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Livestock show under way today

Herald Staff Report

It's definitely stock show season in the Crossroads area.

The Howard County Junior Livestock Show officially got under way this morning with weigh in of the lambs, followed by weigh in of the goats. Following that, the lamb show is set for 3 p.m. with the goat show to follow.

All of the show events are taking place at the G.C. Broughton Ag Complex on the Howard College campus between the east side of Memorial Stadium and the west side of Foundation Softball Field. It's the first year for the stock show to be held at the new facilities.

Here's a quick look at the rest of the show schedule:

Thursday
 4:30 p.m. rabbit check in
 6 p.m. steer weigh-in
 6 p.m. barrow weigh-in
 6:30 p.m. rabbit show

Friday

10 a.m. steer show
 1 p.m. barrow show

Saturday
 12 p.m. buyer's barbecue lunch
 1:30 p.m. premium auction

Down the road in Garden City, the Glasscock County Junior Stock Show begins Friday. Rebel Royall, county extension agent, said 38 kids are showing animals this year. The stock show is held at the Glasscock County Community Center, east of the courthouse.

First-up Friday morning will be the barrows, followed by the steer and rabbit shows.

The sheep show will kick off Saturday morning's activities, followed by goats. Before the premium sale at 1 p.m., the highly popular pig scramble will take place.

Meanwhile the Martin County Junior Livestock Show in Stanton is set a week later — Jan. 17-18.



HERALD photos/Andrea Medlin
 Above, Zack Vela gives Crusher a hug this morning before the show begins. Area youth gathered with their animals at the HC Broughton Ag Complex for the Howard County Junior Stock Show. At left, Rowdy Atkins, 8, holds Turbo the goat while he waits for the show to begin.

Quakes lead Texas to hire seismologist

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A key state agency announced Tuesday it is hiring a seismologist, part of an effort to tackle a sudden increase in earthquakes in areas with significant oil and gas drilling activities.

The Railroad Commission, which regulates drilling statewide, said the move came after a public meeting last week in Azle, a town frequently rattled of late by earthquakes,

about 50 miles northwest of Dallas.

"It is imperative that the commission remain engaged and involved in gathering more evidence and data into any possible causation between oil and gas activities and seismic events," Commissioner David J. Porter said in a statement. "Commission rules and regulations must

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Martin County to hold soup cook-off

By BILL McCLELLAN
 Managing Editor

STANTON — Call it Soup for the Soul. Martin County's annual Great Texas Soup Cook-Off, a benefit to restore the historic Carmelite Monastery, will be held here Saturday, Feb. 15.

More specifically, the cook-off will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Martin County Community Center.

"Bring your best soup, your family, friends and be prepared to taste the best soups in the Permian Basin," said John Kennady, event spokesperson.

Soup cooks will be competing for five awards — 1st, 2nd

and 3rd place for most votes from the public; Best Tasting Soup, awarded by a special judge; and Best Decorated Table.

Bring 2 ½ gallons or more of hot soup (enough to serve a taste to 200-plus hungry people) and a ladle or serving utensil.

Contestants will be provided a table, cups, spoons and crackers. Decorations are encouraged to attract attention to the soup.

Contestants are asked to bring their own crock-pot to keep soup warm and an extension cord.

There is no entry fee for contestants.

The Community Center will

be open at 4 p.m. for decorating and setting up tables for contestants. All contestants should be ready to serve soup by 4:55.

Tickets for the 25-year-old event are sold at the door for \$5 each. This allows the taster five votes and all the soup they care to taste. Additional votes are \$1 each. Tea and coffee are provided with the purchase of tickets.

Other activities include a dessert auction at 6:30 p.m..

"Come bid on Martin County's best desserts prepared by local award-winning bakers," said Kennady.

For more information, contact The Great Texas Soup Cook-Off, MartinCountyCon-

vent Inc., 3508 FM 829 Unit 9, Lenorah, Texas, 79749-4013. Or, email historiccarmelite-monastry@gmail.com. You may also call Kennady at 432-459-2686 after 5 p.m.

In addition, organizers will be offering a cook-book of the recipes must be post marked by Tuesday, Feb. 11 to be eligible.



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Obituaries

Howard A. Stevens



Howard A. Stevens, 79, of Big Spring, died Monday Jan. 6, 2014, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with Msgr. Bernard L Gully officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Dec. 16, 1934, to Edith and Harry Stevens in Sweetwater, Texas. He had been in the community since 1956. He married Karen Terry Nov. 5, 1956, in Lamesa. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. He served in the United States Army in the Missile Battalion in Norfolk, Va., from 1954 to 1956. After leaving active duty, he began working for Cosden Refinery where he retired after 33 years as a unit operator. After his retirement, he continued working his business of sewing machine sales and servicing.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Karen Stevens; five sons: Gary Stevens of Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, Dale Stevens of Allen, Texas, Michael Stevens of Tucson, Christopher Stevens of Arlington, Thomas Stevens of Aurora, Colo.; two daughters: Sherry Renlmeesters of Fort Worth and Kathy Stevens of Aurora, Colo.; one brother: Paul Stevens of Sweetwater; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by two brothers and one sister.

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

Paid obituary

Elmer Lindsey



Elmer Lindsey, 77, of Coahoma, went to be with his Lord and Savior Sunday Jan. 5, 2014, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at First Christian Church of Big Spring.

Elmer was born to Montie and Frank Lindsey March 28, 1936, in Tahoka, Texas. He was a longtime member of the Coahoma and Tahoka Lions Clubs. He was a member of First Christian Church and a former member of First Presbyterian Church for more than 35 years.

He is survived by his loving wife, Paulette Lindsey of Coahoma; two sons, Frankie Lindsey and wife Suzanne and Marty Lindsey and wife Julie; one daughter: Sharlette Webb and husband Terry; one brother: Sam Lindsey; two sisters: Margie Terry and Viola Bertreux; grandchildren: Patrick and wife Brandy, Colton, Ashley, Zachary and wife Megan, Christa and husband Kevin, Kayla and husband Trevor, Meghan, Abi, Ben, Zoie, Erick and wife Shana; great-grandchildren: Parker, Weston, Briggs, Rowann, Quincy Jo, Tyler, Hayden and Brayden; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister Emma Cook. He was an amazing husband, father, grandfather and friend. Please pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Wynona Searl



FORT WORTH -- Wynona Searl, 74, passed away Jan. 6, 2014.

Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, 2014, at Mount Olive Cemetery in Big Spring, Texas. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Lucas Funeral Home in Keller.

Wynona was born May 17, 1939, to Talmer Lee and Iva Mae Cunningham White in Coahoma, Texas. She spent the better part of her life living in Big Spring, Texas.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Jeff Cox and a brother, J.L. White.

Survivors: daughters, Janet Bingham and Kathy LaFountain and her husband, Ed; grandchildren, Scott White and his wife, Angela, Richard White and his wife, Jamie, Levi Trimble, Justin Cox, Clayton Foster, Dallas Landerville and her husband, Chris, and Taylor Foster; seven great-grandchildren; one brother, Pete White; and one sister, DeLois Thomas; and uncles Bill Davis and W.H. (Son) Davis..

Paid obituary

Larry Bohannon

Larry Bohannon, 64, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel.

Christopher Puga

Christopher Puga, 41, of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 6, 2014. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel.

Police blotter

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

- QUENTIN DEVEON SIMPSON, 33, of 1003 E. 14th St., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of assault causes bodily injury.
- AMBER GARCIA, 16, of 905 E. 16th St. was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces.
- BRANDON CADE MINDLING, 22, of 4210 Hamilton was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for driving while license invalid and fail to appear.
- KENNATH MIKEL MCPHERSON, 22, of 1100 S. Monticello, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for no drivers license, failed to maintain financial responsibility, two counts of fail to appear, speeding and a warrant from another agency.
- HERIBERTO PALAFOX MORA, 49, of 3621 Locust, Odessa, Texas, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.
- ELDA MELINA BERNAL, 33, of 1311 Mobile, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency and a charge of driving while license invalid.
- JOHN ANTHONY BERNAL, 24, of 1311 Mobile, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for safety belt rode without being secured and failure to appear.
- SEBASTIAN ORTIZ, 14, of 1407 Virginia, was arrested Tuesday on charges of graffiti – worship/burial/public monument/school, graffiti – pecuniary loss less than \$1,500 – three counts.
- DANIEL ELIAH BLACKWELL, 14, of 1002 N. Main no. 17, was arrested Tuesday on charges of graffiti – worship/burial/public monument/school, graffiti – pecuniary loss less than \$1,500 – three counts.
- THOMAS RODRIGUEZ, 15, of 1016 S. Nolan, was arrested Tuesday on charges of graffiti – worship/burial/public monument/school, graffiti – pecuniary loss less than \$1,500 – three counts.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported at the 2400 block of Midway and the 1300 block of E. 4th St.
- MINOR ACCIDENT reported at the intersection of Interstate Highway 20 and Highway 350.
- JUVENILE PROBLEM reported at the 700 block of Eleventh Place.

