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The Dance Gallery float stood out as one of the best in 2013's Christmas parade.

Not too late to enter parade

Theme, A Texas Christmas!, lends itself to a lot of imagination

Herald Staff Report

A western skirt, 10-gallon hat, snap up shirts, lined denim jackets, traditional cowboy boots — think Yeehaw! A Texas Christmas!

That's the theme for the 29th Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade, set for 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6.

"Yeehaw! A Texas Christmas! proclaims how our state and community love to celebrate the holidays. It also leaves the door open for participants to use their imagination as to how they'd like to decorate a float," said Rick Nunez, Big Spring Herald general manager. "From doing the two step around the Christmas tree, mommy kissing Santa Claus,

a peaceful country nativity scene, a church choir, this theme allows for just about anything.

"We'd love for area churches, businesses, children's groups, clubs and individuals to register now to participate in the parade. It's always an enjoyable

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Big Spring banker gets 41 months in prison

Special to the Herald

LUBBOCK, Texas — A former branch manager at BBVA Compass Bank in Big Spring, Texas, (BBVA Big Spring) was sentenced last week by U.S. District Judge Sam R. Cummings on a bank fraud conviction, according to U.S. Attorney Sarah R. Saldaña of the Northern District of Texas.

Lisa Lynette Barber, 49, of Amarillo, Texas, was sentenced to 41 months in federal prison and ordered to pay \$1,095,540 in restitution. Barber pleaded guilty in July 2014 to one count of bank fraud. Judge Cummings ordered that she surrender to the Bureau of Prisons on Dec. 19.

According to documents filed in the case, Barber was employed by BBVA Big Spring as branch manager from 2008 to 2012. BBVA Big Spring acquired State National Bank in 2008 where Barber had worked from 1997 to 2008. Because of

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Big Spring City Planner Roxanne Johnston addresses the Big Spring City Council during its Tuesday meeting.

Rezoning requests for two apartments get OK, third doesn't

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Developers wishing to build apartment complexes went two-for-three at Tuesday's Big Spring City Council meeting.

The council approved two rezoning requests to allow the construction of apartment complexes, but turned down a third application because of significant opposition from residents in the area.

The failed rezoning bid would have resulted in a 32-unit apartment building on

a square block bordered by Father Delaney, Douglas, Aylesford and Seventh streets in north Big Spring. The long-abandoned Kate Morrison elementary school building currently sits at the site.

The plan, however, drew opposition from more than half of the homeowners in the four-block area surrounding the site. Of 35 property owners who responded to a city survey about the proposal,

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan, left, talks with District 5 Councilman Raul Benavides prior to the start of Tuesday's city council meeting.

Airpark to house new warehouse

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Big Spring's Industrial Park will soon have a new tenant.

The local city council Tuesday approved a 10-year agreement with Prime Eco Group Inc. to lease 4.5 acres of land at McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark.

Prime Eco, which is based in the Houston area, will construct a product warehouse on the site, Airpark Manager Jim Little said.

"As their name implies, they are an ecologically friendly company," Little

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Salvation Army begins heater drive

Herald Staff Report

Each winter, less fortunate families across this nation wrap themselves in whatever

blankets they have and try to stay as warm as possible. It's no different in Howard County.

"After the weather turned

really cold last week, we had a number of people coming in asking if we had any heaters. Unfortunately we really don't," said Capt. Missy Ro-

mack with the Big Spring Salvation Army.

The organization is asking

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Obituaries

Lee Roy Findley

Lee Roy Findley, 90, died Monday, Nov. 17, 2014, in Century, Fla.

He was a native of Big Spring, Texas, and a resident of Century, Fla., for most of his life. Mr. Findley was a World War II veteran, former member of Airport Baptist in Big Spring and a long-time member of the Poplar Dell Baptist Church.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Ruthie Hawthorne Findley; sisters, Lois Jernigan, Mary Wells and Mattie Ruth Ohlson; and brothers, Cecil Findley, Garland Findley and James Findley. Survivors include his two daughters, Sara Lea (Steve) McAuliffe and Linda Ann Kuykendall; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Nov. 21, 2014, at 2 p.m. at the Petty-Eastside Chapel Funeral Home with the Rev. David McNary and the Rev. Mitch Herring officiating. Burial will follow at the Poplar Dell Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Thursday, Nov. 20, 2014, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Petty-Eastside Chapel Funeral Home.

Petty-Eastside Chapel Funeral Homes, LLC, Atmore, Ala. in charge of all arrangements.

Douglas Edgar Hattenbach

Douglas Edgar Hattenbach, 96, of Denton died Monday, Nov. 17, 2014 in Denton. Services are pending with Bill DeBerry Funeral Directors.

Vada Maxwell

Vada Maxwell, 83 of Big Spring died Sunday, Nov. 16, 2014, in Monroe, N.C. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

MONDAY

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

• 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 Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, across from the movie box office, next to Sears). 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.

• 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.

Police blotter

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

• **STORMY CAISE MURPHY**, 22, of 700 E. 12th St., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for driving while license invalid and fail to appear.

• **TERRY LYNN PAYNE**, 47, of 200 E. Hoover Rd., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of controlled substance greater than or equal to 4 grams but less than 200 grams.

• **JORDAN LEE KOSKI**, 26, of 103 Collins Rd., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for disorderly conduct language, disregard stop sign and no drivers license when unlicensed.

• **RAMON VASQUEZ GUTIERREZ**, 46, of 710 Douglass, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear and expired drivers license.

• **TERRY GLENN SMITH**, 29, of 7200 Kyle Rd., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license invalid, disregard red light and expired registration.

• **JOHN THOMAS BOUTIN**, 38, of 408 Cimarron Trail, Holly Lake Ranch, Texas, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of racing on highway - acceleration contest, etc.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported at the 1300 block of E. 4th St.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of 4th St. and Lancaster and the 1100 block of W. Interstate Highway 20.

• **THEFT** was reported at the 2600 block of W. Highway 80.

• **TELEPHONE HARASSMENT** was reported at the 400 block of Westover.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported at the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported at the 1400 block of E. 6th St.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriffs Office reported the following activity:

Note: Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 80 at the time of this report.

• **STORMY CAISE MURPHY** was booked by BSPD on warrants for driving while license invalid and failure to appear.

• **TERRY LYNN PAYNE** was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of controlled substance.

• **JORDAN LEE KOSKI** was booked on capias warrants for disorderly conduct-obscene language, ran stop sign and no drivers license.

• **TAMMY LYNEA BARRINGTON** was booked by HCSO on a warrant for credit card or debit card abuse.

• **JOHN THOMAS BOUTIN** was booked by HCSO on a charge of drag racing.

• **TERRY GLENN SMITH** was booked by HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid, disregard red light and expired registration.






• **RAMON VASQUEZ GUTIERREZ** was booked by HCSO on warrants for expired drivers license and bail jumping and fail to appear.

• A fundraiser for Jimmy Graves, who recently lost his home to fire, will be held Friday and Saturday. Barbecue plates with all the fixings will be sold for \$10 apiece at 2208 Williams Road from noon until the food is gone. For more information, contact Eba Kinard at 432-517-5651.

• Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual toy drive through Dec. 8. The chamber is accepting new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls ages 2-18 at 215 W. Third. The toys collected will assist CASA, Cossacks Motorcycle Club

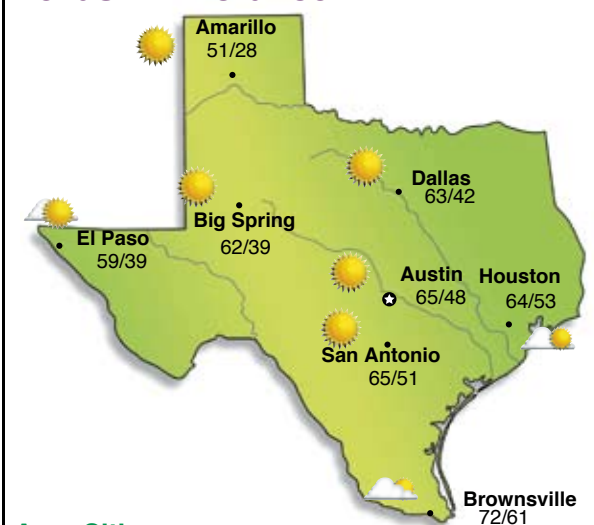
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 11/20	Fri 11/21	Sat 11/22	Sun 11/23	Mon 11/24
 62/39 Mainly sunny. High 62F. Winds WSW at 10 to 15 mph.	 68/45 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 40s.	 70/51 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s.	 66/51 Windy with times of sun and clouds.	 66/41 Sunny and windy. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise: 7:19 AM Sunset: 5:44 PM	Sunrise: 7:19 AM Sunset: 5:43 PM	Sunrise: 7:20 AM Sunset: 5:43 PM	Sunrise: 7:21 AM Sunset: 5:43 PM	Sunrise: 7:22 AM Sunset: 5:42 PM

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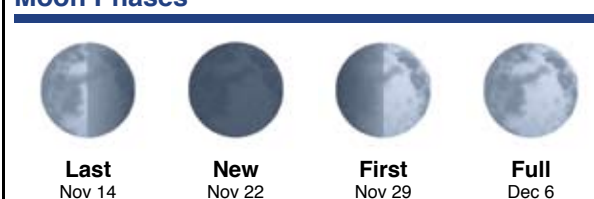
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	62	40	mst sunny	Kingsville	70	57	mst sunny
Amarillo	51	28	sunny	Livingston	63	47	mst sunny
Austin	65	48	sunny	Longview	61	43	sunny
Beaumont	62	50	mst sunny	Lubbock	55	31	sunny
Brownsville	72	61	cloudy	Lufkin	64	47	sunny
Brownwood	65	41	sunny	Midland	63	40	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	68	60	mst sunny	Raymondville	72	60	mst sunny
Corsicana	63	43	sunny	Rosenberg	66	51	mst sunny
Dallas	63	42	sunny	San Antonio	65	51	sunny
Del Rio	64	46	sunny	San Marcos	66	50	sunny
El Paso	59	39	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	60	39	sunny
Fort Stockton	66	43	mst sunny	Sweetwater	61	39	sunny
Gainesville	57	35	sunny	Tyler	61	45	sunny
Greenville	60	37	sunny	Weatherford	61	39	sunny
Houston	64	53	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	57	32	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	47	31	sunny	Minneapolis	22	4	pt sunny
Boston	35	27	sunny	New York	33	29	sunny
Chicago	29	15	sn shower	Phoenix	73	48	pt sunny
Dallas	63	42	sunny	San Francisco	63	54	rain
Denver	47	25	pt sunny	Seattle	54	44	cloudy
Houston	64	53	pt sunny	St. Louis	38	23	pt sunny
Los Angeles	68	53	pt sunny	Washington, DC	37	33	mst sunny
Miami	72	63	rain				

Moon Phases



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Thu 11/20	Fri 11/21	Sat 11/22	Sun 11/23	Mon 11/24
4	4	4	4	4
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

Take Note

Permian Basin Chapter, the Salvation Army and Spring Tabernacle. For more information, call 432-263-7641.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be hosting a Healthcare Marketplace presentation at North Side Community Center on Nov. 25 at 11:30 a.m. The presentation will be a Q&A type setting regarding the open enrollment period for 2014/2015. Information will be available about fines associated with those not signed up for insurance, as well as resources on how to sign up. A small lunch will be provided for those who RSVP by Nov. 21. To RSVP or to find out more information, contact Amanda Duforat at 268-4699.

