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# **VA** names new director for West Texas

**Special to the Herald** 

Michael L. Kiefer, who has served in various executive leadership positions, has been appointed as the new director of the West Texas VA Healthcare System. Kiefer will oversee delivery of health

> care to more than 16,000 Veterans and an operating budget of \$110 million.

"We are excited to bring Mr. Kiefer on board as the new director of the West Texas VA Healthcare System," said Susan P. Bowers, Veterans Integrated Service Network 18 Director. "His sound

leadership qualities and broad experience will be valuable assets for the facility, employees and volunteers, and most importantly, for the Veterans we are honored to serve. We anticipate he will arrive at the medical center within the next

45 to 60 days to begin his appointment." Kiefer has served as an executive leader supporting active duty personnel at Army hospitals in Hawaii, California,

Texas and New York. Kiefer received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa., in 1986. He received a master's degree in health administration from Baylor University in Waco, Texas,

Kiefer became a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives in 1994 and a Fellow in Healthcare Management in 2007. He is a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit, an honor society which recognizes individuals who have demonstrated the highest standards of integrity and moral character, served with selflessness and made a sustained

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# PD, DPS on lookout for drunks

#### By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Drinking and driving never mix, but especially during the New Year's holiday.

While many undoubtedly will be tempted to get behind the wheel after having a few — or a few too many drinks, those people should know that law enforcement officials will be on the lookout for them.

"The officers on patrol this New Year Holiday will be looking specifically for these types of violations, and make no mistake about it, they are very good at spotting them," said Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department "You may think you're fine, but there are a million different ways they can tell you've been drinking, and all it takes is for them to see one."

Aside from local police and sheriff's deputies, Texas Department of Public Safety troopers will be stepping up enforcement efforts to ensure safety on the roadways and seek out impaired drivers during the holiday, as well.

Additional troopers will be on the road targeting drunk drivers in locations where alcohol-related crashes are most likely to occur, officials said.

"Drinking and driving are always a concern during holidays, and there is no doubt that increased enforcement by DPS and other law enforcement will help save lives," a DPS press release stated. "But the public must also do their part to help make sure all travelers on our roads have a safe and happy holiday season. Plan ahead. Designate

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#### Flu cases spike in Texas, 13 dead in Houston area **JUAN CARLOS LLORCA** officials said Friday.

#### **Associated Press**

EL PASO, Texas — The rate

of flu infections in Texas is among the highest in the nation, and the virulent H1N1 form of the illness has claimed the life of a Houston teenager, The teen, whose identity

was not released, died on Thursday, said Kathy Barton, spokeswoman for the city's health department. Several other deaths related to the illness have also been reported, though the state doesn't keep

a tally of adult deaths.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says Texas is one of 6 states with "high" activity of influenzalike illnesses. Carrie Williams, spokeswoman for the Texas Department of State Health Services, said flu activ-

ity is "high and widespread, because it's increased and because it's been reported in multiple parts of the state."

The other states classified as having high rates are Oklahoma, Louisiana, Missouri,

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### **Obituaries**

Mary Spraberry

Mary Spraberry, 77, died Friday, Dec. 27, 2013, at San Angelo Community Hospital. Funeral ser-



vices will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Life Church with Kevin Knudson officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Nov. 28, 1936, in Dew, Texas, to Jewell and Charlie Grant.

Mary married Wallace Spraberry on June 25, 1953, in Clovis, N.M.

They moved to Big Spring in 1961 from Floydada.

worked at Walls Industries for more than 20 years, retiring in

but her main hobby was grandchildren and later her great-grandchildren. She was a member of Life Church where she

Mary collected hundreds of stuffed teddy bears,

was known at "the dessert woman" or "cake lady.'

She is survived by her husband, Wallace Spraberry of Big Spring; two daughters, Rhonda Sanders and her husband Randy, and Sherre Davis and her husband Robby, all of Big Spring; grandchildren, Joshua Jones and his wife Christy, Stephanie Bissonnette and her husband Joe, Michael Carr and his wife Rose, Ashley Keener, Sherrean Jones, Garry Keener and his wife Cristi, and Sloan Davis; 32 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Stanley Grant and his wife Levine of Waco, David Grant and his wife Brenda of Oklahoma and Larry Grant of Tyler; and two sisters, Wanda Fuller of Indiana and Velma Haaland and her husband Bud of Montana.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

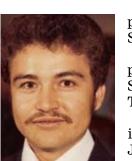
Pallbearers will be Josh Jones, Michael Carr, Garry Keener, Joe Bissonnette, Peyton Sedberry and Sterline Hohensee.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

### Antonio 'Tony' Zavala-Martinez

Antonio "Tony" Zavala-Martinez, 51, died Thursday, Dec. 26, 2013, in Howard County.



A prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born April 1, 1962, in Mexico to Evangelina and Jose Jesus Zavala-Martinez.

He moved to Howard County 32 years ago from Mexico.

He married Maria Luisa Martinez on Oct. 21, 1984, in

Lamesa.

He was employed by the Texas Department of Public Safety and was a member of Lighthouse Restoration Center.

He is survived by his wife, Maria Luisa Zavala-Martinez of Big Spring; two daughters, Marissa Zavala and Adriela Zavala, both of Big Spring; six sisters and four brothers, Maria Socorro Zavala-Martinez, Anna Zavala-Martinez, Maria Cruz Zavala-Martinez, Maria Del Rosario Zavala-Martinez and Rafael Zavala-Martinez, all of Mexico, Agustin Zavala-Martinez of McKinney, Jose Jesus Zavala-Martinez and Juan Zavala-Martinez, both of Big Spring, and Petra Zavala-Martinez and Evangelina Zavala-Martinez, both

of Mexico. He was preceded in death by his parents.

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### **Sharon Mathews**

Sharon Mathews, 55, died Monday, Dec. 23, 2013, at University Medical Center in Lubbock.



The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

She was born Dec. 23, 1958, in Hearn, Texas, to Jewel and Ulysses Mathews. She was a homemaker and a waitress. She was a member of West HWY 80 Church of Christ, and

was a lifetime resident of Big Spring.

She is survived by her husband Manuel Dejesus of Big Spring; four sons Jeffrey Mathews of New Mexico, Wendell Smith and his wife Tiffany of Iowa, Christopher Smith and Brian Smith, both of Midland, Texas; parents Jewel and Ulysses Mathews of Big Spring; two sisters Martha Lang and her husband Al, and Marta Maclin and her husband Kenneth, both of Big Spring; three brothers Mark Mathews and his wife Susan of Mansfield, Edward Mathews and Phillip Mathews and his wife Gigi, all of Big Spring; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, two sisters Annie Jewel Mathews and Frankie Mae Green, and one brother Ulysses Mathews, Jr.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Claude Murphy

Claude Murphy, 80, died Saturday, Dec. 28, 2013. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Police blotter

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

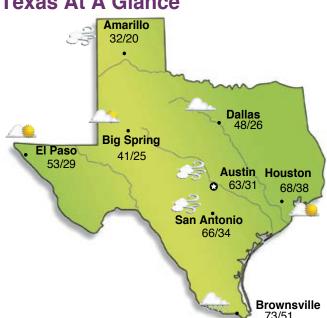
- JESSE RODRIGUEZ LOPEZ, 48, of 605 Douglas, was arrested Friday on a warrant from another agency.
- JOSEPH DEWAYNE RICHTER, 26, of 1113 Lloyd Ave., was arrested Friday on a warrant for harassment from another agency.
- SARAH DEANN HEFFINGTON, 30, of 1209 S. Monticello, was arrested Saturday on a warrant from another agency and for resisting arrest, search or transport.
- ERLINDA EVETTE RIOS, 25, of 1906 Winston, was arrested Friday on warrants for theft of firearm and possession of a controlled substance greater than or equal to 1 gram but less than 4 grams.
- WALTER MORRIS LOZANO, 29, OF 2501 Carleton, was arrested Friday on warrants for theft of firearm and possession of a controlled substance greater than or equal to 1 gram but less than 4 grams.
- MARTIN ALVARADO, 32, OF 1603 Cardinal, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid previous conviction.
- SHENNA ANDERSON, 28, of 2310 East Highway 350, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces and two warrants from another agency.
- CHRISTY JO CLARK, 40, of 6602 East Robinson Rd., was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported at the 1500 block of Lexington.
- THEFT was reported at the 1100 block of North Lamesa Highway.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 3700 block of Hatch. • HARASSMENT was reported at the 500 block of
- Birdwell. BAR CHECK at Sugar's.
- STOLEN VEHICLE reported at the 1000 block
- UNWANTED SUBJECT reported at he 200 block of Circle.

### **Today's Weather**

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Abilene	38	23	cloudy	Kingsville	72	42	cloudy
Amarillo	32	20	windy	Livingston	66	32	cloudy
Austin	63	31	windy	Longview	58	29	cloudy
Beaumont	67	41	pt sunny	Lubbock	38	21	windy
Brownsville	73	51	rain	Lufkin	67	34	cloudy
Brownwood	44	25	windy	Midland	41	27	cloudy
Corpus Christi	69	41	cloudy	Raymondville	72	46	rain
Corsicana	50	25	cloudy	Rosenberg	68	38	cloudy
Dallas	48	26	cloudy	San Antonio	66	34	windy
Del Rio	59	32	windy	San Marcos	65	31	windy
El Paso	53	29	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	49	26	cloudy
Fort Stockton	43	27	pt sunny	Sweetwater	38	24	windy
Gainesville	39	21	windy	Tyler	58	27	cloudy
Greenville	45	23	cloudy	Weatherford	41	21	cloudy
Houston	68	38	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	36	19	windy

#### **National Cities**

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	57	40	rain	Minneapolis	-4	-17	mst sunn
Boston	43	33	rain	New York	44	37	rain
Chicago	29	-1	sn shower	Phoenix	67	42	mst sunn
Dallas	48	26	cloudy	San Francisco	65	42	sunny
Denver	37	25	pt sunny	Seattle	44	36	pt sunny
Houston	68	38	pt sunny	St. Louis	34	11	cloudy
Los Angeles	73	49	pt sunny	Washington, DC	43	37	rain
Miami	83	71	t-storm				

### **Moon Phases**



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# **GOP governors defend edge over Democrats in 2014**

Republicans swept into governorships on a tea-party fueled wave of discontent four years ago, taking over statehouses long governed by Democrats with promises of conservative economic and social policy makeovers.

