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**A Big Spring fireman climbs up a ladder to the attic of a house in the 600 block of East 16<sup>th</sup> Street to check on smoke wafting from the attic. No more information was available by press time.**

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

## Caution light goes up on Wasson Road

**Herald Staff Report**

A public safety announcement was released Tuesday from the office of the Fire Marshal and the Big Spring Fire Department to let everyone know that there is a new caution light on Wasson Road.

Due to increased traffic in the area of Fire Station 5, the light was installed for the safety of the firefighters as they enter or exit the station when responding to 911 calls.

Fire Marshal Carl Condray asks that citizens drive courteously and obey all traffic signs.

The police department



HERALD Photo/Andraia Medlin

**A new blinking yellow light can be seen on Wasson**

will be patrolling the area as well.

## Symphony holiday concert set Dec. 13 at Trinity Baptist

**Special to the Herald**

Make a date for this holiday "happening."

The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra will present its annual Christmas program on Saturday, Dec. 13 in the Trinity Baptist Church sanctuary under the direction of music director and conductor Dr. Keith Graumann.

A traditional holiday activ-

ity, the variety show always draws a large audience. In addition to the orchestra performing some traditional favorites, some of the most highly regarded local talent will entertain.

Included are the Coahoma Choir Kids under the direction of Sandra Wallace. Soprano Tara Trowbridge will perform "Jesu Bambino." Tenor Lawrence Thibeault

will perform "Panis Angelicus" and "White Christmas." The Big Spring High School Rhapsody and Meistersingers will sing carols before the concert and during intermission.

It all happens at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 13. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors. All students are admitted free. An adult must accompany children.

## Perry signs order: state agencies must use E-Verify

**The Associated Press**

Nearly two weeks after President Barack Obama announced an executive order on immigration, Gov. Rick Perry announced an order of his own.

At a news conference Wednesday, Perry said he would be requiring all state agencies to use E-Verify, a federal electronic employee verification system that aims to prevent the hiring of illegal workers. Perry said anyone contracting with state agencies would have to use E-Verify as well. The executive order takes effect immediately.

"The E-Verify system has been improved, it's been streamlined and it currently is the most accurate and efficient way to check a person's legal work in the United States," Perry said. "Though any steps taken at the state level must be backed up by a real federal commitment to fixing a broken system."

Wednesday's announcement marks a turn for the

## Multistate coalition sues over president's immigration order

**WILL WEISSERT**

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas is leading a 17-state coalition suing over President Barack Obama's recently announced executive actions on immigration, arguing in a lawsuit filed Wednesday that the move "tramples" key portions of the U.S. Constitution.

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governor. In 2010, Perry said that E-Verify would not "make a hill's beans of difference" when it comes to what's happening in America.

On Wednesday, Perry said the system has changed for the better.

See **E-VERIFY**, Page 3

## Hometown Christmas accepting donations of cash, toys and clothes

**Herald Staff Report**

Hometown Christmas, a local organization that helps provide underprivileged children with Christmas gifts, is accepting donations

immediately.

The organization tries to supply eligible boys and girls with one to two toys and a set of clothes each.

If you would like to donate funds, toys or clothes, bring them to Wells Fargo Bank during regular business hours. The bank is located at Fourth and Main downtown. For more information, contact Beverly Johnson at 264-8373,

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## Obituaries

### LaVerne Gross Morris Patrick

LaVerne Gross Morris Patrick, 83, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2014, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5, 2014, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with John Gustin, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, 2014, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born April 4, 1931, in Big Spring, Texas and married Claude Morris Dec. 16, 1949, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Aug. 16, 1983. She then married Russell Patrick, Sr. in January of 1997. He preceded her in death June 2, 2014.

LaVerne was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and graduated from Stanton High School in 1949. She

### Kirk McKnight

Kirk McKnight, 58, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2014, at his residence. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born March 2, 1956, to Lee and Kermit McKnight. He married Ann Olson on May 20, 1989. She preceded him in death on Dec. 11, 2007. He

### Jo Hazel Dawson

Jo Hazel Dawson, 80, of Big Spring, died Friday, Nov. 28, 2014, at Arlington Memorial Hospital in Arlington, Texas. A wake will be from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Jo Hazel Dawson was born June 27, 1934, in Frankston, Texas, to the late the Rev. Nelson C. Williams and Willie V. Hamner-Williams. She attended public schools in

### Betty Daratt

Betty Daratt, 90, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2014, at Parkview Nursing and Rehab. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with Rick Wilson, pastor of Baptist Temple, officiating.

She was born July 23, 1924 in Denver, Colo., to Ruby and John Cadzow. She married Melvin Daratt on Feb. 2, 1942, at Sedan, Kan. They moved to Big Spring in 1948 from Kansas. She was chief supervisor of the PBX operators and Webb Air Force Base. After Webb closed she worked for two years at Goodfellow Air Force

### Betty Madry

Betty Madry, 79, of Big Spring, died Thursday, December 4, 2014, in Lubbock nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

## Support Groups

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

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

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

• 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.

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

### FRIDAY

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

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

### SATURDAY

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

worked in the office at Cowper Clinic for a number of years and had worked in medical records at the Big Spring State Hospital, retiring after many years of service. LaVerne was very creative and enjoyed sewing and woodworking.

Survivors include one daughter, Martha Myers and husband, Bruce of Kerrville, Texas; two grandchildren, Jeremy Myers of El Dorado, Kan., and Melissa Myers of Kerrville; one brother, Don Gross and wife, Bev, of Riverside, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews including Carol and John Gustin.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, J. T. and Vera Gross; two brothers, Gaston Gross and A. J. Gross; and four sisters, Oleta Johnson, Doris Maneval, Bettie Pettus and Billie Walker.

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

*Paid Obituary*

was a lifetime resident of Howard County, graduating from Coahoma High School. He received his RN degree from Howard College. He had worked at the Big Spring State Hospital, Home Hospice, and Compass Hospice at the time of his death. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

He is survived by two sons, John Olson and his wife, Kelli, of Beaumont, Texas, and Tommy Olson and his wife, Nikki, of Punta Gorda, Fla.; two brothers, James McKnight of Conway, Ark., and Scott McKnight of Romania; one sister, Linda Vigil of New Mexico; step-mother, Edna McKnight of Clinton, Ark.; four step-brothers, Malcolm Soles, Roy Soles, Wayne Soles, and Lonnie Soles; and eight grandchildren.

Tyler, Texas, Pete Elementary and Emmitt Scott High School. She graduated from Butler College in Tyler, Texas with her bachelor degree in education. She began teaching at the age of 18 and later moved to Big Spring where she taught. She was a member of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church where she was a musician more than 40 years. She was later under watch care at Spiritual Temple Powerhouse COGIC in Frankston, TX while in East Texas.

Jo Hazel was survived by three nieces and five nephews; many friends and cousins; and three special cousins.

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

Base in San Angelo. She then transferred to the VAMC in Big Spring until retirement. She was a member of Baptist Temple.

She is survived by one son, Ron Daratt of Muleshoe, Texas; one daughter, Peggy Daratt and her husband, David Campbell, of Big Spring; son-in-law, Tom Bost of Mooresville, N.C.; two grandsons; one brother, Ray Menges and his wife, Olnee, of Big Spring; and several nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Pam Bost; two granddaughters; one brother, Bud Cadzow; and two sisters, Marrietta Creshaw and Margaret Easter.

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## Police/Sheriff reports

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

• **THOMAS ED POSEY**, 54, of 1613 E. 16<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of theft shoplifting less than \$50.

• **JAMES TROY CONAWAY**, 50, of 1802 N. Birdwell Ln., was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for expired drivers license and failed to maintain financial responsibility.

• **MARISOL HILARIO**, 18, of 1508 Robin, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of theft greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500 shoplifting.

• **ANJALE RENAE GOSSETT**, 25, of 3304 W. Highway 80 no. 36, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **SHANNON BOUDREAUX**, 43, of 1217 Lindberg, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of theft of aluminum, bronze, copper or brass.

• **TRAVIS KYLE SIEDELBERG**, 31, of 19871 Benton City Rd., Somerset, Texas, was arrested Wednesday on two warrants from another agency.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported at the 800 block of Magnolia.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the 900 block of S. Gregg.

• **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported at the 300 block of Willard, the 800 block of Centerpoint Rd. and the 1100 block of Runnels.

• **IDENTITY THEFT** was reported at the 700 block of Baylor.

• **THEFT** was reported at the 200 block of W. FM 700 and the 400 block of S. Birdwell.

• **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the 2600 block of Gregg.

• **ASSAULT** was reported at the 600 block of Tulane.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported at the 1300 block of Johnson.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported at the 700 block of Johnson.

The Howard County Sheriffs Office reported the following activity:

Note: Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 60 at the time of this report.

• **MOISES FLORES-PEREZ** was booked by HCSO on a warrant for driving while intoxicated with BAC greater than 0.15.

• **ANTHONY ROBERT SANCHEZ JR.** was booked by HCSO to begin sentence for driving while intoxicated 3<sup>rd</sup> or more offense.