• Howard County's Adopt a Military Hero program needs military deployment addresses (APO) for anyone will be deployed this Christmas. Send the information to 1606 E. Third or enter APO address at hcadoptmilitaryhero.weebly. For more information, call Debbie Burrow at 432-270-8554.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Thursday of each month at 219

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HEATERS

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the public for heaters, electric blankets, blankets and coats. They don't have to be new, but should be in "gently used" condition. It's also acceptable to purchase new heaters and bring them to the Salvation Army, or to make a monetary donation.



Romack

"If they want to donate money, we can go out and purchase heaters ourselves," said Romack.

The Salvation Army is located at 811 W. Fifth St. Hours are 9 a.m. until noon and 1 p.m. through 4 p.m.

"We need coats and blankets, but the greatest need is heaters," said Romack. "Most of the people coming in seeking help so far have been elderly. They may not have much money and sometimes the house they live in is old and hard to keep warm."

The Salvation Army will accept heaters, blankets and coats through Dec. 19, the captain said.



Gale Pittman, bakery manager at H-E-B, autographed a copy of his new book, "The Cookieman Recipes" for Beth Hart, middle, while Tamera Sneed looks on. Pittman held a book signing Saturday at the Heritage Museum.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

PARADE

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experience," Nunez said.

It's simple to register. Just contact the Herald at 710 Scurry, by phone at 432-263-7331 or by email at advertising@bigspringherald.com as soon as possible. There is no entry fee. Monetary prizes will be awarded.

Floats should not exceed 52 feet in length, 8 feet in width and 14 feet in height.

For safety reasons, the Herald asks participants to not throw candy from floats; however, candy may be thrown from someone walking beside the float.

The parade will start at 24th and Scurry and proceed north on Scurry to Fourth Street. From there, it will traverse a block to Main Street and turn right, breaking up between Fourth and Seventh streets.

AIRPARK

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told the council. "After they build the warehouse, they will store fluid used in the oilfield fracking process."

The only major concern to the proposal was the increased traffic that will result. Councilman Raul Marquez Jr., who

represents the district, said he has received several complaints from area residents about traffic and increased noise in the area.

Marquez was the lone council member to vote against the lease agreement.

In other business, the council approved:

- An agreement with Choate Co. to provide mineral rights

consulting for the city on plans for oil exploration near Moss Lake, Powell Lake and other city-owned properties.

- An agreement with Freese and Nichols to provide professional services for a study of utility expansion.

- Selected Mary Gressett and Debra Wallace as the city's nominees to the Howard County 911 Communication District

board of directors.

- Increasing the city's motel tax fund budget by \$22,000 to fund a study on renovating the city's namesake, the Big Spring, located at Comanche Trail Park.

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BARBER

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her position with BBVA Big Spring, Barber had full access to customers' bank accounts.

Barber made withdrawals from BBVA Big Spring customers' accounts without their knowledge, authority and permission, causing an approximate \$1.1 million loss to BBVA Big Spring.

Barber executed her scheme by several means, according to the

U.S. Attorney's Office. She fraudulently used customers' names and bank account numbers to initiate debit entries and withdrawals, which acted as formal requests for cashier's checks payable to another financial institution. Sometimes she forged BBVA Big Spring employee bank tellers' signatures on the cashier's checks, which were then deposited into her personal banking account held at the Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union (BSCFCU).

Acting in a supervisory capacity, Barber withdrew money from customers' accounts through her employee tellers. She submitted fraudulent withdrawal slips to BBVA Big Spring tellers to cause them to give Barber large amounts of cashier's checks not belonging to her. Barber informed the tellers that she was conducting business and making transfers for her customers, and the tellers did not question the legitimacy of those transactions be-

cause they trusted Barber was conducting the transactions at the customer's request.

According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, Barber victimized customers with whom she had a long-standing relationship, or customers she suspected would not immediately notice the unauthorized transactions. If customers noticed an improper transaction, they reported it directly to Barber who would immediately refund their accounts with money stolen from oth-

er customers' accounts. This response served to confirm victims' trust in Barber.

The FBI investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Chris Wolf prosecuted.

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COUNCIL

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19 expressed opposition to the idea. Because of that opposition, the proposal would have needed a "super majority" of the council — six of the seven votes — to pass.

Opposition centered around two major concerns — increased traffic in the area and idea that the complex would essentially be a "man camp" dormitory-style complex which would soon be abandoned once more attractive housing became available.

When it came to a vote, three council members — Raul Marquez Jr., Carmen Harbour and Marvin Boyd — voted

against the measure.

Marquez, who represents the area, left little doubt how he stood on the issue.

"I haven't seen something as strongly opposed as this since I've been on the council," he said. "I understand the need for more apartments in Big Spring but I also think ... we need to listen to voice of the people."

Arguing in favor of the proposal, Mayor Larry McLellan said the recent influx of new residents brought on by the oil boom has dried

up the rental market in Big Spring, increasing the need for more apartments.

"Big Spring is in desperate need of multi-family housing," he said. "Where are we going to put it? We can't keep saying, 'We don't want it here in our neighborhood.' We need affordable housing ... and we've got to add apartments like this or we won't be able to meet the needs of our citizens."

Two other rezoning requests passed easily, however. The first will

result in apartments being constructed on Martin Luther King Boulevard just north and east of Scenic Mountain Medical Center, while the other clears the way for a 192-unit gated apartment community, complete with amenities such as a pool and clubhouse, to be built north of FM 700 in the vicinity of Donley and 22nd streets.

No timetable has been announced for either project.

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DAILY PRAYER

As the holidays approach, oh Lord, help us to reach out to others with kindness and understanding. Amen

Often, our passion is misplaced

Monday evening I was once again privileged to attend one of my all-time most favorite sporting events, a San Antonio Spurs game. As an avid sports fan, through the years I have attended one Thanksgiving Day Dallas Cowboys game, many Rangers and Astros games, as well as hundreds of other sporting events. But when it comes to events of this nature, I love nothing more than being in that arena in the Alamo City when the world champion Spurs are introduced. It's electric. It's exciting. It's 18,581 passionate fans who generate as much noise as they possibly can to express their devotion to their team, and I love to join them every chance I get.

I make no apology for loving this team. I have been a fan since their inception. The Spurs are one of four former American Basketball Association teams to remain intact in the NBA after the 1976 ABA-NBA merger and the only former ABA team to have won an NBA championship. The Spurs' five NBA championships are the fourth most in history behind only the Boston Celtics (17), Los Angeles Lakers (16), and Chicago Bulls (6). I am hoping for a sixth banner to be hoisted into the rafters of the AT&T Center after this season ends.

They really are my favorite team in any sport and I deeply appreciate my friend, Ralph (Buzz) Kennedy, who provides me with the opportunity to attend several games a year. Only someone who was watching television back in the good old "Route 66" days gets the connection, but he and I (Todd) oftentimes travel to San Antonio in my convertible. Yes, we are too cool for words, but that's another story for another day.

As I attend Spurs games, as well as other major sports and entertainment venues, I am often sobered by an uncomfortable truth. People are so often uninhibitedly passionate about things that really don't matter that much and can be so com-

placent about things that are of immeasurable worth. I call it misguided allegiance. There is nothing inherently wrong with cheering for and loving your favorite player, team or entertainer, but I ask myself again and again, "Where is the real passion for the things that have lasting value to society and the human race?"

I wonder what would happen in our world if people cared as much about feeding the hungry as they do about a Cowboys' win. Or, if we could somehow generate a comparable level of support for the homeless, the unemployed, and the abused and neglected as we do for that singer who wants you to buy their CD or come to their concert but doesn't care whether you live or die beyond that.

The five major professional sports in America (NFL, MLB, NBA, NHL, MLS) generated more than \$23 billion in 2013. It is virtually impossible to assess the amount actually spent on entertainment by the masses when you include other sports, movies, television, concerts, and things of that nature. It is estimated to be in the trillions of dollars when you include gambling and other less publicized opportunities, legal and illegal, for the consumer to part with his cash.

At the same time, the injustices being forced upon us are increasing and threatening the very foundation of society in America and around the world, and I can't help but wonder, "Where is the passion for those serious issues?" Why don't the masses care about the people who are being suppressed and abused on a daily basis? Why aren't we outraged and passionate about the national debt, abuse of power and uncontrolled corruption in our government, immorality, world hunger, disease, abortion, crime, and a thousand more matters infinitely more important than which team of overpaid and arrogant athletes take home the trophy? Why is there more passion in America for who wins the Academy Award than the hero who puts his very life on the line every day fighting one of our enemies in some foreign country?

More than 1 billion people in the world go to bed hungry every night. Every 3.6 seconds

someone starves to death and 3/4 are children under the age of 5. More than 2.8 billion people, close to half the world's population, live on less than the equivalent of \$2 a day. More than 1.2 billion people, or about 20 per cent of the world population, live on less than the equivalent of \$1 a day. More than 1 billion people do not have access to safe water. About one-third of all children under the age of five suffer from malnutrition. The top fifth (20 per cent) of the world's people who live in the highest income countries have access to 86 per cent of world gross domestic product. The bottom fifth, in the poorest countries, has about one per cent. And, other than having a degree of sympathy, who really cares enough to make a difference?

I'm smart enough to know all of the complex problems of the world don't have simple solutions and, in some cases, all the passion in the world couldn't change the situation. I am also not implying that nobody cares about the crises in the world. I am simply challenging myself, and maybe you, to weigh in on what really matters to us as Americans and maybe be more honest with ourselves about our priorities. I try not to sound too much like a preacher in my weekly literary visits with you, but the truth is that Jesus understood this problem thousands of years ago and warned us that wherever our heart was, that's where we would also find our treasures (Matthew 6:21).

I'm sure you care. We all do. But what I'm wondering today is what do we really care about the most? Brandon Sanderson said, "The mark of a great man is one who knows when to set aside the important things in order to accomplish the vital ones." I can conscientiously support my favorite sports teams because my heart is even more passionate about things that will matter long after the lights on the scoreboard are extinguished.

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

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EDDY PRINCE

Think Obamacare's affordable?

Before he became the Obama administration's least favorite overpaid expert, MIT economist Jonathan Gruber was its darling. He appeared in an Obama campaignad saying, "I helped (Massachusetts) Gov. (Mitt) Romney develop his health care reform, or Romneycare, before going down to Washington to help President Obama develop his national version of that law." The false portrayal of Romneycare and Obamacare as practically identical fueled the Democratic delusion that Congress had drafted the Affordable Care Act to appeal to rascally Republicans.

Now Gruber is in the doghouse because he was captured on video being brutally honest. In 2010, Gruber told a panel, "Barack Obama's not a stupid man, OK?" Obama knew the public doesn't care about the uninsured, Gruber said. "What the American public cares about is costs. And that's why even though the bill that they made is 90 percent health insurance coverage and 10 percent about cost control, all you ever hear people talk about is cost control."

Ergo, candidate Obama's 2008 promise that his universal

health plan would "bring down premiums by \$2,500 for the typical family."

