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Getting ready to bring in the new year with a bang. Maria Durhan and Hadin Hart stock the shelves with the latest in fireworks Saturday. The fireworks stand is located on South Highway 87 and will be open through Dec. 31. While the burn ban is no longer in effect it is illegal to set off fireworks in the city limits.

GOP eyes majority in Senate

By **DONNA CASSATA**
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans count enough competitive races to challenge Democrats for control of the Senate in the 2014 elections, if only they can figure out what to do with the tea party.

Crowded primaries in states such as Georgia, Iowa and North Carolina, where tea partiers and social conservatives are fighting for the nomination and pushing candidates farther right, worry many Republicans, especially after they saw their legitimate shots at a Senate majority slip away in 2010 and 2012.

Republicans need a net gain of six seats to capture control from Democrats, who effectively hold a 55-45 advantage now. But Democrats will be defending 21 of 35 seats to be decided in November, and President Barack Obama is looking like a major drag for them. Midterm elections are often tough for a president's party in any event.

"History is with us, geography is with us and the president's signature legislative achievement is the most unpopular" law of his tenure, Rob Collins, executive director of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, said of Obama and his health care overhaul.

Republicans inside and outside the Senate speak confidently about snatching open seats in West Virginia and South Dakota. They like their chances against Democratic incumbents in Republican-leaning Arkansas, Louisiana and Alaska and remain up-

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Gas prices continue upward climb

Special to the Herald

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have risen 5.9 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.11 a gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas.

This compares with the national average that has increased 4.9 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.29 a gallon.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 0.8 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 1 cent per gal-

lon lower than a month ago.

The national average has increased 4.0 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 2.2 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"The sub \$3 a gallon gas was

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Woman thinks pink for new wheels

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Fran Mathie wanted a hot pink car and at 77-years-old, she thought now might be time.

So she bought one. Last week, Mathie drove off the lot of Big Spring Ford with a custom-painted, hot pink Ford FiestaSE.

"For about two years, I've been wanting a hot pink car," Mathie said with a huge smile on her face. "I kept saying to my husband, I want a hot pink car. He said no way! I came in here and told the manager - you get me a hot pink car. I'm getting ready for my hot pink car. A few days later would go by, and I would say something about my hot pink car. Just before I was fixing to spring it on him again - he said I guess so."

Forget the new car smell, take a glance at that new car color.

One-of-a-kind color is how Mauri Peyton, owner of Big Spring Ford, described the

paint job. Another employee remarked that the coating looked liked nail polish. However you describe it, Mathie's car will definitely stand out in a crowd or a crowded parking lot.

"My daughter said every cop will know who you are," Mathie quipped.

Mathie, who is a cancer survivor, met Peyton when she would bring her former vehicle in for an oil change.

"She told me her story that she's was fighting cancer, and she said before 'I die I'm going to have a pink car,'" Peyton recalled. "So we've been talking about it, and we've been joking about it every since. About six weeks ago, she said I really want a pink car. I said they are never going to make one like you want. She wanted hot pink. I said we'll paint one for her. We'll customize it for you. Her eyes lit-up and she said OK. So we went out and picked a white car."

Not any hot pink color would do, Mathie said. It was



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Big Spring Ford salesman Manuel Munoz hands the keys to Fran Mathie for her new custom-painted, hot pink Ford FiestaSE. Also shown is Mauri Peyton, owner of Big Spring Ford.

during a discussion on the color issue that the answer walked in on the conversation - literally. An employee was wearing a shirt that Peyton describe as "fuchsia looking," and Mathie said she had

found her hot pink color. Now it was time for the Big Spring Ford crew to get to work mixing and blending paints until they found the

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Obituaries

William Robert "Bob" McGuire Sr.

CRANE — William Robert "Bob" McGuire Sr., 92, of Crane, died Friday, Dec. 27, 2013, at the Crane Memorial Hospital.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 30, 2013, at the Crane County Cemetery with Minister Mike Smith officiating. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home.

Bob was born Oct. 7, 1921, in Mitchell County, Texas. He married Johnnie Clay Smith Dec. 11, 1940, in Colorado City, Texas. Bob was a longtime resident of both Colorado City and Crane. Bob was a member of the Cowboy Turtles Association, the Rodeo Cowboys Association and was a gold card member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. He was a rancher and had served as a former law enforcement officer in Mitchell County for the Sheriff's office. He was a member of Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Addie McGuire; and his great-grandson, William Trent Ueckert.

Survivors include his wife of 73 years, Johnnie Clay McGuire of Crane; daughter, Judy Dobbs and her husband Quail of Coahoma, Texas; his son, Bill McGuire and his wife Linda of Crane; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Aida Sanford

Aida Sanford, 92, of Big Spring, Texas, died Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2013, at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. Private family committal services will be held at Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery at a later date.

She was born November 15, 1921, in Puerto Rico. She received her bachelor's at the University of San Juan. She was fluent in English, French, Spanish and German. She had lived most of her life in Odessa before coming to Big Spring. She was a Catholic.

She is survived by one son, Mark Sanford of Midland, Texas; one sister Irma Velez of Orlando and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

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

Lelonnie Ann Latham

Lelonnie Ann Latham, 60, of Stanton, Texas died Dec. 25, 2013, at Midland Memorial Hospital in Midland, Texas. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Dr. Doug Shelley, officiating.

She was born June 18, 1953, in San Antonio, Texas to Beverly and Lonnie Latham. She worked at H&R Black as a tax preparer. She had lived in San Angelo for more than 45 years before coming to Big Spring 2 1/2 years ago.

She is survived by her step-mother, Linda Latham Fowler of Junction, Texas; three sisters, Stacey Bridwell of Big Spring, and Kim Smith and Zaylee Latham, both of Junction; two brothers, Kevin Simmons of Austin, Texas and Keith Latham of Wimberley, Texas; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother; one son, Wayne Johnson; and three sisters, Brenda DePauw, Rhonda Pearson and Sonja Johnson.

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

Lois D. Crawford

Lois D. Crawford, 80, of Big Spring, Texas, died Sunday at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Perla Faye O'Brien

Perla Faye O'Brien, 84, of San Angelo, died Thursday, December 26, 2013 at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & crematory.

Roy Raul Rodriguez

Roy Raul Rodriguez, 47, of Big Spring, Texas, died Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2013 at Stanton Care Center. Private family services will be held at a later date.