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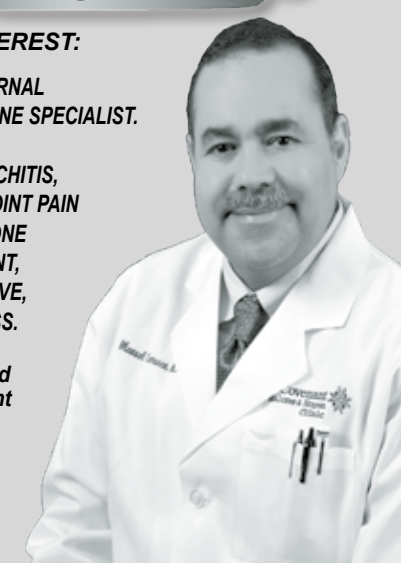
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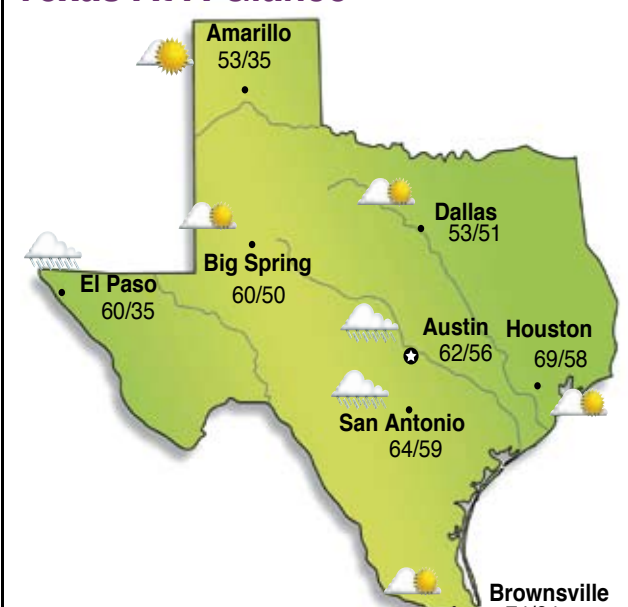
Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 1/9	Fri 1/10	Sat 1/11	Sun 1/12	Mon 1/13
60/50 Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High around 60F. Winds ESE at 5 to 10 mph.	63/37 Light rain in the morning. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	61/39 Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	76/38 Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 30s.	60/34 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:59 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 6:00 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 6:00 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 6:01 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 6:02 PM

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Amarillo	53	35	mst sunny	Livingston	64	53	rain
Austin	62	56	rain	Longview	52	49	rain
Beaumont	68	52	pt sunny	Lubbock	54	41	pt sunny
Brownsville	74	64	pt sunny	Lufkin	61	53	rain
Brownwood	59	52	rain	Midland	60	49	cloudy
Corpus Christi	71	62	rain	Raymondville	75	62	rain
Corsicana	53	50	cloudy	Rosenberg	69	58	pt sunny
Dallas	53	51	pt sunny	San Antonio	64	59	rain
Del Rio	66	57	pt sunny	San Marcos	63	57	rain
El Paso	60	35	rain	Sulphur Springs	53	48	cloudy
Fort Stockton	67	46	pt sunny	Sweetwater	57	50	pt sunny
Gainesville	50	44	pt sunny	Tyler	53	49	rain
Greenville	52	46	pt sunny	Weatherford	51	46	pt sunny
Houston	69	58	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	49	42	pt sunny

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF reported at the 3200 block of Eleventh Place.

• THEFT reported at the 1200 block of 19th St., the 2000 block of Gregg and the 2700 block of Cindy.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 62 inmates at the time of this report.

• ISRAEL MIRAMONTES was booked by HCSO for sentencing/unauthorized use of a vehicle – two counts.

• QUENTIN SIMPSON was booked by BSPD for sentencing/assault causes bodily injury.

• BRANDON CADE MINDLING was booked by BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid and fail to appear.

• KENNETH MCPHERSON was booked by BSPD on a motion to revoke probation/possession of marijuana less than or equal to 5 pounds but more than 4 ounces, no drivers license, fail to maintain financial responsibility, fail to appear, speeding 50 mph in a 40 mph zone and violate promise to appear.

• HERIBERTO PLAFox MORA was booked by BSPD on a charge of hinder apprehension/prosecution.

• ELDA MELINA BERNAL was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid and motion to revoke probation for stealing receiving.

• JOHN BERNAL was booked by BSPD on charges of no seat belt – passenger and violate promise to appear.

In Sunday's Big Spring Herald



Brain Power

Mental athletes show how training and exercise can sharpen memory, the most fundamental process housed within the human brain.

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State briefs

East Texan who plotted to steal baby gets 12 years

LONGVIEW, Texas (AP) — An East Texas woman arrested outside a hospital has been sentenced to 12 years in prison in a failed plot to steal a baby.

The Longview News-Journal reported Wednesday that investigators believe 31-year-old Tanya Bradley of Longview planned to attack a new mother and take the baby or kill a pregnant woman and remove the fetus.

A complaint says Bradley had a miscarriage in 2011 but told relatives that she was still pregnant.

Nobody was injured in June 2012 as Longview police arrested Bradley near Good Shepherd Medical Center. Court documents indicate some friends alerted police after shopping with Bradley for weapons and learning of the plot.

Bradley in December pleaded guilty to aggravated kidnapping and was sentenced Tuesday. She originally was charged with attempt to commit capital murder.

Dallas-area mom, son die, apparent murder-suicide

FLOWER MOUND, Texas (AP) — Investigators say a Dallas-area woman and her son have died in an apparent murder-suicide in the home they shared.

Flower Mound police say the 31-year-old son allegedly stabbed his 57-year-old mother, then killed himself.

The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office on Tuesday identified the pair as Deborah Lynn Wilner and Eric Michael Wilner. Both were dead at

the scene Monday afternoon.

Flower Mound police say the bodies were found by another person in the home — the woman's husband and the man's father — who apparently was asleep during the stabbings.

Authorities are seeking a motive for the deaths.

Forklift accident in Amarillo leaves 1 dead

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — A forklift and truck accident at a wrecker service in the Texas Panhandle has left one worker dead and another seriously hurt.

Amarillo police say the accident happened Tuesday afternoon at HD Wrecker service when a pickup truck being worked on fell on the victims. Police say a forklift had been used to lift the truck, which then fell from the industrial equipment.

The man was dead at the scene. The woman was trapped but used her cellphone to call for help.

Amarillo police say the woman has injuries that are life-threatening and she was taken to a hospital. Her name and further details on her condition were not immediately released.

The name of the man who died wasn't immediately released.

Cheetah cub at Dallas zoo dies from pneumonia

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Zoo says one of its cheetah cubs has died after battling pneumonia.

The 6-month old cub, Kamau, and his brother Winspear became sick a week ago and had been

treated by the zoo's veterinary staff.

While Winspear started to recover, Kamau became sicker and died Tuesday afternoon.

The two cubs were born on July 8 at the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute in Front Royal, Va., and had become favorites of people who visited the zoo.

Both cubs had been vaccinated against both canine and feline distemper and other respiratory illnesses. Officials say other cats at the zoo are healthy.

Zoo officials say the cubs' puppy companion, a black Labrador retriever named Amani, shows no sign of illness.

Background requirement brings end to gun show

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — County commissioners in Central Texas have decided not to renew a contract for a monthly gun show because organizers declined to require background checks for all firearm sales.

Travis County leaders voted Tuesday not to extend a lease allowing Saxet Gun Shows to hold the event at the county-owned Exposition Center in Austin.

The Austin American-Statesman reports Saxet had been holding the show at the center since 2010. It was negotiating a contract with commissioners to extend the shows into next year. But talks stalled when the county wanted the company to require the background checks.

Federally licensed firearms sellers are already required to run criminal checks, but private sales

don't come with the requirement. County officials wanted to ensure the private sales were covered, too.

