Unlock
  - 56 Declare untrue
  - 60 Be untruthful

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## Annie's Mailbox®

**Dear Annie:** I am a woman in my mid-30s, and think I may have been molested when I was young. I have little memory of my childhood up until age 13. But I do know that when my friends played with their Barbie dolls, they had her driving around, going on dates and dressing up pretty. I pretended she was having sex with Ken.

Other kids played house, but I pretended to be the dad and would get on top of my younger sister and rub against her. When I was 14, I made out with my 8-year-old stepcousin until his mother caught me, and for years after, he refused to talk to me. When I was 16, I kissed my best friend's 10-year-old brother.

I don't remember anything specifically. I only remember having a bad dream once that my dad molested me, and for years afterward, I didn't want to be near him. Our relationship still feels kind of strained. I don't know what to think anymore. What should I do? — *Bewildered and Worried*

**Dear Bewildered:** We would not presume to tell you what happened to you as a child, if anything actually did, or whether it involved your father. We suggest you seek therapy, although we do not recommend those who claim to specialize in "recovered" memories of abuse. This type of therapy is not reliable. Ask your doctor to refer you.

**Dear Annie:** We have a family member who wishes for us not to contact him anymore. Both of his parents are deceased. What do we do? — *Upset Relatives*



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

**Dear Upset:** You must respect his wishes, even though it seems cruel. (We assume this family member is not under any type of duress from a partner who is trying to isolate him.) We would inform this relative that you will cease contact, as per his wishes. But add that you still care about him, and should he wish to resume contact, it always will be welcome.

**Dear Annie:** "Little Sister in Need" told you about her abusive older brother, and you told her to "stop taking it personally"? She wasn't talking about disagreements. She cited his being "verbally, psychologically and at times physically abusive."

You should have told her that what's going on is abuse and, if he gets physical, constitutes domestic violence. She needs to talk to a domestic violence counselor and be alert for signs that he's also abusing his wife and child. Odds are that he is. Abusers rarely limit themselves to just one

victim. — *Judy*

**Dear Judy:** Many readers agree with you, but we did not get the impression that the current abuse is physical. Sibling relationships are complicated, and there is often physical fighting and hitting when siblings are younger. While we don't condone such behavior, we also know that the physical side usually stops when the siblings reach adulthood. It does not necessarily carry over to his wife and child, nor does it seem so from her letter, although she certainly can investigate.

The fact that her brother continues to harangue her verbally indicates that he has anger and control issues. He lashes out at his sister because this is the dynamic they have had for 20 years. If speaking to a therapist would be helpful for her, we agree that this is an excellent idea. However, it also would help if she changed her response to her brother, not only because it would force him to change how he speaks to her, but also because it could improve her perception of her own strength in his presence. He is intimidating her, and she needs to stand up to him in a way that empowers her without exacerbating the situation.

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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

## Water-Sign Trine Renewal

Some will avoid cleaning out rooms, closets, drawers, files and the like because they know there will be memories to contend with there: shame connected with unfinished projects and reminders of past failures or, worse, better times. But for those who bravely tackle the process, the prevailing water-sign trines promise renewal.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). To avoid overpromising, you must first have an accurate idea of what you can reasonably accomplish. If you don't have any data, don't promise anything at all.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You don't set out to accomplish something beautiful; you only try to solve the problem at hand. But when you've truly solved it, the result is the best kind of beauty there is: unintentional and surprising.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). With your big smile and dancing eyes, you are mighty persuasive. Is it cheating? Maybe. But you can't help it that people want to be involved with happy mischief.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Lately you've had the sneaking suspicion that there's a greater use for your talents than is currently being explored. This hunch is right on the money. Go looking for opportunities.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). There's a symmetry to the things you tackle today. If you start out well, you will likely end well, too. The trick is not to

start anything that doesn't completely interest you.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don't think of yourself as unusual or unique, but the fact is that your lifestyle is different from that of the people around you, and that difference is what keeps you smiling throughout the day.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Success secrets aren't so secret after all. The smallest amount of research will turn them up. Besides, buying into another person's strategy won't help you now. All that's needed is to finish the job you started.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Being bad can be thrilling, but there are always consequences. Luckily, today brings a guilt-free gift: The moral thing and the exciting thing happen to be one and the same!