What happened to those savings? Josh Archambault, senior fellow at the Foundation for Government Accountability, a free market think tank, answered, "We have not seen them yet."

Even in 2008, it was clear that pledge was bogus. The New York Times reported in July, "The health policy advisers who formulated the figure say it actually represents the average family's share of savings not only in premiums paid by individuals, but also in premiums paid by employers and in tax-supported health programs like Medicare and Medicaid." Economist David Cutler admitted to "occasional misstatements" made in service to a desire to "find a way to talk to people in a way they understand."

(Three Harvard professors made a "best guess" as to how much the government, employers and consumers might save when Obama's proposals are fully implemented — \$200 billion annually — divided by the number of Americans and multiplied by four.)

Then they let Obamaland talk as if all the savings would go to premium reductions.)

At a different venue, Gruber alluded to the "stupidity of the American voter" for falling for the administration's claim that Obamacare's Cadillac tax

on employer-paid health plans would be "a tax on insurance plans rather than a tax on people when we all know it's a tax on people who hold those insurance plans."

Obama whisperer David Axelrod tweeted, "If you looked up 'stupid' in dictionary, you'd find Gruber's picture." For a stupid guy, Gruber sure cashed in. According to Washington Post fact checker Glenn Kessler, the federal government paid Gruber almost \$400,000 to consult on the Affordable Care Act in 2009 and another \$2 million over seven years to assess Medicare choices.

In 2012, Gruber was a key figure in the making of a myth — that is, that Democrats drafted Obamacare to attract Republicans, who perversely would not vote for the law, thus forcing Democrats to enact a measure they didn't really want. Chalk that up to the stupidity of the consulting class — which pays very well.

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Check this out: What's at the library

I really should have used the "back in the saddle again" bit this week, as I have quite a few Westerns to tell you about today. I'll start out with one from Bill Brooks, "The Badmen" (LP W BRO B). Hap Peterson thought he had it made when he learned that his sister Annie was married to a banker in Deadwood. He and his merry band of outlaws would force Annie's husband, Ben Matters, to open the bank at night-time and by the next morning, Hap and his two thugs would be way out of town. Of course, he would have to kill the banker and take Annie to slow things down until they were far enough away; then they would release her.



HOLLIS McCRIGHT

Only two things stood in the way: Able Guthrie, Annie's ex-husband, Sheriff Hobe Waters and first-rate tracker Preacher Billy were dogging their trail. Plus, neither group were ready for the gang of hard cases that roamed the Badlands of North Dakota that they were about to run into.

"Ordeal" (LP W PRES J) by John Prescott is the story of six people on a stagecoach bound for San Diego from Tucson. It's a mixed group: Muller, a desert rat; Huston, a loner; Jager, the gambler; Maggie, a saloon gal; a prospector; and Lt. James V Patterson, just out of West Point and wet behind the ears, on his first post of duty at the Presidio.

Only the prospec-

tor and Lt. Patterson seemed to be on the up-and-up. Attacked by Apaches, the stage was overturned and driver killed; the party is afoot and miles from water or help. Under the stress of heat, fatigue and sniping by the Indians, the real personalities emerge; old hatreds emerge, guilty secrets as well as hidden heroisms and loyalties will emerge.

From the father and son duo of William W. Johnstone and J.A. Johnstone comes "Bleeding Texas" (LP W JOH W), part of the Sidewinder series. Bo Creel is back at his family's Star C Ranch in Bear Creek, Texas. Along with his buddy Scratch, he discovers that a rival ranch is trying to drive the Creel ranch out of business, using any means necessary.

Desperate to raise cash, the Creel family raises a herd to trail drive to Rockport, a thriving cattle market on the Gulf of Mexico. The herd is rustled and Bo and Scratched are mad as two wet hens and this is when they decide to get serious. As usual, the Johnstone's deliver a rousing and intense finale along with a wedding or two.

Lauran Paine has a couple of stories in "Gunman's Moon" (LP W PAI L). In "Odd Partnership," gun-fighter Lewis Morgan has taken refuge in a barn during a snow-storm. Waking in the night, he surprises two men who were going to confront the owner of the ranch in the morning and take him down. The owner, Deputy U.S. Marshall Andrew Tully, doesn't appear to be too concerned and he and Morgan travel into town. In town, Tully is shot and Morgan is determined to find out

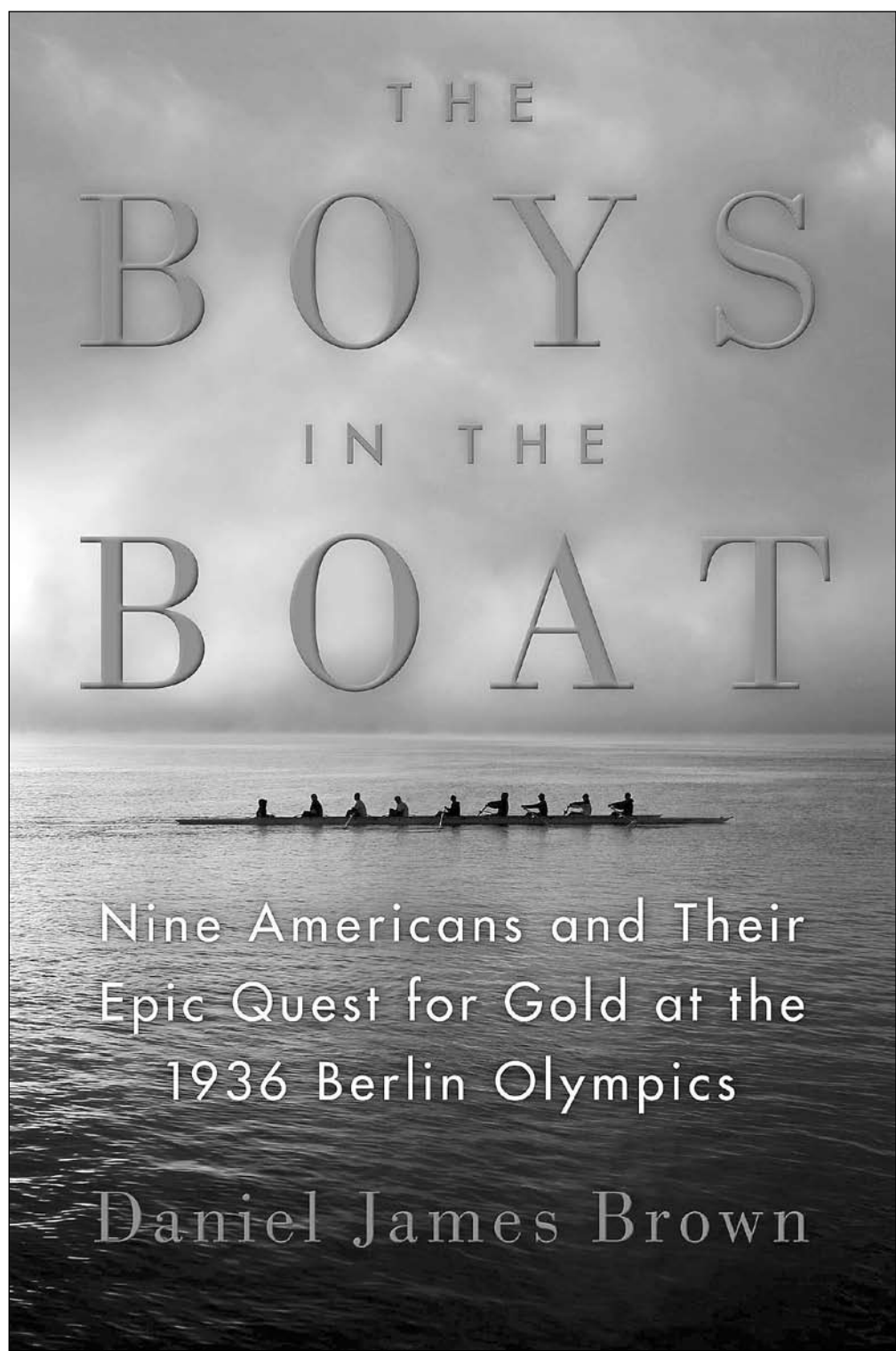
who want to kill Tully. "Gunman's Moon" has Katherine Willard bound over for trial in the death of gunman Ralph Bolley, shot as he was breaking into her house. Coroner's evidence shows he was shot in the back, negating her claim of self-defense. Deputy Sheriff Bob Lefton is determined to show that she is innocent and now he must prove it.

Now for some new fiction: From Elizabeth Gilbert (she wrote "Eat, Pray, Love") comes "the Signature of All Things" (F GIL E). Spanning much of the 18th and 19th centuries, the novel follows the fortunes of the extraordinary Whit-taker family, as led by the enterprising Henry Whittaker, a poor-born Englishman who makes a great fortune in the South American quinine trade, eventually becoming the richest man in Philadelphia.

Born in 1800, Henry's brilliant daughter, Alma (who inherits both her father's money and his mind), ultimately becomes a botanist of considerable gifts herself. As Alma's research takes her deeper into the mysteries of evolution, she falls in love with a man named Ambrose Pike, who makes incomparable paintings of orchids and who draws her in the exact opposite direction — into the realm of the spiritual, the divine and the magical.

Alma is a clear-minded scientist; Ambrose a utopian artist — but what unites this unlikely couple is a desperate need to understand the workings of this world and the mechanisms behind all life.

In 1980, the American Olympic hockey team defeated the Russian



hockey team and won the gold medal and became the "Miracle on Ice," the name in American popular culture for a medal-round men's ice hockey game during the 1980 Winter Olympics at Lake Placid, New York. The U.S. national team, made up of amateur and collegiate players and led by coach Herb Brooks, defeated the Soviet Union national team, which had won the gold medal in six of the seven previous Olympic games.

But did you know that almost the same thing happened in the 1936

Berlin Olympics in the eight-oar boating event? "The Boys in the Boat" (797.123 BRO D) by Daniel James Brown is the story of nine Americans and their quest for gold in the 1936 Olympics.

These were boys from the American West, sons of loggers, shipyard workers and farmers; the University of Washington's crew who defeated the best teams of the East Coast and England; to finally win gold at the Olympics. This is their story told from the boy's journals and memories of a shared dream.

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Howard County Librarian Hollis McCright writes a weekly column for the Herald.

Right at home: Gifts you can use — and use up

(AP — The holiday catalogs and gift guides are starting to pour in, full of wonderful stuff to wrap for friends and family. But what about those who don't really want more stuff?

Small space dwellers don't have room for much. Seniors may not either, or may just not want the burden of more things at this stage in

life. Instead, think about giving something your recipient can use, and use up.

Some consumable-gift options:

Food and drink, of course; unusual kits are creative options. Overstock's new Farmers Market department has make-your-own mozzarella, tofu, Bloody Mary,

hard cider or butter kits. For a culinary vegan, consider a box of sprouting seeds, with varieties of lentils, mung beans, adzuki and green peas. (www.overstock.com)

You might make homemade vanilla extract to give in small, vintage-style bottles. Or consider giving a week or two's worth of surprise treats: Create a stack of

little nesting boxes filled with favorite sweet and savory snacks.

Does a friend or family member love a particular shampoo? Put together a gift bag with a bottle; enhance it, perhaps, with a gift certificate from a blow bar, or a new hairbrush.

