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Above: Hailey Williams drops money into the Salvation Army Christmas kettle at Wal-Mart Friday morning as her mother, Lucy Williams, and bell ringer Pedro Cordero look on. At right: From left, Howard College Music Director Dan Kiley and Gabe Martinez perform traditional Christmas tunes outside Wal-Mart. The SA Christmas Kettle campaign runs through Dec. 24



HERALD photos/Steve Reagan

Salvation Army begins annual kettle campaign

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

When Salvation Army officials say they help ring in the holiday season, they are being quite literal. One of the surest of the Christmas season was unveiled Friday with the official start of the Salvation Army's Christmas Kettle Campaign, complete with bell ringers and holiday music, at the Wal-Mart Supercenter.

Through Dec. 24, bell-ringers will be manning the familiar red kettles at Wal-Mart, the local post office and Beall's Department Store at Spring Town Plaza. In addition, "counter kettles" — smaller versions of their larger cousins — have been placed at several locations across town.

"This campaign raises money we use for the programs we do for the community," SA Capt. Jeremiah Romack said. "One hundred percent of the money stays here in Howard County."

Among the SA programs that are at least partly funded by kettle donations are its rent and utility assistance, emergency shelter and the local Boys and Girls Club.

"I always tell people we're the Walmart of social services," Romack said. "We can do just about anything, and if we can't, we have affiliates who can."

Romack said the agency hopes to raise at least \$40,000 from the kettle campaign.

"If we can raise that much, that would be great," he said. "I always set our goals high,

but I think that's achievable."

Also Friday, Salvation Army personnel set up the agency's Angel Tree at Wal-Mart. On the tree are

close to 200 angel tags with the name of a

child or senior in need of

a Christmas gift. People wishing to help out can simply take the card, purchase of gift for the recipient and return it to where the tree was located. Romack said gifts do not need to be wrapped, but asked that the angel tags be taped to the gifts.

Aside from Wal-Mart, people can drop off their gifts at the county law enforcement center, any local fire station or Higginbotham-Bartlett.

December 18 is the deadline to purchase gifts, which will be distributed Dec. 20.

"This helps those who are in low-income situations who might have to decide whether to pay their bills or buy their kids a present this month," Romack said. "It's Christmas. We think every kid should have a present this time of year."

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235.



'Boomtown' parade returns to Forsan

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
 Managing Editor

FORSAN — Float builders and parade watchers can double their fun Saturday with Christmas in Boomtown in the morning and the Big Spring Herald Lighted Community Christmas Parade that evening.

The Forsan parade — the first in a number of years but an event organizers plan to hold on an annual basis — will begin at 10 a.m. in the Forsan High School cafeteria parking lot.

The route will be south on Avenue H, left on First Street, left on Rex and left on Main, stopping at the Baptist Church.

"We'll serve hot chocolate and refreshments at the church and Santa will be there to visit with the children and have their photo taken if they wish," said Jenny Sayles, city secretary and parade organizer.

Entries will be accepted until the parade begins. Participants are encouraged to arrive by 9:30.

"We welcome anyone," said Sayles.

She said the parade has generated a lot of excitement in the small community south of Big Spring.

"We've gotten great response. We think it will be great. We're just a little town, but we have a big heart. We'll enjoy showing our Christmas spirit," she added.

Entries so far include several floats, the Forsan band, various organizations and others.

"Come participate or just enjoy watching the parade," said Sayles. "We'd love to have you."

For questions, Sayles can be reached at 816-6168.

That evening, the Big Spring Community Parade will get under way at 5:30. Beginning at 24th Street and Scurry, the route will head north to Fourth Street and east to Main, where it will disperse.

It's too late to be eligible for prizes, but entries will still be accepted.

"We encourage everyone to participate," said Rick Nunez, Herald general manager. "The more, the merrier."

Those who have not yet registered should line up at the rear of the parade.

For questions, call the Herald at 432-263-7331.



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Obituaries

Peggy Garner



Peggy Garner, 64, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Nov. 27, 2014, at Covenant Specialty Hospital in Lubbock. Graveside service will be held Monday, Dec. 1, 2014, at 2 p.m. at Mount Olive Memorial Park's Chapel.

She was born Aug. 22, 1950, in Big Spring, Texas, to Hazel Eleanor (Stewart) and J.W. Thorp. She married Ron Garner on Feb. 26, 1981, in Big Spring, Texas.

She had been a lifetime resident of Howard County. She was a homemaker but was also a cake decorator and a dog groomer. She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Ron Garner of Big Spring; one daughter, Patty Hart and husband Wesley of Mabank, Texas; two brothers, Jack Thorp and Wayne Thorp, both of Odessa; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Rodney Ramsey; and two sisters, Jane Thorp and Louwana Plemister.

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

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. For information, call 263-5999.

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

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

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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

Take Note

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

- Family Faith Center, 810 E. 11th, will hold a shoe giveaway for area children in grades pre-K through 12th from 9 a.m. to noon Dec. 13. For more information, contact the church at 267-6001.

- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Thursday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information,

contact Jimmy Ruth at 270-7263.

- The Cross Roads Young Marines are taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

- Crossroads Hospice is looking for volunteers. Come and be part of our team. Contact Eva at 432-263-5300.

- The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages. No alcohol or smoking. Our parking lot is now well lit, and we are handicapped-accessible. Cost is \$8 per person.

- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to,

assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quali-

ty volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

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

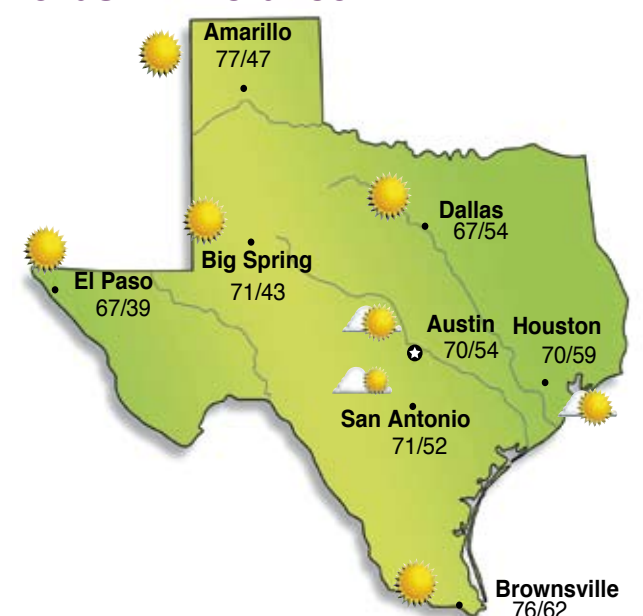
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9-11 a.m. and get two for one, plus a rehab meeting.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 11/29	Sun 11/30	Mon 12/1	Tue 12/2	Wed 12/3
71/43 A mainly sunny sky. High 74F. Winds SW at 10 to 20 mph.	74/44 Sunshine. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 30s.	74/36 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the upper 20s.	47/28 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.	63/42 Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 40s.
Sunrise: 7:27 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:27 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:28 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:29 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:30 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abiene	69	49	windy	Kingsville	76	57	sunny
Amarillo	77	47	sunny	Livingston	67	56	mst sunny
Austin	70	54	mst sunny	Longview	65	52	sunny
Beaumont	66	55	mst sunny	Lubbock	73	39	sunny
Brownsville	76	62	sunny	Lufkin	68	55	sunny
Brownwood	70	45	sunny	Midland	71	43	sunny
Corpus Christi	71	62	pt sunny	Raymondville	76	59	sunny
Corsicana	66	54	mst sunny	Rosenberg	68	57	mst sunny
Dallas	67	54	sunny	San Antonio	71	52	pt sunny
Del Rio	70	46	pt sunny	San Marcos	71	53	pt sunny
El Paso	67	39	sunny	Sulphur Springs	66	56	sunny
Fort Stockton	76	47	sunny	Sweetwater	70	47	sunny
Gainesville	67	49	sunny	Tyler	66	55	sunny
Greenville	66	54	sunny	Weatherford	68	49	sunny
Houston	70	59	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	69	47	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	60	43	sunny	Minneapolis	37	15	cloudy
Boston	35	28	sunny	New York	37	28	mst sunny
Chicago	44	41	cloudy	Phoenix	75	50	sunny
Dallas	67	54	sunny	San Francisco	61	54	mst sunny
Denver	65	35	pt sunny	Seattle	50	33	rain
Houston	70	59	mst sunny	St. Louis	51	39	sunny
Los Angeles	78	55	sunny	Washington, DC	49	40	pt sunny
Miami	74	69	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Sat 11/29	Sun 11/30	Mon 12/1	Tue 12/2	Wed 12/3
4	4	4	3	3
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, 0 with a higher UV index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan, second from right, drops a dollar into the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle outside Wal-Mart to signify the start of the agency's annual holiday donation campaign. Also shown are, from left, SA Capt. Jeremiah Romack, Wal-Mart Co-Manager Tito Drummond and SA Board Co-Chairman Gary Blount.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

News Briefs

Cops: Woman drops cocaine baggie in police station

UNIONTOWN, Pa. (AP) — Authorities say a woman being cited for public drunkenness in Pennsylvania accidentally dropped a baggie of crack cocaine on the police station floor.

Uniontown police say 23-year-old Savannah Turachak, of Lemont Furnace, was patted down for weapons but not otherwise searched when she was brought to the station Nov. 19. That's because police were just citing and releasing her.

But police say Turachak returned moments later to report being harassed by someone and, in the process, fluffed her shirt to straighten it out — and the drugs fell out.

Surveillance video shows she tried to pick up the bag but instead left it when three other people walked in. Police found it a short time later and charged her.

Online court records don't list an attorney for Turachak.

Oregon police dog fired

CANNON BEACH, Ore. (AP) — A 2-year-old Belgian Malinois was supposed to be the ninth member of the police force in the Oregon coastal town of Cannon Beach, but "Cash" just didn't have what it takes.

The dog was dismissed from the force before seeing any action or gaining any glory.

Cash was skittish, afraid of heights and had a barking problem. Noises would scare him. When he had to jump onto counters in search of drugs, he showed too much resistance.

He would often bark aggressively rather than go straight to the drugs.

Barking is "fine as an alert, but you can't get anything done when you're trying to get him to find dope and he's just barking in your face," said Officer Josh Gregory, the dog's former handler, told the Daily Astorian.

"That's not the temperament we wanted to set for Cannon Beach," Police Chief Jason Schermerhorn said.

Cash was returned to his original owner, Tami Schultz of Clatsop County Search and Rescue, and the Cannon Beach Police Department is searching for a replacement.

They're looking for a "ball-crazy, happy, wanting-to-work dog," said Gregory, who will spend two to three weeks training with the dog after taking it into his care. "(We) basically learn how to dance together."

The department acquired Cash after raising \$27,000 for the K-9 officer program earlier this year.

Gregory and the Washington County trainer tried to train Cash for four weeks, between September and October, before giving up on him. "Where other dogs were progressing, he wasn't progressing," Gregory said.

Crime surge accompanies oil boom

DOUGLAS, Wyo. (AP) — Law enforcement officials in east-central Wyoming say they're seeing more crimes committed by workers newly arrived to the area's booming oil fields and don't have enough police and jail space to handle the problem.

Serious crimes including aggravated assault and larceny are up 17 percent in the Douglas area since 2009, according to the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation.

Emergency calls are up 9 percent from last year. Drug arrests are up from 37 in 2009 to 64 last year. And police were involved in two vehicle pursuits in September — the first in the city in three years, according to the Douglas Police Department.

"The industry is not picky," police Sgt. Matthew Schmidt said. "They need people who can physically stand the job, so they're not concerned about their conviction records."

The increase is nothing like the violent crime that spiked in North Dakota communities after oil production in the Bakken field surged several years ago.

Still, local law enforce-

ment agencies already are showing signs of strain. The Douglas Police Department is short two officers as city employees quit to work in the oil fields, the Casper Star-Tribune reports. Meanwhile, the Converse County Sheriff's Office is sending prisoners to Wheatland because their numbers exceed the number of local jail cells.

Many people Schmidt arrests already have felony convictions, ranging from a fourth domestic battery to multiple DUI arrests.

Schmidt said he tends to see much higher numbers when transient workers breathe into his breathalyzer. Their blood-alcohol concentrations sometimes reach 0.3 percent, more than four times the legal limit for driving, he said.

In one of the recent pursuits, the driver topped 100 mph before flipping his car in a construction zone. In the other, a drunken driver destroyed 30 feet of fence near Douglas High School.

Both pursuits involved energy industry workers, Schmidt said.

"I think a lot of them, they know they're going to be here for a little while, so they're decent," he said. "There are others that come in and know they're not going to be here for a while and there's no reason for them to have a stake in this community."

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Amen

How not to give a speech — just read

My wife and I attended a 3-day history conference in Austin recently and it was without a doubt the most boring three days I have ever spent, except for maybe the last three days I was in the Army.

The event started Friday morning at the LBJ Library. Four speakers were on the program and they each had 25 minutes. No break in between.

They all exceeded their time limits and they all read their speeches. I wouldn't call them speeches. I would call them readings.

The speakers never looked at the audience, never looked up from the pages in front of them.

No jokes, no introductory remarks. They all went to the podium and read.

We could have been listening to a recording.

The speakers were extremely well educated, most of them with doctorates.

They had exceptional credentials as authors and professors

and were well known authorities in their fields. They should know better.

As the last speaker was concluding his remarks, it was past noon and the audience was ready for lunch. Box lunches were served in the back of the room and as soon as the speaker finished, there was a mad dash for food.

You must understand that the audience included some pretty savvy people, too. Some of them wanted to ask the speakers questions, but there was no time for that.

While people enjoyed their sandwiches and chips, another speaker took the podium and spent about 45 minutes reading out loud.

We dragged ourselves over to the Ransom Center where we saw a display of "Gone With the Wind" movie memorabilia.

We had about 20 minutes there, and then off to another place where we had more speeches — make that readings.

We heard speeches before supper, during supper and after supper. We didn't get back to the hotel until 10:30 Friday night and had to be up at 7 Saturday morning to get breakfast and the bus to another round of read-

ings.

I am not alone in this. Several people said, "too many speeches and too much reading."

Thank goodness for a couple of moviemakers from Dallas who showed some excerpts of their movies and talked about their work. They didn't read. No scripts, no notes. They answered questions from the audience.