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Juan Molina Garcia, 58, died Thursday. Funeral mass will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

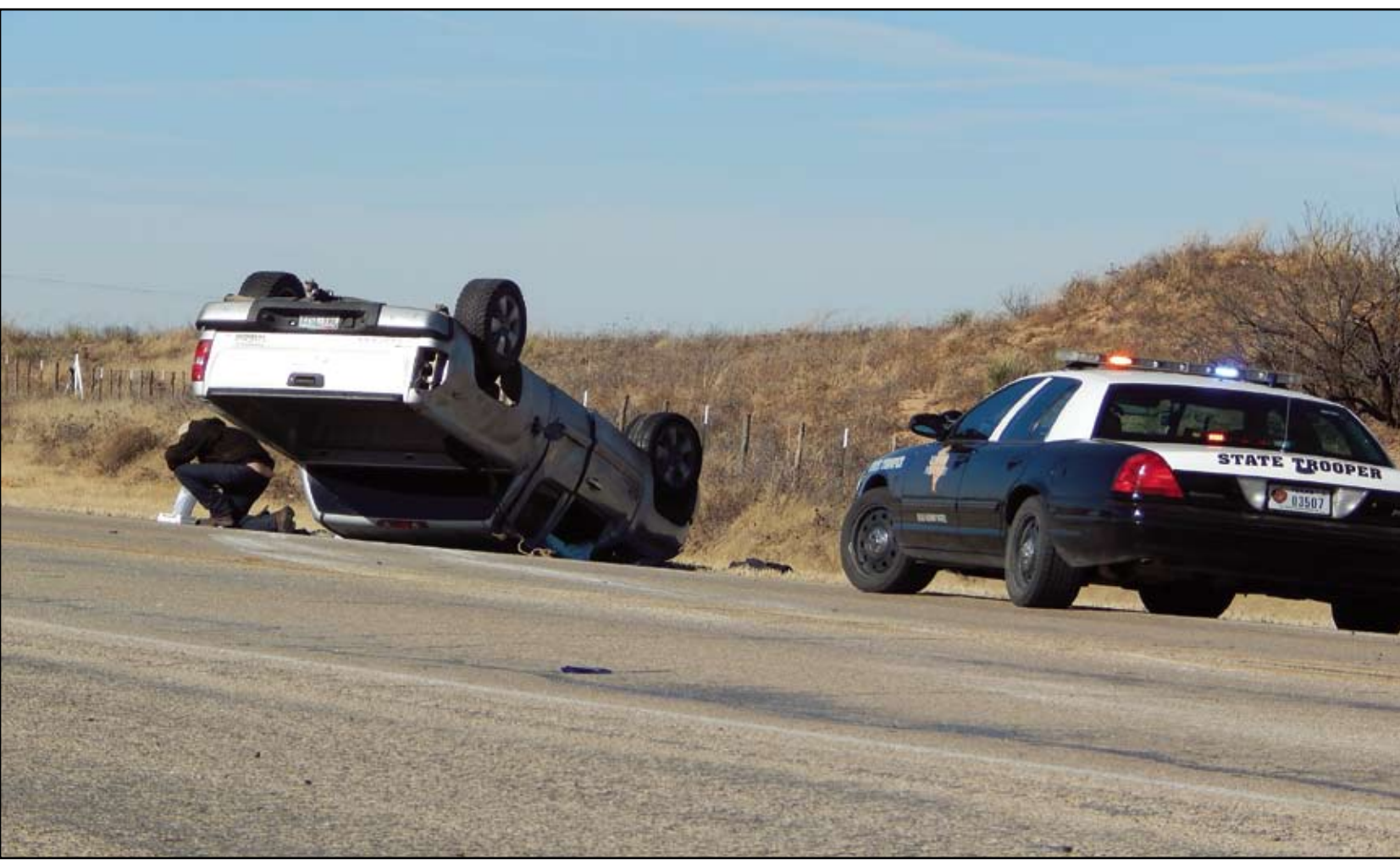
James Goll, 98, died Saturday. A prayer service will be held Wednesday from 7:45-8:45 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be 3:30 p.m. Thursday at Lakeland Hills Memorial Park in Burnett, Texas.

Elmer Lindsey, 77, died Sunday. Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at First Christian Church.

Howard Stevens, 79, died Monday. Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Larry Bohannon, 64, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Christopher Puga, 41, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



HERALD photo/Andreia Medlin

Emergency crews responded to a one vehicle rollover that occurred on Highway 176 Tuesday involving a white Chevy Silverado and an 18-wheeler. No injuries or fatalities reported.

QUAKES

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be based on sound science and proven facts. In order to do so, I propose the commission hire an in-house seismologist."

The statement said an on-staff seismologist will help the commission follow new research and better coordinate scientific information with the research community. The job has been posted, and the commission says it will conduct a nationwide search before filling it.

Earthquakes are not

unheard of in North Texas, though they have been reported with greater frequency as the state experiences a boom in oil and natural gas exploration. Experts aren't sure what's causing the spike in seismic activity, but one theory is that the shaking could be related to wastewater from oil and gas drilling that is often discarded by injecting it deep into underground wells.

Research at various drilling sites around the country has shown that wastewater injections can weaken nearby fault lines and produce quakes big enough to

be felt. Drilling systems that rely on hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking," can also trigger quakes, but they are

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With those tongue-in-cheek appraisals of my weekly cogitations ringing in your consciousness, I present to you a glimpse inside my vast reservoir of data as we embark upon yet another odyssey onto the playground of humanity's attempt to establish a civilized society.

Did you know that there are more plastic flamingos in the U.S. than real ones? It's interesting to know that during your lifetime, you'll eat about 60,000 pounds of food, which is the weight of about 6 elephants. I'm guessing much of that would occur around the holidays for most of us.

Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different. Fortune cookies were actually invented in America, in 1918, by Charles Jung. A man named Charles Osborne had the hiccups for 69 years. Bats always turn left when exiting a cave. The praying mantis is the only insect that can turn its head. Isn't learning fun?

A sneeze travels out your mouth at over 100 mph. Fingernails grow nearly four times faster than toenails. We humans blink more than 10,000,000 times a year and,

every second Americans collectively eat one hundred pounds of chocolate.

Even though I have never tried this, they say chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying. Of course, my dad always taught me that "they say" is the biggest liar in the world. I guess there's only one sure-fire way to know, so grab that knife and a good old Allium cepa and let me know. In a related story, the fear of vegetables is called Lachanophobia.

Every year, kids in North America spend close to half a billion dollars on chewing gum, which makes my dentist friends happy. One gallon of used motor oil can ruin approximately one million gallons of fresh water and, even though I find this hard to believe, stats indicate that more money is spent on gardening than on any other hobby. I'm thinking that whoever conducted that research project hasn't purchased any ammo lately.

It is estimated that millions of trees in the world are accidentally planted by squirrels that bury nuts and then forget where they hid them. Men are six times more likely to be struck by lightning than women and a toothpick is the object most often choked on by Americans.

I was ecstatic to discover that tablecloths were originally meant to be served as towels with which dinner guests could wipe their hands and faces after eating. What a great idea. I'm going to remember that one the next time I'm at a fancy dinner. Sounds like a great way to keep the sleeves on my tux cleaner. Does anybody know how I can contact Emily Post? She really needs to know about that.

It is against the law to mispronounce the name of the state of Arkansas in, let' see, Arkansas? You guessed right. So, be careful when you're eating at Waffle House in Little Rock or you might spend a night or two enjoying some Arkansan hospitality that

wasn't on your travel itinerary.

A few more interesting laws that are supposedly still on the books include Illinois requiring you to drive your car with the steering wheel. I would love to know what incident brought that law about. California law prohibits a woman from driving a car while dressed in a housecoat and in New York it is against the law for a blind person to drive an automobile. I'm giving that one a standing ovation, folks.

In Kentucky, it's the law that a person must take a bath once a year. In the State of Kansas, you're not allowed to drive a buffalo through a street and in Florida it is against the law to put livestock on a school bus. In New Jersey, cabbage can't be sold on Sunday. In Washington State, you can't carry a concealed weapon that is over 6 feet in length. That really cramps the style of short criminals.

Back in Kentucky, it is illegal for a merchant to force a person into his place of business for the purpose of making a sale, and in Michigan married couples must live together or be imprisoned. In West Virginia, one can't cook sauerkraut or cabbage due to the odors and the offence is subject to imprisonment. Maybe you could share a cell with a Michigan husband.

Far and away, my favorite law is in Virginia, where the Code of 1930 has a statute which prohibits corrupt practices or bribery by any person other than political candidates. I can't validate the authenticity of that being a Virginia law, but I believe it to be a common practice in all 50 states, legal or not.

I appreciate you taking time out of your wild and crazy schedule to share a little time with me, because your body is creating and killing 15 million red blood cells per second and that's a lot of work. As we head into 2014, looking straight into the face

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Free Edward Snowden - really?

Former CIA Director James Woolsey has pronounced that the proper punishment for National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden would be for him to be "hanged by his neck until he is dead."

The news media want to hand him not a rope but a pedestal.

The Guardian editorialized last week that its high-profile source is a hero worthy of a presidential pardon. Likewise, The New York Times opined that the Obama administration should offer Snowden "a plea bargain or some form of clemency that would allow him to return home" and serve less time than the three decades he faces under a pending criminal complaint so that he can enjoy "the hope of a life advocating for greater privacy and far stronger oversight of the runaway intelligence community."

Who knows? Mayhap The Gray Lady can give Snowden a blog whence he can lecture readers about privacy rights, as he did in a recent Christmas greeting video.

In one sense, Snowden, 30, is a sympathetic figure. In an ocean of anonymous leakers, he came forward to put a name on the avalanche of information he shared with Guardian columnist Glenn Greenwald and The Washington Post's Barton Gellman. That singular act gave credibility to the leaks, ended any debate as to what the NSA is doing and peeled off the gauze that camouflaged an industrialized intelligence bureaucracy that couldn't secure itself.

On the other hand, if Snowden can lift about 1.7 million classi-

fied documents without penalty, any contractor can leak state secrets with impunity. No other superpower on the planet would entertain such self-destructive folly.