• **SHANNON BOUDREAUX** was booked by HCSO on a charge of theft of material—aluminum/bronze/copper/brass less than \$20,000.

• **THOMAS ED POSEY** was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft less than \$50.

• **JAMES TROY CONAWAY** was booked by BSPD on charges of

expired drivers license, expired drivers license and fail to maintain financial responsibility.

• **LUCERO HILARIO** was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500.

• **VICKI LEANN BUSTAMANTE** was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500.

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### Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 12/4	Fri 12/5	Sat 12/6	Sun 12/7	Mon 12/8
<b>68/53</b> Cloudy skies. High 68F. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph.	<b>74/46</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	<b>62/47</b> Mostly cloudy. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 40s.	<b>58/45</b> Showers. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 40s.	<b>62/44</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 40s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:32 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:41 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:32 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:41 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:33 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:41 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:34 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:41 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:35 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:41 PM

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### Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	67	58	cloudy	Kingsville	75	64	cloudy
Amarillo	64	44	cloudy	Livingston	71	60	pt sunny
Austin	68	60	cloudy	Longview	68	56	cloudy
Beaumont	71	60	pt sunny	Lubbock	62	46	cloudy
Brownsville	75	65	pt sunny	Lufkin	72	60	pt sunny
Brownwood	67	58	cloudy	Midland	67	52	cloudy
Corpus Christi	71	64	cloudy	Raymondville	77	65	pt sunny
Corsicana	68	58	cloudy	Rosenberg	70	60	cloudy
Dallas	66	57	cloudy	San Antonio	69	62	cloudy
Del Rio	70	59	cloudy	San Marcos	69	61	cloudy
El Paso	65	45	cloudy	Sulphur Springs	66	57	cloudy
Fort Stockton	74	51	cloudy	Sweetwater	66	56	cloudy
Gainesville	63	55	rain	Tyler	68	58	cloudy
Greenville	65	56	cloudy	Weatherford	66	57	cloudy
Houston	70	60	cloudy	Wichita Falls	62	55	cloudy

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	67	46	pt sunny	Minneapolis	29	23	pt sunny
Boston	41	26	mst sunny	New York	43	34	mst sunny
Chicago	32	30	cloudy	Phoenix	68	52	rain
Dallas	66	57	cloudy	San Francisco	64	56	rain
Denver	57	35	cloudy	Seattle	44	36	pt sunny
Houston	70	60	cloudy	St. Louis	41	38	rain
Los Angeles	64	56	rain	Washington, DC	46	35	cloudy
Miami	79	71	pt sunny				

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# Take Note

• A farewell reception honoring outgoing County Judge Mark Barr and County Commissioner, Precinct 2 Donnie Baker will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 8, in the County Commissioner's Courtroom of the Third Floor Courthouse.

• The Howard County Republican Club will meet on Monday, Dec. 8 at noon in the Fireplace Room at Howard College.

• A hungry child cannot learn. Food2Kids - Big Spring was created to provide nutrition for hundreds of children who do not get a substantial meal on the weekends. F2K began last November and this volunteer program now serves more than 300 children weekly. Once the need has been identified, F2K fills a sack of food to send home each Friday during the school year. You can help. Volunteers are needed and donations can be sent to Food2Kids - Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big Spring 79721. Find us on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/Food2Kids](http://www.Facebook.com/Food2Kids)

• Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual toy drive through Dec. 12. 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. 11<sup>th</sup>, will hold a shoe giveaway for area children in grades pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> 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 quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent

home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit [www.BecomeaCASA.org](http://www.BecomeaCASA.org) or [www.casawtx.org](http://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.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

## E-VERIFY

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"They've improved the program in a number of ways," he said. "It is now a program that

we thinks works, and it's the reason we ask all these state agencies to use it."

Perry also discussed the state's border surge operation. Earlier in the week, officials approved another \$86 million to

keep the operation in effect. The money will keep Texas Department of Public Safety officers at the border through August and the National Guard troops there until March.

The surge began in

June after reports of increased undocumented immigrants crossing into Texas from Central America. Perry said the money would give the Texas Legislature and Gov.-elect Greg Abbott time to decide what to

do next. "This law enforcement presence is all the more necessary as the federal government continues to ignore the very real issue of border security," Perry said. Perry also criticized

Obama's recent executive order, which would protect 5 million undocumented immigrants from deportation. "If (Obama's) first policy opened up the floodgates, there's no telling how much damage is going to be done now by this executive action," Perry said.

## SUIT

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Many top Republicans have denounced Obama's order, which was designed to spare millions living illegally in the United States from deportation. But Texas Gov.-elect and current Attorney General Greg Abbott took it a step further, filing a formal legal challenge in federal court in the Southern District of Texas.

His state is joined by 16 other mostly conservative ones, largely in the south and Midwest, such as Alabama, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana and the Carolinas. They aren't seeking monetary damages, but instead want the courts to block Obama's actions.

While Abbott had pledged for weeks that his state would sue, the span of the coalition Texas put together surprised both proponents and opponents of the executive order.

Announced Nov. 20, Obama's order extends protection from deportation and the right to work to an estimated 4.1 million parents of U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents who have lived in the country for at least five years and to hundreds of thousands

more young people.

The lawsuit raises two major objections: that Obama violated the "Take Care Clause" of the U.S. Constitution — which Abbott said limits the scope of presidential power — and that the order will "exacerbate the humanitarian crisis along the southern border, which will affect increased state investment in law enforcement, health care and education."

Abbott said it's up to the president to "execute the law, not de facto make law."

White House spokeswoman Brandi Hoffine repeated the administration's response to other criticisms to Obama's executive order: The president is not out of legal bounds. "The Supreme Court and Congress have made clear that federal officials can set priorities in enforcing our immigration laws," she said.

Past U.S. Supreme Court decisions have granted immigration officials "broad discretion" on deportation matters, and dozens of legal scholars have already written in support of Obama's executive actions on the issue.

Republican presidents, including Ronald Reagan, issued executive orders pertaining

to immigration, but Abbott said those were in response to actions by Congress and maintained that high-court precedent would show Obama is abusing his power.

"We joined this lawsuit to stand up once again with other state attorneys general and governors against an out-of-control executive branch," West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey said in a statement.

Meanwhile, the executive director of a Hispanic engagement nonprofit said the states involved with the lawsuit "have listened to a right-wing, xenophobic faction of their party" and are "on the wrong side of history."

"We've seen that Latinos, overwhelmingly, are united in support of the president's actions," said Arturo Carmona, head of Presente.org, which has more than 300,000 members. "Republicans will suffer the consequences in November 2016."

Overwhelmingly elected governor last month, Abbott has been Texas

attorney general since 2002. Wednesday marks the 31st time he has sued the federal government since Obama took office. Many of those were over environmental regulations or the White House's signature health care law.

This lawsuit could make things awkward come Friday, when Abbott travels to Washington to meet with Obama as part of a group of newly elected governors.

Potential 2016 presidential candidate and current Texas Gov. Rick Perry, who leaves office in January, spoke out against the executive order Wednesday hours before Abbott's announcement. He said Obama's move could trigger another flood of people pouring across the Texas-Mexico border and create chaos that could be exploited by drug- and people-smugglers.

"In effect, his action placed a neon sign on our border, assuring people that they could ignore the law of the United States," said Perry, who has deployed up to 1,000 National Guard

troops to the border.

Perry and other top Texas conservatives have said Obama's separate 2012 executive order delaying the deportation of children brought into the U.S. illegally by their parents triggered an unprecedented wave of unaccompanied minors and families, mostly from Central America, crossing the border this summer. Immigration advocates dispute that, saying the influx was caused by many factors.

But Abbott believes his state can predict the effects of Obama's most recent move on the 2012 order.

"Texas," he said, "has been at the epicenter of the results of the president's executive action."

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## DAILY PRAYER

Thank you, dear Lord, for that special someone in our lives.

Amen

# Administration exploits Ferguson

I wish there were a way to address the Ferguson controversy without generating further controversy. But that's not an easy task.

I have believed for some time that the Obama administration has fanned the flames of racial tension in this country rather than attempt to extinguish them, despite its claims to the contrary. President Barack Obama and Attorney General Eric Holder, in my view, have been the main culprits, which is exceedingly unfortunate, considering the opportunity their historic roles present for making great strides toward racial harmony.

The question is: Do these gentlemen truly want to promote racial harmony?

If President Obama were trying to alleviate racial tensions, would he have accused the police department in Cambridge, Massachusetts, of “acting stupidly” in arresting a friend of his, Harvard professor Henry Gates? The statement was stunningly inappropriate because he took sides reflexively without benefit of all the facts and because presidents have no business weighing in on such local matters. Does anyone doubt that race was at the forefront of Obama's mind?

But if there was any doubt, Obama removed it when “the main message” he chose to impart from the Trayvon Martin matter was implied in this bizarre statement: “My main message is to the parents of Trayvon Martin. You know, if I had a son, he'd look like Trayvon.”

