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Delores Albert sits inside a small shed stationed outside the Big Spring post office. For the past 15 years, Albert has been a bell-ringer for the Salvation Army's annual Christmas Kettle campaign.

As long as the Lord wants, Delores will keep adapting

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Much like the employees of the post office Delores Albert sits adjacent to, neither rain nor sleet — nor complaints — have kept her from her appointed rounds.

For the past 15 years, Albert and her Salvation Army Christmas kettle have been holiday fixtures at the Big

Spring post office. She has made a few concessions to age over the years, but her presence has been a December constant.

Her efforts as a Salvation Army bell ringer have not gone unnoticed. This Friday, the agency will serve free hot chocolate and coffee in honor of Albert at her station outside the post office, located at

501 S. Main St.

Now, about those complaints ...

For many years, Albert and her kettle were stationed inside the post office. Complaints about the religious nature of her work, however, forced officials to request her to move outside.

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Nativity to proclaim reason for the season

Herald Staff Report

The story of Christ's life, from birth to ascension will be presented for the 28th holiday season beginning Friday at First Church of the Nazarene.

"This is one of the most unique and captivating presentations anywhere of the

Christmas story," said Pastor Calvary Callender. "We cordially invite everyone to this wonderful 28th Annual Drive-Through Nativity. We are sure it will warm your heart and bring you back to the reality of the true meaning of Christmas."

More than 100 individuals — and a few live animals —

make up the cast of the Drive-Through Nativity, which is held from 6:30 p.m. through 9:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Those who attend need never get out of their vehicle to view the spectacle — though walkers are welcome. Motorists drive along a lighted trail past various scenes that tell the story of the life of Christ while listening to a professionally produced cassette tape or compact disc, played

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Krabill to take reins at SMMC

Special to the Herald

Scenic Mountain Medical Center has appointed Emma Krabill chief executive officer, effective immediately.

Krabill has been serving as interim CEO since early October.

Krabill was previously chief operating officer of San Angelo Community Medical Center for the past five years, a 171-bed hospital in San Angelo, Texas, where she also served as interim CEO. She has worked in various roles over her 13-year health-care career, beginning on



Krabill

the clinical side as a licensed physical therapist assistant and quickly progressing into leadership positions of increasing responsibility.

"Over the past two months, I've had the privilege of getting to know the talented physicians and employees at Scenic Mountain Medical Center who provide quality, compassionate care every day," Krabill said. "I look forward to continuing to support their work that makes our hospital an important resource for the Big Spring community."

At San Angelo Community Medical Center, Krabill was responsible for overseeing

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Help underprivileged kids through Hometown Christmas

Herald Staff Report

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

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

If you would like to donate funds, toys or clothes, bring them to Wells Fargo Bank during regular business hours. The bank is located at Fourth and Main downtown.

For more information, contact Beverly Johnson at 264-8373,

BSHS THEATRE PRESENTS

A Christmas Carol
A RADIO PLAY

Unique production of 'A Christmas Carol' presented at BSHS tonight

BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A public showing of "A Christmas Carol," performed by Big Spring High School theater students is set to take the stage tonight.

This version of the Charles

Dickens classic novel is adapted by Philip Grecian for radio format and has no sets costumes or scenery. The actors will have to rely on their vocal skills to relay the imagery and action of the scene,

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Charles W. Lusk



Charles W. Lusk, 90, of Big Spring, died Monday, Dec. 8, 2014, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. His body was donated to Texas Tech Medical School and his services will be held at a later date.

He was born July 10, 1924, in Arlington, Texas to Ava (Moore) and William Lusk. He grew up in Midlothian, Texas and graduated from Midlothian High School in 1941. He entered the United States Navy and was a Sea Bee in the Pacific in Guam and Okinawa. He also served in Alaska. He worked for Texas Electric for 37 years. He was a member of Alive in Christ Lutheran Church. He was a Gideon, active in the Stephen Ministries and Prison Ministries and was a member of the Optimist Club.

Carla Sabrina CuvIELLO



Carla Sabrina CuvIELLO, 46, of Big Spring, Texas, passed away Thursday, Dec. 4, 2014, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene, Texas.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, Dec. 12, 2014, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born June 13, 1968, in Big Spring, Texas, the daughter of Constance Howard and Freddie Williams.

