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**Jeanene Box was one of many Holiday shoppers who are taking advantage of holiday sales. Box was getting a headstart on Christmas shopping at Bealls in the Spring Town Plaza, formerly the Big Spring Mall.**

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## Icy conditions prompt rash of cancellations

By **STEVE REAGAN** and **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writers

A storm system carrying freezing rain began moving through the Crossroads area today, turning roads dangerously slick and forcing the cancellation of several events.

Up to a half-inch of freezing rain is forecast to coat area roads today as a result of the storm, which is expected to keep temperatures well below the freezing mark through most the weekend.

The freezing rain has already made Interstate 20 next to impassable — law enforcement and emergency medical personnel were working several accidents in both Howard and Martin counties this morning — and officials were urging motorists to stay off the roads if possible and use extreme caution if they must travel.

Among the events which have been cancelled because of the weather is Howard College's Luminaria, which had been scheduled for 5:30 p.m. today. Also, all Big Spring,

Coahoma and Forsan high school sporting events scheduled for tonight have been cancelled.

Big Spring Independent School District officials announced this morning that classes were being dismissed at 12:30 p.m. today because of the weather. Forsan ISD and Coahoma ISD officials said they would dismiss classes at noon.

No announcement on the status of Friday's classes has been made yet.

Freezing rain is expected through tonight, the National Weather Service has forecast. Friday's forecast calls for a break in the precipitation, although temperatures are not expected to exceed the mid-20s. On Saturday, there is another chance of freezing drizzle with a forecast high temperature of only 23.

Among the holiday events still planned for this weekend are:

**VAMC Lighting Ceremony, 6 p.m. Friday**

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## Web site woes will not keep SMMC from helping with sign-up for health coverage

Special to the Herald

You've most likely heard the confusion surrounding the website for the Health Insurance Marketplace, the government's new platform for offering affordable health insurance. While the site may not be fully functional

yet, Scenic Mountain Medical Center application counselors can help make things more clear and assist with the sign-up process. And, if you enroll by Dec. 23, you will have health insurance Jan. 1.

A primary goal of the Affordable Care Act is to help

eligible Americans gain access to affordable health care. Most U.S. citizens are required to enroll for health insurance by March 31. Based on household income and dependents, you may be eligible for health insurance

See **HELP**, Page 3

## Chamber toy drive under way locally

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is currently

conducting its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Toy drive to assist five area organizations which will distribute the donations throughout the community.

"This is something we started last year," said Debbye ValVerde, Chamber executive director. "We had several

organizations we knew needed help, especially the Salvation Army. We don't want any child to do without."

Those who wish to donate can bring new, unwrapped toys to the Chamber office, 215 W. Third St., between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The

Chamber will accept toys for infants through 18 years of

See **TOYS**, Page 3



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

**Sara Myers, middle, receives a plethora of gifts from area businesses that participated in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce 12 Days before Black Friday event. Myers was the overall winner. Also pictured are Jim Clements, Chamber board president, and Debbye ValVerde, Chamber executive director. The 12 Days before Black Friday was a program to encourage residents to shop locally. Those who visited the shops had an opportunity to register for prizes.**



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## Obituaries

### Harold Hall

Harold Hall, 92, of Big Spring, Texas died Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2013, at Parkview Nursing and Rehab Center. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Ken McIntosh, minister of First Christian Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

He is survived by his wife, Emma Jean Hall of Big Spring; four sons, Donnie Hall of Houston, Howard Hall and his wife Rebecca of Grapevine, Texas, Mike Hall and his wife Barbara and Jimmy Johnson and his wife Beverly, all of Big Spring; two daughters, Kathy Johnson and Jeanie Knocke and her husband Richard, all of Big Spring; 10 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Ward Hall and one sister, Harriett Reeves.

The family will be at 901 Mountain Park, Big Spring, Texas. Pallbearers will be Brandon Johnson, Brian Johnson, Kevin Hall, Tyler Hall, Matthew Hall, Zac Hall and Jacob Verberne.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

*Paid obituary*

### Bertha Jolley

Bertha Jolley, 85, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2013, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Take Note

• Jury call for 118<sup>th</sup> District Court, scheduled for Monday, Dec. 9, has been cancelled. For more information, call 264-2223.

• Hangar 25 Air Museum's annual fundraiser is coming up in January. The Silver Wings Ball will be Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014, at the Hotel Settles. Evening events begin at 6 p.m. with a cocktail hour. Join us for a night of fine dining and dancing. Contact Hangar 25 Air Museum to purchase tickets for underwriting and sponsor opportunities. Underwriting opportunities range from \$250 to \$5,000. All underwriters will receive two tickets to the event and advertisement opportunities. Tickets for the event are \$50. Tickets for a chance to win a nights stay at the Hotel Settles are \$10 or six for \$50.

• From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Canterbury (1700 Lancaster) will host its annual Christmas Bazaar. The bazaar will feature Christmas décor, many type of homemade items and crafts — gifts of every sort and type and treats for every taste. Canterbury cookbooks will be available and there will be burritos for sale.

• A fund for funeral expenses has been established at Myers & Smith Funeral Home for Olga Godina who passed away Monday. Donations can be made at the funeral home.

## Support Groups

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

• Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

• Overcomer's: Recovery & Restoration (R&R), a Christ-centered recovery program is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the "Green Room" of the East Wing. For more convenient access to the meeting room, park in the back of the church and enter through the metal door across from the fellowship hall. If you need



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## Police blotter

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

- GARY WILLIAMS, 51, transient, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- DENA PARKER HOWARD, 67, of 4614 Wasson Road, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated – open container.
- JESSE THOMAS BLACKWELL SR., 48, of 1010 Northwest 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid and no insurance.
- IVAN NAVEJAS OLIVA, 19, of 1404 Sycamore, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at the 1600 block of Cardinal.
- THEFT was reported at the 3600 block of West Highway 80 and the intersection of 846 and 2230.
- HIT AND RUN reported at the 1000 block of East 20<sup>th</sup> Street.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING reported at the 1400 block of Runnels.
- ASSAULT was reported at the 1400 block of Harding.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at the 2500 block of East 25<sup>th</sup> Street.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 200 block of South Gregg and the 700 block of Northwest 5<sup>th</sup> Street.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY reported at the 2500 block of South Gregg.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported at the 700 block of East 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

## Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 inmates at the time of this report.

- JAMIE JONES CHAPPELL was booked by HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated BAC greater than or equal to 0.15.
- CHRISTOPHER NIC VANDERSLICE was booked by HCSO on a charge of bail jumping and fail to appear.
- DENA PARKER HOWARD was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated/open container.
- IVAN OLIVIA NAVEJAS was booked by HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.
- JESSE THOMAS BLACKWELL was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension without final resolution.
- GARY CURTIS WILLIAMS was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

## Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL call reported at the 2000 block of Rickabaugh. One patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- TRAUMA call reported at the 700 block of Craigmont. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 1600 block of State. One patient transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA call reported at the 200 block of West FM 700. One patient transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at the 200 block of Coregg. No transport.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at the 3600 block of West Highway 80. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 800 block of West 15<sup>th</sup> Street. One patient transported to SMMC.

more information, contact the church secretary at 432-264-0015.