In states across the Midwest and Southwest, GOP governors lowed through on those promises, winning farreaching changes in labor, budget and social policy. Now, those same governors are preparing to face the voters next year, promoting their accomplishments while keeping arm's length from their unpopular colleagues in Congress.

Democrats are counting on a backlash from voters upset over the new policies. But they have struggled to field top-tier contenders in several key states, including some that President Barack Obama carried last year when he won re-election. Democrats attribute their candidate recruitment woes to the continuing popularity of Republican governors, despite disapproval of the congressional GOP after the federal government shutdown in October.

party is suffering, it's much harder to pin that on candidates for statewide office," acknowledged Nathan Daschle, former director of the Democratic Governors Association.

"While the federal

Republicans control 29 of the nation's 50 governorships, including 20 of the 36 that will

DES MOINES, Iowa be on the ballot in 2014. GOP-controlled states include Iowa, Michigan, Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio and Wisconsin, which together accounted for roughly half of Obama's 126-electoral vote margin over GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney. But in Nevada and

New Mexico, Democrats have all but conceded that Republican Govs. Brian Sandoval and Susana Martinez will win re-election, even though both states have booming Hispanic populations that overwhelmingly went for Obama in 2012. In the Midwest, Democrats so far have fielded only little-known challengers to Govs. John Kasich of Ohio, Rick Snyder of Michigan and Scott Walker of Wisconsin, despite large Democratic-leaning union constituencies upset over the anti-labor policies of all three governors.

To be sure, the GOP has its worries.

Despite gradually falling unemployment in his state, Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett has been dogged by criticism of his handling of the Penn State University football program's sex abuse case during his time as state attorney general. Similarly in Florida, Gov. Rick Scott has struggled to connect with voters, despite the state's improving employment picture.

Still, Republicans also see opportunities in several Democratic strong-

Wealthy Republican outsider Bruce Rauner hopes to face Illinois West and South. Of the Democratic Gov. Pat Quinn, who has been hounded by high unemployment and soaring pension debt. Similarly, businessman Tom Foley, who lost narrowly to Connecticut Democrat Dan Malloy in 2010, is challenging Malloy again, as the incumbent faces problems similar to those confronting

"Some of our incumbents are vulnerable," said Danny Kanner, spokesman for the Democratic Governors Association. "But our job is to simply increase our numbers, and I'm confident we'll do that."

Kanner says Demosee opportunities against Republican Govs. Nikki Haley in South Carolina and Sam Brownback in Kansas. In Texas, state Sen. Wendy Davis, who rose to prominence earlier this year with a filibuster over abortion restrictions, has proven to be a robust fundraiser in the early months of her campaign to replace retiring GOP Gov. Rick

But all three states are traditional GOP strongholds, where Republican voters usually turn out disproportionately in midterm elections, especially during Democratic president's second term.

The shortage of competitive governors' races underscores the nation's political divide. Of the 29 states with Republican governors, have Republican controlled legislatures, mostly in the Midwest,

21 Democratic governors, including Democratic-leaning independent Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island, 14 have Democratic-controlled legislatures, mostly on the West and East coasts.

"We have a lot more governors, who can point to successes," said Nick Ayers, a former director of the Republican Governors Association.

Democratic strategists acknowledge that GOP governors have been more successful in using their offices as national policy laboratories. Kasich, Snyder and Walker — aided by GOP-controlled legislatures — enacted sharp curbs on public employee unions during the past four years, and Rauner is campaigning on a similar platform in Illinois.

Democratic strategist Tad Devine said his party needs to look beyond its shrinking union base for new blood.

"We need new, younger high-tech Democrats who have not come up through the typical political farm system, are conversant in the new economy and can talk to blue-collar voters, he said. An example is Mary Burke, a former executive for Trek Bicycles, who is the only announced Democratic challenger to Walker in Wisconsin.

Republican gubernatorial candidates are also likely to have a financial edge.

The Republican Governors Association expects to report at least \$45 million in campaign cash by year's end, and could have more than \$50 million by the time New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie wraps up his first fundraising tour as the group's incoming chairman this month.

The Democratic Governors Association wouldn't put a number on its year-end fund raising expectations "We will be outspent," conceded DGA spokesman Kanner.

### Man hospitalized after pit bull attack

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — Authorities say a 28-year-old West Texas man was hospitalized with puncture wounds to his arms and legs after being attacked by five pit bulls while riding his bicycle.

Chief Deputy Dale Pearce of the Tom Green County Sheriff's Office saud the man was attacked Thursday afternoon in Carlsbad, about 16 miles northwest of San Angelo.

Pearce said deputies found the owner of one

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contribution to the betterment of Medicine.

CS serves veterans in Abilene, Texas;

unable to find the owners of the other four. He says the owner who was tracked down was advised to quarantine the

of the dogs but were

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Margarette Hudson, 90, died Sunday. Graveside services were at 3 p.m. Saturday at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa.

Norma Jean Woodruff, 48, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Sharon Mathews, 55

died Monday. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until 2:30 p.m Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Roy Rodriguez, 47, died Tuesday. Services are

pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Willie Ruth Barber, 83 died Tuesday. Funeral services were at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Myers &

Aida I. Sanford, 92, died Wednesday. Services will

Smith Chapel with burial

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Army Kiefer holds the Sur-

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central west Texas and eastern New Mexico. The main health care is facility located in Big Spring, Texas, with outpatient clinics in Angelo, Texas; Odessa, Texas; and Hobbs, N.M.

### DRUNK

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County officials across

Texas have reported

deaths from flu-related

illnesses, though hospi-

tals are only required to

report the flu deaths of

A network of Texas

hospitals tracks the flu's progression each

year. This season, infections are spiking

weeks earlier than normal, according to statis-

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DPS troopers made more than 1,100 DWI arrests last year; about a third of those were the direct result of the increased

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tics compiled by State FLU Health Services. The percentage of hospital Continued from Page 1A visits due to flu symptoms is double what is Mississippi typical for December, Alabama. About 95 perand rates don't usually cent of the Texas influreach these levels until enza cases are H1N1, late January or Februalso known as the swine

> from other health problems recently died from H1N1 in Harris County, according to Tricia Bentley, a spokeswoman for the county's Institute of Forensic Sciences.

Three men suffering

Northeast Texas Public Health District also reported three deaths in Longview.

One person has died in Austin, Travis County officials said, while five others were in critical condition at Seton Medical Center Austin. A Euless man in North Texas has also died from the disease, according to his family.

The flu shot currently available defends against H1N1. Health officials say it is not too They note that since the media has begun reporting flu deaths, demand for the shots have spiked.

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#### ig Spring police were called to a house burglary just before Thanksgiving. When they arrived at the residence, they noticed both the glass storm door

and the wooden door had been smashed. They heard sounds from inside and cautiously entered the house.

walls, curtains, sheets and carpet had blood on them. Furniture was broken, lamps were knocked over and dish fragments were on the kitchen floor.

They noticed the

The officers thought it might be the scene of a mass murder. As

they got farther into the house, they saw what was making the sound: a 2-year-old, 75-pound buck whitetail deer. Apparently it had seen its reflection in the glass door and charged it. It was just the start of the rutting season and the male deer, wanting to defend his territory, thought he had some competition and wanted to get rid of it. The call to the police came

from Donna Jernigan, who lives in the house. Her teenage daughter had left school early for a doctor's appointment and when she stopped by the house, she noticed the door was broken and called her mother. Soon the neighborhood was full of law enforcement vehicles.

The lawmen called Matt

An unwelcome deer in the house

Woodall, the game warden, and he told Donna that the deer just went crazy, being in unfamiliar territory. When the deer crashed through the door he cut his nose in about three places and that was the source of the blood. In his efforts to get out, the deer tried climbing the walls and knocking holes in them with his antlers. The deer broke off part of an antler when it hit the doors. Donna has that as a

Matt called Bobby Price, who has a whitetail deer breeding operation east of town and Bobby came over with his tranquilizer rifle. Bobby found the deer standing in the kitchen sink. It was probably trying to escape through a window above the

souvenir.

TUMBLEWEED

**S**MITH

When the deer saw Bobby, it retreated to a back bedroom then went into a hallway. That's when Bobby shot it with a tranquilizing dart. Ten minutes later, the deer was down.

Matt put the deer in his truck and took it to a ranch and placed it by a tree.

When he went back a couple of hours later, the deer was gone, apparently enjoying his freedom in the wild.

Donna's husband Gary says they've had deer in the neighborhood before, but never had anything like this happen.

"It must have seen its reflection from across the street to have built up so much speed to hit the door the way it did," says Gary. "If it had seen it just from the front yard, it wouldn't have gone through the door."

Matt says during rutting season bucks get very mean and know how to use their strength. The Jernigans spent a few days

in a motel while their house was being repaired. Their friends and family had some comments about the incident. "I get emails saying things

like 'the buck didn't stop here,'" says Donna, "and 'that's gonna cost a lotta doe.' My father sang 'Grandma got run over by a reindeer' to me and told me Santa came early this year and left one of his reindeer."

The Jernigans had a hollow core door before the deer adventure. Now they have one with a solid core.

