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Faith Parum tends to her goat entries Wednesday morning. Area youth gathered with their animals at the HC Broughton Ag Complex for the Howard County Junior Stock Show. The show began Wednesday and will conclude Saturday.

Canned food drive, donations boost SA; heaters, coats sought

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

The results of the annual canned food drive conducted by area public schools was a welcome sight to local Salvation Army officials and it is helping to replenish the pantry shelves after a successful Christmas season.

"We had a really successful year with all of the schools that participated," said Salvation Army Lt. Jeremiah Romack. "They did a really good job. Right now we are restocking our shelves."

"The pantry is looking really good. They did a phenomenal job."

In his first year leading the local Salvation Army along with his wife, Romack said they are thankful to the public for helping the charity have a successful 2013 Christmas drive.

"We would like to thank the public for the response

and donations to our kettles and Angel Tree program," he said. "The community really stepped up this year, and we are really appreciative of what they did. For the folks who partnered with us and helped us make a successful Christmas, we want to say thank you."

But there are still needs in the community.

Extremely cold temperatures in the area have prompted many calls to the charity from people requesting space heaters to help combat the inclement weather.

"We've had people calling on a daily basis asking about heaters," Romack said, who added that electrical heaters would be ideal for those who wish to donate to help fill the need.

For those would like to donate, heaters or coats can be brought the Salvation Army's main office located 811 West Eighth St.

Contact Lyndel Moody at citydesk@bigspringherald.com or by 263-7331, ext. 234.

Gov't: Most school discipline should not wind up in court

By **KIMBERLY HEFLING**
 AP Education Writer

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration on Wednesday pressed the nation's schools to abandon what it described as overly zealous discipline policies that send students to court instead of the principal's

office. Even before the announcement, school districts around the country have been taking action to adjust the policies that disproportionately affect minority students.

Attorney General Eric Holder said problems often stem from well intentioned "zero-tolerance" policies

that can inject the criminal justice system into school matters.

"A routine school disciplinary infraction should land a student in the principal's office, not in a police precinct," Holder said.

But it's about race, too, See **SCHOOL**, Page 3



Junior high science fair ceremony slated Friday

Herald Staff Report

Big Spring Junior High School students will show off several weeks of work as the school's science fair is set for Friday.

An award ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. in the cafeteria where it's possible that the top three projects in each category will qualify for the

Regional Science Fair to be held Feb. 14-15 at the University of Texas Permian Basin.

Nine students have spent time setting up and testing experiments in several different areas of science, including behavior, space, environmental, health and science and more. Judging for the one-day event begins Friday morning.

Glasscock show schedule

Herald Staff Report

GARDEN CITY — The Glasscock County 77th annual Junior Livestock Show begins Friday morning in Glasscock County Community Center.

The full schedule of the two-day event is as follows:

Friday
 Swine show, 9 a.m.

Steer show, immediately following the swine show
 Rabbit show, immediately following the steer show

Saturday
 Sheep show, 8 a.m.
 Goat show, immediately following the sheep show
 Pig scramble, 11 a.m.
 Meal, 12 p.m.
 Premium sale, 1 p.m.
 Photographs, 1 p.m.

Man, Woman of Year nominations being accepted at chamber

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**
 Staff Writer

There are still a couple of weeks before the deadline, but chamber members wanting to nominate someone for Man and Woman of the year need to be giving it some serious thought.

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce 2013 Banquet is slated for Monday, Feb. 3 and nominations are needed by Jan. 21, according to Executive Director Debbye ValVerde.

Nominations must be made by a chamber member in good standing. The entries then go before a committee that chooses the winners. Nominees for Man and Woman of the year do not have to be Chamber members, however. "They can be anybody in the community," said ValVerde. "But they don't have to be members of the Chamber."

Last year's winners were Gloria McDonald and Howard Stewart.

To make a nomination, a Chamber member must adhere to the following procedure:

- Nominators must submit their information in writing on a form provided and approved by the selection committee to include the relevant information about the nominee. To prevent the process from being a "popularity contest," the committee will base its decision on the information provided in the nomination submitted, not on the personal knowledge they may or may not have of the nominee.
- Nominators must submit their name, address and phone number in case the selection committee should need additional information.
- The selection will be made on the basis of all around contributions to the community, not just for extraordinary performance in the individual's business or employment. The nominee should have a consistent track record of

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Obituaries

Howard A. Stevens

Howard A. Stevens, 79, of Big Spring, Texas 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, Texas. 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, Texas, Thomas Stevens of Big Spring; two daughters, Sherry Rentmeesters of Fort Worth, Texas 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 www.myersandsmith.com

Paid Obituary

Larry Bob Conway

Larry Bob Conway, 64, of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 6, 2014 in a local hospital. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, 2014, at the parlor at First United Methodist Church. Memorial services will follow at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Bill Ivins and the Rev. Ed Williamson officiating.

He was born Sept. 24, 1949, in Big Spring, Texas and married Linda Tune Dec. 31, 1986, in Silverton, Colo.

Larry graduated from Big Spring High School in 1968 and attended Howard College. He worked as a pipeliner for QIS for 27 years. He enjoyed hunting, golfing and fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Conway, Big Spring; one sister, Karen McCuiston and husband, Ernie of Waco, Texas; two nieces, Christina and Brent DeOrnelas of Waco and Michelle and Tim Flores of Huntsville, Ala.; three great-nephews, Noah Flores, Nathanael DeOrnelas and Ethan DeOrnelas; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Bill and Mary Tune; and a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Tommy and Donna Tune, all of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his parents, L.B. and Juanita Conway; his step-son, Larry Don Harp; and a nephew, Ehren Tune.

The family suggests memorials to ETLD Memorial Scholarship Fund at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or to Food2Kids at First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

Lucia G. Manzanarez

Lucia G. Manzanarez, 83, of Big Spring, Texas, died Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014, at her residence. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

James David Yater

James David Yater, 74, of Irving, Texas, formerly of Big Spring, Texas, died Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014, in an Irving hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2014, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with the Rev. Mel Hardin officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park in Big Spring.

He was born July 6, 1939, in Ingram, Texas, and married Kay Leatherwood May 26, 1962, in Big Spring, Texas.

David graduated from Big Spring High School and then attended Arlington State College. He worked for Texas Electric for 42 years, retiring in 1999.

He was a Baptist and a member of Staked Plains Lodge 598 A.F. & A.M. in Big Spring and the Moslah Shriners and served as a Shrine Clown.

Survivors include his wife, Kay Yater of Irving; one brother, Wesley Yater of Big Spring; three nieces and nephews, John, Shayne and Shelia and six godchildren, Steve, Kathy, Darcy, Sherrie, Sharon and Debi.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leland and Sadie Yater; and one brother, Billy Yater.

The family suggests memorials to the Shriners Childrens Hospital, www.shrinershq.org or to the ASPCA, www.aspc.org/donate.