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Baptist Temple Church Fellowship Hall, 400 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

### FRIDAY

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

## Today's Weather

### Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 12/6	Sat 12/7	Sun 12/8
<b>36/23</b> Cloudy with rain and freezing rain expected. Cold. High 36F. Winds ENE at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of precip 70%.	<b>32/19</b> Clouds giving way to sun. High in the low 30s and lows in the upper teens.	<b>27/21</b> Mostly Cloudy. Highs in the upper 20s and lows in the low 20s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:33 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:41 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:33 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:41 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:34 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:41 PM



## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	34	25	frz rain	Kingsville	80	52	cloudy
Amarillo	23	14	sn shower	Livingston	66	41	t-storm
Austin	62	36	cloudy	Longview	54	37	rain
Beaumont	75	54	t-storm	Lubbock	27	18	mixed
Brownsville	83	71	pt sunny	Lufkin	69	42	t-storm
Brownwood	41	29	rain	Midland	42	26	rain
Corpus Christi	75	47	cloudy	Raymondville	83	66	pt sunny
Corsicana	43	30	rain	Rosenberg	72	44	t-storm
Dallas	41	30	rain	San Antonio	64	41	cloudy
Del Rio	69	44	cloudy	San Marcos	63	38	rain
El Paso	60	38	rain	Sulphur Springs	41	31	rain
Fort Stockton	53	33	rain	Sweetwater	34	25	frz rain
Gainesville	34	25	frz rain	Tyler	54	36	rain
Greenville	39	29	rain	Weatherford	35	26	frz rain
Houston	71	46	t-storm	Wichita Falls	29	23	mixed

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	74	48	rain	Minneapolis	7	-5	pt sunny
Boston	52	50	rain	New York	61	56	cloudy
Chicago	31	20	cloudy	Phoenix	53	36	sunny
Dallas	41	30	rain	San Francisco	53	38	sunny
Denver	17	3	pt sunny	Seattle	35	25	cloudy
Houston	71	46	t-storm	St. Louis	33	23	sn shower
Los Angeles	61	40	sunny	Washington, DC	61	38	rain
Miami	82	69	pt sunny				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Fri 12/6	Sat 12/7	Sun 12/8
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
Low	Moderate	Low

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

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### SATURDAY

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

### SUNDAY

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

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## News briefs

### Deadly NY train derailment highlights risk of highway hypnosis on long, monotonous trips

NEW YORK (AP) — It's sometimes called highway hypnosis or white-line fever, and it's familiar to anyone who has driven long distances along a monotonous route.

Drivers are lulled into a semi-trance state and reach their destination with little or no memory of parts of the trip. But what if it happened to an engineer at the controls of a speeding passenger train?

A man driving a Metro-North Railroad commuter train that went off the rails Sunday in New York, killing four passengers, experienced a momentary loss of awareness as he zoomed down the tracks, according to his lawyer and union representative, who called the episode a "nod," a "daze" or highway hypnosis.

Their accounts raised questions about just how widespread the problem is in the transportation industry and what can be done to combat it.

At the time of the crash, the train was going 82 mph into a sharp turn where the speed limit drops to 30 mph. That's when the engineer says he snapped out of it and hit the brakes, but it was too late. The train hurtled off the tracks, leaving a chain of twisted cars just inches from a river in the Bronx.

### Despite Gulf oil spill, BP looks to tap deeper, hotter, higher-pressure offshore oil fields

HOUSTON (AP) — BP's strategy after the Deepwater Horizon tragedy: Go deeper.

BP is leading an industry-wide push to develop technology that can retrieve oil from formations that are so deep under the sea floor, and under such high pressure and temperature, that conventional equipment would melt or be crushed by the conditions.

One BP field in the Gulf of Mexico, called Tiber, makes the Macondo field that the Deepwater Horizon rig was probing look like simple puddle of oil. It is thought to hold twenty times the amount of oil as Macondo. At 35,000 feet below the sea floor — 6.6 miles into the earth's crust — it is about twice as deep.

There's an extraordinary amount of oil in similar discoveries around the world, several of which are controlled by BP. But BP first must figure out how to get it. New equipment, including blowout preventers far stronger than the one that failed on the Deepwater Horizon, must be developed. Then BP must convince regulators it can tap this oil safely.

Another disaster could threaten BP's existence, but success could restore the company's fortunes — and perhaps its reputation. "There's 10 to 20 billion barrels of oil just for BP in this," says Kevin Kennelly, who runs BP's global technology operations. At today's prices, that's worth up to \$2 trillion.

### Suicide car bombing at Yemen's Defense Ministry kills 15, wounds at least 40 as gunmen attack

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — A suicide bomber detonated his explosives-laden car Thursday at Yemen's Defense Ministry, killing 15 soldiers and wounding at least 40 in an attack underlining the persistent threat to the stability and security of the impoverished Arab nation, military and hospital officials said.

Officials said as many as 12 gunmen also were killed in a firefight between troops and a carload of attackers who arrived minutes after the early morning blast, apparently in a bid to take over the complex in downtown Sanaa, Yemen's capital.

They said the gunmen were armed with assault rifles, hand grenades and rocket-propelled grenades. They wore Yemeni army uniforms, the officials said.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, which bore the hallmarks of al-Qaida, whose chapter in Yemen is considered among the world's most active.

The Defense Ministry issued a brief statement confirming Thursday's attack. It said "most" of the gunmen had been killed, but did not say how many there were or give any other details.

### Mexican troops guard recovered cobalt as experts discuss how to safely contain it again

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican troops and fed-

eral police kept a nighttime watch on a rural field where thieves abandoned a stolen shipment of highly radioactive cobalt-60, while officials began planning the delicate task of recovering the dangerous material.

Juan Eibenschutz, director general of the National Commission of Nuclear Safety and Safeguards, said late Wednesday that it could take at least two days to safely get the material into a secure container and transport it to a waste site.

"It's a very delicate operation," Eibenschutz said. "What's important is that the material has been located and the place is being watched to guarantee no one gets close."

The missing shipment of radioactive cobalt-60 was found Wednesday near where the stolen truck transporting the material was abandoned in central Mexico.

The highly radioactive material had been removed from its container, officials said, and one predicted that anyone involved in opening the box could be in grave danger of dying within days.

### Bitter cold stretches across Midwest

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Some people were choosing to stay indoors as an arctic blast swept across the Northern Plains, but the prospect of temperatures not cracking single digits had a different effect on the roustabouts, roughnecks and thousands of others working outside in western North Dakota's oil patch.