The old way to make a speech is like this: tell what you're going to say, say it and then tell what you said. Even that old rule wasn't followed. The speakers just started reading. We didn't have speakers. We had readers.

The planners have to take part of the blame. They had way too many people at the podium.

There were speeches even Sunday morning when everyone was leaving.

Wouldn't you like to have been one of those folks?

Please, no more panels of speakers armed with scripts. Give them and the audience a chance to absorb what they have to say.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What to do with Kitty?

TO THE EDITOR,

I am writing after reading the intelligent article by Andrea Medlin, "Caring for Our Feline Companions."

I read the article to my kitty, Tom, but he is so snotty, and he just walked away without meowing.

I am 71 years old and live by myself. Twenty years ago, this gray cat adopted me; so I fed it because I thought the cat would turn me in to the Society for the Pre-

vention of Cruelty of Animals. So, out of fear, I have given this cat everything.

With trickery, I enticed the cat into my wash room, and with leather gloves tried to pick him up to take the cat to an awaiting veterinarian who had coached me. Quickly I learned there are not enough U.S. Marines in the Navy to pick up a Tom Cat and put him into a cardboard box in a closed wash room. The appointment with the vet for shots was cancelled. The vet didn't

make home visits.

So, over the past 20 years, I have only been able to feed Tom very well — water, Friskies canned food, Purina dry cat food sprinkled over the canned food in his bowl and 2 percent fat chocolate milk. Every day.

Even worse — for the past 20 years — every winter, I try to keep Tom in my wash room behind my house. The room is carpeted, had a nice litter box with fresh litter always, three 75 watt light bulbs burn-

warm, and plenty of water, canned Friskies and Purina dry food, and 2 percent chocolate milk.

The weatherman on TV will announce that the temperature will be so cold that one should protect plants and pets. So I tell Tom what he said and try to get him to go into the wash room. Sometimes he does; sometimes no.

So I went to Radio Shack and bought a radio and I put it into the wash room. I put it on soft-playing country

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Follow the bouncing ball

Time was, when urged to "follow the bouncing ball," we did so willingly. Hopping from syllable to syllable, the ball was helpful as we sang along — or maybe just hummed — during cartoons at Saturday movie matinees. And didn't we willingly "sing along with Mitch" (Miller) on his weekly TV show?

Lately, though, the general population has opted to say "phooey" to bouncing balls — essentially the same response as for many other rules, laws or requests.

Who among us has not ripped off the mattress labels warning us not to? Nevermind they are meant to protect consumers. We rip away — perhaps because we can — stubbornly bowing our necks, clinging to ever-diminishing independence.

There's little doubt but that a subtle change at Costco introduced recently is intended to make things more orderly, enhance the shopping experience and expedite service. They've painted yellow lines leading to the "place order" points in the food court. The lines outline a lane — like at airports, but without ropes. It has just one turn and is probably no more than 50 feet in length.

If we followed the lane "suggestion," all would be better served — far better, say, than joining the throng or even "taking a number."

Customers could more easily make their exit without becoming entangled with the

food court crowd. But no! There mostly to eat and drink, we'll behave as we always have — lining up behind others to place orders — perpendicular to the recommended lane. I studied the scene for a full hour; invariably, patrons are missing the suggested route by, oh, 180 degrees. (Folks hungering or thirsting for something more tangible than righteousness don't simply "fall in line" just because lanes suggest it.)

During a recent visit, I was second in line. I asked the fellow in front of me why we weren't in the suggested lane. He was flabbergasted, sputtering that he had never noticed the lane. Then, he hopped right in it, as did I.

I correctly guessed him to be John Giordano, conductor of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra for almost three decades, an internationally-known musical icon recently retired from the faculty at Texas Christian University. He has a string of degrees and has appeared in numerous concert halls throughout the world as conductor, composer or saxophonist. For more than a half century, members of orchestras have followed every move of his baton. They still do in Corpus Christi, where he is music director of the symphony orchestra. Seems to me they've followed his "direction" to a "T" — readily obeying Giordano's magical baton.

"Now, the 'shoe's on the other foot'," he laughed. "It's pretty evident that I can't even follow directions to order a hot dog."

At the recent Howard Payne University homecoming in Brownwood, Dr. and Mrs. Ray Ellis, alumni of Howard Payne where son Bill is president, were parade grand marshals. Oh, they

didn't have to give directions. Drivers of parade vehicles knew they were to trail the lead car occupied by Ray and Nancy — husband and wife for 66 years. They'd be waving to onlookers on the parade route.

If directions had been needed, however, Mrs. Ellis would have given them. At the homecoming banquet, she mentioned the names of six members of the immediate family who have doctoral degrees.

Most of them are associated with Hardin-Simmons University, where Ray was a longtime faculty member and administrator. Mrs. Ellis—a reading specialist with a master's degree — said she's been asked numerous times about her not pursuing a doctorate. Her answer: — "There has to be someone in the family who can find the car keys."

Before the session on "following directions" ends, perhaps an admission is due.

I solemnly promised to help Brenda prepare foodstuff for Thanksgiving. On the very first recipe, I asked, "How do I boil the water?"

Her directive was sharp. "I'll handle the kitchen," she said. "You go into the den, spread out newspapers on the floor, sit down and shell pecans. And when you're through, trash the papers and vacuum the area thoroughly." When she left the room, I hurriedly made some vacuum cleaner tracks — proof that I'd been there.

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WALKING THE RED ROAD

Words of wisdom — the journey

I have enjoyed writing this column and sharing my heart with people very much. In writing my articles, many thoughts and words have been gifted to me.

I would like to share some of these with you. First topic is learning, knowledge and wisdom.

“You are never too young to start learning and you never become too old to stop learning” — Waci.

“Understanding leads to knowledge and knowledge in turn leads to wisdom” — Waci.

“Knowledge can be gained in many ways, however wisdom is only achieved through experience. Experience that comes from a lifetime of living” — Waci.

You may be wondering why I credit these words to Waci. The name I was given in the Native American culture is Waci Ki Tokecawnji Cancega. It translates in English to Dances To Another Drum.

As with most Native Americans, I live a double life. When I write these stories I write with my Native American side, not my white man side. When I dance, produce art or jewelry it is done by Waci. Other times in my life I am simply Randy. When I pray, it is Waci that prays, not Randy.

In Native American culture the elders are considered to be the wise people. I do not consider myself to be an elder or wise as of yet, but I am working on it. We respect the wisdom of our elders because they have a lifetime of experience to draw from. We start teaching our young ones at a very early age. That is our way.

Topic number two is the journey — the journey we make in life.

“The path in life is a journey. The goal is to get where you are going, but the experience lies within the journey itself” — Waci.

“To understand where you are going you must first know where you are at. To understand this you must first know where you have been” — Waci.

“We can change the present which may in turn change the future, but we can never change the past” — Waci.

I feel these three fit together. Life is a journey, sometimes the path may be easy and at other times the path can be hard. It is not as important where we end our journey but what we do along our path in life.

To know where your path is leading you need to understand how you arrived at where you are. What you have done in the past can affect your present but the past cannot be changed. However, where you are on your path in the present is very important. What you do in the present can make a big difference in the future.

Have you ever heard the phrase — a wise old Indian once said? Well I do not consider myself to be a wise old Indian. Sitting Bull, Chief Joseph and Black Elk and many others were. Their words were powerful medicine.

I can only share my words with you and hope they will have meaning to someone. If my words touch even one person's heart, it will make my words worth speaking and my journey in life worth taking.

I would share one more thing with you. When I pray this is what I ask the Creator for. Keep my heart true, my spirit free and my feet on my path. I do not ask much of the Creator, these things are all that I require.

So keep your heart true, your spirit free and your feet on your path. This will make your path easy to walk and your journey in life worth taking.

Randy A McKinney is a member of the Sunrise Wind clan of Two Bear Claws and vice president of the Powwow Committee of Big Spring.



RANDY A. MCKINNEY

Editor's Note: Due to time constraints over the Thanksgiving holidays, Pastor Surles' column was not included in Friday's Church News. Instead, the Herald presents it here.

Proverbs 24:27, “Prepare your work outside; get everything ready for yourself in the field, and after that build your house.”

The wise man is stressing the importance of being prepared. We need to understand what we are getting ourselves into before we begin, so we are not surprised by something unexpected.

You may have heard a teacher or a coach mention the five P's: Prior Planning Prevents Poor Performance. This is what the writer is saying in the verse.

Success is not an accident, it is the culmination of much hard work and preparation.

Jesus talked about counting the cost before beginning a project in Luke 14:28-30.

A professional con-



GREG SURLES

tractor will sit down before the work begins and plan out the entire project to come up with a budget for the job.

Then he discusses the details with his customer and once they have agreed to the terms, that is when he starts to build.

If he were to jump right into building the house without any planning, he might realize halfway through that it is going to cost much more than what he told his customer and then not be able to finish the job.

How would that reflect on his ability as a professional?

Do you think anyone

else would want to hire him to build their house? Would you?

As Christians, we have made a commitment to Jesus to follow His teachings, but have we truly prepared ourselves to obey Him?

Is our commitment just words that we speak or is it built upon the solid foundation that will stand firm even when the storms of life blow?

Count the cost, prepare yourself to serve God, and then work with all your might.

Greg Surles is the preacher at Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

► News to Smile About

When pigs fly? Not on this U.S. Airways plane

WINDSOR LOCKS, Conn. (AP) — This was a pig that truly could not fly.

The pig was ordered off a U.S. Airways plane at Bradley International Airport in Connecticut on Wednesday after crewmembers determined the animal had become disruptive, Laura Masvidal, a spokeswoman for U.S. Airways parent American Airlines, said Friday.

The pig had been brought aboard the flight by a passenger as an emotional support animal, Masvidal said. She said both the pig and its owner left the aircraft before it took off. She had no other details and did not immediately know where the flight was headed.

Jonathan Skolnik, a University of Massachusetts professor who was on the flight, said he initially thought the female passenger was carrying a duffel bag. Then he smelled a stench.

“It's no duffel bag but a rather stout PIG ... on a leash,” he said in an email sent to The Associated Press. “Am I dreaming?”

The woman sat next to him and tethered the pig to the armrest, Skolnik said.

“Oh no, it gets worse: the pig is incontinent,” he wrote.

The passenger scrambled to keep control of the pig while trying to clean up its mess, Skolnik said. Then the pig began running back and forth, he said.

Emotional support animals are allowed on commercial flights under U.S. Department of Transportation rules as long as they are not disruptive, Masvidal said.

In Wisconsin, shoppers come for beer

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Some people wait for hours in the cold to buy cheap televisions or video games. People in Wisconsin do it for beer.

About 800 people were in line by 8 a.m. Friday — waiting in 15-degree, snowy weather — outside of Lakefront Brewery in Milwaukee to buy a limited edition Black Friday brew. In less than four hours, the brewery was sold out of its 5,000 22-ounce bottles, each of which sold for \$15.

Along with snatching four bottles, the per-customer limit, 30-year-old analyst John Graham said he wanted to be part of the buzz and the festive atmosphere that included a DJ, tap beer and breakfast.

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western music. Tom likes that and will go in much of the time; sometimes not.

And when nothing works, I get dressed at 3 a.m. and go out to see if Tom has had enough of the 20-degree temperature to go into the “Sheraton” wash room, but I can't find him and he doesn't come to me when I call “Kitty, Kitty.”

Ms. Medlin, for the past six years I have gone to the Houston Ballet every month. I am exegete on manners and social etiquette. But what should I do with Kitty, Kitty?

ORAND CARROLL

BIG SPRING

Outpouring was incredible

To the Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you from the bottom of my heart to everyone who helped make Howard County's Adopt a Military Hero Christmas for the Troops program a huge success again this year.

The outpouring of donations and volunteers was just incredible. More than I could have ever imagined.

With the help of our many volunteers; we gathered, sorted, counted and packed boxes for 519 of our deployed military. I'm so

proud to be from a community that gives back so generously!

I will not attempt to name all individuals or businesses that helped with this effort. It was a true community effort. Thank you Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan, Gail, Garden City, St. Lawrence, Ackerly, Lubbock and everywhere in between for your help.

God bless you all and have a wonderful Christmas with friends and family knowing that you have helped to make the Christmas season a little brighter for 519 of our men and women in uniform.

Sincerely,

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► Across the Nation

Officials suspect poisoning in Oregon crow die-off

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Authorities say corn was in the stomachs of two dozen crows and it was likely tainted, causing their deaths in downtown Portland this week.

The Oregonian reports that the birds were likely poisoned intentionally, although tests on the corn are not yet complete.

Passers-by began calling authorities on Wednesday morning to report dead or dying crows flopping on the ground and suffering from seizures.

Portland Audubon Society conservation director Bob Sallinger says the flocks of hundreds or thousands of crows draw attention downtown.

Sallinger says his suspicion is supported by the fact that corn is not usually found in an urban environment.

If a poisoning is confirmed, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will investigate.

Police: Man held after choking neighbor's loud dog

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. (AP) — New Hampshire police say a man who broke into his neighbor's apartment to silence a barking dog ended up getting bitten and arrested.

They say a brawl erupted Friday morning when Roger Pelletier forced his way into the Portsmouth apartment because he was frustrated by the constant barking of her Shih Tzu, Oreo.

Police say Pelletier tried to strangle Oreo, leading to a confrontation with the dog's owner. They say Oreo bit Pelletier several times. The dog's owner wasn't injured.

Oreo has been taken to a veterinarian for evaluation.

Pelletier is charged with burglary, cruelty to animals and simple assault. He is jailed on \$5,000 bail and will be held until he's arraigned Monday. He can't be reached for comment in jail.

Son arrested after woman run over, killed in Maine

BIDDEFORD, Maine (AP) — Police have arrested a man accused of running over and killing his mother in Maine before fleeing nearly a week ago.

Biddeford police Deputy Chief JoAnne Fisk says 26-year-old Shane Jones was arrested without incident Friday afternoon in nearby Sanford in connection with the death of 49-year-old Kimberly Jones.

Kimberly Jones died Sunday evening after she was struck by a vehicle. Police say her son was driving and then took off.

Shane Jones has been charged with felony counts of leaving the scene of a fatal accident and reckless conduct with a motor vehicle.

He's being transported to York County Jail and can't be reached for comment.



