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The Big Spring Area Convention and Visitors Bureau received a Howard College Resolution in appreciation for its grant to the HC Art Department to fund its raku workshops. Pictured from left are Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan, CVB Tourism Coordinator Hayley Lewis, City Councilman Carmon Harbour, City Manager Todd Darden (background), community services for the ciyt of Big Spring Debbie Wegman and HC Chairman John Freeman.

Howard College thanks local CVB for art gift grant

KWES to tear down tower, building

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**
Staff Writer

"An artist is nothing without the gift, but the gift is nothing without work."
— Emile Zola.

An expression of appreciation for the Big Spring Area Convention and Visitors Bureau and for the important role art plays in tourism, was made by Howard College trustees at their meeting Monday.

In August, a grant was given to the Howard College Art Department by the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau to fund raku workshops for both HC students and the public.

"Tourism is growing in Big Spring due to the efforts of the Convention and Visitors Bu-

reau," said Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks. To show HC's appreciation, a resolution was presented to Debbie Wegman, community services director for the city of Big Spring.

"The CVB has demonstrated its commitment to the future of Howard County and its people in its belief in the importance of the advancement of art in the community," read the resolution presented by Sparks.

Another highlight of the meeting involved an agreement made on Aug. 1 1954, when Big Spring Television Incorporated and Howard College entered an agreement to house the then local television station.

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With your help, foster kids can have presents, too

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Salvation Army isn't the only agency hoping to help angels this Christmas.

While the SA will place its Angel Tree — a program that helps needy children and seniors in this area — at Wal-

mart the day after Thanksgiving, the Howard County Child Welfare Board is knee-deep in preparation for a similar program, this aimed at securing Christmas gifts for children currently in foster care.

Howard County has 127 children between the ages of

0 and 17 years in placement in relative or foster care, said Dana Rodriguez of the HC-CWB.

While the welfare board has run its own "angel" program for several years, officials are changing things up this holiday season.

"About this time, you would normally start seeing the Christmas Angels in a couple of our local business ... that is the Christmas tree that had the ornaments with a child's name on it who is currently in foster care through Child Protective Services," Rodri-

guez said. "However, we are having to go about it a little differently this year.

"As a representative of the welfare board, I am contacting local businesses and schools to help us out by

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DPS: Drive safely during holiday

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is urging Texans to drive responsibly and take extra precautions to help keep roadways safe during the heavily travelled Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

"Unique challenges — including increased traffic, pos-

sible winter weather and impaired driving — can make holiday travel particularly challenging and potentially dangerous," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "DPS troopers will be working around-the-clock to protect travelers on our roadways, and drivers must do their part and always drive sober."

DPS troopers will be patrolling Texas roadways throughout the holiday weekend to

promote safety and identify dangerous drivers.

During the Thanksgiving weekend in 2013, DPS troopers arrested 387 individuals for driving while intoxicated, issued 6,848 speeding citations, 804 citations for no insurance and 704 seat belt/child safety seat citations. DPS patrols also resulted in 244 fugitive arrests and 187 felony arrests during the same time period.

DPS offers the following

tips for safe travel during the Thanksgiving holiday:

Don't drink and drive. Designate a driver or take a cab.

Slow down — especially in bad weather, construction areas and heavy traffic.

Eliminate distractions, including the use of mobile devices.

Buckle up everyone in the vehicle — it's the law.

Slow down or move over for police, fire, EMS and Texas

Department of Transportation vehicles and tow trucks that are stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated — it's the law.

Don't drive fatigued — get plenty of rest before trips or take breaks as needed.

Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.

Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before your trip begins.



Schools, offices prepare to close

Herald Staff Report

Area public schools will get a jump on the Thanksgiving holidays starting today.

Coahoma, Forsan, and Big Spring schools will close their doors at the end of today for a five-day holiday. Administration offices will also be closed. Howard County pub-

lic schools will resume classes Monday.

Howard College will also suspend regular classes today. All three locations — Big Spring, San Angelo and Lamesa — along with the South-West Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, will also take a five-day Turkey holiday. The Harold Davis Fitness Center

and administration offices will follow the same holiday schedule as above.

City and county employees will have to wait one more day before they can enjoy a four-day holiday.

City offices will be open through Wednesday but shut its doors Thursday. There will no trash pick up on Thursday

and Friday.

County employees will get a little bit of a head start with county offices closing at 3 p.m. Wednesday.

Emergency personnel will continue to work through the holidays.

The Herald will be closed Thursday and close again at noon Friday.

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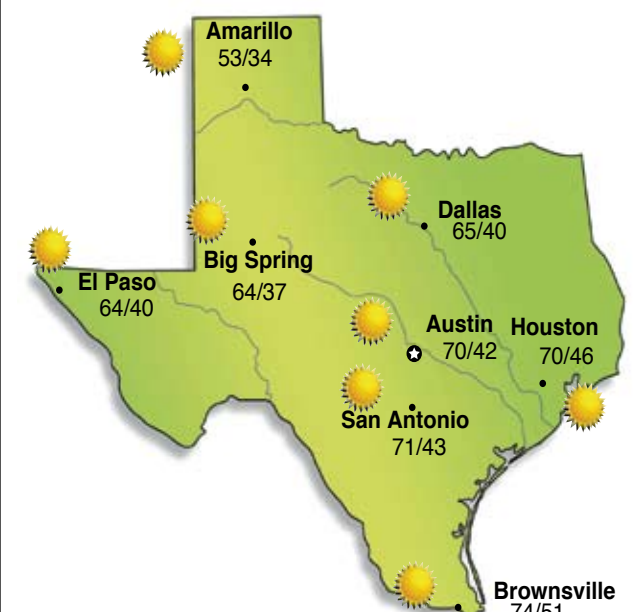
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 11/26	Thu 11/27	Fri 11/28	Sat 11/29	Sun 11/30
64/37 Sunny skies. High 64F. Winds NNW at 5 to 10 mph.	67/41 Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.	70/45 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	74/46 Sunshine. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	72/42 Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise: 7:25 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:26 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:27 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:27 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:28 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	64	39	sunny	Kingsville	74	45	sunny
Amarillo	53	34	sunny	Livingston	68	42	sunny
Austin	70	42	sunny	Longview	65	36	sunny
Beaumont	69	41	sunny	Lubbock	59	32	sunny
Brownsville	74	51	sunny	Lufkin	68	41	sunny
Brownwood	66	37	sunny	Midland	65	37	sunny
Corpus Christi	71	49	sunny	Raymondville	74	49	sunny
Corsicana	65	38	sunny	Rosenberg	70	41	sunny
Dallas	65	40	sunny	San Antonio	71	43	sunny
Del Rio	71	42	sunny	San Marcos	71	42	sunny
El Paso	64	40	sunny	Sulphur Springs	65	37	sunny
Fort Stockton	67	40	sunny	Sweetwater	62	39	sunny
Gainesville	63	35	sunny	Tyler	64	37	sunny
Greenville	64	35	sunny	Weatherford	64	38	sunny
Houston	70	46	sunny	Wichita Falls	62	35	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	54	36	pt sunny	Minneapolis	28	6	sn shower
Boston	41	31	mixed	New York	38	34	mixed
Chicago	33	23	cloudy	Phoenix	77	55	sunny
Dallas	65	40	sunny	San Francisco	68	51	sunny
Denver	56	36	sunny	Seattle	55	53	rain
Houston	70	46	sunny	St. Louis	38	28	mixed
Los Angeles	77	57	sunny	Washington, DC	39	34	mixed
Miami	78	56	t-storm				

Moon Phases



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The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- JERRY DON DUFFER, 27, of the 1200 block of Grafa Street, was arrested on charges of resisting arrest, search or transport; criminal mischief, less than \$20; theft, less than \$50—shoplifting; and public intoxication.
- JENNIFER NICOLE MCCUNE, 35, of 1701 Franks, Denver City, was arrested on a charge of theft, less than \$50-shoplifting.
- SERGIO VALENTE TORRES, 21, of 509 Donley St., was arrested on a charge of unlawful restraint.
- CHANCE FELKER COOKE, 29, a transient, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass-property/building/aircraft/vehicle.
- SAMANTHA BARBARA MUNOZ, 20, of 1212 E. 17th St., was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- RICHARDO MIGUEL CARLOS, 22, of 1510 Sycamore St., was arrested on warrants for consumption of alcohol by a minor, failed to maintain financial responsibility, expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, no driver's license-when unlicensed, exploding fireworks in city limits, failure to appear (17 counts).
- BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CLINTON, 38, of 5109 Longshore Road, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram.
- INTOXICATED SUBJECT was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 500 block of Don-

ley St., the 800 block of E. 14th St., the 1700 block of Todd road and the 2700 block of S. Gregg St.

- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 200 block of Johnson St.
- BURGLARY IN PROGRESS was reported in the 800 block of W. Third St.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 600 block of NE 11th St.
- THEFT was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80.

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 57 inmates at the time of this report.
- SAMANTHA BARBARA MUNOZ, 20, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for bail jumping and failure to appear.
- CHANCE FELKER COOKE, 29, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CLINTON, 38, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram.
- RICARDO MIGUEL CARLOS, 22, was booked on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility; failure to display or expired motor vehicle inspection; no driver's license; exploding fireworks in the city limits; failure to appear (17 counts).
- JOHN MANUEL SOLIS, 29, was booked by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest, detention with vehicle/aircraft with previous conviction and possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram.

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.

• SteppingStone 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

• A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

FRIDAY
• 7p.m. — The Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, across from the movie box office, next to Sears).

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles.
Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

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News Briefs

Chaotic protests fill Ferguson streets after grand jury declines to indict police officer

FERGUSON, Mo. (AP) — Chaos returned to the streets of Ferguson after a grand jury declined to indict a white police officer in the death of Michael Brown — a decision that enraged protesters who set fire to buildings and cars and looted businesses in the area where the unarmed, black 18-year-old was fatally shot.

Monday night's destruction appeared to be much worse than last summer's protests, with at least a dozen businesses badly damaged or destroyed. Authorities reported hearing hundreds of gunshots, which for a time prevented fire crews from fighting the flames.

Jon Belmar, chief of the St. Louis County police, said that unless his agency could bring in 10,000 officers, "I don't think we can prevent folks who really are intent on destroying a community."

The grand jury's decision means that officer Darren Wilson, who is white, will not face any state criminal charges for killing Brown, whose death inflamed deep racial tensions between many black Americans and police.

Prosecuting Attorney Bob McCulloch said the jury of nine whites and three blacks met on 25 separate days over three months, hearing more than 70 hours of testimony from about 60 witnesses, including three medical examiners and experts on blood, toxicology and firearms.

Hagel departure reflects White House unease, raises prospect of 1st woman to lead Pentagon

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel is resigning at a particularly tough time for U.S. foreign and defense policy, with one war ending, another just beginning and the Pentagon struggling with the prospect of deeper budget cuts ahead.

It also raises the prospect of policy shifts as President Barack Obama seeks to sign up his fourth Pentagon chief in six years.

During a White House ceremony Monday after Hagel had submitted his resignation, Obama said he and Hagel agreed it was an "appropriate time for him to complete his service." Neither the president nor Hagel cited specific reasons for the change. Hagel aides said he had initiated private talks with the president in late October but was not leaving over policy conflicts.

Hagel, 68, never broke through the White House's notoriously insular national security team. Officials privately denigrated his ability to publicly communicate administration policy and more recently questioned his capacity to oversee new military campaigns against the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria.

Hagel is the first high-level member of Obama's

national security team to step down after both a disastrous midterm election for the president's party and persistent criticism about the administration's policies in the Middle East and elsewhere in the world. It's unclear whether Hagel's forced resignation signals the start of a broader shake-up of the president's team.

Negotiators fail to reach final deal on Iran's nuclear issues, talks extended until July

VIENNA (AP) — A yearlong effort to seal a nuclear deal with Iran fizzled Monday, leaving the U.S. and its allies little choice but to declare a seven-month extension in hopes that a new deadline will be enough to achieve what a decade of negotiations have failed to do — limit Tehran's ability to make a nuclear weapon.

Pushback from critics in Congress followed almost immediately, with powerful Republicans saying that Iran is merely trying to buy time.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and other Western foreign ministers defended the add-on time as the best way forward. "We would be fools to walk away," Kerry declared.

But a week of tough maneuvering appeared to have achieved little more than agreement to keep on talking. Negotiators will now strive to nail down by March 1 what Iran and the six world powers it is negotiating with must do, and by when. A final agreement is meant to follow four months later.

Members of the new Republican-controlled Congress to be sworn in early next year threatened to impose additional sanctions on Iran and may well have enough votes to overturn an expected veto by President Barack Obama.

Bollywood's female stars rise in stature and crank out hits, but ask: Where is the money?

NEW DELHI (AP) — This is Bollywood's year of the woman. Some of the biggest hits in India's prolific movie industry this year have female leads in female-oriented stories.

In this summer's surprise hit, "Queen," Kangana Ranaut is the spunky heroine who embarks on her honeymoon alone after she is jilted the day before her big fat Indian wedding. In "Mary Kom," Priyanka Chopra plays a female Olympic bronze medal-winning boxer. Previously, women were relegated to playing the male lead's girlfriend, sister or mother in subservient roles reflecting the traditional dominance of men in Indian society.

But for all their box-office success and newfound prominence, Bollywood actresses are asking: Where is the money?

Top male stars, such as the three Khans — Salman, Shah Rukh and Aamir — and action star Akshay Kumar, earn around 400 million rupees (\$6.7 million) per film on average, apart from a share of

the profits, according to industry experts.

A-list actresses such as Deepika Padukone and Katrina Kaif get paid a tenth of that per film. When Padukone recently signed a movie deal for 70 million rupees (\$1.1 million), it generated a buzz since it was one of the highest amounts paid to a female lead.

Japan's young fret over uncertain future as Herculean stimulus effort fails to halt recession

TOKYO (AP) — When Prime Minister Shinzo Abe responded to Japan's surprise recession by delaying a sales-tax increase, it was a cause for worry, not celebration, for many young Japanese. This generation, barely aware of their country's economic heyday, frets that putting off tough decisions now could make the future even worse.

Despite Abe's unprecedented stimulus efforts — almost everything short of dropping money from helicopters — Japan has slipped into recession less than two years after the last one. With the country's debt rising, population aging and job security fading, young people in particular wonder when, and if, Japan will bounce back.

"This is our children's future," said Mai Yamaguchi, a 29-year-old trading company employee heading into the gaudy Shibuya shopping area for an outing with her 4-month-old son and two other young moms and babies. "Child care, elder care, social welfare are all going to be even bigger burdens for us."

Under pressure to reduce the developed world's heaviest per-capita debt burden, at over a quadrillion yen (\$8.5 trillion), Abe raised the sales tax from 5 percent to 8 percent in April, and was supposed to increase it to 10 percent next year. But after the economy, already fragile after two decades of malaise, shrank for two quarters in a row, he put off the second increase until 2017.

Google acquires utensil device that eases mealtime for people whose hands shake

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. (AP) — Just in time for the holidays, Google is throwing its money, brain power and technology at the humble spoon.

Of course these spoons (don't call them spooles) are a bit more than your basic utensil: Using hundreds of algorithms, they allow people with essential tremors and Parkinson's Disease to eat without spilling.

The technology senses how a hand is shaking and makes instant adjustments to stay balanced. In clinical trials, the Liftware spoons reduced shaking of the spoon bowl by an average of 76 percent.

"We want to help people in their daily lives today and hopefully increase understanding of disease in the long run," said Google's Katelin Jabbari.

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sponsoring a number of

kids," she added. "I will supply you with the first name of the child, age and a couple of 'wish list' items for each child."

Rodriguez said children in the program can be "adopted" by an individual, a staff, department or by the entire office, "Whatever works

for you."

Gifts should be returned to Rodriguez by Wednesday, Dec. 3, unwrapped but labeled with the child's name.

For more information on the program, contact Rodriguez at 432-264-4135.

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COLLEGE

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The building has not been used since 1998 and has fallen into disrepair.