Or gather a basketful of seasonally scented body products like Bu-

che de Noel cleanser and eggnog-scented soap. (www.lushusa.com)

ProsperityCandle.com offers the Forever candle, made by —and providing a living wage

to — women artisans in developing countries, and when you've burned yours down, you can return it for a free refill. Fragrances include vanilla bean.

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sudoku

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

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News in brief

Republicans to resurrect Keystone pipeline when they take control of Congress next year

WASHINGTON (AP) — Incoming Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is promising the new Republican majority will quickly resurrect Keystone XL pipeline legislation killed by Democrats, potentially setting up an early 2015 veto confrontation with President Barack Obama.

"I look forward to the new Republican majority taking up and passing the Keystone jobs bill early in the new year," the Kentucky Republican said Tuesday, shortly after the bill fell one vote short of the 60 votes needed to advance. He was joined by incoming Senate Energy Committee Chairwoman Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, who said the fight wasn't over.

The vote was a blow to Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., who had forced the issue onto the Senate agenda, and who faces difficult odds in a Dec. 6 runoff election against Republican Rep. Bill Cassidy. "I'm going to fight for the people of my state until the day that I leave, and I hope that will not be soon," she said.

Even if Landrieu wins her re-election, Republicans are likely to have enough votes to assure the bill's passage in January, when they will have at least 53 seats — 54 if Cassidy wins the Louisiana runoff.

"If you look at new Congress, you can count four more (GOP seats) right away, and there may be others," Sen. John Hoeven of North Dakota, the lead sponsor of the bill, said after the 59-41 vote Tuesday. "You can see we're well over 60."

US safety agency demands automakers, Takata expand air bag recall to entire nation

DETROIT (AP) — The federal government is demanding that the auto industry recall millions of additional cars equipped with faulty air bags that can injure — and even kill — a driver.

The action Tuesday by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration covers driver's side air bags

equipped with inflators made by Takata Corp. of Japan. The inflators can erupt and send metal fragments into the passenger compartment.

Previously, cars with the inflators had been recalled only in regions with high humidity such as Gulf Coast states, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. Takata has said that prolonged exposure to moisture can cause the air bag propellant to burn faster than designed, causing the problem.

Up until now, about 8 million cars in the U.S. with Takata inflators have been recalled for problems with either the driver or passenger side air bag, or both. Another 4 million have been recalled outside the U.S. At least five deaths worldwide have been linked to the problem.

Safety regulators say Tuesday's action is based on incidents involving a death in California and an injury in North Carolina where the air bags were implicated. Both states are outside of the area covered by the earlier recalls.

Israelis pray again at attacked synagogue as Palestinians brace for more demolitions

JERUSALEM (AP) — Jewish worshippers returned Wednesday to a Jerusalem synagogue that was the scene of a horrific attack that killed five people the day before as Palestinians braced for more punitive home demolitions amid soaring tensions.

At the Kehilat Bnai Torah synagogue in the western neighborhood of Har Nof — attacked Tuesday by two Palestinian cousins wielding meat cleavers, knives and a handgun — people sought comfort in prayer. Those killed included four members of the congregation and an Israeli policeman trying to stop the attack. Israeli security forces killed both assailants in a subsequent shootout.

One of the worshippers, Gavriel Cohen, said Wednesday that the attack showed "that our future in this world is dependent on God."

Also early Wednesday, Israeli security forces demolished the east Jerusalem home of Abdel Rahman al-Shaludi, the Palestinian who killed two people in October in an attack on commuters at a crowded light rail

platform in Jerusalem. Al-Shaludi was killed by police after the attack.

The demolition followed angry promises by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that Israel would take strict measures to deal with a rising wave of Palestinian attacks that in recent weeks have taken 11 lives — nine in Jerusalem, one in Tel Aviv and one in the West Bank.

Ferocious snowstorm hits New York; arctic blast brings freezing temperatures to rest of US

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — A ferocious storm dumped massive piles of snow on parts of upstate New York, trapping residents in their homes and stranding motorists on roadways, as temperatures in all 50 states fell to freezing or below.

Even hardened Buffalo residents were caught off-guard Tuesday as more than 4 feet fell in parts of the city. Authorities said snow totals by Wednesday afternoon could top 6 feet in the hardest-hit areas south of Buffalo, with another storm expected Thursday.

Cold weather enveloped the entire country Tuesday, leading to record-low temperatures more familiar to January than November. Racing winds and icy roads caused accidents, school closings and delays in municipal operations from the Midwest to the South even where snowfall was low or mercifully absent.

The storm was blamed for at least six deaths in New York, New Hampshire and Michigan.

"We have tried to get out of our house, and we are lucky to be able to shovel so we can open the door," said Linda Oakley of Buffalo. "We're just thinking that in case of an emergency we can at least get out the door. We can't go any further."

Egypt to see verdict in first trial for female genital mutilation, but halting tradition tough

MANSHIET EL-IKHW, Egypt (AP) — Raslan Fadl, the first doctor in Egypt to be put on trial for committing female genital mutilation, is still practicing even through a 13-year-old girl died after he performed the procedure. And in this Nile Delta Village, he has plenty of patients.

Young girls and their families on a recent day sat in his waiting room, where the bright yellow walls are decorated with Winnie the Pooh pictures, in the same building where Soheir el-Batea came for her operation last year. Residents call him a well-respected figure in the community, known for his charity work.

It could not be determined whether any were at his office for "circumcision," as it is known here, and Fadl would not speak to The Associated Press. But Fadl's continued popularity demonstrates the challenges to curbing the practice in Egypt, where more than 90 percent of women are estimated to have undergone it — one of the highest rates in the world. Female genital cutting was criminalized in 2008 and the most important Sunni Muslim religious authority has declared it dangerous and without any religious justification. The U.N. says there appears to be a slow reduction in the rate of the practice, but that it is still widespread.

A verdict is expected Thursday in Fadl's trial, and if convicted he could face up to two years in prison. Rights advocates say the outcome of this case could set a key precedent for deterring doctors and families in the

future. Sohair's father is also charged in the case.

But even in the home village of the girl, Dierb Biqtaris, there is little outcry against the practice.

Lawmakers frustrated as Obama yet to ask for new war authorization against Islamic State

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional authorization of the U.S. war against Islamic State extremists has gone nowhere in two weeks since President Barack Obama vowed to coordinate with lawmakers on a stronger legal basis for military action, prompting growing frustration with the White House.

Republicans and Democrats say the administration isn't prioritizing the effort, having yet to outline what it wants from Congress or to dispatch top officials to testify. As a result, congressional aides say, a new authorization to fight the Islamic State won't happen this year and it's unclear when it may be taken up in 2015.

"The president is now operating outside the Constitution," said Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., one of several lawmakers challenging the administration's legal justification for intervention based on a 2001 authorization to fight al-Qaida and another a year later to invade Iraq.

The Islamic State group didn't exist at the time of either vote, emerging only recently from the al-Qaida movement. They've primarily fought each other since.

After his party's drubbing in midterm elections,

Obama said he'd work with Congress during the current lame-duck session on a new authorization for the U.S. intervention in Iraq and Syria. The announcement was a nod to widespread dissatisfaction among lawmakers with the status quo even if few, like Schiff, have expressly deemed the military campaign extralegal. Even fewer want the operations halted.

Some gun dealers report brisk sales ahead of grand jury decision in Ferguson police shooting

FERGUSON, Mo. (AP) — Some suburban St. Louis gun dealers have been doing brisk business, particularly among first-time buyers, as fearful residents await a grand jury's decision on whether to indict the police officer who fatally shot Michael Brown.

Metro Shooting Supplies, in an area near the city's main airport, reports selling two to three times more weapons than usual in recent weeks — an average of 30 to 50 guns each day — while the jury prepares to conclude its three-month review of the case that sparked looting and weeks of sometimes-violent protests in August.

"We're selling everything that's not nailed down," owner Steven King said. "Police aren't going to be able to protect every single individual. If you don't prepare yourself and get ready for the worst, you have no one to blame but yourself."

The store's waiting list for private lessons and concealed-carry training classes extends into 2015.

Protest leaders say they are preparing for non-violent demonstrations after the grand jury's decision is announced, but they also acknowledge the risk of more unrest if the panel decides not to issue criminal charges against Darren Wilson, the white officer who shot Brown, who was black and unarmed.

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Alabama rolls to No. 1, but race for No. 4 is on

(AP) With just three weeks until the College Football Playoff committee releases its final rankings, Alabama, Oregon and Florida State seem to be in control of their championship chances.

Keeping winning and the Crimson Tide, Ducks and Seminoles should be

in. The race for the fourth and final spot in the playoff is shaping up to be a tussle between four teams.

Alabama jumped from fifth to first after handing previously undefeated and top-ranked Mississippi State its first loss on Saturday. The

Bulldogs slid to fourth.

Oregon remained in second place and Florida State in third. The Seminoles are the only undefeated team left in a Big Five conference.

Florida State fans might not be happy about how their team is being treated, but the Seminoles appear to be

safe if they can keep winning right through the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game. Same goes with Alabama in the Southeastern Conference and Oregon in the Pac-12.

After that, things get complicated.

Mississippi State is followed by TCU, which

slipped to No. 5 after a closer-than-expected win against Kansas on Saturday. Ohio State moved up two spots to No. 6, ahead of TCU's Big 12 rival Baylor.

The Bulldogs play Vanderbilt on Saturday but finish the regular season at Ole Miss, giving them a chance for another

resume-boosting victory. They could use it because their best wins from early in the season (LSU, Texas A&M and Auburn) have been tarnished a bit lately.

Ohio State is in position to play in the Big Ten championship if it

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Big Spring's Erin Pollard was named the District 2-4A co-MVP recipient earlier this week following a standout senior campaign with the Lady Steers. Pollard was among seven BSHS players honored by the district coaches with spots on the 2014 all-district teams.

Lady Steers put 7 on 2-4A all-district squad

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Heading into the 2014 high school volleyball season, Big Spring head coach Lynn Osborn said she believed the Lady Steers had the talent to make a serious run at the Class 4A state playoffs. The Lady Steers more than proved their coach right this fall, going 22-20 and advancing to within two games of the state tournament.

In the process, the Lady Steers made believers of every one else in the District 204A race. The proof of that came earlier this week when the coaches released the 2014 all-district selections.

Big Spring dominated the 2014 selections, placing seven players on the squad, including senior Erin Pollard, who was named the District 3-4A co-MVP.

A two-time all-regional tournament selection, Pollard helped anchor the BSHS squad this season. As a senior, she pounded out 481 kills and 108 blocks.

Pollard shared the district's top honors with Levelland senior Haylee Jackson.



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Big Spring seniors Julianna Rodriguez (left) and Emilie Smith (right) were both among a handful of players honored with superlative awards by the District 2-4A coaches. Rodriguez was tabbed the 'Outstanding Defense' and Smith garnered co-'Outstanding Setter' accolades.

Jackson helped carry Levelland to the district championship this season. The Loboettes edged Big Spring for the top spot in the 2-4A race with a late run.

Pollard wasn't the only Big Spring standout earning superlative honors from the district's

coaches. Setter Emilie Smith and senior Julianna Rodriguez received high praise.

Smith was named Outstanding Setter for her efforts this season. Over the course of the season, she recorded a team-

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BS swimmers take 10th at Odessa Invite

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Trinidad Ramirez continued to turn heads in the water this past weekend by swimming his way to a pair of top 15 finishes at the Odessa Invitational Swim Meet on Saturday at Odessa High School.