Bob Baker, legendary puppeteer, dead at 90

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bob Baker, the founder of one of America's oldest puppet theaters, died Friday at his home in Los Angeles. He was 90.

The cause of death was kidney failure, his biographer, Gregory Williams, said.

The Bob Baker Marionette Theater captivated children and adults with its ornate wooden puppets and props. The theater was a vestige of the days when marionettes were widely used on stage and television and playhouses dotted the streets of downtown Los Angeles.

"He really contributed to the continuation of puppetry as an art," Williams told The Associated Press on Friday. "With the digital age, it's going in a different direction. But people still come to it because it's an introduction to theater for young people. It's real-life 3D."

Baker discovered puppetry as a child and described being immediately transformed. "He couldn't talk about anything else when he came home to his mother and he knew what he wanted to do," Williams said.

At an early age, he began constructing his own puppets and performed. He worked in animation for Walt Disney and others before starting his own theater company with his partner, Alton Wood.

Baker's credits included orchestrating marionette work on more than 250 films, such as "GI Blues" and "Escape from Witch Mountain."

In an interview with The Associated Press in 1997, Baker said it was important to teach people to use their imagination and believe in fantasy.

He performed until he was 86 and began having physical difficulties.

Williams said Baker lost both his family home and his theater to a mortgage lending company and that there were ongoing issues to be settled with his es-

tate. The company has a lease on the theater house until March, at which point it will be extended month to month.

"At this point we are continuing," Williams said.

Cats in Oregon van get outpouring of donations

ONTARIO, Ore. (AP) — Rescue workers in Eastern Oregon say they have received an outpouring of donations for 68 cats found nearly three weeks ago hoarded in a van, some in desperate shape.

Some cats have lost infected eyes, and most are being treated for upper respiratory illness. Three local veterinarians have been seeing them one by one.

The Ontario Argus Observer reports that local contributions include one from a family in which three boys asked an aunt and uncle to support the van cats

instead of giving them Christmas money.

A Connecticut couple sent \$2,500 instead of giving each other presents, and then decided to do more by matching donations up to \$7,500.

Other contributions: Kitty litter, cat beds and bleach.

Police officials say the van's owner has cooperated in their investigation.

Cops: Car slams into horse-drawn buggy, injuring 7

KIRKWOOD, Pa. (AP) — A car slammed into a horse-drawn buggy that missed a stop sign in Pennsylvania Dutch country, injuring seven people, including an infant, police said.

All six people in the buggy — two adults and four children — were ejected in the Thursday night accident. The 3-month-old was airlifted to a hospital.

Witnesses said they found parts of the buggy more than 50 yards from the intersection in Colerain Township, about 20 miles southeast of Lancaster, where it collided with a Subaru Outback.

"There were bodies everywhere," neighbor Mark Harmon told Lancaster's LNP newspaper. "People in the street, people attending to the baby. I just got them some blankets and tried to keep them from getting hit by other cars. I've never seen anything like it."

Becky Hemric, who lives nearby, told the newspaper that the buggy looked "all smashed up."

The driver of the buggy, 38-year-old Daniel Esh, and a child had severe injuries and were listed in stable condition, police said. Another child was listed in critical condition. Two boys had minor injuries. A woman in the buggy was unhurt.

The two people in the Outback — 71-year-old driver Beverly Paul, of Annapolis, Maryland, and her passenger, a 92-year-old Lancaster woman — had minor injuries.

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16 arrested as demonstrations return to Ferguson

FERGUSON, Mo. (AP) — Disrupting commerce, transit and traffic became focal points for demonstrators across the country days after the announcement that a grand jury in Ferguson, Missouri declined to indict the police officer who fatally shot 18-year-old Michael Brown.

As Small Business Saturday approached, numerous storefronts in the Ferguson area had their windows covered with plywood with messages painted across many of them letting neighbors know that the shops are still open. Demonstrators temporarily shut down three large malls in suburban St. Louis on Black Friday, one of the busiest shopping days of the year, and then marched in front of the Ferguson police department to protest the grand jury's decision.

Several stores lowered their security doors or locked entrances as at least 200 protesters sprawled onto the floor while chanting, "Stop shopping and join the movement," at the Galleria mall in Richmond Heights a few miles south of Ferguson, Missouri, where Officer Darren Wilson fatally shot Brown, who was unarmed, in August.

The action prompted authorities to close the mall for about an hour Friday afternoon, while a similar protest of about 50 people had the same effect at West County Mall in nearby Des Peres. And several dozen demonstrators led to a temporary clo-

A GLANCE AT NATIONAL PROTESTS, CLEANUP

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Protesters turned out in several U.S. cities on one of the busiest shopping days of the year Friday in response to a grand jury's decision not to indict the police officer who fatally shot 18-year-old Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri.

Here's a look at the protests, which are turning their attention to disrupting commerce, and the latest in the case:

NATIONWIDE RALLIES

Crowds of protesters prompted authorities to temporarily close three large shopping malls in suburban St. Louis, including the St. Louis Galleria, about 10 miles south of Ferguson, where at least 200 protesters sprawled onto the floor while chanting, "Stop shopping and join the movement."

Later Friday night, a group of about 100 protesters marched down West Florissant Avenue in front of the city's police and fire departments chanting,

blocking traffic and stopping in front of some businesses. Fifteen people were arrested.

In northern California, more than a dozen people were arrested after about 125 protesters wearing T-shirts that read "Black Lives Matter" interrupted train service from Oakland to San Francisco.

About 200 protesters gathered along Chicago's popular Magnificent Mile shopping district, at one point lying down, while about 100 people protested in New York City's Times Square with signs reading "End Racism" and "Black Lives Matter."

Dozens of people in Seattle blocked streets, and police some protesters also apparently chained doors shut at the nearby Pacific Place shopping center.

CLEANING UP

In and around Ferguson, community members were toting brooms and shovels Friday while helping clear an

area where several businesses were damaged by the fires and looting that erupted following Monday night's grand jury announcement.

At least a dozen commercial buildings were destroyed by fires, though residents have been cleaning up and even decorating boarded-up windows with colorful artwork. There was even entertainment on Friday: Eugene Gillis was outside a burned-out building with his trumpet playing Christmas carols.

In neighboring Dellwood, where several buildings were burned and looted, Mayor Reggie Jones asked state and federal officials to help rebuild. He also called on state leaders to explain why the National Guard wasn't deployed to help protect Dellwood, as was done in Ferguson.

THE CASE

Brown, who was black, was unarmed when he was fatally shot by Ferguson police Of-

ficer Darren Wilson, who is white, following an altercation Aug. 9 in a local street. The shooting stirred racial tensions and prompted several days of strong and at times violent protests in Ferguson, a predominantly black community patrolled by a mostly white police force.

A grand jury was later assembled, and its nine white and three black members spent three months hearing more than 70 hours of testimony from 60 witnesses. Their decision not to indict Wilson was announced Monday night.

WHAT'S NEXT

The U.S. Justice Department has its own investigation into possible civil rights violations that could result in federal charges for Wilson, but investigators would need to satisfy a rigorous standard of proof. The federal agency also has launched a broad investigation into the Ferguson Police Department.

sure of the Chesterfield Mall.

Later Friday night, a group of about 100 protesters marched down South Florissant Road in front of the city's police and fire departments chanting, blocking traffic and stopping in front of some businesses.

"I served my country. I spent four years in the Army, and I feel like that's not what I served my country for," said Ebonie Tyse, 26, of St. Louis as National Guard trucks and police cruisers roamed the street in front of her. "I served my country for justice for everyone. Not because of what color,

what age, what gender or anything," she said.

Sixteen people were arrested, according to St. Louis County Police spokesman Shawn McGuire. Fifteen of those arrested were for misdemeanor peace disturbance. One man, Joygill Moriah of the Bronx, New York, was charged with assaulting a police officer, resisting arrest and peace disturbance. He did not have a listed attorney. Only one of those arrested was from the St. Louis area. Eight were from New York City.

Monday night's announcement that Wilson, who is white,

wouldn't be indicted for fatally shooting Brown, who was black, prompted violent protests that resulted in about a dozen buildings and some cars being burned. Dozens of people were arrested.

The rallies have been ongoing but have grown more peaceful this week, as protesters turn their attention to disrupting commerce. Elsewhere on Friday, protests in Chicago, New York, Seattle and northern California — where protesters chained themselves to trains — were among the largest in the country on Black Friday.

In Oakland, more than a dozen people were ar-

rested after about 125 protesters wearing T-shirts that read "Black Lives Matter" interrupted train service from Oakland to San Francisco, with some chaining themselves to trains. Later in San Francisco, a march by hundreds turned ugly as protesters smashed windows and hurled bottles and other objects at police, leaving two officers injured.

Police responded by making arrests but have not said how many. Dozens of people in Seattle blocked streets, and police said some protesters also apparently chained doors shut at the nearby

Pacific Place shopping center.

In Chicago, about 200 people gathered near the city's popular Magnificent Mile shopping district, where Kristiana Colon, 28, called Friday "a day of awareness and engagement." She's a member of the Let Us Breathe Collective, which has been taking supplies such as gas masks to protesters in Ferguson.

"We want them to think twice before spending that dollar today," she said of shoppers. "As long as black lives are put second to materialism, there will be no peace."

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Austin police: Man fired 100-plus rounds downtown

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A gunman fired more than 100 rounds at downtown buildings in Austin and tried to set the Mexican Consulate ablaze early Friday before he died during a confrontation with police, authorities said.

Some of the targeted buildings are near the popular Sixth Street entertainment district, where bars close at 2 a.m., about the same time the shootings began. Thousands of people are typically on the street at that time, Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo said.

"Many, many rounds were fired in downtown Austin," Acevedo said. "With all the people on the streets, we're very

fortunate. I give thanks that no one but the suspect is injured or deceased."

Investigators identified the shooter as 49-year-old Larry McQuilliams of Austin. Police said he had a criminal record but didn't release details, and said they were still trying to determine a motive.

Mexico's Foreign Relations Department issued a statement expressing "profound concern and condemnation" of the attack, but also said "there is no evidence the shots were exclusively directed at our facility."

Other targeted buildings included Austin police headquarters and the U.S. courthouse.

Acevedo said a sergeant, while holding the reins of two police horses after his patrol, shot the gunman just outside the main entrance to police headquarters. But Acevedo said it's not clear if the shot was fatal or if McQuilliams took his own life.

His targets were located throughout downtown Austin and officers received multiple reports of gunfire, though the entire incident lasted about 10 minutes from the first call, Acevedo said.

Officers approached McQuilliams after he had been shot, but noticed cylinders in his vehicle, which was nearby. They also discovered he was wearing

a vest they thought may have been rigged to explode. Officers retreated and a bomb squad was called, but it was later determined that the items were not explosive.

The shooter's white van was still on the street outside police headquarters several hours after the shooting. Its doors, the trunk and hood were open as investigators looked it over.

The fire at the consulate was extinguished before any significant damage was done. The federal courthouse's guard house was shot several times, as was police headquarters, which Acevedo said was "extensively damaged."



N.Y. boys buried in snow pile heard rescuers calling

NEWBURGH, N.Y. (AP)—Two boys trapped in a snow pile for about seven hours after a plow buried them could hear their worried family's cries but couldn't respond loudly enough to be heard, they said Friday. Police credited an air pocket with saving their lives.

The two cousins, 11-year-old Elijah Martinez and 9-year-old Jason Rivera, were building a snow fort Wednesday night across the street from Elijah's apartment in Newburgh when a plow operator clearing a parking lot unknowingly pushed snow over them.

Buried in about 5 feet of snow, they could barely move and couldn't breathe very well, so they could do nothing as they heard the an-

guished cries nearby. Jason lost his gloves. His hat flew off. They relied on each other to stay alive, they said, sharing Elijah's face mask to try and keep their hands warm and talking to each other so they wouldn't fall asleep.

"I felt so tired. It didn't feel real that they were coming to get us," Elijah said at a news conference at the hospital where the boys were recovering.

Meanwhile, their parents were growing more frantic, calling police and searching through the snowy streets for the children who were mere feet from the apartment.

"I just kept telling myself: 'This is not true. This is not real,'" said Jason's mom, Aulix Martinez. "It was just

scary, and as time went on, it got scarier. I was begging the police to please find them."

Neighbor Takiya Steven told The Associated Press that police rallied help for the search.

"The cops were coming to all the neighbors' houses. They were knocking on doors. They were ringing bells asking for shovels, asking for help," she said. "The neighbors came out. Everyone tried to join in the search for the little boys."

At about 2 a.m., Officer Brandon Rola spotted footprints that were disappearing as more snow fell. Then he saw a shovel.

"I felt led to dig," he said.

Rescuers saw the sole of a child's boot and then motion, digging faster as

residents joined in the rescue, some with their bare hands in the pile of packed, wet snow.

"When I first hit the boot, you just try and stay positive and hopeful," Rola said. "You get that ray of hope and everybody just started working together try-

ing to get these kids out. And as the snow kept coming come off, you started to see more and more movement and then you started to hear the voices and it was a very great feeling."

Rola said seeing the look of joy and hope in the boys' faces was a ter-

rific feeling.

The boys were conscious but suffering from exposure.

"I felt so happy," Elijah said. "Everything we went through just fell right off my back."

"I'm just glad they got that big block off my chest, that was heavy."

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News Across the World

Egyptian court dismisses murder charges against Mubarak in killing of protesters in 2011

CAIRO (AP) — An Egyptian court on Saturday dismissed murder charges against former president Hosni Mubarak in connection with the killing of protesters in the 2011 uprising that ended his nearly three-decade reign.

The ruling marks another major setback for the young activists who spearheaded the Arab Spring-inspired uprising nearly four years ago — many of whom are now in jail or have withdrawn from politics — and will reinforce the perception that Mubarak's autocratic state remains in place, albeit led by a new president, former military chief Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi.

Saturday's verdict concludes Mubarak's retrial along with his two sons, his security chief and six top security commanders, who were all acquitted. Also on trial was businessman Hussein Salem, a longtime Mubarak friend tried in absentia. He too was acquitted.

Mubarak, 86, was also acquitted of corruption charges that he faced along with his sons Alaa and Gamal.

It was not immediately clear whether Mubarak would now walk free since he is serving a three-year jail term for corruption charges he was convicted of in May. He has been in detention since April 2011, but it is unclear if the past 3 1/2 years will be considered as time served.