"It would cost a lot of money to fix up the building," said Jackie Rutledge, general manager of News West 9.

Another tower was built when the television station (KWES/KWAB) entered the digital age.

"It was built in an area that is in line with our office and is on higher ground," Rutledge explained. The present location provides better reception for the area.

The old tower is not being used by KWES/KWAB, who now owns the building. The decision for demolition was an involved one, according to officials.

Upon inspection, it was discovered that the building contains asbestos, making renovation cost prohibitive.

"It is a huge project for us," Rutledge said and explained that the project will cost "half a million dollars."

"(The project is) one I would rather not do," the general manager said. "It's horrible and an eyesore and we hope to have it down by the end of December."

Rutledge assured there would be no change in coverage for Big Spring and Howard County.

"The coverage will not change; we have a stringer here, Mike Henry of KBST radio and Johnny Lou Avery still does a story on local people in Big Spring for us. The tower hasn't been used in years so coverage will stay the

same," Rutledge continued.

The tenants of the broadcast tower, Basin 2 Way and NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association) have already or are in the process of finding another venue.

The four phase process is already in progress. The abatement material including the asbestos will be transported to a landfill in Arkansas.

Removing the 500-foot tower is the last phase of the process and will not interfere with upcoming football games to be held at Memorial Stadium.

Use for the area following demolition is in negotiation. "We appreciate the owner's investment in our campus," said Sparks.

The board also discussed the progress of the San Angelo campus which will be completed in the near future.

The SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, part of the Howard College district, will be celebrating its 35th anniversary with SWCIDfest slated for April 8, 9 and 10. An appearance by an ex-professional football player is in the works, tours of the museum, silent auctions, prizes

and children's activities are on the itinerary for those three days.

Bids were approved for computer lab equipment and supplies — Big Spring/HSI STEM Co-op Grant-Funded for \$62,000; supplies and equipment for Distance Learning — District/eSTART STEM Grant Funded for \$44,000 and \$112,000 to organize and increase reliability of distance learning.

For those seeking to transfer to a university music degree program, Howard College's as-

sociate degree in music will now allow those credits to transfer to a university bachelor degree program.

The next board meeting will be held Dec. 15.

To contact Andrea Medlin call the Herald at 263-7331.

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- FRENCH:** Frère
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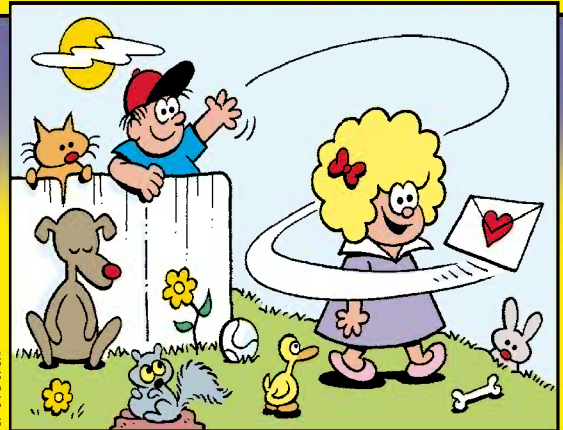
BY BOB WEBER JR.

One of these two suspects stole this car and crashed it into the tree. Study the accident scene for evidence with Slylock Fox and decide which suspect is probably the car thief.

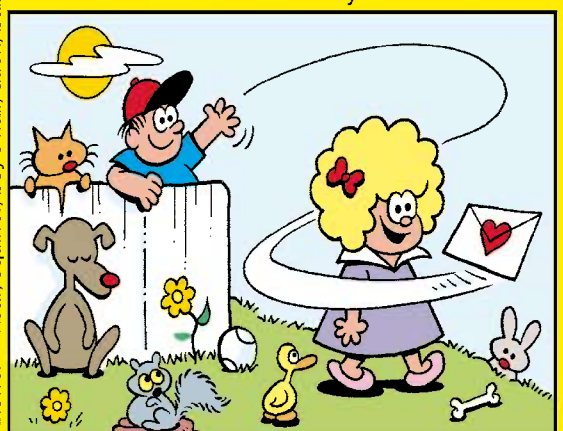


Solution -- The broken shoestring dangling from the car door matches the raccoon's broken sneaker string. When confronted with the evidence, the raccoon confessed to stealing the car.

Spot six differences between these panels.



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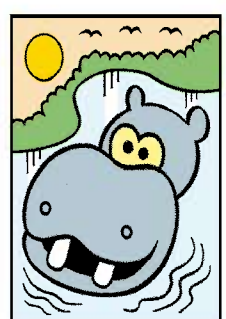


Answer -- Leaf, squirrel, boy's hair, duck, ball and cloud.

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Brain Boggler

I hatched from an egg. As a youngster, I swam, breathed water and ate algae. As an adult, I breathe air, spend nearly all my time on land and feast on bugs. What kind of animal am I?

Answer -- I am a toad.

BIRD POOP

They were a strange pair, for sure

Sandhill cranes rose slowly in the early morning air from Natural Dam Lake as we headed west to Andrews. With one passenger in the back, we anticipated gaining another traveler from their vet clinic. Later in the morning, we would deliver both birds to the wildlife center in Lubbock.



BEBE McCASLAND

With the sound of the doorbell the previous afternoon had come the presence of a man attired in typical work clothes. He had parked his truck by the curb. As we walked to his vehicle, he said he had found a sandhill crane lying in the grass. Since it would not stand, he felt it would be easy for anything to get it. He had placed it on his coat in the passenger seat. Upon his opening the door came my surprised comment, "That's not a crane. It's a great blue heron!" After taking its bill in my right hand, I wrapped my left arm around its body. With its wings pinned

against its sides, and long legs drawn up against its belly, I raised the bird from its snug little nest.

Having brought a towel to put over its head helped calm the startled heron. After thanking the man and obtaining his name and phone number, I hurried inside.

After quickly examining its wings and legs, and determining it had good weight and body fat, Art and I placed the great blue inside our largest carrier. Having noticed it panting and showing signs of shock, we left it to rest from its ordeal. "It may not make it through the night," I thought.

When Art came in for breakfast, his first question was "How's the heron?" "Still alive," was my response before the phone rang.

A vet tech in Andrews asked if we could come. A man in the boonies outside of the city had found a hawk that would fly a little, stop, fly a little, and stop. "Dr. Hada thinks it's an immature red-tailed hawk." Only seconds elapsed before Art nodded an agreement to going to Andrews, and delivering both the heron and the hawk to South Plains.

As we drove past the

Grady gym, we discussed a slight sign of progress we both had seen while loading the heron's carrier in the back of our vehicle. Trying to stand, the great blue had risen about three inches before settling down again.

At the vet clinic, the hawk lay at the back of a medium sized container. Removing it led to little resistance. While Art covered its head, I felt of its breastbone. Blessed with ample body fat, the red-tail had dined well.

With our twosome placed side by side, we headed to Lubbock. My thoughts were of how seldom we had been privileged to handle great blue herons. Their bluish gray upper parts were a pleasant contrast to their whitish heads and yellowish, dagger-like bills, and their long necks appeared to be a combination of light gray and pale cinnamon. Underneath, their black breasts and bellies were adorned with white streaks. Grayish-olive legs led to long toes that allowed them to walk gracefully over the muddiest of marshes.

Helping us with the new arrivals was Daniel Andrews, Operations Manager. After

giving the heron a thorough examination, he was perplexed by its inability to stand. Finding no broken bones, no parasites in the mouth or throat, and determining it to be well fed, he was mystified as to what was wrong.

During this time, Gail Barnes arrived and handled the red-tail. "It's fat!" she exclaimed as she felt of its keel. No broken bones were found. Since many arriving hawks this summer and fall had exhibited digestive upsets due to what they ate, she said this bird would be held for observation.

Later in the day she called. The great blue heron had been x-rayed. Although there were no broken bones, it might possibly have a spinal cord injury. The veterinarians said to wait three days and keep it on medication. Placing it in the aviary beside a kiddie-pool filled with water and fish, she said she thought it would die during the night.