Snowden has argued that he had a moral duty to challenge an intelligence machinery that was out of control. Hudson Institute senior fellow Gabriel Schoenfeld, author of "Necessary Secrets: National Security, the Media, and the Rule of Law," is not impressed. Snowden outed U.S. intelligence "for engaging in activity that almost every state engages in." The former contractor then went into hiding in China and Russia, where he enjoys temporary asylum. "I think it is disgraceful," quoth Schoenfeld, that Snowden lectures Washington but "doesn't have the courage to criticize abuses of free speech in his host country."

To reach its "free Snowden" position, the Times quoted a federal judge who found the NSA program to be "almost Orwellian" while ignoring another federal judge who upheld the program's constitutionality.

The Times also ignored testimony that "telephony metadata" prevented as many as 50 potential terrorist attacks, including a 2009 plot to blow up the New York subway.

In essence, the Times is stuck in 2007, when then-candidate Barack Obama railed against the "false choice between the liberties we cherish and the security we provide." Obama abandoned that convenient campaign rhetoric after he won election and became responsible for the nation's security.

The Times, however, clings to the 2007 fantasy that surveillance is not a national security tool. Snowden shares that fantastic view, so the paper of record doesn't want him to pay the

criminal price for civil disobedience.

Even some intelligence dons entertain the idea. Last month, Rick Ledgett, the head of the NSA's Snowden task force, told "60 Minutes" that he considers amnesty for Snowden — in exchange for Snowden's handing over the rest of the secrets he purloined — "worth having a conversation about." Ever since, I've had this sneaking suspicion that some D.C. black hats want to cut a plea bargain or pardon deal that could make the embarrassing press stories disappear.

Former CIA spokesman Bill Harlow is not unfamiliar with that sneaking suspicion. He thinks Snowden is a "traitor." If the administration is toying with a deal, he said, it would send a catastrophic message to would-be leakers. To wit: "Just make sure you steal enough."

It's almost funny when you follow the editorial boards' logic. The papers argued that Snowden is a hero because he leaked material about which the public has a right to know. Then they supported granting amnesty or leniency if Snowden would agree to hand over any remaining documents rather than share them with the world. A trial would give Snowden the opportunity to tell his story, the American public a chance to find out what exactly Snowden leaked and Washington the burden of proving a criminal case — but the Times and The Guardian apparently prefer a backroom deal.

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DAILY PRAYER

Let us deliver your word, dear Lord, by our actions and our speech.

Amen



EDDY PRINCE



DEBRA SAUNDERS

News briefs

Polar air eases its grip on much of the U.S., giving way to warmer but still chilly weather

ATLANTA (AP) — An arctic blast eased its grip on much of the U.S. on Wednesday, with winds calming and the weather warming slightly a day after temperature records — some more than a century-old — shattered up and down the Eastern Seaboard.

In Atlanta, where a record low of 6 degrees hit early Tuesday, fountains froze over, a 200-foot Ferris wheel shut down and Southerners had to dig out winter coats, hats and gloves they almost never have to use. It shouldn't take too long to thaw out, though. The forecast Wednesday was sunny and 42 degrees.

In the Midwest and East, where brutal polar air has lingered over the past few days, temperatures climbed but were still expected to be below freezing.

In Indianapolis, Timolyn Johnson-Fitzgerald returned to her home after spending the night in a shelter with her three children because they lost power to their apartment. The water lines were working, but much of the food she bought in preparation for the storm was ruined from a combination of thawing and then freezing during the outage.

"All my eggs were cracked, the cheese and milk was frozen. And the ice cream had melted and then refroze. It's crazy, but we're just glad to be back home," she said.

With al-Qaida flag fluttering over hard-won Fallujah, some questioning whether losses in vain

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The image of two charred American bodies hanging from a bridge as a jubilant crowd pelted them with shoes seared the name Fallujah into the American psyche. The brutal house-to-house battle to tame the Iraqi insurgent stronghold cemented its place in U.S. military history.

So it is no surprise that the city's recent fall to al-Qaida-linked forces has touched a nerve for the service members who fought and bled there.

Some call the news "disheartening," saying it revives painful memories of their sacrifice, while others try to place it in the context of Iraq's history of internal struggle since the ouster of dictator Saddam Hussein in 2003. As difficult as it is to see Islamist banners flying from government buildings they secured, they refuse to accept this as a permanent reversal.

"I'm very disappointed right now, very frustrated," says retired Marine Col. Mike Shupp, who was commanding officer of the regimental combat team that secured the city in late 2004. "But this is part of this long war, and this is just another fight,

another battle in this long struggle against terrorism and oppression."

"I do not see this as the culmination of the failure of all of our efforts — yet," agrees Earl J. Catagnus Jr., who was wounded by an improvised explosive device in Fallujah and now teaches at a military college. "This is just one battlefield, one city in a host of battles that has been happening since 2003. It's just for us as Americans, because we've elevated that battle to such high standards ... that it becomes turned into the 'lost cause,' the Vietnam War syndrome."

In 2014, several Republicans trying to make a return trip to Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some former members of Congress are hoping 2014 will be the year of the comeback.

Congress may have public approval ratings hovering near record lows, but several Republicans who once served in the House are trying to recapture their old seats. Among Democrats, former Rep. Marjorie Margolies, who was bounced from office two decades ago after casting a decisive vote for President Bill Clinton's budget plan, wants to represent the Philadelphia suburbs again.

Entering the new year, Republicans see a more favorable political landscape with President Barack Obama's political standing weakened after the botched rollout of his signature health care law. Democrats, meanwhile, will try to connect Republican candidates to their old voting records in Congress and the tea party movement, which contributed to last year's government shutdown.

Republicans currently hold a 31-seat advantage in the House, and some of the comeback efforts could be among the more competitive races in the 2014 congressional elections. As far as some of the ex-lawmakers are concerned, this year will be different.

"There's a fair amount of buyer's remorse," said Robert Dold, a Republican who represented a suburban Chicago district for one term before losing in 2012.

Memorial services set for third anniversary of shooting of former U.S. Rep. Giffords, others

PHOENIX (AP) — Suzi Hileman remembers the attack as if it were yesterday, the fear and gunfire as the shooter unleashed a barrage of bullets on a crowd gathered outside a Tucson supermarket to meet then-U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords.

Hileman was shot three times while trying to save her young friend and neighbor, 9-year-old Christina-Taylor Green. The little girl was among six people killed in the Jan. 8, 2011, shooting. Hileman and 12 others, including Giffords, were severely injured.

As residents of the city prepare to commemorate the third anniversary of the mass shooting Wednesday, Hileman said some good has come from the tragedy.

"I look at it as a celebration of how Tucson came together, how total strangers saved my life," she said. "I don't forget the face of a 9-year-old girl whose hand I was

holding as she died, but we're not looking back so much as taking their energy and moving forward."

Jared Lee Loughner was sentenced in November 2012 to seven consecutive life sentences, plus 140 years, after he pleaded guilty to 19 federal charges in the shooting.

Jobless benefits debate is the first political volley of an election year

WASHINGTON (AP) — The struggle in Washington over whether to renew expired jobless benefits for the long-term unemployed is as much about providing aid to 1.3 million out-of-work Americans as it is about drawing the first political line of an election year.

Tuesday's unexpected vote in the Senate removing one obstacle to a three-month extension of aid attracted the support of six Republicans, illustrating the real-life and political pressures on some GOP lawmakers, including those from states with unemployment above the national average.

Still, the legislation's outcome is uncertain as Democrats, backed by the White House, and Republicans remain sharply divided over whether the cost of the \$6.4 billion program extension should be added to the deficit or paid for with spending cuts. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and White House officials indicated they would be receptive to cuts to offset a yearlong renewal of the program, only if Republicans would first agree to restore the benefits for three months without conditions.

The debate fits neatly into a White House strategy to focus much of this year on longstanding economic disparities and draw Republicans into a midterm fight that Democrats believe they win with the public. Income inequality and the lack of upward mobility will be a central theme of Obama's State of the Union address later this month — a focus White House officials call Obama's "driving motivation."

It could be a tricky emphasis. Even as Obama calls attention to what he perceives as structural economic flaws that have created a chasm between haves and have-nots, he is also trying to emphasize the economy's recovery from the Great Recession. At the same time, unemployment remains high at 7 percent and the total number of long-term unemployed is 4.1 million, a figure underscored by his call for a renewal of the emergency jobless benefits.

Outrage over beauty queen's slaying a call to action in crime-wracked Venezuela

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — A popular soap-opera actress and former Miss Venezuela, 29-year-old Monica Spear surely could have afforded to vacation elsewhere.

Yet she and her ex-husband, who worked in the travel industry, spent New Year's in the mountains of western Venezuela with their 5-year-old daughter then visited the plains of Apure state.

On their return by car to Caracas, Spear and Thomas Henry Berry, a 39-year-old British citizen, became the latest symbols of the rampant violent crime that is afflicting this oil-rich nation.

Robbers shot and killed the two and wounded their daughter on an isolated stretch of highway when they tried to foil the assault by locking themselves inside their car, which had been disabled by tire punctures, police said Tuesday.

The slayings late Monday outraged Venezuelans, triggering a wave of calls for action on social media. TV personality Camila Canabal expressed what many were feeling in a tweet: "Sadness, anger, indignation, impotence, shame and pain, pain, pain, dammit!!!"