For them, it was just another challenge to face as they go about the task of pulling nearly a million barrels of oil a day out of the ground.

"This is what I love to do," said Craig Hovet, during a break from maintenance work on a well near Mandaree. "The joke around here is: This kind of weather keeps out the riffraff."

Hovet and his crew shrugged off blowing snow and single-digit temperatures on Wednesday, but the real deep freeze was just ahead. Thursday's projected high was minus 6 degrees, falling to minus 10 by Saturday, with overnight lows to 24 below as a major winter storm bulldozed from the Rockies eastward.

The National Weather Service forecast a foot or more of snow in some areas of the Upper Midwest, with freezing rain possible.

## ICE

Refreshments will be served and VAMC veterans will lead attendees in the singing of Christmas carols, but the highlight of the evening will be a visit from Santa Claus, who will be on hand to listen to children's gift request and pose for photos.

### Heritage Museum's Breakfast with Santa, 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday

Children will have a chance to visit with Santa and learn how to decorate a gingerbread cookie and a Christmas tree ornament. Parents, bring a camera and take a snapshot of your kid on Santa's lap.

Cost for that event is \$3 per child.

### Living Christmas Tree, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday and 8 p.m. Sunday.

A tradition at First United Methodist Church. Tickets are required for evening performances and are available at no cost at the church (Fourth and

Scurry).

### Big Spring Herald Christmas Parade, 5:30 p.m. Saturday

Santa will highlight the annual community lighted Christmas parade set to begin at 24th and Scurry and travel north on Scurry to Fourth Street. More than 80 entries have registered to participate

this year.

### Christmas on Main Street, following the parade

Santa, train rides, hot cocoa and more will be available following the Herald Community Christmas Parade, courtesy of the Downtown Revitalization Association. Santa will be available to hear the wish list

of children. Photo opportunities with Santa will be available for a \$5 charge. The event will be held at the Pocket Park located next to the Sparenberg Building on Main Street.

Contact Lyndel Moody at [citydesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:citydesk@bigspringherald.com) or 263-7331, ext. 234

## HELP

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coverage at no cost through Medicaid. Or, you may be eligible for new health insurance options on the Health Insurance Marketplace — and financial help from the government towards the cost of premiums may be available.

"This is where Scenic Mountain Medical Center can help," said Amanda Duforat, marketing coordinator. "With many people in our community lacking access to a computer or having difficulty enrolling on the government's website, our application counselors can help. We can assist individuals and their families evaluate the available health plan options and determine if they are eligible for Medicaid or other financial assistance."

Health Plans on Health Insurance Marketplaces

All health plans on the Marketplace must offer a comprehensive set of benefits, and individuals cannot be denied coverage based on a pre-existing condition. Some of the available health benefits include preventive care and wellness services, doctor visits, prescription drugs, hospital and emergency department care, lab services, pediatric services — and more.

## TOYS

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age.

"My goal is to fill the building with toys," ValVerde said. "Last year, I believe we gave more than 200 toys per organization, so if we can do more this year ... We do have a growing population. We have more families this year.

If you have it your heart, please give."

The drive will end Monday, Dec. 16. Organizations that will receive the toys for distribution throughout the community are Court Appointed Special Advocates of West Texas (CASA), Cossacks Motorcycle Club, Hometown Christmas, Salvation Army and Spring Tabernacle.

For more information, call 263-7641 or drop off toys at the Chamber office.

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Silas "Rudy" Dolan, 76, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.  
Harold Hall, 92, died Tuesday. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.  
Bertha Jolley, 85, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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**QUESTION OF THE WEEK!!**  
What is your favorite holiday tradition?

**Danelle Castillo:**  
Passing a candle around the table for grace and each person there contributes with a phrase of what they are thankful for and then we conclude with lets give thanks to our Lord our God for these gifts and pray that he continues to bless each of us with good healthy lives, and gifts as we need them and safety in our lives.

**L.I. Carson:**  
At Christmas...opening 1 gift on Xmas eve then the rest Xmas morning.

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## DAILY PRAYER

Help us, oh Lord, to always seek the good in others.

Amen

# The strange death of Miriam Carey

It has been exactly two months since Miriam Carey, a young, single, unarmed black mother and dental hygienist from Connecticut, was gunned down in the streets of Washington, D.C., after driving her black Infiniti into a security post near a White House entrance and leading police on a chase to the U.S. Capitol.

Shots were fired at Carey near the White House barrier at 15th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, according to police. And she was killed in a hail of police gunfire after she apparently brought her car to a halt on the 100 block of Maryland Avenue NE — posing no apparent danger to anyone. Witnesses said police also fired shots at Carey on Constitution Avenue near the Senate Hart Office Building.

Yet, we still don't know how many shots were fired at Carey on Oct. 3. We don't know how many shots hit her. And all videos of the final incident have mysteriously disappeared from the Internet.

The Secret Service, Capitol Police and Washington Metro Police were all involved in the incident, throughout which Carey's 14-month-old baby was in her car. And press reports suggest the mother was suffering from postpartum depression.

For an incident two months ago that paralyzed Washington for hours, we know little about

what actually happened and why a young, single, unarmed black mother was killed by police. Independent news website WND has filed a Freedom of Information Act request for the forensics report to no avail.

An attorney hired by Carey's family, Eric Sanders, asked Attorney General Eric Holder to investigate the incident. Immediately after he did, Sanders was arrested at his Long Island home for allegedly failing to pay off court settlements in an unrelated case dating back to 2005.

What the heck is going on here?

As far as I can tell, Carey did little more than make a wrong turn and bump a security barrier near the White House.

She may have been disoriented, a symptom of postpartum depression, when she had guns pointed at her by law enforcement officials. But imagine the fright of a young mother at cops firing guns at her car when her 14-month-old baby is in the back seat.

What possible justification could there be for killing Carey? Why couldn't she be subdued, arrested and tried for whatever laws she may have violated? Why did armed officers of at least three law enforcement agencies allegedly execute her in cold blood? Why has there been no satisfactory public explanation of what transpired that day? And where is the public outcry over this seemingly senseless murder?

Let's talk about the video.

We live in a surveillance society. Nowhere are cameras more prevalent than in Washington,

D.C. There is video of Carey's approach to the White House gate. There is video of the chase that led to her death. But where is the video of the final scene when Carey emerges from her vehicle and is shot down?

Does anyone else think it is strange - and a little mysterious - that no video is publicly available, despite the heavy presence of media on the ground, police helicopters, surveillance cameras, etc.? Does anyone believe video of those final moments just doesn't exist?

And what about the forensics report? Why two months after the incident, has it still not been released? Is anyone besides WND demanding it?

Why so little curiosity about what, from my perspective, seems to be an outrageous misuse of police firepower? Carey's family and friends have suggested she had delusions about Obama stalking her. The tragic irony is that she ultimately fell victim to a police-state mentality Obama helped foster in the capital city.