Fast-forward to the present and we learn that just days after the grand jury decided not to indict police officer Darren Wilson based on his shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, the White House tweeted its endorsement of an article by Christopher Emdin, Ph.D., a professor at Teachers College, Columbia University. The piece, “5 Ways to Teach About Michael Brown and Ferguson in the New School Year,” appeared on The Huffington Post less than two weeks

after the shooting incident and before all the facts were in and the grand jury was impaneled. In his introductory paragraphs, Emdin advises teachers and parents not to ignore these types of events: “Bringing the events in Ferguson to the classroom is not only best teaching practice but a way to establish powerful expectations for the academic year.”

Parts of the article appear innocuous, such as the suggestion that teachers ask students what they have heard or know about Brown in order to “spark a powerful discussion that sets the tone for the school year.” The teachers can use information gathered by the class to help “students unearth the facts, fiction, and mistruths in media coverage of the events in Ferguson.”

But given the diametrically opposed views concerning the evidence, how would this professor propose to help students separate fact and fiction? Even after the grand jury decision, which was based on facts and evidence, people continue to have radically different views of what occurred.

Other parts of Emdin's article, unfortunately, are not so harmless.

He tells teachers that students can “create a memorial to Michael Brown on a classroom bulletin board. This activity involves having students use whatever they feel skilled in to create something that would honor Michael Brown and other people who have been victims of police and other violence.” Also, “students can use this opportunity to create a counternarrative to negative stories and images about Ferguson and Michael Brown.”

Professor Emdin can advocate whatever he wants, but the president of the United States is endorsing his suggestions. This means that the chief executive officer of this nation is inspiring teachers to view Brown as a victim of police violence and to honor him as such.

Irrespective of whether young black men are disproportionately mistreated by law enforcement in this nation, that doesn't seem to be what occurred in the Ferguson case.

Isn't President Obama, by depicting Brown as a victim, undermining the grand jury in this case specifically and law enforcement and the justice system in general?

Isn't he fomenting further distrust between the black community and law enforcement when it isn't warranted in this case? By taking this position, isn't he exacerbating racial tensions rather than helping to heal them?

Attorney General Holder, by refusing to honor the grand jury's findings and close the Department of Justice's investigation, similarly is creating the very kind of distrust that ostensibly ignited the senseless, abhorrent rioting and violence that have occurred in Ferguson. This assumes the riots were not orchestrated in advance by nihilists who used the grand jury's decision as an excuse.

If Obama and Holder want to raise public awareness about the mistreatment of blacks in the system, aren't they damaging their own cause by using a case in which the facts don't support that narrative? Why would they trivialize their cause?

This president promised to build on the racial harmony that was evidenced by his election to office, but he continues to breach that promise, which is resulting in increased racial tensions and a disintegration of the rule of law and that which it makes possible — ordered liberty.

President Obama and Eric Holder should use this occasion to rise above their own biases and unambiguously condemn the anarchy that has occurred in Ferguson over the past week and discontinue using this case as evidence of something that it is not. Americans deserve better.

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# Obamacare and the middle class

Few truly appreciate the enormous economic benefits the Affordable Care Act will deliver to the American people over time, the middle class included. But you'd expect New York's seasoned Democratic senator, Charles Schumer, to “get it” rather than belittle the 2010 federal health care law as a political inconvenience for his party.

Amazingly, Schumer recently complained that reforms affected only “a small percentage of the electorate.” Has he any idea what's going on — I mean beyond the calculations of the most recent election, the planning for the next?

A time-honored way to freak out the middle class is to call a government program a plan to “redistribute” income to the less fortunate. Obamacare's foes never miss the chance. Schumer plays into that narrative.

Anytime you help people obtain benefits they couldn't afford before, money is going to move. There is redistribution all around us, in Social Security, in Medicare, in farm subsidies, in the tax code.

George W. Bush and a Republican Congress pushed through a Medicare drug benefit for which the poor paid almost nothing and richer beneficiaries paid more. And because these modest sums

funded little of the program, almost the entire cost was shifted to the taxpayers. The Medicare drug benefit was redistribution big-time.

There is indeed some redistribution in Obamacare. When you include the value of health coverage, the reforms boost income in the bottom fifth of earners by at least 6 percent, according to The Brookings Institution. This number would have been higher had 23 states not rejected the law's offer to cover more of the working poor under Medicaid.

Whose income is being sent to the less wealthy? Those in the top three-quarters, Brookings says, though their income loss is proportionally quite small.

Bear in mind that government subsidies are available to folks earning up to 400 percent of the federal poverty level.

That means the help goes well into the middle class.

The soaring cost of medical coverage deserves much blame for today's stagnant wages as employers take it out of workers' paychecks. The Affordable Care Act is already credited with starting to curb the rise in health care spending. It stands to reason that companies will eventually pass some of the savings on to their employees.

The health reforms redistribute a lot more than money. They expand peace of mind and freedom to start a business.

Knowing that an insurer can't drop your family when a member gets ill is priceless. Under the old regime, even the well-to-do couldn't get coverage if some-

one had a pre-existing condition.

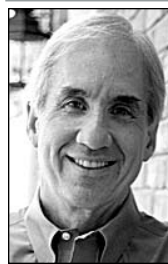
And there's the redistribution of opportunity. Many Americans not cushioned by wealth nevertheless dream of founding their own company. They continue working for others rather than lose their family's health benefits. We call this “job lock.” Offer them dependable, affordable health coverage and many will take off, leaving job openings for newcomers.

Meanwhile, the structure of work is changing. As companies depend more on part-time labor, more workers must stitch together several part-time jobs, none offering health benefits. Many positions are now being filled by independent contractors — that is, people who work for themselves. Both groups need a way to obtain coverage at reasonable cost.

The rich can pay for their own health care, and the destitute get it free. The assurance that a medical crisis won't sink a family is a gift to the middle class.

So the Affordable Care Act is not some distraction in the quest for more jobs and better pay. It is more jobs and better pay. It's an economy less burdened by a bankrupting health care system. It is big, and even our politicians should know that.

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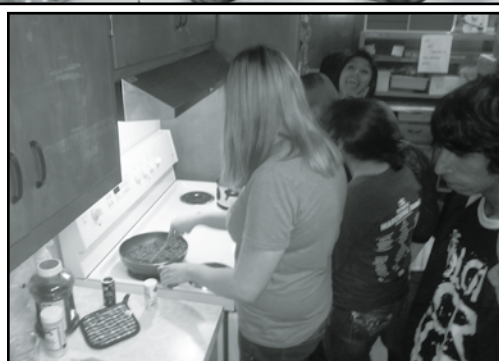
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FROMA HARROP

# Steer Pride Corner

Submitted by George Bancroft, BSISD public relations coordinator



The week before the Thanksgiving holiday was a festive food-filled one for students in the Big Spring ISD. At top, Parents at Moss Elementary enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner with their children complete with dressing and cranberry sauce. At left and right, Ms. McBee's Food Science students worked on their culinary skills by preparing a spaghetti and meat sauce dinner for each other and a few guests who followed their noses to Ms. McBee's room.

# White House Christmas decorations go digital

BY NANCY BENAC

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Christmas is going digital at the White House this year.

The holiday decorations unveiled Wednesday by first lady Michelle Obama include 3-D printed ornaments designed by students, tinkerers, engineers and artists from around the country.

"We've got some new twists," Mrs. Obama told military families who were invited to preview the decorations. "We got a lot of fun, new technologies."

There's an interactive installation in the East Garden Room that allows people to inject their images into a snowscape projected on the wall.

That's across the room from robotic animations of first dogs Bo and Sunny, known respectively as "Bo-bot" and "Sunny-bot."

Also new this year are two Christmas trees created from dress-form mannequins and showcased in the Vermeil Room. Designer Alexis Bittar created ornaments and jewelry for the dress forms, including necklaces made of Lucite ivory pinecones and vintage brooches.

Mrs. Obama declared this year's tree in the Blue Room the biggest ever, which may or may not be hyperbole. In any event, she said, workers had to take the front doors off their hinges to get the fir into the executive mansion.

Overall, 26 Christmas trees are on display and there's more than a mile

of knotted ribbon in the robotic first dogs. The real dogs made an appearance at an afternoon event showcasing the decorations and the dozens of volunteers from around the country who pull it all together over one long weekend.

Children of military families got to pet the dogs and get crafty with the first lady in the East Room, decorating cookies. One little girl asked the first lady if she could make two because her brother was sick and couldn't come.

"You can make eight!" Mrs. Obama declared. "You can make as many as you want."

Some heavy statistics bring to life the over-the-top scale of the gingerbread house in the State Dining Room. It contains 250 pounds of pastillage, 40 pounds of marzipan, 25 pounds of gum paste, 80 pounds of gingerbread dough and 25 pounds of sugar work.

This year's theme for the White House decorations is "a children's winter wonderland." In the State Dining Room, ornaments that resemble Scrabble tiles spell out "Winter Wonderland" on the mantle.

About 65,000 people are expected to visit the White House during the holidays.

People will be able to download and print the 3-D ornament designs from Instructables at [www.instructables.com/contest/ornamentdesignchallenge/](http://www.instructables.com/contest/ornamentdesignchallenge/)

Online:  
White House: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/inside-white-house/holidays-2014>

# No Child Left Behind gets renewed focus

BY KIMBERLY HEFLING

AP Education Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The No Child Left Behind education law could be making a political comeback.

