

Prices continue to drop

Gasoline avereraging \$2.05/gallon in Texas

#### Special to the Herald

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 9.2 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.05 a gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas.

This compares with the national average that has fallen 9.6 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.28 a gallon, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices Sunday were \$1.04 per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 51.2 cents per gallon lower than a month ago.

The national average has decreased 50.6 cents per gallon during the last month and stands \$1.00 per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

"The dramatic decline at the pump continues to reap significant savings for the motoring public — over \$525 million less spent every day versus this past summer, or \$375 million less than the same time last year," said Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst with GasBuddy.

"The slump in crude oil has wa-

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Visitors have two more days to enjoy the Festival of Lights at Comanche Trail Park. The event, which features dozens of lighted displays, ends Wednesday night. Admission is free, although donations are accepted.

# **Report: Police gun deaths increase**

#### By AMANDA LEE MYERS

**Associated Press** 

WASHINGTON — The number of law enforcement officers killed by firearms jumped by 56 percent this year and included 15 ambush deaths. But gun-related police deaths still remain far below historic highs and lower than the average annual figures in the past decade, according to a report released Tuesday.

The annual report by the nonprofit National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund found that 50 officers were killed by guns this year.

deaths last year but the same as 2012 figures.

In 2011, 73 officers were killed in gunfire, the most in any year in the past decade. The average since 2004 is 55 police deaths annually.

In all, the report found that 126 federal, local, tribal and territorial officers were killed in the line of duty in 2014. That's a 24 percent jump from last year's 102 on-duty deaths, though below the average annual figures since 2004 and the all-time high of 156 in 1973, said Steve Groeninger, followed by traffic-related fatalities, at 49.

This year's increase in gun-related deaths among officers followed a dramatic dip in 2013, when the figure fell to levels not seen since the 19th century. This year's uptick comes amid increased tension between police and the public following the highprofile deaths of unarmed black men by white police officers, including that of Eric Garner in New York and Mike Brown in Ferguson, Missouri.

The states that saw the most officer deaths were California, at 14, Texas.

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# City and county offices to close for New Year's

#### **Herald Staff Report**

2014 is heading to a close but will go out with one big bang.

In honor of New Years Day, city and county offices will be closed only on Thursday. City sanitation crews will also receive a one day holiday as there will be no trash pick up Thursday. County and city law enforcement as well as city emergency services will continue to work through the holiday.

As for area public student, Tuesday will mark the return of classes for the Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan public schools. Teachers head back to work on Monday for a day of inservice.

And activity will begin to pick up for the the Howard College and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf campuses next Monday. Administration offices will reopen after the two-week vacation. Also for those wanting to fulfill their New Years resolution, the Harold Davis Fitness Center located on the Howard College campus will reopen for regular hours.

a spokesman for the memorial fund. Of the 126 officer deaths this year,

That's far higher than the 32 such shootings were the leading cause,

### You better watch out: Law enforcement plans increased presence during holiday

al initiatives.

#### **Special to the Herald**

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Transportation reminds motorists that law enforcement will be out in force on

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day in an effort to reduce crashes and discourage drunk driving.

"The New Year's Eve holiday has historically been a dangerous time on our roadways," said Tx-DOT Executive Director Lt. Gen Joe Weber, USMC (Ret). "Texans should plan ahead for a sober ride or risk suffering the consequences. Drunk driving will not be tolerated in Texas."

TxDOT's annual Holiday Impaired Driving Campaign began Dec. 1

and runs through New Year's Day to promote the importance of planning for a sober ride. The campaign coincides with an increase in law enforcement patrols aimed at reducing the number of impaired driving crashes in Texas during the holiday season. Numerous law enforcement agencies throughout

"Texans should plan ahead for a sober ride or risk

TxDOT executive director

and legal fees. The legal limit for intoxication in Texas is .08 blood or breath alcohol concentration (BAC).

the state also will implement no-refus-

Drivers arrested for DWI can face jail

time and up to \$17,000 in court costs

During last year's New Year's holiday (from 6 p.m. on Dec. 31 to midnight on Jan. 1), there were 218 DUI alcoholrelated traffic crashes in Texas resulting in 10 fatalities and 76 injuries.

Other TxDOT efforts to curb impaired driving include partnering with the National Safety Council and some of the state's largest employers to promote the safe and sober message; working with the Texas Hospital-

ity Association and Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission to distribute sober ride materials in stores and venues where alcohol is sold; and working with transit authorities to encourage people to take public transportation to and from holiday celebrations.

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# LOCAL

#### Milton 'Sonny' Anderson



Milton "Sonny" Anderson, 73, of Luther, died Saturday, Dec. 27, 2014, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2014, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Tony Isaacs fficiating.

Sonny was born Sept. 7, 1941, in Howard County, Texas to Hassie Belle (Clanton) and Melvin Anderson. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County. He was a rancher and farmer most of his life in Howard County. He was the mak-

#### Carolyn Mills Brown

ABILENE — Carolyn Mills Brown, 82, died Monday, Dec. 29, 2014, in Abilene. Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2014, at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring with Joey Quinones and Jeremy Daniel officiating, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home of Merkel.

Carolyn was born Nov. 23, 1932, in Big Spring, Texas to Naola Dean (Patterson) and William Kenneth Mills. She married Don Brown Aug. 23, 1950. He preceded her in death Aug. 21, 1983. Carolyn graduated from Big Spring High School. She worked as an administration secretary for the Big Spring State School and for Cosden Refinery for many years. She loved her family.

# Obituaries

er of Anderson Accurate Rifles and also the maker of the Medicine Man Feeder. He was a pumper for BTA and Parallel Petroleum for 15 years. He was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association and the Amateur Trap Shooting Association. He enjoyed hunting, trap shooting and roping.

He is survived by one daughter, Amanda Blissard of Big Spring; two granddaughters, Myka Blissard and Aubree Blissard, also of Big Spring; and a friend and ex-wife and husband-in-law, Bill and Dolores Jenkins, also of Big Spring.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Jean Powell.

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

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Survivors include sons, Larry Brown and wife Debbie of Merkel and Kenneth Brown of Oklahoma City, Okla.; five grandchildren, Staci Daniel and husband Jeremy of Denton, Rusty Brown and wife Kaeli of Victoria, Tiffany Johnson and husband Joe of Minneapolis, Minn., Ashley Quinones and husband Joey of Frisco, and Sarah Good and husband Greg of Richardson; brother, Charles Mills and wife Lynda of Ruston, La.; and 13 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sister, Marilyn; and granddaughter, Lori.

You may view and sign the online guestbook at www.starbuckfuneralhome.com

Paid obituary

# Police/Sheriff/Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• DAL JUSTIN HAYS, 31, of 1009 E. 21<sup>st</sup> St., was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with previous conviction.