He was born July 17, 1966 in Big Spring, Texas to Rosalinda and Alfonso Rodriguez. He had been a maintenance man at an apartment complex until retiring due to ill health. He was a Catholic.

He is survived by two daughters, Sabrina Rodriguez of Midland, Texas and Maleri Bean of Big Spring; his father: Alfonso Rodriguez of Big Spring; seven sisters, Mary Garcia of Dallas, Texas, Sally Solis, Irene Rodriguez, Lisa Rios, Jovita Rodriguez and Sue Ellen Rodriguez, all of Big Spring; and four brothers David Rodriguez and Ernest Rodriguez, both of Big Spring, Jonny Rodriguez of Arlington, Texas and Ralph Rodriguez of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his mother Rosalinda Rodriguez and two brothers, Rudy and Danny Rodriguez.

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

Mary Spraberry

Mary Spraberry, 77, died Friday, Dec. 27, 2013, at San Angelo Community Hospital in San Angelo, Texas. Funeral services 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, Texas in 1961 from Floydada, Texas. She worked at Walls Industries for more than 20 years, retiring in 1998.

Mary collected hundreds of stuffed teddy bears, but her main hobby was grandchildren and later her great grandchildren.

She was a member of Life Church where she was known as "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 Bissonette and her husband Joe, Michael Carr and his wife Rose, Ashley Keener, Sherrean Jones, Garry Keener and his wife Cristi, and Sloan Davis; and several step-grandchildren; 32 great grandchildren; three brothers, Stanley Grant and his wife Levine of Waco, Texas, David Grant and his wife Brenda of Oklahoma, and Larry Grant and wife Mona of Tyler, Texas; 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 Bissonette, Peyton Sedberry, and Sterling Hohensee. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid Obituary

Eliseo M. Gamboa

Eliseo M. Gamboa, 81, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police/Sheriff reports

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

- SARAH DEAN HEFFINGTON, 30, of 1209 S. Monticello St. was arrested on warrants from another agency and for resisting arrest, search, or transport.
- CHRISTOPHER ANDREW YANEZ, 20, of 1100 East 5th St. was arrested on a warrant for speeding in a school zone.
- MALAICHI JERMAINE CLARK, 26, of 3432 W. County Road Dr. Apt. 318, Irving, Texas, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid previous conviction.
- DEREK TARVER MOFFETT, 34, of 616 Jill Road was arrested on a charge of driving while

license suspended/invalid previous conviction.

- CHELSEA NICOLE CHAVARRIA, 23, of 1404 Wood St. was arrested on warrants for failed to control speed and failure to appear.
- RYAN CORY HART, 31, of 307 San Jacinto was arrested on a warrant for another agency.
- BRANSON MARTIN KENNEDY, 18, of 210 Texas Road was arrested on charges of public intoxication and possession drug paraphernalia.
- DAVID JOHN FALGOUT II, 18, of 216 Wilson St. was arrested on charges of public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- BRADEN MITCHELL NEWCOMB, 20, of 7802 Brandon Road was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- ISREAL ALVAREZ, 27, of 1504 Chickasaw St. was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated-open containers and theft, less than \$50 (two counts).
- ADAM MAURICO TORRES, 40, of 2606 Ent Drive was arrested on a charge of assault:family/household member and intentionally/recklessly impeding normal breathing or circulation.
- CRISTA CAROLYN COKER, 23, of 208 Moore Road was arrested on charges of failed to maintain financial responsibility and driving while license invalid.
- THEFT was reported in the 2000 block of South Gregg St, the 200 block of South Goliad, the 700 block of W. FM 700 and the 2000 block of S. Gregg St..
- BURGLARY IN PROGRESS was reported in the 1500 block of Wood St.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 300 block of Tulane Avenue, the 1900 block of Martin Luther King and the 1300 block of Stanford Avenue.
- THEFT OF FIREARM was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson Road.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 600 block of Washington Boulevard.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 900 block of W FM 700.

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 61 inmates at the time of this report.

- CODY BRANDON WALTERS, 32, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for bail jumping and failure to appear.
- JESSE RODRIGUEZ LOPEZ, 46, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for parole violation.
- MARTIN ALVARADO, 32, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous conviction suspension.
- SHEENA LYNN ANDERSON, 28, was booked by the HCSO, on warrants for no driver's license and violate promise to appear and on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.
- JOSEPH DEWAYNE RICHTER, 26, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for harassment.
- CHRISTY JO CLARK, 40, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- MATTHEW LUKE SMITH, 26, was booked by the DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- SARAH D. HEFFINGTON, 30, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for theft of property, more than or equal to \$20 but less than \$500 by check; and resisting arrest, search, or transport.
- DEANEA DEMETRIA WYLER, 44, was booked by the DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHRISTOPHER ANDREW YANEZ, 20, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant of speeding in a school zone.
- RYAN CORY HART, 31, was booked by the HCSO a warrant for FTA-assault on Family member with priors.
- MALAICHI JERMAINE CLARK, 26, was booked by the BSPD on a charge for driving while license invalid with previous conviction, suspension.
- TARVER DEREK MOFFETT, 34, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while licenses invalid, with previous conviction/suspension.
- BRANSON MARTIN KENNEDY, 18, was booked by the HCSO on charges of public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- DAVID JOHN FALGOUT JR., 18, was booked by the HCSO on charges of public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- BRADEN MITCHELL NEWCOMB, 20, was booked by HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- CHELSEA NICOLE CHAVARRIA, 23, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for failure to control speed and violate promise to appear.
- ISREAL ALVAREZ, 27, was booked by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated/open alcohol container and theft, less than \$50 (two charges).
- ADAM MAURICIO TORRES, 40, was booked by BSPD on a charge of assault family violence, impeding breath/circulation.
- CRISTA CAROLYN COKER, 23, was booked by the HCSO on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility and driving while license invalid.

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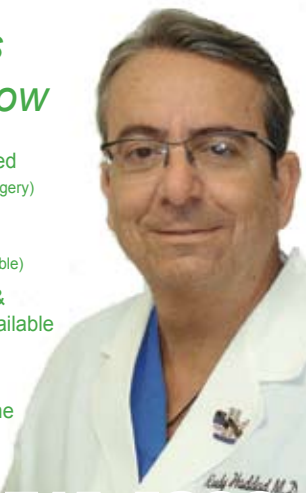
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Take note

• Holy Trinity Youth Group is hosting its 3rd Annual "Warming up our Community" service project, Saturday Jan. 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 5 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Fr. Beasley Hall, 1009 Hearn Street, Big Spring. Anyone in need of blankets, jackets, scarves and gloves is welcome to come by.