The next morning brought no change in the red-tailed hawk. It was not getting up. When Gail entered the aviary, the heron was standing. Trying to outrun her and flying inside the facility, it had also eaten on its own. She wondered if it had



Courtesy photo

An expert at fishing, the great blue heron will stand in shallow waters and wait for a fish to swim into the shadows cast by its body.

just suffered a bruised hip or back, and anticipated its release the next day.

With the new morning the hawk was seen standing and eating. More than eager to be free, the heron was released at a body of water that would tempt any shorebird. On being given its freedom, Daniel said it flapped its wings and ran across the reeds in celebration.

Six days later, Gail felt it must have been something the hawk ate that had affected it so much. When her husband, Larry, released the red-tail, he said it flew east, never stopped, and finally dis-

appeared out of sight.

To have traveled together for the only times in their lives, the heron and the hawk had been a strange pair, indeed. The disparities in their wingspans, lengths, and weights were attributes of their species.

One was a shore bird, the other a raptor of the skies. Whatever their differences, we would always treasure the unique experience of having transported and aided this odd couple.

Bebe McCasland is author of "The Scoop from Bird Poop." She is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

PARENT'S CORNER

Grandma's House Rules for Thanksgiving

I was recently received a note with Grandma's new House Rules for Thanksgiving that I thought you would enjoy reading. It brought a smile to my lips, but I think that Grandma is really serious.

"Dear Family, I'm not dead yet. Thanksgiving is still important to me. If being in my Last Will and Testament is important to you, then you might consider being with me for my favorite holiday. We will follow this schedule, so pay attention to it. Dinner is at 2. Not 2:15. Not 2:05. Two. 2 o'clock. Arrive late and you get what's left over. "Last year, some moron fried a turkey in one of those contraptions and practically burned the deck off the house. This year, the only peanut oil used to make the meal will be from the secret scoop of peanut butter I add to the carrot soup.



DARRELL RYAN

"Now, one of you has a new wife and I won't name names, but your last new wife was an idiot. You don't arrive at someone's house on Thanksgiving needing to use the oven and the stove, unless you are coming in from out of town. I thought you might have learned after two wives. Goodness boy, date them longer and save us all

the agony of another divorce.

"Now, the house rules are slightly different this year because I have decided that half of you don't know how to take care of nice things. Paper plates and red plastic cups might be bad for the environment, but I'll be gone soon and that will be your problem to deal with. Now, read these new rules and abide by them. My new Thanksgiving House Rules:

The Dallas Cowboys don't play until 3. The television stays off during the meal. The "no cans for kids" rule still exists. We are using 2 liter bottles because your children still open a third can before finishing the first two. Parents can fill a child's cup when it is empty. All of the cups have names on them and I'll be paying close attention to refills.

"Don't bring Jell-O salad. This year, if Jell-O salad comes in the front door it will go right back out the back door with the garbage. Save yourself some time. You've never been a good cook and you shouldn't bring something that wiggles more than you. Buy something from the bakery.

"Grandmothers give grandchildren cookies and candy. That is a fact of life. Your children can eat healthy at your home. At my home, they can eat whatever they like as long as they finish it.

"I cook with bacon and bacon grease. That's nothing new.

Your being a vegetarian doesn't change the fact that stuffing without bacon is like egg salad without eggs. Even the green bean casserole has a little bacon grease in it. That's why it tastes so good. Not eating bacon is just not natural. And as far as being healthy, look at me. I've outlived almost everyone I know.

"Salad at Thanksgiving is a waste of space. I do not like cell phones. Leave them in the car. I do not like video cameras. There will be 32 people here. I am sure you can capture lots of

memories without the camera pointed at me.

"Being a parent means you have to actually pay attention to the kids. I have nice things and I don't put them away just because company is coming over. Watch your kids and I'll watch my things.

"Listen closely, a cat that requires a shot twice a day is a cat that has lived too many lives. I think staying home to care for the cat is your way of letting me know that I have lived too many lives too. I can live with that. Can you?"

"Words mean things. I say what I mean. Let me repeat: 'You don't need to bring anything' means you don't need to bring anything. And if I did tell you to bring something, bring it in the quantity I said. Really, this doesn't have to be difficult. Dominos and cards are better than anything that requires a battery or an on/off switch. That was true when you were kids and it's true now

that you have kids.

"Showing up for Thanksgiving guarantees presents at Christmas. Not showing up guarantees a card that may or may not be signed.

"I really mean all of the above. Love you, Grandma."

Darrell Ryan is director of school safety for the Big Spring Independent School District.

Sudoku Answer on Page 10

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.

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Covering All the Possibilities

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 9 7 3
♥ J 4 2
♦ J 8 6
♣ A 10 5 3

WEST
♠ Q J 10 2
♥ A 10 7 6
♦ 5 2
♣ J 8 7

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

SOUTH
♠ A K
♥ K Q 9 8 5 3
♦ A K Q 10
♣ 6

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

* artificial, strong ** negative
Opening lead — queen of spades.

When declarer is missing four cards in a suit, he should have at least some idea of how those cards will divide over the long haul. Mathematically, the expectation is that in 100 random hands, the defenders' four cards will divide 3-1 50 times, 2-2 40 times, and 4-0 10 times.

Declarer might or might not be able to put this knowledge to good use in a given hand, but if he is familiar with these probabilities even in

just a general way, the knowledge will sometimes do him a lot of good.

Consider this case where South reached six hearts as shown. He won the opening spade lead and, without giving the matter much thought, led a low heart to dummy's jack. Unfortunately, East showed out, after which declarer could not avoid losing two trump tricks for down one.

However, if South had initially played the king of hearts, rather than leading low to dummy, he would have made the contract. Whether West took the ace immediately or not, only one trump trick would have been lost. After East failed to follow suit, it would have been a simple matter for declarer to trap West's ten by means of a finesse.

The king-of-hearts lead is demonstrably the right play. It guards against four trumps in either opponent's hand, allowing for a finesse against the ten, if necessary.

Declarer should reason that the contract is a virtual certainty if the opposing trumps are divided 3-1 or 2-2. His only concern should be a 4-0 break and how to cater to it.

If East has all four trumps, a low heart to the jack would reveal the situation and allow the slam to be made. But since this approach fails if West has all the trumps, declarer should protect against that eventuality also.

Tomorrow: Tricks that slowly fade away.

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Lady Steers finish season ranked 9th in 4A poll

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers may not have made a return to the state volleyball tournament, but that hasn't stopped the state's coaches from recognizing the talent the Lady Steers put on the hardwood this season.

A regional tournament qualifier, the Lady Steers were ranked ninth in the fi-

nal Texas Girls Coaches Association poll, which was released earlier this week.

The Lady Steers, who saw their season come to an end in the regional semifinals to eventual Class 4A state champion, finished in an 8-way tie for ninth in the poll.

Following its win over Big Spring, Decatur edged out Bushland for the Region I championship, and then cruised to back-to-back wins

over Robinson and Argyle to claim the state title on Nov. 22.

Decatur finished the season at the TGCA's No. 1-ranked team. Argyle was No. 2.

Liberty Hill and Robinson finished in a tie for third, while Bushland, Melissa, Bellville and Sealy all tied for fifth.

Joining the Lady Steers in a tie for ninth in the final rankings were Caldwell, Lore-

na, Fredericksburg, Wylie, Spring Hill, Boerne and Van.

The Lady Steers, who are coached by Lynn Osborne, finished the 2014 season as the District 2-4A runner-up to Levelland. Big Spring, however, was the only 2-4A squad to advance to the regional tournament, which was held in Snyder.

As a team, Big Spring finished the season with a 22-20 record.

TGCA Class 4A Poll

1.....	Decatur
2.....	Argyle
3T.....	Liberty Hill
3T.....	Robinson
5T.....	Bushland
5T.....	Melissa
5T.....	Bellville
5T.....	Sealy
9T.....	Caldwell
9T.....	Lorena
9T.....	Fredericksburg
9T.....	Big Spring
9T.....	Wylie
9T.....	Spring Hill
9T.....	Boerne
9T.....	Van



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Up, up and away ...