 BRANDON RAY LUNINGHAM, 31, of 3509 E. 1-20 Lot 3, was arrested on a charge of theft, less than \$50-shoplifting.

 CHARLIE EVERETT RYERSON, 68, transient, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•EULAIODIOSDADO, 22, of 901 E. Houston, Marshall, Texas, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than or equal to 2 ounces.

• JOSHUA MOISES BASURTO, 22, of 2501 W. Highway 80, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana, less than or equal to 2 ounces; and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

mates at the time of this report.

• ZACHARY REES CLANTON, 32, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for sentence/ deliver of a controlled substance.

BRANDON RAY LUNINGHAM, 31, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of theft, less than \$50-shoplifting.

• CHARLIE EVER-ETT RYERSON, 68, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• BLAYNE ANDREW PERDUE, 29, was booked on warrants for manufacturing/delivery of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram (two counts).

JOSHUA BASUR-TO, 22 was booked by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces; unlawfully carrying a weapon; and theft of a firearm.

DENT was reported in the area of mile marker 194 on Interstate 20. No transport.

TRAFFIC ACCI-DENT was reported 13 miles North on Highway 350. One person transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 800 block of Andree.

MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1700 block of Scurry. Service refused.

 MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard. One person was transported to SMMC.

• GAS LEAK was reported in the 1200 block of Blackmon.

• GAS LEAK was reported in the 400 block of S. Main. No source found.

Wednesday, Dec. 24

MEDICAL CALL was

St. Service refused. • MEDICAL CALL was reported on Oriole. Service refushed.

 MEDICAL CALL was reported on Lincoln St. No transport.

Thursday, Dec. 25

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported on Austin. Service refushed.

• KEORSENE SPILL was reported on west Interstate 20. Spill was contained.

 BUILDING FIRE was reported on Mesa. Fire was extinguished.

Friday, Dec. 26

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the on West 17<sup>th</sup> St. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported on Harding. One person was transported to SMMC.

#### Carroll C. Turlington



Carroll C. Turlington, 88, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Dec. 28, 2014 at the Veterans Administrative Medical Center. Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Elwin Collom, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating. Burial with military honors will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Nov. 26, 1926, in

Barstow. Texas to Lorine (Champ) and Dee Turlington. He married Inez Kimball in 1959 in Monahans, Texas and she preceded him in death July 20, 2006. He was a veteran of World War II sering with military police in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. He received the Army Occupation Medal. His awards also included Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal and World War II Victory Medal.

He had been a resident of Big Spring for more than 40 years. He was a pumper for Chevron for 35 years. He enjoyed walking and fishing. He was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

He is survived by two granddaughters; four grandsons; a daughter-in-law, Betty Kimball of Colorado City; and a number of great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by one sister, Mamie.

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

#### Vestal Marshall

Vestal Marshall, 96, died Monday, Dec. 29, 2014. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 2, 2014, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. prior to the services.

She was born Vestal Aileen Smith July 1, 1918, in Westbrook, Texas to Walter Ernest and Lula Mae Smith. After high school graduation, she attended Tarleton State University for one year. She married Frank Edwin Hall in San Angelo Aug. 23, 1937. He preceded her in death in 1955. She later married E. R. "Shorty" Marshall May 24, 1962.

She is survived by children, Jerry Hall of Kerrville, T. Larry Marshall and wife, Bobbie of Garland, Larry Don Hall and wife, Jeannie of Waxahachie, and Jan Wishard and husband, Mark of Suwanne, Ga.; nine grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to Foster's Home for Children in Stephenville, Texas or the charity of your choice.

The family would like to thank Heart to Heart Hospice Care for lovingly serving our Mamaw in her last days.

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

#### Wesley Yater

 CRIMINAL MIS-CHIEF was reported in the 4100 block of Dixon.

• THEFT was reported in the 100 block of W. 13<sup>th</sup> St., the 300 block of NE Second St., the 3300 block of E. FM 700 and the 400 block of S. Birdwell Lane.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

• CRMINAL MICHIEF was reported in the 400 block of NW 7<sup>th</sup> St.

• BUGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2200 block of Main St.

• FORGERY was reported in the 2600 block of S. Gregg St.

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 63 in-

• EULALIO DIOSDA-DO, 22, was booked by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.

• MARY JEAN BER-RY, 44, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for MTRP/theft of property, more than \$500 but less than \$1,500; and MRTP/theft of property, more than \$20 but less than \$500-by check.

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

Tuesday, Dec. 23 MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 600 block of George. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC).

MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.

TRAFFIC ACCI-

# Support Groups

#### MONDAY

#### WEDNESDAY

• 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.

reported on Bluebird St. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard. One person was transported to SMMC.

MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1700 block of Goliad. One person was transported to SMMC.

MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2000 block of Goliad. Service refused.

MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1500 block of Main St. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 600 block of NW Seventh St. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL CALL was reported on South Main Saturday

 MEDICAL CALL was reported on Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL CALL was reported on Drexel. One person was transported to SMMC.

Sunday, Dec. 28.

 TRAUMA CALL was reported in the 1200 block of Lindberg.

 MEDICAL CALL was reported on Yale. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL CALL was reported on Mobile. No transport.

 BUILDING FIRE was reported on Sandline Road. Extinguished and out on arrival.

 BULDING FIRE was reported on Old Colorado City Highway.



Wesley Yater, 87, of Big Spring, died Monday, Dec. 29, 2014, in a Midland hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, 2015, at Mt Olive Memorial Park Chapel.

He will lie in state Wednesday from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Wesley was born March 31, 1927 in Colorado City, Texas.

The family suggests memorials to a charity of choice.

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

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# LOCAL/WIRE

• Calling it "a child safety measure," Scenic Mountain Medical Center will no longer publicize the first baby of the New Year. "Like many hospitals around the country, we've based this decision on guidance provided by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, which has cautioned against these kinds of announcements because of the potential risk of abduction or identity theft." said a SMMC spokesperson. "The birth of a baby is a joyous event and we know there is always interest in the first baby of the new year, but our first obligation is to the safety and privacy of our patients, which is why we have made this decision."

 Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be hosting two public forums on re-enrollment to the Health Insurance Marketplace, Representatives will be on

# News in brief

#### Bodies recovered in Indonesian waters where AirAsia plane vanished; weather hampering efforts

PANGKALAN BUN, Indonesia (AP) -Six bloated bodies and debris seen floating in Indonesian waters Tuesday painfully ended the mystery of AirAsia Flight 8501, which crashed into the Java Sea with 162 people aboard and was lost to searchers for more than two days.

The bodies were found about 160 kilometers (100 miles) from land and 10 kilometers (6 miles) from the plane's last known coordinates. The plane vanished Sunday on its way from Surabaya, Indonesia to Singapore after encountering storm clouds.