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### Letters

#### Great effort! TO THE EDITOR:

This is a very belated letter

about our town's great football team and the tremendous season they had. First, congratulations to Coach

Phillip Ritchey and his entire staff of coaches. You guys have brought our sports image across the state of Texas to a very high level. This is really important and has a great impact on our whole town. Also it sets an example for teams to follow each year. I am so proud of each player,

coach, water-boy and all the cheerleaders and the people that treated the players with injuries. Then let's applaud the girls and

boys basketball teams! They are doing really great, too. And the baseball team — the winning should rub off on you guys too. All Big Spring sports teams are looking up and we just want them to keep it going forward.

Good coaches, good kids and our community behind them and believing in them — thats what will keep this thing going. A.C. COTTON MIZE

**BIG SPRING** 

p.s. I am a real old Big Spring ex-Steer.

### Shed some light

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is to shed some light

on a previous (Dec. 14 edition of the Big Spring Herald) Letter to the Editor from Ms. Crooker regarding the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation (BSEDC).

My first point of contention with the letter is the question as to why the new president and vice president were elected after only two meetings? I suggest they were elected to the positions because a majority of the board believed they had the time and ability to provide some muchneeded oversight and leadership to our BSEDC. It has become abundantly clear to me that this

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'm guessing my Uncle Mort's "forward thinking" for the new year more likely is akin to "slumgullion stew," or simply a "hodge-podge" of thoughts he's carried forward to the new year.

His ideas are a "mish-mash" of miscellaneous ingredients rolled

together, some of 'em dating back a half-century or so.

Included in the • By e-mail Managing Editor Bill McClellan at current mulling of my 101-year-old kin are truths, half-truths, what he's heard, what he thinks he's heard, and "hoopla" about government health insurance.



Don Newbury

Altogether, they are light years away from reality. "Slumgullion" fits about as well as anything. Again this year, truth is stranger than fiction, and it's growing ever tougher to tell 'em apart. Mort believes the fraud who

was passing himself off as a hand-signer for the deaf at the Mandela funeral may deserve the prize for "most convincing." "Millions believed he was

'true-ern blue,'" Mort claims. "Turns out, his left hand didn't know what his right was doing, and vice versa. He was mighty convincing, though, so surely there's a spot for him in the front office of the Dallas Cowboys." He compared the signer with a

TV wrestling showman from the 1950s called "Gorgeous George." Mort claims the late wrestler was as handy with clever lines as the signer was with hand motions. "GG," his carefully-

coiffed dyed blond locks always in place and glitzy well before Liberace came along, claimed: "I don't think I'm the best wrestler who ever lived...I don't think I'm the most handsome man on the planet ... And I don't think I'm the smartest man who ever lived — but, what's my opinion against millions of others?"

On a dime — the coin on which Uncle Mort always turns — he asked me if I knew how he could contact the ad people at Duck Dynasty.

I suggested that he try Googling them. (He probably thought my wife and I visited their place during a recent visit to Louisiana.) "I've got an idea they can build

a segment on, or maybe turn into a product that might sell millions," he claimed.

Then, he follows with, "Don't you want to know what it is?" I am trapped, with little choice

but to ask. "I'm working on a duck call so authentic it attracts decoys," he claimed. "That ought to line up

real straight with Duck Dynasty." It was pointless to challenge him; maybe he really is working on such a duck call. However, the ticket for this idea was punched by my friend, C. R.

(Choc) Hutcheson in Lubbock. With his yarn, he was awarded first place in the Burlington, Wisconsin Liars' Club Contest back in 1961. Paraphrased, here's what is written on the certificate on the wall in his home:

For years I have been working to perfect a duck call. The first time I blew it, ducks swarmed in from all directions; the sky was

black with them. I cut loose with

my pump gun, killing my limit of six ducks with six shots. What is so strange about that, you say? Well, when I picked up those

ducks, three of 'em were decoys! Muttering about the government's claim to offer low-cost group insurance, Mort said it only applies if the whole group gets sick. Then, he told me about helping Maude make lye soap out back of the house in a huge

"I'm proudest of the label," he bragged. "Our soap is both bacterial and anti-bacterial, whichever you want it to be."

I asked him how it could be both.

"Glad you asked, nephew. The researchers can't decide, either. Some scream 'bacterial' is the way to go, and others are just as vocal for 'antibacterial'. I'll swear that no bacteria have been added. My escape clause will be 'except for the germs stirred up on the dirt road from cars driving past the hog pen'."

Few people ever argue with Uncle Mort. It's just not worth it. My guess, though, is that before he's gone very far into 2014, he'll wash his hands of the lye soap project, perhaps favoring new lyrics for a song to help determine how long we should wash. "I know the 'Happy Birthday Song' is working pretty well, but it's really hard to remember how many verses to sing," he chuckled.

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Daily Prayer

Let us rejoice in your word, oh Lord.

Amen

# **A&E reverses decision on 'Duck Dynasty' patriarch**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A&E landed in the middle of America's culture wars when "Duck Dynasty" patriarch Phil Robertson sounded off on gays and the Bible. The channel quickly found there was no safe ground.

It was pilloried for allowing a man who equated gays with hell-bound sinners like adulterers to have a national TV stage. Then it was excoriated for giving him the hook.

to bring Robertson back to its most-watched show, remains to be seen if it can mend fences with both sides or at least with those viewers who hold opposing views.

With A&E's decision Friday

The channel's interest is in ratings and revenue, not refereeing social discord.

Will those who called for an A&E boycott unless Robertson returned be satisfied? Will "Duck Dynasty" fans who enjoy the Louisiana duck call-making family but were offended by Robertson's comments watch again? The family itself, which had

threatened to withdraw if Phil wasn't welcomed back, didn't rush out with its own make-nice reaction Friday. The gay right group GLAAD, which had slammed Robertson's comments to GQ magazine, issued a critical statement despite A&E's

vague allusion to the support "numerous advocacy groups" for its reversal.

"If dialogue with Phil is not part of (the) next steps, then A&E has chosen profits over African-American and gay people especially employees and viewers," GLAAD said, referring to Robertson's remark to GQ that he didn't know any unhappy blacks in the pre-Civil Rights era South. A&E said it intended to air

a national public service campaign "promoting unity, tolerance and acceptance among all people. Randy Schmidt, a "Duck

Dynasty" viewer in Illinois,

said he's glad to see Robertson back on the show that Schmidt admires for its "Christian values.'

Although he didn't care for Robertson's comments he has a right to express his opinions, Schmidt said. He added that he's likely not the only one pleased about Robertson's return.

"A&E's pocketbook will be happy, too," Schmidt predict-Tony Perkins, president of

the conservative Family Research Council Washington, wasn't among those calling for a boycott but said A&E could have suffered without its "about-face."

"We're seeing play out in front of us this great clash of cultures. Those in Hollywood don't quite understand the values that for many of these people — and I put myself in that category — our values and faith are non-negotiable," Perkins said.

Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, who had said that Miley Cyrus got a pass for twerking on TV while Phil got shown the door, lauded A&E for putting tolerance for religious views above "political correctness."

The show is on hiatus until Jan. 15, and the network said nine of next season's 10 episodes have been filmed.

### **LETTERS**

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corporation needs some oversight.

I am also pleased that the BSEDC Board of Directors offered to hold the Dec. 9, special meeting in closed session to avoid embarrassment for staff, although I am equally pleased staff opted for an open

The letter of Dec. 14 indicated the BSEDC has a mission to "assist, stimulate and enhance economic development in Big Spring." The letter also states that, "This board handles a lot of money net income after expenditures for September were reported at \$8.12 million." Well that is a lot of money, it belongs to the citizens of Big Spring and the board is responsible for it. I for one am glad we have board members who take this responsibility seriously. I do not want our money spent foolishly on lavish perks for staff, like \$500 per month on fancy coffee for a two-person office or several meals at around \$200 each for one or two "prospects" when the board members are not even aware of who the "prospects" are.

I am really concerned if the executive director is putting his wife on the BSEDC phone plan. As mentioned above, the BSEDC revenue has a specific purpose. It is not to support other facets of our city, unless approved by the voters. The Chamber of Commerce, the Convention and Visitors Bureau and others all have their own revenue source. I want to know what else BSEDC staff are spending money on, are we receiving appropriate revenue from other transactions and I want the Board of Directors to get a handle on it and make sure our money is accounted for.

Let me address the comment Ms. Hobbs wants specific policies and procedures in place. The writer asks, "What is more formal than Vernon's Texas Civil Statute, Title 83 Labor, Chapter 10 Economics Development, Article 5190.6, the articles of incorporation, by-laws and the Texas Attorney General's Economic Development Handbook of 2008?" Wow, the "by-laws" mentioned above are specific and they have been in place for many years. Guess what? Our "by-laws" (Section 5.08) state, "The Director shall develop policies and procedures for the Corporation including financial, accounting, and purchasing policies and procedures to be approved

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by the board."

And Ms. Hobbs is the first board member to ask for specific policies and procedures and the other two board members are the first to actually look at and question where our money is going? Wow! I am just amazed that these "policies and procedures" have not been done and approved by the board after all these years. Thank God we now have board members willing to do their job.

I wonder if a full and complete, in-depth audit of all financial transactions for the past several years is needed. I would welcome such a an audit just to get our ducks in a row and have a starting place for implementation of appropriate policies and procedures. For the past president to state that everything the director has done was approved by the board with no policies and procedures in place and no approved minutes of meeting giving such approval is ludicrous.

No board member, not even the president, has the authority to grant approval for any expenditure of BSEDC funds unless they are granted in policies and procedures approved by the board or the expenditure is approved by a majority vote of the board in a public meeting and recorded in the minutes.

I hope we will begin to see some oversight for our (citizens of Big Spring) money. I am not bashing any past or present board member. I think all just took office and followed suit as to what was happening. But now I remind all five board members that you are responsible for oversight of all BSEDC

activities, especially financial receipts and expenditures. Do a full review; give us the results, then correct any identified concerns and move forward.

MARIE RANGEL

**BIG SPRING** 

#### Count some geese! TO THE EDITOR:

It is serious time for counting the geese! They have landed and some are moving around. You know birds do not stay still, so you will really need to stay on top of it to get an accurate count.