Extremists launch new assault on Syrian border town of Kobani

BEIRUT (AP) — A Kurdish official and activists say extremists from the Islamic State group have launched an attack on the Syrian border town of Kobani from Turkey — a first in the ongoing siege.

Nawaf Khalil, a spokesman for Syria's powerful Kurdish Democratic Union Party, says Islamic State group militants in Turkey attacked the border crossing point that links the country to Kobani.

The Britain-based Syrian Observa-

tory for Human Rights and Khalil said the offensive began with an armored vehicle suicide attack on the border crossing.

There was no immediate comment from Ankara.

The Islamic State group began its Kobani offensive in mid-September. The town later became the focus of airstrikes by the U.S.-led coalition against the militants.

Pope Francis visits iconic Muslim and Christian sites in Istanbul

ISTANBUL (AP) — His head bowed and hands clasped in front of him, Pope Francis on Saturday stood in two minutes of silent prayer facing east inside one of Istanbul's most important religious sites, as he shifted gears toward more religious affairs on the second leg of his three-day visit to the mainly Muslim nation.

Following in the footsteps of Pope Benedict XVI who visited Turkey in 2006, Francis prayed alongside the Grand Mufti of Istanbul, Rahmi Yaran, who had his palms turned toward the sky in a Muslim prayer, inside the 17th-century Sultan Ahmet mosque.

"May God accept it," Yaran told the pope, at the end of the prayer that aims to show respect for Islam and encourage stronger ties between the two faiths.

The Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi called it a moment of silent "adoration."

Lombardi, who was behind the pope said Francis told the Mufti two times that we "adore" God and not just praise and glorify him.

Taiwanese vote to gauge support for China-friendly ruling party

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Taiwan's relations with historic foe China are playing a key role in local elections on the self-ruled island Saturday as the ruling Nationalist Party meets increased resistance to forging stronger ties with Beijing.

Voters on the island with a population of about 23 million will elect representatives to 11,130 local seats, in-

cluding mayoral posts in major cities such as the capital, Taipei.

A poor showing for the Nationalists would make it easier for the rival Democratic Progressive Party to win the presidency in early 2016, an outcome expected to disrupt negotiations with China on trade and investment deals that have lifted Taiwan's half-trillion-dollar economy while raising Beijing's hopes for political reunification.

Beijing has claimed sovereignty over Taiwan since the Chinese civil war of the 1940s, keeping relations icy until Nationalist President Ma Ying-jeou took office in 2008. He set aside the sovereignty issue to ease tensions and bind Taiwan to China's massive economy.

The Democratic Progressive Party questions deals with China as long as the Communist leadership wants to reunify with a reluctant Taiwan. Their cause received support in March when thousands of student-led protesters known as the Sunflower Movement occupied parliament and nearby streets in Taipei to stop ratification of a service trade liberaliza-

tion agreement.

Killing of young iguana hunter underscores lack of accountability

ZACAPA, Guatemala (AP) — Jose Miguel Ramirez went hunting for iguanas on a melon farm, and paid for it with his life. The 19-year-old's body was dumped by a stream near the property line, a bullet hole above his left eye.

What happened to Ramirez remains in dispute, though no one is pushing for answers any longer. The private security guards alleged to have killed him were never prosecuted. A witness who said he saw the shooting recanted. In a country that averages some 100 homicides a week, the killing barely drew headlines and public attention moved on.

The case of Ramirez, whose body was found outside the ZacapaEx plantation in March 2013, reveals just how convoluted security and justice have become in Guatemala, where private guards outnumber police 5-to-1, and the soaring crime rate is married with shocking levels of impunity.

There will be a Retirement Reception honoring Judge Charles T. (Corky) Blocker on Saturday, December 6, 2014 from 2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. Martin County Senior Citizen Center 104 E. Broadway, Stanton, Texas Presentation ceremony at 3:00 P.M. Cards are welcomed. NO GIFTS PLEASE

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'We surprised a lot of people'



Big Spring running back Preston Alexander leaps over a Stephenville defender at the goal line during Big Spring's quarterfinal playoff game on Saturday at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene. A sophomore, Alexander rushed for 149 yards in the contest.

Early run lifts Jackets to 59-32 win over Steers

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

ABILENE — For Stephenville quarterback Jarrett Stidham, Friday's playoff matchup with the Big Spring Steers was a chance for a little payback.

In October, Big Spring knocked Stidham out of the game in their first meeting. On Friday, Stidham threw for 277 yards and rushed for 166 and three touchdowns and knocked Big Spring out of the postseason by leading a 59-32 victory in front of a packed crowd at Shotwell Stadium in the third round of the Class 4A Division I regional quarterfinals.

The loss ended a stellar season for the Steers. The team finished the season at 9-3 and reached the regional quarterfinals for the second straight season.

"We started this year with an elite mentality and we made it here with that," said Big Spring head coach Phillip Ritchey. "Every team eventually stops playing, but I don't want this game to change anyone's opinion on how good this team was. They were an elite team."

"I'm proud of this team. With all the defensive starters we lost, I think we surprised a lot of people. They're champions."

Big Spring certainly sent a few shivers through the Yellow Jacket bleachers early in the contest. The Steers opened the game by taking the opening kick and marching 81 yards in four plays to grab a quick 7-0 lead.

After Matt Yanez had returned the opening kick to the Big Spring 19, Preston Alexander opened the game with a short 3-yard run. Following a six-yard gain by Tobyn Tannehill on second down, Alexan-

der hit the Yellow Jackets with a huge blow by reeling off a 61-yard run on a 3rd-and-1 play.

Tannehill capped the first seconds later. After faking a handoff to Hunter Hill, he sprinted around the right side for 11 yards and a touchdown. Tannehill's ensuing extra-point kick gave Big Spring 9:58 left in the first quarter.

The Steers didn't enjoy a lead for long.

Stephenville set up the game-tying score on the ensuing kick by returning it to the Big Spring 25.

After the 47-yard kick return, Stidham reeled off a short 4-yard run. One play later, the Texas Tech commit finished off the 2-play, 20-second drive by rifling a 21-yard strike to Austin Stufflebean.

Stufflebean's reception moved Stephenville into a 7-7 tie.

The Yellow Jackets, who suffered a 64-57 loss to Big Spring earlier this year in District 3-4A play, caught the first break in the contest moments later. The Yellow Jackets recovered a fumble on the Steers' first play from scrimmage and took over the drive at the BSHS 38.

It didn't take long for Stephenville to turn the mistake into a 14-7 lead.

After a 31-yard pass on first down that moved the ball to the Steer 7, Stidham found Darian Brown on a fade route in the back of the end zone for the Yellow Jackets' second TD within a 58-second span.

The Steers' luck took another turn for the worse later in the first. Stephenville blocked a BSHS punt on the Steers' next series and recovered the ball at the 14.

One play later, Stid-

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Jays get Donaldson in 5-player trade with A's

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — All-Star third baseman Josh Donaldson is the latest Oakland star traded away in a rebuilding effort.

Billy Beane looked at the large deficit by which his Athletics lost the AL West to the Angels, then evaluated how Oakland barely held off Seattle on the season's final day for the second wild card.

The general manager realized he needed to

rebuild his roster once more, but at least initially he didn't envision the move he made Friday night: Letting Donaldson go to the Toronto Blue Jays for third baseman Brett Lawrie, left-hander Sean Nolin, right-hander Kendall Graveman and minor league shortstop Franklin Barreto.

Beane considers both pitchers ready for the majors.

BSJHS teams to play in Andrews B tournament

The Big Spring Junior High School Steers seventh and eighth grade "B" teams will be competing in the Andrews B Tournament on Dec. 4 and Dec. 6.

The BSJHS seventh grade team will kick off their appearance in the tournament on Thursday, Dec. 4, with a game against Seminole. The contest

will start at 5:20 p.m.

The winner of the Big Spring-Seminole matchup will advance to face Brownfield or Greenwood on Saturday at 11:30 a.m.

The eighth grade B team will play against Seminole in the first round, beginning at 4 p.m.

The semifinal round will be played Saturday at 11:30 a.m.

Arbitrator overturns Rice's suspension

NEW YORK (AP) — An arbitrator Friday threw out Ray Rice's indefinite suspension by the NFL, freeing him to play again.

The NFL said Rice, a free agent, is "eligible to play upon signing a new contract." Whether any team will consider signing him is another matter.

Former U.S. District Judge Barbara S. Jones said Commissioner Rog-

er Goodell's decision in September to change Rice's original suspension from two games to indefinite was "arbitrary" and an "abuse of discretion."

Jones was deciding whether the NFL overstepped its authority in modifying Rice's two-game suspension after video of the Baltimore Ravens running back punching Janay became public.

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Big Spring's Fabian Garcia (14) brings down a Stephenville runner after a short gain during the Steers' 59-32 loss to the Yellow Jackets in the regional quarterfinals on Saturday in Abilene.

STEERS

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ham took the snap from center and raced around the left end for a 14-yard touchdown and a 21-7 cushion with 7:16 left in the first quarter.

The Steers managed to get their offense back in gear moments later. The Steers pulled to within 21-13 by reeling off their second long scoring drive of the contest.

Hill and Alexander shouldered much of the load on Big Spring's 9-play, 75-yard drive. After Hill had opened the drive with an 8-yard run, Alexander broke off runs of 8 and 17 yards that took the ball to the Stephenville 40. From there, Tannehill dropped a short screen pass to Alexander, who raced 27 yards to the 23. Two plays later, Tannehill raced up the middle for a 22-yard touchdown run. Stephenville closed out

the first-quarter scoring barrage late in the first, scoring on a 20-yard pass from Stidham to Stufflebean to up the SHS lead to 28-13 with 44 seconds left in the frame.

Big Spring scratched its way back to within striking distance early in the second. The Steers opened the second by reeling off an impressive 13-play, 80-yard drive that ate 5:27 off the clock and cut the Yellow Jackets' lead to eight, at 28-20, with 6:33 left in the first half.

Garrett Wigington ignited the Steers' march by hauling in a 9-yard pass from Tannehill. One play later, Hill raced 23 yards to the Stephenville 48. Later in the drive, Hill rushed for 16 more and pushed the ball to the Jackets' 6.

Wigington closed out the drive moments later by hauling in a 7-yard strike from Tannehill.

Matt Yanez also played a key role in the Steers'

Sands, Loraine face off in quarterfinals

The Sands Mustangs and Loraine Bulldogs face off in the Class A six-man state quarterfinals on Saturday in Robert Lee.

Results of the game will appear in Monday's edition of the Big Spring Herald.

drive. The senior wide out caught a clutch 16-yard pass from Tannehill on a 2nd-and-9 play from the SHS 47.

Tannehill finished the game by completing eight of his 15 passes for 97 yards and a TD. He also rushed for 15 yards. Stephenville closed out the first half with a 10-0 run, scoring twice in the final 1:44 of the frame on 1-yard run by Stidham and a 19-yard field goal on the final play of the half.

The Yellow Jackets went into the half holding a shocking 38-20 advantage.

Stephenville added to its lead early in the second half, scoring on their first possession of the third quarter by going 73 yards in four plays to set up a 2-yard scoring run by Stidham.

Stidham's third rushing TD of the game pushed the Yellow Jackets' lead to 45-20 with 10:24 left in the third.

Stephenville, which rolled up 605 total yards in the contest, turned another BSBS fumble into points later in the third. After recovering a Steer fumble at the SHS 48, Stidham and running back Kaegun Williams led a six-play march that ended with a 12-yard romp by Williams that ballooned the Jackets' lead to 52-20 with 1:23 remaining in the third.

Williams finished the game with 127 yards and a TD on 14 carries.

Big Spring regained the momentum early in the fourth quarter. Alexander caught a 7-yard pass from Tannehill and then leaped over a SHS defender at the goal line to finish off a 7-play, 69-

yard drive.

Alexander had set up the TD two plays earlier by breaking off a 49-yard gain to the Jackets' 7.

Alexander, who left the game late in the fourth with cramps, was the Steers' top rusher, gaining 149 yards 13 attempts.

Stephenville answered right back, scoring on their next series. Stufflebean capped a quick 4-play, 61-yard drive by catching a 30-yard scoring strike from Stidham.

Big Spring didn't go down quietly. The Steers closed out the scoring from there with another impressive drive, Big Spring marched 69 yards in 10 plays before Wigington powered his way into the end zone.

Class 4A Division I Regional Quarterfinals
Stephenville 59, Big Spring 32
Big Spring 13 7 0 12 - 32
Stephenville 28 10 14 7 - 52

Scores by Quarter
BSHS - Tobyn Tannehill 11 run (Tannehill kick)
SHS - Austin Stufflebean 21 pass from Jarrett Stidham (Michael Fick kick)
SHS - Darian Brown 7 pass from Stidham (Fick kick)
SHS - Stidham 14 run (Fick kick)
BSHS - Tannehill 22 run (kick failed)
SHS - Stufflebean 20 pass from Stidham (Fick kick)

Second Quarter
BSHS - Garrett Wigington 7 pass from Tannehill (Tannehill kick)
SHS - Stidham 2 run (Fick kick)
SHS - FG Fick 20

Third Quarter
SHS - Stidham 2 run (Fick kick)
SHS - Kaegun Williams 12 run (Fick kick)

Fourth Quarter
BSHS - Preston Alexander 7 pass from Tannehill (kick failed)
SHS - Stufflebean 30 pass from Stidham (Fick kick), 10:37
BSHS - Wigington 6 run (kick failed)

TEAM STATISTICS

BSHS		SHS
16	First Downs	28
44-279	Rushes-yards	34-314
108	Passing yards	277
8-16-0	Comp.-Att.-Int	15-20-0
4-40.2	Punts-Avg.	2-20.0
3-2	Fumbles-lost	0-0
7-31	Penalties-yds.	9-61

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING - Big Spring: Hunter Hill 16-103, Preston Alexander 13-149, Tobyn Tannehill 15-15, Garrett Wigington 2-8. Stephenville: Kaegun Williams 14-127, Jarrett Stidham 17-166, Nico Madrid 3-16

PASSING - Big Spring: Tannehill 7-15-0-104, Matt Yanez 1-1-0-4. Stephenville: Stidham 15-20-0-277.

