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Empty Bowls on the menu

Popular United Way fundraiser set for Thursday at Dorothy Garrett East Room

By **AMANDA ELSTON**
 Managing Editor

As the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County marches forward to meet their \$330,000 fundraising goal for the 2016-2017 year, local artists, chefs, and hungry mouths are coming together this Thursday to help raise money for the local non-profits that the United

Way benefits. For the tenth year in Big Spring, Empty Bowls will be serving up soups, chilis, and other delicious treats that can be served alongside a take-away bowl hand-crafted by local artisans.



Stewart

and many area volunteers donate their time and artistic talents to create handmade, one-of-a-kind ceramic bowls," said Sandy Stewart, executive director of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County. "Local chefs prepare wonderful soups, stews, and chilis for the event. Local bakers are making sweets and we will have crackers and bread as well."

The fundraiser is a community effort that takes months of preparation. For the last few weeks, more than 100 volunteers have been creating the one-of-a-kind bowls that will be used to help decorate the Empty Bowls event.

"The process of crafting and glazing the bowls is done at Howard College," said Stewart. "Just over 100 volunteers spent hours shaping and

building the bowls and then glazing them. Art professor Amin Tejani then fires the bowls and gets them ready to be donated."

The concept, which is an international project, is that by guests choosing and keeping the bowl that day, they can be reminded of all of the world's empty bowls and

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Painting the night away

Mix in a little music, refreshments, add a touch a laughter, and what comes out is an evening of fun-filled creative adventure.

The Big Spring High School Art Club held a community "Create Night" fundraiser last week which drew a group of about 20 participants to create a their own special painting.

"The concept of 'Create Night' was adapted from the popular 'Paint and Canvas' events," said Andrea Phinney, Big Spring art teacher. "We thought it would be a great idea to hold one of our own events, but we wanted our event to be a little different and stand out from the rest by offering an approach that lets the participants be more creative and experiment more."

Participants used acrylic paint to create their individual masterpieces. The art night was geared to all different ages and the participants ranged from young children to adults.

Art club members served as hosts welcoming the participants, showing them the refreshments, and providing paint and material to each participant during the event. The funds raised from the event will be used to support art club activities and to help with a club trip to Seattle, Washington, Phinney said.

— By Lyndel Moody



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Nine-year-old Case Custer diligently works on the first layer of his painting. The Big Spring High School Art Club held Create Night on Thursday, a fundraiser welcoming people from the community to paint at the high school art club. Light refreshments were provided for the evening. Money raised from the fundraiser goes to supporting art club activities.



SANE nurses providing help to victims

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is one in a continuing series of stories profiling agencies supported by the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

On call for 24 hours during their shift, the nurses of the Victim Services' SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) program receive a grand total of \$1 an hour for their time.

The three certified SANE nurses for Victim Services – Christine Everett, Lois Hughs, and Tammie Henry – are essentially volunteers who share their extensive training to victims undergoing the worst day of their lives, according to Shann Parchman, executive director of Victim Services.

"Having this program is a necessity for sexual assault survivors because they are getting treated as they need to be

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Trump names new senior aides who are a sharp contrast

By **JONATHAN LEMIRE**
 and **LAURIE KELLMAN**
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — With his first two key personnel appointments, President-elect Donald Trump made an overture to Republican circles by naming GOP chief Reince Priebus as his White House chief of staff and fired a shot across the Washington establishment's bow by tap-

ping Breitbart News executive Stephen Bannon as chief strategist and senior counselor.

The two men had made up the president-elect's chief of staff shortlist, and while Priebus received that job, Bannon's post also is expected to wield significant clout. The media executive with ties to the alt-right and white nationalist movement was given top billing in the press release announcing their appointments.

Trump's hires were, at first glance, contradictory, though they fit a pattern of the

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A family tradition

An overflow crowd jammed into The Stampede Saturday night to listen and dance to the music of Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys. The special event celebrated the Nix family's 70th anniversary in the music business. Hoyle and Ben Nix and their band first performed in 1946.

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SANE

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treated with nurses that know how to perform a sexual assault exam, how to prepare the kit, how to do it instead of having an ER doctor who hasn't performed one since he was in school," Parchman said.
A sexual assault exam can last from one to three hours. All SANE nurses must be a registered nurse and have almost a year of training. In 2015, approximately 35 exams were performed on men, women, and children from the six counties Victim Services provides services to, according to Parchman.
"Christine, Louis, and Tammie have specialized training to provide exceptional care to sexual assault survivors," Parchman said. "They demonstrate competency in conducting a forensic exam to include evaluation for evidence collection, have the expertise to provide effective courtroom testimony, and show compassion and sensitivity to survivors of sexual assault."
Exams are conducted in a room donated at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and specially reserved and equipped by the hospital for a SANE examination. Before the program was established by Victim Services

in 2002, sexual assault victims would have to travel to Midland for the exam, Parcham said. For some time, the program has been funded completely by United Way allocations, she said.
"We appreciate United Way for their hard work and dedication to their community and to our agency," Parchman said. "We are also blessed to have Christine, Lois, and Tammie as part of the SANE program to help survivors of sexual assault of our community and surrounding counties."
Any additional money from the United Way allocation not used to pay the nurses goes towards purchasing drinks, snacks, and clothing for the survivors of sexual assault.
"All the clothing is take for evidence," she said. "They need to have something to wear when they leave so they are given new clothes."
Victim Services provides advocates to help victims of crimes through the legal system, providing guidance and support to the victim and securing his/her rights and all remedies available to them. The non-profit organization serves Howard, Martin, Glasscock, Mitchell, Borden, and Dawson counties. Victim Services provides services 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For more information, contact 432-263-3312.