• Big Spring Second Chance Rescue (BSSCR) is in need of donations to help spay and neuter rescued dogs, so they can go to a home. The canine rescue organization has incurred a lot of expenses in obtaining its 501c3 status along with trying to obtain a Tax ID and subsequent Texas filling fees. Just to file the 501c3 cost the rescue more than \$500. Any amount is ap-

preciated. Make checks payable to BSSCR, P.O. Box 2775, Big Spring, Texas, 79720; by credit card at 432-816-2555; or at Highland Animal Clinic, 3600 S. Hwy. 87, Big Spring, Texas 79720; or www.youcaring.com/pet-expenses/bsscr/74800

• Big Spring RSVP is celebrating the 2014 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service through Jan. 20 by coordinating a local book drive benefitting the children of West, Texas. RSVP volunteers will collect new or gently used children's books at the Big Spring Senior Center, 1901 Simler Avenue from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• Hangar 25 Air Museum's annual fundraiser is coming up in January. The Silver

Wings Ball will be Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014, at the Hotel Settles. Evening events begin at 6 p.m. with a cocktail hour. Join us for a night of fine dining and dancing. Contact Hangar 25 Air Museum to purchase tickets for underwriting and sponsor opportunities. Underwriting opportunities range from \$250 to \$5,000. All underwriters will receive two tickets to the event and advertisement opportunities. Tickets for the event are \$50. Tickets for a chance to win a nights stay at the Hotel Settles are \$10 or six for \$50.

• The Big Spring Pow Wow Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2900 block of West Highway 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC).

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA CALL was reported in the 2900 block of West Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 1300 block of Lindenburg. Fire was extinguished.

GOP

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beat about Montana even if Democratic Gov. Steve Bullock names Lt. Gov. John Walsh to succeed Sen. Max Baucus, Obama's choice for U.S. ambassador to China.

The looming question is whether Republicans undercut their solid shot with tea party-style candidates who fizzled out in Delaware, Colorado and Nevada in 2010 and Indiana and Missouri in 2012.

Georgia is keeping some Republicans awake at night. Eight candidates, including three House members, are pursuing the open seat of retiring two-term Sen. Saxby Chambliss in a state that dramatically went Republican in 1994 and rarely has looked back. Georgia hasn't elected a non-incumbent Democrat since 1998.

A loss of the GOP seat would complicate any Republican math for a majority.

The top Democratic hopeful is Michelle Nunn, CEO of the volunteer organization Points of Light and daughter of former Sen. Sam Nunn. The younger Nunn's diligence gets high marks from Democrats and Republicans. She has raised more than \$1.7 million and campaigned with a purpose.

While more attention has focused on Democrat Alison Lundergan Grimes, who is chal-

lenging Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., in the marquee race of the cycle, Republicans say Nunn is the real deal.

She stands as a moderate Democrat who could appeal to Georgia's electorate and a Washington outsider in a year when congressional approval is in single digits.

Republicans are nervous about Rep. Paul Broun, who has said evolution and the Big Bang theory are "lies straight from the pit of Hell." Although the four-term Georgia congressman has avoided incendiary comments in his latest campaign, several Republicans privately fret about him winning the nomination.

Looking to seize the edge in the free-for-all primary, Broun recently pounded rival Rep. Jack Kingston, considered more moderate, after Kingston suggested that Obama's health care law could be fixed. Kingston quickly backtracked on an issue that resonates with core GOP voters, but then came under criticism for saying poor children could pay a small fee or work cleaning up to receive school-subsidized lunches.

"Why don't you, you know, have the kids pay a dime, pay a nickel to instill in them that there is, in fact, no such thing as a free lunch — or maybe sweep the floor in the cafeteria," he said at a Jackson County event.

Guy Cecil, executive director of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, argued that the presence of tea partiers in primaries is forcing all Republican candidates to race to the right. The result is nominees unacceptable in the general election, he said.

"Primary electorates are so small it essentially encourages the Akinization of the entire Republican primary," Cecil said.

His reference was to Missouri 2012. Republicans were certain they could defeat Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., but their nominee, Rep. Todd Akin, flamed out after saying women's bodies can avoid pregnancy in cases of "legitimate rape." McCaskill won re-election by 16 percentage points.

Georgia rules set the primary for May 20, but if no candidate gets 50 percent, a runoff occurs July 22.

Several Republicans insist that establishment candidates will eventually prevail and the internal fights won't matter as Democrats struggle with the most contentious issue of the year — Obama's health care law — and the political damage from its many problems.

"I think it may be the most difficult political yoke to carry in the history of American politics," said Sen. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga. "Where else do you have some-

thing that affects everybody? And health care does."

Democrats don't dispute that the troubled rollout of the health care website has hurt them.

"There's no doubt Republicans are a little more gleeful," said John Anzalone, a Democratic pollster and adviser to North Carolina Democratic Sen. Kay Hagan, who is seeking a second term. "Who can say with a straight face that this has not been a bad month for Democrats?"

But Anzalone added: "It's not a permanent thing. This is really about the political environment nationally. It evens out."

In the North Carolina race, Senate Republicans have been raising money for Thom Tillis, speaker of the state House.

Tillis faces challenges from Greg Brannon, a physician who has the backing of Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., and has been seeking the support of the tea party and Rev. Mark Harris, a Baptist minister who was instrumental in the state fight to ban gay marriage.

Hagan has struggled to answer for her support for the health care law, and in a clear sign of Democratic concern, the Senate Majority PAC, which backs Democratic candidates, bought \$750,000 of television air time in December to counter Republican attacks against her. The

group spent hundreds of thousands of dollars more for Hagan earlier in the year.

North Carolina's primary is May 6 and if no candidate gets 40 percent of the vote, a runoff is set for July 15.

Collins, the Senate Republicans' campaign director, maintained that competition in the primaries will make the party's eventual nominees stronger for the general election.

Republicans see a potential to expand the field from the top tier races to contests in Michigan and Minnesota. Iowa seemed like a prime opportunity for Republicans after five-term Democratic Sen. Tom Harkin announced he would not seek another term.