Ramirez scored all 13 of the Steers' male points during the meet and helped carry Big Spring to a 10th-place finish in the combined team standings.

The BSHS standout kicked off his outing with an 11th-place mark in the 50-yard freestyle event. He posted a time of 26.50 seconds in the race.

He turned in his best performance of the meet later by finishing fifth in the boys' 100-yard breaststroke event. He turned in a time of minutes and 16.92 seconds in the event.

The Big Spring Lady Steers rode a strong effort from seven underclassmen at the meet and rolled up 12 of the team's 25 points.

The Big Spring relay teams held their own. The Lady Steers were 11th in the 200-yard medley relay and ninth overall in the

400-yard freestyle relay.

Lupita Rodriguez posted Big Spring's top individual finish in the girls' division by splashing her way to a 12th-place mark in the grueling 500-yard freestyle event. She completed the race with a time of 8:56.06.

BSHS teammate Charlie Telchik finished right behind Rodriguez, checking in at No. 13 with a time of 10:00.32.

Rodriguez also finished 18th in the 200-yard freestyle race, while Telchik closed out her appearance by taking 21st in the 100-yard backstroke.

Haylee Jenkins and Michelle Webb also turned in solid outings, as did Shasta Phipps and Rose Carrizosa. Jenkins was 15th in the girls' 100-meter butterfly and 19th in the 200 freestyle. Webb finished 15th in the 200-yard intermediate, while Phipps checked in at No. 17 in both the 200-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke.

Carrizosa, a freshman, was 24th in the 50-yard backstroke and 25th in the 100-yard freestyle.

Amarillo High won the overall meet. Odessa Permian finished second.

Mathews, Hyatt power BSJHS girls past Lamesa

Halle Mathews and Hallie Hyatt both turned in outstanding efforts on Monday evening and helped power the Big Spring Junior High School eighth grade A basketball team to a win over the Lamesa Golden Tornadoes.

The win helped Big Spring salvage one of four games played between the two teams in the Lamesa Junior High School gym.

Mathews led the Lady Steers in rebounds, steals and assists, while Hyatt led BSJHS offensive efforts with nine points.

The Lady Steers' 7th A squad endured a tough night against the Golden Tornadoes, losing 38-12.

Amber Martinez led the Big Spring offensive outing with had four points, three rebounds and two assists. Kynleigh Joy, Trinity Galloway, Callie Leicht and Mady McNeese each contributed two points.

Joy and Robyn Evans added four rebounds each.

The 7th B team dropped a 22-19 decision to Lamesa.

The team had a rough first half, but was able to pull ahead in the third quarter,

Lamesa, however, managed to rally late to win.

Marissa Aguilar had eight points, 11 steals and 4 rebounds to key BSJHS' efforts, while Diondra Villalobos added six points and five steals.

Obri Guzman and Marisa Salazar also played excellent defense, netting seven steals each.

The BSJHS 8th A team, lost a 28-22 nail-biter.

Alexis Starr was the Lady Steers' offensive leader, finishing with 11 points. Kamri Kemper paced the defense.

The Lady Steers will host Midland Christian on Monday, Nov. 24. Games will begin at 5:30 p.m.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Libra Moon of Group Efforts

These are the final days of the Scorpio sun, so use the focused intensity to your advantage. There are very few distractions now, and it should be one of the more productive days of the season. The crucial work will be accomplished in small groups and partnerships under the Libra moon. What's good for the group benefits each individual.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Cherish diversity of thought amongst your closest relationships -- it makes you better. The people who care about you will still care about you even when they don't agree with what you're saying, doing or believing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Friends come in and out of your life. Your ease with this will free up your energy and make them feel free, too. Good friendships are like swimming in a clear pool of water. Bad friendships are like quicksand.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). People will rationalize and justify anything in order to be "right." Telling them they

are wrong will only make them stretch those rationalizations further.

Live and let live unless someone is being hurt.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The choices may seem limited, and the logical answer is to pick one even though it seems like you'll be settling for it. No! Don't believe it! Picking nothing is better than settling.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Don't play games of chance; play games of skill. In games of chance, your odds are the same every time you approach the game. In games of skill, the more you play the better you get.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People will misconstrue what you say, and it's not really your fault, although you may choose to communicate differently in the future. Keep expressing yourself. When your intent is pure, the effort is never wasted.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What you want and what's in your budget are two different things. With ingenuity, you'll find a way to bridge the gap. You need the money to be right, but more importantly, a deal needs to fit into your value system.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're an expert at being mysterious, though you don't always set out to be. It's just natural for you to leave little clues and then trust that the other person is smart enough to put it all together.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's a person in your midst who could easily help you with a goal and would love to do so. How will you know which person this is? Hint: It's not the one doing all the talking.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If "loyal" were a natural, effortless state of being, it wouldn't even need a name. What makes it a thing is that it's usually easier to give in to temptation. Loyalty isn't loyalty until it's tested.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Yes, it is possible for relationships to be passionate and exciting without being dramatic. The key is in finding a person who doesn't need all the theatrics to feel important. Someone like you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're a builder and a creator with much to contribute to the group today. Tonight will be about testing things for yourself and seeing what you can put together for

your own amusement.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 19). You'll harmonize with the song of your soul. Start stashing money for summer travel now. The start of 2015 is like a box of chocolates, offering you a variety of sweetness in your love life and personal life. Work brings challenges, but they are more like games, and you'll be promoted when you win. Leo and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 21, 23, 14 and 37.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I am a Libra and an extremely convincing person. People tell me that I'm a natural-born saleswoman. I rarely meet a person I don't like, and I think it's easy to establish rapport with others and influence their decisions. But when it comes to love, I can't seem to get guys to commit to a relationship with me. No matter how good my case may be or how much I plead, pout or get mad, I just can't convince a guy to take things to the next level with me. Why is it so hard? Can you help?"

You're right, Libra. You can't convince a guy to take things to the next level -- because no matter how fantastic your case may be, making a case in the first place is an appeal to a man's head,

and that's not where these types of decisions are made. The heart speaks a different language, and it's not logical. You can't reason with it, and the more you try the more distant he will become. So instead of convincing the guy to do what you want to do, have fun, stay positive and let a guy know that you're shopping around for someone who is ready to have a relationship with a winner.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Jodie Foster has won Oscars for examining the darker side of life in "The Silence of the Lambs" and "The Accused." Scorpios are known for their courage in the shadowlands of human nature. Foster, who has her natal Mercury, Venus and Neptune in Scorpio, as well, continues her mission as a director of episodes of the television series "Orange Is the New Black" and "House of Cards."

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4	1	9	2	6	3	5	8	7
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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: You recently printed a letter from a woman who asked whether her biological daughter could be a sociopath. Could you please list the characteristics of a sociopath in your column?

Our adult daughter is involved with someone we feel is not good for her. She seems to be oblivious to what is going

on and probably will not recognize the signs, but if you could raise awareness, maybe it will prevent someone else from having to go through what our family is going through now. -- Learning Experience



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being able to act witty and charming; being good at flattery and manipulating other people's emotions; breaking the law repeatedly; disregarding the safety of self and others; having problems with substance abuse; lying, stealing and fighting often; not showing guilt or remorse; often being angry or arrogant.

Dear Annie: With the holidays approaching, how can a host encourage interaction with guests without being rude about cellphones?

I recently attended a party where I knew few people. I spoke with the hostess when she wasn't busy and later found another woman with whom I had some common interests. I tried to engage some of the younger children in a game, but they were glued to their iPods. Other female guests were on their cellphones. I finally found two men in the garage who were not on their cellphones.

If I were the host, I'd get the impression that my guests think I'm dull and only came to eat the food I worked hard to prepare. People put up no-smoking signs in their homes. Is it out of line to ask guests to check their phones at the door or put them away in their purses or coat pockets until they leave? Am I the only one who is offended by this behavior? -- In a Fog in Kentucky

Dear Fog: Hardly. People are addicted to their cellphones. The constant beeping and vibrations encourage them to check the screen every few seconds. It is perfectly OK for you to announce politely that you'd appreciate it if guests would turn off their phones or set them on silent and leave them in their purses or pockets. Some may even comply.

Dear Annie: "Grieving in Iowa" said he lost his life partner of 33 years and his partner's sister lashed out at him. It's amazing to me how these stressful situations bring out the worst in people. My husband and I had been together for five years when I found out how much his family disliked me. I was always

a little uncomfortable around them, but after a sudden illness, I was cornered in a hospital room and accused of being a "gold digger," and if the family had their way, I would be kicked to the curb. Fortunately, my husband and I are committed to each other despite what his family says or thinks.

I tried to get along with those who were the most hurtful, but it became too difficult to walk on eggshells, always watching what I said so it couldn't be misconstrued. I went to counseling and learned that it's OK to give up on toxic people who make it their life's mission to find fault with others. My husband and I have thrived without them. -- Happier Now

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A Question of Probabilities

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 4 2
♥ 7 5 3
♦ A K 8 7 6
♣ 10 5

WEST
♠ 10 3
♥ K 9 4 2
♦ J 5
♣ Q J 9 7 2

EAST
♠ 9 7
♥ J 10 8
♦ Q 10 9 3
♣ 8 6 4 3

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 8 6 5
♥ A Q 6
♦ 4 2
♣ A K

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

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

Bridge is basically a game of percentages. You'll do well if you follow the odds, and you won't if you don't.

Assume you're declarer at six spades and West leads the queen of clubs. You win with the ace and cash the K-Q of spades, finding the trumps divided 2-2. You must now decide which of three lines of play to adopt.

Perhaps the simplest approach is to cross to the king of diamonds and lead a heart to your queen. If the finesse succeeds, you're home. If it fails, you still have a chance to recover by cashing the ace of diamonds and ruffing a diamond, making the slam if the opposing diamonds are divided 3-3 (a 36 percent chance).

Alternatively, after drawing trumps, you could start by cashing the A-K of diamonds and ruffing a diamond. If the suit breaks 3-3, you make seven. If it doesn't, you can cross to dummy with a trump and try the heart finesse.

If you choose either of these lines of play, you have about a 68 percent chance of making the slam. Not bad, of course, but not as good as a third method of play, which consists of leading a low diamond from your hand at trick four and playing low from dummy!

Let's assume East wins and shifts to a heart. You go up with the ace, cash the A-K of diamonds, discarding a heart, and ruff a diamond to establish dummy's last diamond. You then lead a trump to the ace and discard the queen of hearts on the eight of diamonds to make the slam.

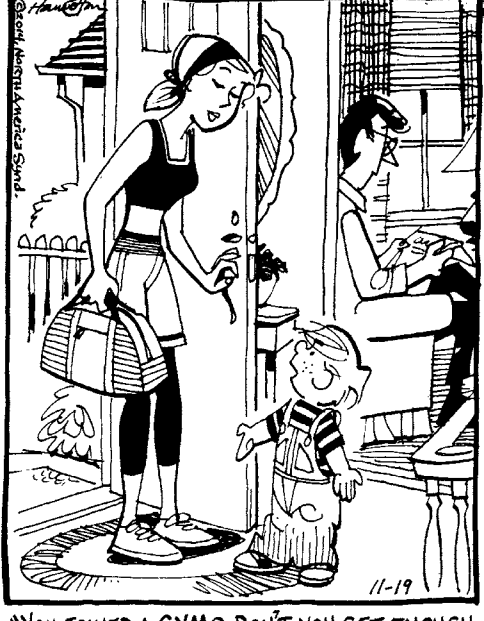
This approach succeeds whenever the diamonds are divided 3-3 or 4-2, an 84 percent probability. It is therefore the best percentage play.