A little bit of Scotland in Big Spring



Courtesy photo/John Moody
EJ Jones on the Highland Bagpipes and Frances Cunningham on the Irish bouzouki performed Sunday night at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. The duo took time out of their Texas tour to perform a number of folk music performances.

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choose to donate to help feed others who may have nothing to eat. The event was first organized and brought to Big Spring by Rev. Ken McIntosh, former Howard College art professor Stacy Slaten, and former Big Spring High School art instructor Judith Tereletsky.
"All the proceeds go to the United Way to help feed the hungry in our community," said Stewart. "All funds raised here at our local United Way stay local, with the exception of about 1 percent that goes to United Way Worldwide for licensing and branding fees."
Once the visitor picks a bowl, they are treated to a variety of different meals, all made by familiar faces around the community. Big Spring Police Chief Chad Williams will be serving "Po-Po Tater Soup", Big Spring Fire Chief Craig Ferguson will be serving "Fireman's Five Alarm Chili", and Gale Pittman of Gale's Bakery will be serving "Cookie Man Soup", among many others.
Tickets to the event are \$20 when purchased before the event and \$25 at the door. People can purchase tickets at Gale's Bakery or at the Chamber of Commerce. Currently, the United Way of Big

Spring and Howard County is at 50 percent of its goal.
"[This] has grown from about 50-60 in attendance to over 200," said Stewart. "And from around six soup chefs to 26 this year."
Empty Bowls will be held at Howard College in the East Room of Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on Thursday, Nov. 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County benefits the American Red Cross, the Boy Scouts, CASA, Dora Roberts Rehab Center, the Emergency Service Chaplain Corps, the Girl Scouts, Isaiah 58, Mobile Meals, Northside Community Center, Spring of Siloam, The Salvation Army, The Boys and Girls Club, Vicim Services, Westside Community Day Care, and the YMCA. For more information on Empty Bowls or how to donate to the United Way fund, call Stewart at 432-267-5201.
"[People] will get to enjoy some amazing food and get to keep one of the handcraft bowls as a reminder that there are so many in our community and throughout the world that are without food," Stewart added.
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Nowhere to mooove: 3 cows stranded by New Zealand earthquake

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — Three New Zealand cows looked like they could use a little help Monday after an earthquake triggered landslides all around them and left them stranded on a small island of grass.
Video taken by News-hub news service from a helicopter near the small town of Kaikoura shows two adult cattle and a calf stuck on a chunk of land in a paddock that had been ripped apart in Monday's magnitude-7.8 quake. The patch of grass was surrounded by deep ravines of collapsed earth, trapping the animals where they stood.
It was not immediately clear who owned the cattle or what was being done to help them.
Kaikoura is close to the epicenter of the overnight earthquake, and where one of the two confirmed deaths occurred.
The quake was strongly felt to the south in Christchurch but was far less damaging than a smaller 2011 earthquake that devastated the city and killed 185 people. New Zealand's 10 million cattle easily outnumber its 4.7 million people.

TRUMP

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celebrity businessman creating a veritable Rorschach test that allowed his supporters to see what they wanted. Priebus, who lashed the RNC to Trump this summer despite some intraparty objections, is a GOP operative with deep expertise of the Washington establishment that Trump has vowed to shake up. He has close ties to House Speaker Paul Ryan, a fellow Wisconsinite.
"I am very grateful to the president-elect for this opportunity to serve him and this nation as we work to create an economy that works for everyone, secure our borders, repeal and replace Obamacare and destroy radical Islamic terrorism," Priebus said in a statement announcing his appointment.
Bannon, meanwhile, helped transform the Breitbart News site into the leading mouthpiece of the party's anti-establishment wing, which helped fuel the businessman's political rise. Ryan has been one of his most frequent targets.
"Steve and Reince are highly qualified leaders who worked well together on our campaign and led us to a historic victory," Trump said Sunday in a statement announcing his picks. "Now I will have them both with me in the White House as we work to make America great again."
Neither Priebus nor Bannon brings policy experience to the White