It's time for the Secret Service, Capitol Police and Washington Metro Police to come clean on the death of Carey. It's time for the public to demand it. It's time for Obama and Holder to order it.

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JOSEPH FARAH

# Our good war turns bad

The zero option should be a zero-brainer.

The zero option is a plan to leave zero U.S. troops in Afghanistan after December 2014.

The other option, which never has been named, could be called the "let's break our promise to the American people and keep 10,000-16,000 troops in Afghanistan until at least 2024 at a cost of \$80 billion or so" option.

One would think the Obama administration would favor the zero option.

At a campaign rally in Boulder, Colo., on Sept. 2, 2012, President Barack Obama said: "We are bringing our troops home from Afghanistan. And I've set a timetable. We will have them all out of there by 2014."

Obama was running for reelection, and he knew that every word he said would be examined closely. So I thought that when he said "we will have them all out of there by 2014," he meant "we will have them all out of there by 2014."

Silly me. Obama now wants to keep thousands of our fighting forces, plus NATO troops, in Afghanistan in four bases, where they can carry out counterterrorism missions and "instruct" (shades of Vietnam) the Afghan army.

Which means that the Afghanistan War — already the longest in U.S. history, at just over 12 years — will stretch to an incredible 22 years, at a minimum.

That is one long war. The war in Afghanistan already has cost us about a half-trillion dollars. More than 2,000 Americans have been killed in hostile action, and more than 19,000 have been wounded. Thousands of civilians have been killed.

Our stated mission has been accomplished. Afghanistan is our "good" war. We invaded after the attacks of Sept. 11 in

order to disrupt, destroy or disperse al-Qaida terrorists and topple the Taliban government of Afghanistan, which was sheltering them.

And we did it. We did it so successfully, in fact, that in 2010, then-CIA chief Leon Panetta said the number of al-Qaida members in Afghanistan had been reduced to "50 to 100, maybe less."

The Taliban are no longer in power in Afghanistan. A United Nations report released last month estimated that between 10,000 and 12,000 members of the Taliban had been killed, captured or wounded in the past year.

The report also said that 2013 had not seen "significant gains for the Taliban, who have neither managed to seize population centers nor gain popular support." And the Taliban have indicated some willingness to enter into peace talks and end the fighting.

So why don't we say "mission accomplished" and bring our troops home?

True, there are things our forces still could do in Afghanistan, such as counterterrorism, which is not to be confused with counterinsurgency.

Counterinsurgency is when you try to win the hearts and minds of the enemy. Counterterrorism is when you kill the enemy and then try to win their hearts and minds.

Our mission that killed Osama bin Laden was counterterrorism. It was highly successful, though highly dangerous. (Bin Laden was sheltering in Pakistan, a country we pay \$1 billion per year to conduct its own counterterrorism. But somehow the Pakistanis overlooked bin Laden year after year. Go figure.)

White House press secretary Jay Carney recently promised that if Afghanistan agrees to let us stay for the next decade or so, "you will not see U.S. troops patrolling mountains or cities."

But our troops will not be sitting around playing video games. They will continue to be in harm's way, and some will continue aggressive and dangerous missions. We will have

casualties.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai says he would be happy to see us go, but I doubt it. The billions we lavish on him each year amount to half his government's expenditures.

Recently, he has been biting the hand that feeds him, but that is only because he wants to get fed more. He knows that the Obama administration does not want the zero option — it does not want to leave Afghanistan — so Karzai can talk tough.

"There is mistrust between me and the Americans," Karzai said in a speech a few weeks ago at Kabul Polytechnic University. "They don't trust me, and I don't trust them."

What does Karzai want? "We want the Americans to respect our sovereignty and laws and be an honest partner," he said. And then Karzai delivered his punch line: "And bring a lot of money." The crowd roared with laughter.

And why shouldn't they laugh at us? We are begging to stay and prop up one of the most corrupt governments in the world. In July, Transparency International released its annual "sleaze" ratings, and once again, Afghanistan, North Korea and Somalia tied for the most corrupt country on earth.

Is this the neighborhood we want to stay in? And fight for? And throw more money at?

We have achieved our goals in Afghanistan. We have won. It is time for our troops to come home.

If we stay for another decade, our good war could come to a very bad end.

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ROGER SIMON

# Top general to teens: Watch what you post

WASHINGTON (AP) — If they don't believe their parents, maybe America's teens will listen to the Pentagon's top general.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey worried aloud Wednesday that the next generation of possible military recruits is ignorant about the damage that can come from showing bad or illegal behavior online.

"I worry a bit about ... the young men and women who are now in their teens, early teens, and who probably un-

derestimate the impact of their persona in social media and what impact that could have later in life on things like security clearances and promotions" and so on, he told a conference in Washington.

He said military officials have been considering the idea of giving people a "second start. In other words ... say to young men and women, 'You know what, you probably exposed some things in your social media persona ... Twitter or Facebook ... that would disqualify you, actu-

ally, from service. But we're going to give you a shot at starting over ... if you agree from this point forward to live to the set of values that we describe."

Officials later said there is no formal proposal on the table.

Rather, Dempsey was merely expressing the growing challenge the military and other employers face assessing their recruiting pools in the no-holds-barred environment of the Internet.

More than three-fourths of teenagers have a cellphone

and use online social networking sites such as Facebook, according to the Pew Research Center's Internet and American Life Project. Educators say kids have used their mobile phones to post everything from videos of school drug searches, to nude images of girlfriends or boyfriends.

Most parents, they say, have no idea.

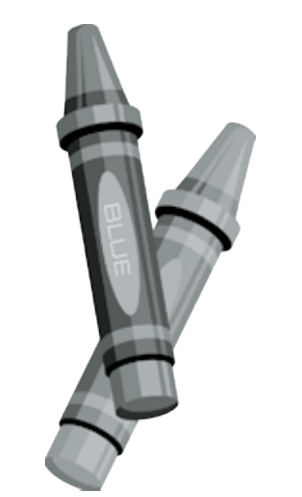
According to recent polling from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and MTV, young people say digital

"abuse" — such as taunting someone online or threatening them — remains prevalent.

Young people also report that they aren't very offended by the slurs and mean-spirited videos they see on social networking sites that target minorities and overweight people.

But the recent polling also suggests that teens and young adults are less comfortable with the idea of circulating offensive posts and view digital abuse as a growing problem that society should address.

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# PET TALK

## A Bed for Fluffy and Fido

Just as we desire to curl up in bed after a long day at work, our pets enjoy a comfortable place to rest from an afternoon of guarding the house or chasing squirrels in the backyard. With so many types of elaborate bedding to choose from, selecting the right one for Fluffy and Fido can be a bit daunting. Here are some tips to make the bedding hunt a little easier.