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

Zirah LeFevre Bednar

Zirah LeFevre Bednar, 95, formerly of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2014, in a George West nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Cosme Ramirez

Cosme Ramirez, 74, of Big Spring died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police/Sheriff

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

- CARLA E. MOSLEY, 55, of 1001 E. 13th St., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated third or more offense.

- ROSA DEJESUS GUSMAN, 30, of 1014 Stadium, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for fail to appear – three counts and no drivers license when unlicensed.

- HUGO LIONEL TORRES, 33, of 3409 Ave. 0 apt. 36, Snyder, Texas, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid previous conviction.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at the 1400 block of Harding.

- THEFT was reported at the 200 block of West FM 700, the 300 block of Owens, the 1200 block of S. Gregg, the intersection of N. Highway 87 and FM 700 and the 2000 block of S. Gregg.

- DRAG RACING/WRECKLESS DRIVING was reported at Rural Route 33.

- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 500 block of S. Birdwell.

The Howard County Sheriff's office reported the following activity:
Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 63 inmates at the time of this report.

- CARLA MOSELY was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated third or more offense.

- ROSA DEJESUS GUSMAN was booked by BSPD on charges of failure to appear – three counts and no drivers license.

- HUGO LIONEL TORRES was booked by HCSO on charges of driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension without final resolution.

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Fri 1/10	Sat 1/11	Sun 1/12	Mon 1/13	Tue 1/14
67/36 Morning clouds will give way to sunshine for the afternoon. High 67F.	62/43 Sunshine. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.	74/36 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 30s.	61/36 Sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	66/36 Sunshine. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 30s.
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	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 6:03 PM

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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abiene	66	37	rain	Kingsville	79	55	pt sunny
Amarillo	54	28	pt sunny	Livingston	70	47	t-storm
Austin	69	43	rain	Longview	65	42	rain
Beaumont	66	56	t-storm	Lubbock	62	30	pt sunny
Brownsville	77	60	mst sunny	Lufkin	70	46	t-storm
Brownwood	67	38	rain	Midland	66	37	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	73	56	pt sunny	Raymondville	79	57	mst sunny
Corsicana	64	38	rain	Rosenberg	71	54	t-storm
Dallas	64	38	rain	San Antonio	70	44	rain
Del Rio	71	41	pt sunny	San Marcos	70	43	t-storm
El Paso	62	34	sunny	Sulphur Springs	64	39	rain
Fort Stockton	67	40	windy	Sweetwater	67	36	pt sunny
Gainesville	60	34	rain	Tyler	66	41	rain
Greenville	61	35	rain	Weatherford	61	34	rain
Houston	71	54	t-storm	Wichita Falls	61	33	rain

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	49	44	rain	Minneapolis	34	22	cloudy
Boston	39	32	mixed	New York	41	38	mixed
Chicago	38	35	rain	Phoenix	66	43	sunny
Dallas	64	38	rain	San Francisco	60	45	pt sunny
Denver	41	30	mst sunny	Seattle	46	44	rain
Houston	71	54	t-storm	St. Louis	47	37	rain
Los Angeles	67	46	mst sunny	Washington, DC	41	39	mixed
Miami	82	72	rain				

Moon Phases



Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL call was reported at the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- MEDICAL call reported at the 800 block of Marcy. One patient transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL call reported at the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One patient transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL call reported at the 1000 block of Stadium. One patient transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL call reported at the 3300 block of West Highway 80. One patient transported to SMMC.

Correction

In Wednesday's edition of the Big Spring Herald, the names of three individuals were listed in the Police Beat – Sebastian Ortiz, Daniel Eliah Blackwell, Thomas Rodriguez. It is not the Herald's policy to run names of juveniles. The Herald regrets the error.

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accomplishments rather than being honored for a single act of merit; although a single con-

tribution or achievement is not ruled out if it is of sufficient importance.

• Those currently holding a political office are not eligible nomination.

The selected honorees

will be announced at the banquet which will be held at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at 7 p.m. Other announcements will also be made, according to ValVerde.

“We’ll be thanking Jim Clements (out-

going Chamber president) for a great 2013,” Valverde said. “We’ll also be honoring our new president, Bruce Schooler, as well as our new board members.”

Tables are available for purchase at \$130 for

members to promote their business and entice people to sit at that table, said ValVerde.

“The banquet is a lot of fun,” Valverde said. “For me, the best part is seeing the expression on their faces when they

win. But we really need nominations so that we can move forward.”

For more information call the Chamber at 263-7641 or visit the website at bigspringchamber.com

SCHOOL

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the government said in a letter accompanying the new guidelines it issued Wednesday.

“In our investigations, we have found cases where African-American students were disciplined more harshly and more frequently because of their race than similarly situated white students,” the Justice Department and Education Department said in the letter to school districts. “In short, racial discrimination in school discipline is a real problem.”

The guidelines are not the first administration action regarding tough-on-crime laws or policies of the 1980s and ‘90s that have lost support more broadly since then. Holder announced last summer that he was instructing federal prosecutors to stop charging nonviolent drug offenders with crimes that carry mandatory minimum sentences, a change affecting crack cocaine sentences that have disproportionately affected minorities. And just before Christmas, President Barack Obama commuted the sentences of eight people serving long drug sentences.

The federal school discipline recommendations are nonbinding. They encourage schools to ensure that all school personnel are trained in classroom management, conflict resolution and approaches to de-escalate classroom

disruptions — and understand that they are responsible for administering routine student discipline instead of security or police officers.

Still, Education Secretary Arne Duncan has acknowledged the challenge is finding the proper balance to keep schools safe and orderly.

The administration said that it would attempt to work out voluntary settlements if school disciplinary policies are found to violate federal civil rights laws.

That happened in Meridian, Miss., where the Justice Department spearheaded a settlement with the school district to end discriminatory disciplinary practices. The black students in the district were facing harsher punishment than white students for similar misbehavior.

Absent a voluntary agreement, the department could go to court to provide relief for individual students, among other things.

Zero-tolerance policies became popular in the 1990s and often have been accompanied by a greater police presence in schools. The policies often spell out uniform and swift punishment for offenses such as truancy, smoking or carrying a weapon. Violators can lose classroom time or even end up with a criminal record.

In Akron, Ohio, Superintendent David W. James said a recent analysis found higher percentages of black students being disci-

plined in almost every category. He said he’s been criticized for not suspending African-American kids seen by teachers as a threat where he didn’t think action was warranted.

James said he hopes the administration’s effort will provide leverage for districts with parents, teachers and communities.

“If we’re supposed to be here for these kids, what we want to try to do is work with them to find alternatives, to really drill down and find out what it is we’re doing that’s not meeting their needs,” he said.

In many parts of the country, there already has been a shift toward recognizing that school discipline policies can be discriminatory, said Judith Browne Dianis, co-director of the Advancement Project, a think tank that specializes in social issues affecting minority communities.

Associations representing teachers, principals, school superintendents and school board members agreed that a disparity exists. “Numbers don’t lie. They are there,” said Beverly Hutton, a former high school principal in New Jersey who is director of professional development at the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

And there have been changes in individual districts around the country.