House. Chiefs of staff in particular play a significant role in policymaking, serving as a liaison to Cabinet agencies and deciding what information makes it to the president's desk. They're often one of the last people in the room with the president as major decisions are made.
Trump's adult children, who serve as influential advisers to the president-elect, are said to have been concerned about having a controversial figure in the chief of staff role and backed Priebus for the job.
In announcing the appointments, Trump said Priebus and Bannon would work as "equal partners" — effectively creating two power centers in the West Wing. The arrangement is risky and could leave

ambiguity over who makes final decisions.
Trump has long encouraged rivalries, both in business and in his presidential campaign. He cycled through three campaign managers during his White House run, creating a web of competing alliances among staffers.
Priebus is a traditional choice, one meant as an olive branch to the Republicans who control both houses of Congress as Trump looks to pass his legislative agenda.
Ryan tweeted, "I'm very proud and excited for my friend @Reince. Congrats!" Ryan made no mention of Bannon in that tweet, but earlier told CNN that he didn't know Bannon but "I trust Donald's judgment."
The Bannon pick, however, is anything but uncontroversial.
Under Bannon's tenure, Brietbart pushed a nationalist agenda and became one of the leading outlets of the so-called alt-right — a movement often associated with white supremacist ideas that oppose multiculturalism and defend "Western values."
John Weaver, a Republican strategist who worked for Ohio Gov. John Kasich's presidential campaign, tweeted, "The racist, fascist extreme right is represented footsteps from the Oval Office. Be very vigilant, America."

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Steers cross country finishes 9th



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After finishing first in district and fourth in the region, the Big Spring Steers ended the season as the ninth best cross country team in the state following the state championships in Round Rock Saturday.

Coahoma All-District volleyball selections

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Second team
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Makayla Overton
Honorable mention
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Kaigen Howard
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Hawley v. Abernathy
Post v. Stratford

Elliott scores twice late, Cowboys top Steelers 35-30

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Dak Prescott and Ezekiel Elliott have little interest in the big picture. Yes, the rookies understand the Dallas Cowboys are on a historic roll. Just don't expect them to start thinking about what it all means.

"I really don't think about what's normal and what's abnormal," Prescott said.

Maybe because what's happening in Dallas might be the new normal.

Elliott ran for 114 yards and two touchdowns — both in the final two minutes — and turned a screen pass into an 83-yard score as the Cowboys pulled off a thrilling 35-30 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday night for their eighth straight win.

Twice late in the fourth quarter Dallas (8-1) had the ball in Pittsburgh territory with a chance to run out the clock and attempt a game-winning field goal. Twice Elliott found himself running free into the end zone, the last a 32-yard sprint up the middle with 9 seconds left.

"It parted like the Red Sea," Elliott said after pushing his season rushing total to an NFL-best 1,005 yards. "All I had to do was run."

Prescott overcame an early fumble to pass for 319 yards and two scores and felt his jaw drop while watching Elliott score the third and final touchdown of a wild final 115 seconds.

"I was just shaking my head like 'Wow,'" Prescott said. "We were just trying to get us in position to get in good field goal range and Zeke said otherwise."

When safety Byron Jones pushed Pittsburgh wide receiver Antonio Brown out of bounds at the Dallas 20 on the final play, the Cowboys had perhaps their most impressive victory of an increasingly surprising season. Prescott also took another step toward stopping any discussion about



AP Photo/Don Wright

Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott (21) carries the ball during the first half of an NFL football game against the Pittsburgh Steelers in Pittsburgh, Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016.

the team's starting quarterback.

Veteran Tony Romo practiced during the week and is nearly fully recovered from a broken bone in his back, but he spent his Sunday afternoon the same way he spent every other one this season: in street clothes watching Prescott do his thing.

Owner and general manager Jerry Jones declined to name Prescott the permanent starter to the giddy aftermath, though there appears to be no plans — and really no reason — to make a switch even though Jones anticipates Romo being the backup next week against Baltimore.

"I think the longer (Prescott) plays like this, the more we have a chance to have another win," Jones said. "Everybody here wants to do one thing and that's win. There's nobody that would introduce any other issue or any other consideration than doing

what it takes to win the game."

Asked if he's been around a team where two rookies have done so much so quickly, and the 74-year-old gleefully shook his head.

"Not two that are so in sync to where they're feeding off each other and the team feeding off them," Jones said. "I haven't seen that."

DOING IT FOR DAD

Dallas wide receiver Dez Bryant caught six passes for a season-high 116 yards, including a 50-yard touchdown in the third quarter that gave the Cowboys a 23-18 lead. Rather than do his typical touchdown celebration — making an X with his forearms while barking at the crowd — Bryant pointed at the sky instead in tribute to his father, MacArthur Hatton.

Hatton passed away on Saturday, according to Jones. And while Bryant quietly ducked out of the locker

room without speaking to reporters, his teammates figure Bryant's play on the field did all the talking necessary.

"I think the game gives him peace," Prescott said. "I told him 'Your father is watching. He's got the best seat in the house.' I told him to honor him today and Dez went out and did exactly that and had a great night."

AT A LOSS

Even another remarkable day by Ben Roethlisberger couldn't prevent the Steelers (4-5) from a fourth straight loss. Roethlisberger passed for 408 yards and three touchdowns, the final one a 15-yard strike to Brown with 42 seconds to go that put the Steelers up by a point. Roethlisberger faked a spike to stop the clock and instead found Brown on a play similar to one by Hall of Famer Dan Marino for Miami against the New York Jets in 1994.