Sen. Lamar Alexander, the Tennessee Republican who is the incoming chairman of the Senate committee overseeing education, says his top education priority is fixing the landmark Bush-era law. His goal? Get a bill signed by President Barack Obama early next year.

Doing so will require bipartisanship that's been elusive since the law, primarily designed to help minority and poor children, came up for renewal in 2007.

The law requires schools to show annual growth in student achievement or face

consequences, with all students expected to be proficient in reading and math this year. It has been credited with shining a light on how schools handle minority, low-income, English learners and special needs students, but led to complaints that teachers were teaching to standardized tests and that mandates were unrealistic and penalties ineffective.

Obama since 2012 has allowed states to get a waiver from some of the more stringent requirements of the law, but they had to agree to requirements such as adopting college and career ready standards — like Common Core — and implementing teacher evaluation systems with teeth. More than 40 states have a waiver.

The waivers left alone a federal requirement of annual standardized testing in grades three to eight and testing once in high school. The testing provisions are likely to be part of the debate.

Alexander, a pragmatic lawmaker, is no stranger to education policy. He served as education secretary under George H.W. Bush, as president of the University of Tennessee and as Tennessee governor.

He says that "excessive regulation of local schools by Washington is getting in the way of better schools." He and House Education and Workforce Chairman John Kline, R-Minn., say the federal government needs to get out of the business of deciding what to do about low-performing schools, education standards and teacher evaluations.

But, Alexander has

also acknowledged the political reality — even if Congress passes a bill, Obama would need to sign it to become law.

"We'll work with Secretary Duncan and the president in hopes we can persuade them that what we want to do is also what they want to do," Alexander said, referring to Obama's education secretary, Arne Duncan.

Recent history shows just how difficult that can be.

In 2013, a bill to update No Child Left Behind backed by Kline passed the full House with no Democratic support. The Senate Education Committee, led by Democrats, passed a bill the same year with no Republicans on board. It would have put more control in the hands of states but would have given the federal education secretary more leverage than Kline's plan.

Alexander also put

forward his own bill last year. Like Kline's bill, it wouldn't have rolled back the annual testing requirement under No Child Left Behind.

Both lawmakers have said they are open to making adjustments to their proposals, and Alexander has said he believes there are questions to be asked about whether all the federally mandated annual tests are appropriate and whether states should decide how to assess their students.

Obama and Duncan have shown steadfast support for annual standardized testing as a way to chart student growth and track how historically underserved groups are faring.

A push by teachers' unions to push back standardized tests and new Common Core standards and assessments rolling out in much of the country have stoked the debate, said Anne Hyslop, a senior policy analyst with Bellwether Education Partners.

"I think there is agreement that parents need information about their students, but where is that information coming from, and who's requiring it, is where there's a lot of debate," Hyslop said.

Alexander takes over the chairmanship as two longtime Democratic education stalwarts, California Rep. George Miller and Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin, retire.

Sen. Patty Murray of Washington, a former preschool teacher, is expected to be the Senate committee's senior Democrat. She has an incentive to get a law passed because her home state lost its waiver.

Sen. Michael Bennet, D-Colo., former superintendent of schools in Denver who sits on the committee, said he hopes Alexander is right that the law can soon be updated.

"It's challenging because a lot of the decisions are made at the local level, and No Child Left Behind built in some ways a huge federal incursion into what has been a state and local set of issues," Bennet said. "Figuring out how to get that calibrated correctly is going to be the tough work of the committee, and that's what we got to do."

Kline said he anticipates Obama will be faced with a choice.

"He can either join with us and replace the law, or he can fight, and I would love to hear his explanation for why he thinks it's better to be in the waiver business, which has schools, districts and states across the country confused and not knowing what the next step is," Kline said.

Roberto Rodriguez, an education official at the White House, said the waivers have long been considered a stopgap, and the administration is happy to work to update the law.

"We have a dance partner with Congress," Rodriguez said at a recent forum.

Meanwhile, the Education Department has told states they can apply for an extension to their waiver lasting to 2018 or beyond, a well past when Obama leaves office.

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
*Even When You Lose, You Win*

South dealer.  
East-West vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 9 2  
♥ 10 8 5 3  
♦ K Q 5 3  
♣ 8 6 2

**WEST**  
♠ A Q 5 3  
♥ A K J  
♦ J 9 7 6  
♣ Q 10

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

**SOUTH**  
♠ 10 4  
♥ 7  
♦ A 10 4 2  
♣ A K J 9 7 4

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

Opening lead — king of hearts.

**Sacrifice bidding** certainly does not fatten your bank account, but it can help greatly to slow down depreciation of your assets. Consider this deal where South judged — from both the bidding by East-West and his partner's initial pass — that the enemy could make a game in either four spades or four hearts, each worth 620 points at duplicate scoring and 820 at rubber-bridge scoring. Accordingly, he bid five clubs at his third turn, and West doubled.

**West led the king of hearts** and continued with the ace. After ruffing, declarer cashed the A-K of trumps, felling the queen. Then, aware that the diamonds might be divided unfavorably, South embarked on a course of play designed to hold the doubled contract to down one. He led a diamond to the queen, ruffed the eight of hearts, then led a diamond to the king and ruffed dummy's last heart.

**These cautious preparations** paid off well when South now exited with a spade. Although East-West could cash their two spade tricks, there was no way for West to score his diamond trick.

**Thus, if East won the second spade**, he would have to yield a ruff-and-discard, eliminating West's natural diamond trick. And if West won the second spade instead, he would likewise have to yield a ruff-and-discard or lead a diamond into South's A-10. Either way, declarer would go down only one.

**Considering that East-West** would have scored 620 (or 820) points had they been allowed to play at either major-suit game, South's sacrifice bid proved very effective. South might not have gotten any richer by going minus 100, but he certainly would have wound up much poorer had he given up without a fight.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.  
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## Sudoku Answer on Page 10

# sudoku

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

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6	9	5	7	8	1		2	4
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## Teams to tip off JV tourney

By **TOMMY WELLS**  
Sports Editor

High school basketball will take center stage in Big Spring beginning this afternoon when the 2014 Big Spring Junior Varsity Basketball Tournament gets under way in the Steer Gym. In all, four of the area's top JV programs, including Big Spring, Midland High, Forsan and Colorado City, will be competing in the three-day round-robin event.

The action will get started today at 5:30 p.m. when the Midland High girls face off with the Forsan JV.

Addie Jimenez and the The Big Spring Lady Steers will get their tournament

2014 BSHS JV Tournament	
<b>Thursday</b>	
Midland High vs. Forsan, 5 p.m.	
Big Spring vs. Colorado City, 6:30 p.m.	
<b>Friday</b>	
Midland High vs. Colorado City, 5 p.m.	
Forsan vs. Big Spring, 6:30 p.m.	
<b>Saturday</b>	
Big Spring vs. Midland High, 1 p.m.	
Colorado City vs. Forsan, 2:30 p.m.	

On Friday, beginning at 5 p.m., the Midland High girls will play Colorado City. The BSHS girls will meet Forsan at 6:30 p.m.

On Saturday, the Lady Steers will lead off the final day of play at 1 p.m. with a matchup with Midland High.

In addition to Jimenez, Big Spring will also be looking for huge performances from Kiowa Lesser, Kiana Ramsey, Janisha Smith, Krystelle Michaels, Haylena Davidson, Cierra Martinez and Yzzy Solis.

Big Spring enters tonight's game with a 3-3 record.

## 'B' team tourney set for Saturday

The Big Spring Junior High School seventh and eighth grade B teams will be among a handful of teams competing in the 2014 BSJHS B Team Tournament this Saturday in the junior high gyms.

The seventh grade girls will join Seminole, Andrews and Snyder in round-robin play in the East gym, while the eighth grade Lady Steers will play in the West gym.

The BSJHS girls will play Snyder at 9:45 a.m., Andrews at 12:15 p.m. and Seminole at 1:30 p.m.

The eighth grade squad will play Snyder at 11 a.m., Andrews at 1:30 p.m. and Seminole at 2:45 p.m.

## Lady Steers' JV clips Pecos, 25-22

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers' junior varsity basketball team handed Pecos a 25-22 loss on Tuesday afternoon.

Offensively, the BSHS girls Steers were led in scoring by Addie Jimenez's seven points. Kiowa Lesser and Kiana Ramsey both added six, while Janisha Smith, Krystelle Michaels, and Haylena Davidson all contributed two. Cierra Martinez and Yzzy Solis played solid defense to lead the Lady Steers.

With the win, the JV girls evened their record at 3-3.

# Wild, wild WJCAC

Ferguson, Bunschoten lift Hawks to win over MC

By **TOMMY WELLS**  
Sports Editor

Midland College made several runs against the Howard College Hawks' defense on Wednesday evening in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference opener.

Fortunately for the few fans who turned out in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Will Ferguson, Niels Bunschoten and Sam Finley made sure the Hawks had even more.