The school district in Buffalo, N.Y., adopted a new code of conduct to reduce suspensions after a 15-year-old, Jawaan Daniels, died

in a drive-by shooting in 2010 as he left school to begin serving an out-of-school suspension for wandering the halls of school.

In Fairfax County, Va., an affluent suburb of Washington, the school board voted in 2012 to soften punishments for possession of marijuana and implement new policies on parental notification. The changes followed a yearlong review that was prompted in part by the suicides of two students who had faced discipline.

And in Miami, Broward County Public Schools last November reached an agreement with law enforcement and the NAACP to create an alternative to zero-tolerance discipline policies and shut off what some see as a school-to-prison pipeline.

Daniel A. Domenech, executive director of the School Superintendents Association said his organization has partnered with the Children’s Defense Fund to work with five communities to improve school discipline practices: Harrisburg, Pa.; Houston; Racine, Wis.; Elgin, Ill., and Allegheny County, Pa.

Hutton said a Council of State Governments study of 1 million Texas students was a turning point in the debate. It found that nearly six of 10 public school students were suspended or expelled at least once in the middle school or high school years. It also found that African-American students had a 31 percent higher like-

lihood of a school discretionary discipline action compared to white and Hispanic students.

In American schools, black students without disabilities were more than three times as likely as whites to be expelled or suspended, according to government civil rights data from 2011-2012. Although black students made up 15 percent of students in the data collection, they made up more than a third of students suspended once, 44 percent of those suspended more than once and more than a third of students expelled.

More than half of students involved in school-related arrests or referred to law enforcement were Hispanic or black.

Domenech said, “Superintendents recognize that out-of-school suspension is outdated and not in line with 21st-century education.” But, he said, federal funding for programs that address school discipline issues has been scarce.

Among the recommendations:

—Ensure that school personnel understand that they, not security or police officers, are responsible for administering routine student discipline.

—Draw clear distinctions about the responsibilities of school security personnel.

—Provide opportunities for school security officers to develop relationships with students and parents.

Texas firefighter uses beer to put out blaze

HOUSTON (AP) — Whatever works when it comes to fighting fires.

An off-duty Houston firefighter has used beer to extinguish a tire fire on a truck hauling a load of the brew.

Capt. Craig Moreau and his wife on Monday night were driving home after a trip to Austin when they came upon an 18-wheeler on fire. Moreau and the trucker, whose rig had brake problems that started the tire on fire, tried using a small extinguisher.

Moreau says he thought the fire was out, but then crawled under the rig and the blaze had flared up.

The firefighter then asked the driver what he was hauling — and the answer was beer.

Both men began shaking and spraying cans of beer on the blaze and put out the fire.

Nobody was hurt.

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James Goll, 98, died Saturday. Graveside services will be 3:30 p.m. Thursday at Lakeland Hills Memorial Park.

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Mercury Calls for Judgment

You’re the only one who can make today’s judgment call. Be honest with yourself: Are you afraid to negotiate with the established order, or

are you intuitively sensing that this is a bad time? If you’re merely afraid, push yourself while Mercury is still in

power - talking Capricorn. But if your intuition is setting off an alarm, obey it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Good fortune will depend on how people react to your deeds. Ponder the best approach. If you’re bold, you’ll earn the public’s support. If you’re meek, you’ll earn their adoration and love.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Even those

who don’t appear to hear the call of the wild will heed it. They may deny their animal nature, but that won’t make it go away. You will embrace your animal nature, hear the call and heed it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Someone you’re trying to help is being difficult -- a sign that he or she does not in fact need the help so desperately. The old saying goes that a drowning man isn’t picky about who throws him a rope.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You’re not feeling completely enamored with a partnership, but it could still work out brilliantly, as many “marriages of convenience” do. This likely has to do with something other than a romantic relationship.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). In regard to sand castles and domino mazes, futility is the whole point. Some games are made for destruction, and you

have a more satisfying experience with them when you keep this in mind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You can fake applause more easily than you can fake laughter, and you may have to do both to get through today’s little show. But the good news is, when you come home, it’s genuine joy all around!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The person who is being greedy is really afraid that people won’t think enough of him or her to provide for deep-seated needs. Alay this person’s fear, and the greed will go away, too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You’ll have fun doing away with the formalities. Start a conversation in the middle or, even better, about three-quarters of the way through. Make a positive presumption and go from there.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your intention changes an interaction. Instead of being

concerned with what you can get out of a relationship, you’ll think only about enjoying the other person, who in turn will become most enjoyable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You’ll receive psychic information and know what a person is feeling or, more likely, hiding. This doesn’t mean you have to call the person out. The kind thing would be to quietly make note and keep it to yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You’re happy to help loved

ones, but not when you’re doing about 20 other things at the same time. Maybe you need more help than the people who are asking for it!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Persevere. You don’t have to change a thing about what you’re doing; you just have to do it for a longer period of time. The resistance you are encountering eventually will wear down.

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ANSWERS

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

Give us the courage, Lord, to stand up for what we believe in, and the courage to admit it when we are wrong. Amen

There's little debate among academic economists about the effect of minimum wages.

University of California, Irvine economist David Neumark has examined more than 100 major academic studies on the minimum wage. He reports that 85 percent of the studies “find a negative employment effect on low-skilled workers.”

A 1976 American Economic Association survey found that 90 percent of its members agreed that increasing the minimum wage raises unemployment among young and unskilled workers.

A 1990 survey reported in the American Economic Review (1992) found that 80 percent of economists agreed with the statement that increases in the minimum wage cause unemployment among the youth and low-skilled.

If you're searching for a consensus in a field of study, most of the time you can examine the field's introductory and intermediate college textbooks. Economics textbooks that mention the minimum wage say that it increases unemployment for the least skilled worker. The only significant debate about the minimum wage is the magnitude of its effect.

Some studies argue that a 10 percent increase in the minimum wage will cause a 1 percent increase in unemployment, whereas others predict a higher increase.

How about the politics of the minimum wage? In the political arena, one dumps on people who can't dump back on him. Mini-

num wages have their greatest unemployment impact on the least skilled worker. After all, who's going to pay a worker an hourly wage of \$10 if that worker is so unfortunate as to have skills that enable him to produce only \$5 worth of value per hour?

Who are these workers? For the most part, they are low-skilled teens or young adults, most of whom are poorly educated blacks and Latinos. The unemployment statistics in our urban areas confirm this prediction, with teen unemployment rates as high as 50 percent.

The politics of the minimum wage are simple. No congressman or president owes his office to the poorly educated black and Latino youth vote.

Moreover, the victims of the minimum wage do not know why they suffer high unemployment, and neither do most of their “benefactors.”

Minimum wage beneficiaries are highly organized, and they do have the necessary political clout to get Congress to price their low-skilled competition out of the market so they can demand higher wages.

Concerned about the devastating unemployment effects of the minimum wage, Republican politicians have long resisted increases in the minimum wage, but that makes no political sense. The reason is the beneficiaries of preventing increases in the minimum wage don't vote Republican no matter what; where's the political quid pro quo?