Big Spring standout Diamonique Mayes shoots over the top of three Andrews defenders during the Lady Steers' game on Saturday in the Steer Gym. Big Spring will return to action on Dec. 2 when they host Pecos in non-district play.

Cowboys to face Eagles in Thanksgiving Day showdown

IRVING, Texas (AP) — George Selvie rushed out of Dallas' locker room, already prepared for a short week even by the standards of the Thanksgiving-trained Cowboys.

The defensive end was wearing Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle pajama pants.

"Oh yeah man," Selvie said when asked if he had gotten some rest. "Why do you think I came up here in pajamas?"

The Cowboys landed around 5 a.m. local time Monday after a 31-28 victory over the New York Giants pulled them even with Philadelphia atop the NFC East at 8-3. That game ended about 90 hours before they kick off against the Eagles at home on Thanksgiving.

Dallas players were home for only a few hours Monday morning, which was more time than coach Jason Garrett spent in his own bed. He didn't go home, catching a short nap at the end of the flight and another one in his office.

Not that the rare Sunday-night-Thursday-afternoon turnaround changed much for the process-oriented Garrett.

"Regular Thanksgiving Monday," he said. "Back to work, clean up

the game as quickly as you can and get on to the next one."

And it's a big one, but in a different way for the Cowboys. They are used to high-stakes division games because they have finished each of the past three seasons with a loss to an NFC East foe with a playoff berth on the line.

Dallas' postseason fate won't be sealed in the first of two meetings with the Eagles over 18 days. The Cowboys have a little flexibility after Tony Romo's second touchdown pass to Dez Bryant with 1:01 remaining forced the Giants to settle for the thrill of Odell Beckham Jr.'s spectacular one-handed scoring catch in the first half.

Had New York ended a five-game losing streak, Dallas might have needed a sweep of the Eagles to end a four-year playoff drought, despite a 6-1 start. Instead, the Cowboys have answered a two-game skid with consecutive wins, and can put themselves in prime position by winning on the same field where the Eagles grabbed a postseason spot last season.

"I think the excitement and adrenaline can override how tired you are," tight end Jason Witten said.

Pablo Sandoval reaches multiyear deal with Red Sox

(AP) — From his three-homer game in the 2012 World Series to that lasting image of his arms in the air celebrating another championship last month, Pablo Sandoval left quite a mark in San Francisco.

No wonder fans are stunned he is really leaving. Right after he said he would love to retire in a Giants uniform, no less.

Kung Fu Panda is mov-

ing about as far away as he could go, to the American League and an East Coast team hoping to duplicate San Francisco's recent run of success. Sandoval and the Boston Red Sox agreed to a multi-year contract, and the switch-hitting third baseman informed the Giants on Monday he will be taking his services elsewhere.

"To the greatest fans in

San Francisco! Leaving the (hashtag)SFGiants & this city I love is the most difficult decision I have ever made," Sandoval posted on Twitter and Instagram.

Sandoval, the 2012 World Series MVP, had pondered an offer from the Giants worth about \$95 million over five years, assistant general manager Bobby Evans said.

Lady Steers upend MC in OT, 31-29

The Big Spring Junior High School eighth grade B team picked up outstanding defensive efforts from Maysy Talamantez, Jesusita Cerda, and Kailey Mathews on

Monday and used that to claim a wild 31-29 overtime victory over the Midland Christian Lady Mustangs.

Talamantez, Cerda, and Mathews led BSJHS in

rebounds.

Offensively, Mathews led Big Spring with 10 points and Madirez, Bosley, Sady Ramirez, Hallie Hyatt, Cerda each scored four points.

'Hawk Buddies' hoops clinic slated

The Howard College Lady Hawks' coaching staff will be holding their annual "Hawk Buddies" clinic on Dec. 6 in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The clinic is open

to all area boys and girls in kindergarten through eighth grade.

Registration is \$20 per person.

As part of the clinic, each player will receive

a Hawk basketball, free admission for all family members to HC home games. Buddies will also be recognized at an upcoming HC game.



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Tough loss ...

The Coahoma Bulldogs suffered a tough 56-41 loss to the Crane Golden Cranes on Monday in non-district basketball action. The Bulldogs will return to action tonight with a game against Miles, starting at 8 p.m.

BSJHS B teams sweep Midland

Marisa Salazar scored 10 points and pulled down six rebounds on Monday and helped power the Big Spring Junior High School Lady Steers' seventh grade B team to a 24-6 rout of the Midland Christian Lady Mustangs.

"The seventh grade B team played an excellent defensive game," said BSJHS coach Audrey Dunn.

The Lady Steers held Midland Christian scoreless in the first half.

Jazzmin Aguilar and Joseph "Hope" Cook also played well in the win. Allen had four points, four steals, three assists and a pair of rebounds, while Cook chipped in four points and four steals.

Marissa Aguilar, Obri Guzman, Mackenzie Rodrigues and Diondra Villalobos played tough defense.

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Mercury and Saturn Troublemakers

Mercury and Saturn align to agitate us and test our boundaries. In a related story, don't be surprised if loved ones want you to buy them something today. Is this just an attention-getting ploy? If so, give them the attention and don't make the purchase. Sure, buying things is one way to show you care, but it's probably not the best way.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). New confidence will come when you trade in an old belief about yourself for a new, empowering purpose. This is something you're not sure you can do, and that is what makes it so exciting.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your people need to know what you appreciate about them -- the little things and the big things, too. Focus yourself by writing a letter to the one you love. You don't have to send it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). This is how you'll do your part for world peace today: You'll follow your own inclinations, respect the choices of others and share what you learn along the way.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You know that your path is not the same as anyone else's, and yet you will find yourself wishing that at least a few fellow travelers could share

Tomorrow's Horoscope

your road. They will. They just need an invite.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You feel strongly about a person or an issue that has cropped up over the past week -- more strongly than is reasonable, which is just the sign that this is something important.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There is no waiting. You are all about action. You do what you need to do, and then it's over and on to the next. This is the kind of day you don't remember unless you make it a point to.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are easy-going and fulfilled in yourself. Your lack of need disarms people. Relaxed and self-assured, they may take out their wallets. It's not what you're going for, but it will help.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Ease up on the rules. Why not let a few minor mistakes and annoyances go by without giving them too much attention? Your laid-back approach will suit the mood of the day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're after something that a lot of others are after, as well. Hold your ground as everyone jockeys for position. You'll settle into your rightful place by the end of the day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll put more time and energy into your social presentation than usual. It's appropriate. There's a surprise in this. You'll be excited, and so will they.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What you want

is the comforting lull of the familiar. What you get is the alarming cry of the brand-spanking-new. That's life. The only reason you are given this challenge is that you can handle it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A strange harmony starts to happen around you. It's too consistent to properly fall into the realm of "coincidence," don't you think? Find out what you all have in common and enjoy the camaraderie.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 25). You'll find yourself in a state of perpetual gratitude this year. January is about spending money to make money -- you'll come out far ahead. In February, you find beauty in your life and highlight it proudly for all the world to see. The public response you elicit keeps you busy. In April, you end a relationship pattern that no longer serves you and develop new healthy habits around relationships. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 14, 32, 28 and 9.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I was born on Jan. 21, 1954, and since the beginning of the year have been severed from my company where I worked for over 20 years. I have not landed a job yet, and I'm torn as to whether I should continue my search in the area where I live. There might be a job opportunity for me in Arizona or Georgia. Do you foresee me relocating? Thank you." - Confused

Congratulations. This change is just what you needed in order to remind you who you really are! As an

Aquarius, you thrive when you are being inventive. Getting too comfortable in one place can put your natural talent for innovation to sleep. Today you are waking up. A move is extremely positive, whether or not you go out of state. I see you doing very well in a place where there is at least one family member or extended family member within 100 miles. Georgia speaks louder than Arizona in your chart. Accept this state of flux as the norm for a few months instead of trying to grab onto the first job you get in an effort to return to the stability you've become used to. Do you dare go on a vacation? It would do you good now, because come January, you'll be too busy settling into a new position.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Christina Applegate will star with Chevy Chase in the upcoming comedy "Vacation," reviving the Griswold family from one of the most beloved comedies in the American film canon "National Lampoon's Vacation." Applegate has the remarkable courage and incredible energy of five luminaries in Sagittarius, as well as the kindhearted empathy of a Pisces moon and Mars.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: In my circle of friends, there is a 23-year-old man with Asperger syndrome who drives me crazy. This guy has zero understanding of boundaries. He'll argue, interrupt conversations and answer back to everyone, and he lectures incessantly. He once spent an evening interrupting every conversation I had until finally I said, "Joe, I'm talking to someone else now. Enough." He went to interrupt someone else.