RECEIVING - Big Spring: Matt Yanez 1-17, Dee Parker 1-16, Garrett Wigington 3-27, Alexander 2-34, Hill 1-4. Stephenville: Williams 5-130, Darian Brown 4-32, Ben Martin 1-14, Austin Stufflebean 4-75, Josh Nowell 1-26.

Lady Steers to play in Sandhills tournament

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers will tip off play in the Sandhills Basketball Tournament on Dec. 4 in Monahans. The team plays El Paso Austin at 11 a.m., and Midland

Christian at 3 p.m.

The championship bracket will begin on Dec. 5.

Big Spring will meet El Paso Austin in the first round, starting at 9 a.m.

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Then End Of An Era In Big Spring



Life in Big Spring continues to change. Aside from the consistency of the Settles in our skyline, landmarks that helped make Big Spring what it is are not long for this earth. Neglect and the use of asbestos have sealed the fate of several buildings in Big Spring including the old television station on the Howard College campus and the show barns at the Howard County Fair Grounds.

On Aug. 1, 1954, Big Spring Television entered into an agreement with Howard College to house the then local television station. In the mid to late '60s, a Saturday morning children's show was broadcast from the location and later in the 90s, we had our own News West 9 reporter who made his broadcast from there.

But, with advancements in technology and the company's home base being located in Midland, the building has not been used since 1998 and

has fallen into disrepair and the tower is no longer in use.

Because bringing the building up to code, which would include asbestos abatement, would cost upwards of half a million dollars and no discernible use of the building could be found, the building and tower are slated for demolition.

According to the General Manager Jackie Rutledge of News West 9 who owns the building, a digital tower was built years ago in another location on higher ground improving reception to the area.

Therefore, coverage will not be affected by removing the tower.

The building itself has become somewhat of a time capsule. Home to decades old cameras and equipment, the newsdesk, a set used for feature type interviews, VHS tapes of news broadcasts, stage lights and other equipment sit forgotten and unused.

The four-phase process is already in progress and officials hope to finish the project by the end of

December. The abatement material including the asbestos will be transported to a landfill in Arkansas.

The station had been a staple in the Big Spring community from 1954 until the late '90s. The main reason the station was abandoned was because of the advancements in television broadcasting. Everything can be done from the main studio in Midland now, according to officials.

NewsWest 9 owns the building and Howard College owns the land. The building would cost too much to upgrade and bring up to code before another tenant could move in.

With the new technology, signals are stronger and Rutledge assures News West 9 will always be faithful to the Big Spring community.

Also on the bill to be demolished, are the three show buildings at the Howard County Fair Grounds. Officials say the rarely used metal buildings that were constructed in the mid to late 1950s are also dilapidated and

no interest in using them has waned due to plumbing problems and the inability to maintain a comfortable temperature.

The county will have to pay for asbestos abatement before they can be torn down.

There has been discussion by Board members with the Howard County Fair and Big Spring Rodeo associations about what to do with the site once the buildings are demolished. One possibility is to tear them down to the concrete bases and construct open-air pavilions in their place.

But nothing has been set as of yet. The main building, which houses the county fair and various arts and



would cost too much money to repair. Asbestos abatement is also an issue for the decades-old buildings that were used for some annual stock shows. However, they have relocated to other venues and there is

craft shows throughout the year, will not be effected.

Big Spring started with people living in tents and has had many ups and downs through the years, but change is inevitable and necessary for progress.

We can all look forward with the completion of the renovation of the buildings downtown and Big Spring's continued growth.

Story by Andreia Medlin

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Set for demolition are the KWAB station pictured above and the show barns at the Howard County Fair grounds pictured below. At left, a news crew tapes what could be the last news story at the station.



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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lane Griffin of Borden County, are pleased to announce the engagement of their son Benjamin Creighton Griffin, to Brittany Escobar of Rowena. Grandparents are Mrs. T.L. Griffin II of Borden County and the late T.L. Griffin II; and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stallings of Big Spring.

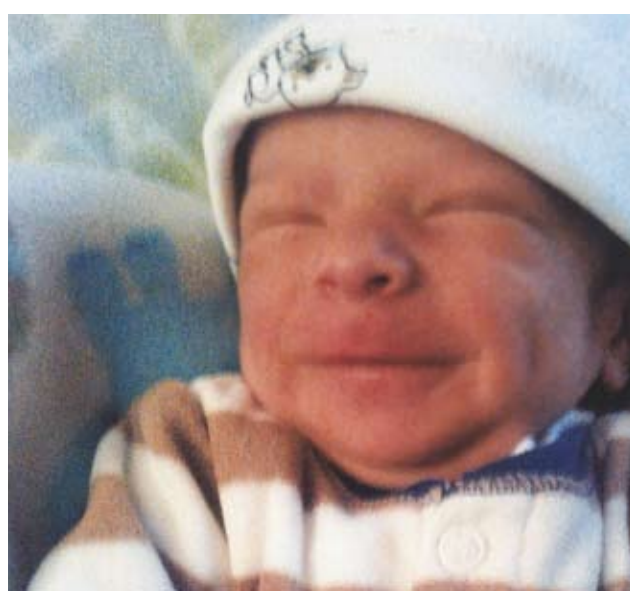
Escobar is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Escobar Jr. of Rowena. Grandparents are Mr. Robert Escobar Sr. of Ballinger and the late Juanita Escobar, Mrs. Melquides Albarado of Rowena and the late Melquides Albarado.

The couple met at their alma mater, Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

The bride-elect currently works for KLBK News as their morning and midday news anchor. The prospective groom manages the Griffin Ranch in the Texas Panhandle.

A December 2014 wedding is planned and the couple will reside in Lubbock.

Births



Gavin Rey Gonzales

Gavin Rey Gonzales, a boy, was born Nov. 11, 2014, at 6:38 p.m.

He weighed 5 pounds, 2 ounces and was 18 inches long.

Parents are Linsa Ramirez and David Gonzales, both of Big Spring.

Maternal grandparents are Larry Ramirez and the late Mary Ramirez.

Paternal grandparents are Lori Juarez, Hector Granado and David Gonzales Sr.

Gavin was welcomed home by his siblings, Trystan, Ayden, Tyson and Trey Gonzales.

Menus

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Monday: Breakfast, oatmeal rounds, yogurt, fruit, juice and milk. Lunch, steak fingers with gravy, roll, fries, seasoned corn, baby carrots, fresh fruit cup.

Tuesday: Breakfast, waffles, sausage, fruit, juice and milk. Lunch, Asian chicken, brown rice, baby carrots, steamed broccoli, chilled pineapple, sugar cookie.

Wednesday: Breakfast, breakfast sliders, fruit, juice and milk. Lunch, Tex-Mex stack, Spanish rice, refried beans, salsa, garden salad, hot cinnamon apples.

Thursday: Breakfast, sausage biscuit, fruit, juice and milk. Lunch, chicken parmesan, breadstick, savory green beans, garden salad, fresh apple slices.

Friday: Breakfast, cinnamon roll, fruit, juice and milk. Lunch, hamburger, tater tots, Western beans, diced pears.

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Breakfast, baked cheese stick, grapes, assorted fruit

juice, milk. Lunch, steak fingers or chicken fajitas, roll, baked potato, baby carrots, corn, pears, fresh fruit bowl, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, blueberry waffle, sausage patty, apples, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch, Asian teriyaki chicken or pig in a blanket, brown rice, broccoli, pineapple chunks, chocolate graham crackers, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, animal crackers, string cheese, peach cup, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch, Tex-Mex stack or toasted ham and cheese sandwich, tortilla chips, refried beans, garden salad, hot cinnamon apples, Spanish rice, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, bacon scramble pizza, banana, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch, hamburger or cheeseburger or chicken patty, potato rounds, ranch beans, peaches, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, cinnamon mini rolls, mixed fruit cup, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch, chicken parmesan or cheese pizza or pepperoni

ni pizza, breadsticks, garden salad, green beans, orange smiles, milk.

New Hope Christian School

Monday: Breakfast, cereal, grape juice, milk. Snack, animal crackers, yogurt. Lunch, ham and cheese sandwich, French fries, mixed fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, buttered toast, applesauce, milk. Snack, fruit bars, Mandarin oranges. Lunch, barbecue wieners, Ranch Style beans, corn, bread, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, French toast sticks, apricots, milk. Snack, Goldfish crackers, apple juice. Lunch, pizza casserole, tossed salad, green beans, garlic bread, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, English muffin, peaches, milk. Snack, butter crackers, deli meat. Lunch, fish sticks, hush puppies, carrots, peas, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, granola bars, Mandarin oranges, milk. Snack, pears, vanilla wafers. Lunch, cheese quesadil-

la, pinto beans, corn, milk.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast, pancake on a stick, cereal with toast, jelly/syrup. Lunch, chicken patty with creme gravy, beef stroganoff, totally cheesy chef salad, au gratin potatoes, green beans, blackeyed peas, blushing pears, roll.

Tuesday: Breakfast, chocolate chip muffin, cereal with toast, jelly. Lunch, beef teriyaki dippers, zest orange chicken, barbecue chicken sandwich basket, steamed rice, glazed carrots, Oriental blend vegetables, blushing applesauce, fortune cookie, roll.

Wednesday: Breakfast, scrambled eggs with toast, cereal with toast, jelly. Lunch, Homestyle pizza, cheese/pepperoni/Mexican, grilled chicken salad, seasoned corn, baked Italian zucchini and tomatoes, chilled Mandarin oranges, peach crisp.

Thursday: Breakfast, waffle bar, cereal with toast, syrup/fruit sauce/jelly. Lunch, taco pie,

chicken fajita salad, crispito with cheese sauce, Spanish rice/charro beans, Santa Fe blend vegetables, lettuce and tomato salad, chilled peaches, salsa/jalapeno/sour cream.

Friday: Breakfast, biscuits and gravy, cereal with toast and jelly. Lunch, baked potato bar, crispy chicken salad, diced ham, chopped beef, buffalo chicken, chili, green onions, bacon bits, sour cream, shredded cheese, broccoli with cheese, roll, chilled mixed fruit.

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1.2 million Christmas lights set record

(AP) An Australian lawyer has set a world record by stringing up almost 1.2 million Christmas lights in the center of the national capital.

Guinness World Records on Friday confirmed that the 120 kilometers (75 miles) of mul-

ticolored wire strung in the shape of three interconnected giant, wrapped Christmas gifts in a downtown Canberra mall was the largest ever image made of LED lights.

Lawyer David Richards assembled the Canberra light show with the help of an army of volunteers and powers it

with electricity donated by a local power company.

He set a Guinness World Record a year ago for the most Christmas lights on a residential property by cocooning his Canberra home with 502,165 bulbs.

However, traffic snarls in his neighborhood created by

75,000 sightseers who visited the display over four weeks made it difficult for his family to get to and from their home. "I couldn't do it again to my neighbors or my family," Richards said, explaining the move to the city center.

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The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing

Associated Press

If you haven't communed with your socks lately, thanked your shoes for their hard work or bowed (at least mentally) to your home in appreciation, maybe it's time to consider it.

"It is very natural for me to say thank you to the goods that support us," says Marie Kondo, whose method of lovingly connecting with belongings that "spark joy" and bidding a fond but firm farewell to the rest is popular in Japan and now catching on elsewhere. Kondo's book, "The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing," is a best-seller in Japan, Germany and Britain and has recently been published in the United States. Kondo has been the subject of a movie in Japan, and the waiting list for her services, once three months long, is now so extensive that she has temporarily stopped accepting more clients. Her

"KonMarie Method," as she calls it in the diminutive and illustration-free volume, encourages a rapid, dramatic and transformative one-time organizing event, completed methodically and lovingly in no more than six months. It's not an ongoing battle against clutter. Kondo sees "tidying" as a cheerful conversation in which anything that doesn't "spark joy" is to be touched, thanked and ceremonially sent on its way toward a better life elsewhere, where it can discover a more appreciative owner.

The result can be life-changing, she says. Clients suddenly find themselves surrounded entirely by things that provide clarity, unencumbered by belongings that carry past baggage (unwanted gifts, clothes that no longer fit) or anxieties about the future (does anyone need more cotton swabs than there are days of the year?).

Even her book, she says, should be quickly discarded

when it's no longer needed.

Part of what makes her method unusually speedy is that instead of de-cluttering room by room, she tackles a household by subject, starting with what's easiest to part with.

So, all the clothes, then all the books, then documents, then miscellany and, last and most difficult, photos and mementos.

Instead of deciding what to discard, she says, the focus should be on what to keep: which few things spark sufficient joy or are truly necessary.

How to contend with family members unready to join in the celebratory purge?

If possible, carry the bags out of the house yourself. "There's no need to let your family know the details of what you throw out or donate," she writes, although she advises against secretly disposing of other people's things. "You can leave communal spaces to the end. The

first step is to confront your own stuff."

After joyfully relegating mountains of unneeded or unloved belongings to the trash or charity, she then turns to organizing what's left.

The key, she says, is storing things mostly in drawers, arranged so that everything can be seen at a glance and nothing is stacked, a practice decidedly unkind to items at the bottom.

So T-shirts and socks (the ones you've kept because they make you happy) are rolled, no painfully balled-up socks with moaning elastic here, and beautifully arranged like sushi in a bento box.

Closets are meticulously arranged to fit everything from electric fans (at the bottom) and spare blankets (on top) to carefully arranged clear drawers of beloved belongings and a shelf or two with a few joy-sparking books.

Papers and documents, there won't be many since few are truly necessary and they generally hold so little joy, are likewise filed and not stacked.

Kondo says she has been obsessed with "tidying" since she was 5, opting to arrange shoes and pencils in school when other kids played in the playground. She began communing with her belongings in high school and, after years of work at a Shinto shrine, realized her calling as a professional consultant on attaining the joy of minimalism.

"The inside of a house or apartment after de-cluttering has much in common with a Shinto shrine... a place where there are no unnecessary things, and our thoughts become clear. It is the place where we appreciate all the things that support us," she says. "It is where we review and rethink about ourselves."

Doc rediscovers Bing Crosby's triumphs, tragedies

BY MIKE CIDONI
LENNOX

AP Entertainment Writer
LOS ANGELES (AP) — An upcoming PBS documentary seeks to remind younger generations there was so much more to Bing Crosby than crooning "White Christmas" from media master to philanthropist to difficult dad. "It's an unprecedented career in the history of show business," says Robert Trachtenberg, director of "American Masters: Bing Crosby Rediscovered," debuting Tuesday. "He really was the first multimedia star of the 20th century."