Higher-skilled and union workers are not the only beneficiaries of higher minimum wages. Among other beneficiaries are manufacturers who produce substitutes for workers.

A recent example of this is Wawa's experiment with customers using touch screens as

substitutes for counter clerks. A customer at the convenience store selects his order from a touch screen. He takes a printed slip to the cashier to pay for it while it's being filled. I imagine that soon the customer's interaction with the cashier will be eliminated with a swipe of a credit card.

Raising the minimum wage and other employment costs speeds up the automation process. I'm old enough to remember attendants at gasoline stations and theater ushers, who are virtually absent today. It's not because today's Americans like to smell gasoline fumes and stumble down the aisles in the dark to find their seat. The minimum wage law has eliminated such jobs.

Finally, there's a nastier side to support for minimum wage laws, documented in my book “Race and Economics: How Much Can Be Blamed on Discrimination?”

During South Africa's apartheid era, racist labor unions were the country's major supporters of minimum wage laws for blacks. Their stated intention was to protect white workers from having to compete with lower-wage black workers.

Our nation's first minimum wage law, the Davis-Bacon Act of 1931, had racist motivation.

Among the widespread racist sentiment was that of American Federation of Labor President William Green, who complained, “Colored labor is being sought to demoralize wage rates.”

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At the electronic whipping post

I woke up, fell out of bed and brought my iPhone to my head. I had to learn whom to hate today.

In olden times, this was a laborious process. You had to go down to the village square to see who had been put in the stocks.

Today the despised are far more numerous, but the Internet both creates and keeps track of them.

MSNBC's Melissa Harris-Perry was a target recently for ridiculing Mitt Romney's black grandchild.

Romney, who has a Twitter account with more than 1.5 million followers, had tweeted a Christmas card with a family photo of him and his wife, Ann, surrounded by their 22 grandchildren.

It was a lovely card; everybody looked terrific. And you had to look somewhat closely to notice that the baby sitting in Romney's lap had dark skin.

Harris-Perry looked somewhat closely — and assembled a panel on TV to make fun of the card, pointing out the one black Romney face in a sea of white Romney faces.

This was kind of stupid and kind of cruel — which meant it was perfect.

Twitter lit up like a pinball machine, with Harris-Perry as the ball. Harris-Perry apologized by Twitter and then tearfully apologized on-air.

On Sunday, Romney accepted Harris-Perry's apology, a “news” item that led Google News and was one of the most read political stories in The Washington Post.

Also at the electronic whipping post was Michael Scheuer — a former CIA intelligence officer, a TV talking head and an adjunct professor at Georgetown University — who wrote a blog that harshly attacked President Ba-

rack Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron.

This led to a headline on Daily Kos, “Georgetown University Professor/Fox News Expert Calls For Obama's Assassination,” and an article by David Frum on The Daily Beast that stated: “In the modern media environment, it's pretty hard to go too far. Advocacy of murder, however, does cross one of the last remaining lines.”

Actually, I would argue that in the modern media environment, it's very easy to go too far. All you have to do is shoot your mouth off and wait for it to ricochet around the Web.

Threatening the life of a president is a class D felony under federal law, but because a threat is an act of speech, the justice system has to take into account the First Amendment right of people to say completely idiotic stuff.

My crack research staff (Wikipedia) produced this nugget: In 1971, Groucho Marx was quoted as saying, “I think the only hope this country has is (Richard) Nixon's assassination.” The Justice Department declined to prosecute, saying it is one thing to make that threat “when you are the leader of an organization which advocates killing people and overthrowing the Government; it is quite another to utter the words which are attributed to Mr. Marx, an alleged comedian.”

Scheuer's alleged threat amounts to his writing: “Messrs Obama and Cameron and their supporters in all parties would do well to read the words of the great 17th century English republican Algernon Sidney ... (who wrote), ‘every man might kill a tyrant; and no names are recorded in history with more honor, than of those who did it.’”

Personally, I would imprison for life anybody who uses “Messrs” in his writing. (I might make an exception for French people, but maybe not.) Sidney was executed for treason, by the

way, Dec. 7, 1683, which brings us, somehow, to Pearl Harbor and SpaghettiOs.

On New Year's Eve, NBC's Carson Daly hosted a show from Times Square in which he attacked SpaghettiOs for weeks earlier tweeting a picture of a large SpaghettiO holding an American flag, with the caption, “Take a moment to remember #PearlHarbor with us.”

“It offended a lot of people, corporations glomming onto, you know, sentimental American historic traditions,” Daly said.

To which comedian Natasha Leggero replied, “I mean, it sucks that the only survivors of Pearl Harbor are being mocked by the only food they can still chew.”

I just assumed everybody was drunk — what the heck were they doing talking about Pearl Harbor on Dec. 31? — but it led, of course, to immediate outrage.

SpaghettiOs already had been forced to apologize for its un-patriotic use of pasta, but Leggero wrote on her Tumblr account: “I wish I could apologize, but do you really want another insincere apology that you know is just an attempt at damage control and not a real admission of guilt?”

Well, yes, of course we do. We appreciate it when people fake sincerity.

So I'd like to issue blanket and solemn regret for anything I might write in the future. The Koch brothers are the spawn of an ancient alien race sent from the cosmos to take over the Earth.

My sincerest apologies.

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School News

Big Spring ISD pride corner

Big Spring ISD in conjunction with Marcy Elementary School would like to congratulate Emily Reyes for being recognized at the Rotary Club Luncheon on Jan. 7, 2014, for being Marcy's Star Student and Principal of the Day.



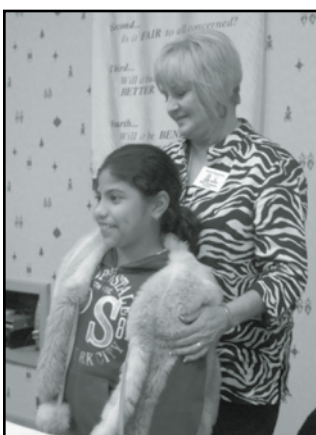
MELISSA MILLER

Emily is a hard working fifth grader who loves to read and is often

found carrying books, even to lunch.

As Principal of the Day, Emily was able to read stories to various classrooms on campus, help in the library and have a special lunch with two of her friends.

Congratulations again Emily! Marcy Staff and Students are proud of you. Big Spring ISD is full of students who exemplify the characteristics associated with being a star student — good attendance, positive attitude, strong work ethic, and being well-rounded as involved students — but is



pleased that Emily was recognized for her efforts.

Melissa Miller is an educational diagnostician at Big Spring High School.

TuTushie headed to Golden Globe Awards

Herald Staff Report

LAMESA — Courtney Shofner, from Lamesa, Texas, a graduate from Klondike High School and Texas Tech University, had a dream to start an infant and toddler girl clothing line. While on vacation in Colorado in 2010, the name of her business, Klassy Kouture, and the design came to her.