The Festival of Lights at Comanche Trail Park will shut down at 10 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31. Everyone, please come out and participate in this event, which is the second year. This is a fun thing and the prize is awesome.

Who would like a night's stay for two at the Hotel Settles?

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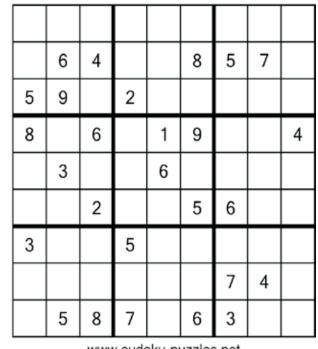
So, come on out and bring your visitors with you. Have some fun counting.

PAT SIMMONS **BIG SPRING** 

### Sudoku Answer on Page 8B

# 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



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Contract

By Steve Becker

### Eavesdropping on the Defense

West dealer. NORTH WEST EAST **♦**Q62 **♠** A K 8 3 **♥**106 **♦** 10 9 6 5 4 **♣**J9862 SOUTH **♠**J4 ♥QJ73 The bidding:
West North

Pass Pass 4 ♥ Opening lead — two of spades. An important part of declarer's iob is to pay close attention to how the opponents defend on each deal. It is good policy to assume that the opponents are defending in their own best interests, so whatever they do should be given careful considera-

Pass

East

Pass

South

Take this case from the 2003 North American Open Pairs, where declarer failed to draw the proper inference from the opponents' line of defense. South reached four hearts. and West led the spade deuce.

East took the top two spades and continued with a third spade, ruffed

lowed with the queen. East's unusual defense — helping declarer establish dummy's ten as a trick — failed to make an impression on declarer, who next led the queen of hearts and let it ride after West followed low This was the opening East had hoped for. He took the king and

by South with the three as West fol-

returned his fourth spade, and South had to go down one. If he ruffed low, West would overruff with the ten, and if he ruffed with the jack, East's nine would become a trick. Declarer could have averted this ignominious outcome simply by crossing to the jack of diamonds and leading a heart toward his Q-J-7. As

long as the opposing hearts were divided 3-2, this would have assured the contract. If East rose with the king and returned a spade, South could ruff with the jack, after which his queen and dummy's ace would take care of the missing trumps. And if East did

not rise with the king, declarer would win and play the ace of hearts next to achieve the same result. Finally, if West had the king of hearts, leading a heart toward the Q-J-7 would also limit the defense to one trump trick.

It is true that if West had led a club initially, or if East had shifted to his singleton club at trick two, the contract could always have been defeated — but that's another story.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.

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# **Area hoops** teams faring well at holiday tourneys

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

**Big Spring** 

BRIDGEPORT — Big Spring won its first two games Friday, handily defeating Fort Worth Southwest Christian 61-39 and then edging Saginaw Chisholm Trail 52-47 to open the Bridgeport Christmas Tournament.

Tyler Wigington was top scorer for the Steers in the first game with 18 points. Tate Kennedy had a season-high nine points in the same game. Ty Sealy led BSHS in Game Two with a game-high 21 points.

The Steers were delayed by a prolonged football season, then there were games cancelled due to bad weather and all teams just came off of the Christmas break. Despite the up and down playing schedule, Head Coach Ian Ritchey believes his squad is coming together.

"We've been playing really well," he said. "Especially on defense. Offensively, I expected us to be a little bit rustier. We've been making more shots than I thought we would. The guys are playing well together and I think they will continue to improve the more games they play. People are stepping up and filling roles."

The action continued Saturday as the Steers have two more games to go. Next up is a meeting with Iowa Park or the host team, Bridgeport. After that, Ritchey said it's "up

Big Spring (8-5), should it win Game Three, will play for the tourney championship. Should the Steers lose, they will play for

Results will be in Monday's edition of the

LUBBOCK — The Lady Steers opened the Caprock Holiday Classic with a loss to the host team Friday, but rebounded the same day with a 42-29 rout of Odessa High.

Big Spring matched Odessa's

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HERALD file photo/Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com) Big Spring senior Tyler Wigington makes a reverse layup during a game earlier in the season. Wigington led Big Spring with 18 points in a 61-39 victory over FWSW Christian Friday in Bridgeport.

### Texans, Titans trying to wrap up with elusive win

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Mike Munchak's future with the Titans will be decided once the season ends. Wade Phillips is hoping his work coordinating Houston's defense is good enough to remove the interim from his title and make him the Texans' next head coach.

First, their teams have to wrap up the season.

"Everyone wants to win the last one," Munchak said.

The Titans (6-9) are trying to salvage a second straight losing record by finishing with a two-game winning streak before new president and CEO Tommy Smith decides whether to keep Munchak for a fourth season. A win would give them one more than last year's 6-10 mark and also end the team's longest home skid at five since the franchise relocated to Ten-

Tennessee at least ended a three-game skid by winning in Jacksonville 20-16 last week for its first win in the AFC South.

That victory was enough to clinch second in the weak division for the Titans. Beating the Texans on Sunday would snap a three-game losing string against the franchise that replaced them in Houston, where Smith lives.

The Texans (2-13) haven't won since beating the Titans 30-24 in overtime the second week of this season, far from what the defending two-time AFC South champs expected for 2013.

A win would end a miserable 13-game skid that includes a 37-13 loss to Denver last week, but could put the No. 1 overall draft selection next May in jeopardy.

Phillips looks at the Titans and sees a team still playing hard for Munchak. Being an interim coach hasn't been easy with a team he didn't build.

"I've got a pretty good record as a head coach when I've had the team at the start of the season," Phillips said. "I think they'll consider that."

# Orton, Foles lined up for Dallas-Philly showdown ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) played three games — and worst-to-first rebound from

 Nick Foles and Kyle Orton were backup quarterbacks when the season be-

With Tony Romo out after back surgery, they will be the starters for Philadelphia and Dallas when the Cowboys play their third straight season finale against an NFC East rival with a division title on the line Sunday night.

Foles has a 7-2 record in nine starts and leads the league in quarterback rating, which is why Michael Vick didn't get his job back when he was healthy again last month.

Orton is almost exactly two years removed from his last start, back when Kansas City was finishing a 7-9 record in the same season he was dumped by Denver in favor of Tim Tebow. He's

thrown just 15 passes — in two years as Romo's back-

Add the absence of defensive leader Sean Lee with a neck sprain, and the Cowboys are facing long odds trying to end a three-year playoff drought most notable for losses the past two seasons to the New York Giants and Washington in

up.

playoffs-or-bust finales. "Obviously for him and I, everything you've worked for, you've done over the course of a decade is for moments like this," said tight end Jason Witten, who came into the league with Romo in 2003. "And if he's not able to go, obviously that's a blow. But you want to do it for guys like that."

Not so fast on the advantage for the Eagles, says Foles as he tries to finish a

4-12 to the postseason for Philadelphia under first-

year coach Chip Kelly. "I don't care who's quarterbacking, who's playing," said Foles, who has 25 touchdowns and two interceptions. "If you're not up for that, I don't know if you'll ever be up to play football."

Five things to consider as the Eagles visit the Cowboys five years after blowing out Dallas 44-6 in a winner-takeall finale in Philadelphia:

**NO ROMO:** He injured his back in the fourth quarter of last week's 24-23 victory at Washington that kept Dallas' playoff hopes alive. After the injury, Romo directed the winning drive capped by his fourth-down pass to DeMarco Murray for a 10-yard touchdown.

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### SHOWDOWN

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But Witten said Romo was clearly in a lot of pain after the game.

Coach Jason Garrett said Romo had season-ending surgery Friday. The Cowboys added 41-yearold Jon Kitna to have another arm in practice, and he will be Orton's backup two years after retiring and becoming a teacher and coach.

"He has knowledge of the game in terms of he's been through issues and problems and he knows how to solve them," offensive coordinator Bill Callahan said of Orton. "That's why we have that opportunity to have a veteran quarterback as a backup."

MY HOW THINGS CHANGE: The Eagles have been held without a touchdown once this season, in a 17-3 loss to Dallas in October. Foles was 11 of 29 for 80 yards before the Cowboys knocked him out of the game with a concussion.

Since then, Foles is 6-1 and averaging 287 yards passing per game. He tied the NFL record

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for touchdown passes in a game with seven against Oakland the first start after the Cowboys shut him down.

Meanwhile, the Cowboys have given up the first two 600-yard games in franchise history; an NFL-record 40 first downs; eight straight scoring drives to Chicago backup Josh McCown; and five in a row to Green Bay sub Matt Flynn when the Packers rallied from 26-3 down at halftime. Dallas did get two late stops that were big boosts in the rally to beat Washington.

**HIGH-FLYING EAGLES:** LeSean McCoy leads the NFL with 1,476 yards and has a chance to be Philadelphia's first league-leading rusher since Hall of Famer Steve Van Buren in 1949. He can also break Brian Westbrook's franchise record of 2,104 yards from scrimmage. He needs 93. The Eagles' DeSean Jackson needs 106 yards receiving to break Mike Quick's franchise record of 1,409 in 1983.

The Cowboys won the first game in large part because they limited the damage from McCov (55 yards rushing, 26 receiving) and Jackson (three catches for a season-low 21 yards).

GARRETT'S HOT SEAT: Dallas owner Jerry Jones gave Garrett another vote of confidence on his radio show this week — the second one in about a month. Romo's absence will be an interesting factor if Jones is stuck with a fourth straight season without a trip to the playoffs.

If the Cowboys don't win, they'll have 8-8 records in all three full seasons under Garrett, who currently is 29-26 since replacing Wade Phillips during the 2010 season. "His future is bright in my eyes with the Cowboys," Jones said.

KELLY'S CLIMB: Win or lose, Kelly's first season in Philadelphia is a success. A 10-6 finish would match the 1999-2000 seasons for the best turnaround in franchise history at six games (from 5-11 in 1999 to 11-5 in 2000). Those were the first two years under Andy Reid, who was replaced by Kelly in the offseason.