Democrats rallied around four-term Rep. Bruce Braley. But on the GOP side, there are no fewer than seven candidates seeking the nomination in Iowa, including conservative radio host Sam Clovis, state Sen. Joni Ernst, former energy company CEO Mark Jacobs and former U.S. Attorney Matt Whitaker. There is talk that even more will enter the race.

Iowa's June 3 primary has a 35 percent threshold. If no candidate gets that much, the nomination would be decided at a party convention where the most conservative members typically nominate a hard-right candidate.

PINK

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right color and then stripping and repainting the vehicle hot pink everywhere possible. Mathie visited the business regularly checking on the progress of her new vehicle.

Then last week it was time to debut her newly painted hot pink car. The vehicle drew a crowd as Mathie was presented her new vehicle, an Big Spring Ford employee said.

"She's told me she was going to do going to get a hot pink car," said Manuel Munoz, the person who officially sold

Mathie the car. "I knew she would. I've known Fran for many years and when she gets her mind set to something, she'll do it."

One of her first stops, Mathie said, was to her loan officer who she'd promise to drive by and show off her new hot pink car.

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GAS

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great while it lasted, but unfortunately it has nearly completely dried up," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "As of late Sunday night, zero states were seeing their averages under \$3

a gallon.

"As the New Year rolls in, this is a type of trend that we're used to seeing," DeHaan added. "The bottom is behind us and prices generally begin the New Year on a higher note, like they will again this year. The trend won't last forever, though, as January and February feature gener-

ally weak demand that should limit increases and keep prices relatively moderate for the next month or two."

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News in brief

Officials say successive suicide bombings that killed more than 30 in southern Russia linked

MOSCOW (AP) — A blast that tore through an electric bus in the southern Russian city of Volgograd during Monday's morning rush hour, killing 14, was probably carried out by suicide bombers from the same organization behind a railway explosion a day earlier, officials said.

Together more than 30 people were killed in the explosions, putting the city of one million on edge and highlighting the terrorist threat Russia is facing as it prepares to host February's Winter Games in Sochi, President Vladimir Putin's pet project. While terrorists may find it hard to get to the tightly guarded Olympic facilities, the bombings have shown they can hit civilian targets elsewhere in Russia with shocking ease.

Volgograd, located about 650 kilometers (400 miles) northeast of Sochi, serves as a key transport hub for southern Russia, with numerous bus routes linking it to volatile provinces in Russia's North Caucasus, where insurgents have been seeking an Islamic state.

Vladimir Markin, the spokesman for Russia's main investigative agency said Monday's explosion involved a bomb similar to the one used in Sunday's bombing at the city's main railway station.

"That confirms the investigators' version that the two terror attacks were linked," Markin said in a statement. "They could have been prepared in one place."

As populations age and pension costs strain governments, a retirement crisis looms

WASHINGTON (AP) — A global retirement crisis is bearing down on workers of all ages.

Spawned years before the Great Recession and the financial meltdown in 2008, the crisis was significantly worsened by those twin traumas. It will play out for decades, and its consequences will be far-reaching.

Many people will be forced to work well past the traditional retirement age of 65 — to 70 or even longer. Living standards will fall, and poverty rates will rise for the elderly in wealthy countries that built safety nets for seniors after World War II. In developing countries, people's rising expectations will be frustrated if governments can't afford retirement systems to replace the tradition of children caring for aging parents.

The problems are emerging as the generation born after World War II moves into retirement. "The first wave of under-prepared workers is going to try to go into retirement and will find they can't afford to do so," says Norman Dreger, a retirement specialist in Frankfurt, Germany, who works for Mercer, a global consulting firm.

December surge pushes federal health care enrollment past 1 million mark

HONOLULU (AP) — The government's rehabilitated health insurance website has seen a December surge in customer sign-ups, pushing enrollment past the 1 million mark, the Obama administration says.

Combined with numbers for state-run markets, that should put total enrollment in the new private insurance plans under President Barack Obama's health law at about 2 million people through the end of the year, independent experts said.

That would be about two-thirds of the administration's original goal of signing up 3.3 million by Dec. 31, a significant improvement given the technical problems that crippled the federal market during much of the fall. The overall goal remains to enroll 7 million people by March 31.

"It looks like current enrollment is around 2 million despite all the issues," said Dan Mendelson, CEO of Avalere Health, a market analysis firm. "It was a very impressive showing for December."

The administration said that of the more than 1.1 million people now enrolled in the federal insurance exchange, nearly 1 million signed up in December. The majority came days before a pre-Christmas deadline for coverage to start in January. Compare that with a paltry 27,000 in October, the federal website's first, error-prone month.

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\$0.60 for cake, \$1.80 for soap, \$3 for broom: Al-Qaida records all expenses, runs like company

TIMBUKTU, Mali (AP) — The convoy of cars bearing the black al-Qaida flag came at high speed, and the manager of the modest grocery store thought he was about to get robbed.

Mohamed Djitteye rushed to lock his till and cowered behind the counter. He was dumbfounded when instead, the al-Qaida commander gently opened the grocery's glass door and asked for a pot of mustard. Then he asked for a receipt.

Confused and scared, Djitteye didn't understand. So the jihadist repeated his request. Could he please have a receipt for the \$1.60 purchase?

This transaction in northern Mali shows what might seem an unusual preoccupation for a terror group: Al-Qaida is obsessed with documenting the most minute expenses.

In more than 100 receipts left in a building occupied by al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb in Timbuktu earlier this year, the extremists assiduously tracked their cash flow, recording purchases as small as a single light bulb. The often tiny amounts are carefully written out in pencil and colored pen on scraps of paper and Post-it notes: The equivalent of \$1.80 for a bar of soap; \$8 for a packet of macaroni; \$14 for a tube of super glue.

Uganda deploys troops to South Sudan; UN says up to 180,000 now displaced by violence

JUBA, South Sudan (AP) — An official says Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni is in South Sudan to advance regional efforts to find a political solution to the country's crisis.

Fred Opolot, a spokesman for Uganda's Foreign Ministry, said Monday that Museveni visited South Sudan "in the spirit" of diplomatic efforts by East African leaders who want President Salva Kiir and his rivals to start peace talks by Tuesday.

Museveni, a strong ally of Kiir's, has deployed troops to Juba, the South Sudan capital, but the military denies Uganda has taken sides in the conflict.

Ugandan military spokesman Lt. Col. Paddy Ankunda said Ugandan forces were stationed at the airport and their role is to "facilitate evacuation" of civilians.