The design, the TuTushie — a tutu on the tush — began to come alive. The design name is trademarked and the TuTushie is patented. The TuTushie is a one piece outfit with “bling” or other embellishments on the front and a soft tutu sewn on the back. Using her photography skills, Shofner designs the outfit and has employees who do the sewing and heat pressing the rhinestone bling or



other embellishments. Each outfit is made by hand.

Klassy Kouture line is in the Dallas market and Atlanta market and can be seen in stores across Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky, Alabama and Florida. Closer to home, they may be purchased at the Splurge Boutique in Big Spring.

“The most exciting news that has happened to Klassy Kouture is that the TuTushie has been selected to be in a celebrity gift bag at the Golden Globes Awards which will be Jan. 12,” said Shofner. In August, Shofner received an email from the CEO of Secret Room Events, Rita Branch, wanting Klassy Kouture to be a part of the Red Carpet Style Lounge & Bambi Baby Lounge event tak-

ing place at the Golden Globes.

After much thought and talking to family members, Courtney decided to be a part of this. The TuTushie will be given to celebrities who are pregnant or who just had a baby girl recently. Some of the gift bags will also be given to media editors.

Shofner has added infant bloomers with a tutu and a top with bling to have an outfit. Also, Klassy Kouture has added a line for toddler girls.

The bling and tutu is placed on t-shirt or dress. Legwarmers with a tutu at the bottom and hair accessories can also be purchased.

The infant line ranges from sizes 0 to 18 months and the toddler line ranges from sizes 18 month to size 5/6. Take a look at www.klassykouture.com to see the many colors and styles to choose from.

Nordic Choir to perform in Midland

DECORAH, Iowa — Luther College Nordic Choir, one of the top college choirs in the nation, will perform at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, at First Baptist Church of Midland in Midland,

Texas. The performance by the 74-member Nordic Choir is open to the public with no charge for admission. For information, call 432-683-0600. The 2014 Nordic Choir tour program

will include selections from “Magnificat” by William Walton, Bach’s “Der Geist hilft unsrer Schwachheit auf” and “I Have Called You By Name” by Stephen Paul.

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Sports in brief

Hawk Buddies hoop camp set for Jan. 18

Howard College women's basketball will host its Hawk Buddies basketball camp on Jan. 18, in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the college campus.

The Hawk Buddies program is for girls and boys in kindergarten through eighth grade.

Registration will be from 8:30-9 a.m. with the camp running from 9 a.m.-noon, which will include a pizza party from 11:40 a.m.-noon.

The \$20 fee includes:

- Hawk basketball
- Free admission for all family members to HC home games
- Clinic with lectures on goals and basketball fundamentals
- Pizza party with the Lady Hawks
- Buddies Night — autographs and pictures with the Lady Hawks

Buddies Night will be held on Saturday, Feb. 13, as the Lady Hawks take on Frank Phillips College at Garrett Coliseum.

For more information or to obtain a registration form, please

visit www.hchawk.com or contact Assistant Coach Addie Lees at 264-5155.

CGA hosting 4-man scramble

The Chicano Golf Association will hold its annual membership drive four-man scramble Feb. 16 at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Entry fee is \$35 per player for the build-your-own-team tournament and registration will be accepted up to 9:30 a.m. the day of the event.

Mulligans will be sold for \$5. For more information, contact the golf course pro shop at 264-2366.

JV Lady Steers improve to 8-3

On Tuesday night the Big Spring Lady Steer's junior varsity defeated Snyder by a score of 58-41.

Leading scorers were Myckala Edwards with 24 points and Clay'el Davenport with 10.

The JV hosts Abilene Wylie at 5 p.m. Friday.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Howard College's Sarah Stinnett puts up a shot against South Plains College Monday. Both Howard teams are in action tonight. The women's game begins at 5:45, while the men tip off at 7:45 p.m.

Sports Calendar

TODAY

Women's basketball
Clarendon College at Howard College, 5:45 p.m.

Men's basketball
Clarendon College at Howard College, 7:45 p.m.

FRIDAY

Girls' basketball
Abilene Wylie at Big Spring, 6:15 p.m.

Stanton at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m.

Forsan at Plains, 6:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Abilene Wylie at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m.

Stanton at Coahoma, 8 p.m.

Forsan at Plains, 8 p.m.

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 235, or e-mail reporter@bigspringherald.com

Maniel goes pro

'Johnny Football' declares for draft

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

Johnny Football is heading to the NFL.

Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel declared for the NFL draft on Wednesday following two spectacular seasons in which he became the first freshman to win the Heisman Trophy and helped the Aggies make a splash in their first two years in the Southeastern Conference.

"After long discussions with my family, friends, teammates, and coaches, I have decided to make myself available for the 2014 NFL draft," Manziel said in a letter posted online by the university. "The decision was not an easy one, but we all felt this was the right time to make the next step toward a professional career."



Manziel

Some NFL draft analysts have Manziel ranked as high as the third overall pick in mock drafts.

In a style befitting his record-setting career, Manziel led the Aggies to a 52-48 come-from-behind win over Duke in the Chick-Fil-A Bowl on New Year's Eve in his final college game. Texas A&M trailed 38-17 at halftime before Manziel guided them to the victory by finishing with 382 yards passing with four TD tosses and 73 yards rushing and another score.

"In all of my years of coaching, Johnny Manziel is the most exciting football player I have ever seen," A&M coach Kevin Sumlin said. "We appreciate everything he has done for Texas A&M and Aggie football and wish him nothing but the best."

Manziel became the first freshman to win the Heisman in 2012 after setting numerous school and SEC records while leading Texas A&M to an 11-2 record and a victory over No. 1 Alabama in its first season in the SEC.

His dynamic play created a frenzy and pushed him into a stratosphere of celebrity that few college athletes have reached. That began to cause problems since Manziel, who is from Kerrville, Texas, still had three years of eligibility remaining.

He followed his Heisman-winning season with a high-profile offseason of road trips to Las Vegas and the NBA Finals. Manziel met Heat star

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5 things to know about Hall vote

By HOWIE RUMBERG

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Hall of Fame voters electing Greg Maddux, Frank Thomas and Tom Glavine — three stars who've never been connected to performance-enhancing drugs.

On a day that turned out to be a celebration of first-timers on the ballot, Craig Biggio missed out on baseball's highest honor by two votes. Mike Piazza gained a bit of ground in his second year of eligibility, too, but nearly everyone else saw their percentage of votes drop — 75 percent is needed for admittance.

Award winners from the Steroids Era struck out again, and big-game ace Jack Morris missed on his 15th and final chance in voting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Next year, chances don't improve for returnees with another crowded class of achievers.

"Kids dream about playing pro

sports, but to go into the Baseball Hall of Fame, it's a gigantic moment for me," Thomas said.

The induction ceremony July 27 will be an Atlanta Braves reunion with Glavine and Maddux joined by their former manager Bobby Cox, who along with fellow skipper Joe Torre and Tony La Russa were selected by the expansion era committee last month.