The six bodies were recovered, swollen but intact, and taken to an Indonesian navy ship, First Adm. Sigit Setiayanta, the Naval Aviation Center commander at the Surabaya air force base, told reporters. The corpses did not have life jackets on.

Search and rescue teams were lowered on ropes from a hovering helicopter to retrieve the corpses, their efforts hindered by 2-meter-high (6-foot) waves and strong winds, National Search and Rescue Director SB Supriyadi told The Associated Press.

The discovery came after several pieces of red, white and black debris were spotted in the Java Sea near Borneo island. AirAsia planes are red and white.

# Take note

hand to answer any questions you might have and to set up appointments for enrollment. The first event will take place at the YMCA at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 14 and the second event will be at the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club on Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. Both events are free to attend and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided. For more information or to RSVP, call Amanda Duforat at 268-4699.

• Reservations are being taken for shirts and transportation for Howard County Day in Austin. The one-day event is meant to highlight the economic importance of Howard County to Texas law makers.

Howard County Day in Austin is set for Feb. 10, 2015. Reservations are now being taken for a seat on a bus leaving from the Dorothy Garret Coliseum to attend the event. The charge is \$40 per person and the deadline to register for a seat is Feb. 2. Shirt order deadline for a Howard County shirt is Jan. 7. The cost is \$29. For more information, contact Teresa Darden at the Big Spring Economic Development at 264-6032.

• 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

#### NY congressman says he'll resign from office Jan. 5 following plea on tax charge

NEW YORK (AP) - A New York congressman who pleaded guilty to tax evasion just days ago has announced he'll resign from office next week because he would not be able to give the job his full attention anymore.

Republican Rep. Michael Grimm issued a statement late Monday saying he will resign effective Jan. 5.

"The events which led to this day did not break my spirit, nor the will of the voters," he said. "However, I do not believe that I can continue to be 100% effective in the next Congress, and therefore, out of respect for the office and the people I so proudly represent, it is time for me to start the next chapter of my life."

Grimm's guilty plea last week to aiding in the filing of a false tax return came after he was re-elected to his Staten Island seat in November, even though he was under indictment.

#### 2 Albanian tugboat sailors killed during operation to secure Greek ferry

TIRANA, Albania (AP) — Two Albanian tugboat sailors died Tuesday during operations to secure a Greek ferry adrift for three days since a fire broke out on a car deck, with 10 people killed in the ensuing chaos.

The sailors were apparently hit by a line that they had been trying to attach to the crippled, fire-blackened Norman Atlantic, said Dionis Dulaj, the police spokesman in the Albanian port town of Vlore, closest to where the 186-meter (610-foot) -long ferry has been drifting.

Defense Ministry spokeswoman Edlira Prendi announced the deaths. One man had quickly been confirmed dead while a medical team had worked on the second but could not save him.

#### Putin foe Alexei Navalny found guilty of fraud, receives suspended sentence; brother iailed

MOSCOW (AP) — Alexei Navalny, the anti-corruption campaigner who is a leading foe of Russian President Vladimir Putin, was found guilty of fraud and given a suspended sentence of three and a half years on Tuesday, while his brother was sent to prison.

The verdict was scheduled for next month, but the court session was abruptly moved forward to the day before New Year's Eve, the main holiday in Russia, leading to speculation that authorities wanted to head off protests. More than 30,000 had previously signed up on Facebook to rally outside the Kremlin.

Navalny and his younger brother Oleg were convicted of defrauding a French cosmetics company.

# DEATHS

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at 11, and New York, at nine. Florida followed

"With the increasing number of ambush-style attacks against our officers, I am deeply concerned that a growing anti-government sentiment in America is influencing weak-minded individuals to launch violent assaults against the men and women working to enforce our laws," said Craig Floyd, chairman and CEO of the memorial fund.

down the rhetoric and rally in support of law enforcementandagainst lawlessness."

Among the ambush assaults were the fatal attacks on two police officers in New York City on Dec. 20. Officers Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos were gunned down in their patrol car by Ismaaiyl Brinsley after Brinsley had made threatening posts online and references to the Garner and Brown cases.

said he was troubled and had shot and wounded an ex-girlfriend in Baltimore earlier that day.

### GAS

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quarter of the game. However, there is still a chance that crude prices resume their slump again, and carry the pump plunge into overtime," DeHaan said.

Gas prices have fallen \$1.85 a gallon in Michigan since June 28, the largest drop in the nation. Following close behind: Kentucky, down \$1.66 a gallon; Indiana, down \$1.62 a gallon; Ohio, down \$1.61 a gallon; and Illinois, down \$1.60 a gallon over the same time frame.

#### MYERS & SMITH **FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL

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Milton "Sonny" Anderson, 73, died Saturday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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with six deaths, and Georgia had five, according to the report.

The 15 ambush assaults on police officers this year compares to just five in 2013, but matched 2012 for the highest total since 1995, the report said.

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He added in his statement: "We need to tone

After shooting the officers, Brinsley ran into a subway station and killed himself. Police



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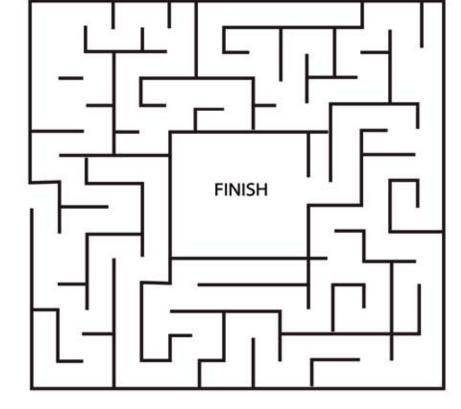


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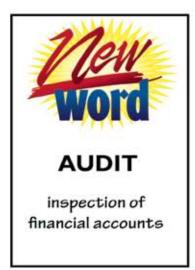
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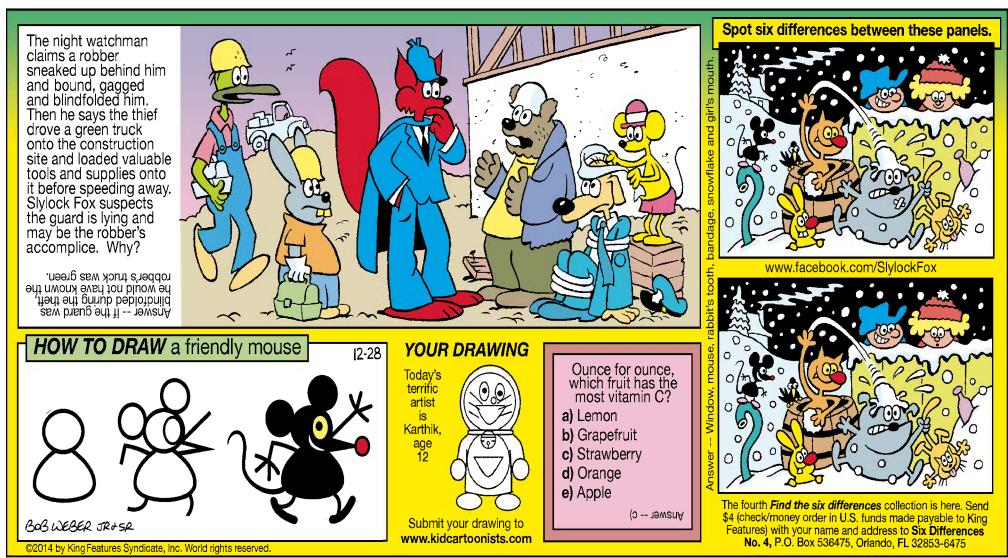




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### BY BOB WEBER JR.