When we went to someone's house recently, he walked in the door, asked the hostess to go to the store and buy him something he wanted and then requested that she loan him a bunch of DVDs.

Here's the problem. We'll be going out together as a group to a concert, and afterward, I'd like to invite some

friends back to my place. I only have seats for

seven people, and I don't want to include Joe. I know he will ask to use my computer, make ridiculous requests, ask to borrow my stuff, go through my closets and monopolize every



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

conversation.

How do I politely leave him out? If a bunch of us are together for the concert, one of them is bound to say, "We're going to Tom's place," and Joe will think he is invited, too. I realize I will look like a jerk to exclude him, but it's my house, and I should be able to invite whom I choose. Shouldn't there be an expectation of proper courtesy and etiquette? -- Bob

Dear Bob: Yes -- and no. Someone with Asperger's is unlikely to understand these expectations and needs to be taught. This means explaining nicely (and consistently) when something is inappropriate and informing him how to behave in a way that will make him welcome. Getting angry only confuses him and teaches him nothing. Nonetheless, if you are

incapable of that much compassion for Joe, you do not have to invite him. But we don't recommend you exclude him during a group activity. Instead, if you wish to entertain without him, invite each friend individually for a specific time and date, and let them know the guest list is small.

Dear Annie: My husband has two older half-sisters he hasn't seen in years. I've spent six years trying to find them, but I've come up short. It doesn't help that they have common first and last names. I've tried Facebook, Google, etc. My husband hasn't spoken to his father in years, due to his father's abuse and alcoholism and the fact that his dad never wanted him. His mother is of no help, either. What else can I do to find them? - A.

Dear A.: Does your husband want you to find his sisters? If not, please leave this alone. If he wants to locate them, he should ask his father (or mother) how to find them, possibly through family members or neighbors from their previous hometown. You also could hire a professional investigator to help you.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Hoping for Better Times," the writer with MS who wanted his siblings to visit. He is married, and his wife sounds supportive.

Please tell your readers who long for company to extend an invitation. Anytime people receive a direct invitation to visit on a particular day and at a particular time for dinner, snacks or dessert, whether it's to play cards, watch a movie or go for a handicap-accessible walk, they usually will respond. If they are unable to attend, reschedule the invitation to fit their busy lives, and don't expect everyone to come at the same time. Have one sibling over, with or without other family members. If able, offer to babysit a niece or nephew for a short period of time to get to know them.

Take charge of your loneliness, and don't talk only of your illness while visiting with others. Those conversations should be short and direct. An MS support group will help. -- Licensed Psychologist

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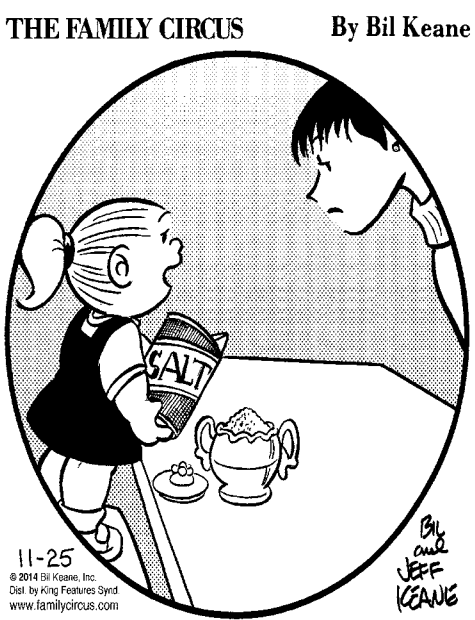
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5:PM	News ABC	P. Luche	Two Men	News CBS	Tele	News	Seinfeld	Justice	Focus	ChiPs	Moonshiners	Sorcerer's	Ink Master	Bones	The Real	Austin	Austin	Basket	SportsCenter
6:PM	Jeopardy!	La Gata (SS)	Big Bang	News	Noticiero	News	Seinfeld	Called	Business	M*A*S*H	Moonshiners	Alfred Molina	Ink Master	Bones	Husbands	Jessie	College	Top 25	
7:PM	Selfie	Mi Corazon	MasterChef	Ent	Reina de	The Voice	Big Bang	Upd	Finding Your	Griffith	Moonshiners	Movie: The	Ink Master	Bones	Husbands	Movie: WALL-E, Jeff	College	College	
8:PM	Mod Fam	Es Tuyo	NCIS (DVS)	Ent	Corazones	Los Mis-	Big Bang	BAS	Return to	Griffith	Moonshiners	Movie: The	Ink Master	(:01) Bones	Husbands	WALL-E, Jeff	College	College	
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11:PM	Mod Fam	La Que No	Letterman	Ent	Los Mis-	Chicago Fire	Big Bang	Upd	Return to	Griffith	Moonshiners	Movie: The	Ink Master	(:03) CSI: NY	Husbands	WALL-E, Jeff	College	College	
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1:AM	Mod Fam	La Que No	Letterman	Ent	Los Mis-	Chicago Fire	Big Bang	Upd	Return to	Griffith	Moonshiners	Movie: The	Ink Master	(:03) CSI: NY	Husbands	WALL-E, Jeff	College	College	

DENNIS THE MENACE



"OL' MARGARET MIGHT BE ABLE TO READ MUSIC, BUT SHE SURE CAN'T PLAY IT!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



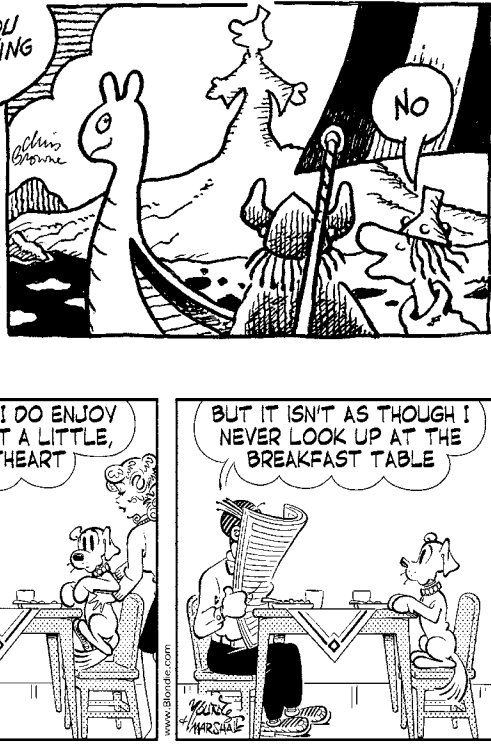
"The sugar bowl was only half full, so I filled it back up."

HAGAR



WE'RE APPROACHING THE ISLAND WE VISITED LAST YEAR!

BLONDIE

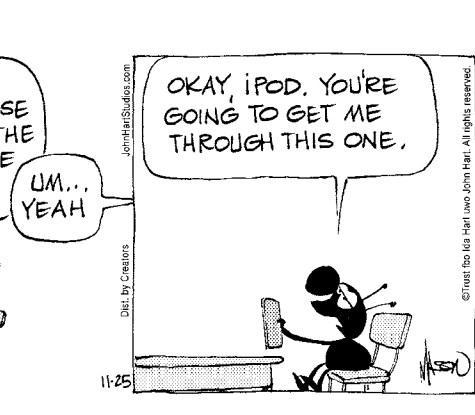


HONEY, THAT SPORTS SECTION MUST BE FASCINATING EVERY MORNING

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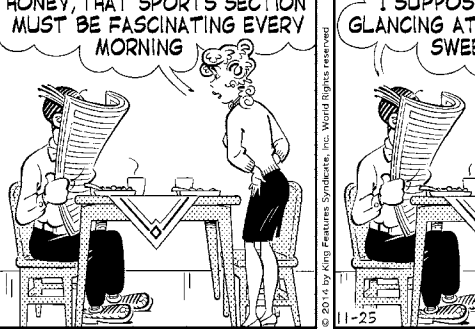


HEY, JOHNNY, YOUR AUNT JUDE IS GOING TO BE JOINING US FOR THANKSGIVING THIS YEAR.