The best bedding for your dog or cat is one tailored to their specific needs and preferences. First, observe how they prefer to sleep. Does Fido like to sprawl out on the floor, cuddle on the couch or rest on a big pillow? This can give you a good idea of what exactly they would enjoy in their own bedding. Next, factor in their age, size, and any specific health requirements they might have.

"Puppies and kittens cannot regulate their body temperature, so for them, additional heat support to roughly a temperature of 90 degrees Fahrenheit is necessary for the first couple weeks of life," said Dr. Medora Pashmakova, a Clinical Assistant Professor in Emergency and Critical Care at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. "If newborns are wet or placed next to cold objects (such as metal cages or concrete floors), in drafts, or in outdoor enclosures, they can lose considerable amounts of heat." Because of this, all puppies and kittens should be kept indoors where the temperature can be controlled and they have access to additional heat if needed.

If your pet has an allergy to a particular material, by all means try to avoid it. "Beddings these days are made of many different materials: cotton, polyester, wool — so find what's right for your pet and what allows for easy cleaning," said Dr. Pashmakova. "Dogs and cats can have sensitive skin and airways, so using perfume and dye-free detergents can keep irritation to a minimum."

It is also recommended that if your pet has had or currently has a flea infestation, paying special attention to bedding and its appropriate care, such as bleaching or just replacing altogether, is important to prevent future infestations.

When selecting the perfect bed, you should also consider any medical conditions, such as arthritis, that your pet has. "Many manufacturers now make heated beds, which is particularly useful for older dogs and cats that have orthopedic diseases," Pashmakova said. "Keeping their joints warm and on soft padding will make them a lot more comfortable in the winter months."

Alternatively, a simple plush bed with soft sides is usually more than adequate for the remainder of the year.

To help prevent your dog or cat from the catching diseases, washing Fluffy's bed on a regular basis is recommended to keep the bed and surrounding environment clean and germ free. "The most important aspect of bedding is your ability to keep it clean and dry, which will help to keep your pet free of disease and more comfortable," said Dr. Pashmakova.

With the weather becoming colder and the nights becoming longer, out wandering the streets is no place for a cat or dog. If you decide to take in a stray animal for a night, there are ways to make them as comfortable as possible without exerting too much effort.

"You don't need to go out and find anything special, sometimes a cardboard box lined with towels can be perfectly comfortable," said Dr. Pashmakova. "Both can be thrown away once the pet is no longer in your possession to prevent the transmission of disease or parasites that may have been on the homeless pet."

Pashmakova explains that the space for the animal doesn't need to be very large, just enough to provide them with enough room to sit, lie down, and turn around comfortably.

If Fido is an outdoor-only dog, his bed requirements might be a bit more particular. "Outdoor bedding should include a shelter and non-porous bed that can be easily cleaned," said Dr. Pashmakova.

"Warm and dry bedding should be provided in the winter, and cool shade and plenty of water in the summer."

However, your pet really should not be left outside without shelter in extreme weather conditions. If in doubt, always bring your pet inside.

"A good rule of thumb is, 'If it's uncomfortable for you, it's probably even more uncomfortable for your dog or cat,'" said Dr. Pashmakova.

Taking these tips into consideration will undoubtedly help you find the perfect snoozing spot for Fido and Fluffy. Whether it's a plush, heated bed or simply a cardboard box lined with old blankets, just remember that they don't require elaborate, expensive furnishings to be happy; all they really need is you.

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# School News



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Tucker Post named  
Mattie J. Grumbles from  
Sands Middle School as  
the 2013 1st place winner  
in the Patriots Pen  
Essay Contest. Mattie's  
Entry now goes on to  
compete at the District  
level. Pictured is Post  
Commander Steven  
Lucas, Mattie and her  
mother.

## Big Spring ISD pride corner

Big Spring ISD is proud to be part of a community that supports the school and their academics, athletics, and other extra-curricular activities.

The support shown to both our volleyball and football teams the past several months has been an integral part of the success of those teams.

Basketball season is in full swing with many games and tournaments going on at both the junior high and high school level. There are just some of the upcoming activities that BSISD invites you to be a part of:

- Saturday and Sunday BSBS Choir has a large number of students participating in the Living Christmas Tree presented by First United Methodist Church
- Sunday BSBS Pride Drive Band will host their annual

Christmas Concert in the High School Auditorium.

- Tuesday the 6th Grade Junior High Choir Concert will be held in the BSJHS gym

- Through Friday, Dec. 13, BSBS Student Council is sponsoring a canned food drive for our local food bank

- Dec. 16 Washington 5th Grade Christmas Musical

- Dec. 17 BSJHS band will have their Christmas Concert at 6:00 in the junior high gym

- Dec. 17 BSJHS Choir will have their annual Christmas Concert at the high school auditorium at 7:00

- Dec. 17 Moss Elementary First Grade will present "A Season of

Bells" at 6 p.m.

Big Spring ISD encourages you to be a part of these wonderful programs and support our students. There are still opportunities for you to volunteer of your time in classrooms. Please contact your neighborhood campus or the Administration Offices.

*Melissa Miller is an educational diagnostician at Big Spring High School.*



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## Sudoku Answer on Page 12

# 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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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Partnership Defense

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North-South vulnerable.  
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♦ K J 5 2  
♥ 6  
♦ A K Q 9 7 4  
♣ K 9

WEST EAST  
♦ Q 9 7 6 4 ♠ 10  
♥ 8 3 ♠ Q 10 5 2  
♦ 10 6 ♦ J 8 5 2  
♣ Q J 10 2 ♣ A 8 7 3

SOUTH  
♦ A 8 3  
♥ A K J 9 7 4  
♦ 3  
♣ 6 5 4

The bidding:  
1♥ South West North East  
1♥ Pass 2♦ Pass  
2♥ Pass 3NT Pass  
4♥

Opening lead — queen of clubs.  
Bridge is essentially a partnership game in which each side employs special agreements to impart specific information about their hands. These agreements, also known as conventions, are absolutely essential to achieving good results. Without conventions, bridge would be largely a guessing game.

Consider this case, which features partnership defense. West leads the club queen against four hearts, East taking dummy's king with the ace. West wins East's three-of-clubs

return with the ten, and the question is what West should do next.

Only two tricks have been played, but West knows a great deal about declarer's hand. Judging from the bidding, South must have at least six hearts and must also have the ace of spades for his opening bid. So from West's viewpoint, the only hope of defeating the contract is that East can somehow score two trump tricks.

In order to protect whatever East's trump holding might be, West should continue with the jack of clubs at trick three, forcing dummy to ruff. How does West know that South has another club? He knows because East, in accordance with convention, returned the three of clubs, his original fourth-best club. Since West has the deuce of clubs, East cannot have five clubs, so West knows declarer started with exactly three clubs.

After ruffing the third club in dummy, South can do no better than lead a spade to his ace and play the A-K of trumps, hoping the ten or queen will fall. When neither of them appears, South leads another trump, hoping the ten and queen will fall together. When they don't, the contract is down one.