Crosby established his name on radio and stage throughout the 1920s. By the early 1930s, he was a superstar and for more than two decades, placed at or near the top

of record charts, radio ratings and movie box office.

He won an Academy Award as best actor for his performance in 1944's "Going My Way." He received an honorary Grammy in 1963. His later career included a series of highly rated television specials, a format he helped to pioneer.

Then why does Crosby need rediscovering?

"Dad was a really under-the-radar guy," said his daughter, actress Mary Crosby, in a recent interview. "So, when he died (in 1977 of a heart attack at age 74), we followed in those footsteps. And, of course, it took us about three decades to realize that we had really, really done him a disservice."

About midpoint,

"Rediscovered" segues from Crosby's public to private life, and into an exploration of his excessive partying, tragic first marriage and troubled relationship with the children of that marriage. As the documentary tells it, both Crosby and his wife, actress Dixie Lee, were alcoholics and while he managed the disease, she did not. She died after a battle with ovarian cancer at age 40.

Frequently on the road for work, Crosby wasn't around much for his family. But when he was present, he was by all accounts a strict father. Six years after Crosby's death came the publication of son Gary Crosby's memoir "Going My Own Way," which claimed, "I'd get bent over and my pants taken down and beat till I bled."

In the film, Mary Crosby recalls a tense post-publication lunch with her half brother, who, according to the

actress, said he was goaded into exaggerating the facts to sell more books.

She was furious. But while one of Gary Crosby's three brothers, Phillip Crosby, publicly refuted the severity of Gary Crosby's claim, Kathryn Crosby and his second crop of children, including Mary Crosby, refused to address the allegations at the time.

"That was a huge, incredible mistake," Mary Crosby says in the film. "Because it's one of the things that people think of when his name comes up. Not this incredible legacy of good deeds and beautiful music, but, 'Oh, he's the guy who hit his kids.'"

In her recent interview, the 55-year-old actress said her dad learned from mistakes from his first marriage and first shot at parenthood, which informed his second time around. She recalled a father

who was present, attentive and loving.

"He never laid a hand on me," she recalled. "It's important to get that out."

The documentary ultimately lets viewers draw their own conclusions about Bing Crosby's personal life.

But the film's perspective on the Crosby's professional legacy is clear: He was a landmark entertainer, a technological maverick, a colleague who stood up for pals in need.

And, oh yes, he recorded "White Christmas," which went on to become a wistful anthem for anyone pining to be wherever home is for their holidays. Upon its release in 1942, the song was immediately embraced by military serving overseas during World War II. According to Guinness World Records, with 50-million units sold, Bing Crosby's "White Christmas" is the best-selling single of all time.

Century-old theater throws open doors once more

WACO, Texas (AP) — The chill in the air might have shrunk the crowds for a street dance outside the remodeled Waco Hippodrome on a recent Saturday night, but the lobby was busy, the second-floor cafe was full, and people seemed thrilled at the newest manifestation of a revitalized downtown Waco.

The century-old Austin Avenue theater, which saw appearances by Abbott & Costello and Elvis Presley through the years, has reopened, drawing on nostalgia and displaying a love for the iconic showplace.

Monica Wheelis, standing with a group around a heater in the open-air courtyard, remembered crying at a performance of "Jesus Christ Superstar" at the theater in the years before its 2010 closing.

"I never thought it would reopen," she told the Waco Tribune-Herald "I hope they'll start producing plays now, but it's great that they'll show movies, too."

Carole Player Golden, who left Waco in her late 20s for a career in real estate before returning 12 years ago, remembered buying a ticket for a Saturday matinee and two caramel puffs for a quarter.

"There had been several attempts to bring downtown Waco back," she said. "I remember they tried to get a mall going, but it folded about the time everyone started shopping in the suburbs. But I saw all the cafes and other ventures starting here in the past few years and told my husband to just watch, it's going to work this time. He kept saying it never would, but look at everything that's going on now, here and just across the street."

Jason Rose worked in lighting and sound for the theater for several years before it closed.

"I think among the reasons it closed was that they kept bringing in big shows that had to leave half their stuff on their trucks, and we couldn't make it pay," he said. "Plus, there were a lot of repairs that needed to be made. It would take a developer willing to put in lots of money and effort to get it going again, and I thought it was just out of the question."

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Ron Jones of MasterMix Mud Pits, left, his wife April, and son Blake, present a \$5,000 donation to the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life Saturday. Accepting the donation are ACS specialist Leesa McNeese and Maribelle Mindard of the Odessa Relay For Life committee. To raise awareness of breast cancer, the company had a local business paint one of its mud pits bright pink. Mud pits are used by oil companies to mix drilling fluids. That bright, pink mud pit will now be available for use in the oil field.

Big Spring-based company goes pink for Relay For Life

BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Its color may seem a little out of place in the oil field, but it is meant to be.

On Saturday, Nov. 22, MasterMix Mud Pit LLC. unveiled one of its mud pits which would be nothing special for the relatively new company except this 32-foot-long, 11-foot-tall, and 15-foot in diameter mud pit is colored bright pink.

"We wanted to get behind some type of charitable activity, and we decided breast cancer awareness was a commendable cause," said Ron Jones, one of the owners of MasterMix Mud Pit LLC, a Big Spring-based company.

According to Jones, the busi-

ness fabricates drilling fluid mixing equipment. In this case, that pink portable mud pit will be leased to companies in the oil field to be used on location to mix drilling field fluids. Jones and his partners also made a \$5,000 donation to the ACS Relay For Life — Odessa event at the unveiling. Relay For Life is a fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society.

According to Maribelle Mindard of the Odessa Relay For Life and a cancer survivor, this is the first major sponsor for the 2015 event.

"We want it to go to work," Jones said about what they planned to do next with the pit. "Any new business generated from this pink pit, we will take a

percentage of that and donate it to the charity as well."

The ceremony was held at CreRam•Kote grounds where the mud pit was painted.

MasterMix Mud Pits has been in operation in Big Spring since February 2014.

"We saw the opportunity and the demand for the equipment and got into the business," Jones said. "Business has been very generous to us since we've opened and we wanted to give back."

For more information about the company, visit www.mastermixmudpits.com or call 1-800-649-4887.

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



Rita Hinkle has been named employee of the year for State National Bank. Pictured from left are Richard Steel, president; Hinkle; and Jim Purcell, chairman of the board.

Courtesy photo

Hinkle named SNB top employee

Special to the Herald

When the State National Bank named Rita Hinkle employee of the year, she was stunned.

"It was at our annual bank holiday party," said Hinkle, "and when our bank president began talking about all the things the employee of the year had done and was doing, I knew it was me. I was speechless. I just sat there and stared in disbelief. I didn't know what to do."

Since that point, Hinkle has

regained her composure and is back at work at the State National Bank in Lamesa. She has been with the bank nearly 10 years, starting out as a teller. Since then, she began taking care of the ATM and the vault as well as handling new accounts.

"Since we're a small branch, we do whatever needs to be done," said Hinkle. "I sometimes answer the phone, just like everyone else does."

It wasn't difficult for her to decide on banking as a career.

"I've always liked numbers and I love to count money." She worked at a convenience store and credit union before joining State National. "I like it here. I've been very happy. It's quite an honor to be named employee of the year."

Hinkle and her husband Grady have a son Michael, a daughter Amy and a grandson, Levi.

"State National Bank would like to congratulate once again Rita Hinkle for being the 2014 employee of the year," said a State National Bank spokesperson.

Avoid red flags when holiday shopping online

I am a big online shopping fan. It offers me the chance to avoid crowds with convenient and instant purchasing power. Plus, it delivers gifts right to out-of-town friends and family's door with the click of a button. But, before I start adding items to my online cart, there are some red flags I watch for:

Little to no basic business information listed. A store's website should have phone numbers and physical addresses of the business, locate and note these before you buy. Be cautious if this information is not available it may not be a legitimate business.

No signs of online security. Some attackers try to trick you by creating malicious websites that appear authentic.

Don't enter your personal and financial information, unless a site includes a URL address that begins with "https" or a closed padlock icon on your web browser's address. This indicates that the purchase is encrypted or secured.

Too good to be true deals. Online stores that offer merchandise for unusually low prices should raise concern. Before you jump on a bargain, visit bbb.org and check a business' BBB Business Review to see how they respond to complaints, view its rating and read customer reviews.

It's important to secure personal information when shopping online, Better Business Bureau (BBB) serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin recommends online shoppers:

- Use safe payment options. Credit cards are generally the safest option because they allow buyers to seek a credit from the issuer if the product isn't delivered or isn't what was ordered.

- Keep a paper trail. Print and save records of your online transactions, including the product description, price, online receipt, terms of the sale, and copies of any email exchange with the seller. Read your credit card statements as soon as you get them to make sure there aren't any unauthorized charges.

- Turn your computer off. According to the National Cybersecurity Alliance, many people leave computers running and connected to the internet all day and night. This gives scammers 24/7 access to your computer to install malware and commit cybercrimes. To be safe, turn off your computer when it's not in use.

- Beware of phishing. If you receive an email claiming problems with an order that asks for personal information or financial information, call the contact number on the website to confirm that there really is a problem with the transaction.

- Keep a clean machine. Having the latest security software, web browser and operating system are the best defenses against viruses, malware and other online threats.

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Tyler Patton is director of the Permian Basin Better Business Bureau.

Public Records

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Brittany Vanessa Escanuela, 2521 Chanute, Big Spring
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Marriage Licenses
Robert William Hubbard, 23 and Lacey Kay Barker, 23, both of Big Spring

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David Dominguez, 19 and Mayra Ortega, 19, both of Big Spring
Bruce L. Curtis Jr., 32 and Joey Ann Curtis, 34, both of Big Spring
Rhett Allen Chaney, 24 and Kathryn Brooke Naron, 23, both of Big Spring

Warranty Deed
Grantor: Jerry Tibbets and Chrysta Tibbets
Grantee: Joe Owens and Kelley Owens
Property: Lot 15 and 16, blk 33, W.R. Settles Subdivision
Date: Nov. 14, 2014

Warranty Deeds With Vendors Liens
Grantor: Frankie Allene Pearce, individually and as heir of Harold Lee Pearce, aka Harold L. Pearce, deceased
Grantee: Mark Anthony Gutierrez
Property: Lot 5, blk 2, Stanford Park Addition
Date: Nov. 17, 2014

Grantor: Livesage LLC, dba Wegman Homes
Grantee: Silver Leaf Communities LLC
Property: A 10.049 tract out of sec 48, blk 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County

Date: Nov. 13, 2014
Grantor: Gregg Guenther and Beatriz Guenther
Grantee: James M. Friend and Amy J. Nunley
Property: Lot 7, blk 17, Kentwood
Date: Nov. 13, 2014

District Court Filings
Tamara D. Berner vs Alyssa Rivas and Timothy Garrett – Injury/damage – motor vehicles
Big Spring Hospital Corporation dba Scenic Mountain Medical Center vs Tex Jeffcoat – Accounts, notes and contracts
Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC assignee of General Electric Capital as Assignee of GE capital Retail Bank (Bryant) vs Cristobal Mondragon – Accounts, notes and contracts
Nora Hernandez Garcia vs Valentin Garcia Gonzalez – Divorce
Clara Lee Aguilar vs Salvador Q. Aguilar – Divorce
Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC Assignee of Citi Bank NA (Gordon's) vs Michael J. Speck – Accounts, notes and contracts

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- Dec. 2** – Mall Walking, 9:00 a.m. Supper Club 5:30 p.m. "Spanish Inn."
- Dec. 3** – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m.
- Dec. 4** – Mall Walking, 9:00 a.m. Bunko, 4:00 p.m.
- Dec. 5** – LUNCH-BUNCH & BIRTHDAYS, "Settles Grill", 11:30 a.m.
- Dec. 8** – Games, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Dec. 9** – Mall Walking, 9:00 a.m. Supper Club, 5:30 p.m. "Red Mesa."
- Dec. 10** – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m.
- Dec. 11** – Mall Walking, 9:00 a.m. SHOPPING - MIDLAND, 9 a.m. - ??
- Dec. 15** – Games, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Dec. 16** – Mall Walking, 9:00 a.m. Supper Club, 5:30 p.m., "China Dragon."
- Dec. 17** – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m. Christmas Party & Pot Luck, 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Dec. 18** – Mall Walking, 9:00 a.m. Bunko, 4:00 p.m.
- Dec. 22** – Games, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Dec. 23** – Mall Walking, 9:00 p.m. Supper Club, 5:30 p.m. "Cowboy's."
- Dec. 24** – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m.
- Dec. 25** – MERRY CHRISTMAS!
- Dec. 26-27** – OFFICE CLOSED.
- Dec. 29** – Games, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Dec. 30** – Mall Walking, 9:00 p.m. Supper Club, 5:30 p.m., "Pizza Inn"
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ANSWERS

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



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- 8 oz. pilsner lager
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- 1 icy road
- 1 pick-up truck
- 1 10-hour day
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Lunar Peace Trine

On this day in 1782, the Treaty of Paris was drafted to bring an end to the American Revolutionary War. Peace is the theme today, as well, with a lunar trine involving Saturn followed by a hazy, void-of-course moon. The cosmic consensus: Fighting is pointless because it will accomplish nothing but destruction on both sides.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You walk a balancing act with your interactions today as you strive to highlight enough similarities that they feel comfortable around you and enough differences to interest them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You don't stop loving someone just because you reach the point in the relationship at which love hurts. Beyond that point is a deeper understanding of love's true nature.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When all you want is all you need, you've arrived at a level of maturity reserved for old souls of all ages. Contentment is a rich spiritual evolution that some will not know in this lifetime.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You don't always have to go through the bad to get to the good, but until you have known the bad, you won't fully understand the good. The main thing is to be courageous and open to the full spectrum of life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). What you do socially today is the equivalent of asking the new kid over to the lunch table. You care about people in general, and you have terrific instincts about how to show it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). At the end of the day, you won't remember all the clean fun you had because it's the messes that make an impression. So don't be afraid to make a mess. As long as the mess doesn't hurt anyone, you can always clean it up later.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Go to extra lengths to communicate with people. Make no assumptions about what they already know. Trouble will be avoided when you carefully describe your needs, plans and expectations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Smell is the most sensitive of the five human senses and the one most tied to emotional recollection. You'll smell something that brings you back to a happy time of life. Re-create this more often!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The benefits to having such a curious mind will be readily apparent today. You don't have to look for new interests, because your original ones always lead you down ever more interesting paths.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's something about a good meal that brings about stellar conversation. If you get the chance to share a bite with a friend, you won't be sorry you said "yes."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A Chinese proverb suggests that the time to dig a well is before you are thirsty. The most important moments of the day will be the ones in which you anticipate what you're going to need next and make a plan.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Write down what happened to you recently so that you'll remember it later. You just may find that the act of writing helps you experience things differently now, too. Life feels more profound when you document it well.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 30). You'll perform transformational magic. Yours is the right attitude to flip unsatisfactory circumstances into a desired outcome next month. A relationship improves because you take back the power in January. Your high emotional intelligence opens doors in March. This leads to financial wins in June and September. Aries and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 7, 16, 33 and 42.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Since October 26, Mars has been powering through Capricorn with the kind of ambitious agenda that would make Superman look like an underachiever. That all comes to a screeching halt on December 4, when the warrior planet suddenly loses interest in fighting. The realm of Aquarius is about alternative solutions, the likes of which probably don't involve expansion or domination. Aquarius energy is intellectual, technological and humanitarian. Individual accomplishment will suddenly seem like a low aim. If it's not good for the group, it's not good for anyone. Mars in Aquarius (which lasts until Jan. 12, 2015) will focus on giving to those in need, giving back to those who have helped us in the past and nurturing potential forces of future good.