Kelly smoothly handled the decision to keep Foles as the starter ahead of Vick, and his fast-paced offense has a chance to join the 2011 Saints and 2013 Broncos as the only franchises with 13 games of 400 vards or more of total offense in a season.

### **HOOPS**

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offensive output in the third quarter and outscored them in the other three to key the victory.

Julianna Rodriguez led the Lady Steers with 11

Look for Saturday's results in Monday's *Herald*.

#### Other scores

#### **Grady Black-Gold Cotton Classic**

- Forsan (girls) def. Monahans 78-21; Ira 64-29. Next vs. Grady, 6 p.m. Saturday.
- Forsan (boys) def. Klondike 60-49; Ira 53-45. Next vs. Grady, 7:30 p.m. Saturday.
- Grady (girls) def. Lubbock Kingdom Prep 54-26; Highland 33-25. Next vs. Forsan, 6 p.m. Saturday.
- Grady (boys) def. Lubbock Kingdom Prep 64-38; Highland 50-26. Next vs. Forsan, 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

#### Reagan County Mary Tatum Holiday Classic

- Coahoma (girls) def. Presidio 53-32; Miles 48-25. Next vs. McCamey, 4 p.m. Saturday. • Coahoma (boys) lost to Ballinger 65-41; def. San
- Angelo TLCA 50-39. Next vs. Presidio, 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

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# Decades of Decadence



ach decade has its own distinct foods, including desserts. Yet some of these decadent treats — such as southern ✓ Lemon Chess Pie from the 1820s, Strawberry Shortcake from the 1850s, or New York's Black and White Cookies, first baked up in the Roaring 1920s — have stood the test of time.

To celebrate these nostalgic sweets, CanolaInfo's "Decades of Decadence" recipe collection serves up a delicious trip down memory lane with modern influence by Ellie Krieger, M.S., R.D., host of the Cooking Channel's "Healthy Appetite."

"History shaped these desserts and they have stuck around because they are inherently delicious," she says. "They were driven by the availability of ingredients in their day, advertising by food companies in women's magazines and advancements in food technology or appliances."

To boost nutrition and keep saturated fat in check, the recipes are updated with heart-healthy ingredients, such as low-fat yogurt, whole-grain flour and canola oil, which has the least saturated fat and most omega-3 fat of all common culinary oils.

Try this fresh, healthy update on 1930s Pineapple Upside Down Cake, originally invented to take advantage of canned pineapple, which is kept moist and gooey with canola oil. Take a journey back to the '40s with Chocolate War Cake, a chocolaty indulgence that's a cinch to make. Or dig into Frozen Grasshopper Pie, a '50s favorite once home freezers became common, which offers less saturated fat by using canola oil in the crust and reduced-fat ice cream or frozen yogurt in the filling.

For the complete "Decades of Decadence" collection and more recipes from Krieger, visit www.CanolaInfo.org.

#### 1930s Pineapple Upside Down Cake

Yield: 8 servings Serving size: 1 slice

Canola oil cooking spray

1/3 cup packed dark brown sugar

- 4 to 5 pineapple rings (about 1/4 of whole pineapple) about 1/2 inch thick
- 2 tablespoon chopped crystallized ginger 1 1/4 cups all-purpose
- flour 3/4 cup whole-wheat
- pastry flour 3/4 cup granulated sugar teaspoon baking
- powder teaspoon baking soda
- cup low-fat buttermilk
- cup canola oil

large eggs 1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350°F. Generously spray bottom of 9-inch, nonstick layer cake pan with canola oil cooking spray. Sprinkle evenly with brown sugar, then arrange pineapple rings on top in one

layer. Sprinkle chopped ginger pieces in spaces around pineapple rings and in their centers.

In medium bowl, whisk together all-purpose flour, whole-wheat flour, sugar, baking powder and baking soda. In another medium bowl, whisk together buttermilk, canola oil, eggs and vanilla.

Mix wet and dry ingredients until combined. Pour batter over pineapple-brown sugar mixture and bake until top is lightly browned and wooden skewer inserted into center of cake comes out clean, 40 to 50 minutes. Let cool for 5 minutes, then run knife around cake edges and, using oven mitts, invert cake onto large serving plate.

Note: Whole-wheat, all-purpose flour can be substituted for whole-wheat pastry flour.

**Nutritional Analysis (per Serving):** Calories 390; Fat 16 g; Saturated Fat 1.5 g; Cholesterol, 55 mg; Sodium 270 mg, Carbohydrates 57 g; Fiber 2 g; Protein, 6 g

#### 1940s **Chocolate War Cake**

Yield: 12 slices

Serving size: 1 slice 3/4 cup whole-wheat pastry flour

- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup granulated sugar 1/3 cup natural cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda 1/2 teaspoon salt
- cup cold water
- 1 tablespoon cider vinegar
- 1/3 cup canola oil 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

### 1/2 teaspoon confectioners' sugar

Preheat oven to 350°F. In 9-inch round baking pan, whisk together whole-wheat pastry flour, all-purpose flour, sugar, cocoa powder, baking soda and salt.

In small bowl or measuring cup, combine water and vinegar.

Make well in center of flour mixture in pan and pour canola oil and vanilla extract into well. Pour water-vinegar mixture over top of flour and then stir well to blend all ingredients.

Bake until set and toothpick inserted into center comes out clean, about 30 to 35 minutes. Place cake on rack to cool in pan. Once cool, sprinkle with

confectioners' sugar.  $\textbf{Note:} \ Whole-wheat, all-purpose \ flour$ can be substituted for whole-wheat pastry flour.

Nutritional Analysis (per Serving): Calories 180; Fat 7 g; Saturated Fat 0.5 g; Cholesterol 0 mg; Sodium 200 mg; Carbohydrates 29 g; Fiber 2 g; Protein 2 g





#### 1950s Frozen Grasshopper Pie

Yield: 8 servings Serving size: 1 slice

Canola oil cooking spray 1 1/4 cups finely crushed chocolate wafer cookies or chocolate

- graham cracker crumbs tablespoons canola oil
- cups mint chip reduced-fat ice cream or frozen yogurt, softened

#### 1/3 cup chocolate shavings

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray 9-inch pie dish with canola oil cooking spray. In medium bowl, mix cookie crumbs and canola oil until combined, then press mixture into prepared pie dish. Bake until fragrant, 6 to 8 minutes.

Allow to cool completely. In large bowl, place softened ice cream and mix well until uniform texture forms, similar to soft-serve ice

cream. Fill cooled pie crust with ice cream, smoothing out top. Garnish with chocolate shavings, cover with plastic wrap and put back in freezer until solidly frozen, at least 4 hours.

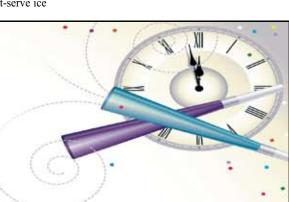
When ready to serve, heat knife under hot water and use it to cut pie into slices.

Note: An ice cream or frozen yogurt without green food coloring is recommended. To make chocolate shavings, use a vegetable peeler to peel strips from a thick block of chocolate. If the chocolate crumbles as you make the shavings, put it in the microwave at 10-second intervals to soften it slightly.

**Nutritional Analysis (per Serving):** Calories 290; Fat 14 g; Saturated Fat 5 g; Cholesterol 15 mg; Sodium 190 mg; Carbohydrates 36 g; Fiber 1 g; Protein 5 g

Happy New Year!  $\overline{W}$ ishing You The Best For 2014!



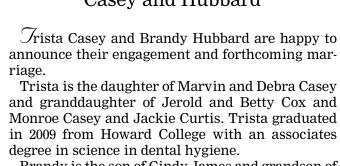


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#### Casey and Hubbard



Brandy is the son of Cindy James and grandson of Eugene and Barbara Bryant. Brandy is a 2011 graduate of Midland College with a degree in welding and fabrication.

The wedding will be held Jan. 4, 2014, at The Courtyard in Big Spring. Following the ceremony, the couple will reside in Big Spring.

# Keeping an eye on the birds

Dawn Burleigh AP - A stop at a Egret was almost wiped out Five and Dime in 1948 changed one man's life.

Walter "Bruce" Bishop stopped at the store as he headed home from the Royal Theater in Orange and bought four books. "They were twenty-five cents

each, if you can believe that,," Bruce said. "My mom liked wildflowers, so one was for her and the others were very basic books on birds."

Bruce, 77, said that he still has those four books.

In his early days, prior to that purchase, Bruce was the typical boy with a BB gun.

"I was a pretty good shot," Bruce said. "I noticed a difference in the birds.'

Bruce also made a trip to the G.I. Surplus store and bought a \$6 pair of binoculars, paying on the item at fifty cents a week.

From that day on, Bruce studied birds, including writing an article on the Great Egret, a large shore bird often seen in the

"In the early 1900s the Great

because people wanted their breeding plumage feathers for ladies hats," Bruce said.

Bruce is a self-taught naturalist who has a talent for being able to distinguish birds not only by sight but also by their sounds. During an interview at Shangri La, he was able to count five birds he identified just by hearing their calls. "I feel I have a God given tal-

ent," Bruce said. "I can hear, find and remember what I hear. I hear low and high tones and can identify 40 species by sound alone."

Bruce participates annually in the Christmas Bird Count, an event that occurs between Dec. 14 and Jan. 5 across the country according to the Audubon Society website.

It is the longest running Citizen Science survey in the world, Christmas Bird Count provides critical data on population trends. The results are compiled into a database that is shared with federal, state, and private

authorities. This is the 114th year of the event.

This year the Orange County team will meet Jan. 1, 2014, from 7 a.m. until dusk at the service station located at the corner of Farm to Market Roads 105 and

"We are in groups of two to four and stay within an assigned area," Bruce said. "It helps show which birds are thriving and which are losing habitat. It gives us a pulse of nature."