Observe that if West does not return a club at trick three, declarer can make the contract by leading a trump from dummy and finessing the jack.



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# No. 11 Hawks top Midland, Lady Hawks' rally falls short

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**  
Sports Editor

**Howard College Men**  
MIDLAND — Howard College Freshman Travis Charles tied Midland College's Daniel Hernandez with a game-high 20 points, but HC Head Coach Scott Raines described the 87-78 Western Junior College Athletic Conference opening win over the Chaparrals as a team effort, with no superstar among his scrappy squad.

"I was pleased with how many guys made big plays throughout the game," Raines said. "I think we've found our identity. We've got mean, tough, hard-nosed guys. I think we got it back last week with the home win against Ranger and our wins out in Roswell. We have 10 or 12 guys who fit together to make a really good team."

The No. 11 Hawks pulled away from Midland (6-4) early, jumping out to a 22-9 lead before the Chaps fought back

and cut HC's lead to eight at the half. With nine minutes remaining in the game, MC pulled within two. A 12-2 run by Hawks powered them past its conference rival.

Return starter David Joseph put up 13 points, Eric Weary Jr. and Torrian Epps each added 12 and Jalin Barnes registered 10.

With three weeks before the Hawks (11-1) return to action in a nonconference meeting with South Mountain Community College, the first of three games while in Phoenix, Ariz.

"We're excited to be where we are going into Christmas break," Raines added.

**STATS:** T. Charles, 20; D. Joseph, 13; E. Weary, 12; T. Epps, 12; J. Barnes, 10; Darius Johnson, 8; Kieth Broome, 6; Demeco Blue, 6; Lis Shoshi, 2.

**Howard College Women**  
MIDLAND — After a lackluster first

half, Howard College fought its way back to a 55-54 lead with under minutes left in the game. But six straight free throws by the Lady Chaparrals (10-5) put the game out of reach for the Lady Hawks (7-4), despite a great second half comeback.

It may have been a tough way to lose the WJCAC conference opener, but HC Head Coach Earl Diddle believes his team showed heart to rally back against the No. 22 Lady Chaps, who led by as many as 15 at one point.

"I was really proud of the way we fought back," Diddle said. "They did a great job defensively. I think there was eight or 10 minutes where (MC) didn't score. We just attacked them in the second half. We converted some post shots, which was a change. If we had some plays down the wire, thing may have turned out differently, but they made six free throws. Which is a hard way to lose, because you can't really defend against that."

The Lady Hawks have shown a lot

of tenacity, which Diddle views as a good foundation to build upon as the season unfolds.

"I think this is a team that is going to get better throughout the year," Diddle added. "We have to work on execution. Execution on offense and execution on defense. We need to know what to do. We need to know how to read the different offenses and we need to block out better. Winning is the end product of a lot of different things."

Howard will resume action Dec. 31 in Phoenix for a three-game road stint.

**STATS:** Bailey Wipff, 15; Jade Jones, 12; Sarah Stinnett, 10; Brian Kentwell, 6; Briana Casa, 4; Gabby Gonzales, 3; Erisha Talley, 2; Jericka Smith, 2; LaTanya McMarion, 1.

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Left: Howard College's Eric Weary Jr. takes a jump shot during Wednesday's 87-78 conference opening win over Midland College. The Hawks are ranked No. 11 in the nation. Right: Bailey Wipff goes for a layup during Wednesday's 60-55 road loss to No. 22 Midland College. Wipff had 15 points in the game.

HERALD photos/Tony Claxton

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## Nowitzki carries Mavericks past Pelicans 100-97

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki was not happy with his play or Dallas' defense for most of Wednesday night. He still found a way to end the New Orleans Pelicans' three-game winning streak.

Nowitzki scored 11 of his 21 points in the fourth quarter and had the last of his season-

high four blocked shots on a crucial possession in the final minute as the Mavericks beat the Pelicans 100-97 at the start of a four-game road trip.

Nowitzki gave Dallas the lead with a free throw to make the score 98-97 with 32.3 seconds left. He then got a piece of Eric Gordon's driving floater, grabbed the rebound

and hit two more free throws with 8 seconds left.

"It could have gone either way," Nowitzki said. "Finally, we were on the other end one time in execution and getting some stops and getting some big rebounds. It was definitely a good one to get against a very good team."

Nowitzki ran off a long list

of negatives that could have cost the Mavericks the game. The Pelicans outrebounded them 58-38. He felt he forced some bad shots in the first half when he was double-teamed, connecting on only 2 of 7 instead of finding the open man. He even missed two free throws after hitting an NBA-best 86 of 91 before

Wednesday.

The Mavericks also messed up their final defensive possession, giving New Orleans forward Ryan Anderson a wide-open look to tie the score. Anderson, who entered as the NBA's second-most-accurate 3-point shooter

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## WAREHOUSE MANAGER

Helena Chemical Company, a national agricultural-chemical company, has an immediate opening for a Warehouse Manager in our Big Spring office. This position requires a high school diploma, two years warehouse experience helpful but not necessary, supervisory and agricultural experience preferred. Responsibilities include warehouse operational procedures, inspecting physical condition of warehouse, equipment, and vehicles, maintenance of inventory and ensure all drivers conform to D.O.T. regulations. We offer an excellent working environment and outstanding compensation and benefits package.

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## Legals

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT IN A NON PRODUCTIVE FORMATIONS**

Cato Operating, Inc., P.O. Box 397, Coahoma, Texas 79511 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a **COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT** to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into porous formations not productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the **Glorieta** and **San Andres** Formations, Hughes SWD Lease, Well No. 1. The proposed injection well is located 1.4 miles in a Southwest direction from Knott, Texas in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Howard County, Texas. Fluid waste will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3,373 to 4,800 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the **Texas Natural Resources Code**, as amended, and the **Statewide Rules** of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792). #8086 December 5, 2013

## Legals

**City of Big Spring Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals**

The City of Big Spring Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals will hold a meeting on Thursday, December 19, 2013 at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. 4th Street Big Spring, Texas to consider the following:  
**Mike R. Bond,** LT 3 BK 21 of College Park Addition, Located at 1014 Baylor, is requesting a variance for a front yard carport.  
**Eddie Mann,** LT 8 BK 3 of Anderson Addition, Located at 614 Holbert, is requesting a variance for a side yard carport.  
**James Phelps,** LT 3 BK 1 of Anderson Addition, Located at 1419 E. 6th, is requesting a variance for a front yard carport.  
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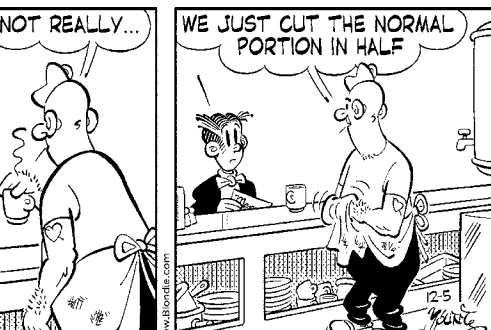
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Dec. 5, the 339th day of 2013. There are 26 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 5, 1933, national Prohibition came to an end as Utah became the 36th state to ratify the 21st Amendment to the Constitution, repealing the 18th Amendment.