Tomorrow: Imaginative defense.
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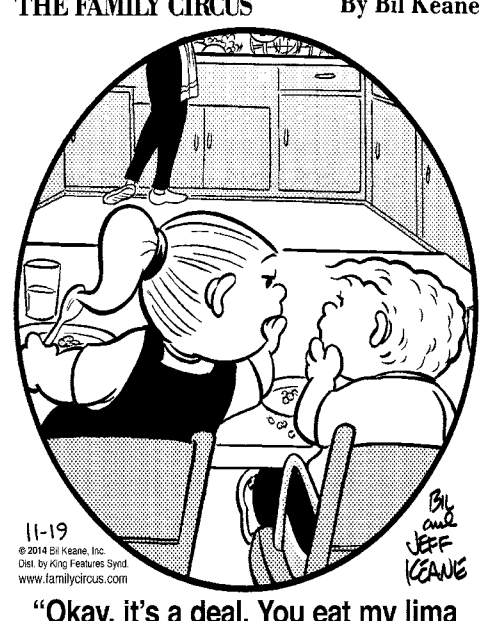
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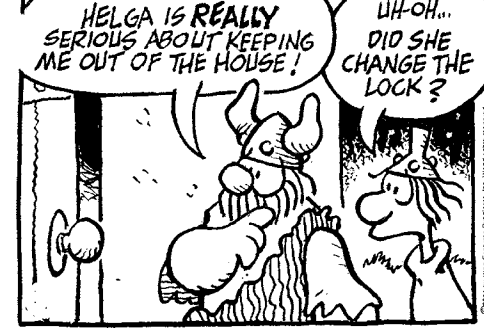
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"Okay, it's a deal. You eat my lima beans and I'll eat your peas."

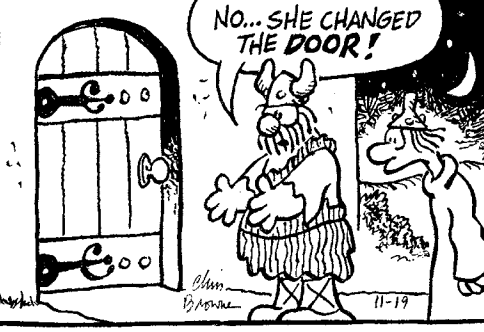
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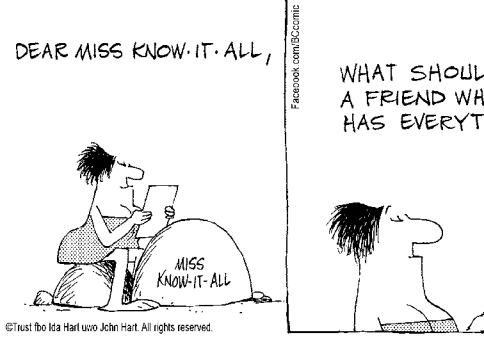
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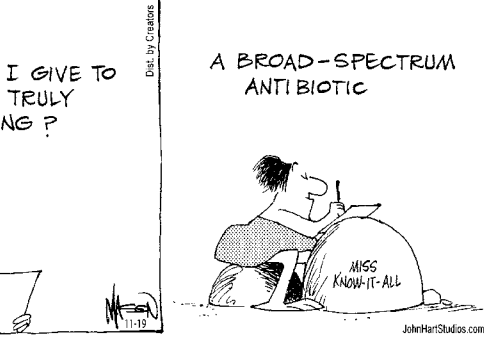
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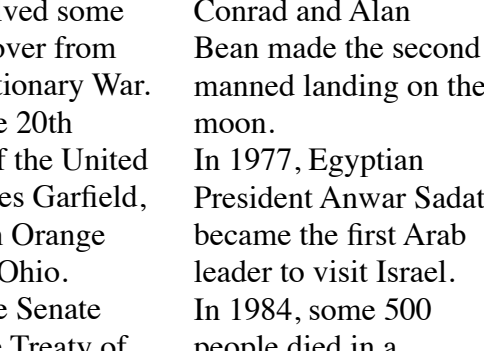
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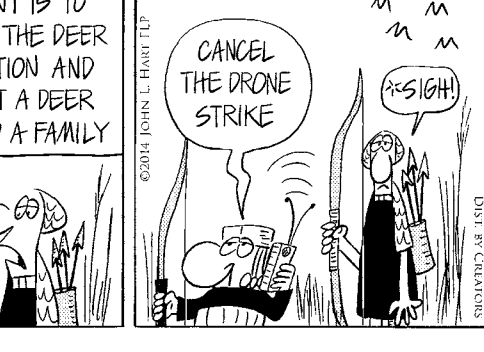
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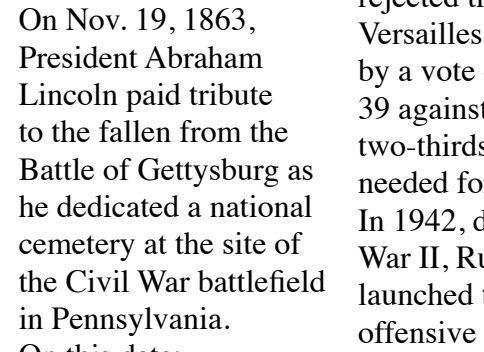
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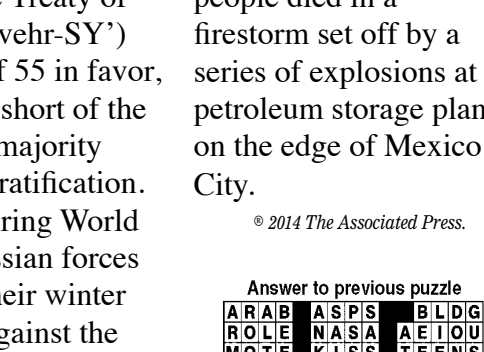
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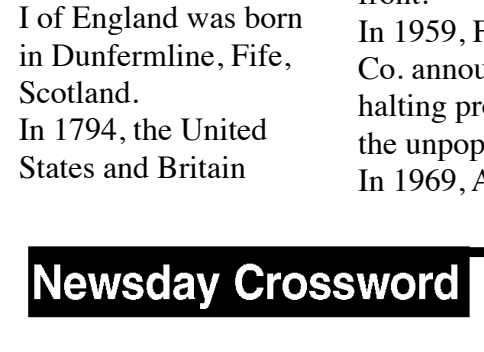
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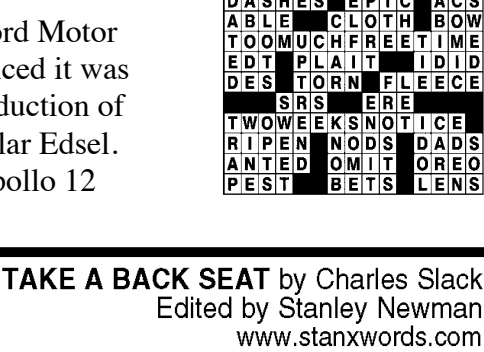
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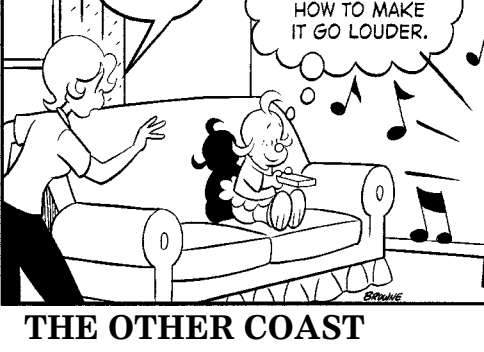
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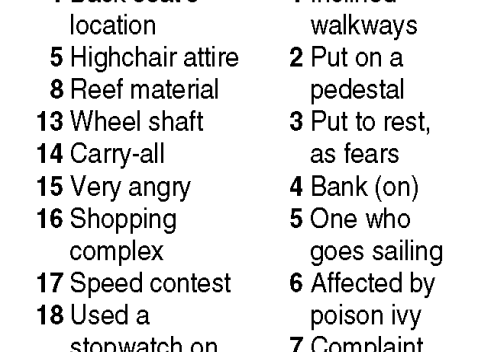
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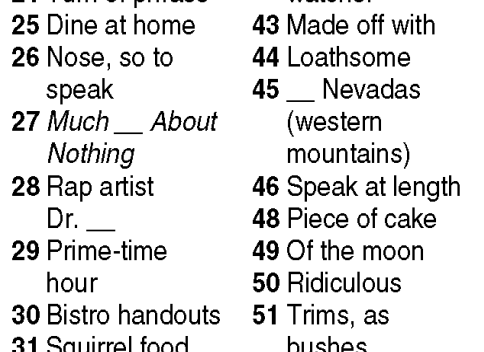
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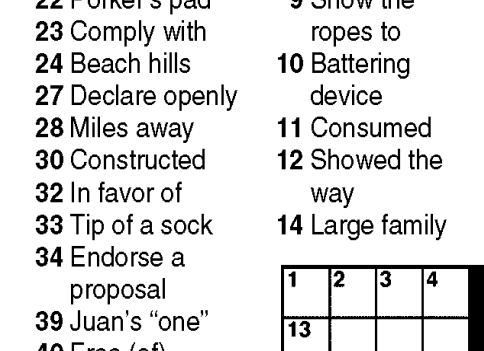
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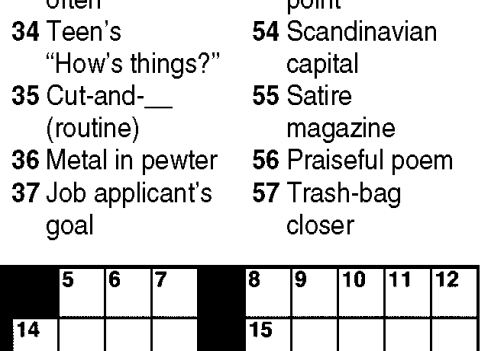
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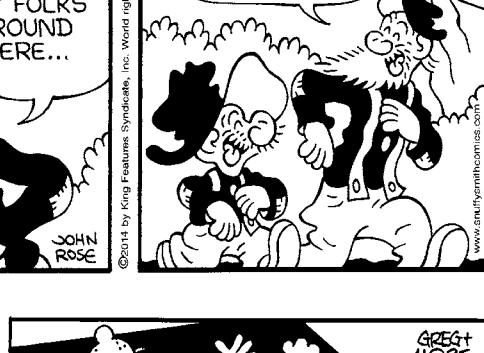
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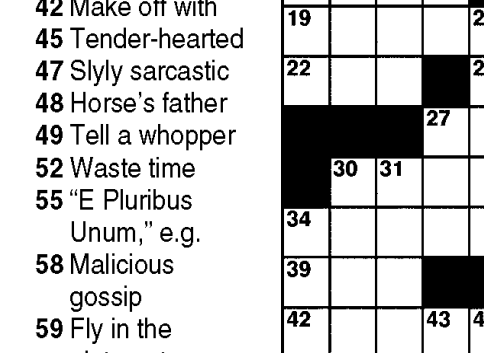
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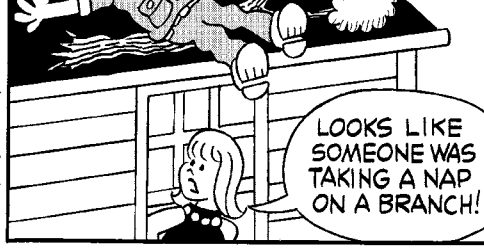
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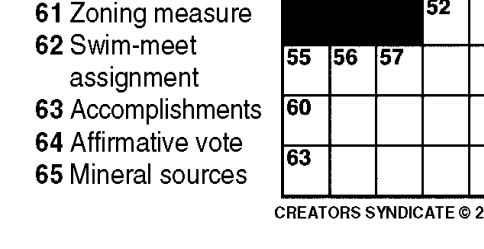
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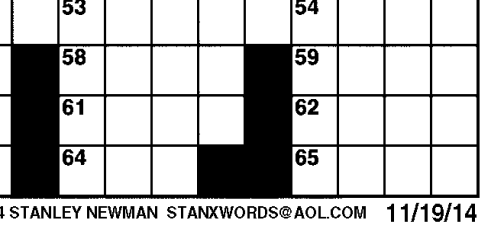
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 19, the 323rd day of 2014. There are 42 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 19, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln paid tribute to the fallen from the Battle of Gettysburg as he dedicated a national cemetery at the site of the Civil War battlefield in Pennsylvania. On this date: In 1600, King Charles I of England was born in Dunfermline, Fife, Scotland. In 1794, the United States and Britain