Bruce said all are welcome to the count.

"Novices are assigned with Birders," Bruce said.

Birders are persons who seriously pursues the hobby or sport of birding while a bird-watcher describes the person who watches birds for any reason at all.

Bruce enjoys birds so much that he could not name a single favorite.

"I really enjoy them all," Bruce said. "If you ask my wife, once I start talking about birds, I don't

### Former Big Springer awarded an Emmy



**Courtesy photo** 

Technical director for television broadcasts of professional sports teams and former Big Spring resident Kevin Smith was awarded an Emmy in November. Smith is the son of Big Spring residents Bob and Susan Lewis.

Special to the Herald

Former Big Spring resident Kevin Lewis has earned an Emmy for professional sports broadcast production. He is a technical director for television broadcasts of professional sports teams in Dallas including the Stars, Mavericks, and Rangers. He is also a director for television broadcasts of college and high school games all over the country. On occasion he operates the 60-yard jumbotron visual screen in Cowboys Stadium.

Fox Sports Southwest nominated Kevin for the honor in recognition of his work on a television broadcast of a high school football playoff game. The wording on the statuette he received reads: 2012 High School Football Championships, Fox Sports Southwest, Kevin Lewis Technical Director. It is from The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, Lone Star Chapter. It was presented Nov. 9 at the 2013 Lone Star Emmy Awards ceremony at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in San Antonio.

Kevin is a 1982 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 1986 graduate of Eastern New Mexico University where he majored in television production. He is the son of Susan and Bob Lewis of

### An examination of the organization of all life on Earth

Jim Stanley (AP) - Given the tremendous number of species of living things on Earth (about 2 million have been identified and scientists believe there are many more millions not yet discovered), it may seem surprising that all life can be grouped into only five categories, called Kingdoms. These five Kingdoms are Monera, Protista, Plantae, Fungi and Animalia.

Before I proceed, I should warn the readers that I am certainly not a professional biologist and the discussion here is decidedly the simplified, amateur version of the organization of life. And the five-Kingdom system described here is not the only organization system that has been and is used by some experts.

Monera is the name given to all bacteria. A single bacterium is a cell which is defined as a unit of living

matter encased in a membrane which separates it from the outside world. All living things are composed of cells, but bacteria cells do not have a nucleus.

The kingdom Protista includes both algae and protozoans. Algae are plant-like organisms that produce their own food by photosynthesis. Some protozoans are singlecelled animal-like organisms like amoebas that eat other organisms such as bacteria and algae. (Remember looking at pond water in a microscope in school?) Both algae and protozoans can also be multi-celled. Some classification systems separate algae and protozoans. Both protozoans and algae have cell nuclei. Alga cells also contain chloroplasts where photosynthesis occurs.

Fungi include molds, yeasts and mushrooms. Fungi cannot make their own food like plants because they do not have chloroplasts with chlorophyll. Instead they decompose the remains of dead organisms to obtain the food they need. Their cells also lack the cell wall structure that characterizes plants.

Plants are multi-cellular organisms that can photosynthesize carbohydrates from carbon dioxide in the air and water.

Their cell walls are relatively rigid and made of cellulose, which makes for strong support, but a general lack of mobility.

Animals eat other organisms to obtain their food and energy and their cell walls are more flexible. This flexibility allows for easy movement, and most animals are mobile in search of food and mates.

Of course these kingdoms are just the top level of classification. Below each of these kingdoms is a hierar-

> chy of subsequent classifications. One such classification system is a taxonomic rank from division. phylum, class, order, family, genus and finally

species. For example, the plant kingdom is divided into four divisions. These can be described in a simplified way as the mosses, the ferns, the gymnosperms and the angiosperms.

The mosses (or Bryophytes) look somewhat like other plants, but structurally they are different in that they lack the vascular tissues xylem and phloem that transport water, minerals and sugars up and down all other plants. Because the mosses lack the vascular cells with rigid cell walls, they can,Äôt really support themselves individually but only as a colony. They do not form seeds and require moisture to reproduce.

Ferns have the vascular tissues of other plants and can support themselves. They also do not produce seeds and require moisture for reproduction, which is why both ferns and mosses are almost always found in moist, shady areas.

Ninety percent of all plant species produce seeds. A seed is an embryo and a food supply packaged into a protective covering, and because the seed can survive drier, harsher conditions than mosses and ferns, seedproducing plants have colonized most of the land. Seeds are produced when pollen

fertilizes an egg.

Gymnosperms are nonflowering plants that produce seeds in cones. The name comes from Greek words for "naked" and "seed" and the seeds of coniters (cone-bearing plants) are not encased in a fruit.

By far the largest group of plants, and the youngest in evolutionary history, are the angiosperms, which are all of the flowering plants. These plants produce their seeds in a "vessel," (Greek "angeion,"), which we would call some kind of fruit.

Both the gymnosperms and the angiosperms require pollination, in which pollen from a male part must be transported to a female ovary in order for a seed to be formed. This requires either wind or insects or other animals, but it also allows for a greater probability that the pollen will come from a different plant than the egg, thus giving rise to greater chances for genetic diversity.

The more we know, the more amazing Mother Nature is.

Happy New Year! Until next time,

Jim Stanley is a Texas Master Naturalist and the author of the book "Hill Country Landowner's Guide.

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# **Curiosity spurs new** research technique

By RICHARD PORTER Wayland Baptist University

If necessity is indeed the mother of invention, freshman exuberance certainly lends a hand. Just ask Jessica

Kenneson is a junior chemistry/molecular biology double major at Wayland Baptist University, and her curiosity about an article she read as part of one of her freshman science classes has led to research in tuberculosis, as well as the development of an imaging system that is proving to be an integral part of that research.

Colorado Springs The native attributes the work she is doing to the research environment at Wayland and the support of her chemistry professor, Dr. Robert Moore. Work that already is earning the undergraduate some significant attention. Kenneson recently gave a presentation on the newly designed imaging system, developed by her and Dr. Moore, at the Southwest Regional American Cancer Society meeting in Waco. She was approached by a researcher from Texas Tech University in Lubbock who was interested in seeing whether the system could be applied to the research on microchips being done by his research

Tech Professor Dr. Dimitri Pappas explained that his group develops microchips that can do biological analysis for cancer drug testing and blood testing.

However, the processes with which they work are difficult to image quickly, and ashelistenedtoKenneson,Äôs presentation he realized the system she described might be useful in helping them with their imaging issues.

"The work she is doing is really cool. It's a simple solution for a complex issue," he

The work Kenneson is doing revolves around tuberculosis and the fact that the disease is relatively stable until it is treated, according to Moore. Once treatment begins, he said, mutations begin to occur, often quite rapidly. To make matters worse, he continued, most of the tuberculosis across the world has become drug resistant to at least one frontline drug and multi-drug resistance is an increasing problem. He said that individuals have to follow a very strict treatment regimen in order to prevent the disease from mutating.

Moore said that as he and Kenneson looked at some of the features of tuberculosis. what they discovered was that there was no known mismatch repair mechanism for the disease. Most organisms have an enzyme that scans and repairs damaged DNA.

"That prevents mutations from taking place," Moore "but tuberculosis doesn't have that mecha-

The professor explained that tuberculosis uses an enzyme called RecA to "repair," damaged DNA, but evidence suggests that it may

actually be what is causing the mutations to occur.

"(RecA) finds damaged DNA, which is very common with a lot of the medicines we treat (tuberculosis) with. When it finds damaged DNA that has been nicked or cut, it pulls out the damaged part and finds a similar sequence elsewhere to bring in and repair it. It's been shown that this does induce mutations," Moore said.

According to Kenneson, her research involves determining whether the repair mechanism itself is causing the mutations or if it is merely a coincidental participant in the process. That involves loading a gel with DNA and with the RecA protein. She then induces an electric charge that causes a reaction in the gel and creates distinctive points.

"We have these washes we put over it and it binds this chemical called luminal to the DNA and it emits light. The concentration of the DNA is equivalent to the relative light emitted. So if we see a whole lot of light here, more DNA is bound there," she

The problem, she says, is that there has to be an imaging system that is capable of capturing and quantifying

the light being emitted in the process. Those exist, but they are extremely expensive and can be

### **Big Spring Second Chance Rescue** Dog of the week: **Gypsy**



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troublesome to use. She cited as an example an X-ray machine that not only would be expensive to purchase and operate, but would generate environmental hazards, as

Moore said the process is called chemiluminescence, and many researchers will use phosphor imaging, but with that, "you are dealing with licensing for handling radioactive material plus the

cost of the phosphor imager. Usually only very large universities have those on hand."

Moore says the alternative was to use a super-cooled CCD camera but those cost in the neighborhood of \$40,000. An expense, Moore said, that the university simply cannot afford. The solution? Come up with a less expensive imaging system, even if it meant developing it in-house.

# Something special's happening in the Circle.

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- **Jan. 2** Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m. Coffee at Just Peachy's Café, 10:00 a.m.
- Jan. 3 Sit & Be Fit, 1:00 p.m.
  Lunch Bunch & Birthdays, 11:30 a.m. "Cowboy's."
- **Jan. 6** Games, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- **Jan. 7** Mall Walking 8:00 a.m.
- Coffee @ Parkplace, 10:00 a.m.
- Tai Chi, 1:00 p.m. Supper Club, 5:30 p.m., "Casa Blanca"
- Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m. Movie 1:00 p.m. "GI Joe Retaliation." Jan. 8 –
- Jan. 9 -Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.
- Coffee @ Just Peachy's Cafe, 10:00 a.m.
- Sit & Be Fit, 1:00 p.m. **Jan. 13** – Games 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- **Jan. 14** Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.
- Tai Chi, 1:00 p.m. Supper Club, 5:30 p.m., "KC Steakhouse."
- **Jan. 15** Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m.
- Jan. 16 -
- Movie, 1:00 p.m., "Skyfall."

  Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.