On this date:

In 1776, the first scholastic fraternity in America, Phi Beta Kappa, was organized at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

In 1782, the eighth president of the United States, Martin Van Buren, was born in Kinderhook, N.Y.; he was the first chief executive to be born after American independence.

In 1791, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart died in Vienna, Austria, at age 35.

In 1792, George Washington was re-elected president; John Adams was re-elected vice president.

In 1831, former President John Quincy Adams took his seat as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1848, President James K. Polk triggered the Gold Rush of '49 by confirming that gold had been discovered in California.

In 1932, German physicist Albert Einstein was granted a visa, making it possible for him to travel to the United States.

In 1955, the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations merged to form the AFL-CIO under its first president, George Meany.

In 1979, feminist Sonia Johnson was formally excommunicated by the Mormon Church because of her outspoken support for the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution.

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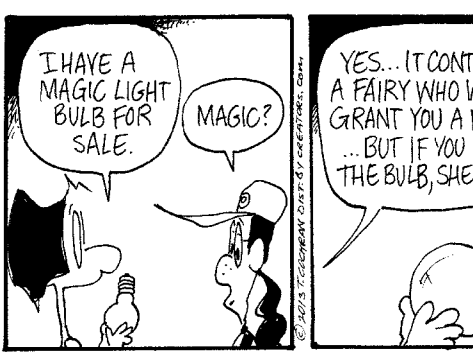
"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." — Walt Disney (born this date in 1901, died 1966).

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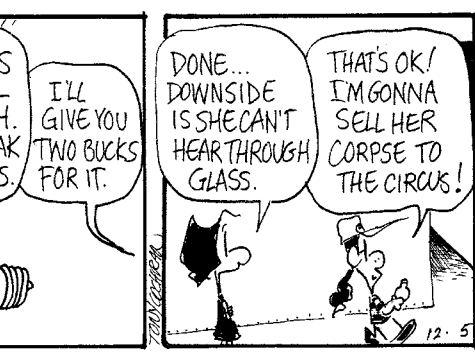
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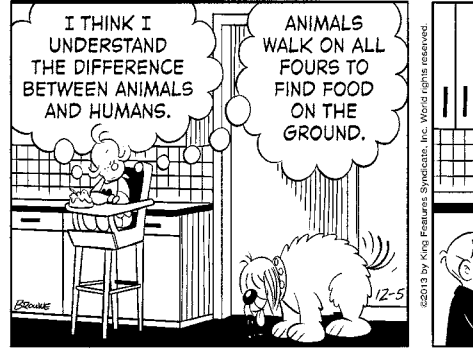
Newsday Crossword

FICTIONAL FLIERS by Carolyn Stewart

- ACROSS
- 1 FedEx alternative
  - 5 Unruly bunch
  - 8 Friars Club functions
  - 14 \_\_ moss
  - 15 Barnyard mama
  - 16 Beyond belief
  - 17 Person held for questioning
  - 19 Fine point
  - 20 To Kill a Mockingbird lawyer
  - 22 Over yonder
  - 23 Driver's prop
  - 24 "See ya!"
  - 27 Always, in verse
  - 28 With 3 Down, rhythm of the rain
  - 32 Hunted beast
  - 33 One-dimensional
  - 34 Plain writing
  - 35 Pirates of the Caribbean hero
  - 37 Hue and cry
  - 39 Prime-time category
  - 40 Congressional aide
  - 41 Study more closely
  - 42 Prefix for chemistry
  - 45 "Six-pack" muscles
  - 46 Prefix like atm-
  - 47 Knock over
  - 49 "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" schoolteacher
  - 53 Lady of Spain
  - 56 Bar orders

- DOWN
- 1 Software revision
  - 2 Feel fury
  - 3 See 28 Across
  - 4 Way up or down
  - 5 List of alternatives
  - 6 Has debts due
  - 7 Complaint
  - 8 Hallway rug
  - 9 Keeping cool, as Cabernet
  - 10 Part of a foot
  - 11 Figure out
  - 12 Parlor product, for short
  - 13 Underhanded
  - 18 Chipping tool
  - 21 Echo
  - 24 Facial feature
  - 25 "Definitely!"
  - 26 Stare at
  - 29 Squid's spray
  - 30 Small mosaic tile
  - 31 Hoglike mammal
  - 32 High-school event
  - 33 Swimmer's swimmer
  - 34 Part of GNP
  - 35 Lively dances
  - 36 DVD player brand
  - 37 Health club
  - 38 Running bill
  - 41 Discuss again
  - 42 Brownie topper
  - 43 Baseball segment
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  - 46 Much land
  - 48 Cut-glass form
  - 49 Tiny amount
  - 50 German exports
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  - 52 Bit of a beverage
  - 53 Spread seeds
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  - 55 Take into custody

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# Legal fate of FSU quarterback to be answered

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Jameis Winston will learn whether he faces prosecution Thursday when a state attorney finally announces the results of an intensive investigation into sexual assault allegations against the quarterback for top-ranked Florida State.

The alleged incident occurred nearly a year ago, but it wasn't until last month that Tallahassee police turned over information about the case to prosecutors.

State Attorney Willie Meggs said Wednesday that his office has "exhausted all investigative tools" since the case was handed over in mid-November.

"We have learned as much as we can learn," said Meggs, who was expected to announce his findings at a 2 p.m. news conference in his offices in the Leon County Courthouse.

In the short time since Meggs' office took over the case, investigators have taken DNA from Winston, inter-

viewed the victim and looked at other evidence. ESPN reported that DNA found in the accuser's underwear matched Winston.

But Timothy Jansen, Winston's attorney, said he expects Meggs will exonerate his client. He has suggested that Winston had consensual sex with the accuser. The accuser's family has put out a statement saying Winston raped the woman.

"If he looked at evidence we did, we feel confident he will find that Mr.

Winston did nothing wrong," Jansen said.

Jansen is confident enough that he plans to have Winston briefly address the media about the findings at 7 p.m. at the Hotel Duval in downtown Tallahassee, Fla.

Patricia Carroll, the attorney representing the alleged victim, has not responded to requests for comment.

The case against Winston has drawn national attention. The 19-year-old has led the Seminoles to a No. 1 rank.

# NFL fines Steeler Coach Mike Tomlin 100k

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Here's another adjective Pittsburgh Steelers coach Mike Tomlin can call his ill-timed two-step onto the field last Thursday night against Baltimore.

Expensive.