signed Jay's Treaty, which resolved some issues left over from the Revolutionary War. In 1831, the 20th president of the United States, James Garfield, was born in Orange Township, Ohio. In 1919, the Senate rejected the Treaty of Versailles (vehr-SY') by a vote of 55 in favor, 39 against, short of the two-thirds majority needed for ratification. In 1942, during World War II, Russian forces launched their winter offensive against the Germans along the Don front. In 1959, Ford Motor Co. announced it was halting production of the unpopular Edsel. In 1969, Apollo 12

astronauts Charles Conrad and Alan Bean made the second manned landing on the moon. In 1977, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat became the first Arab leader to visit Israel. In 1984, some 500 people died in a firestorm set off by a series of explosions at a petroleum storage plant on the edge of Mexico City.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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- Back seat's location
 - Highchair attire
 - Reef material
 - Wheel shaft
 - Carry-all
 - Very angry
 - Shopping complex
 - Speed contest
 - Used a stopwatch on
 - Tempt fate
 - Porker's pad
 - Comply with
 - Beach hills
 - Declare openly
 - Miles away
 - Constructed
 - In favor of
 - Tip of a sock
 - Endorse a proposal
 - Juan's "one"
 - Free (of)
 - Typeface
 - Make off with
 - Tender-hearted
 - Slyly sarcastic
 - Horse's father
 - Tell a whopper
 - Waste time
 - "E Pluribus Unum," e.g.
 - Malicious gossip
 - Fly in the ointment
 - French farewell
 - Zoning measure
 - Swim-meet assignment
 - Accomplishments
 - Affirmative vote
 - Mineral sources
- DOWN**
- Inclined walkways
 - Put on a pedestal
 - Put to rest, as fears
 - Bank (on)
 - One who goes sailing
 - Affected by poison ivy
 - Complaint
 - Fruit category
 - Show the ropes to
 - Battering device
 - Consumed
 - Showed the way
 - Large family
 - Interlaced
 - Turn of phrase
 - Dine at home
 - Nose, so to speak
 - Nothing About
 - Rap artist
 - Prime-time hour
 - Bistro handouts
 - Squirrel food
 - Prof.'s degree, often
 - Teen's "How's things?"
 - Cut-and- (routine)
 - Metal in pewter
 - Job applicant's goal
 - Sesame Street watcher
 - Made off with
 - Loathsome
 - __ Nevadas (western mountains)
 - Speak at length
 - Piece of cake
 - Of the moon
 - Ridiculous
 - Trims, as bushes
 - WWII turning point
 - Scandinavian capital
 - Satire magazine
 - Praiseful poem
 - Trash-bag closer

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Scoreboard

FOOTBALL					
National Football League					
American Conference					
East					
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	8	2	0	.800	323/218
Miami	6	4	0	.600	249/180
Buffalo	5	5	0	.500	200/204
N.Y. Jets	2	8	0	.200	174/265
South					
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	6	4	0	.600	310/253
Houston	5	5	0	.500	229/204
Tennessee	2	8	0	.200	168/250
Jacksonville	1	9	0	.100	158/282
North					
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	6	3	1	.650	224/221
Pittsburgh	7	4	0	.636	288/263
Baltimore	6	4	0	.600	261/181
Cleveland	6	4	0	.600	216/195
West					
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	7	3	0	.700	293/224
Kansas City	7	3	0	.700	241/171
San Diego	6	4	0	.600	218/192
Oakland	0	10	0	.000	152/265
National Conference					
East					
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	7	3	0	.700	299/251
Dallas	7	3	0	.700	261/212
N.Y. Giants	3	7	0	.300	205/263
Washington	3	7	0	.300	204/256
South					
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	4	6	0	.400	238/255
New Orleans	4	6	0	.400	261/252
Carolina	3	7	1	.318	215/300
Tampa Bay	2	8	0	.200	194/279
North					
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	7	3	0	.700	188/156
Green Bay	7	3	0	.700	330/225
Chicago	4	6	0	.400	215/290
Minnesota	4	6	0	.400	181/220
West					
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	9	1	0	.900	237/176
San Francisco	6	4	0	.600	211/212
Seattle	6	4	0	.600	260/215
St. Louis	4	6	0	.400	185/258
Thursday, Nov. 20					
Kansas City at Oakland, 8:25 p.m.					
Sunday, Nov. 23					
Green Bay at Minnesota, 1 p.m.					
Cincinnati at Houston, 1 p.m.					
Tampa Bay at Chicago, 1 p.m.					
Cleveland at Atlanta, 1 p.m.					
Tennessee at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.					
Detroit at New England, 1 p.m.					
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.					
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo, 1 p.m.					
Arizona at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.					
St. Louis at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.					
Washington at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.					
Miami at Denver, 4:25 p.m.					
Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 8:30 p.m.					
Monday, Nov. 24					
Baltimore at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.					
CFL Playoffs					
Sunday, Nov. 16					
Division Semifinals					
East Division					
Montreal 50, B.C. 17					
West Division					
Edmonton 18 Saskatchewan 10					
Sunday, Nov. 23					
Division Finals					
East Division					
Montreal at Hamilton, 1 p.m.					
West Division					
Edmonton at Calgary, 4:30 p.m.					
Grey Cup					
Sunday, Nov. 30					
At Vancouver					
East Champion vs. West Champion, 6 p.m.					

BASKETBALL					
National Basketball Association					
Eastern Conference					
Atlantic Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Toronto	8	2	.800	—	
Brooklyn	4	6	.400	4	
Boston	3	6	.333	4½	
New York	3	9	.250	6	
Philadelphia	0	10	.000	8	
Southeast Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Washington	7	2	.778	—	
Miami	6	5	.545	2	
Atlanta	5	5	.500	2½	
Orlando	5	7	.417	3½	
Charlotte	4	7	.364	4	
Central Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Chicago	8	3	.727	—	
Cleveland	5	4	.556	2	
Milwaukee	6	5	.545	2	
Indiana	4	7	.364	4	
Detroit	3	8	.273	5	
Western Conference					
Southwest Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Memphis	10	1	.909	—	
Houston	9	2	.818	1	
Dallas	8	3	.727	2	
New Orleans	6	4	.600	3½	
San Antonio	6	4	.600	3½	
Northwest Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Portland	8	3	.727	—	
Utah	5	7	.417	3½	
Denver	3	7	.300	4½	
Oklahoma City	3	9	.250	5½	
Minnesota	2	7	.222	5	
Pacific Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Golden State	8	2	.800	—	
L.A. Clippers	5	4	.556	2½	
Sacramento	6	5	.545	2½	
Phoenix	6	5	.545	2½	
L.A. Lakers	2	9	.182	6½	
Tuesday's Games					
L.A. Lakers 114, Atlanta 109					
Milwaukee 117, New York 113					
Utah 98, Oklahoma City 81					
New Orleans 106, Sacramento 100					
Wednesday's Games					
Boston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.					
Dallas at Washington, 7 p.m.					
L.A. Clippers at Orlando, 7 p.m.					
Charlotte at Indiana, 7 p.m.					
San Antonio at Cleveland, 7 p.m.					
Memphis at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.					
Phoenix at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.					
Milwaukee at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.					
New York at Minnesota, 8 p.m.					
Oklahoma City at Denver, 9 p.m.					
L.A. Lakers at Houston, 9:30 p.m.					
VOLLEYBALL					
2014 UIL State Volleyball					
Tournament Pairings					
Thursday, Nov. 20					
Semifinals					
Conference 3A					
1 p.m. — Shallowater (36-7) vs. Poth (36-15)					
3 p.m. — Brock (38-6) vs. White Oak (32-8)					
Conference 5A					
5 p.m. — Dripping Springs (44-6) vs. College Station A&M Consolidated (37-14)					
7 p.m. — Aledo (41-8) vs. Lucas Lovejoy (36-11)					
Friday, Nov. 21					
Semifinals					
Conference 2A					
9 a.m. — Lindsay (40-4) vs. Archer City (37-8)					
11 a.m. — Iola (40-2) vs. Schulenburg (41-8)					
Conference 4A					
1 p.m. — Decatur (38-10) vs. Robinson (39-11)					
3 p.m. — Argyle (38-7) vs. Liberty Hill (33-12)					
Conference 6A					

5 p.m. — Amarillo (43-6) vs. League City Clear Falls (32-10)
7 p.m. — Conroe The Woodlands (38-3) vs. San Antonio Churchill (39-7)
Saturday, Nov. 22
Finals
9 a.m. — Conference 2A FINAL
11:30 a.m. — Conference 3A FINAL
2 p.m. — Conference 4A FINAL
4:30 p.m. — Conference 5A FINAL
7 p.m. — Conference 6A FINAL

TRANSACTIONS
BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
MLB — Suspended free agent OF Dayton Alexander 76 games after a positive test positive for metabolites of Methandienone and Methyltestosterone and free agent OF Ben McCuown 50 games for a second positive test for a drug of abuse under the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Signed RHP Oliver Drake.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Agreed to terms with LHP Zach Duke on a three-year contract.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Agreed to terms with RHP Shaun Marcum and RHP Dustin Moleken on minor league contracts.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Agreed to terms with OF Alex Presley on a one-year contract.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Named Pat Listach manager of Tacoma (PCL).
TEXAS RANGERS — Named Tony Beasley third base coach.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Agreed to terms with C Russell Martin on a five-year contract.