Marino's heady play won the game. Roethlisberger's may have come a little too quickly.

"I guess we left them too much time," said Roethlisberger, who moved past Hall of Famers Johnny Unitas and Warren Moon and into 10th on the career passing touchdown list with 292.

Brown finished with 14 receptions for 154 yards, and Le'Veon Bell added 134 total yards and scored two touchdowns.

TWO FOR THE SHOW?

The Steelers have made a habit of attempting 2-point conversions early in games hoping to dictate the tempo over the last two seasons, often with great success.

It stopped abruptly against the Cowboys. Four times Pittsburgh went for 2. And all four times the Steelers came up short, forcing them to chase points.

"We want to be aggressive," Roethlisberger said. "We practice it every day. We need to be better at it."

Texans beat Jaguars 24-21 for first road win of 2016

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) - The Houston Texans actually had a nice road trip. No surprise it came in Jacksonville, where the Jaguars are winless this season.

Brock Osweiler threw two touchdown passes, Kareem Jackson returned an interception 42 yards for a score and the Texans beat the Jaguars 24-21 on Sunday for their first road win in 2016.

The Texans (6-3) scored on offense and defense and set up another score with special teams, a complete team effort that kept them perfect (3-0) against the AFC South. They won their fifth in a row against Jacksonville. This one came despite

Osweiler throwing for 99 yards.

"We have to play the game the way we see it playing out," Texans coach Bill O'Brien said. "We don't worry about stats. I think everyone needs to understand that in the National Football League it's all about winning. It's about winning. Whatever it takes to win that is what we try to do. Sometimes it doesn't work out, but six times this year it has worked out and three times it hasn't. Hopefully, we can be on the positive side of the ledger."

The Jaguars (2-7) lost their fourth straight and fell to 0-4 at home. Coach Gus Bradley's team rallied

late, with Blake Bortles hitting Allen Robinson for a touchdown and again for a 2-point conversion to make it a three-point game.

But the Texans converted a third-and-5 play with 2 minutes to play and were able to run out the clock. The loss dropped Bradley's record to 14-43 in four seasons and prompted even Jacksonville's most loyal supporters to question why owner Shad Khan hasn't made a change.

"You can't do anything besides put your head down and continue to work," Bortles said.

Houston had been downright dismal on the road this season, scoring just

one touchdown in lopsided losses at New England, Minnesota and Denver. The Texans found Jacksonville to be much more hospitable, especially on the opening drive.

On the fifth play of the game, Jackson stepped in front of Allen Hurns, tipped the ball up, bobbled it, secured it and sauntered down the sideline before juking Bortles and high-stepping into the end zone. Punt returner Tyler Ervin helped make it 21-10 in the third quarter, weaving his way for 57 yards and setting the Texans up at the 7-yard line. Osweiler hooked up with Stephen Anderson on the next play.



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Houston Texans quarterback Brock Osweiler (17) scrambles against the Jacksonville Jaguars defense.

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HOLIDAY MATHS

Taurus Supermoon

The sensual Taurus moon focuses on our experience of luxury. Taurus is the sign both of money and appetite, and those two things will swirl together to create a deep wanting for sensory satisfaction. The fact that this is also a full moon and a supermoon turns the wanting to desire or even obsession, at least for one night.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If the cause is right, the aim is true, and the intent is pure, it really shouldn't matter what your chances of success are. Anyway, once you see the light, your heart won't let you turn away from it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Negative comments often sound more realistic than positive ones,

but that's more of a learned bias than anything else. The positive, hopeful words will be more true to life today, not to mention more fun and empowering.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Hot water is only one of the things that keeps you clean. Oxygen to the brain caused by exercise and by people who make you laugh will also be part of today's purification process.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Because good manners have been so engrained in you, you often respond to the cue to say "thank you" before you start to feel grateful for something. Today you'll touch someone with your genuine expression of gratitude.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Part of your charm is that you always think of something kind to say, though at times like this the circumstances make it more challenging. "I've had a perfectly lovely evening. But this wasn't it." -- Groucho Marx

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Sin is when a person knows

it's wrong but does it anyway. When a person doesn't know better, that's not sin; it's ignorance. It's not appropriate to punish ignorance with anything other than knowledge.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Show your love when it's happening, when it's welling up in your heart. Don't hold back. Don't be afraid. When you treat the present like it's all you have, it will also be all you need.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you exceed expectations and make people smile, you derive such pleasure from this! It's become something of a game to you. The only thing is, in order to create the desired effect, you have to keep doing more and more.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). With a stranger you can be whoever you want to be. You can stay true to who you've been, or you can branch out and try something new. You have fun with this today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're remarkable

because you dare to reach. If you strive for Neptune or Alpha Centauri and you land on Europa instead, well, you're still a world away from where you were.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The limit-testers in your life seem to take pleasure in testing yours and then watching your reaction. Try this: Don't react. People usually stop pushing the button that appears not to be working.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Since the only constant is change, learning to deal with it calmly will help you conserve your energy and stay powerful. Practice is the only way. Keep riding the changes with as little resistance as possible.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 14). Money doesn't always require hard work. Successful relationships are not always forged in tremendous effort. It's your year to hit the "easy" button. Get rid of your assumptions regarding effort so that all you have is an open mind. Spring features beautiful, exciting connections.