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of a more than \$17 trillion dollar deficit in America, let me share a timely tidbit of financially relevant info with you. Since most of us probably can't actually think in terms of trillions, here's something to help you grasp that debt figure. If you counted 24 hours a day, it

would take 31,688 years to reach one trillion. As Walter Cronkite used to say, "And that's the way it is."

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

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Take Note

• 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 appreciated. 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 <http://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 are \$50. Tickets for an opportunity to have a night's stay at the Hotel Settles are \$10 or six for \$50.

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

call Richard Lesser at 432-935-0125 or Randy McKinney at 432-267-4843.

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

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

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

• Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people's lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.

• Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it's visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your

schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main St.

• You don't have to be a senior citizen to enjoy country-western dancing. The Big Spring Senior Center hosts a dance every Friday from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. A different band will be featured every night. Dancing is a fun way to exercise, so come enjoy the fun and meet new friends. Cost is \$8 per person. For more information, call 267-1628.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer, call 264-7599.

• Mitchell County Senior Citizen Dance, Colorado City Civic Center, 157 East 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas, the fourth Thursday of each month from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., \$5 per person. Bring snacks to share.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to

find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home.

We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month.

To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call (877) 277-1618, the High Plains American Cancer Group Report Center.

• New Life Ministries Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

Support Groups

MONDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

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

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

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

• Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin

at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the back of the church.

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Baptist Temple Church Fellowship Hall, 400 E. 11th Place. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about

the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

• Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerrirosenbaum9488@msn.com

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• "A Journey to a New Normal," a grief support network, meets from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 602 S. Main. For information, call 263-5999.

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-


smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

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• Overcomer's: Recovery & Restoration (R&R), a Christ-centered recovery program is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the "Green Room" of the East Wing. Park in the back of the church and enter through the metal door across from the fellowship hall. If you need more information, call 432-264-0015.



Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Tiny Strokes Fell Great Oaks

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ K Q	♠ 9 6 3	♥ Q J 10 6 2	♠ K
♥ 8 3	♥ 7	♦ K	♠ J 10 8 4
♦ 6 5 4 2	♦ 7	♣ —	
♣ A 7 5 3 2			

WEST		SOUTH	
♠ 8 7 5 2	♠ A J 10 4	♥ K 7	♦ A 9 3
♥ A 9 5 4	♥ Q J 10 8 7	♦ K Q 9 6	
♦ Q J 10 8 7	♦ —		

The bidding:
South West North East
1 NT Pass 2 NT Pass
3 NT

Opening lead — queen of diamonds.
Assume you're declarer in three notrump and West leads the queen of diamonds. East plays the king, which you can't afford to duck, so you take the king with the ace.

It's easy to go wrong at this point. Suppose you play the king of clubs at trick two, which seems the normal thing to do. If you did that, you'd go down regardless of how you continued. East's J-10-8-4 of clubs would stop you from making the contract.

Unlucky, you might say to yourself. However, if you gave the matter more serious thought, you'd realize that you should have made three notrump. All you had to do was to lead the six of clubs to the ace at trick two, and you would have made four club tricks instead of three to wrap up the contract. (You can't make five club tricks against best defense because the spades and clubs will become blocked.)

The reason leading the six to the ace is the right play is because it enables you to score four tricks in the suit without losing the lead if East started with all four clubs, while the same is not true no matter how you initiate the suit if West started with four clubs.

You could argue that the chance of East being dealt all four missing clubs is too remote to be considered. But if that's the way you play the game, there will be many occasions where you do not do as well as you should have.

The indisputable fact is that it can't cost you the contract to play the six of clubs to the ace first, but it might cost you the contract to play the king first. Since there's a possibility — however small — that the king play might do you in, while no harm can come from the six play, you should lead the six at trick two.

Tomorrow: A deducible deduction.
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Sudoku Answer on Page 11

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

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Back on track

Lady Steers shrug off first half deficit, down Snyder to earn first District 4-3A victory

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

It was as close to a must-win situation as the second district game of the year could be.

The Big Spring Lady Steers, having already dropped their District 4-3A opener to Sweetwater Friday, could ill afford to lose to Snyder Tuesday, especially with district favorite Abilene Wylie coming to town later this week.

So, when Big Spring trailed by six points midway through the second quarter Tuesday, Head Coach Mike Warren could be excused for feeling a bit anxious.

"We didn't want to go down 0-2 (in district) with Wylie coming to town Friday."

Faced with that uncomfortable possibility, the No. 20-ranked Lady Steers rallied to tie the game at halftime, then took control in the third quarter en route to a 58-46 victory in Steer Gym Tuesday.

Julianna Rodriguez

SNYDER (46) — Clemmer 2 9-10 13; D. Lambaren 1 3-4 5; C. Lambaren 2 3-4 7; Garcia 1 1-3 3; Pierce 1 0-0 3; Guzman 3 1-2 8; Carrizales 2 3-4 7; totals 12 20-27 46.

BIG SPRING (58) — Minter 3 4-5 11; Lewis 2 0-0 4; Cansino 2 2-4 6; Rodriguez 6 2-3 14; Vanderbilt 3 0-1 6; Diaz 1 2-2 5; Mayes 1 0-0 2; Castello 3 4-6 10; totals 23 14-21 58.

Score by quarters
Snyder 10 15 9 12 — 46
BSHS 10 15 20 13 — 58
Three-pointers: Snyder 2 (Pierce, Guzman), Big Spring 2 (Minter, Diaz); Fouled out: C. Lambaren.

scored 14 points, Autumn Minter scored 11 and Jackie Castello added 10 to pace Big Spring, which improved to 14-5 overall and 1-1 in district play. Lindzi Clemmer had 11 for Snyder, which dropped to 9-8 overall and 0-2 in league action.

Foul trouble and Snyder's man-to-man defense gave Big Spring fits in the first half — the Lady Tigers sank 10 of 11 free throws and limited the Lady Steers to 10 of 23 from the field during that time — and earned their largest lead of the night when Priscilla Guzman sank basket to

give Snyder a 23-17 lead with 3:32 remaining in the half.

At that point, however, the Lady Steers' defense began taking hold, forcing turnovers on six straight Snyder possessions and Rodriguez scored six consecutive points down the stretch to bring Big Spring even with the Lady Tigers at 25-all at intermission.

"Our substitutes came in and did a good job getting us back in the game," Warren said. "And our defense helped our offense score some points."

Having finally figured out Snyder's pressing defense in the first half, the Lady Steers proceeded to punish the Lady Tigers for employing that strategy in the third quarter. Passing lanes that had been clogged in the first two quarters began opening up in the second half, allowing Big Spring's guards to find teammates for open looks at the basket.

The result was a 20-point outburst in the

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Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring's Alexis Cansino (12) attempts a shot during the Lady Steers' basketball game vs. Snyder Tuesday in Steer Gym.

Area roundup:

Coahoma falls to Lamesa in overtime struggle

GIRLS

Lamesa 37

COAHOMA 33 (OT)

LAMESA — The Lamesa Lady Tornados rallied late, then outlasted Coahoma in overtime to take the victory Tuesday night.

"This was a great defensive game for both teams," CHS Coach Paul Hartman said. "The score was only 28 to 28 at the end of regulation. We worked our way back and took a lead with about 30

seconds left in the game, but couldn't close it out."

Savannah Neff scored 14 points to lead the Bulldogettes, who fell to 10-8 overall and 1-1 in district action.

Coahoma returns to action Friday at home vs. Stanton. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

Sundown 58

Forsan 38

FORSAN — The Forsan Lady Buffaloes played Sundown even for most of the first half, but eventually fell to the Lady

Roughnecks in District 6-1A basketball action Tuesday night.

"We had a lot of missed free throws and offensive opportunities on our part," Forsan Coach Lindsey Schmidt said. "This is going to be a tough district and we have a lot of work ahead of us."

Brittney Hergert and Ali Knight each scored 11 points to lead Forsan, which fell to 11-6 overall and 1-1 in district play.

The Lady Buffaloes return

to action Friday at Plains. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

BOYS

Reagan Co. 53

Forsan 51

FORSAN — In a game that was as close as the score indicated, the Forsan Buffaloes and Reagan County Owls battled nip and tuck throughout their contest before the Owls prevailed in non-district basketball action Tuesday.

Neither team held much of an advantage — Reagan County led by two points at the half and four points after three quarters, then held off a late Forsan rally for the victory.

Kade Fannin had 18 points, while Matthew Mims and Tyler Evans scored 14 and 13 points, respectively, for the Buffaloes, who fell to 10-4 with the loss.

Forsan opens District 6-1A action Friday at Plains.

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Rodman serenades North Korean leader during hoops visit

By ERIC TALMADGE

Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea — Dennis Rodman sang "Happy Birthday" to North Korean leader Kim Jong Un before leading a squad of former NBA stars in a friendly game Wednesday as part of his "basketball diplomacy" that has been criticized in the United States as naive and laughable.

Rodman dedicated the game to his "best friend" Kim, who along with his wife and other senior officials and their wives watched from a special seating area. The capacity crowd of about 14,000 at the Pyongyang Indoor Stadium clapped loudly as Rodman sang a verse from the birthday song.