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Freethinkers aren't afraid to doubt. In fact, doubt is a prerequisite. If you don't poke around suspiciously at your own belief system, then you don't really know freedom of thought.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Misery is not just a state of mind; for some, it's a lifestyle. When things are going well, they invent reasons to suffer. Stay away from this type, and your day will be most satisfactory.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The only reason to become successful is to become wiser than you are now. Money and fame will do nothing to add to the happiness of the unwise.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Your work speaks for itself, so let it. Your silence allows people to draw their own conclusions. You'll attract only the most intelligent and discerning

customers.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Dec. 9). An extraordinary year is lining up for you. There's a shift in your personal life, and you'll adopt new methods for getting love and attention. You'll add an attractive friend to your mix in January. March is for expanding your professional horizons. At first, you'll give more than you get, but things balance out by June. Gemini and Cancer people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 10, 45, 16 and 30.

**HOLIDAY STRESS RELIEVERS:** This time of year can be hectic as people rush around to try to fulfill their holiday and end-of-year expectations. Mix in the complications of increased financial obligations, family dynamics, travel and extreme weather conditions, and it is not difficult to figure out why so many people wind up feeling spent and blue during the holiday season. So what can you do to counteract holiday stress?

**ARIES** can start with the mantra: "Out with the old." The sign of the ram loves to try new things and is adventurous in this regard. It might be a new kind of exercise or a new hobby, class or domestic project. Aries will dive right in, and if the endeavor is a good match, it will quickly become a part of daily life. If the endeavor is not a good match, Aries bails -- a good strategy -- and is better off for the experience no matter how brief it was. But often there is leftover

residue that sits around long after Aries has moved on from the activity. Books, equipment, computer files, instructions and more piled up and never to be used again create negativity for Aries. For instantaneous stress relief, pack up the car and head for the dump.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Sagittarius is the sign of exploration, exemplified by Simon Helberg's exploration of outer space as his character Howard Wolowitz of "The Big Bang Theory." Three natal Sagittarius luminaries suggests that Helberg is an independent thinker who loves to travel and learn different cultures. His moon and Mars in Capricorn indicates a highly structured approach to life and stellar business instincts.

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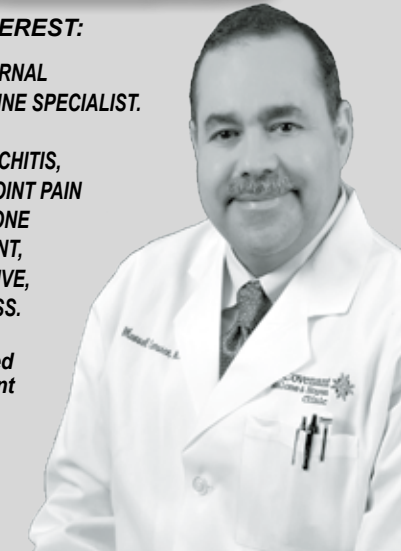
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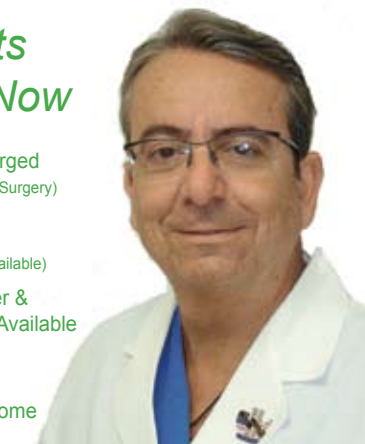
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