# FEATURE **Bird Poop: A 'sharpie' takes a tumble**

or some homeowners, it was an obsession. However, the woman had waited until after Christmas to complete the chore in

her backyard. Watching the

Hundreds

of leaves

birds hunt for seeds beneath her feeder, she felt sorry for them.

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covered the ground. It was time for raking and composting.

Home for the holidays, her son offered to help. From her bedroom window, she watched him place a large barrel underneath their red oak tree.

After starting to rake the closest mound, he stopped.

Slowly moving toward the porch and back door, he kept looking toward a particular area of their yard. Unable to see what had caught his attention, she hurried down the hall and into the den.

As she eased the back door open and slipped outside, she still couldn't determine why he was being so cautious.

Once he had joined her on the porch, he pointed toward the base of another tree. Lying among the leaves was a small hawk.

When it had not flown



as he began to rake leaves, he decided it must be hurt. Not wanting to startle it, he had chosen to leave the yard and see what she thought they ought to do.

Gathering gardening gloves and several large towels, she returned to the porch. Having seen similar hawks snatch small birds off a branch, out of a bush, and even chase them on the ground, she and her son would be chal-

lenged to catch it. Their first attempts were futile. Quick, and strong, the raptor seemed to plan its next move before eluding them, even though its attempts to fly barely lifted it off the ground. The bird's running, gliding, and moving obliquely were talents the avian world already respected.

Finally cornered, and with a towel darkening its world, the hawk did not move. Having given her son her leather gloves, she watched as he gathered the terrycloth around the bird. Without warning, slender talons punctured the material. Relieved at having caught the hawk, she sighed. Her warning was foreboding. "Now all we have to do is get it out of the towel!"

With only an old pair of cotton gloves, she began the tedious removal of the towel from the bird's feet.

Freed from the cloth, the hawk quickly planted several sharp tips into her fingers. After her son freed her hand from its grasp, they placed it in a carrier. Its delivery to our front porch heralded another sharpshinned hawk. From inside the carrier could be seen its soft, bluish-gray mantel. Below, the

cinnamon

display

of barring on its breast

and belly provided a

bands accented its

square-tipped tail.

With no obvious

breaks, the "sharpie"

probably had bruised

one or both wings as it

pursued its prey. Hav-

ing arrived in Novem-

characteristics as other

It was a bird hawk.

Nature's design in pro-

viding short, rounded

ber, it had the same

accipiters.

sharp contrast. Dark

wings, a long, narrow tail, typical gliding flight, and a penchant for thinning populations made an awesome combination.

Having seen these avian hunters pluck sparrows from inside a vine, chase doves as if their size didn't matter and try to intimidate curved-bill thrashers in a Spanish dagger was an indication of their ferocious personalities

Three days later, the sharp-shin was delivered to South Plains in Lubbock. With time and exercise, Gail Barnes felt it would be releasable.

During the drive home came the thought that what the "sharpie' lacked in size and length, it made up for in agility and audacity

With quick turns and strong flapping of its short wings, it could sail up to a large limb for a perfect landing. Its speed and maneuverability seemed to give it a sense of invincibility.

News of its release meant the hawk had recovered from its temporary injury.

Once again, its weaving through the tangled branches of someone's yard in pursuit of avian delights meant it accepted the risk of fulfilling its destiny.

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

# Love should be shown in deeds, not just words

everal years ago I heard a story that helps me that helps me decide how to make New Year's resoenough money to buy the necklace. Jenny loved her pearls. They made her feel dressed up and grown up. She

beautiful and you can have the yellow blanket that matches her sleeper."

"That's okay. Sleep

Jenny didn't say anything but lifted her little hand up to her daddy. And when she opened it, there was her

out with one hand to

necklace, and with the

other hand he reached

take the dime store

into his pocket and

pulled out a blue vel-

vet case with a strand

of genuine pearls and

had them all the time.

gave them to Jenny. He

He was just waiting for her to give up the dimestore stuff so he could give her the genuine treasure.

well as words. As parents, we must always remember that the more ways we express love and caring, the happier and more emotionally healthy our children will be. Maybe this year we can choose loving resolutions.

lutions.

A cheerful little girl with boun-

cy golden curls was almost five. Waiting with her mother at the checkout stand, she saw them,

DARRELL a circle of glisten-

ing white pearls in a pink foil box. "Oh Mommy please, Mommy. Can I have them? Please, Mommy, please?"

Quickly the mother checked the price tag and then looked back into the pleading blue eyes of her little girl's upturned face. "A dollar ninety-five, that's almost \$2. If you really want them, I'll think of some extra chores for you and in no time you can save enough money to buy them for yourself. Your birthday's only a week away and you might get another crisp dollar bill from Grandma."

As soon as Jenny got home, she emptied her penny bank and counted out 17 pennies. After dinner, she did more than her share of chores and she went to the neighbor and asked her if she could pick dandelions for 10 cents.

On her birthday, Grandma did give her another new dollar bill and at last she had

wore them everywhere, Sunday school, kindergarten, even to bed. The only time she took them off was when she went swimming or had a bubble bath. Mother said if they got wet, they might turn her neck green.

Jenny had a very loving daddy and every night when she Ryan was ready for bed, he would stop whatever he was doing and come upstairs to read her a story.

> One night as he finished the story, he asked Jenny, "Do you love me?"

"Oh yes, Daddy. You know that I love you." "Then give me your pearls."

"Oh, Daddy, not my pearls; but you can have Princess, the white horse from my collection, the one with the pink tail. Remember, Daddy? The one you gave me. She's my very favorite."

"That's okay, Honey, Daddy loves you. Good night." And he brushed her cheek with a kiss.

About a week later, after the story time, Jenny's daddy asked again, "Do you love me?"

"Daddy, you know I love you.'

"Then give me your pearls."

"Oh Daddy, not my pearls; but you can have my baby doll. The brand new one I got for my birthday. She is

well. God bless you, little one. Daddy loves you."

And as always, he brushed her cheek with a gentle kiss. A few nights later when her daddy came in, Jenny was sitting on her bed with her legs crossed Indian style. As he came close, he noticed her chin was trembling and one silent tear rolled down her cheek. "What is it, Jenny?