Summer is a money-making bonanza. Capricorn and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 2, 44, 19 and 42.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "I've failed utterly with my business. I've lost all of my seed money with a few wrong moves, and now I'm back to where I started. When I see my friends making money hand over fist with a very simple idea and a few lucky breaks I suddenly know real rage. I feel like a loser. What's a Capricorn girl-entrepreneur to do?"

A Capricorn is to stop feeling sorry for herself and get back in the game.

Your friends found success easily. So what? Good for them. Take solace in the fact that, compared to failure, success is horrible teacher. It's much easier to see where you went wrong and correct it than understand what the biggest contributor to your win was. Furthermore, success inflates heads and creates inaccuracies of perception. Bill Gates said that success "seduces smart

people into thinking they can't lose." So, while these setbacks in your business have been difficult to take, once you sit down and really study them, figure out the lessons you've learned, and decide how you're going to use this information to do better going forward, you'll be a better and more consistent winner in the future.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: From "Seinfeld" to "Rules of Engagement," Patrick Warburton's comedic voice is as unique as it is deep. That's why his performance in "Family Guy," "The Penguins of Madagascar" and more is highly identifiable. Scorpios like Warburton love the freedom that comes with voicing animated characters, and they consider not being shown on screen a privacy perk in an otherwise public job.

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Annie's Mailbox

unable to find a job as a shadow, despite the fact that I had spent hundreds of dollars and many hours of time to finish the training.

Whenever I've tried to contact him about finding me a job, he has always made an excuse of having a personal family tragedy, and when I contacted him two months ago, he told me that he had been diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma, that he had lost his condominium and that his laptop had fallen in

a lake. I would be inclined to believe John, but he exhibits many symptoms of a pathological liar. He told me he would refund me the money I spent on the training, yet every time I contact him, he uses his diagnosis as an excuse for not helping me, even though he said he wouldn't do that.

I would pursue legal action against John if I had the money, but I just want a straight answer out of him for why he scammed me like this. I've sent him text messages, which he has not answered. I have not phoned him, because I don't want to talk to him on the phone. I did not do this training for fun;

I did it to find work, and I could not find this job myself without connections. I do not know whether John really has cancer or not, but I feel scammed and would like to know what I could do about it. -- Feeling Scammed in Montreal

Dear Scammed: It sounds as if the only course John should be teaching is improv acting. I hate to say it, but I think he's a dead-end in your job search.

Nevertheless, was the certification you received legitimate? If so, I wouldn't consider it a waste of money. That training could still land you a job. If the day care facility where you shadowed is still operational, why not go directly to manage-

ment? You can also look elsewhere for positions that would allow you to work with children with autism. Just present your experience in the best possible light when applying; no need to mention scammers or laptops in lakes. Good luck.

Dear Annie: Please weigh in on people who work in public places addressing senior citizens by "honey," "sweetie" and other such terms. Isn't this a form of senior bullying? Your input on this subject would be appreciated, as I find this practice unacceptable. -- Senior in Connecticut

Dear Senior: It's all in the tone. Yes, it can be demeaning

and rude to call someone "sweetie" or "honey." But those are also terms of endearment. So try to take into account the speaker's intention.

Even so, I understand why you might be offended. So if you don't like it, just politely tell the people, "My name is actually (Mr. or Mrs. X)." That will set them straight.

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Landing a Job After Certification

Dear Annie: A year ago, I signed up to do a shadowing certification course at a day care facility. Shadowing involves working as an assistant to a child with low- or high-functioning autism. "John," the instructor of the course, led me to believe that there would be a job placement at the end of the training. However, after several months of following up with him, I was still

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q 10 8 6 4
♥ 9 6
♦ A 8 7
♣ 10 8

EAST
♠ K
♥ J 8 2
♦ K 10 5 2
♣ J 9 6 4 3

SOUTH
♠ J 3 2
♥ A K Q 5
♦ Q 6 4
♣ A K 5

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

Opening lead — two of clubs.
This deal occurred in an early-round match between Denmark and the United States at the 1993 world team championship.

When Ron Rubin and Mike Becker of the U.S. held the North-South hands, the bidding went as shown. Becker-Rubin were using a complicated relay system, and the first seven bids were all artificial. By the time Rubin bid four spades, Becker had learned that his partner

held either two aces and a queen, or an ace and two kings, as well as a long spade suit.

Six spades was a reasonable contract needing only the king of spades outside. Failing that, there was a potential squeeze in the red suits.

Becker won the opening club lead with the ace and tried the spade finesse, losing to the singleton king. Declarer won the club return with the king and began to run his spades.