Here are five things to know about the Hall of Fame voting revealed Wednesday:

KEEP OUT: Another rough ballot for stars suspected of steroids use. Home run king Barry Bonds and seven-time Cy Young Award winner Roger Clemens were among several who saw their support drop. In their second year on the ballot, the BBWAA gave Clemens 35.4 percent of the vote and Bonds 34.7. Mark McGwire (11 percent) and Sammy Sosa (7.2 percent) fell as well. Rafael Palmeiro, with 3,020 hits and 569 homers, received the ultimate rebuke: He got only 25 votes (4.4 percent), which is

below the 5 percent threshold to remain on the ballot.

Whether the drop is a statement on the BBWAA's stance on PEDs or just a dip caused by the packed ballot is to be seen. But if Hall newcomer Thomas has his way, it won't get any easier for those with sullied reputations.

"Over the last year, doing a couple of charity events with Hall of Famers that are in, they've got a strong stance against anyone who's taken steroids. They do not want them in," he said. "I've got to take the right stance, too. No, they shouldn't get in."

KNOCK, KNOCK: Biggio, the Houston Astros second baseman with over 3,000 hits, a Hall benchmark, received 427 votes (74.8 percent) after getting 388 last year in his first appearance. Even with another impressive list of first-time candidates next year, Biggio is on target to join the elite. His close call matched

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Maddux



Thomas



Glavine

Broncos figure to be better this time around

By ARNIE STAPLETON

AP Pro Football Writer

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — The last top seed to open its playoff run against a team it had just lost to at home in December was the 2008 New York Giants, who were beaten again by Philadelphia in the rematch.

Six years later, the Denver Broncos and another Manning brother open against the San Diego Chargers, who held the highest-scoring team of the Super Bowl era to its lowest point total of the season in a 27-20 upset in Denver last month.

The Broncos figure to be a different team than the one that took the field on the final Thursday night game of the season, however.

This time, they'll have Wes Welker, Champ Bailey and Jeremy Mincey, but they'll also be without Von Miller, who's set to undergo surgery to repair his torn right ACL on Thursday, team officials said.

The Chargers (10-7) and Broncos (13-3) have played 108 times but never in the postseason.

"This is why you have

"This is why you have the offseason work, this is why you meet as often as you do in April, May and June. It's for opportunities like this."

Peyton Manning
Denver quarterback

the offseason work, this is why you meet as often as you do in April, May and June," Peyton Manning said. "It's for opportunities like this."

Manning wasn't in the mood Wednesday to reflect on his record-setting regular season, focused as he is on trying to win another Super Bowl ring that would match brother Eli's pair.

Manning will have his stellar slot receiver back from a concussion that forced him to miss that last game against the Chargers, when the Broncos had three straight three-and-outs that helped San Diego turn an early touchdown deficit into a 24-10 lead.

The Broncos were 2 of 9 on third downs that night, when they sorely missed Welker.

"Big time," wide receiver Eric Decker said. "He's a guy that has done very well on third down and just on any down. When you lose a weapon like that, you have to fill the shoes and I don't think we as a team did a good enough job of having a successful first down, minimizing the third-and-longs and taking advantage of some opportunities we had."

Bailey was out with a nagging foot injury that night, too, and Philip Rivers picked on rookie cornerback Kayvon Webster, who played the final three quarters with a broken right thumb, no less.

Bailey's return at nickel back gives the Broncos three solid cornerbacks along with Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie and

Chris Harris Jr. to cover the likes of Vincent Brown, Eddie Royal and Keenan Allen.

San Diego coach Mike McCoy said running back Ryan Mathews (ankle) won't practice until Friday. But McCoy declared, "He's going to be healthy on Sunday."

Mathews gained 127 yards on 29 carries against Denver last month, the only back to top 100 yards on the Broncos all season.

After San Diego gained 103 yards on the ground on first down, the Broncos shored up their run defense by signing Mincey, who was released by Jacksonville, and first-round draft pick Sylvester Williams picked up his play as Denver allowed just 3.28 yards per carry and 75 yards rushing over the last two games of the season.

That gives the Broncos confidence they can turn things around against the Chargers, the only team to hold them under 65 snaps this season — and they did it twice.

The Chargers controlled the clock for more than 38 minutes both times the teams played.

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Staff Engineer-- Responsible for providing engineering support for District facilities and operations. Position provides engineering and evaluation for projects, including preparing specifications and bid documents, system hydraulic evaluation, and overseeing construction. Intermediate level position, with Bachelor's Degree in Engineering required.

Engineering Technician-- Responsible for supporting Engineering Staff on District projects, including developing CAD drawings, providing GIS maps, and assisting in developing specifications and bid documents. Entry Level Position, Associates Degree preferred. CRMWD is an equal opportunity employer. Benefits include health insurance, retirement plans, and sick, vacation and holiday leave.

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11:PM ABC	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Noticiero	How I Met	Letterman	Titulares	Jay Leno		Justice	World	70s	Treehouse Masters		Police Videos					
12:AM ABC	Nightline	Familia-Suerte	How I Met	Ferguson	La Reina del Sur	Jimmy Fallon	Conan	Called Israel	T. Smiley	70s	Treehouse Masters		Police Videos	Inside the NBA	Movie: Preacher's Kid, Sharif Atkins	Shake It ANT Farm Deck	Basket NFL Live	SportsCenter
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

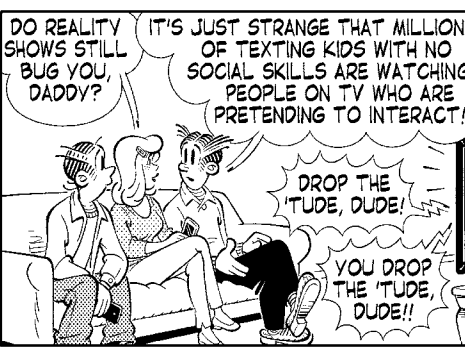


"Maybe you would rather we all go watch a little TV. Okay, Mommy?"

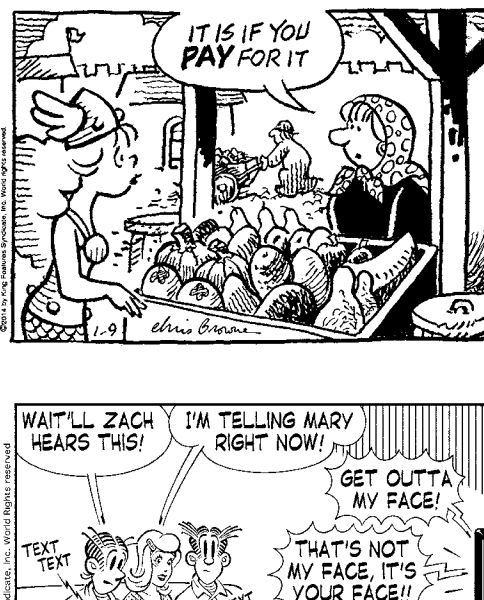
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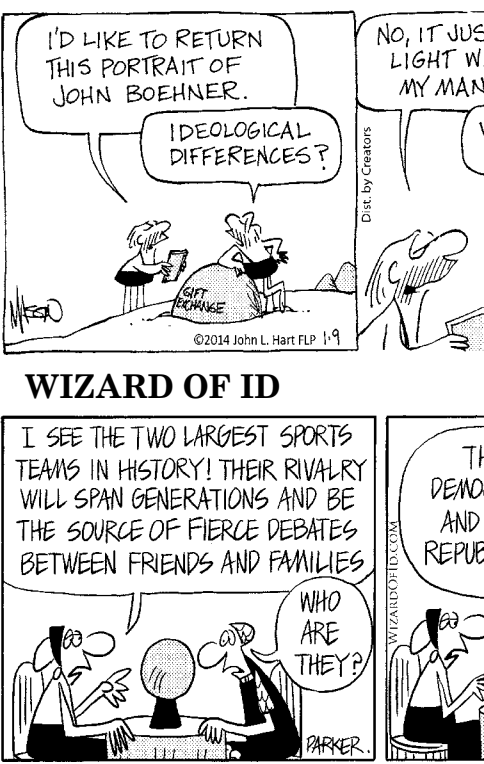