She obtained her cosmetology license from Aladdin Beauty College shortly after graduating high school. She then married Michael CuvIELLO III in

He is survived by one daughter, Jane Lusk of Big Spring; three grandchildren, Amy Pollock of Big Spring, and Paul Lusk, Matthew Lusk and wife Chelsea, all of Richmond, Va.; four great-grandchildren, Joshua Pollock and Maggie Pollock, both of Big Spring, and Logan Lusk and Evelyn Lusk, both of Richmond, Va.; one sister, Virginia Nelson and husband Robert of Midlothian; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, John Charles Lusk of Montpelier, Va. on Sept. 24, 2014; and two brothers, James Truett Lusk and Billy Eugene Lusk.

Memorials may be sent to Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, P.O. Box 133, Big Spring, TX 79721-0133.

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

Paid obituary

1989 in Elizabeth City, N.C. She worked as a dietitian at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for many years until her health declined. She was member of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church.

She is survived by her mother, Constance Howard of Big Spring, Texas; her father, Freddie Williams of Big Spring, Texas; her children, Michael CuvIELLO IV and Chanel CuvIELLO, both of Big Spring, Texas; two siblings, Fulani Williams and Freddie Williams Jr., both of Big Spring, Texas; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, uncles, aunts, and friends.

She is preceded in death by her sister, Cassandra Howard; her grandmother, Eldora King; her great-grandmother, Inez Benjamin; her grandfather, Leroy McGruder; and multiple aunts, uncles, and cousins.

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

Wynfred Hocker



Wynfred Hocker, 60, of Big Spring, died Monday, Dec. 8, 2014, at his residence. He will lie in state at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Friday, Dec. 12, 2014, from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. A gathering will be from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born June 20, 1954, to Jerene and Harvey Hocker in Ballinger, Texas. He had been a lifetime resident of Big Spring.

He was a graduate of Forsan High School. He was a landscaper and also raised cattle. He was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

He is survived by his parents, Jerene and Harvey Hocker of Big Spring; and two brothers, Harvey Lynn Hocker and wife Jerri of Big Spring and Kevin Lee Hocker and Cindy Fargo of Illinois City, Ill.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Lucia Pickett

Lucia Pickett, 94, of Denton, Texas, formerly of Stanton, died Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2014, in a Denton hospital. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014, at the First United Methodist Church in Stanton. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, 2014, at Gilbreath Funeral Home.

She was born Sept. 23, 1920, in Reagan, Texas and married Roy Pickett Nov. 15, 1942, in El Paso, Texas. He preceded her in death Sept. 8, 1991.

Lucia graduated from Texas State Women's University, now TWU, in 1941 and moved to Stanton in 1952. She worked as a legal secretary for her husband and also for West Texas Abstract until she was 87 years old. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and a member of First United Methodist Church, Stanton and was the church pianist and organist for 50 years.

She is survived by three daughters, Elizabeth Williams of Big Spring, Cindy Quy and husband, Rick of Spicewood and Kathryn Barber and husband, Glenn of Pilot Point; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a niece.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, William George and Pauline Kirpatrick Robbins; two sisters, Edwina Evans and Anna Paul Miller; and her son-in-law, Don Williams.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.npwelch.com

Ramon Rivera



Ramon Rivera, 88, of Tarzan, died Monday, Dec. 9, 2014, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 12, 2014, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Deacon Johnny Arguello officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born April 30, 1926, in Mexico to Paula and Jose Rivera. He had been a resident of Martin

County since 1952. He was a retired cotton ginner and had worked for the Tarzan Co-Op Gin. He was a Catholic.

He is survived by one son Edmund Rivera and wife Paula of Tarzan; daughters, Emma Nieman and husband Marc of Tennessee, Adella Rivera of Big Spring, Patrisia Rivera of Big Spring, Irene Larson and husband Mark of Oregon, Isabel Rivera of Oklahoma, Barbara Rivera and husband Wade of Big Spring and Ana Watson and husband J.W. of Waco; 21 grandchildren; and 42 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Martha Anderson Peugh

Martha Anderson Peugh, 76, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2014 at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