Rodman said he was honored to be able to play the game in the North Korean capital and called the event "historic." Some members of

the U.S. Congress, the NBA and human rights groups, however, say he has become a public relations tool for North Korea's government.

The government's poor human rights record and its threats to use nuclear weapons against rival South Korea and the United States have kept it a pariah state. Kim shocked the world in December by having his uncle, once considered his mentor, executed after being accused of a litany of crimes including corruption, womanizing, drug abuse and attempting to seize power.

Rodman, 52, has refused to address those concerns while continuing to forge a relationship with Kim, whose age has never been officially disclosed. The government did not say how old he turned Wednesday but he is believed to be in his early 30s.

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Four players could make Hall

By RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Baseball writers could elect a quartet of players to the Hall of Fame for the first time in more than a half-century.

Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine and Frank Thomas appeared to be on track to gain election from the Baseball Writers' Association of America on Wednesday, and Craig Biggio could join them. The last time four players received the required 75 percent was in 1955, when Joe DiMaggio, Gabby Hartnett, Ted Lyons and Dazzy Vance all got in. Surprisingly, it was the third ballot appearance for DiMaggio, who fell 81 votes short in 1953 and 14 shy the following year.

When he announced his retirement in December 2008, Maddux wouldn't talk about the Hall.

"I think there's a lot of good players in there," he said. "Don't really have any thoughts on it."

Maddux could break the mark for highest percentage (98.84), set when in 1992

when Tom Seaver topped the record Ty Cobb set in 1936.

"I just have just never come across any human being, whether they're a voter or just a fan, that doesn't think Greg Maddux is a Hall of Famer and one of the greatest pitchers who ever pitched," The Boston Globe's Nick Cafardo said Tuesday. "I can't imagine someone not voting for him. So I would guess that he's going to break Seaver's record."

Maddux is among three high-profile players on the BBWAA ballot for the first time, joined by his former Atlanta teammate Glavine and Thomas. Holdovers include Biggio, who topped voting at 68 percent last year, 39 votes short of the 75 percent needed for election. It was only the second time in four decades the BBWAA failed to elect anyone.

Ken Gurnick of MLB.com, a former reporter for the Los Angeles Herald Examiner, said Tuesday the only player he voted for was Jack Morris, on the writers' ballot for the 15th and final time after falling 42 votes shy last year.

"To me, I didn't exclude Maddux. I excluded everybody from that era, everybody from the Steroid Era," Gurnick said. "It wasn't about Greg Maddux, it was about the entire era. I just don't know who did and who didn't."

Gurnick said Morris also was the only player he voted for in 2013 and added he intends to abstain in future elections.

"Some people quibble over when the era starts, but the bulk of his career was in my opinion well before all of the widespread use of performance-enhancing drugs," Gurnick said.

Given that 569 ballots were submitted in 2013, Maddux likely could be omitted from six this year and still break the record set by Seaver, who received 425 of 430 votes.

Seaver was left off by Paul Hagen of the Philadelphia Daily News, Bob Hertzler of The Pittsburgh Press and freelance writer Bob Hunter. They all submitted blank ballots to protest the decision

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Rest assured, you don't have to go to the expense of traveling far and wide to find more excitement. New people bring even more adventures than do new places.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your heart is so big that you love people who haven't even been born yet. Metaphorically, you'll be planting trees that never will be big enough to shade you in your lifetime, but generations to come will benefit.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your tendency to overestimate the talents of those you admire goes hand in hand with the bad habit of underestimating your own talent. Stop analyzing, put your head down and work.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Love isn't an idea; it's a feeling that produces ideas. If it were an idea, you could think it and fall in love with anyone. But you can't force yourself to love

someone any more than you can force someone to love you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's not that you're so limited in what you can and can't do today, but your preferences narrow down your choices quite a bit. This is a good thing. It's what gives you your style.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). "Perfection paralysis" won't immobilize you willy-nilly. It only freezes you out of doing certain tasks: the ones you think you're supposed to do perfectly because you believe it matters big-time. It doesn't. Be free.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're in a private mood, and you don't want people to know what time you woke up, who your favorite friends are and what you did last Friday night. But they'll ask anyway unless you lead the conversation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll influence the feelings of others by refusing to tell them how to feel. You respect every person's right to his or her own reaction, and you look forward to being surprised at what that reaction might be.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Fighting ideas is like fighting clouds. You can punch and kick, but what difference will it make? The way to impact the world today is by tackling the tangible items.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are part of a large and diverse group, but you also are uniquely yourself. You may spend the better part of the day acting toward the purposes of the collective. First, take the time to address your individual

needs.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You actually may try to be boring on purpose to throw someone off the trail of who you really are. You just don't want the attention now, and that's healthy. No one should need all of the attention all of the time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be trying to get something important done, and this involves others. Too bad. It would be easier and faster if it didn't, or if you could control the others. Alas, communication is your only hope.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 8). Your efforts are nearly saintly, though you don't want any attention for them. You would rather show your brilliance by hiding it in plain view for the masses to use and appreciate. You will be promoted in June because you consistently turn in work that is a cut above the bunch. July features a touch of the exotic. Aries and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 1, 11, 48 and 37.

NEW YEAR, NEW SCORPIO: In 2014, those who want to make big changes will be cosmically empowered to do so. For Scorpio, this makeover energy settles into the area of nutrition, and Scorpio will be inspired to make healthy and adventurous changes in this regard. Why wait until you feel bad to make good choices? Scorpio will proactively move toward an image of ideal health and work daily to develop that vision and keep the quest alive.

The specifics of diet are a highly individualized choice;

however, the main cosmic perk that Scorpio feels this year is a willingness to try new things, if only for a short time. There is no perfect answer to dietary needs, because the needs of Scorpio's body change seasonally just like the availability of certain foods. Committing to only a day at a time is an excellent strategy for Scorpio; this sign tends to feel overwhelmed by sweeping changes and caged in by too many commitments and goals. Anyone can be a vegetarian for a day or eat Paleo for three meals. In the classic Scorpio style, this sign will assess and recommit to the styles that feel right.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: The king of rock 'n' roll was born on this day in 1935, and nearly 80 years later, fans around the world will celebrate the birthday of the legendary Elvis Presley. Presley was born when the sun, Mercury and Venus were all in Capricorn, a sign noted for hard work and ambition. These powerful placements were contrasted by a sensitive, empathetic Pisces moon and lucky Jupiter in sensual, shocking Scorpio.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I'm an identical twin and will be turning 56 in February, but my sister behaves more like my daughter than my sister.

Annie, I'm sick of it! My twin sister turned her back on me in believing ridiculous lies told by my youngest brother. Several years later, she showed up out of the blue needing a place to live, knowing "Old Sis" would take her in. She lived with me for eight years until she got a job transfer. She still calls wanting money. I've learned how to make excuses, but I want it to stop.

I need help being upfront with this mooch of a sister, but I've never confronted anyone before in my entire life. Any advice? — *Sister of a Mooch*

Dear Sister: You don't need to be confrontational. You need to be assertive. Your sister takes advantage of you because you permit it. The easiest way to stop permitting it is to learn to say no. So when she asks for money, tell her, "I'm sorry, but not this time." If she asks why not, reply, "I have loaned you enough." Practice saying it

in front of a mirror until it comes naturally. Write it down on a piece of paper and tape it next to your phone so it is on hand when she calls. You are under no obligation to give her excuses, evasions or explanations. Be polite, but just say no.

Dear Annie: I have been widowed for 19 years and belong to a support group of women who go out to lunch once a month.

Before I married my late husband, I was an independent businesswoman, cared for an elderly parent, paid my own bills, pumped my own gas, bought my own cars, etc. I was surprised to learn how few of the women in my group know how to do any of these things. They have no clue what their family finances are. One of them had to learn how to drive when her husband died.

Please, please, please tell wives (and husbands) to take responsibility for themselves while their spouses are still living and learn what their financial obligations are, when their bills are due, how to pump gas and all the other things you will need to know in order to be independent. It is hard enough to transition from married life to widowhood without having to learn basic life skills at the same time. — *Been There, Knew How To Do That in Kentucky*

Dear Kentucky: Thank you for the knock on the head. Along with financial matters and pumping gas, both men and women should know how to cook a simple meal, sew on a button, iron a shirt, load the dishwasher and do the laundry. These are skills that everyone needs, and it is

shortsighted to assume that someone else will handle them for you for the rest of your life.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Uncomfortable," whose new mother-in-law wants her to call her "Mom." I had a similar problem when my son married his wife. I love her dearly. One day, I wrote her an email and signed it, "Love, Your 'Other' Mom." She responded to me in that same way. Now, after several years, she is able to call me "Mom."