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"I'D LIKE TO RETURN THIS PORTRAIT OF JOHN BOEHNER. IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES?" "NO, IT JUST DOESN'T LIGHT WELL ON MY MANTEL. WHAT'S THE ISSUE?" "I CAN BARELY MAKE OUT THE TEARS."

AGNES



HI AND LOIS



This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Jan. 9, the ninth day of 2014. There are 356 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 9, 1914, the County of Los Angeles opened the country's first public defender's office, headed by Walton J. Wood. In 1788, Connecticut became the fifth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution. In 1793, Frenchman Jean Pierre Blanchard, using a hot-air balloon, flew between Philadelphia and Woodbury, N.J. In 1861, Mississippi became the second state to secede from the Union, the same day the Star of the West, a merchant vessel bringing reinforcements and supplies to Federal troops at Fort Sumter, S.C., retreated because of artillery fire. In 1913, Richard Milhous Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, was born in Yorba Linda, Calif. In 1914, the fraternity Phi Beta Sigma was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C. In 1931, Bobbi Trout and Edna May Cooper broke an endurance record for female aviators as they returned to Mines Field in Los Angeles after flying a Curtiss Robin monoplane continuously for 122 hours and 50 minutes. In 1945, during World War II, American forces began landing at Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines. In 1951, the United Nations headquarters in New York officially opened. In 1964, anti-U.S. rioting broke out in the Panama Canal Zone, resulting in the deaths of 21 Panamanians and four U.S. soldiers. In 1972, reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes, speaking by telephone from the

Bahamas to reporters in Hollywood, said a purported autobiography of him by Clifford Irving was a fake.

In 1987, the White House released a Jan. 1986 memorandum prepared for President Ronald Reagan by Lt. Col. Oliver L. North showing a link between U.S. arms sales to Iran and the release of American hostages in Lebanon. In 1997, a Comair commuter plane crashed 18 miles short of the Detroit Metropolitan Airport, killing all 29 people on board. © 2014, The Associated Press. All rights reserved.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Rotisserie part
 - 5 Distinctive period
 - 10 Lacking brightness
 - 14 Besides that
 - 15 Sri Lankan product
 - 16 Promising
 - 17 Home hang-up
 - 19 Give off
 - 20 SFO posting
 - 21 Others, to Octavian
 - 22 Pass by
 - 24 Pizza Hut alternative
 - 26 Genesis outcast
 - 27 Home hang-up
 - 32 Unemotional
 - 35 Thing often checked
 - 36 Just released
 - 37 Scruff
 - 38 Very complicated
 - 40 Turpentine source
 - 41 Pioneer's purchase
 - 42 Cruise sculptor's medium
 - 43 Choir members
 - 44 Home hang-up
 - 49 Applications
 - 50 Naval fleets
 - 54 "That's a shame!"
 - 57 Butter bean
 - 58 Air-pollution org.
 - 59 Roof edge
 - 60 Home hang-up
 - 63 Moonstruck Oscar winner
- DOWN**
- 1 Made a quilt
 - 2 Giant of philosophy
 - 3 Mideast faith
 - 4 Business-card abbr.
 - 5 Dramatic postscript
 - 6 "___ the thought!"
 - 7 Jambalaya ingredient
 - 8 Dove sound
 - 9 Genetics study
 - 10 Fantasized
 - 11 Easy victory
 - 12 Sale proviso
 - 13 Data measure
 - 18 Overly intense
 - 23 Lenient
 - 25 "Why would ___?"
 - 26 Way out there
 - 28 *Oliver Twist* occupation
 - 29 Troop group
 - 30 Clinton cabinet member
 - 31 Meadow moms
 - 32 Lose it
 - 33 Urban wheels
 - 34 Grp. including Iran and Iraq
 - 38 33 Down, e.g.
 - 39 Experts
 - 40 Urgent request
 - 43 Mideast capital
 - 45 Yams and potatoes
 - 46 NATO charter member
 - 47 Complained loudly
 - 48 Troop groups
 - 51 Put off
 - 52 Speedily
 - 53 Folgers competitor
 - 54 Software support person
 - 55 Home of Pearl Harbor
 - 56 It's within your range
 - 57 Old Italian coin
 - 61 Self-worth
 - 62 Grad-school application stat.

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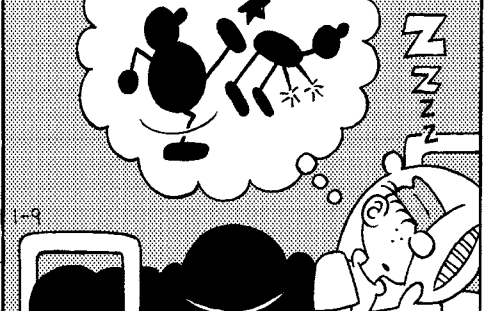
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HI AND LOIS



MANZIEL

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LeBron James and rapper Drake, and he posted some tweets that made headlines.

One that brought the ire of Aggie fans was when he said he "couldn't wait" to get out of College Station.

His most embarrassing blunder came during the summer when he departed early from a quarterback camp for high school players run by the Manning family in Louisiana. Manziel said it was a mutual de-

cision after he overslept and missed meetings and activities.

Manziel's trouble continued when he got back to football. He was suspended for the first half of the Aggies' season opener against Rice for what the school said was an "inadvertent" violation of NCAA rules.

The Aggies were supposed to contend for a national title in Manziel's encore. But another standout season by the dynamic quarterback wasn't enough to overcome a porous defense that was among the worst in the nation. Texas A&M finished 9-4.

HALL

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Nellie Fox in 1985 and Pie Traynor in 1947 for the smallest margin to just miss. They both eventually made it.

Whether it's suspicion of steroids use or a crowded field, Piazza, the career home run leader for catchers, saw his chances for election improve, too. Piazza received 62.2 percent up from 57.8 last year.