What's the matter?"

#### 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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little pearl necklace. As we consider this story, we can know that With a little quiver, she finally said, "Here, love is ours to give and daddy; this is for you." we can give it in many With tears gatherways; through gifts, through encourageing in his own eyes, Jenny's daddy reached

South dealer.

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Neither side vulnerable.

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Pass

produce the best result

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Opening lead — ten of diamonds. Bridge is a game of percentages

The player who makes the best per-

centage bid at every turn will come

out ahead in the long run, even though some of those bids might not

In the same way, the player who

makes the best percentage play at every opportunity also winds up a

winner, because over the long haul,

the percentages will work in his

Of course, the best percentage bid

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**♣**Q 9 6 5 2

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

**4** 10 6 3

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ment, through support or by giving our time. Love should always be given freely and should be shown in deeds as

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



#### By Steve Becker A Question of Probabilities

or play is sometimes strictly a matter judgment, and the player who thinks he is making the right bid or play might, despite his good intentions, be guilty of an error in judgment rather than one of percentages In the present case, it might be

argued that South made the wrong percentage bid in undertaking a slam after his partner had shown a very weak hand initially. But South had no way of determining whether his partner had the queen of hearts, which was all he needed for a slam.

When dummy appeared, South realized he had misjudged, but this did not stop him from making the contract. He won the opening diamond lead and, after just a brief pause for thought, returned the king of trumps! When East turned up with the singleton queen, declarer was home

The king play was eminently cor-rect. South had no chance for the slam if the trumps were divided 2-2 or 4-0, in which case he would lose two trump tricks no matter how he played the suit.

His only hope was to find the trumps divided 3-1, with the single-ton specifically the queen — about a 13 percent chance. The king play was therefore right for the best of all it was the only play that reasons could make the contract, and at the same time could not be the cause of losing it

Tomorrow: A necessary assumption. ©2014 King Features Syndicate In-

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# Grady knocks down 2 wins By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Beau Lucas knocked down a game-high eight three pointers on Monday afternoon and helped the Grady Wildcats get off to a strong start in the small school division at the Fibermax Caprock Classic in Lubbock. Backed by Lucas' sharpshooting, the No. 4-ranked Wildcats opened the three-day tournament with a pair of wins over the Lubbock Titans and Fort Worth All Saints.

Againt the Titans, Lucas was red hot from the field. The GHS standout tallied eight of the Wildcats' 11 threepoint shots and finished with a game-high 28 points.

After Lubbock had raced to a slim 15-14 lead in the first quarter, Lucas and the Grady offense hit stride. The team outscored the Titans by a 57-36 margin in the final three periods of play.

Kyle Garza also scored into double figures for Grady, netting 15.

The Wildcats didn't miss a beat from there. The team pounded out a tough 69-62 decision over All Saints in their second game.

Garza and Lucas both reach double digits in the win, posting 18 apiece.

# **BS** girls drop opener in Lubbock

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers suffered a tough



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Big Spring senior Dee Parker scrambled for a loose ball during the Steers' recent game against Seminole. The Steers' hustle helped them reel off back-to-back wins over Alpine and Midland Christian on Monday in the first day of pool play at the Sandhills Invitational in Monahans.

# **Big Spring opens Sandhills** tournament with 2-0 charge

#### By TOMMY WELLS Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School kicked off their appearance in the 2014 Sandhills Invitational Basketball Tournament on a high note on Monday by pounding out a pair of key wins in pool play in the Jerry Larned Sports Complex in Monahans.

With the two wins, the

pine Bucks on their heels in the tournament opener. The Steers reeled off a 16-12 run in the first quarter and never looked back en route to a 64-52 victory.

A 15-10 spree in the second quarter enabled the Steers to build a 31-22 advantage into the half.

Alpine did manage to get its offense going in the third.

#### **Today's Games**

Pool Play At Jerry Larned Sports Complex 9 a.m. — Big Spring vs. Presidio.

10:30 a.m. - Monahans vs. Forsan.

Noon - Midland Classical vs. El Paso Riverside.

1:30 p.m. - Monahans vs. Lev-

3 p.m. — Alpine vs. Monahans JV.

At Pep Rally Gym 9 a.m. - Levelland vs. Midland reach double figures in the win over Alpine, including a team-high 14 from Bryan, and 11 from Matt Yanez, who notched three shots from behind the 3-point arc.

Will Green also scored 11 points in the contest, including six that came via two treys.

Kei'Shawn Broussard also reached double figures with

45-27 setback to Dimmitt in the first round of the smallschool division at the Fibermax Caprock Classic on Monday morning.

With the loss, Big Spring fell into a consolation matchup with Lubbock Kingdom Prep, which was routed 78-5 by Lubbock Roosevelt.

#### Steers moved to within a pair of wins today from advancing to the tournament championship game on Saturday. Big Spring is scheduled to face Presidio and the Monahans JV today in the final day of Pool B play.

Big Spring didn't waste any time in putting the AlThe Bucks posted a 19-16 run in the stanza and pulled to within six, at 47-41, heading into the fourth quarter.

Tyler Bryan and the Steers closed out the contest from. Big Spring, which sank seven three-pointers in the contest, pounded out a convincing 17-11 effort in the final eight

Classical. 10:30 a.m. - Midland Christian

vs. Alpine. Noon - Monahans JV vs. Big Spring. 1:30 p.m. - Presidio vs. Midland Christian. 3 p.m. - El Paso Riverside vs.

Forsan.

minutes to notch the victory. The Steers had four scorers 10

Alpine's Ricardo Ontiveroz led all scorers in the game with 26 points. He sank four of the Bucks' five three-point shots in the matchup.

Big Spring closed out its first day efforts later with a 76-70 win over Midland Christian.

# Forsan splits 2 at Sands tourney

#### By TOMMY WELLS

#### Sports Editor

ACKERLY - The Forsan High School Lady Buffaloes split their first two games at the Sands Basketball Tournament on Monday in Ackerly.

Forsan got off to a slow start in the tournament by dropping it opener to Seagraves, 49-37.

Despite the loss, the Lady Buffaloes picked up solid performances from Kaylee Kemper and Jenna Evans. Kemper finished with 11 points, while Evans added eight.

Forsan came out strong in their next outing, getting double-digit efforts from Lindsey Boeker, Mary-Ashley McDaniel and Kemper en route to a 47-31 victory over Sands.

Kemper led all FHS scorers with 12 points. Boeker and McDaniel chipped in 10 apiece.

Forsan plays Stanton today at noon.

### Lions' Suh suspended for team's playoff game

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (AP) - Detroit's hopesof winning a playoff game for the first time since 1991 took a huge hit in the form of Ndamukong Suh.