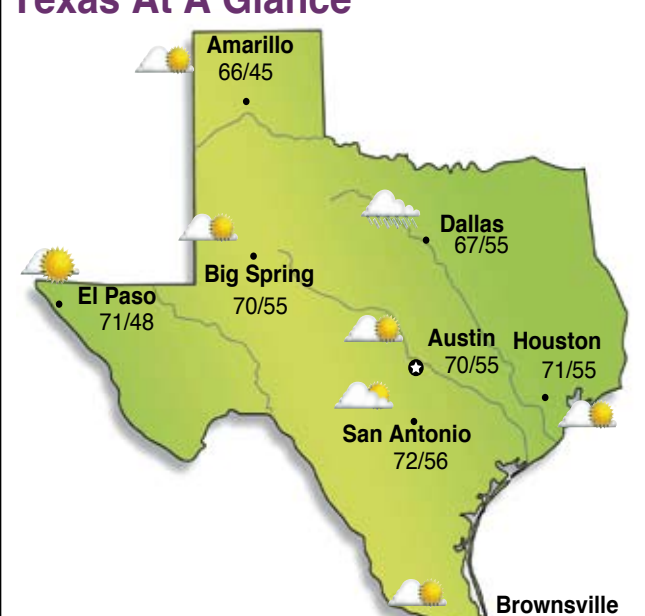
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 12/12	Sat 12/13	Sun 12/14	Mon 12/15	Tue 12/16
70/55 Cloudy early, becoming mostly sunny in the afternoon. High near 70F.	72/56 Clouds giving way to sun. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 50s.	65/42 Windy with morning thunderstorms.	60/35 Sunshine. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	56/37 Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 30s.
Sunrise: 7:38 AM Sunset: 5:42 PM	Sunrise: 7:38 AM Sunset: 5:42 PM	Sunrise: 7:39 AM Sunset: 5:42 PM	Sunrise: 7:39 AM Sunset: 5:43 PM	Sunrise: 7:40 AM Sunset: 5:43 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	70	56	pt sunny	Kingsville	74	60	pt sunny
Amarillo	66	45	pt sunny	Livingston	69	49	pt sunny
Austin	70	55	pt sunny	Longview	61	50	rain
Beaumont	70	48	pt sunny	Lubbock	66	48	pt sunny
Brownsville	75	62	pt sunny	Lufkin	69	50	rain
Brownwood	71	54	pt sunny	Midland	71	54	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	74	61	pt sunny	Raymondville	75	61	pt sunny
Corsicana	66	52	rain	Rosenberg	73	53	pt sunny
Dallas	67	55	rain	San Antonio	72	56	cloudy
Del Rio	72	59	pt sunny	San Marcos	73	55	cloudy
El Paso	71	48	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	60	51	rain
Fort Stockton	74	51	sunny	Sweetwater	67	56	pt sunny
Gainesville	63	52	rain	Tyler	63	52	rain
Greenville	61	51	rain	Weatherford	69	55	rain
Houston	71	55	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	66	54	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	58	32	sunny	Minneapolis	38	33	pt sunny
Boston	40	29	pt sunny	New York	38	31	mst sunny
Chicago	39	31	pt sunny	Phoenix	73	53	pt sunny
Dallas	67	55	rain	San Francisco	62	51	rain
Denver	59	36	sunny	Seattle	57	48	rain
Houston	71	55	pt sunny	St. Louis	47	36	pt sunny
Los Angeles	64	56	cloudy	Washington, DC	45	33	pt sunny
Miami	71	56	mst sunny				

Moon Phases



Police/Sheriff

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

- WILLIAM OWEN FOGLE, 20, of 5519 Wendover Ct., Fulshear, Texas, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- BENJAMIN EDWARD MOORE II, 34, of 1729 fails, Blytheville, Ark., was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.
- RICARDO CONTRERAS GOMEZ, 51, of 1510 Sunset, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for fail to appear – two counts, open container in a motor vehicle – driver, driving while license invalid and a warrant from another agency.
- ZZACKRAY ALLEN OLYER-RHODES, 21, of 1604 Benton, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for dog or cat running at large.
- MICHAEL BRIAN BRYANT, 38, of 206 Circle Ave., was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for theft less than \$50, fail to appear – two counts, no drivers license when unlicensed, safety belt rode without being secured and a warrant from another agency.
- CARLOS RENE GARCIA, 36, of 600 S. Bell, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for driving while license invalid, fail to appear – two counts and speeding.
- HARASSMENT was reported at the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported at the 1500 block of Vines.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at the 1400 block of Stadium.
- ASSAULT was reported at the 1500 block of Lincoln Ave.
- MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of 3rd St. and Owens.
- THEFT was reported at the 1000 block of S. Gregg and the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported at the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