  Coffee @ Just Peachy's Cafè, 10:00 a.m.
- Sit & Be Fit, 1:00 p.m. Bunko, 3:00 p.m. (New Time)
- **Jan. 20** Games, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- **Jan. 21** Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m. Tai Chi, 1:00 p.m.
- Supper Club, 5:30 p.m., "Hunan's." Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m. Movie, 1:00 p.m. "Iron Man 3." Jan. 22 -

- Jan. 23 Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m. Coffee at Just Peachy's Cafè, 10:00 a.m. Sit & Be Fit, 1:00 p.m.
- Jan. 24 Pot Luck & Bingo, 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. **Jan. 27** – Games, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- **Jan. 28** Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.
- Jan. 29 Iviali Walking, 6.00 a.m.
  Tai Chi, 1:00 p.m.
  Supper Club, 5:30 p.m., "Cowboy's".

  Jan. 29 Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m.
  Ben E. Keith Food Show, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
  Movie 1:00 p.m., "Avengers."
- **Jan. 30** Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.
  - Coffee @ Just Peachy's, 10:00 a.m.

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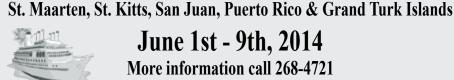
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Left to right, Senior Vice President of Refinery Jimmy C. Crosby congratulates Laura Perchan and Glynda Brener as they were inducted into ALON's 25 year club. Inductees were awarded for 25 years of continuous service with Alon at a ceremony held recently at the Hotel Settles.

# **2 named to Alon 25 Year Club**

Special to the Herald

Glynda Bremer earned the distinction of receiving Card No. 700 at the 25 Year Club of Alon Big Spring Refinery Christmas party held Dec. 20.

Bremer was the 700th inductee in the longtime club, earning her card along with Laura Perchan, who received Card No. 699. Both woman are employed in the corporation's Dallas of-

an organization of employees of the Alon Big Spring refinery who have reach 25 years of continuous service with the company and can trace its origins when the plant was known as Cosden Refinery. Official minutes of the club were first recorded on March 5, 1960, but meetings were held before re-

"2013 was a good year for Alon," Senior Vice President of Refinery The 25 year club is Jimmy C. Crosby said,

cords were kept.

addressing the large crowd attending the event at the Hotel Settles.

"It's good to see this crowd tonight," said Jeff Brorman, Big Spring Refinery manager. "I know there is a lot of talk tonight about back in the old days. It was your hard work that got the refinery going."

A multi-million dollar turnaround project is expected to begin in mid-January, Brorman said. This capital expenditure is one of the largest in the plant history, he added.

According to Alon's web-site, Alon USA Energy is an independent refiner and marketer of petroleum products, operating primarily in the western and southcentral regions of the United States. The Big Spring refinery is a sour crude cracking facility with a throughput capacity of 70,000 barrels per day.

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tion without final resolution. \$100 fine,

State of Texas vs Susie Ledesma Probated judgment - theft of property greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500. \$500 fine, 180 days in jail

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#### Warranty Deeds Grantor: The Estate of Ermine Haynie Barrick, Vietia Romine, indepen-

30 days in jail.

dent executrix Grantee: Travis William Crow and Vieta Romine Property: Survey no. 16, blk 34,

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Grantee: Vietia Romine

low our kids and grandkids to foot the bill for our current live-beyond-our-means lifestyles. Some could view their actions as protecting their jobs and their own retirements in the next election cycle at the expense of future generations. Clearly, the stock market has no problem with

Our elected representatives in Washington have kicked the can down the road again. They have decided, quite predictably, to potentially al-

this strategy. If it did, we probably would have already had at least a mini-crisis on our hands that would have forced politicians to address the staggering \$17 trillion deficit and out-of-control spending habits of both parties on both sides of the aisle. Without a crisis, few politicians have a reason to make the tough decisions. After all, right now, the United States can borrow just about all the money it wants for 10 years at less

than 3 percent interest. It's a pretty sweet deal. Indeed, the stock market tends to look ahead, but not too far ahead. Temporary fears over what might happen years down the road usually quickly revert back to thoughts of what will likely happen over the next 12 to 18 months. Government deficit spending boosts economic growth, and better economic growth helps corporate earnings. And who can argue with that? After all, the government has to buy \$600 toilet seats from somebody.

Longer-term issues that will likely negatively

affect the economy and all Americans at some point in the future are mostly overlooked by investors in the short-term. You don't have to be a genius in the actuarial sciences to understand that our present rate of government borrowing will eventually become a debilitative drag on economic growth. Reaching that point will likely take many years, though, and investors know it.

modest growth and low inflation. American companies have figured out how to make money playing the hand they have been dealt. Profits are at record levels, and so is the stock market. Our representatives in Washington insist we will get our fiscal house in order as the economy gets back on its feet and starts growing at a faster

pace. Do you really think spending would be cut

if the economy were growing at a consistent 3.5

or 4 percent pace? If you do, I have a bridge in

In the meantime, corporate earnings continue

to push ahead in an environment that features

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into the future.

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Luisa Almonte Summers Grantee: Sonnet E. Hildebrand Property: Lot 9, blk 37, Original Town Date: Nov. 27, 2013

Grantor: Jessie T. Summers Jr. and

Grantor: Paul M. Diaz and Jessica Grantee: Jesus Bravo and Virginia Bravo Property: Lot 5, blk 4, Belvue Addi-

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Property: Lot 13, blk 3, Caroline Court Subdivision, Big Spring Date: Nov. 22, 2013 Grantor: Davie Matthew Jones Grantee: Robert Gomez

Property: Lot 6, blk 16, Boydstun

Date: Nov. 25, 2013 Grantor: Davie Matthew Jones Grantee: Robert Gomez Property: Lot 14, blk 3, Settles Addition, Big Spring

Addition, Big Spring

Date: Nov. 25, 2013 Grantor: Davie Matthew Jones Grantee: Mike Fate

Property: Lot 13, blk 1, East Highland Park Addition, Big Spring Date: Nov. 25, 2013

Grantor: Davie Matthew Jones

Grantee: Eric Barrera and Rochelle Barrera Property: Lot 20, blk 16, Boydstun Addition, Big Spring Date: Nov. 25, 2013

Grantor: Davie Matthew Jones Grantee: Amelia Gomez and Mayra A. Gomez Property: Lot 5, blk 16, Boydstun

Addition, Big Spring Date: Nov. 25, 2013

Grantor: Koyode Awosere and Idowu Awosere Grantee: Veronica Marie Herrera and Anthony George Herrera

Property: Lot 21, blk 16, except the

N/5', Kentwood Addition (unit 2), Big

Date: Nov. 26, 2013 Grantor: David A. Holleman

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Grantee: Cassidy Wennik and Vaden Wennik Property: SW/4 of sec. 43, blk 31, T-1-N, T&P, RR Co. Survey, Howard County Date: Nov. 26, 2013

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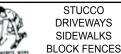
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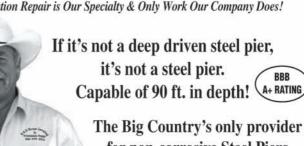
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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: MULBERRY PROPERTIES, LLC vs. LARRY FRIEDMAN as is more fully shown by the Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at office this 20th day of November, 2013. COLLEEN BARTON

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Howard County, et al vs. Eduvina G. Sandez and Daniel B. Deleon, et al Lt 5, Bk B, Merrick Greene Addn.,

City of Big Spring, Howard County, T-6051

Howard County, et al vs. Aree McNally

A tract of land out of SE/4 of Sc 18, Bk 32, T1S, T&P Ry Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas T-6119

Howard County, et al vs. John T. Demoville and Mary Demoville Lt 7. Bk 21. Jones Valley Addn.,

City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas T-6142

Howard County, et al vs. Christina L. Gonzales A tract of land out of Sc 33, Bk 32,

T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas T-6155 Howard County, et al vs. Betty Jo McNeal aka Betty J. McNeal

N/2 of the NE/4 of Sc 9, Bk 33, T1S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard Texas; SAVE County, EXCEPT the East 499.40' T-6234

Howard County, et al vs. Hubbard Electric Company A tract of land out of Sc 46, Bk 32,

T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas T-6239 Howard County, et al vs. Albert

Deceased Lt 11, Bk 34, Original Town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas T-6256

Eugene Kelley aka A.E. Kelley,

Howard County, et al vs. Hubert Perkins and Annie Mae Perkins aka Annie M. Perkins Lt 5, Bk 45, Government Heights to

Bauer Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Howard County, et al vs. Anselmo Hilario W/2 of Lt 9, and all of Lt 10, Bk 11,

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Prove that you're ready to take on a responsibility. The one who is in charge will gladly hand over the position to a worthy successor, but will be wary of anyone who seems unsure.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are determined and will finish the job whether or not you have the tools to do so.

However, do everything in your power to acquire the tools, as things will go much better.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Stress will only be uncomfortable if you interpret it as something you don't want in your life. Consider the benefits. The pressure makes you perform better than you would otherwise.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You're starting to see the past differently, and today's events have you wondering about the extent of your karmic debt. Sure, you owe someone a good turn but does it go deeper than that?

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Can you give yourself what you want? Others make it look easy, but it's not so easy for you. You would have to completely rearrange your priorities, putting yourself much higher on the list.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The work at hand is repetitious, and you may quickly tire of it. But if you can muscle through, you'll be one of the rare ones who do, and you'll

reap tremendous benefits for your tenacity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People need what you have to offer, so let everyone know what it is. Encourage your contacts to tell their contacts. Give people an incentive to spread the word.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Be careful not to reject who you are just because you'd like to grow into a new role. It still will be the same you underneath, and that person deserves honor and respect.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). They can't read your mind accurately today, but they sure will come up with some interesting inaccuracies. Consider staying mysterious just so you can laugh at their funny guesses about what you're really up to!