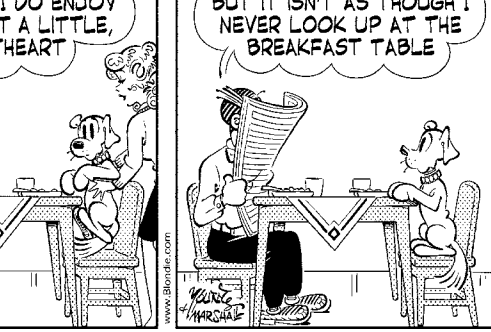


YOU MEAN THE AUNT JUDE WHOSE POLITICS ARE THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF YOURS?

BLONDIE



I SUPPOSE I DO ENJOY GLANCING AT IT A LITTLE, SWEETHEART

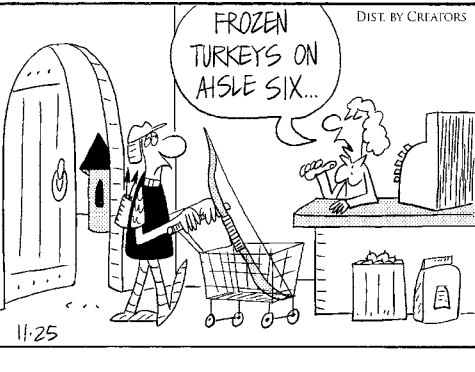


BUT IT ISN'T AS THOUGH I NEVER LOOK UP AT THE BREAKFAST TABLE

WIZARD OF ID



ROYAL MARKET

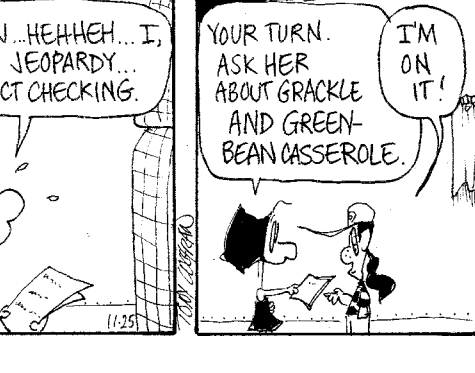


FROZEN TURKEYS ON AISLE SIX...

AGNES

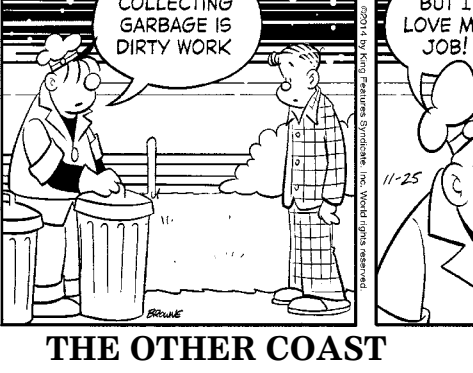


GRANDMA? DOES GRACKLE MEAT GO WITH SWEET POTATOS?

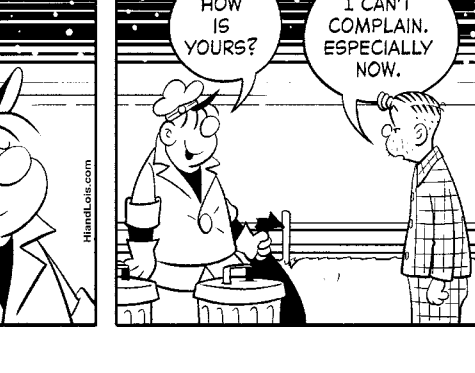


UM... NO REASON... HEHHEH... I, UH, SAW IT ON JEOPARDY... I WAS JUST FACT CHECKING.

HI AND LOIS

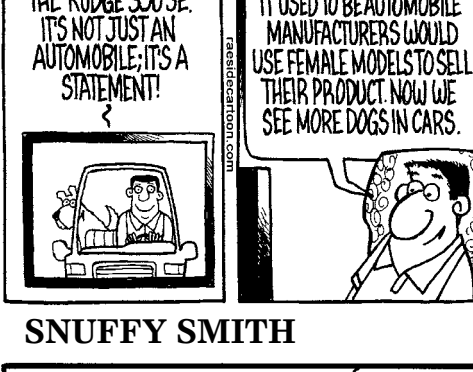


COLLECTING GARBAGE IS DIRTY WORK



BUT I LOVE MY JOB!

THE OTHER COAST

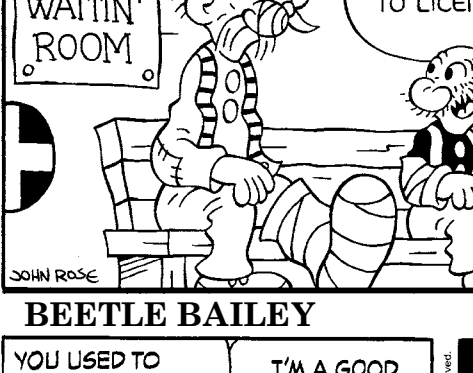


THE RUDGE 350 SE. IT'S NOT JUST AN AUTOMOBILE; IT'S A STATEMENT!

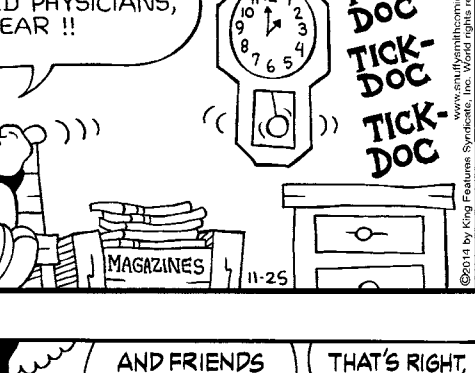


NICE TO SEE A BIT OF REALISM IN CAR COMMERCIALS.

SNUFFY SMITH



WAITIN' ROOM



AVAILABLE EXCLUSIVELY TO LICENSED PHYSICIANS, I HEAR !!

BEEBLE BAILEY



YOU USED TO BE SUCH A GOOD WORKER, ZERO



I'M A GOOD FRIEND NOW...

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 25, the 329th day of 2014. There are 36 days left in the year. Today's Highlights in History: On Nov. 25, 1984, William Schroeder (SHRAY'-dur) of Jasper, Indiana, became the second man to receive a Jarvik-7 artificial heart, at Humana Hospital Audubon in Kentucky. (Schroeder lived 620 days on the device.) The Ethiopian famine relief song "Do They Know It's Christmas?" was recorded in London by the charity

supergroup Band Aid. On this date: In 1783, the British evacuated New York, their last military position in the United States during the Revolutionary War. In 1864, during the Civil War, Confederate agents set a series of arson fires in New York; the blazes were quickly extinguished. In 1908, the first issue of The Christian Science Monitor was published. In 1914, baseball Hall of Famer Joe DiMaggio was born in Martinez, California. In 1920, radio station WTAW of College Station, Texas, broadcast the first play-by-play description of a football game, between Texas University and the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. (Texas won, 7-3.) In 1944, baseball commissioner Judge Kene-saw Mountain Landis died at age 78. In 1974, former U.N. Secretary-General U Thant (oo thahnt) died in New York at age 65.