The Howard County Sheriffs Office reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. today:

- Note: Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 62 at the time of this report.
- AMERICO DELARIVA PINON was booked by HCSO on a warrant for theft by check.
- RICHARDO GOMEZ was booked by BSPD on a warrant for failure to appear, driving while license invalid, open container in vehicle driver, failure to appear and bailman off bond.
- ZZACKRAY ALLEN RHODES was booked by BSPD on a warrant for dog or cat running at large.
- MICHAEL BRYANT was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft less than \$50, failure to appear, capias no drivers license; capias warrants for no drivers license, rider nor secured by safety belt – passenger and forgery.
- JOSHUA MICHAEL WALKER was booked by Glasscock County on a charge of evading arrest with a vehicle or water craft.
- CARLOS RENE GARCIA was booked by BSPD on a warrant for driving while license invalid.
- GINGER SUE MELTON was booked by HCSO on charges of public intoxication and criminal trespass of habitation/shelter/suprfund/infrastructure.
- OLIVAS, JOSHUA LYNN was booked by HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.
- FORREST HUNTER MCJUNKIN was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of inhalant paraphernalia.

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► Take Note

• Santa Claus will be making a visit to the Spring Creek Plaza to spend time exclusively with area children with special needs. On Dec. 16, at 9 p.m., the mall will close and the children and their families who have registered for the free event will enjoy a visit with Santa. Parents must register their child by 3 p.m. Dec. 16. For more information call the church office

at 714-4584 or Jim Billings at 270-3049 or register at any mall merchant. Refreshments will be served and there is no age limit.

• In the spirit of Christmas and as a service project, Boy Scouts Pack 305 will be helping senior citizens load packages into their cars Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Wal-Mart parking lot.

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

• A hungry child cannot learn. Food2Kids - Big Spring was created to provide nutrition for hundreds of children who do not get a substantial meal on the weekends. F2K began last November

and this volunteer program now serves more than 300 children weekly. Once the need has been identified, F2K fills a sack of food to send home each Friday during the school year. You can help. Volunteers are needed and donations can be sent to Food2Kids - Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big Spring 79721. Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Food2Kids

• Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual toy drive through Dec. 12. The chamber is accepting new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls ages 2-18 at 215 W. Third. The toys collected will assist CASA, Cossacks Motorcycle Club Permian Basin Chapter, the Salvation Army and Spring Tabernacle. For more information, call 432-263-7641.

► Support Groups

MONDAY
• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

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

TUESDAY
• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
• "A Journey to a New Normal," a grief support network, meets from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 602 S. Main. For information, call 263-5999.

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

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

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

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

classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

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

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

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

FRIDAY
• 7p.m. — The Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza

(inside the mall, across from the movie box office, next to Sears).

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

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

KRABILL

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the development and growth of several service lines, including the expansion of the hospital's cath lab, opening and accreditation of a sleep lab and supporting the recruitment of physicians to the area.

"On behalf of the board, I congratulate Emma on her official appointment to CEO," said Dr. Cheryl Sparks, chairman, Scenic Mountain Medical Center Board of

Trustees and president of Howard College. "She has the expertise and experience that make her the right candidate to lead our hospital."

Previously, Krabill worked at Abilene Regional Medical Center eight years, first as director of the Wound Care Center and later as administrative specialist. She graduated with honors from Hardin Simmons University in Abilene and holds an MBA from Phoenix University.

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said director Chelsea Prettyman. Sound effects will be used to enhance the drama. A public performance will be held at 7 p.m. at

the high school auditorium, 707 E. 11th Place. There is no admission fee. On Friday, the cast and crew will take the play on the road, performing at the school district's elementary schools and a local nursing home.

Cast and crew for the

play are: Ryan Armstrong, Nancy Galvan, Tylar Hale, Dakota Jones, Taylor Jones, Amber Monks, Michelle Phipps, Micaiah Rodgers, Rikki Salgado, Corbin Stevens, Joey Valle, Abby Wentz and Matthew Wood. Linda Lindell will provide pia-

no accompaniment.