Jan. 19). Do what you can. If it's not what you wanted to be doing or what you think you should be doing, so what? It's something, and it will create the momentum that gets you back on

track.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Others may be fooled by pretty packaging, but you're impressed only by substance. That's why you'll kick the proverbial tires and check under the hood, too.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Just because you love someone doesn't mean you have to completely ignore it when that person behaves like a selfish narcissist. You're not about to let yourself be used.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 29). Your perspective shift makes it seem like the whole world has changed. Social horizons open, and you'll enjoy interesting new company. Your mind's eye is extra powerful in January and March: What pops into your imagination will come true. Financial odds favor you in February. July features a real estate purchase. Leo and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 1, 3, 28 and 11.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The new year opens under a new

moon — an auspicious omen, especially for those hoping to make big changes in 2014. With the outer planets settling into a groove that's similar to last year's, the backdrop will seem awfully familiar, but don't believe for a second that the same environment will yield similar results. If vou've ever known a family in which siblings of the same parentage are completely different from one another — even the ones that happen to be twins — you know that personality, will and countless other variables make for an entirely different outcome. As for 2014, the difference is

mainly in our intentions. Capricorn rubs Venus the wrong way, and to make matters even more uncomfortable, the love goddess's retrograde motion through this realm has her assessing the historical data instead of connecting to the moment. Since Jupiter is retrograde, too, many will be looking at the things that created lucky and safe feelings in the past for hints as to what might

work in the future. Be patient. The answers won't be obvious, but keep collecting data, and next week will bring a breakthrough.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES**: Will Ferrell discovered Danny McBride when the comedy king saw McBride in the shoestring-budget comedy "The Foot Fist Way." The "Eastbound and Down" star has a full lineup of movies coming out in the years to come, including the next Cameron Crowe project. His sun and Mercury in Capricorn indicates that McBride is much more strategic and down to earth than Kenny Powers!

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#### Annie's Mailbox ®

**Dear Annie**: I am a married mother with two children, both in high school. But I am in love with a man who is not my husband of 21 years. "Harry" is my first love, and he came back into

my life unexpectedly. He is also married. Neither of us is passionate or loving toward our spouses anymore. We both feel that we are growing apart from them. I am waiting for my children to finish

high school before I make any final move. My husband still seems to believe we can be a happy couple, but I don't agree. He is unaware of my affair, but I can tell that he feels that I'm growing more

distant from him every day. An additional problem, however, is that Harry seems to go through fits and starts about leaving his large family for me. But his marriage is based on a lie. Do you have any suggestions on what we should do? —

Massachusetts Dear Massachusetts: Yes. You should stop lying and cheating and being disrespectful to each other and to your marriages. If you are unhappy with your husband,

get counseling or get out. But do not rely on Harry to "save" you. We suspect he enjoys the affair more than he would a divorce, and that you enjoy the romance and intrigue more than working on the day-to-day responsibilities of a real

You've invested 21 years and have two children. Please see whether there is something worth salvaging, and if so, take the energy you are giving to Harry and put it into your marriage. You'd be surprised what a little genuine effort can do.

**Dear Annie**: I plan to ask my girlfriend of seven years to marry me. I put the ring I wanted on layaway. It's a nice simple band with a big stone.

However, when we were talking about rings, she mentioned that she'd love a giddy, girly ring with smaller stones and a lot of design. She doesn't know about the ring I've already picked out.

Since I'm the one who has to buy the ring and do the asking, I feel I should get

to pick the style. We can choose the wedding bands together. And if she changes her mind about marrying me, she doesn't get to keep the ring, right? — A Little

Dear Little: No about selecting the ring, but yes about returning it. Your girlfriend, not you, will be wearing this ring for a long time. If you're smart, you will let her pick the style she prefers. Otherwise, she may resent wearing it. You get to decide the price range. And if she breaks the engagement, she should return the ring. But as your first lesson in marriage, please learn to listen to the other person and be accommodating when you can.

Dear Annie: "Perplexed in Pennsylvania" was upset that her friend never remembers her birthday. If her entire relationship is based on that, she needs a new friend.

"Janie" and I have been friends for 35 years, and I have correctly remembered her birthday perhaps five times. We have not seen each other in almost 10 years because we live a thousand miles apart, but we communicate nearly every day. It might be an hour-long phone call or simply a text that says, "Thinking of you today.'

One day a few years ago, I woke up and thought I had missed her birthday (again), so I sent her a text saying, "Hope it was happy." The next morning, I realized her birthday wasn't until the following month. We are not best friends because I can remember her birthday. We are best friends because she knows I am an idiot and she loves me anyway. Isn't that what friendship is? Caring about someone despite their flaws? If you are truly her friend, it shouldn't matter

whether she gets your birthday right. — California
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- advertiser **7** Bouillabaisse
- flavorer 15 Decimate
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- 20 Hitherto
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- partitioning 23 Sport cut from the Summer Olympics
- after 1936 25 Chemist with
- 350 patents **27** High
- 28 Potter trademark 30 Strains to wrap
- things up 32 Burning issue
- 33 Its flag depicts the Blue Marble
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- paterfamilias, for one
- 38 Our Town bride 39 Cool once more **41** Beyoncé started

wearing it in

- 2013 **45** Best Director Oscar winner five
- years after Kevin **46** Bouquet complement,
- maybe 48 Port authority's pejorative
- 49 Letters by the
- pound 51 Sponge
- **53** Shortening in
- cookie recipes 54 Tosca extra
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#### **SATURDAY STUMPER** by Brad Wilber Edited by Stanley Newman

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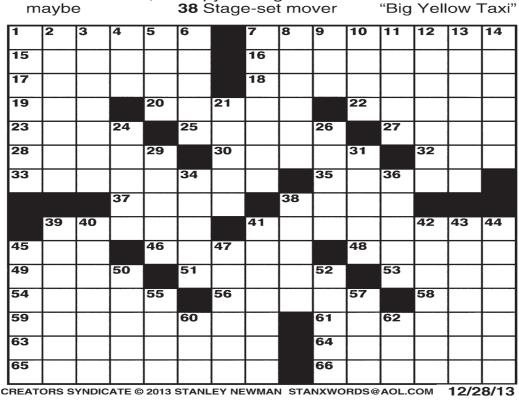
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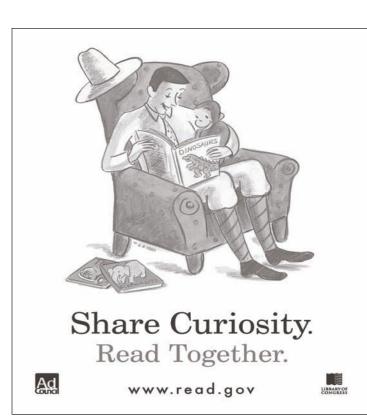
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- moment of silence
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- pack, e.g. 26 Common
- allergen
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- 34 Talk foolishly
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# Target: Customers' encrypted PINs stolen

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ATLANTA — Target said Friday that debit-card PINs were among the financial information stolen from millions of customers who shopped at the retailer earlier this month.

The company said the stolen personal identification numbers, which customers type into keypads to make secure transactions, were encrypted and that this strongly reduces risk to customers. In addition to the encrypted PINs, customer names, credit and debit card numbers, card expiration dates and the embedded code on the magnetic strip on back of the cards were stolen from about 40 million credit and debit cards used at Target stores between Nov. 27 and Dec. 15.

Security experts say it's the secondlargest theft of card accounts in U.S. history, surpassed only by a scam that began in 2005 involving retailer TJX Cos.

"We remain confident that PIN numbers are safe and secure," spokeswoman Molly Snyder said in an emailed statement Friday. "The PIN information was fully encrypted at the keypad, remained encrypted within our system, and remained encrypted when it was removed from our systems."

However, Gartner security analyst Avivah Litan said Friday that the PINs for the affected cards are vulnerable and people should change their codes since such data has been decrypted, or unlocked, before. In 2009 computer hacker Albert Gonza-



lez pleaded guilty to conspiracy, wire fraud and other charges after masterminding debit and credit card breaches in 2005 that targeted retailers such as T.J. Maxx, Barnes & Noble and OfficeMax. Gonzalez's group was able to unlock encrypted data. Litan said changes have been made since then to make decrypting more difficult but "nothing is infallible."

"It's not impossible, not unprecedented (and) has been done before," she said.

Besides changing your PIN, Litan says shoppers should instead opt to use their signature to approve transactions because it is safer. Still, she said Target did "as much as could be reasonably expected" in this case.

"It's a leaky system to begin with," she said.

Credit card companies in the U.S. plan to replace magnetic strips with digital chips by the fall of 2015, a system already common in Europe and other countries that makes data theft more difficult.

### Federal judge rules NSA phone surveillance legal

NEW YORK (AP) — Citing the Sept. 11 attacks, a federal judge ruled Friday that the National Security Agency's bulk collection of millions of Americans' telephone records is legal, a valuable tool in the nation's arsenal to fight terrorism that "only works because it

collects everything."

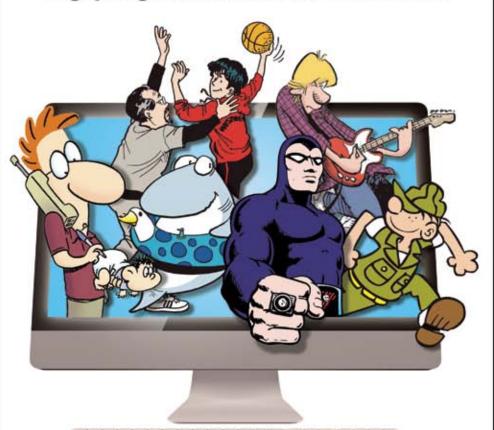
U.S. District Judge William Pauley said in a written opinion that the program lets the government connect fragmented and fleeting communications and "represents the government's counter-punch" to the al-Qaida's terror network's use of

technology to operate decentralized and plot international terrorist attacks remotely.

"This blunt tool only works because it collects everything," Pauley said. "The collection is broad, but the scope of counterterrorism investigations is unprecedented."

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