The NFL announced Monday that the Lions' defensive tackle had been suspended this weekend's for wild-card playoff game in Dallas for a violation of safety-related playing rules against Green Bay in the season finale. Suh got in trouble for stepping on Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers' left leg twice, once with each foot. Suh also applied pressure and pushed off Rodgers' unprotected leg with his left foot, violating unnecessary roughness rules, the league said.

Suh, who will be reinstated next Monday, can appeal the suspension within three days. He can ask for an expedited appeal, which would be heard by Ted

Cottrell, a hearing officer employed by the NFL and the players' union.

Suh did not speak with reporters at the Lions practice facility.

Lions center Dominic Raiola, coming off his own one-game ban for a similar incident, was enraged by the suspension.

"The play ... he wasn't even looking at (Rodgers)." Raiola said. "He was getting pushed back a little bit. It was ridiculous what Fox did right after it. It was crazy, watching it. I couldn't even listen to those guys after he did it."

Suh is a repeat offender with a long list of fines and one previous suspension, for two games in 2011 for stepping on the right arm of Packers lineman Evan Dietrich-Smith. Suh has been fined seven times in his career, but this is the first in 2014.

# Razorbacks embarrass Texas, 31-7, in Texas Bowl

HOUSTON (AP) – Texas has a long way to go to restore the program back to where it once was. The Longhorns' performance in the Texas Bowl made that perfectly clear.

Brandon Allen threw for 160 yards and two scores as Arkansas rolled to an easy 31-7 win over Texas on Monday night, the Razorbacks' first bowl appearance since 2011.

"At some point we've got to develop and get the pride back in this program,' first-year Longhorns coach Charlie Strong said. "Texas has got to mean something. Right now it doesn't mean much."

It was the first game between these former Southwest Conference ri-

# McCamey slips past Coahoma, 46-29

The McCamey Badgers used a late run to grind out a surprising 46-29 victory over the Coahoma Bulldogs on Monday morning in the first of the Mary Tatum Invitational Basketball Tournament

vals since 2008 and it end- had a month to prepare," ed a two-game skid in the series for Arkansas. The game was played in front of a sellout crowd that included Earl Campbell, who won the Heisman Trophy at Texas in 1977.

Arkansas (7-6) built a 24-7 lead by halftime and Jonathan Williams, who finished with 105 yards rushing, added a 1-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter.

Texas (6-7) was smothered by Arkansas' defense almost all night and finished with a seasonlow 59 total yards.

Strong couldn't believe how poorly his team played Monday night.

"You don't ever expect to go get hammered 31-7 in a bowl game when you he said.

The defeat came after a 48-10 loss to No. 6 TCU to end the regular season.

"You look at the TCU game and you look at this game and it's not an indication of what this football team is and what this football team is all about," Strong said. "For that to happen, it's an embarrassment to the program that should never, ever happen within this program. We've got work to do and just have to do it."

It's the first time the Longhorns have finished with a losing record since they went 5-7 in 2010, a year after reaching the BCS championship game.

in Big Lake.

With the loss, Coahoma slipped to 8-6 for the season and fell into a consolation matchup with either Ozona or Sonora this afternoon, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Despite the loss, the Bulldogs picked up solid performances from Braxton Iden and Ben Chapa. Iden finished the game with a team-high 16 points. Chapa added seven.

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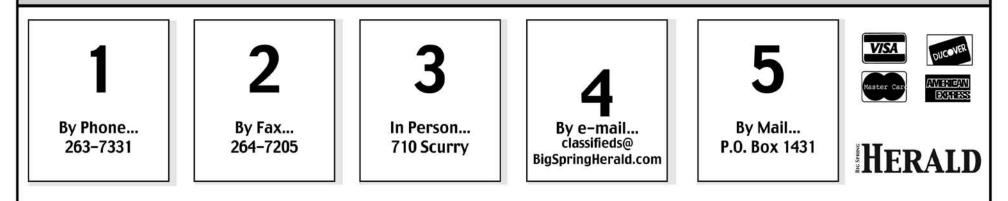
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distracted. Don't put up with it. Turn and walk. If that doesn't get their attention, do something that will. You deserve an undivided focus.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You will confidently accept the love that comes. While others may be embarrassed by attention, you take it in stride, not letting it inflate or deflate you. You remain solidly yourself whatever comes at you.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Buttering someone up to get what you want isn't necessarily an evil manipulation. Sweetness, kindness, flattery and smooth handling may simply be what's required to make things fit together.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Because you can be so sensitive, you sometimes take another person's neutrality toward you as a negative. It's not. Be glad for neutrality. When people like or dislike you, that comes with a set of expectations.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The strong can master others. The powerful can master themselves. Strive for the latter. Any work

#### Tomorrow's Horoscope

you do to increase your discipline will greatly improve a relationship that's gotten out of hand.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your soul is joyful, and therefore the world is interesting to you. Those who are not in such positive spirits will find it difficult to light upon points of interest. Would you be so kind as to guide them?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you can't do what you want to do, maybe you should just do what you (SET ITAL) can (END ITAL) do. This is a day of hope, optimism and ideas. With the right attitude, you'll be unstoppable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The situation may seem false to you, but that does not make it invalid. The world is largely run by false situations today. Your job is to find the true parts and put enough of them together to make it work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Some don't believe in guilty pleasure, stating that if it's good for you, it's good. Be careful not to judge your pleasures against what you think others find

Dear Annie: As a

enjoyable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your mind is a theater now, and you'll create quite a play there. Though this may seem more fanciful than could apply to real life, rest assured it really does!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There is something you would like to confide in a wise person, but you're not sure you know one you can trust. Reach outside vour circle to a stranger who has nothing to gain or lose by advising you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Align yourself with people who are willing to work. Here's the beautiful part: Those who are unwilling to work will change their minds once they are in the minority. They will follow the crowd and like it.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 30). The warrior in you is not stuck with one way of achieving a victory. You are flexible. You'll keep moving and adjusting until you discover the way to win. The supportive relationships you create in January will lead to

new business and March profits. Romantic love

makes you giddy in April. Cancer and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 44, 39, 14 and 37.

ASTROLOGICAL

**QUESTIONS:** "I used to think I had a circle of close female friends, but lately the events of my life have shown me that I actually have no one. Don't get me wrong, I'm still "friends" with the circle -- I just don't trust or like any of them. Because we are all in the same neighborhood and community, it would be very difficult for me to extricate myself from the circle at this point without causing a big social commotion. Right now my plan is to quietly, slowly withdraw, faking social nicety all the way. Do you have any other suggestions for an utterly betrayed Leo?'

Your sign leads with the heart, and when you love people, you go all-in. You're also fiercely loval. so it's very difficult for you to understand betrayal in general, and when it happens to you, it can be devastating. My suggestion is to take special care of yourself through this time because it's like going through a breakup. You may still be cordial with your so-

called friends, but your heart has retreated, and the relationships will never be the same. Develop your own system of rules to give structure to your interactions so it won't feel like faking, as you say. Rather, it's just the new way you choose to interact.