Up to 180,000 people have been displaced by violence since Dec. 15, according to the U.N.

Greek prison system collapsing in crisis — labeled 'inhuman' by European court

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — More than 30 men were crammed into the cell, locked up night and day for weeks or months. Without enough bunks, many slept on the floor. The windows were painted over, blocking out the sun, and the air was thick with cigarette smoke and the reek of the one toilet everyone shared.

But what might come as the biggest surprise about this prison was its location: In Greece, squarely in Europe. That's where former prisoner Giorgos Aslanis spent about three months in a roughly 40

square meter (400 square feet) police holding cell in the northern town of Serres. The European Court of Human Rights ruled in October that conditions in the cell broke European laws against inhuman or degrading punishment and awarded him 8,000 euros (\$11,000) in damages.

Greece suffers the worst prison overcrowding in the European Union, according to figures in the Council of Europe's latest annual prison report, published in May.

Inmate numbers reached a record high this year, and many prisons simply refuse to accept new arrivals. That leaves hundreds caged for months as they await trial in police holding cells designed for stints of hours or at most days. Suspects and convicts are often bundled together, in violation of Greek and European law.

The Associated Press pieced together this stark picture of Greece's prison crisis from about 20 interviews across the system; reports from Greece's parliament and European rights bodies; documents from within the prison system, an exclusive letter from the head of an appeals court and a confidential police report.

Sudoku Answer on Page 3

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Famous Hand

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ J 8 7 3
♥ A Q 10 3
♦ K 8 3 2
♣ A

WEST EAST
♠ Q 10 6 4 ♠ 9 2
♥ J 8 7 5 ♥ 9 4 2
♦ 7 5 ♦ J 10 9 4
♣ J 8 7 ♣ 10 5 4 2

SOUTH
♠ A K 5
♥ K 6
♦ A Q 6
♣ K Q 9 6 3

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass 1♥ Pass 2♣
Pass 2♦ Pass 4NT
Pass 5♥ Pass 5NT
Pass 6♦ Pass 7NT

Opening lead — seven of diamonds.
This deal occurred in the 1976 World Pairs Olympiad. It was played at 44 tables, but at only five of the 18 tables where a grand slam in notrump was bid did declarer make seven notrump.

The bidding at one table went as shown, and West led the seven of diamonds. South won with the ace,

played a club to dummy's ace and cashed the A-K of spades, hoping the queen would fall. When it didn't, declarer cashed the K-Q of clubs, hoping to find either defender with the J-10-x of clubs. In that case, he would have had 13 easy tricks, but this possibility also failed to materialize.

South's chances of making the grand slam were getting worse by the minute, but, undaunted, he next played the king and another heart and successfully finessed dummy's ten, creating this position:

North
♥ A Q
♦ K 8 3

West East
♠ Q 10 ♥ 9
♥ J 8 ♦ J 10 4
♦ 5 ♣ 10

South
♠ 5
♦ Q 6
♣ 9 6

Declarer cashed dummy's ace of hearts, discarding a spade, and then led the queen of hearts. This last play put East out of commission. It didn't matter whether he discarded a diamond or a club; either way, South would make the grand slam.

Tomorrow: Bad luck is not always fatal.

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Saturday holiday tournament results

GIRLS

Big Spring at 55th Annual Fiber-max Caprock Classic in Lubbock:
 • Defeated Greenwood, 39-31.
 Next at Sweetwater, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Forsan at Black-Gold Cotton Classic in Lenorah:
 • Defeated Grady 43-35 for championship. Next vs. Smyder, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Coahoma at Mary Tatum Holiday Classic in Big Lake:
 • Lost to McCamey in championship game, 46-36. Next vs. Brownfield, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

BOYS

Forsan at Black-Gold Cotton Classic in Lenorah:
 • Defeated Grady 68-59 for championship. Next vs. TBA
Coahoma at Mary Tatum Holiday Classic in Big Lake:
 • Lost to Presidio 32-31. Next vs. Sweetwater, Tuesday, TBA.

Tannehill, Dolphins miss playoffs with 20-7 loss to Jets

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — The handshakes and backslaps exchanged in the Miami Dolphins' locker room late Sunday afternoon were gestures of consolation, not celebration, before players quietly slipped out the back door at the end of another disappointing season.

Miami was eliminated from the scramble for the AFC's final wild-card berth by the New York Jets, who thrived in the role of spoilers against their archrivals and won 20-7. The Dolphins blew an early lead to complete a December collapse that will keep them out of the playoffs for a fifth straight year.

"It's definitely going to take a little while to get over this one," quarterback Ryan Tannehill said.

New York's Geno Smith led three long scoring drives, ran for a touchdown and threw for 190 yards, while two interceptions by rookie Dee Milliner and one by 35-year-old Ed Reed prevented a Miami comeback.

The Dolphins (8-8) squandered a shot at their first postseason berth since 2008 by losing the final two games to non-playoff teams, including a shutout defeat at last-place Buffalo. It was a dismal end to a roller-coaster season that included a four-game losing streak, a bullying scandal that drew national scrutiny, and a December surge that briefly left the Dolphins in control of their playoff destiny — but turned out to be a tease.

"Our record is 8-8, and that's the definition of average," cornerback Brent Grimes said.

The Dolphins were outscored 39-7 in those final two games. Now owner Stephen Ross decided whether to shake up a regime led by second-year coach Joe Philbin and sixth-year general manager Jeff Ireland.

"You have to earn your way into the playoffs. Clearly we didn't do that," Philbin said. "The results start with me. The head coach is responsible for the results. The offense, the defense, the special teams, the record — it starts with me. Let's not stand here and blame the players."

The Jets (8-8) celebrated as though they're playoff-bound but will sit out the postseason for the third year in a row. After the game, owner Woody Johnson announced that coach Rex Ryan would return for a sixth season in 2014.

Dolphins receiver Brian Hartline left the game in the first quarter with a left knee injury, while Wallace and Tannehill found it difficult to click all day.

They did combine for a 5-yard touchdown to cap an 89-yard drive. But the Dolphins' running game sputtered, as usual, and Tannehill finished with a woeful passer rating of 42.1.

"It can't get worse than this," Wallace said. "We let them win. We let them dominate the game."