If East had held the king of diamonds and four or more hearts, he would eventually have been forced to unguard one of those suits, giving declarer his 12th trick. As the cards lay, however, the squeeze attempt was going to fail.

But Becker had another thing going for him — namely that, thanks to the nature of the relay system, the defenders had no idea what the South hand looked like. Consequently, when the final spade was played — on which declarer discarded a diamond — West had a real headache trying to find a safe discard.

After nearly five minutes of thought, West elected to discard a heart from the 10-7-4-3, and Becker suddenly had four heart tricks — and his slam.

At the other table, the Danish North-South pair stopped in four spades, giving the U.S. a 13-IMP pickup on the deal.

Tomorrow: The delicate art of defense.

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sudoku

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

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

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5 :PM	Local 2	Hotel	The List	News	Tele	News	Uri Harel	Over	Mama's	American	Fam. Guy	Movie: The Help, Bryce Dallas Howard (DVS)	Monday Night Countdown	Women's College Basketball		Mod Fam	The First 48	Street Out-laws	
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6 :PM	Jeopardy!	Rosa de	Big Bang	News	Caso Cer-rado	News	McDonald	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy				Mavs Pre.	Mod Fam	The First 48	Street Out-laws	
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8 :30		TMZ							Heroes	Seinfeld	Full				C'boys			(16) Bitchin' Rides	
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10 :30	Wheel	Contacto Deportivo	How I Met How I Met	James Corden	Señora Acero 3	Seth Meyers	Yohanan	T. Smiley	Rules	Conan					Texans			(32) Bitchin' Rides	
11 :PM	Nightline	La Mujer del	How I Met	Insider	Pagado 3	(08) Today	Light of the Southwest		Alfred Hitch-cock Hr.	Cheaters	Cougar				NBA Basketball: Mavericks at Knicks	CSI: Crime Scene	The First 48	(32) Bitchin' Rides	
11 :30	Extra	Como Dice el Dicho	Law Order: CI	ET	Pagado	(08) Today	Light of the Southwest		Kojak	Cheaters	Movie: Exit Wounds	Law & Order	NFL Prime-Time		College Basketball: Green Bay at	CSI: Crime Scene	The First 48	Dallas	
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1 :AM	Paid																		

DENNIS THE MENACE



"I suppose at your age... gettin' mad is about the only fun you have left."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Daddy, do we own anything that isn't obsolete?"

HAGAR



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BLONDIE



THE BOSS ASKED EVERYONE TO STAND AND GIVE ME A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE AT THE MEETING THIS MORNING. THAT'S WONDERFUL... OR IT COULD'VE BEEN JUST TO WAKE ME UP.

BC



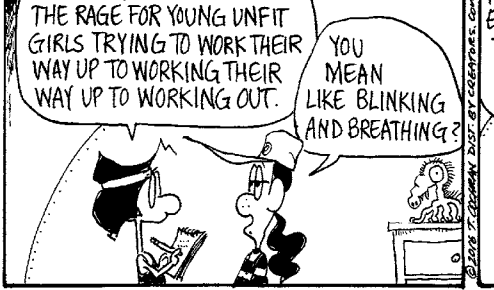
MAYBE I DIDN'T PROPERLY EXPLAIN THE PROTECTIVE CUP.

WIZARD OF ID



WIZARD! IF YOU DON'T DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS RAIN, I'LL HAVE YOU IN CHAINS! DON'T WORRY, SIRE. I HAVE JUST THE SPELL! I MEAN NETS! SEE YA

AGNES



"BLATTOOTA" WILL BE ALL THE RAGE FOR YOUNG UNFIT GIRLS TRYING TO WORK THEIR WAY UP TO WORKING THEIR WAY UP TO WORKING OUT. YOU MEAN LIKE BLINKING AND BREATHING?

HI AND LOIS



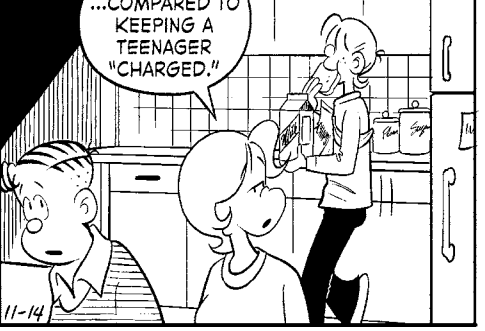
IT'S BECOME A PAIN HAVING TO KEEP CHARGING ALL THESE DEVICES. THAT'S NOTHING... ...COMPARED TO KEEPING A TEENAGER "CHARGED."

THE OTHER COAST



IT'S POURING PAIN OUT THERE. NO WAY I'M TAKING THE DOGS FOR A W-A-L-K. BARK BARK BARK BARK BARK BARK WOOWO WOOWO YAP YAP YAP

SNUFFY SMITH



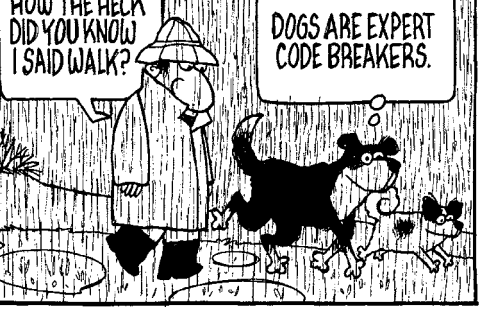
HOW THE HECK DID YOU KNOW I SAID WALK? DOGS ARE EXPERT CODE BREAKERS.