Ferguson, a sophomore point guard, scored 24 points and Bunschoten and Finley both added 19 more en route to sparking the Hawks to a huge 87-79 victory. In all, four HC players scored into double figures against the Chaparrals.

"I thought our guys were so ready," said Howard College head coach Scott Raines. "I can't say enough about our preparation. It paid off for us in the second half."

With the win, the Hawks closed out the first half of their 2014-15 season with a 10-3 record, including victories in their last six outings.

Midland College, now 8-3, had plenty of opportunity to take control of the contest in the first quarter. The Hawks struggled to get the ball to fall in the first 10 minutes of the contest. As a team, HC made just 12 of their first 33 shots – six of which came in the final 9:45 of the half.

After spotting the Hawks a 3-2 lead, the Chaparrals hit their first run of the night.

See **HAWKS**, Page 12



Courtesy photo/Cindy Smith  
**Howard College's Rob Gray drives past Midland's Sajae Pryor for a basket during the Hawks' 87-79 win over Midland College on Wednesday night in the WJCAC opener for both schools. HC improved to 10-3 for the year.**

## The fans really should get out to 'The Dorothy'

For the most part, I think the Big Spring is pretty close to Heaven for sports fans. It was 15 years ago when I first showed up as a fresh-faced sportswriter. It was 10 years ago when I was here, and it still is today.

You want to see and experience high-quality, winning athletics. Just go to any event and, odds are, you find it.

With that said, I have to admit I'm a bit perplexed in the number of people that show up. With the exception of the Steers' state quarterfinal game against rival Stephenville, where have the fans been.

Make no mistake about the Steers were an elite team. And we had decent crowds ... but we didn't have "elite" crowds ... like the ones that regularly follow Permian and Stephenville. If you've ever said "I'll go when they're good" we'll ...

The same thing can be said about the Howard College Hawks. Hey guys, this is an elite program that should – nay, deserves – for people to turn out and watch.

Forgive me for not counting, but I'd be willing to bet that less than 300 people turned out to watch the Hawks' WJCAC opener on Wednesday. I guarantee all



**TOMMY WELLS**  
Herald Sports Editor

300 had a blast watching one of the best junior college teams.

Trust me, this is a team that has talent and plays at an extremely high level. They are going to make another deep run ... and the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum is a great place to watch a game.

We, as fans, should get out and support the teams here.

We have elite programs all around us – Garden City has two state titles, Sands and Grady and perennial powers. Forsan and Coahoma have both seen their share of success.

Consider yourself invited to the games. No, better yet, consider yourself challenged to show up.



Courtesy photo/Cindy Smith  
**Howard College's Bria McCullough drives in for a shot during the Lady Hawks' matchup with Midland College on Wednesday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.**

## Second-half run spurs MC to 77-53 victory over HC women

By **TOMMY WELLS**  
Sports Editor

The Midland College Lady Chaparrals pounded out 45 points in the final 20 minutes of play on Wednesday and raced to a 77-53 victory over the Howard College Lady Hawks in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference opener for both teams.

With the loss, the Lady Hawks, dropped their fifth straight game and fell to 4-9 overall.

The Lady Hawks held their own early on against Midland College. The HC women put together a solid run

midway through the first half and managed to pull to within 31-24 at the half.

Midland College managed to take the upper hand from there. The Lady Chaps posted a 21-15 run in the first 7:40 of the second half and pushed their lead to 52-41.

Tajanay Veiga helped the MC women finish with a flurry. She sparked a 14-2 run in the closing 3:33 with a pair of three-point shots.

HC finished the second half with 29 points.

Despite the loss, Howard College garnered a solid performance from

Bria McCullough. The 5-foot-2 freshman sank seven of her 11 attempts from the field and finished with a team-high 16 points. She also led the team with four assists and three steals.

Monica Perez and Rafaella Angelidou also hit double figures for the HC women. Both tallied 10 points in the contest.

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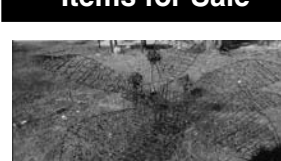
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*Invitation to Bid*  
The Howard County Auditor is accepting sealed bids for the 2014 Seal Coating on county roads throughout Howard County. Specifications may be obtained from Brian Klinskiak in the Road & Bridge Office, 1011 N San Antonio, Big Spring, TX, or by calling 432-264-2208. Bids must be received by 10:00 A.M. on Friday, December 19, 2014 in the office of the County Auditor, Drew Lopez, 300 S Main, Room 202 and will be opened at that time. Mark sealed envelopes "Sealed Bids for Seal Coating". Bids will be presented to the Commissioners' Court at 10:00 A.M. on December 22, 2014 for their consideration. Project will be paid for out of current County funds. The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Drew Lopez, County Auditor www.co.howard.tx.us #8541 December 4 & 12, 2014

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**Mars Turns Hippie**

As Mars leaves the goal- and status-oriented realm of Capricorn for the neighboring realm of Aquarius, the warrior planet is like a corporate manager who suddenly decides to burn his suit to don tie-dyed hippie apparel. Mars in Aquarius asks: What if you didn't worry about the outcome and instead focused solely on how you spend your time?

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). The self-help gurus suggest ways to improve yourself, while the spiritual gurus suggest that you stop judging yourself altogether. Miraculously, you'll find a way to follow both suggestions at once.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You're attractive whether or not you want to be. Sometimes love overwhelms you or makes you long for more freedom. But the more independence you exert the more they chase.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). The people you love have a way of changing the way you live. You can't accommodate them and also do the same things you used to do in the way you used to do them. Anyway, you're excited to try a new approach.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You realize you must stay positive, because it's on you to keep the team going. Sometimes being positive means identifying potential trouble sources so you can steer clear. If you see a possible problem looming, speak up.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). When you are with people who are nothing like you, you sometimes feel that your interests aren't important. Nothing could be further from the truth. Talk and connect with like minds to remind you of this.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Knowing what's good for you doesn't make it any easier to do what's good for you. Luckily, the afternoon brings a boost to your willpower in the form of reduced temptation and a tranquil environment.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). As others debate narcissism, you wonder whether it really matters whether that selfie-snapping conversation hog is really a narcissist

or just self-centered. Either way, you'll have to figure out how to deal.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your confidence may take a dip, but you really don't have to believe in yourself to succeed. For every successful person who says "I knew I could," there is another successful person who said "I had no idea I could."

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People want to be recognized and appreciated within their social groups. Currently, you're finding out that the less this matters to you the more attention they tend to give you.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). As social animals, needing to belong to a group is coded in our DNA. Your current question is: Which group? Careful -- the answer will determine how you spend the months to come.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It may be difficult to find your motivation in the morning. The trick is in a visual. Look for images that help you to see what life will be like once you do what you set out to do.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). It's not true that expressing your anger always makes it go away. In fact, too often, expressing anger becomes a pattern of behavior that's neither cathartic

nor useful. Focusing differently is the answer.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Dec. 4). You steal hearts this year, so don't be surprised when people want to romance you and make your way easier. What they don't know is that you like to do it yourself. The skills you gain in January lead to future paychecks. Family success is your success in February. May and July bring wishes come true. Scorpio and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 28, 1, 25 and 11.

**HOLIDAY HACKS 2014:** On Tuesday and Wednesday, we looked at "life hacks" to make the holidays merrier for Aries and Taurus (see archives). As the sign of trends, GEMINI is irresistibly drawn toward what's new, interesting and cutting-edge each holiday season. The latest gadgets and toys call to Gemini like sirens on the rocks called to Greek sailors. While many of the exciting offerings will do as they promise -- entertain, save time, enhance health, create attraction, save money in the long run, etc. -- many won't. The holiday hack that could keep Gemini from making mistakes is a list of criteria that new items must meet to be considered for purchase.

Does it solve a problem the recipient is currently having?  
Has it been on the

market long enough to be tried, tested and proved?

Will it fit easily into the recipient's current lifestyle, no learning curve necessary?

Is it likely to be used often?

Does it take up more space than the recipient may be willing to give up for it?

Is it likely to bring positive experiences and emotions to the recipient's life?

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Hip-hop mogul and Grammy collector Jay-Z has recently added a champagne company to his many acquisitions. Diversity and expansion are buzzwords for Sagittarian entrepreneurs, and Jay-Z has his natal sun, Mercury and Venus all in the sign of "more." His moon, Jupiter and Uranus in partner-oriented Libra indicates a talent for nurturing beneficial alliances.