#### CELEBRITY

**PROFILES:** Capricorns are generally challengeoriented, and for NBA superstar and gold medal Olympian LeBron James the biggest challenge is in beating his own best records. This ambitious Capricorn with his moon in fiery Aries is not only a star on the court; he's also graced the cover of Vogue and was such a smooth host on "Saturday Night Live" that he was praised by Lorne Michaels for his versatility.

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#### Annie's Mailbox 💩

Dear Annie: Many people say they feel obligated to buy birthday and holiday

gifts for

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another toy



MARCY SUGAR

that will get lost in the pile? And since be able to talk to others

civilian world after serving in the military. As an ex-Navy Seabee, I understand

> completely. What helped me the most was joining some of the local serviceconnected groups like the American Legion, AMVETS, FRA and, for

particularly, KATHY MITCHELL the Seabee Veterans of

America. It was nice to

me

Vietnam veteran also diagnosed with PTSD and having had some of the same difficulties, I have seen therapists for years. Recently, I had a mental health crisis and went to a local veterans service center. It was one of the best things I have done in the 46 years since I served. Through individual and group therapy, I have discovered camaraderie and support. Most notably, I found that I am no different from other group members sharing the same experiences and life challenges. Generally, combat veterans have a



I don't see them that often, what do I buy?

The solution was to put the money I would have spent into a certificate of deposit, a TAP (college tuition) account or a share of stock. Each time, I send a card letting them know how much has been invested in their name.

My sister-in-law hates this. She's all about the gift-opening experience. My brother, however, loves it. He's tired of shoveling a trail through his house. The kids don't care, but when they are older, they sure will appreciate that deposit for a new car or having part of their college tuition paid or knowing there's an investment nest egg started for them. -- The Aunt They'll Appreciate Later

Dear Aunt: We're on your side -- and we suspect these kids will be, too, albeit not for a while. Good for you for not allowing yourself to be pressured into spending on stuff they will forget about in a month.

Dear Annie: I liked your reply to "Lost Soldier," who had trouble reconnecting to the

without having to "translate" and to again have the feeling of being part of a family.

He could also volunteer with one of the groups. Or, if there is a nearby military display or museum, try there. I never served aboard a ship, but I now help take care of a WWII museum ship. Any ex-military person is and always will be part of the larger Army/Navy/Marine/Air Force/Coast Guard family. -- Can Do

Dear Can Do: We were heartened by the outpouring of support for "Lost Soldier" from civilians, as well as exmilitary. Read on:

Dear Annie: I wanted to make you aware of an organization that "Lost Soldier" may find interesting and helpful. It is called The Mission Continues (missioncontinues.org). This organization empowers veterans to keep serving and succeeding in their own communities. I became aware of this organization when Jon Stewart mentioned it on "The Daily Show." -- Amy

tendency to retreat into ourselves and withdraw from loved ones and society in general.

I highly recommend that all veterans returning from deployment in combat areas, as well as their families, seek out their local veterans center. I sincerely hope that it will not take 46 years for these outstanding young men and women to get help. -- B.

**Dear Annie:** I suggest "Lost Soldier" investigate joining the police department. The pay is good, and it offers outstanding benefits. I am a retired military veteran who served 35 years as a police officer. I can promise him that he'd never lack for something to do, and no two days are ever alike. It was the best job I ever had. -- P.

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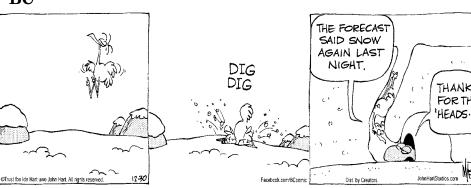
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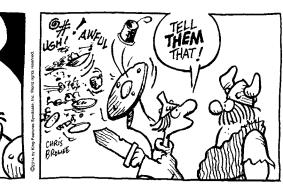
don't really know why." THANKS FOR THE HEADS .UP!

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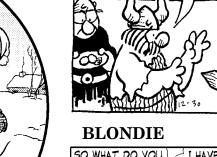
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country, virtually renouncing the throne. In 1954, Olympic gold medal runner Malvin G. Whitfield became the first black recipient of the James E. Sullivan Award for amateur athletes. In 1965, Ferdinand Marcos was inaugurated for his first term as president of the Philippines. ® 2014 The Associated Press.



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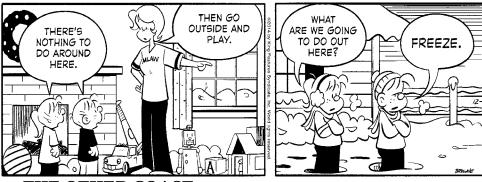




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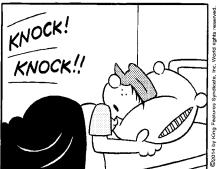
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### **S**ports

# Zaire to start at QB for Notre Dame vs. No. 22 LSU

NASHVILLE. Tenn. (AP) — Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly did his best to keep his starting quarterback a mystery for the Music City Bowl, even teasing that he would knock twice for sophomore Malik Zaire and once for senior Everett Golson.

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On Monday, Kelly finally announced he's going with youth over experience. Zaire will make his first career start against No. 22 LSU and the Southeastern Conference's toughest defense.

"I want to put Malik in a position and really challenge him and put him in this kind of environment," Kelly said. "He's playing against a great defense in LSU and we'll learn a lot about him tomorrow."

The Fighting Irish were ranked as high as fifth

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nationally with Golson leading them to a 6-0 start before a four-game skid as they lost five of their final six games. Kelly wound up benching Golson in their 49-14 season-ending loss at Southern California. The coach savs he liked how Zaire practiced over the past month running his spread offense preparing for this bowl.

"Now he has to go do it when the lights are on," Kelly said.

This is the first trip to this bowl for both Notre Dame (7-5) and LSU (8-4), a change of scenery for such storied programs and far different from their last meeting in the 2007 Sugar Bowl. The Tigers won that game 41-14, and LSU coach Les Miles says the matchup is strong enough he expects no letdown from his team.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL **FBS BOWL GLANCE** Tuesday, Dec. 30 Music City Bowl At Nashville, Tenn. Notre Dame (7-5) vs. LSU (8-4), 3 p.m. (ESPN)

Belk Bowl At Charlotte, N.C. Louisville (9-3) vs. Georgia (9-3), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

**Fosters Farm Bowl** At Santa Clara, Calif. Stanford (7-5) vs. Maryland (7-5), 10 p.m. (ESPN)

"Our guys are fired up," Miles said.