BEEBLE BAILEY



I CAN'T SEEM TO GET GOING. THROW YOUR USUAL WAY, START THE BRUSH AT THE WALL, KICK THE BUCKET AND START CURSING... THEN START SCRUBBING.

GREG+MORT WALKER



HERE, YOU'RE THE EXPERT, LET'S SEE YOU SCRUB!

This Date In History

Today is Monday, Nov. 14, the 319th day of 2016. There are 47 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 14, 1851, Herman Melville's novel "Moby-Dick; Or, The Whale" was published in the United States, almost a month after being released in Britain.

On this date: In 1889, inspired by the Jules Verne novel "Around the World in Eighty Days," New York World reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochran) set out to make the trip in less time than the fictional Phileas Fogg. (She completed the journey in 72 days.)

In 1910, Eugene B. Ely became the first aviator to take off from a ship as his Curtiss pusher rolled off a sloping platform on the deck of the scout cruiser USS Birmingham off Hampton Roads, Virginia.

In 1925, the first group exhibition of surrealist paintings opened at the Galerie Pierre in Paris.

In 1940, during World War II, German planes destroyed most of the English town of Coventry.

In 1944, Tommy Dorsey and his orchestra recorded "Opus No. 1" for RCA Victor.

In 1954, the president of Egypt, Muhammad Naguib, was deposed by the Revolutionary Command Council, leaving Gamal Abdel Nasser fully in charge as acting head of state.

In 1965, the U.S. Army's first major military operation of the Vietnam War began with the start of the five-day Battle of Ia Drang. (The fighting between American troops and North Vietnamese forces ended on Nov. 18 with both sides claiming victory.)

In 1969, Apollo 12 blasted off for the moon.

In 1970, a chartered Southern Airways DC-9 crashed while trying to land in West Virginia, killing all 75 people on board, including the Marshall University football team and its coaching staff.

In 1976, the satirical comedy-drama "Network," starring Peter Finch as a deranged TV anchorman who becomes a media sensation, was released by MGM.

In 1986, the Securities and Exchange Commission imposed a \$100 million penalty against inside-trader Ivan F. Boesky and barred him from working again in the securities industry.

In 1996, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin (BURN-'uh-deen), the senior Roman Catholic prelate in the United States and leader of Chicago's 2.3 million

Catholics, died at his home at age 68. Singer Michael Jackson married his plastic surgeon's nurse, Debbie Rowe, in a ceremony in Sydney, Australia. (Rowe filed for divorce in 1999.)

Ten years ago: Gunmen kidnapped up to 150 staff and visitors in a raid on a Higher Education Ministry office in Baghdad, Iraq. (Some of the captives were reportedly released, others were presumably killed.) President George W. Bush left the White House on a state visit to Vietnam. Brandon Webb of the Arizona Diamondbacks won a wide-open race for the NL Cy Young Award.

Five years ago: Former Penn State football assistant coach Jerry Sandusky, in a telephone interview with NBC News' "Rock Center," denied allegations he'd sexually abused eight boys.

Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- In unison
- Hotter than cool
- Person from Edinburgh
- __ copy (photocopy)
- Give approval to
- Adhesive on a roll
- Freeze over, as a windshield
- Object to
- Unlock
- British prehistoric rock pile
- Title for an earl or baron
- Go jogging
- Sports venues
- Elite guest rosters
- Egret cousin
- Clothes-dryer fluff
- Fort __ (gold repository)
- 44th president
- Underway, to Sherlock
- Avail oneself of
- "Dear sir or..."
- Mexican mister
- Not as much
- Identical
- Clock faces
- Tarzan nickname
- Deep ravines
- Every single one
- Be durable
- Taking advantage of a sale
- Prefix for freeze

DOWN

- Earth's rotation line
- Religious group
- Triple-decker cookie
- Person, place or thing
- Authority on a subject
- Ladies
- Related (to)
- Pushed a doorbell, say
- Affectionate address
- Baseball runner's "theft"
- Plump chicken
- Gig for a soprano
- Is inclined (to)
- Corn covering
- Kitchen or den
- "That's too bad"
- __ story (biography)
- Get __ the ground floor
- Didn't budge
- Hydrant attachments
- Former spouses
- __ and void
- Guy in Eden
- Papa's partner
- Prayer ending
- Quick haircut
- Jonas who conquered polio
- Take for granted
- Predicament
- Trolley sound
- Capital of Vietnam
- Late-blooming flower
- Has sore muscles
- Begin to melt
- Flow slowly
- Very close
- Hereditary factor
- Meat inspection agcy.
- Nuisance

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Howard College livestock judging team finishes 1st at Nov. 5 competition

Special to the Herald

The Howard College livestock judging team is seeing hard work and dedication pay off in the form of a first place finish at the West Texas A&M Invitational meet held on Nov. 5 in Canyon, Texas.