Cowboys drop NFC East title shot with 24-22 loss to Philly

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Nick Foles and Philadelphia's high-scoring offense needed a little help from the defense to make sure it was the same old sad ending for the Dallas Cowboys.

Foles threw two touchdown passes, one to NFL rushing champion LeSean McCoy, and Brandon Boykin had a game-sealing interception to help the Eagles beat the Cowboys 24-22 in a win-or-go-home game for the NFC East title Sunday night.

The Cowboys lost a division rival with a playoff berth on the line for the third straight year, and nobody can blame Tony Romo for this crushing loss.

Kyle Orton, filling in two days after Romo underwent back surgery, had Dallas about 40 yards from field goal range with 1:49 remaining. But he threw behind Miles Austin on the first play, and into the arms of Boykin.

"We kept fighting. We believed in each other," said Foles, who was 17 of 26 for 263 yards after throwing for only 80 in a 17-3 loss to Dallas at home. "When the offense was struggling, the defense picked us up."

The Eagles (10-6) will host New Orleans in a wild-card game Saturday night, while the Cowboys (8-8) have now dropped a finale to each division rival the past three seasons and have missed the playoffs four straight years. Dallas is 136-136 since the start of the 1997 season.

"It's unthinkable, really, to me to be sitting here three years in a row and this game ends up putting us at .500 and this game eliminates us from going to the playoffs," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said.

McCoy, who had a 3-yard scoring catch, rushed for 131 yards to finish with 1,607 yards and become the first Philadelphia running back to win the rushing title since Hall of Famer

Steve Van Buren in 1949. "With the stats and the records, none of that stuff means anything,



if you don't win in the end," McCoy said. "That's the most important thing."

The Eagles won the division for the first time since 2010 a year after going 4-12, which led to Andy Reid's departure and the hiring of Chip Kelly and his fast-paced offense from Oregon.

Dallas trailed 24-16 when Orton threw a 32-yard touchdown pass to Dez Bryant. Orton went back to Bryant for the 2-point but Cary Williams dove to punch the ball away.

But the Eagles, with the second-ranked offense in the NFL, couldn't run out the clock against the league's worst defense. Foles even tried to throw on third down, but had to slide short of the first down when nobody was open.

Boykin took care of things from there. "It definitely wasn't our best, but some guys came up with some huge plays when we needed them to," said Connor Barwin, who knocked down a fourth-down pass earlier in the fourth quarter.

Romo was the quarterback for losses the past two quarters to the New York Giants and Washington — and against the Eagles in the same scenario in 2008.

The Cowboys were down 10-0 early in the second quarter and never led, but still found a way to make it interesting without Romo and defensive leader Sean Lee, who was out with a sprained neck.

Regardless, Dallas is only the third team in NFL history to finish with three straight 8-8 records, according to STATS. And those are in Jason Garrett's three full seasons as coach.

"You feel a tremendous sense of pride about how the team played, how they fought, how they scratched, how they clawed, how they battled," Garrett said. "But having said that, we didn't get the job done."

Orton, who was 30 of 46 for 358 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions in his first start in two years, was the first Dallas starter not named Romo in an elimination game since a playoff loss to Carolina with Quincy Carter under center during the 2003 season.

The Cowboys weren't shy about throwing without Romo.

Trailing by one, Dallas tried to pass on fourth-and-1 from the Philadelphia 40 early in the fourth quarter, and Barwin knocked down Orton's throw to DeMarco Murray, who was open in the flat.

That decision came after Garrett called a timeout moments before the Eagles would have been called for a false start on fourth down from the Dallas 1. The defense bailed him out by stuffing Foles on a sneak.

After the Cowboys' failed fourth-down try, Foles led a steady march to Bryce Brown's 6-yard run for an eight-point lead with 6:09 remaining.

Texans lose 14th to Titans, 16-10

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The season finally, mercifully, is over for the Houston Texans.

Now they're ready to find out who their next coach will be along with their future teammate with the No. 1 draft pick overall — something that can wait until May.

Jonathan Grimes scored the first touchdown of his NFL career, and Matt Schaub had three of Houston's four turnovers Sunday as the Texans wrapped up their season with a 14th consecutive loss, 16-10 to the Tennessee Titans.

Texans owner Bob McNair already has been busy interviewing coaches looking for someone to replace Gary Kubiak, whom he fired Dec. 6. Interim coach Wade Phillips would like to be that man, and several of his defensive players said they would like to see him promoted.

Defensive end J.J. Watt said he's not the man to ask about whether Phillips is a good fit as head coach.

"I'm a football player and not a football coach or a GM," Watt said. "Wade is a good football coach, and he brought me to this town and so I will always be appreciative of that. I have no clue what they are going to do, so that is a decision for people that are paid a lot more money than me."

Former Chicago coach Lovie Smith reportedly has interviewed for the job along with Penn State coach Bill O'Brien and Phillips. With reports that O'Brien is a leading candidate, speculation centers around whether Phillips would agree to remain as defensive coordinator if he is passed over. Phillips had the Texans ranked seventh in the NFL in yards allowed going into Sunday's finale.

Phillips said he just couldn't answer that question after finishing what might have been his most difficult season as a coach. His father, Bum, died in October.

"I had some personal things to go through myself," Phillips said. "It was a tough year that way and then the way our season went. I still believe the guys played hard. I didn't ask them to win every game. I asked them to play hard."

The Texans (2-14) finish the season not having won since Week 2 when they downed Tennessee in overtime and with 15 players on injured re-

serve.

Schaub got his second straight start in what might have been his final game in Houston after losing his job to Case Keenum and with the Texans now getting the pick of the 2014 quarterback class.

He was intercepted twice, giving him 14 for a season, with one ball bouncing off a defender's face mask to Titans linebacker Akeem Ayers, and the second ending the Texans' last hope of ending this skid this year.

"Matt's going to play somewhere," Phillips said. "If not here."