Neither Notre Dame (7-5) nor LSU (8-4) had the seasons they wanted after being ranked in the top 10 early this season before the losses started. The tough Southeastern Conference Western Division cost the Tigers all four of their losses. The Fighting Irish now are completely out of the Top 25.

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Being matched in this bowl, sponsored by Franklin American Mortgage, offers that final chance at a win going into the offseason. LSU at least beat Texas A&M 23-17 in College Station, while Notre Dame has stewed since being routed by USC.

"When something like that happens, you just want to get on the field as soon as possible and show what you're made of," Notre Dame left guard Nick Martin said.

With Golson starting 12 games at quarterback, the Irish rank 16th nationally averaging 293.8 yards passing per game. But Zaire is an even bigger threat to run, which can make Kelly's spread offense more potent. Notre Dame averaged only 150.8 yards rushing this season, 81st in the country.

# Louisville mum on Belk Bowl QB

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Coach Bobby Petrino won't say who will start at quarterback for Louisville in the Belk Bowl. He will concede this: Both Reggie Bonnafon and Kyle Bolin will play against Georgia.

"We're going to let you see when they run out there who the starter is," Petrino said with a coy smile Monday.

Bonnafon, a freshman, became Louisville's starter Nov. 8 after Will Gardner tore his anterior cruciate ligament. He has started five games but injured his knee in the season finale against Kentucky. That's when Bolin, a redshirt freshman, stepped in and threw for 381 yards and three touchdowns, rallying the Cardinals (9-3, 5-3 ACC, No. 21 CFP) to a 44-40 victory.

Both quarterbacks took reps last week in practice.

"We're real fortunate that we have two guys who have playing experience and have won big games for us," Petrino said.

Petrino said the team's plan for Tuesday night's game is subject to change.

"If somebody is hot, you keep him in there and give him more reps," he said.

Offensive lineman Jamon Brown said even the players don't know who'll start.

"Whoever is in we are 100 percent behind them, but we are anxious as anybody to find out who is the starter," Brown said.

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TRANSACTIONS

American League KANSAS CITY ROYALS - Agreed to terms with RHP Edinson Volquez on

a two-year contract. MINNESOTA TWINS — Announced 1B/OF Chris Parmelee declined outright assignment and chose free

agency. NEW YORK YANKEES — Traded RHP Shawn Kelley to San Diego for RHP Johnny Barbato. National League

SAN DIEGO PADRES - Designated RHP Keyvius Sampson for assignment.

#### American Association AMARILLO THUNDERHEADS —

Signed LHPs Jan Granado and Ryan DeJesus

Frontier League FLORENCE FREEDOM - Signed

SS Elvin Rodriguez. ROCKFORD AVIATORS - Signed INFs Jeff Kremer and Elijah Trail to contract extensions. Exercised 2015 HPs Kyle Bru ontract options on F

germann and Michael Schaub, LHF

Josh Smoker, OFs Michael Hur and

leff Kremer and INFs Brian Bistagne

and Elijah Trail. Declined the option on

Signed LHP Kevin Brahney and RHPs

Clark Labitan and Ross Spurgeon to

SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS

RHP Michael Ormseth

#### FOOTBALL National Football League

NFL — Suspended Detroit DT Ndamukong Suh one game for a violation of safety-related playing rules during Sunday's game.

ATLANTA FALCONS — Fired coach Mike Smith. BUFFALO BILLS — QB Kyle Orton

announced his retirement. Śigned S Deon Broomfield, LB Jimmy Gaines, DE Bryan Johnson, CB Rod Sweeting, DT Jeremy Towns, QB Jeff Tuel, OGs William Campbell and D.J. Morrell and WRs Caleb Holley and Tobais Palmer to futures contracts

CHICAGO BEARS - Fired coach Marc Trestman and general manager Phil Emery. Signed G Conor Boffeli, LB Jonathan Brown, WR Rashad Lawrence, TE Jacob Maxwell and OT Jason Weaver to futures contracts.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed OL Karim Barton, WR Kevin Cone, DB Kendall James, LB Keith Pough and DL Calvin Barnett, Christian Tupou and Jacobbi McDaniel to futures contracts.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS -Signed LB Eric Martin to the practice squad

NEW YORK JETS — Fired coach Rex Ryan and general manager John ldzik.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Signed DB Ri'Shard Anderson, G Justin McCray, T Will Poehls, RB Lache Seastrunk, QB Alex Tanney and LBs Nate Askew, Yawin Smallwood and Chaz Sutton to futures contracts.

#### HOCKEY

National Hockey League CAROLINA HURRICANES — Activated C Jordan Staal from injured reserve.

COLORADO AVALANCHE - Assigned G Roman Will from Lake Erie HL) to Fort Wayne (ECHL) DÁLLAS STARS - Recalled D Jamie Oleksiak from Texas (AHL). EDMONTON OILERS - Claimed F Matt Fraser off waivers from Boston. Released F Steve Pinizzotto. Traded F Mark Arcobello to Nashville for C Derek Roy.

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contract extensions. Exercised 2015 contract options on RHPs Cal Bowling. Eddy Cody, Justin Erasmus, Heith Hat-

field and Charle Rosario; Cs Ryan Mc-Chesney and Michael Valadez; INFs Joe DePinto, Jordan Dean and Mark Nelson; and OFs Alexi Colon and Bobby Martin. Declined options on LHPs Danny Jiminez and Sean Mahley and C Ty Nelson

WASHINGTON WILD THINGS -Exercised 2015 contract options on RHPs Shawn Blackwell, Pat Butler Scott Dunn, Aaron Newcomb, Matt Purnell, Matt Sergey and Andy Noga; LHPs Zach LeBarron, Zac Fuessner Chris O'Hare, Matt Phillips, Tim Flight and Bennett Hamilton; Cs Jim Vahalik and Maxx Garrett; INFs Ryan Kresky Carter Bell, Garrett Rau and Austin Wobrock; and OFs Andrew Heck and Daniel Poma. Declined options on OFs Josh Henderson and Jose Dore. LHP Ryan Zamorsky, INFs A.J. Nunziato and Shain Stoner and RHP Chris Phelan.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS - Recalled Fs Joe Whitney and Stefan Matteau from Albany (AHL)

NEW YORK ISLANDERS - Loaned G Kent Simpson to Stockton (ECHL). PITTSBURGH PENGUINS -– As-

signed G Eric Hartzell from Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL) to Wheeling (ECHL).

#### SOCCER

Major League Soccer SEATTLE SOUNDERS — Signed D Tyrone Mears.

#### COLLEGE

AUBURN Suspended WR D'haquille Williams from the Outback Bowl

INDIANA - Announced RB Tevin Coleman will enter the NFL draft.

SOUTHERN CAL - Announced DL Leonard Williams will enter the NFL

TENNESSEE - Announced DL Jaylen Miller and DB D'Andre Payne intend to transfer.

YALE - Named Kylie Stannard men's soccer coach.

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