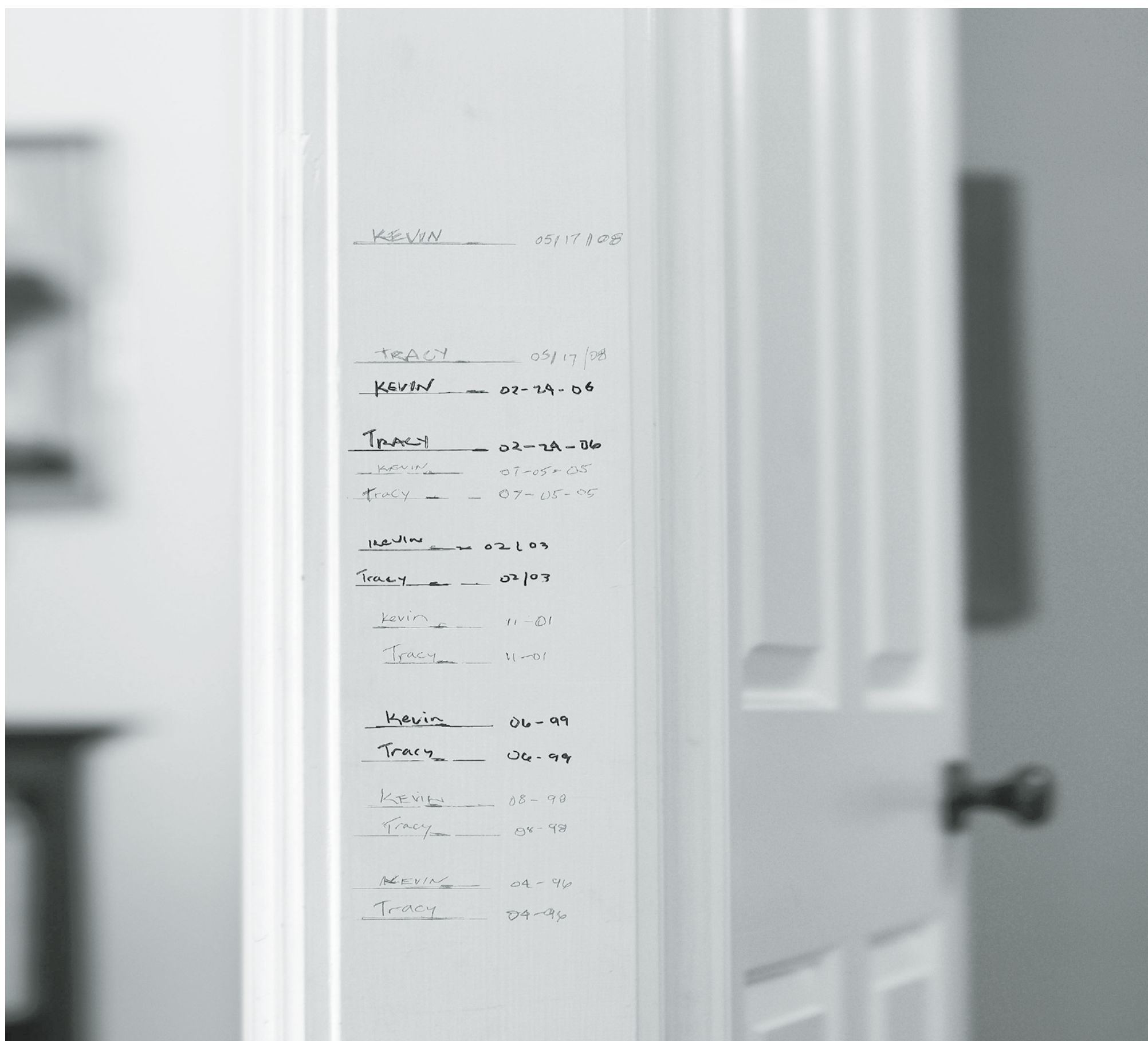
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ANSWERS

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



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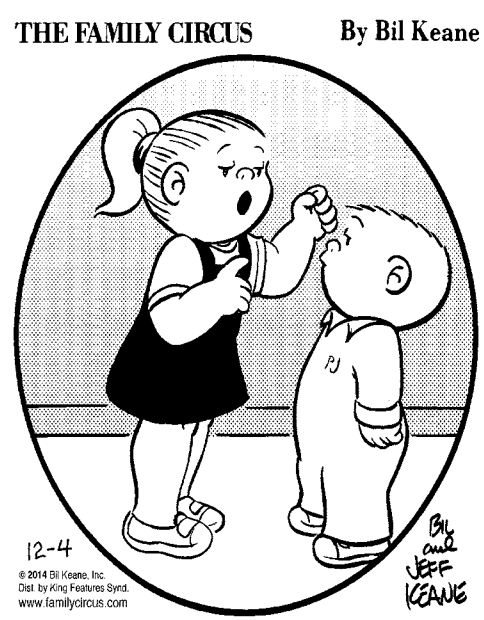
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<b>6:PM</b>	Jeopardy!	La Gata (SS)	Big Bang	News CBS	Caso Cerado	Newswest 9 at 6P	Seinfeld	Rik	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H	To Be Announced	Movie: Home Alone 2: Lost in New York	Castle (DVS)	Movie: Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins	Austin Dog	College Basketball: LSU at West Virginia.	Football College Football: Central Florida at East Carolina.	
<b>7:PM</b>	The Taste	Mi Corazón Es Tuyo	Bones (DVS)	Big Bang	Reina de Corazones	Peter Pan Live!	Seinfeld	Rocks	Classic Hollywood Musicals	Griffith	Surviving Exodius	Movie: Safe, Chris Sarandon	NBA Basketball: Cavaliers at Knicks	2014 Soul Train Awards	Movie	College Basketball		
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<b>10:PM</b>	News	Impacto	Cleveland	News	Tele	News	Conan	McGee	Charlie Rose	Cheers	Fast N' Loud							
<b>11:PM</b>	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Noticiero	Cleveland	Letterman	Titulares	Tonight Show	Childrens	Called	T. Smiley	Israel	Upd	Adam-12	To Be Announced	Movie: Steel Dawn, Shirley MacLaine	NBA Basketball: Pelicans at Warriors	Girl	30 for 30	
<b>12:AM</b>	Extra	Amorito Corazón	Friends	Insider	Señora Acero (SS)	News	Cougar	BAS		Adam-12	Gallery	Ironside						
<b>1:AM</b>	Paid	Alma	Law & Order: SVU	Ent	Paid	(:07) Today	Movie: Cop Out, Adam	Light of the Southwest										

## DENNIS THE MENACE



"RUFF WASHES YOUR FACE WHETHER IT NEEDS IT OR NOT."

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS



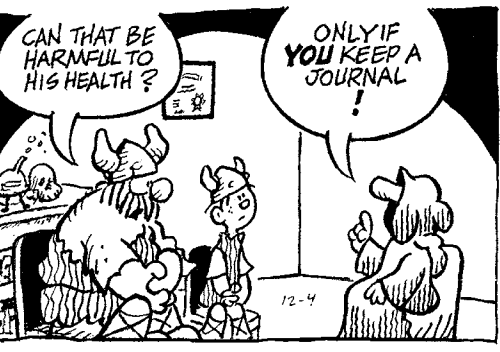
"If you need to cough, you're s'posed to hide your mouth in your elbow."

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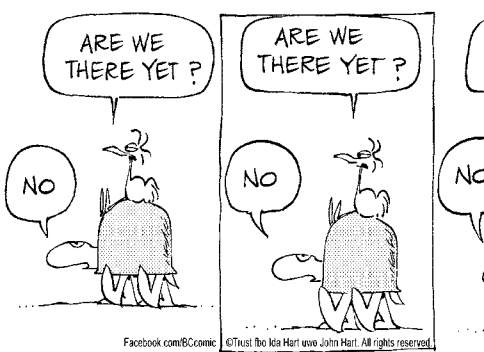
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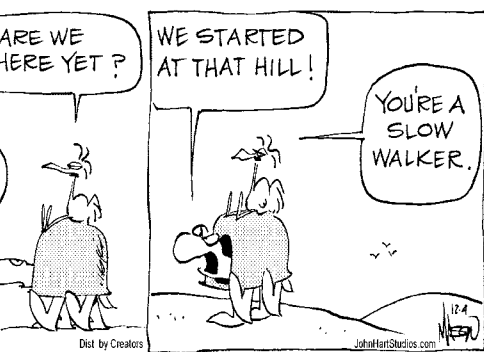


WHERE'D YOU GET THAT HULA HOOP, ELMO?

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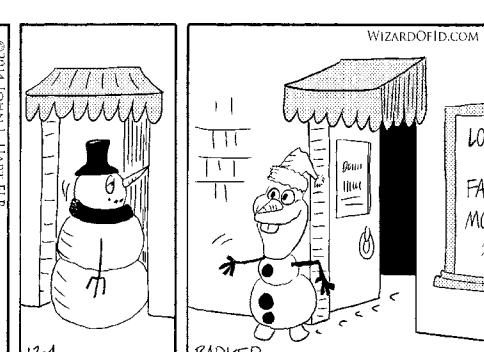
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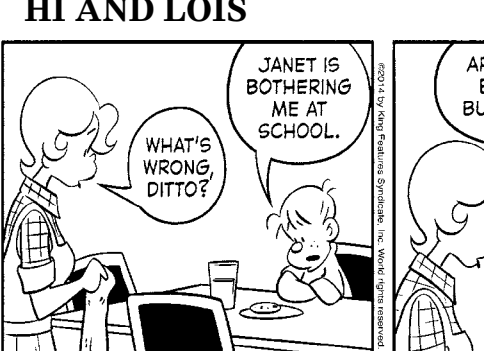
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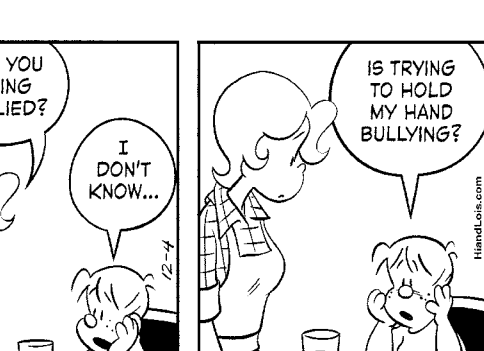
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## THE FAMILY CIRCUS



## This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Dec. 4, the 338th day of 2014. There are 27 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 4, 1984, a five-day hijack drama began as four armed men seized a Kuwaiti airliner en route to Pakistan and forced it to land in Tehran, where the hijackers killed American passenger Charles Hegna. (A second American, William Stanford, also was killed during the siege before Iranian security seized control of the plane.)