AP photo
Tennessee's Jason McCourty breaks up a pass intended for Houston's Andre Johnson during the Texans' 14th loss Sunday.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You will find success if you follow through, but this is easier said than done. Everyone will seem to be doing something contrary to your plan. Assert yourself. Make your needs known.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You will get the same questions over and over, so have fun with this. Formulate answers that delight you. Maybe your answer is the truth rearranged, or maybe you answer a different question from the one that was asked.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your rules will only be followed if they



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Tomorrow's Horoscope

are widely known and clearly defined, with the penalties decreed. Even so, you will have a challenger. But if you enforce as promised, there will be only one.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You know that it's not accurate to say that a certain person makes you laugh or makes you cry, because you're always the one choosing your response. However, you're very willing to submit control to the one you trust today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've seen how people whose lives are too easy can become lazy and spoiled. That's why even when you have it good, you'll choose a challenge to make it slightly more difficult.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're ready to face the truth: Your method isn't working. How do you know? It's simple. You're not getting the result you want. The only logical choice is to stop what you're doing and try something else.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you're happy, they will be happy, too. So rest assured, you're not being selfish. If you can't seem to justify doing the things that make you feel healthy and happy, do it for them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you make more noise than the others, they will complain. If they make more, you'll complain. This cycle will end when everyone decides to make noise together.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). In some ways, you feel that you're still at the mercy of an authority figure's decisions. It's not true if you don't let it be true. You can shake the limits whenever you decide to do so.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The good news is that you're not in a trap even though you may feel like you are. No one is keeping you there except maybe you. Stop saying yes to what you don't want to do.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may plainly see that you're getting the short end of the stick and still do nothing about it. You like to think things over, and you'll benefit by planning your next move very carefully.

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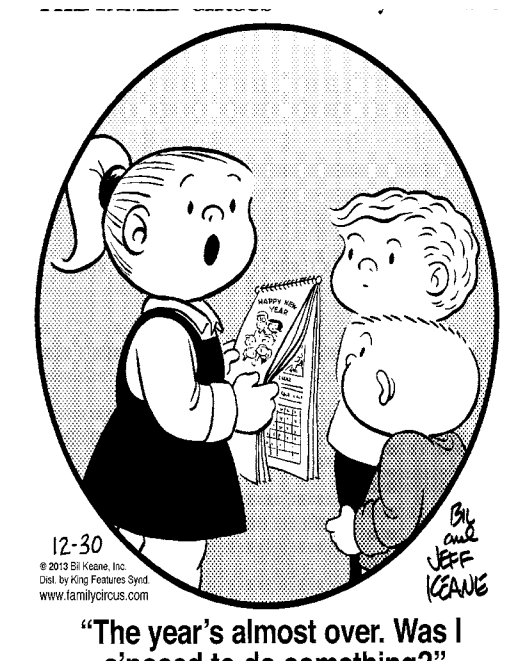
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8:PM	Rudolph's New Year	Lo Que la Vida Me Robó (SS)	Sleepy Hol-low	Person of Interest	Santa Diabla (SS)	The Blacklist	Big Bang	Independent Lens (DVS)	Rules	Street Out-laws	(-32) Break-ing Bad	Cops	Major Crimes	Movie: Streets, Eb Lottimer	Dog	NFL 2013	College Foot-ball: National University Holiday Bowl	
9:PM	News	Impacto	Arsenio Hall	News	Noticias	News	Conan	House	Seinfeld	Street Out-laws	(-40) Break-ing Bad	Cops	Major Crimes	Wendy Williams	Good	SportsCenter		
10:PM	Jimmy Kim-mel Live	Familia-Suerte	How I Met How I Met	Ferguson	La Reina del Sur	Jimmy Fallon	Office	Conan	Yohanand Upd	'70s	Street Out-laws	(-44) Break-ing Bad	Cops	Law & Order	Shake It	SportCtr		
11:PM	Nightline	Ni Contigo, Ni sin Ti	TMZ	Insider	Pagado	News	Office	1st Fruits	'70s	Street Out-laws	(11:48) Breaking	Cops	Law & Order	Movie: Menace II Society	Deck	College Football	(-45) SportsCenter	
12:AM	Paid	Conducta	Law & Order: SVU	Ent	Pagado	(:06) Today	Movie: Burn After Read-	Light of the Southwest	Browns	Fast N' Loud	(:03) Break-ing Bad	Cops	Law & Order	Deck	College Football	SportsCenter		

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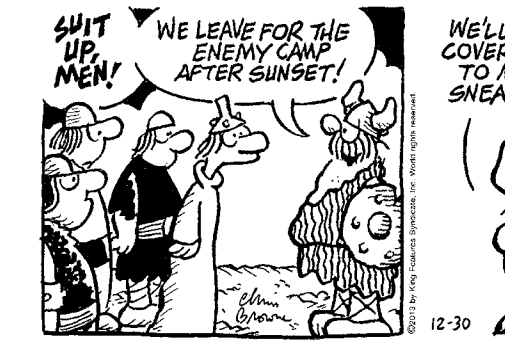
"It's a leftover from Halloween."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"The year's almost over. Was I s'posed to do something?"