The students competed against other junior college livestock judging teams during their final competition of the semester before heading into the winter break.

As a team, the students finished 1st in sheep, hogs, and overall.

"I'm very proud of this group of students and the progress they have made as a team this fall," said Lane Halfmann, Instructor and Livestock Judging coach. "It's not always easy to find time to put in the extra work but they have done it and now it is nice to see it paying off for them. I'm really looking forward to the spring and seeing what else they can accomplish."

Individual results are:

- Evan Hoefelmeyer of Burnet, Texas, sheep - 2nd, reasons - 2nd, hogs - 8th, 2nd

place overall.

- Garrett McGinnis of Ira, Texas, sheep - 4th, hogs - 2nd, reasons - 8th, 4th place overall.

- Rayel Anderson of Spearman, Texas, sheep - 7th; 17th place overall.

- Kaylynn Hardegree of Colorado City, Texas, cattle - 9th, 11th place overall.

- Kyle Davis of Millsap, Texas, hogs - 4th, reasons - 6th, sheep - 10th, 9th place overall.

After the break, competitions will resume in January with the National Western meet in Denver, Colo.



Courtesy photo/Howard College

Pictured from left are Kyle Davis, Garrett McGinnis, Evan Hoefelmeyer, Rayel Anderson, and Kalynn Hardegree, members of the Howard College livestock judging team.

Officials: 150 US border agents being sent to South Texas

EDINBURG, Texas (AP) — About 150 Border Patrol agents will be deployed to South Texas from Arizona, California and elsewhere to help process a spike in immigrants who have been apprehended after illegally entering the U.S., federal officials announced Saturday.

Agents from Tucson, Arizona, and San Diego will be temporarily reassigned to the Rio Grande Valley, and agents working another portion of the Texas border will join them, U.S. Customs and Border Protection said in a statement.

The additional agents will assist with screening and processing immigrants taken into custody along the border, many of whom are unaccompanied children and families.

Hundreds of thousands of people have sought asylum along the U.S.-Mexico border in the last two years, and the majority are Central American families who often turn themselves in as opposed to mostly Mexican men trying to evade capture, according to a federal report obtained last month by

The Associated Press.

Since 2014, the Rio Grande Valley has led the nation as the region with the most apprehensions of immigrants entering the U.S. illegally. Asylum seekers, many of them fleeing drug-fueled violence south of the border, peaked in 2014 at 170,000, nearly triple the 63,000 who arrived the previous year. Before 2012, there were fewer than 30,000 a year.

Leaders in the South Texas city of McAllen said earlier this month that they're struggling to provide services and noted that October was the busiest month since 2014 for a church support center, with more than 5,600 immigrants offered assistance. The city and local groups have spent nearly \$1 million over two years to provide showers, tents and other needs, Mayor Jim Darling told The Monitor newspaper. U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson said in a statement Thursday there are about 41,000 people being held in U.S. immigration detention facilities. The number normally fluctuates between 31,000 and 34,000,

Average gas prices in Texas drop

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 4.3 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$1.96/g yesterday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas. This compares with the national average that has fallen 4.9 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.15/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 2.2 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 5.2 cents per gallon lower than a month ago.

The national average has decreased 8.8 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 1.4 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

According to GasBuddy historical data, gasoline prices on November 14 in Texas have ranged widely over the last five years:

\$1.94/g in 2015, \$2.71/g in 2014, \$2.93/g in 2013, \$3.17/g in 2012 and \$3.23/g in 2011.

Areas nearby Texas and their current gas price climate:

Midland Odessa - \$1.99/g, down 4.3 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.03/g.

"While it's less than a week after the biggest upset in U.S. election history energy industry experts are already speculating on what steps a Trump Administration might enact first; whether the earliest initiatives might eliminate regulations or perhaps look to increase domestic oil and gas production," said Gregg Laskoski, senior petroleum analyst for GasBuddy. "The Keystone XL Pipeline, for instance, is expected to find itself in a more favorable environment for approval but it remains debatable whether such a development would directly benefit U.S. consumers," he noted.

Veterans Families Fund honors local Navy officer



Perry and William Pierce

Navy in 2011 and recently reenlisted for a second time.

"We have two children, Montana and Ryan," said Perry Pierce, William's wife. "William will soon be going on his second deployment and even though it's hard at times, we love him and support him through all he does."

J Gale Kilgore, an organizer of the fund, encourages those who are interested in the Veterans Families Fund to donate.

"Thank you Big Spring area for the money," said Kilgore. "You know the veterans' families appreciate the check. So again I thank you people for your donations." For those interested in making a donation to the Veterans Families Fund, Wood Forest National Bank, 201 West Marcy Drive, has opened account #5901848 for the fund.

-Amanda Elston



U.S. Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class William Pierce

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