There's a burbling social energy that comes to fruition on the full moon in Gemini of Saturday, December 6. Although it's earlier in the month, this will be the ideal date for holiday parties, as the Gemini

moon makes it easy for people to connect with one another in fun and useful ways. Conversation will be stellar, and many friendships that strike up between singles at this time will lead to love later.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Last month, Kaley Cuoco and her husband, Ryan Sweeting, dressed up as a gender-bending version of Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez to hilarious effect. "The Big Bang Theory" star was born with her sun, Mercury, Saturn and Uranus all in Sagittarius, revealing a love of foreign cultures, different worlds, travel and tourism. As Penny, Cuoco tourists in the world of highly intelligent nerds.

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Sudoku Answer On Page 9C

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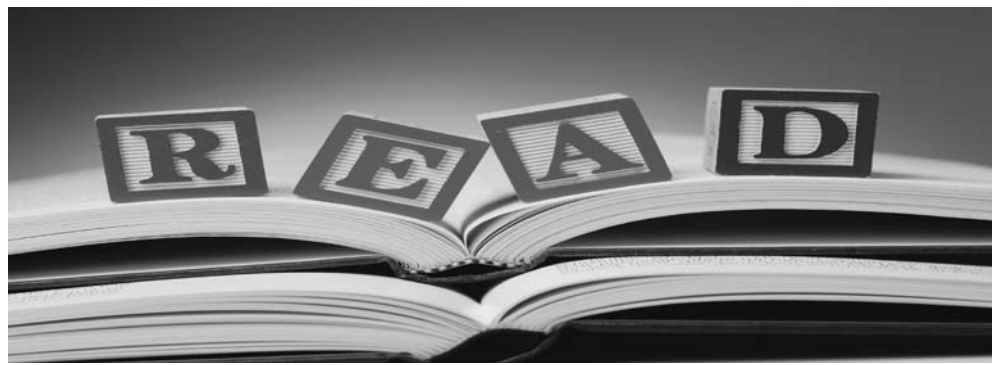
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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Answer to previous puzzle

STASH	BACH	TGIF
NORTE	UCLA	BODE
OTTER	TEAL	ALOE
BOYMEETS	WORLD	
ICE	OLIVE	
REDTAG	TSPS	LIN
AXIOM	BOLLYWOOD	
MIRO	ALLEY	ACLU
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BOSWORTH	FIELD	
FILL	AREA	INDIA
OPEL	VEAL	EGGED
POSY	YOLK	REEDS



Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Two-bit autocrats
- 8 "Let's get moving"
- 15 Even-tempered
- 16 Set to rest
- 17 Ranch alternative
- 18 Back
- 19 Car-wash device, for short
- 20 Fairly large
- 22 Name on NutRageous
- 23 Literally, "leader"
- 25 Pacers of yore
- 27 Composes
- 29 Buzz generator, ideally
- 30 Musical opening
- 34 Blew away, maybe
- 36 Positive
- 38 Part of Arby's logo
- 39 See
- 41 Straightens out
- 43 Stick-__
- 44 Moon of Pluto
- 46 Digital challenge
- 47 NASCAR setting
- 49 *Redemption* novelist
- 51 Some Super Bowl venues
- 52 Runners of experiments
- 55 Meeting place
- 56 Pickle or jam
- 59 Sound-stage worker
- 61 Step on a scale
- 62 Showing pique
- 64 Song in Jamaica Tourist Board ads
- 66 Rather firm

- 67 Halberstam subject in *The Powers That Be*
 - 68 Tops in soreness
 - 69 Some Mel Blanc characters
- DOWN**
- 1 One allowed to pre-board
 - 2 Cool shade
 - 3 End of a Groucho elephant joke
 - 4 Campus monitors, familiarly
 - 5 Moderately
 - 6 Buffalo check, for one
 - 7 Spoof

- 8 Flour source
- 9 Lifeboat supplies
- 10 Circular
- 11 Gdansk airport honoree
- 12 Surveys
- 13 __ pool
- 14 Action figures
- 21 Decliner of a 2009 Google buyout offer
- 24 Multiple of LII
- 26 Knockout
- 28 Takes out
- 31 Small, thread-like structure
- 32 Kicked around
- 33 Statement of resignation
- 35 They're stuck in the 60s
- 37 Move quickly, as a cloud

- 40 "Reader, I married him" speaker
- 42 Noodles served with soy sauce
- 45 Sign shorthand
- 48 Like "10" and 300
- 50 Lakeside activity
- 53 Have something to declare
- 54 Mount topped by a mosque
- 56 Bombard with offers, say
- 57 It flattens over time
- 58 Kudrow's *Friends* spouse
- 60 Rocks, for a time
- 63 Appreciate
- 65 Fresh language

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Unwelcome Assignment

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ K J 8 3 2
♥ A 5
♦ K 6
♣ A K 8 5
WEST
♠ 6
♥ K 10 4 2
♦ J 10 3
♣ J 9 7 3 2
EAST
♠ 7 4
♥ J 9 8 6
♦ Q 9 5 4
♣ Q 10 6
SOUTH
♠ A Q 10 9 5
♥ Q 7 3
♦ A 8 7 2
♣ 4
The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ Pass 4NT Pass
5♥ Pass 7♠
Opening lead — jack of diamonds.

since a heart loser seemed inevitable. But he had been to the wars before and recognized that the situation was not entirely hopeless. Accordingly, after taking the opening diamond lead with dummy's king, declarer cashed two rounds of trumps, then played the ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond in dummy. Next came the A-K of clubs and a club ruff, followed by another diamond ruff in dummy. Declarer then led dummy's last trump to his queen to bring about this position:
North
♥ A 5
♣ 8
West
♥ K 10
♣ J
East
♥ J 9 8
South
♠ 10
♥ Q 7
As South hoped, West had started with the king of hearts and at least five clubs. Having taken care to exhaust East of clubs in order to put the burden of guarding that suit entirely on West, declarer now led his last trump. This left West without recourse, and the slam was home. Unfortunately, it also left North with the impression that he had bid the hand brilliantly, much to the consternation of the opponents — and his poor, beleaguered partner.

WWII Museum opening new pavilion in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A bombed-out bunker with a digital battle mapping table and animated fighter planes soaring overhead gives an immersive look at strategic air raids over Europe during World War II.

The simulated experience takes place inside a new 32,000-square-foot pavilion opening to the public on Dec. 13 at the National World War II Museum in New Orleans.

“Road to Berlin” is the first of two exhibits in the new Campaigns of Courage Pavilion. The other exhibit, “Road to Tokyo,” will be added next year.

“Road to Berlin” takes visi-

tors through the American struggle to defeat Nazis. It includes oral histories, personal artifacts, authentic film footage and animated maps and recreations.

“It’s not all good,” said Gordon “Nick” Mueller, the museum’s president and CEO, who gave The Associated Press a look at the exhibit. “We got clobbered in North Africa, and then we had to fight our way through Sicily and then into the mountains of Italy.”

Artifacts include a German fighter plane suspended from the pavilion’s atrium ceiling, a typewriter and handmade radio receiver used by a

young French girl to intercept and transcribe wartime broadcasts. An Opel German staff car is displayed covered in artificial snow in a gallery about the Battle of the Bulge.

Sand from the beaches of Normandy is encased in glass and littered with helmets, weapons, toothbrushes, cigarette boxes and other personal items that washed ashore after the June 6, 1944, D-Day invasion.

Personal narratives can be accessed throughout the exhibit using digital dog tags, which visitors will be given when they enter the museum. Each visitor will be “paired” with a real WWII service

member to follow their wartime experience. Not all the stories are based in Europe. Some hit closer to home.

Merchant Marine Louis Marcel Taix of New Orleans was aboard a ship headed back to the U.S. when it was torpedoed by a German submarine off the coast of the Bahamas on May 15, 1942.

As crew abandoned the SS Nicarao in lifeboats, 25-year-old Taix, the ship’s chief radio operator, stayed behind to call for help and transmit the doomed vessel’s coordinates. Taix became trapped when the radio shack collapsed as the ship sank, but his final act proved gallant.

Of the 39 crewmen, 31 survived and were picked up by a tanker the following day.

“It was heroic, and I’m so proud,” said 90-year-old Lorraine Taix McCaslin, Taix’s sister who was a teenager when the Western Union telegram declaring her brother lost at sea arrived at her family’s home. She said the inclusion of her brother’s story in the upcoming exhibit is an honor, a blessing and a gift.

“My heart is overwhelmed,” she said. “To have this after all these years, it’s so important to me, important to my family. It relives what none of us should ever forget.”

What’s covered in new menu labeling rules

The Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday is announcing new rules requiring chain restaurants, movie theaters and

other retailers that sell prepared foods to put calorie labels on menus and menu boards.

The rules will only apply to establishments

that have 20 or more locations.

A sampling of what will be labeled with calorie information, and what won’t, under the

new rules.

What will be labeled: Menu items at chain restaurants, including drive-through and take-out boards.

Drinks on menus, and soda dispensers.

Some alcoholic beverages on menus.

Most prepared foods in supermarkets, convenience stores.

Concessions at movie theaters, amusement parks that are part of

larger chains.

Displays of food, such as pastries, at coffee chains like Starbucks.

Food prepared on site at large retail outlets, such as Target and Costco.

Foods that won’t be labeled with calorie information:

Menu items at independent restaurants with fewer than 20 outlets.

Seasonal or daily specials at chain restaurants.

Anything that isn’t on a menu at a chain restaurant, such as a bread basket or drinks at the bar.

Food on airplanes, trains.

Food on food trucks.

Deli meats, cheeses and bulk salads at grocery stores.

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Auction fetches \$28K for 1st batch of new bourbon

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — One of Kentucky’s newest whiskey makers is making a big splash, fetching more than \$28,000 for its first bottle of bourbon.

The bottle appeared to rank among the most expensive bottles of bourbon ever sold. Eric Gregory, president of the Kentucky Distillers’ Association, said he doesn’t know of any other bottle that sold for that amount or higher. All of the money will go to a local charity.

Boundary Oak Distillery says the

winning bidder is from Hardin County, Kentucky, but asked to remain anonymous. Whoever it is will have to be patient.

Boundary Oak plans to fill its first bourbon barrel in December, and the whiskey will age for two years before bottling.

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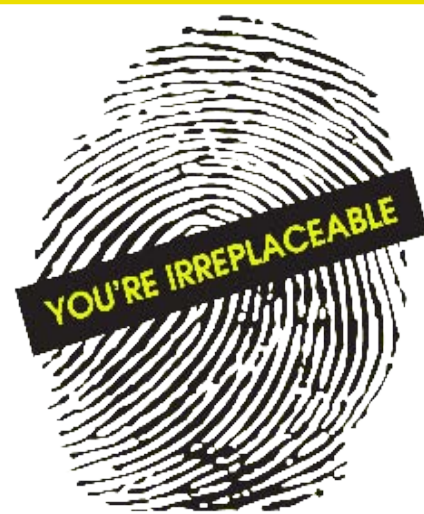


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O Come, O Come, Emanuel

Em Am Em G

O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran-some cap - tive
 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, and or - der all things
 O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on

Am D Em Am Em D

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh; to us the path of knowl - edge show
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times once gave the law

G D G G D Em Bm

un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re-joice! Em
 and cause us in her ways to go.
 in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.

Am Em G C Am D Em

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

CHARLES WESLEY FELIX MENDELSSOHN

Joyfully

G D G D G C D G

Hark! the her - ald an - gelsing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!
 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er last - ing Lord;
 Hail! the heav'nborn Prince of Peace! Hail! the Son of right - eous - ness!

D G A D A D

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
 Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of the fa - vored one.
 Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.

G C G D G C G D

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh, the God - head see; Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty
 Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die;

C E7 Am D G D G

With th'an - gel - ic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem."
 Please, as man with men to dwell, Je - sus our Im - man - u - el!
 Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.

C E7 Am D G D G

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

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What Child Is This

WILLIAM C. DIX ENGLISH

Moderately Em D Em C B

What Child is this, Who laid to rest On Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing? Whom
 Why lies He in such mean es - tate, Where ox and ass are feed - ing? Good
 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, Come peas - ant, king to own Him; The

Em D Em Em

an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead - ing;
 King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let lov - ing hearts en - throne Him.

G D Em C B

This, this is Christ, the King; Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing:
 Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, The Cross be born for me, for you;
 Raise, raise the song on high, The Vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;

G D Em B Em

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mar - y!
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The Babe, the Son of Mar - y!
 Joy, joy for Christ is born, The Babe, the Son of Mar - y!

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Deck The Hall

mf F C F C F

Deck the hall with boughs of hol - ly, Fa la la la la, la la la la.
 See the blaz - ing Yule be - fore us, Fa la la la la, la la la la.
 Fast a - way the old year pass - es, Fa la la la la, la la la la.