**On this date:**  
 In 1214, Alexander II became King of Scots at age 16 upon the death of his father, William the Lion.  
 In 1619, a group of settlers from Bristol, England, arrived at Berkeley Hundred in present-day Charles City County, Virginia, where they held a service thanking God for their safe arrival.  
 In 1783, Gen. George Washington bade farewell to his Continental Army officers at Fraunces Tavern in New York.  
 In 1816, James Monroe of Virginia was elected the fifth president of the United States.  
 In 1918, President

Woodrow Wilson left Washington on a trip to France to attend the Versailles (vehr-SY') Peace Conference. In 1945, the Senate approved U.S. participation in the United Nations by a vote of 65-7. In 1954, the first Burger King stand was opened in Miami by James McLamore and David Edgerton.

Answer to previous puzzle

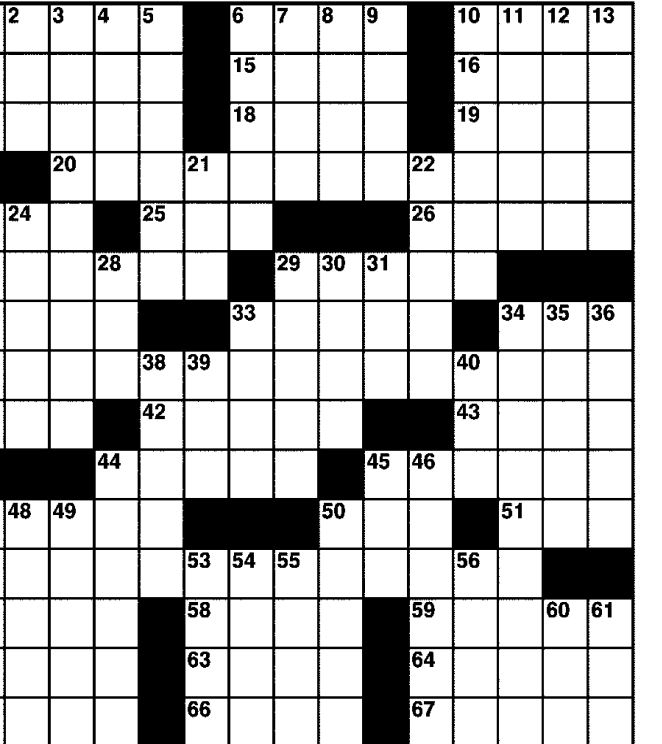
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PAID	SPRAY	CEDE
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AGO	CAKE	WOODPECKER
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## Newsday Crossword

ON THE MOVE by Fred Piscop  
Edited by Stanley Newman  
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- ACROSS**  
 1 Spurred (on)  
 6 Voting segment  
 10 Carb measure  
 14 Smooth-talking  
 15 Opera set in Egypt  
 16 Fair attraction  
 17 Distrustful person  
 18 Entanglement  
 19 Cultural symbol  
 20 World travelers  
 23 \_\_\_ Moines, IA  
 25 Fizzler  
 26 In a total fog  
 27 Gave off  
 29 Like hootenanny songs  
 32 No longer green  
 33 Wipe clean  
 34 Dean's List fig.  
 37 Maritime evaders  
 41 Hanking  
 42 Wall creepers  
 43 Blood-bank measure  
 44 Census collections  
 45 More madcap  
 47 Election Day list  
 50 Have a bug  
 51 Troop support grp.  
 52 Mnemonics, for instance  
 57 Finished  
 58 Icicle locale  
 59 Fanatical  
 62 Zamboni venue
- DOWN**  
 1 Key near F1  
 2 Dude  
 3 Combines against  
 4 Dark force  
 5 Crack, as a cryptogram  
 6 Sweltered  
 7 Bits of fluff  
 8 Redolence  
 9 Roman censor  
 10 Courageous  
 11 Paddy crops  
 12 Think much of  
 13 Smart set  
 21 Unopened flower  
 22 No longer available  
 23 Topper for Chaplin  
 24 Boxing day  
 28 Bashing Day mo.  
 29 Sets loose  
 30 Crew-team members  
 31 Shaq's alma mater  
 33 Tinker with text  
 34 Apple Store support station  
 35 Is snoopy  
 36 Prefix for physics  
 38 Check falsifier  
 39 #5 baby girl name in 2013

- 40 Sarandon  
 Oscar role  
 44 Lawn décor for new parents  
 45 Abrupt turn  
 46 Heads-ups  
 47 Camper's treat  
 48 Rosemary's Baby author  
 49 Add a rider to, perhaps  
 50 Catalyst  
 53 Number on a wine label  
 54 Gem from China  
 55 Place for your dough  
 56 Remarkably fine  
 60 Post-op area  
 61 FDR or LBJ