FADING FAST: Writers can vote for at most 10 candidates, and with a strong first-year group several players saw their vote totals go down, seriously hurting their chances for election. Tim Raines fell from 52.2 percent to 46.6 percent. Lee Smith, in his 12th year, dropped to 29.9 from 47.8. Curt Schilling tumbled to 29.2 percent after getting 38.8 percent in his first appearance in 2013. Another player

perhaps affected by the stench of steroids, Jeff Bagwell, saw his support decrease to 54.3 percent after two years of improving results. Unfortunately, the ballot remains chock full of talent next year.

WHO VOTED? Attention always zeroes in on the players who come closest to election. But with Biggio falling two votes shy of election, it's worth a look at the bottom of the ballot. This year, Armando Benitez, Jacque Jones and Kenny Rogers each received a vote. All fine players with solid careers, but as is often said, it's the Hall of Fame, not the Hall of the very good.

HEAD OF THE CLASS: There is little relief on next year's ballot for the holdovers. Maddux and Glavine's former teammate John Smoltz heads a worthy group that includes Randy Johnson, Pedro Martinez, Carlos Delgado and Gary Sheffield.

Parker leads Spurs past Mavericks

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tony Parker and Tim Duncan provided the San Antonio Spurs with the physical and emotional lift they needed on the second night of back-to-back games.

Parker scored 25 points and Duncan had 16 points and 13 rebounds, and San Antonio never trailed, cruising past the Dallas Mavericks 112-90 Wednesday night.

Both teams were on the second night of a back-to-back, with San Antonio winning in overtime at Memphis and the Mavericks topping the Los Angeles Lakers in Dallas.

Parker got off to a hot start despite playing 40 minutes Tuesday night, and finished 10 for 15 from the field with seven assists in 29 minutes.

"When I woke up this morning, obviously ev-

erything hurts and you feel like you're 45 years old and think about 'Man, I should not play in the summer,' " Parker said. "But it worked out. We played great. We had good energy."

The Spurs turned to Marco Belinelli with super sub Manu Ginobili unable to play after straining his left hamstring against the Grizzlies. After starting 11 consecutive games, Belinelli had 17 points, going 3 for 5 on 3-pointers as a reserve.

Kawhi Leonard added 12 points and Patty Mills scored 11 for San Antonio (28-8), which recaptured the Western Conference's best record ahead of Oklahoma City (27-8).

Monta Ellis had 21 points and Vince Carter added 14. No other player scored in double fig-

ures as the Mavericks (20-16) lost their seventh straight to the Spurs.

Dirk Nowitzki was limited to eight points, shooting 3 for 14 and making his only two free throw attempts while engaged in a physical battle with Boris Diaw. "Boris did all the little things out there and did an excellent job on Dirk," Duncan said. "He gave us a chance to get some space in the game and control Dirk without having to double team him and that was a big advantage for us."

Duncan also provided a huge lift, going 5 for 8 from the field and picking up 10 defensive rebounds and blocking two shots.

He also helped lift his teammates' spirits. From encouraging and joking with teammates

during timeouts to teasing the Spurs commentators, Duncan was in high spirits and it reflected in the team's energy.

The Spurs outrebounded the Mavericks 55-32.

"The rebounding killed us all night long," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said. "We were down 36-18 at halftime and that's just not good enough."

Duncan grabbed five rebounds and Leonard had four in the first 7 minutes of the game, as San Antonio took advantage of Dallas' undersized lineup. Duncan, Leonard and Boris Diaw had 11 points and 12 rebounds to open the game.

The lack of rebounding was made worse by the Mavericks' woeful shooting.

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Sudoku Answer on Page 5

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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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The Big Spring Herald



QUESTION OF THE WEEK!!

What content would you like to see in the Big Spring Herald in 2014?

- Tammy Burrow Schrecengost** I would like to see local people featured on the front cover of the lifestyle page instead of recipes.
- Ernest Rodriguez** Where are they now.
- Dondee Zamora-Vela** Kids sports section. Soccer football volleyball baseball basketball cheer softball dance mma all those kids sports there's something year round going on would be nice to read about and see pictures (33-40)
- Sally Grove** More stories about local talent or good deeds by others. In other words, some positive stuff. We get enough bad everywhere else. 51+
- Carolyn Sue Boy-Jackson 51+**..positive stuff, city growth or plans for growth....improvements.....
- Dondee Zamora-Vela** Maybe even a Sr edition to like adopt a grandparent. So many elderly in the nursing home go with out any visits from anyone we could change that(33-40)
- Starla Ayala** I'm 53 have a 10 yr old daughter ! I would like more emphasis on the good that all our schools do !! There is always something good going on at all campuses ! I think the elementary school level gets a little neglect by putting things in the paper about all of the elementary schools may help all of the kids have more enthusiasm about learning !!
- Sandra Hernandez** More activities for the youth ages 5 and up also activities for 26-32
- Albert Cavazos** Unsung heroes. Public safety personnel stories.
- Ashley Martinez** Positivity and/or "citizen of the week" stories.
- Jessie Payen** More of how people make a difference in our town 51+
- Tori Patterson** Untold heros everyday acts of kindness and people that deserve some recognition for their selflessness and kindness. Age 26-32.
- Mandy Castaneda Cantu** I would love to see a "Good deeds" section. Find extraordinary people in our town that go above and beyond to help others. I know a few myself so I'm sure you would have no problem getting stories! Age group 26-32
- Brian Allen** I would also like to see more activities posted also 26-32

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A Deducible Deduction

West dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J 10 8
♥ Q 10 9 6
♦ Q 9
♣ A Q 6 2

WEST
♠ K 5 2
♥ 7 5
♦ A K J 8 2
♣ 10 7 4

EAST
♠ 9 7 6 3
♥ 8 2
♦ 10 4 3
♣ K 9 8 3

SOUTH
♠ A Q 4
♥ A K J 4 3
♦ 7 6 5
♣ J 5

The bidding:
West Pass North Pass East Pass South 1♥
2♦ 3♥ Pass 4♥

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

The ability to deduce how the unseen cards are divided plays an enormous role in the outcome of many deals. Declarer can occasionally perform seemingly miraculous feats by visualizing the makeup of a particular defender's hand and in that way land a contract that might otherwise fail.

Consider this case where South is in four hearts and West cashes the K-A of diamonds and shifts to a trump. How should declarer proceed?
If he adopts the most obvious line

of play, he draws trumps and attempts both a spade finesse and a club finesse. Unfortunately, both lose, and South goes down one. But if he is well-versed in the art of inference and deduction, South makes the contract. Not only that, but he should feel supremely confident of the outcome as soon as dummy comes into view.

After drawing trumps, declarer's correct play is to lead a low club from dummy! First, let's examine the effect of this play as the cards lie. If East rises with the king, South no longer needs to risk a spade finesse because he can eventually discard the Q-4 of spades on dummy's A-Q of clubs. If instead West plays low on the club lead from dummy, South's jack wins, and he later loses only a spade trick.

The suggested approach is entirely reasonable, because after West shows up with the king of clubs, East then becomes certain to have the king of spades. So, regardless of where the king of clubs is located, four hearts is certain to succeed with proper play.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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