C F C F

'Tis the sea - son to be jol - ly, Fa la la la la, la la la la.
 Strike the harp and join the cho - rus, Fa la la la la, la la la la.
 Hail the new, ye lads and lass - es, Fa la la la la, la la la la.

C F D C C F

Don we now our gay ap - par - rel, Fa la la, la la la, la la la,
 Fol - low me in mer - ry meas - ure, Fa la la, la la la, la la la,
 Sing we joy - ous all to - geth - er, Fa la la, la la la, la la la,

F Bb F C F

Troll the an - cient Yule - tide car - ol, Fa la la la la, la la la la.
 While I tell of Yule - tide treas - ure, Fa la la la la, la la la la.
 Heed - less of the wind and weath - er, Fa la, la, la, la la la la.

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 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions
 Saints, be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far, seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
 hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth: Come and wor - ship,
 yon - der shines the in - fant light:
 ye have seen his na - tal star:
 in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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Here Comes Santa Claus

Moderately

Here comes San-ta Claus, Here come San-ta Claus Right down San-ta Claus Lane.

Vix - en and Blitz - en and all his rein - deer are pull - ing on the rein.
 He's got a bag that is filled with toys for the boys and girls a - gain.
 He doesn't care if you're rich or poor for he loves you just the same.
 He'll come a - round when the chimes ring out; then it's Christ - mas morn a - gain.

Bells are ring - ing, chil - dren sing - ing; All is mer - ry and bright.
 Here those sleigh bells jin - gle jan - gle, What a beau - ti - ful sight.
 San - ta knows that we're God's chil - dren; That makes ev - 'ry - thing right.
 Peace on earth will come to all If we just fol - low the light.

Hang your stock - ings and say your pray'rs, 'Cause San - ta Claus comes to - night.
 Jump in bed, cov - er up your head, 'Cause San - ta Claus comes to - night.
 Fill your ears with a Christ - mas cheer, 'Cause San - ta Claus comes to - night.
 Let's give thanks to the Lord a - bove, 'Cause San - ta Claus comes to - night.

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The First Noel

The first no - el the an - gels did say Was to cer - tain poor
 They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing in the
 And by the light of that same star, Three Wise - men
 This star drew nigh to the north - west, O'er Beth - le -
 Then en - ter'd in those Wise - men three. Full rev - 'rent

shepherds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay
 east, be - yond them far; And to the earth it
 came from coun - try far, To seek for a King
 hem it took its rest, And there it did both
 ly up - on their knee, And of - fer'd there, in

keep - ing their sheep On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep,
 gave great light, And so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 was their in - tent, And to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 stop and stay, Right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 His pres - ence, Their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.

No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

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Joy To The World

Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re -
 Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns; Let men their
 He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the

ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
 songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
 na - tions prove The glo - ries of His right - eous -

room, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
 plains, Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
 ness, And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His

sing, And heav'n, and heav'n, and na - ture sing.
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Dash - ing thro' the snow In a one horse o - pen sleigh,
 Day or two a - go I thought I'd take a ride, And
 Now the ground is white, Go it while you're young;

O're the fields we go, Laugh - ing all the way;
 soon Miss Fan - nie Bright Was seat - ed by my side. The
 Take the girls to - night, And sing this sleigh - ing song; Just

Bells on bob - tail ring, Mak - ing spir - its bright; What
 horse was lean and lank, Mis - for - tune seem'd his lot, He
 get a bob - tailed nag, Two for - ty for his speed, Then

fun it is to ride and sing A sleigh - ing song to - night!
 got in - to a drift - ed bank, and we, we got up - sot.
 hitch him to an o - pen sleigh, And crack! you'll take the lead.

Jin - gle Bells! Jin - gle Bells! Jin - gle all the way! Oh, what fun it is to ride

In a one-horse o - pen sleigh! In a one-horse o - pen sleigh!

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Good King Wenceslas

John Mason Neale English

Moderately *A*

Good King Wen - ces - las looked out On the Feast of Steph - en,
 "Hith - er, page, and stand by me, If thou know'st it, tell - ing,
 "Bring me flesh, and bring me wine, Bring me pine - logs hith - er;

When the snow lay round a - bout, Deep and crisp and ev - en;
 Yon - der peas - ant, who is he? Where and what his dwell - ing?"
 Thou and I will see him dine When we bear them thith - er."

Bright - ly shone the moon that night, Tho' the frost was cru - el,
 "Sire, he lives a good league hence, Un - der - neath the moun - tain;
 Page and mon - arch, forth they went, Forth they went to - geth - er;

When a poor man came in sight, Gath - ring win - ter fu - el.
 Right a - gainst the for - est fence, By Saint Ag - nes' foun - tain."
 Through the rude wind's wild la - ment And the bit - ter weath - er.

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While Shepherds Watched

Nahum Tate

While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, All seat - ed on the ground,
 "Fear not," said he for might - y dread Had seized their trou - bled minds
 To you in Dav - id's town this day, Is born of Dav - id's line
 "All glo - ry be to God on high, And to the earth be peace;

The an - gel of the Lord came down, And glo - ry shone a - round.
 "Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring, To you and all man - kind."
 The Sav - ior, who is Christ the Lord, And this shall be the sign.
 Good will hence - forth from heav'n to men Be - gin and nev - er cease."

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From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

Martin Luther

From heav'n a - bove to earth I come, To bear good news to ev - 'ry home,
 This night to you is born a child, Tis chos - en Vir - gin's In - fant mild,
 He is the Christ, our God and Lord, Whose name we praise with one ac - cord;
 These are the to - kens you shall mark; The swadd ling clothes, the man - ger dark;

Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring, Where - of I sow will glad - ly sing.
 And He, a child of low - ly birth Shall be the joy of all the earth.
 Your Sav - ior He has decreed to be And from all sin will set you free.
 In these the in - fant now is laid By whom both heav'n and earth were made.

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The Friendly Beasts

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Tenderly *F*

Je - sus, our broth - er, kind and good, Was hum - bly
 "I", said the don - key, shaggy and brown, "I carried His
 "I", said the cow, all white and red, "I gave Him my
 born in a sta - ble rude, And the friend - ly beasts a -
 Moth - er up hill and down; I carried Her safely to
 man - ger for His bed, I gave Him my hay to
 round Him stood; Je - sus, our broth - er, kind and good.
 Beth le hem town." "I", said the don - key, shaggy and brown.
 pillow His head." "I", said the cow, all white and red.

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A Babe Is Born In Bethlehem

A Babe is born in Beth - le - hem, In Beth - le - hem; There -
 He doth with - in a man - ger lie, A man - ger lie; Whose
 The wise men came, led by the star, Led by the star; Gold,
 On this most bless - ed Ju - bi - lee, Blest Ju - bi - lee; All
 fore re - joice, Je - ru - sa - lem. Al - le - lu - jah, al - le - lu - jah.
 throne is set a - bove the sky. Al - le - lu - jah, al - le - lu - jah.
 myrrh and in - cense, brought from far. Al - le - lu - jah, al - le - lu - jah.
 glo - ry be, O God, to Thee. Al - le - lu - jah, al - le - lu - jah.

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Away In A Manger

Away in a man-ger No crib for a bed, The lit-tle Lord
The cat-tle are low-ing, The poor Ba-by wakes, But lit-tle Lord
Be near me, Lord Je-sus, I ask Thee to stay Close by me for-

Je-sus Laid down His sweet head, The stars in the sky Looked
Je-sus No cry-ing He makes, I love Thee Lord Je-sus Look
ev-er, And love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil-dren In

down where he lay, The lit-tle Lord Je-sus A-sleep on the hay,
down from the sky, And stay by my cra-dle Till morn-ing is nigh.
Thy ten-der care, And take us to heav-en, To live with Thee there.

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O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant, O
Sing, choirs of an-gels, sing in ex-ul-ta-tion; O

come ye, O come ye, to Beth-le-hem. Come and be-
sing, all ye cit-i-zens of heav-en a-bove! Glo-ry to

hold him, born the King of an-gels; O come, let us a-dore him, O
God, all glo-ry in the high-est;

come, let us a-dore him, O come, let us a-dore him, Christ the Lord.

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Silent Night

JOSEPH MOHR FRANZ GRUBER

Si-lent night! Ho-ly night! All is calm, all is bright.
Si-lent night! Ho-ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight!
Si-lent night! Ho-ly night! Son of God, love's pure light!

Round you Vir-gin Moth-er and Child! Ho-ly In-fant so ten-der and mild,
Glo-ries stream from heav-en a-far. Heav'n-ly hosts sing, "Al-le-lu-ia!"
Ra-diant beams from Thy ho-ly face With the dawn of re-deem-ing grace,

Sleep in heav-en-ly peace! Sleep in heav-en-ly peace!
Christ, the Sav-ior, is born! Christ, the Sav-ior is born!
Je-sus, Lord, at Thy birth! Je-sus, Lord, at Thy birth!

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Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella

Bring a torch - Jean-nette, Is-a-bel-la! Bring a torch, to the
Cloud-less is - the sky - a - bove us. Leave your bed - and
Gen - tly come to the hum - ble sta - ble, Pause be - side - His

cra - dle run. It is Je - sus, good folk of the vil - lage;
qui-et-ly come. Come, and you - will see - the Small One,
ho - ly bed. See how beau - ti - ful - is Je - sus,

Christ - is born, and Mar - y calls us. Ah, ah,
Like - a star, His face is shin - ing. Go, go,
Like - a rose, so pure, so love - ly. Hush, hush,

beau-ti-ful is the Moth-er; Ah, ah, beau-ti-ful is the Son!
put on your fin-set gar-ments; Go, go, bring fin-est gifts.
sweet is the sleep of Je - sus, Hush, hush, ho - ly is His rest.

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Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town

Moderately, with a lilt

You bet-ter watch out; you bet-ter not cry;
Bet-ter not pout; I'm tell-ing you why: San-ta Claus is com-in' to

town. He's mak-ing a list and check-ing it twice;
Gon-na find out who's naugh-ty and nice! San-ta Claus is com-in' to

town. He sees you when you're sleep-in'; He
knows when you're a - wake; He knows if you've been bad or good; So be

good for good-ness sake. Oh! you bet-ter watch out; you
bet-ter not cry; Bet-ter not pout; I'm tell-ing you why:

San - ta Claus is com - in' to town.

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God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

TRADITIONAL Arr. by Sir John Stainer

God rest you mer-ry, gen-tle-men, Let noth-ing you dis-may, Re-
In Beth-le-hem, in Jew-ry, This bless-ed Babe was born, And
From God our Heav'n-ly Fa-ther, A bless-ed An-gel came; And
The Shep-herds at those ti-dings Re-joic-ed much in mind, And

mem-ber Christ our Sav-ior Was born on Christ-mas Day; To
laid with-in a man-ger, Up-on this bless-ed morn; The
un-to-cer-tain Shep-herds, Brought ti-dings of the same; How
left their flocks a feed-ing, In tem-pest, storm, and wind; And

save us all from Sa-tan's pow'r, When we were gone a-stray.
which His Moth-er Ma-ry, Did noth-ing take in scorn.
that in Beth-le-hem was born The Son of God by Name.
went to Beth-le-hem straight-way, The Son of God to find.

O ti-dings of com-fort and joy, com-fort and joy,

O ti-dings of com-fort and joy.

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We Wish You A Merry Christmas

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We wish you a Mer-ry Christ-mas, We wish you a Mer-ry Christ-mas, We

G C D7 G

wish you a Mer-ry Christ - mas, And a hap - py New Year!

mp G D C D7

Good ti - dings to you wher - ev - er you are; Good

G D7 G *D.S.*

ti - dings for Christ - mas and a hap - py New Year! We *D.S.*

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Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

Break forth, O beau - teous heav - en - ly light, and ush - er in the
This night of won - der, night of joy, was born the Christ, our
Come, dear - est child, in - to our hearts, and leave your crib be -
morn - ing; O shep - herds, shrink not with af - fright, but
broth - er; he comes, not might - y to de - stroy, to
hind you! Let this be where the new life starts for
hear the an - gel's warn - ing. This child, now weak in
bid us love each oth - er. How could he quit his
all who seek and find you. To you the hon - or,
in - fan - cy, our con - fi - dence and joy shall be, the
king - ly state for such a world of greed and hate? What
thanks, and praise, for all your gifts this time of grace; come,
power of Sa - tan break - ing, our peace e - ter - nal mak - ing.
deep hu - mil - i - a - tion se - cured the world's sal - va - tion!
con - quer and de - liv - er this world, and us, for - ev - er.

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O Christmas Tree

English version by Ruth Heller German

Happily G D G C D

O Christ - mas tree, O Christ - mas tree, O tree of green, un -
O Christ - mas tree, O Christ - mas tree, You set my heart a -
O Christ - mas tree, O Christ - mas tree, You come from God, e -
O Christ - mas tree, O Christ - mas tree, You speak of God, un -
chang - ing. Your boughs, so green in sum - mer time, Do
sing - ing. Like lit - tle stars, your can - dles bright Send
ter - nal. A sym - bol of the Lord of Love Whom
chang - ing. You tell us all to faith - ful be, And
brave the snow of win - ter - time. O Christ - mas tree, O
to the world a won - drous light. O Christ - mas tree, O
God to man sent from a - bove. O Christ - mas tree, O
trust in God e - ter - nal - ly. O Christ - mas tree, O
Christ - mas tree, O tree of green, un - chang - ing.
Christ - mas tree, You set my heart a - sing - ing.
Christ - mas tree, You come from God, e - ter - nal.
Christ - mas tree, You speak of God, un - chang - ing.

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It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

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Guitar Capo 3: G C G C G C A7 D D7

p G C G C G C A7 D D7

It came up - on _ the mid - night clear, That glo - ri - ous song of old,
Still thro' the clo - ven skies they come, With peace - ful wings un - furled;
For lo! the days are has - t'ning on, By proph - ets seen of old,
From an - gels bend - ing near the earth, To touch their harps of gold:
And still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world.
When with the ev - er - cir - cling years Shall come the time fore - told,
mf B Em D A7 D D7

"Peace on the earth, good will to men From heav'n's all gra - cious King,"
A - bove it's sad and low - ly plains They bend on hov'r - ing wing,
When the new heav'n and earth shall own The Prince of Peace their King,
pp G C G C D7 G

The world in sol - emn still - ness lay To hear the an - gels sing.
And ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.
And the whole world send back the song Which now the an - gels sing.

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