When my own mother passed away, I found it difficult to think of another person as my mom. Now, I have friends whose mothers are still living, and I often refer to a few of them as "my other mother." One of these special moms phones me every now and then and refers to me as her "other daughter." I can't tell you how much this means to me. I hope this helps "Uncomfortable" refer to her mother-in-law in a less awkward way. — *Been There*

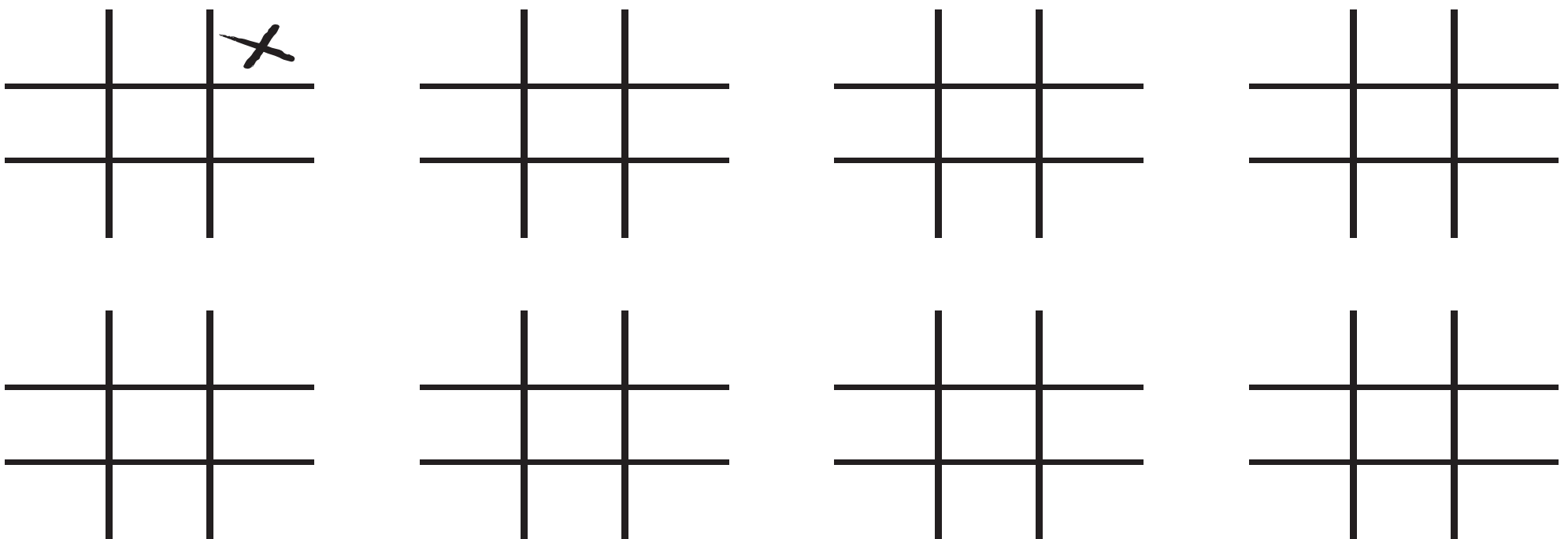
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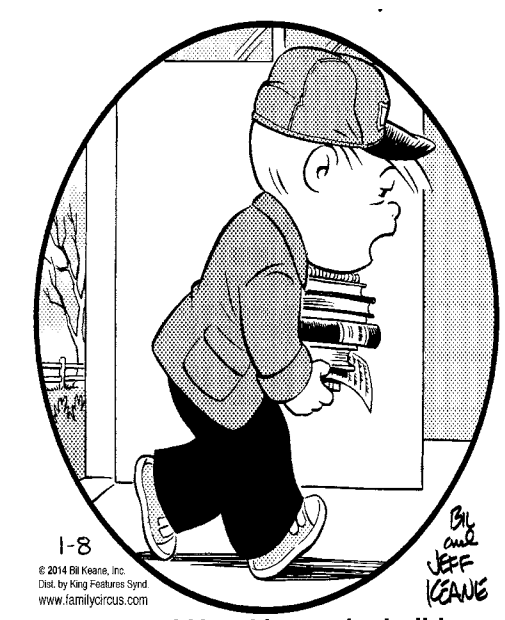
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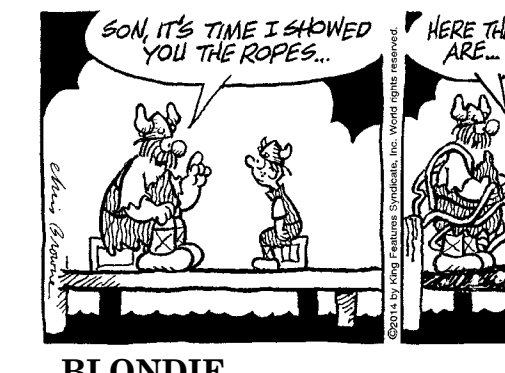
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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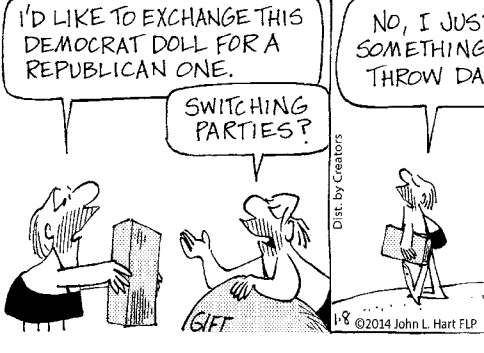
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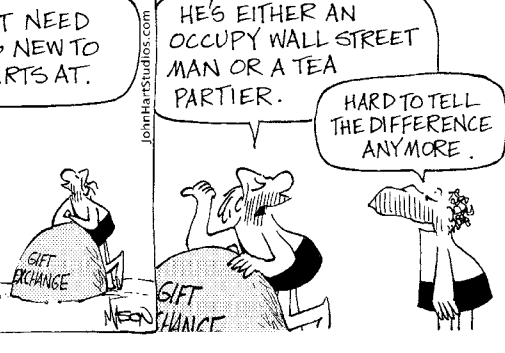
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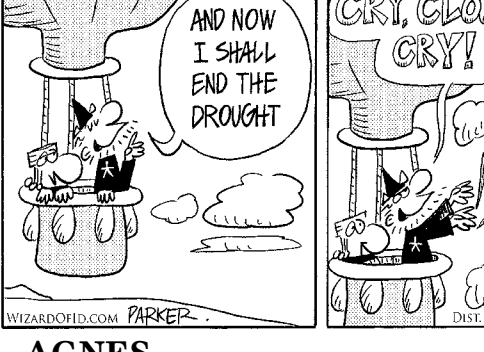
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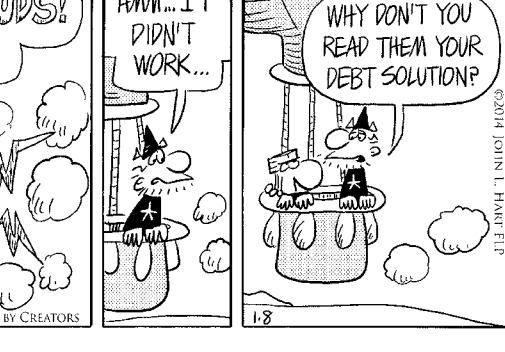
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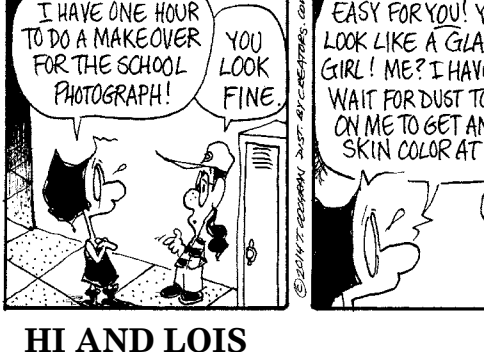
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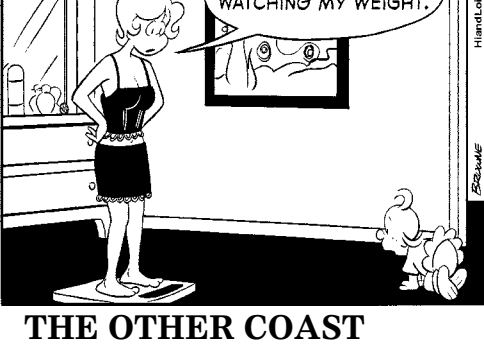
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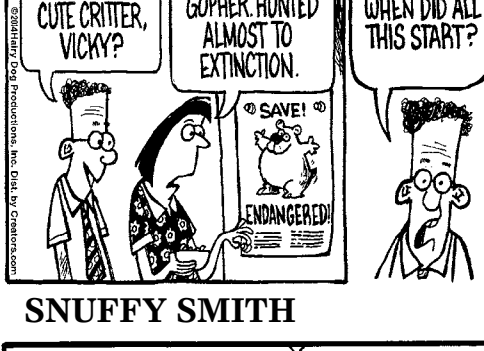
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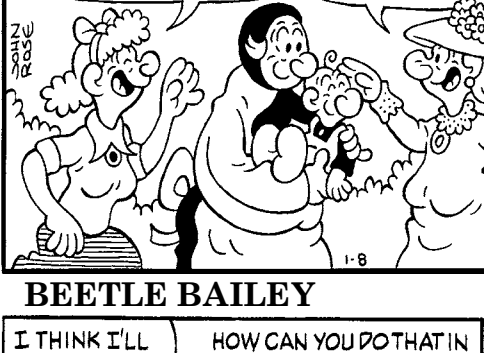
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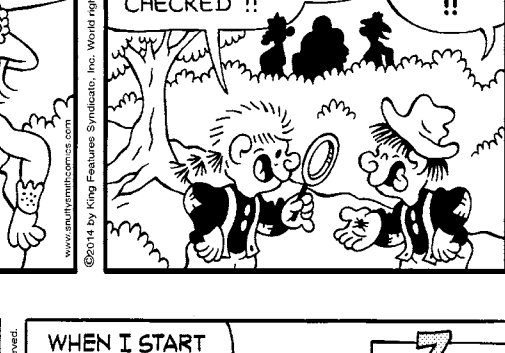
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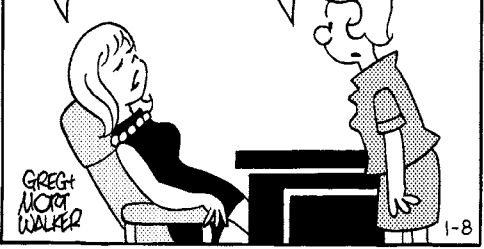
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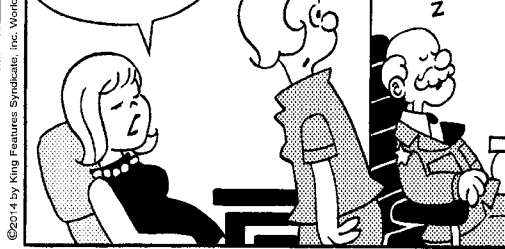
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 8, the eighth day of 2014. There are 357 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 8, 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson, in his State of the Union address, declared an "unconditional war on poverty in America."