Answer to previous puzzle

CHAR	LEASE	ACED
HERE	ALTER	CLAY
EATS	ROWER	RARE
FRYING	PAIN	BOWLS
	SNEER	GOSH
ROSTER	SEASALT	
OPTS	MOUNT	MAR
DEE	WHARVES	MBA
ERA	OOZES	DEEP
OAKTREE	SWIRLS	
KITS	TAPES	
MONTH	PUSHBROOM	
EVIL	FALSE	URGE
SAFE	RISER	PERT
SLED	ORATE	TOES

Newsday Crossword

VERY STRANGE by Billie Truitt

- ACROSS
- Cowboy boot attachment
 - "I've __ up to here!"
 - Expense
 - Hawaiian dance
 - Musical work with arias
 - Not fooled by
 - __ and crafts
 - Cantaloupe, for example
 - Hammer's target
 - Very strange
 - Jam-pack
 - Pencil end
 - Cultured dairy products
 - Large brass instrument
 - Hamster signal
 - Hamster's home
 - Robin's home
 - Chopped into tiny cubes
 - Dried plum
 - Fire remnant
 - Catch in a trap
 - Blend a new way
 - Bring up, as a child
 - Chew like a rodent
 - Coll. student's stat
 - Exact double
 - Tropical-tree source of saturated fats
 - Perfume container
 - Neighborhood
 - Very strange
 - Tidy
 - Hair-raising
 - Makes a mistake

- DOWN
- Me, myself __
 - Have a quarrel
 - "That's clear now"
 - Opposite of fem.
 - Uses a stun gun on
 - Agrees silently
 - Contour
 - Not as diluted
 - Prefix for violet
 - Speaks hoarsely
 - Big hit in baseball
 - Acme
 - Neighborhood food shop
 - Literary twist
 - South American dances
 - Very strange
 - Walking __ (very happy)
 - Clown's height enhancer
 - Bridge-crossing fees
 - Allow
 - Zeus and Apollo
 - Grizzly, for one
 - Selling point
 - EMT's skill
 - Exist
 - Chewable stick
 - Very strange
 - Defrost
 - Is able to
 - Memorable period
 - Morning moisture
 - Trade show, for short
 - Types of steaks
 - Points toward
 - Neither here __ there
 - Former international airline
 - Boxing match site
 - Is ahead
 - Stretchy fabric
 - Promotional link
 - Human trunk
 - Enticed
 - Double-curve letters
 - Droops
 - Honest-to-goodness

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Scoreboard

FOOTBALL					
National Football League					
American Conference					
East					
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	9	2	0	.818	357227
Miami	6	5	0	.545	285219
Buffalo	6	5	0	.545	238207
N.Y. Jets	2	9	0	.182	177303
South					
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	7	4	0	.636	333256
Houston	5	6	0	.455	242226
Tennessee	2	9	0	.182	192293
Jacksonville	1	10	0	.091	161305
North					
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	7	3	1	.682	246234
Baltimore	7	4	0	.636	295208
Pittsburgh	7	4	0	.636	288263
Cleveland	7	4	0	.636	242219
West					
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	8	3	0	.727	332260
Kansas City	7	4	0	.636	261195
San Diego	7	4	0	.636	245216
Oakland	1	10	0	.091	176285
National Conference					
East					
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	8	3	0	.727	342275
Dallas	8	3	0	.727	292240
N.Y. Giants	3	8	0	.273	233294
Washington	3	8	0	.273	217273
South					
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	4	7	0	.364	262281
New Orleans	4	7	0	.364	288286
Carolina	3	7	1	.318	215300
Tampa Bay	2	9	0	.182	207300
North					
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	8	3	0	.727	354246
Detroit	7	4	0	.636	197190
Chicago	5	6	0	.455	236303
Minnesota	4	7	0	.364	202244

West					
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	9	2	0	.818	240195
Seattle	7	4	0	.636	279218
San Francisco	7	4	0	.636	228225
St. Louis	4	7	0	.364	209285
Monday's Games					
Buffalo 38, N.Y. Jets 3					
Baltimore 34, New Orleans 27					
Thursday, Nov. 27					
Chicago at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.					
Philadelphia at Dallas, 4:30 p.m.					
Seattle at San Francisco, 8:30 p.m.					
Sunday, Nov. 30					
Tennessee at Houston, 1 p.m.					
Oakland at St. Louis, 1 p.m.					
Carolina at Minnesota, 1 p.m.					
Washington at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.					
Cleveland at Buffalo, 1 p.m.					
New England at Baltimore, 1 p.m.					
N.Y. Giants at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.					
New Orleans at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.					
Arizona at Atlanta, 4:05 p.m.					
New England at Green Bay, 4:25 p.m.					
Denver at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.					
Miami at N.Y. Jets, 8:30 p.m.					
CFL Playoffs					
Grey Cup					
Sunday, Nov. 30					
At Vancouver					
Hamilton vs. Calgary, 6 p.m.					
BASKETBALL					
National Basketball Association					
Eastern Conference					
Atlantic Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Toronto	12	2	.857	—	

Harris, Hilario lead BSJHS to win over MC

C.J. Harris and Nathan Hilario put on a scoring clinic on Monday afternoon and powered the Big Spring Junior High School seventh grade A team to a big win over the Midland Christian Mustangs.

Harris led the Steers in scoring by pouring in a game-high 14 points. Hilario had 10 points in the second half alone.

Other key players were for the Steers included Zephaniah Nelson, who finished with eight points and five rebounds, Gabriel Gomez also turned in a solid outing.

The seventh grade B team suffered a close loss to Midland Christian, falling by three.

Despite the loss, Big Spring had solid outings from Isaac Murillo and Brandon Zarraga. Murillo led BSJHS in scoring with 11 while Zarraga added 10.

Armani Davis managed the game well and Gene Rodriguez played

Penny, Kemper lead Lady Steers past Midland Christian

Kayleigh Penny and Kamri Kemper both turned in stellar outing on Monday afternoon and helped carry the Big Spring Junior High School eighth grade A team to a thrilling 32-20 victory over the Midland Christian.

Penny keyed the Lady Steers' offensive attack by throwing in a game-high 12 points.

Kemper helped spark a stingy effort by the

great defense. Also playing well were Michael Munoz and Hezechia McNally.

The Big Spring eighth grade A team suffered a 50-37 setback in their contest.

The loss overshadowed a stellar effort by A.J. Gonzales. The BSJHS standout led the Steers with 15 points, 11 rebounds, and added five blocks.

Kobe Gutierrez added seven points, three rebounds, and three steals.

Jack Everett had a great defensive game, and added four points, eight rebounds, and two steals.

The eighth grade B team, despite 12 points from Brendon Martinez and six from Caleb Rodriguez, lost a 29-25 decision to MC in overtime.

The BSJHS teams will return to action on Dec. 1 when they host Levelland. Games will begin at 5 p.m.

The seventh grade A team lost a heartbreaker, falling 28-22.

Leading scorers for BSJHS were Amber Martinez with seven points and Mady McNesse with six points. Defensive players of the game included Trinity Galloway and Austyn Montgomery.

Big Spring will return to play on Dec. 1 when they travel to Levelland. Games start at 5 p.m.

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TRANSACTIONS					
BASEBALL					
American League					
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Acquired RHP Charles Brewer from Arizona for cash considerations. Designated LHP Scott Barnes for assignment.					
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — OF Josh Willingham announced his retirement.					
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Named Dan Kantrovitz assistant general manager.					
TEXAS RANGERS — Placed OF Jim Adduci on unconditional release waivers. Agreed to terms with INF Ed Lucas on a minor league contract.					
National League					
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Acquired RHP Juan Nicasio from Colorado for a player to be named or cash considerations. Designated INF Ryan Jackson for assignment.					
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Promoted Jeff Harding to director-creative design and strategy, Chris Kimball promoted to director-group ticket sales and Tai Pauls to director of Brewers Enterprises.					
American Association					
AMARILLO SOX — Signed RHP Austin Delmotte.					
BASKETBALL					
National Basketball Association					
HOUSTON ROCKETS — Recalled G Nick Johnson from Rio Grande Valley (NBADL).					
MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Named Glynn Cyprien basketball operations assistant and scout.					
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Recalled F JaKarr Sampson from Delaware (NBADL).					
FOOTBALL					

EARLY DEADLINES FOR THANKSGIVING WEEK

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH DEADLINE:
Tuesday, Nov 25 by Noon

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH DEADLINE:
Wednesday, Nov 26 by Noon

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH DEADLINE:
Wednesday, Nov 26 by Noon

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1ST DEADLINE:
Wednesday, Nov 26 by Noon

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