National League
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Named David Finley vice president, amateur & international scouting, Galen Carr director of player personnel, Jeff Pickler special assistant, pro scouting & player development and Jack Cressend as pitching cross-checker.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Named Frank Cacciatore coach at Reading (EL); Greg Legg manager, Rob Ducey coach and Steve Schrenk pitching coach for Clearwater (FSL); Shawn Williams manager and Nelson Prada coach for Lakewood (SAL); Pat Borders manager at Williamsport (NYP); and Brian Sweeney pitching coach of GCL Phillies.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Agreed to terms with Collin Balester, LHP Jeremy Bleich, RHP Deolis Guerra, RHP Brad Lincoln, INF Gustavo Nunez, RHP Blake Wood, RHP Felipe Gonzalez, RHP Marek Minarik, RHP Tyler Sample and OF Junior Sosa on league contracts.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
HOUSTON ROCKETS — Assigned G Nick Johnson to Rio Grande Valley (NBADL).
NBA Development League
IDAHO STAMPEDE — Signed F Jerrelle Benimon. Placed F Jack Cooley on the inactive list.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL — Suspended Minnesota RB Adrian Peterson for the remainder of the season for violating the NFL personal conduct policy.
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Placed TE Troy Niklas on injured reserve. Signed TE Matthew Mulligan.
ATLANTA FALCONS — Signed DT Ricky Havili-Heimuli to the practice squad.

CAROLINA PANTHERS — Activated FB Mike Tolbert from the injured reserve/return list. Signed WR-CB De'Andre Presley from the practice squad. Waived WR Jason Avant. Placed OT Nate Chandler on injured reserve.
CHICAGO BEARS — Signed WR-KR Marc Mariani to a two-year contract. Waived S Ahmad Dixon.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed LB Terrell Manning to the practice squad. Released LB Justin Jackson from the practice squad.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Waived RB Ben Tate. Signed LB Zac Diles. Re-signed DL Jacobbi McDaniels to the practice squad. Signed LB Scott Solomon to the practice squad. Released LB D.J. Smith from the practice squad.
DALLAS COWBOYS — Released G Jeff Baca and LB Will Smith from the practice squad. Signed LB Keith Smith and CB Robert Steeples to the practice squad.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed KR Josh Cribbs and TE Wesley Saunders. Placed RB Ahmad Bradshaw on injured reserve. Waived LB Victor Butler. Signed RB Michael Hill to the practice squad. Released WR Eric Thomas from the practice squad.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed RB Dominique Williams to the practice squad.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Placed WR Brandin Cooks and S Rafael Bush on injured reserve. Waived RB Edwin Baker. Signed LB Moise Fokou. Signed CB Terrence Frederick from the practice squad. Signed S Pierre Warren from Minnesota's practice squad.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Released RB LeGarrette Blount.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Released T Andrew McDonald and S Steven Terrell. Signed C Lemuel Jeanpierre and DT Travian Robinson.

Arena Football League
ORLANDO PREDATORS — Agreed to terms with WR Courtney Gardner.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Re-assigned D Stephen Johns to Rockford (AHL). Recalled F Joakim Nordstrom and D Adam Clendening from Rockford (AHL).
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Assigned D Frederic St. Denis to Springfield (AHL).
DALLAS STARS — Recalled D Jyrki Jokipakka from Texas (AHL).
DETROIT RED WINGS — Re-assigned RW Martin Frk from Grand Rapids (AHL) to Toledo (ECHL).
FLORIDA PANTHERS — Recalled F Rocco Grimaldi from San Antonio (AHL).
MINNESOTA WILD — Assigned G Josh Harding to Iowa (AHL).

Seau, Warner are semifinalists for Hall of Fame

Junior Seau, Kurt Warner and Tony Dungy are among 26 semifinalists for the Pro Football Hall of Fame's class of 2015. Seau and Warner are among eight first-year candidates in the balloting. Dungy is in his second year on the ballot. Former general managers Bill Polian and Ron Wolf previously were selected as contributor finalists. Mick Tingelhoff is the senior committee nominee, and there will be 15 modern era finalists to be considered on Jan. 31, the day before the Super Bowl, in Phoenix. Inductions will be in August at the Canton, Ohio shrine. Other semifinalists include receivers Marvin Harrison, Tim Brown and newcomers Isaac Bruce and Torry Holt; running backs Jerome Bettis, Terrell Davis, Roger Craig and newcomer Edgerrin James; safeties John Lynch, Darren Woodson and Steve Atwater; defensive ends/linebackers Charles Haley and Kevin Greene; linebacker Karl Mecklenburg; newcomer cornerback Ty Law; offensive tackles Joe Jacoby, Mike Kenn and newcomer Orlando Pace; guard Will Shields; newcomer center Kevin Mawae; placekicker Morten Andersen; and coaches Don Coryell and Jimmy Johnson. Last January, Harrison, Dungy, Andersen, Bettis, Brown, Haley, Greene, Lynch and Shields were finalists. Inducted this year were Derrick Brooks, Walter Jones, Michael Strahan, Ray Guy, Claude Humphrey, Aeneas Williams and Andre Reed.

New Orleans places Cooks, Bush on IR

(AP) — The New Orleans Saints placed starting rookie receiver Brandin Cooks and starting free safety Rafael Bush on injured reserve on Monday that the Saints' second-leading receiver had surgery on his right thumb on Monday and was expected to be out four to six weeks. Bush has a fractured fibula in his right leg. Although Cooks might have been able to return for the very end of the regular season — and playoffs, should the Saints qualify — his agent, Jeff Sperbeck, said Tuesday in an email to the AP that Cooks understands the Saints' decision and "wants to do what's best for the team."

BSLL meeting to be Nov. 23

Big Spring Little league will hold its organization meeting for the upcoming 2015 season on Sunday, Nov. 23. The meeting will begin at 2 p.m in the Big Spring High School ATC building.



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DISTRICT

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high 686 assists, while also contributing 132 kills, 51 service aces and 38 blocks.

Levelland's Meeah Maddox was shared the Outstanding Setter honors with Smith.

Rodriguez was selected the District 2-4A Outstanding Defensive player. A three-sport standout at BSHS, she posted a team-best 469 digs this season. She also recorded 265 assists and 169 kills.

Rodriguez also proved to be one of the Lady Steers top servers on offense. She recorded 91 aces this season, including six in a game twice.

Snyder's Mia Olivo was named co-Newcomer of the Year along with Levelland freshman Peyton Himango.

Sweetwater sophomore Kensi Chowning was also honored as an Outstanding Hitter.

Stevi Ward, Leksey Yarbar and sophomore Katie Wash also received all-district honors. The three were among 10 players who were named to the first-team roster.

Ward, who battled her way back from an ACL injury, was a major contributor for the Lady Steers this season. A defensive specialist, she had 110 digs in just 13 games.

She was also one of the team's top servers this season.

Yarbar, who teamed with Pollard to give Big Spring one of the better middles in the state, was a first-team middle hitter selection. For the season, she registered 241 kills and 47 blocks.

2014 District 2-4A Volleyball All-District Co-MVPs

Erin Pollard.....Big Spring
Haylee Jackson...Levelland

Outstanding Hitter

Kensi Chowning Sweetwater

Outstanding Setters

Emilie Smith.....Big Spring
Meeah Maddox....Levelland

Outstanding Defense

Julianna Rodriguez.....Big Spring

Co-Newcomer of the Year

Mia Olivo.....Snyder
Peyton Himango..Levelland

First Team

Stevi Ward.....Big Spring
Mikeilah Foust..Sweetwater
Maddie Jones...Sweetwater
J.T. Johnson.....Estacado
Tayy Maxwell.....Lamesa
Leksey Yarbar....Big Spring
Katie Wash.....Big Spring
Kali Escue.....Levelland
Taylor Hinojos.....Snyder
Hailey Morris.....Snyder

Second Team

Neke Gardrick.....Estacado
A.Z. Zaragoza.....Estacado
Tehya Lugo.....Lamesa
Reagan Martinez...Lamesa
Maddy Berry....Sweetwater
Morgan Gomez Sweetwater
Hannah Hinojosa...Levelland
Danielle Lambaren..Snyder
Chelsea Lambaren..Snyder
Addie Jimenez...Big Spring

She also was a force offensively, serving up 34 aces this season.

Wash was one of only two sophomores named to the first-team roster as outside hitters. The Big Spring standout played in all but one of the Lady Steers' 42 games and finished with a 283 digs, 132 assists. She also finished 93 plays with kills, while also contributing 23 aces.

Snyder's Hailey Morris was the only other sophomore hitter honored.

Joining Ward, Yarbar and Wash on the first-team roster were Sweetwater junior Mikeilah Foust (middle hitter) and senior Maddie



Tony Claxton Photos (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Senior Stevi Ward battled back from an ACL injury to earn first-team all-district volleyball honors this season.



Leksey Yarbar ... first-team all-district



Katie Wash ... first-team all-district



Addie Jimenez ... second-team all-district

Jones (setter), Estacado senior J.T. Johnson (outside hitter; Lamesa senior Tayy Maxwell (outside hitter), Levelland senior Kali Escue (outside hitter) and Snyder senior Taylor Hinojos (middle hitter) Big Spring's Addie

Jimenez was the lone Lady Steer named to the second-team squad.

Jimenez was a big contributor for the Lady Steers during district play. She finished with 75 digs and 60 kills.

Joining Jimenez on the second-team roster

were Estacado's Neke Hardrick and A.Z. Zaragoza, Lamesa's Reagan Martinez and Maddy Berry, Sweetwater's Morgan Gomez and Hannah Hinojosa and Snyder's Danielle Lambaren and Chelsea Lambaren.

Stanton deal includes opt out

NEW YORK (AP) — Giancarlo Stanton will make just \$6.5 million in the first year of his record \$325 million, 13-year contract with the Miami Marlins.

The deal with the Atlanta Braves, the richest agreed to by a North American team, is to be formally announced at a news conference Wednesday. The agreement includes a \$25 million club option for 2028 with a \$10 million buy-out.

Stanton will earn \$107 million over the first six seasons of the deal, according to contract information obtained by The Associated Press. He then can opt out within four days of the end of the 2020 World Series, just around the time of his 31st birthday, and become a free agent.

After his initial salary, Stanton's pay rises to \$9 million in 2016, \$14.5 million in 2017 and \$25 million in 2018. He gets \$26 million in each of the next two seasons, then can decide whether to cut the deal short and go back on the market.

If he keeps the contract, he would get \$29 million apiece in 2021 and '22, and \$32 million in each of the following three seasons. His salary drops to \$29 million in 2026 and \$25 million in 2027.

POLL

Continued from Page 8A wins out.

The Big 12 has no conference championship game. TCU and Baylor would be co-champs if each finishes 11-1, but Baylor beat the Horned Frogs in Waco, Texas last month.

The selection protocol calls for the committee to use championships won as a tiebreaker if teams have similar resumes.

Selection Committee chairman Jeff Long said "the differences between teams four through seven are narrow, very narrow."

Whether it's narrow enough to allow TCU, Ohio State or Baylor to jump past Mississippi State if one of those teams wins its conference and Mississippi State doesn't remains to be seen.

"I don't think there is any way to project that," said Long, the athletic director at Arkansas. "It will certainly be weighed into the equation on Dec. 6 and 7."

The committee releases its final rankings on Dec. 7, the day after most of the conference championship games are played.

TCU rallied for a 34-30 victory against Kansas, and Long noted how the Horned Frogs' inability to control the game negatively affected their resume.

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