On this date:
In 1790, President George Washington delivered his first State of the Union address to Congress in New York.

In 1815, U.S. forces led by Gen. Andrew Jackson defeated the British in the Battle of New Orleans. At the closing engagement of the War of 1812.

In 1912, the African National Congress was founded in Bloemfontein, South Africa.

In 1918, President Woodrow Wilson outlined his Fourteen

Points for lasting peace after World War I. Mississippi became the first state to ratify the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, which established Prohibition.

In 1935, rock-and-roll legend Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Miss.

In 1959, Charles de Gaulle was inaugurated as president of France's Fifth Republic.

In 1973, the Paris peace talks between the United States and North Vietnam resumed.

In 1982, American Telephone and Telegraph settled the Justice Department's antitrust lawsuit against it by agreeing to divest itself of the 22 Bell System companies.

In 1989, 47 people were killed when a British Midland Boeing 737-400 carrying 126 people crashed in central England.

In 1994, Tonya Harding won the ladies' U.S. Figure Skating Championship in Detroit, a day after Nancy Kerrigan dropped out because of the clubbing

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Give it __ (try)
 - 4 Strike sharply
 - 9 Westminster, for one
 - 14 Team supporter
 - 15 Hooded snake
 - 16 Highest-quality
 - 17 Brazil city, briefly
 - 18 Morocco's capital
 - 19 Ale measures
 - 20 From time to time
 - 23 Vehicle for hire
 - 24 Harp's ancestor
 - 25 Eye impolitely
 - 29 Stop the flow of
 - 34 Possesses
 - 35 Move stealthily
 - 38 Took illegally
 - 39 Footnote notation
 - 41 General locations
 - 43 Carbon copy
 - 44 Ice sheets
 - 46 Manuscript sheet
 - 48 Mandela's former org.
 - 49 More uptight
 - 51 Blot out
 - 53 TV host
 - 56 Prof.'s degree, often
 - 57 From time to time
 - 62 Striped equine
 - 65 Not quite right
 - 66 Color gradation
 - 67 "Please repeat..."
 - 68 *Beauty and the Beast* girl
- DOWN**
- 1 Bushy hairdo
 - 2 Make progress
 - 3 From time to time
 - 4 Manuscript copyists of old
 - 5 Sound of discomfort
 - 6 Swedish rock foursome
 - 7 Very slow pace
 - 8 Oscar actress Bates
 - 9 Web-browser programs
 - 10 French cheese
 - 11 Storage receptacle
 - 12 First responder, for short
 - 13 "Absolutely!"
 - 21 Corn serving
 - 22 Tax agcy.
 - 25 Work period
 - 26 Postpone, as legislation
 - 27 Alias: Abbr.
 - 28 Home territory
 - 30 ABA member
 - 31 From time to time
 - 32 Hold tightly
 - 33 Therefore
 - 36 Summer zodiac sign
 - 37 Cabbagelike plant
 - 40 __ Moines, IA
 - 42 TV news hour
 - 45 Butler or valet
 - 47 Competed against
 - 50 Sandwich bread
 - 52 Former TV band for Channels 14+
 - 54 Most Egyptians
 - 55 NL East player
 - 57 Pennsylvania port
 - 58 Farm structure
 - 59 Scandinavian capital
 - 60 Money in Munich
 - 61 Not cluttered
 - 62 Abrupt turn
 - 63 Id counterpart
 - 64 Carry-on item

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RODMAN

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At the start of the game, Rodman sang "Happy Birthday" to Kim, who was seated above in the stands at the stadium, and then bowed deeply as North Korean players clapped.

To keep it friendly, the Americans played against the North Koreans in the first half, but split up and merged teams for the second half.

The North Korean team scored 47 points to 39 for the Americans before the teams were mixed. Rodman played only in the first half and then sat next to Kim during the second half.

"A lot of people have expressed different views about me and your leader, your marshal, and I take that as

a compliment," Rodman told the crowd. "Yes, he is a great leader, he provides for his people here in this country and thank God the people here love the marshal."

Rodman is the highest-profile American to meet Kim. He has carefully avoided getting involved in overtly political activities, saying that he is not a statesman and instead is seeking only to build cultural connections with the North through basketball that may help improve relations between Pyongyang and Washington.

Rodman has been slammed in particular for not using his influence with Kim to help free Kenneth Bae, an American missionary in poor health who is being confined in the North for "anti-state" crimes. In an interview with CNN on Tuesday,

Rodman implied that Bae was at fault for being held captive.

Bae's sister, Terri Chung, said his family couldn't believe what Rodman said.

"Here's somebody who is in a position to do some good for Kenneth and refuses to do so," Chung told KOMO Radio in Seattle on Wednesday. "And then after the fact, instead, he decides to hurl these unqualified accusations against Kenneth. It's clear he has no idea what he's talking about. I'm not sure who he's talking to, where he's getting his information, but he's certainly no authority on Kenneth Bae."

The game is a new milestone in Rodman's unusual relationship with Kim, who inherited power after the death of his father in late 2011 and rarely meets with

foreigners. He remains a mystery to much of the outside world and until recently, his birthday was also not widely known, though it was quietly observed elsewhere around the capital Wednesday.

Along with Rodman, the former NBA players included ex-All Stars Kenny Anderson, Cliff Robinson and Vin Baker. Also on the roster were Craig Hodges, Doug Christie, Charles D. Smith and four streetballers.

Members of the team, who average in their late 40s, said they came because they believed the game would be a good opportunity to create a human connection with the people of the isolated country. But some said they have been concerned by the negative reaction they have seen from the media and critics back home.

HALL

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by the Hall of Fame board of directors to bar Pete Rose from the vote because of his lifetime ban from baseball following a gambling probe.

Retired writers Deane McGowen and Bud Tucker also did not vote for Seaver.

"If it had cost Seaver anything, yeah, I probably would regret it at some level, but it didn't really cost him any-

thing," Hagen, now with MLB.com, said Tuesday. "He still got the highest vote (percentage) total ever, and he wouldn't have been unanimous anyway."

The Steroids Era has impacted the vote totals of players with stellar statistics.

In initial appearances last year, Mike Piazza was at 57.8 percent, Roger Clemens at 37.6, Barry Bonds at 36.2 and Sammy Sosa at 12.5. Mark McGwire received 16.9 percent on his seventh try.

AREA

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"I feel really good about the team (heading into district)," Forsan Coach Gary Huckabee said. "We just had a few

hiccups (Tuesday), but I think we'll use this as a learning tool to be stronger as we enter district play."

The Wildcats roared out to a 25-7 lead after one quarter, and were never threatened en route to improving their record to 11-4 overall and 4-0 in league action.

Beau Lucas and Aaron Perez each had 14 points, while Joseph Briseno and E.J. Rodriguez each scored 13 points for the Wildcats, who return to action Friday at Dawson.

BSHS

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girls handled the pressure well," he said.

The Lady Steers return to action at home Friday vs. Abilene Wylie.

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third quarter, which ended with Big Spring holding a 45-34 lead, and the Lady Steers were never threatened after that.

"We just started putting the ball in the hole," Warren said. "We'd stop them on one end of the court and score on the other end. Sounds simple, doesn't it? And the biggest thing is that we didn't just sit on a lead, we were able to extend it."

Warren praised his team for responding to such a crucial situation.

"We pretty much had to have this win, and the

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