The NFL fined Tomlin \$100,000 on Wednesday for interfering with Baltimore's Jacoby Jones on a kickoff return in the third quarter of a 22-20 loss to the Ravens on Thanksgiving night.

The fine is the second-highest ever levied by the league on a head coach, behind only the \$500,000 the NFL docked New England's Bill Belichick in 2007 for spying on an opponent's defensive signals.

There is also the chance the Steelers have a draft pick taken away "because the conduct affected a play on the field." Though he was not penalized, the league said the Steelers should have been flagged 15 yards for unsportsmanlike conduct.

All that from what Tomlin called an "embarrassing, inexcusable" case of being "mesmerized" while standing in a restricted area that separates the sideline from the playing field and staring at the video board during Jones' 73-yard return.

Jones had to swerve to avoid running into the coach and was tackled during a return that might have gone for a touchdown if not for the obstruction. Tomlin briefly stepped onto the field before he jumped back.

Tomlin insists the "blunder" was not intentional but has no plans to appeal the ruling.

"I apologize for causing negative attention to the Pittsburgh Steelers organization," Tomlin said in a statement Wednesday. "I accept the penalty that I received. I will no longer address this issue as I am preparing for an important game this Sunday against the Miami Dolphins."

Jones didn't blame Tomlin for his own inability to score on the return, but his teammates believe the move put the coach and the league in a difficult position.

"I'm not going to lie, it's tough," Baltimore wide

receiver Torrey Smith said. "I can't say he did it on purpose because I don't know what he was thinking. It definitely sends a message across the league. He stepped across the line, which definitely threw it off."

Tomlin said he was following his normal routine on the play and said standing on the 6-foot wide strip is common practice.

New York Giants coach Tom Coughlin didn't disagree. Coughlin drew a 15-yard flag during the pre-season for stepping onto the field during a field goal attempt.

"You find yourself sometimes running down the sideline on the white, but nevertheless, you're not even supposed to be even on the white because the officials have to have access there," Coughlin said. "That is a most difficult thing to absorb."

Tomlin's players leapt to his defense in the immediate aftermath, and safety Ryan Clark allowed he is "always on the field." The 12-year veteran, however, is hardly surprised the NFL is considering taking an extra step of stripping the Steelers of a draft pick.

"It's not supposed to be fair," Clark said. "It's Roger Goodell, so when has he been fair?"

Quarterback Ben Roethlisberger doesn't believe Tomlin's near-trip will serve as a distraction for Pittsburgh (5-7), which remains in the playoff hunt as December begins despite an 0-4 start.

"If anything, guys joke about it more," Roethlisberger said. "They're the ones pulling up the pictures online and joking with coach about something. If anything maybe it's a light-hearted fun thing."

The league will not determine whether to take a pick away from Pittsburgh until after the draft order has been set. It would be an unprecedented move for a coach getting involved during a live play.

The NFL fined the New York Jets \$100,000 in 2010 when cameras caught strength and conditioning

coach Sal Alosi tripping a Miami player on the sideline. Alosi was suspended by the Jets and eventually resigned after the season.

Tomlin is hardly in danger of losing his job, and said Tuesday he had not spoken to team owners Dan and Art Rooney II about the situation.

"I would imagine if the Rooneys thought that I was capable of that or they thought my intentions were that, I wouldn't be sitting at this table talking to you guys," he said.

Tomlin makes \$5.25 million a season and the fine constitutes less than 2 percent of his annual salary. He can absorb the relatively small financial hit. He's far more concerned about the uncomfortable position he put the league and the Steelers in after failing to get out of the way with any sense of urgency.

"I will take this as an opportunity to strenuously defend the game of football and the NFL. I won't defend myself," Tomlin said. "The people that know me, I don't need to do that. The people that don't know me, they are going to make their judgments any way."

Tomlin's predecessor, Bill Cowher, raised eyebrows but not the ire of the commissioner's office in 1997 when he feigned tackling Jacksonville's Chris Hudson as Hudson ran back a Pittsburgh field goal attempt for a touchdown on the final play of a 30-21 Jaguars victory.

While Tomlin has no plans to change the way he goes about his business, he plans to do a better job of policing himself. The 41-year-old understands this will stick with him once the furor dies down. His goal is to make sure it doesn't stain the team as well.

"The only thing we can control is our preparation and ultimately our play this week," he said. "That's the now and what's immediately ahead of us. I try to relay that sentiment and attitude to our team, and I think it's something they embrace."

## MAVS

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at 55.6 percent, missed it with 2 seconds left.

"We switched at the end and left him open," Nowitzki said. "I don't know what happened. He had a clean look from the top of the key, which he probably makes eight out of 10, so we really dodged a bullet."

Reserve Vince Carter had 15 points for Dallas and Monta Ellis added 14 points, with the other three starters scoring between 10 and 12.

Jrue Holiday had a season-high 26 points for the Pelicans, who played without injured forward Anthony Davis for the second consecutive game. Al-Farouq

Aminu tied his career high with 20 rebounds and added a season-high 16 points. Anderson finished with 18 points and 13 rebounds.

The Mavericks won with balance for three quarters and Nowitzki taking over down the stretch. No play was bigger than his block of Gordon in the lane. He had not blocked more than one shot in any game this year.

"Tell them you're a shot blocker now," Carter said jokingly as Nowitzki talked in the locker room.

"We have a lot of guys doing a lot of things to try to take the pressure off of him so he doesn't feel he has to put up big numbers every quarter," Carter added. "It

can wear him down. Now fourth quarter he can do what he does best."

The Pelicans, who outscored opponents by 25 points in the second half while going 3-0 on their recently concluded road trip, tried to pull away in the third quarter with an 8-0 run to go up 73-65 late in the quarter. But the Mavericks answered with a 10-2 spurt, getting 3-pointers from Jae Crowder and Carter.

Dallas stayed hot at the start of the fourth. Nowitzki scored on a turnaround to give the Mavericks a 79-77 lead, converted a 3-point play on a tough shot and hit a free throw after the Pelicans were called for a defensive 3-second violation as Dallas went

ahead 83-77.

That lead didn't last long. Holiday sank a 3-pointer to tie the score at 86 with 6:49 left.

Nowitzki hit a face-up midrange shot to give Dallas a 97-94 lead before Holiday sank a long 3-pointer to tie the score at 97, setting up Nowitzki's finish.

"It's not very often you win on the road getting pounded on the glass by 20 boards," Nowitzki said. "But we'll definitely take it."

Without Davis, New Orleans could not extend its winning streak to four games for the first time since Jan. 5-11 of 2013.

In Davis' absence, Aminu was more aggressive than usual. Averaging 5.5 points

and 5.5 rebounds, he had a double-double by halftime (10 points, 11 rebounds) of his first in a full game this season. He finished the half with a soaring dunk off a nice pass from Holiday and a reverse layup around Nowitzki.

"I always grade myself off wins and losses," Aminu said. "It really doesn't matter what I do. It's a disappointing night."

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