Scoreboard

FOOTBALL											
National Football League											
American Conference											
East											
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA						
New England	9	3	0	.750	378	263					
Miami	7	5	0	.583	301	232					
Buffalo	7	5	0	.583	264	217					
N.Y. Jets	2	10	0	.167	190	319					
South											
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA						
Indianapolis	8	4	0	.667	382	283					
Houston	6	6	0	.500	287	247					
Tennessee	2	10	0	.167	213	338					
Jacksonville	2	10	0	.167	186	329					
North											
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA						
Cincinnati	8	3	1	.708	260	247					
Baltimore	7	5	0	.583	328	242					
Pittsburgh	7	5	0	.583	320	298					
Cleveland	7	5	0	.583	252	245					
West											
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA						
Denver	9	3	0	.750	361	276					
San Diego	8	4	0	.667	279	249					
Kansas City	7	5	0	.583	277	224					
Oakland	1	11	0	.083	176	337					
National Conference											
East											
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA						
Philadelphia	9	3	0	.750	375	285					
Dallas	8	4	0	.667	302	273					
N.Y. Giants	3	9	0	.250	257	319					
Washington	3	9	0	.250	244	322					
South											
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA						
Atlanta	5	7	0	.417	291	299					
New Orleans	5	7	0	.417	323	318					
Carolina	3	8	1	.292	228	331					
Tampa Bay	2	10	0	.167	220	314					
North											
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA						
Green Bay	9	3	0	.750	380	267					
Detroit	8	4	0	.667	231	207					
Chicago	5	7	0	.417	253	337					
Minnesota	5	7	0	.417	233	257					
West											
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA						
Arizona	9	3	0	.750	258	224					
Seattle	8	4	0	.667	298	221					
San Francisco	7	5	0	.583	231	244					
St. Louis	5	7	0	.417	261	285					
Thursday, Dec. 4											
Dallas at Chicago, 8:25 p.m.											
Sunday, Dec. 7											
N.Y. Giants at Tennessee, 1 p.m.											
Carolina at New Orleans, 1 p.m.											
N.Y. Jets at Minnesota, 1 p.m.											
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.											
St. Louis at Washington, 1 p.m.											
Baltimore at Miami, 1 p.m.											
Indianapolis at Cleveland, 1 p.m.											
Tampa Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.											
Houston at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.											
Buffalo at Denver, 4:05 p.m.											
Kansas City at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.											
San Francisco at Oakland, 4:25 p.m.											
Seattle at Philadelphia, 4:25 p.m.											
New England at San Diego, 8:30 p.m.											
BASKETBALL											
National Basketball Association											
Eastern Conference											
Atlantic Division											
W	L	T	Pct	GB							
Toronto	14	4	.778	—							
Brooklyn	8	9	.471	5½							
Boston	5	11	.313	8							
New York	4	15	.211	10½							
Philadelphia	1	17	.056	13							
Southeast Division											
W	L	T	Pct	GB							
Washington	12	5	.706	—							
Atlanta	11	6	.647	1							
Miami	9	9	.500	3½							
Orlando	7	13	.350	6½							
Charlotte	4	15	.211	9							
Central Division											
W	L	T	Pct	GB							
Chicago	12	7	.632	—							
Cleveland	9	7	.563	1½							
Milwaukee	10	10	.500	2½							
Indiana	7	11	.389	4½							
Detroit	3	16	.158	9							
Western Conference											
W	L	T	Pct	GB							
Memphis	15	3	.833	—							
Houston	14	4	.778	1							
Dallas	15	5	.750	1							
San Antonio	13	5	.722	2							
New Orleans	8	8	.500	6							
Southwest Division											
W	L	T	Pct	GB							
Portland	14	4	.778	—							
Denver	9	9	.500	5							
Oklahoma City	5	13	.278	9							
Utah	5	13	.278	9							
Minnesota	4	13	.235	9½							
Pacific Division											
W	L	T	Pct	GB							
Golden State	15	2	.882	—							
L.A. Clippers	12	5	.706	3							
Phoenix	11	8	.579	5							
Sacramento	9	9	.500	6½							
L.A. Lakers	5	14	.263	11							
Wednesday's Games											
Washington 111, L.A. Lakers 95											
Chicago 102, Charlotte 95											
Atlanta 112, Miami 102											
Boston 109, Detroit 102, OT											
Brooklyn 95, San Antonio 93, OT											
Dallas 105, Memphis 96											
Philadelphia 85, Minnesota 77											
Toronto at Utah, 9 p.m.											
Orlando at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.											
Thursday's Games											
Cleveland at New York, 8 p.m.											
Indiana at Portland, 10 p.m.											
New Orleans at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.											
Friday's Games											
Oklahoma City at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.											
Denver at Washington, 7 p.m.											
New York at Charlotte, 7 p.m.											
Cleveland at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.											
L.A. Lakers at Boston, 7:30 p.m.											
Atlanta at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.											
San Antonio at Memphis, 8 p.m.											
Houston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.											
Phoenix at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.											
Miami at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.											
Orlando at Utah, 9 p.m.											
Indiana at Sacramento, 10 p.m.											
TRANSACTIONS											
BASEBALL											
American League											
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Agreed to terms with RHP Eddie Gamboa on a one-year contract.											
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with RHP Luke Hochevar on a two-year contract.											
MINNESOTA TWINS — Agreed to terms with OF Torii Hunter on a one-year contract.											
SEATTLE MARINERS — Traded OF Michael Saunders to Toronto for LHP J.A. Happ.											
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Agreed to terms with 1B Justin Smoak on a one-year contract.											
National League											
ATLANTA BRAVES — Agreed to terms with RHP Jim Johnson on a one-year contract and OF Nick Markakis on a four-year contract.											
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Agreed to terms with LHP Clayton Richard on a minor league contract.											
American Association											
KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Released INF Darrell Hudson.											
Frontier League											
NORMAL CORNBELTERS — Signed INF Ozney Guillen to a contract extension.											
BASKETBALL											
National Basketball Association											
MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Recalled F-C Jarnell Stokes from Iowa (NBADL).											
FOOTBALL											
National Football League											
CHICAGO BEARS — Signed K Jay Feely. Waived/Injured WR-KR Chris Williams.											
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed RB Shaun Draughn. Placed WR Miles Austin on injured reserve.											
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Placed OT Austin Pasztor on injured reserve. Signed LB A.J. Edds.											
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed DB Justin Green, LB Deontae Skinner and DB Daxton Swanson to the practice squad.											
NEW YORK JETS — Signed DL Kona Schwenke to the practice squad.											
TENNESSEE TITANS — Signed DB Jemea Thomas from the St. Louis practice squad. Waived CB Brandon Ghee.											
Canadian Football League											
OTTAWA REDBLACKS — Named Jason Maas offensive coordinator.											
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed OL Pat Neufeld to a contract extension.											
HOCKEY											
National Hockey League											
NHL — Suspended Pittsburgh D Robert Bortuzzo two games for interference against New Jersey F Jaromir Jagr during a Dec. 2 game.											
ANAHEIM DUCKS — Signed G Ilya Bryzgalov to a pro tryout contract.											
ARIZONA COYOTES — Assigned F Brendan Shinnimin to Portland (AHL).											
DALLAS STARS — Recalled LW Curtis McKenzie and G Jussi Rynnans from Texas (AHL).											
LOS ANGELES KINGS — Agreed to terms with D Alec Martinez on a six-year contract extension.											
NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Recalled D Griffin Reinhart from Bridgeport (AHL). Placed D Johnny Boychuk on injured reserve, retroactive to Nov. 27, and D Lubomir Visnovsky on injured reserve, retroactive to Nov. 28.											
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Re-signed F Vladislav Namestnikov to Syracuse (AHL).											
American Hockey League											
BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Recalled D Mark Nemecek from Colorado (ECHL). Signed F Jason Bast to a professional tryout.											
SOCCER											
Major League Soccer											
NEW YORK RED BULLS — Signed F Bradley Wright-Phillips as a designated player ahead of the 2015 season.											
TORONTO FC — Declined the 2015 contract options on MF Dwayne De Rosario, D Ryan Richter, MF Jeremy Hall and F Andrew Wiedeman. defender Ryan Richter, midfielder Jeremy Hall and forward Andrew Wiedeman.											
COLLEGE											
BUFFALO — Named Brian Borland defensive coordinator, Andy Kotelnicki offensive coordinator, Daryl Agpalsa offensive line coach and Alan Hensell offensive assistant coach. Retained running backs coach Matt Simon and defensive line coach Chris Cosh.											
DELAWARE — Named Frantzer Le Blanc assistant athletics director for facilities.											
GUILDFORD — Named Chris Johnson assistant baseball coach.											
VANDERBILT — Fired offensive coordinator Karl Dorrell, wide receivers coach Marc Lubick and conditioning coach Bill Hughan.											



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Freshmen head to Snyder for tourney

The Big Spring High School Last Steers' freshman basketball team will begin play in the Snyder Freshman Basketball Tournament today. As part of the two-day, round robin event, the Lady Steers will play three games in the next three days against Greenwood, Midland High and Snyder.

The tournament, which is being played today and Saturday in the SHS gym, will start for Big Spring at 2 p.m. with a game against Midland High. They will also play at 4 p.m. against Snyder.

On Saturday, the Lady Steers will tip off the final day of play with a 10:30 a.m. rematch with Midland High.

Cisco, Sonora to play in BS

The Cisco High School Lobos will face off against Sonora on Friday at Memorial Stadium in a Class 3A state quarter-final playoff showdown.

The game is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m.

Tourney time ...

Ty Sealy and the Big Spring Steers will tip off play in the O.W. Follis Basketball Tournament in Lamesa today. The Steers will play Andrews at 2 p.m. Big Spring will play two games on Friday, facing Amarillo Caprock at 2 p.m. and Fort Stockton at 6 p.m. before closing out the event with a showdown with Pecos at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

HAWKS

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MC used back-to-back three-point shots from Maurice O'Field and Dontay Caruthers to key a 7-0 run that put the Chaps up 10-3.  
Finley brought the Hawks back moments later. The HC sophomore scored eight of his points in the ensuing five minutes and helped the Hawks rally back to within 19-17 with 10:13 left in the first half.  
The Chaparrals regained the upper hand with another impressive run. Midland College scored a 9-0 run over the ensuing 3 minutes and stretched its lead to 11,m at 28-17.  
The Hawks were equal to the challenge again — thanks to an impressive shooting performance from Bunschoten and Lis Shoshi. The two turned in clutch plays in the next few moments and sparked a 10-0 HC run that took the wind out of the Chaps' sails.  
Bunschoten, a 6-foot-9 sophomore from the Netherlands, ignited the Hawks' run by pulling up and sinking a trey from the win. Moments

later, Shoshi took an alley-oop pass from Ferguson and slammed it home.

Less than 2 minutes later, Bunschoten drained the second of five treys and cut MC's lead to one, at 28-27.

Midland College found another offensive spurt from there. The Chaps reeled off a 12-4 spree over the ensuing 4 minutes and built a 40-31 cushion.

Even that run wasn't enough to send the Chaps into the half with any momentum, however. Ferguson knocked down a three from the win with 1 second left in the half to pull HC to within six, at 40-34.

Raines said much of the Chaparrals' success in the first half came via its ability to rebound in the paint, and the Hawks inability to draw MC's interior defenders out of the paint.

That, he said, was the focus of the team's attention at the half.

"At the half, all we talked about was rebounding," said Raines, who led the Hawks to within one game of the national tournament a year ago. "I told them if we wanted to win, we had to win the rebounding battle in the second."

And getting Bunschoten the ball on the perimeter.

Howard College did both extremely well in the second half.

"In the first half, we weren't getting Niels the ball enough," Raines said. Then, in the second, we got the ball to him and he started hitting. That forced their guys to come out a little and opened it up for us a little more."

Backed by a pair of treys from Bunschoten and Ferguson, the Hawks erased Midland's lead quickly. Bunschoten drained his second three of the second half at the 10:31 mark and staked HC to its first lead since the first minutes of the game.

The Hawks never looked back from there.

The Chaparrals managed to fight their way back to within 68-64 with 6:51 left to play before the Hawks started driving the nail into the Chaps' coffin ... one nail at a time from the free throw line. Howard College hit 12 of their 14 attempts from the charity stripe in the closing minutes to close out the victory.

The Hawks now head into a 26-day holiday break. The team will return to action on Dec. 29 when they travel to Scottsdale, Ariz. to begin a stretch in which they will play three games in as many days.

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