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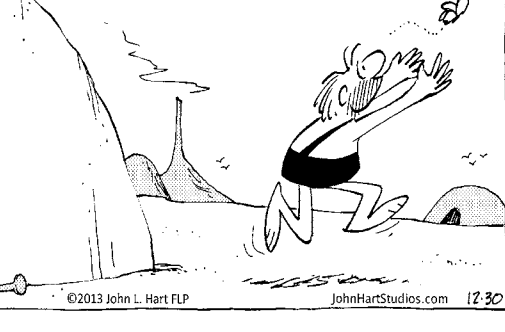
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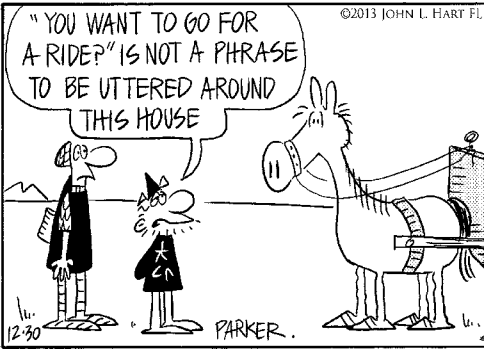
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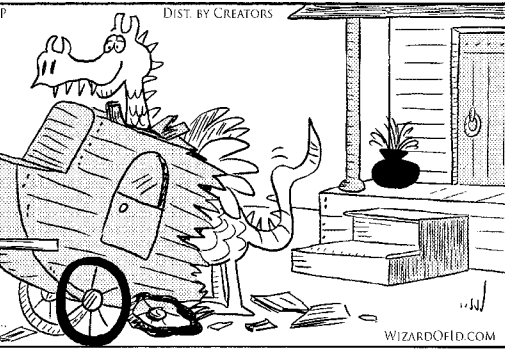
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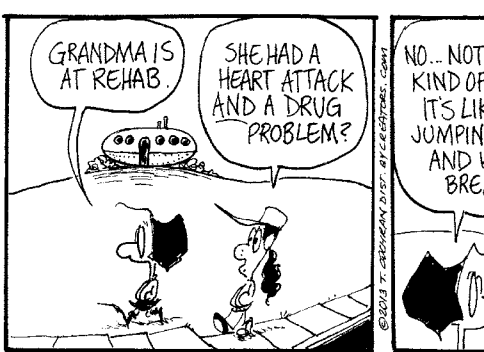
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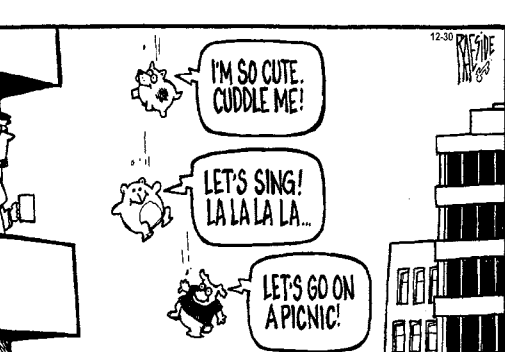
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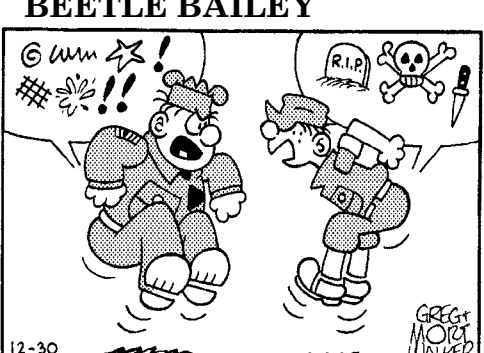
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Dec. 30, the 364th day of 2013. There is one day left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 30, 1813, British troops burned Buffalo, N.Y., during the War of 1812.

On this date:

In 1853, the United States and Mexico signed a treaty under which the U.S. agreed to buy some 45,000 square miles of land from Mexico for \$10 million in a deal known as the Gadsden Purchase.

In 1860, 10 days after South Carolina seceded from the Union, the state militia seized the United States Arsenal in Charleston.

In 1903, about 600 people

died when fire broke out at the recently opened Iroquois Theater in Chicago.

In 1922, Vladimir I. Lenin proclaimed the establishment of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

In 1936, the United Auto Workers union staged its first "sit-down" strike at the General Motors Fisher Body Plant No. 1 in Flint, Mich. (The strike lasted until Feb. 11, 1937.)

In 1940, California's first freeway, the Arroyo Seco Parkway connecting Los Angeles and Pasadena, was officially opened by Gov. Culbert L. Olson.

In 1948, the Cole Porter musical "Kiss Me, Kate" opened on Broadway.

In 1965, Ferdinand Marcos was inaugurated for his first term as president of the Philippines.

In 1972, the United States halted its heavy bombing of North Vietnam.

In 1993, Israel and the Vatican agreed to recognize each other. Hollywood agent

Irving "Swifty" Lazar died in Beverly Hills, Calif. at age 86.

In 1994, a gunman walked into a pair of suburban Boston abortion clinics and opened fire, killing two employees. (John C. Salvi III was later convicted of murder; he died in prison, an apparent suicide.)

In 2006, Iraqis awoke to news that Saddam Hussein had been hanged; victims of his three decades of auto-craic rule took to the streets to celebrate.

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Answer to previous puzzle

ETRADE	ANISETTE
CHEWUP	TELETHON
LEVEES	TAKEHOLD
ICE	SOFAR
KOREA	POLO
NOBEL	SEAS
SPECS	CODAS
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TOQUE	EARL
WEBB	RETRO
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DOZEN	GRAPY
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TBSP	ROMAN
APHID	ACE
AMENABLE	MADRAS
LANDPOOR	OLDRELI
ENTREATS	MITTEN

Newsday Crossword

TSK TSK TSK by Gail Grabowski
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Plops into a chair
 - 5 Give a high-five to
 - 9 Computer junk-mail
 - 13 Sounds from Santa
 - 14 Honking bird
 - 15 Rabbit relative
 - 16 Victor's shout
 - 17 Radio-station sign
 - 18 Choir music
 - 19 "Tsk!"
 - 22 Western alliance: Abbr.
 - 23 "I finally get it!"
 - 24 Paid out
 - 27 Sound of shock
 - 30 U-turn from WSW
 - 33 Upper-class
 - 34 Repetitive learning
 - 35 Tasty test
 - 36 "Tsk!"
 - 39 Puts frosting on
 - 40 Bed supports
 - 41 Fraction of a 44 Down
 - 42 Coffee-break time
 - 43 Give up, as rights
 - 44 Nuisances
 - 45 Sixth sense, for short
 - 47 Constricting snake
 - 48 "Tsk!"
 - 56 Assistant
 - 57 Hunter constellation
 - 58 Twosome
 - 59 Just hanging around
 - 60 Dried the dishes
- DOWN**
- 1 Knee/ankle connector
 - 2 Where Des Moines is
 - 3 "___ shalt not steal!"
 - 4 Melody
 - 5 Some DVD players
 - 6 Mortgage, for instance
 - 7 China's continent
 - 8 Where Lima is capital
 - 9 "Quiet!!"
 - 10 Avoid eviction
 - 11 Ground-based military force
 - 12 Guys
 - 14 Was able to reach
 - 20 Bee product
 - 21 Republicans, for short
 - 24 Pizza piece
 - 25 Christmas-tree remnant
 - 26 Approximate takeoff hours: Abbr.
 - 27 Small canyon
 - 28 24-hr. cash sources
 - 29 Salty body of water
 - 31 Drug cops
 - 32 "So what ___ is new?"
 - 33 Give off
 - 34 Regretted
 - 35 Major burden
 - 37 Bullring
 - 38 Lack of musical talent
 - 43 IRS form expert
 - 44 Fruit-store weight measure
 - 46 Piece of paper
 - 47 Greeted the villain
 - 48 ___ one's time (wait)
 - 49 Solemn promises
 - 50 One of the Great Lakes
 - 51 "Omigosh!"
 - 52 Health clubs
 - 53 Per piece
 - 54 VIP's auto
 - 55 At no cost
 - 56 Ultimate goal

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