"A Christmas Carol" was first published in novella form in the 1800s and has since been retold numerous times in several formats from film and stage productions to TV adaptations. The story follows the main char-

acter Ebenezer Scrooge, a bitter man and miser, through the night on Christmas Eve. Scrooge is visited by three supernatural beings — the ghost of Christmas past, the ghost of Christmas present and the ghost of Christmas yet to come to teach him the true

meaning of Christmas.

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

BELLS

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"(Postal employees) have always been so good about me," she said. "but then they had a complaint and I had to move outside. The next year, they let me back inside and I stayed there for about three years until they received more complaints and I had to move back outside."

Not only did she have

to leave the building, she had to leave federal property altogether.

"I feel so sorry for the postmaster; he's a good man," Albert said. "Every time he had to talk to me about a complaint, he'd come walking up to me with his head hung down."

Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray determined where the post office's federal property ended and city property began and it was there, just past the demarca-

tion line, that Albert once again set up shop.

Other friends helped out.

"It can get cold out there and this year, one of our donors provided a small shed and a heater in an effort to make Delores more comfortable as she rings the bell and wishes passers-by a merry Christmas," Salvation Army Capt. Jeremiah Romack said.

"We've worked with the city and the fire marshal who have approved a location for the shed and we encourage everyone to come by and pay Delores a visit."

For her part, Albert plans to continue her bell-ringing duties as long as she's physically able.

"As long as God keeps me healthy, I'll keep doing it," she said. "He

seems to want me to keep doing it, because I usually don't get sick until after it's all over."

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

NATIVITY

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in their car stereo.

The event is free to the public. As always, there is an opportunity to make financial contributions at the exit. Donations enable the church to continue to make the Drive-Through Nativity a part of the Big Spring family's Christmas tradition.

First Church of the Nazarene is located at

1400 Lancaster. The entrance to the nativity is best approached from the west on Martin Luther King Boulevard, then turn south onto Lancaster.

For further information, call 432-267-7015.

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ANSWERS

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O most Beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother.

O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in the necessity. There are none that can withstand your power.

O show me you are my Mother, O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you. (3 times)

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands. (3 times)

Said 3 consecutive days; after 3 days request will be granted.

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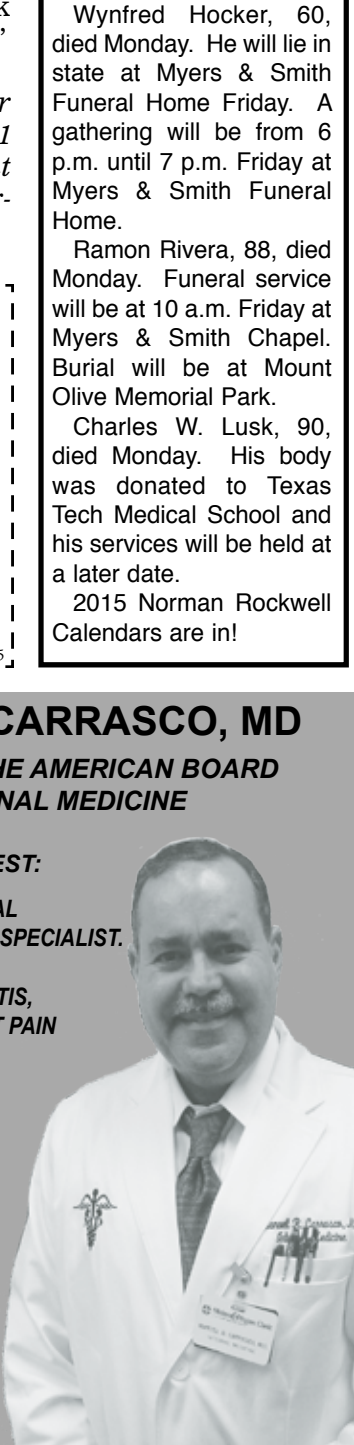
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Conserves need to regain control

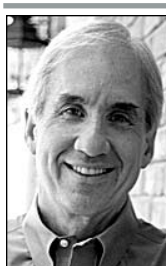
I am concerned that certain Republicans just can't take yes for an answer. To borrow an old adage, they can't handle prosperity — with prosperity being defined as the voters rejecting Obama's agenda (and thereby embracing theirs).

This is partly because of the fact that many grass-roots conservatives mistakenly believe that their only obstacle to moving a conservative agenda forward in Washington is the so-called Republican establishment — GOP centrist politicians and their institutional supporters. But I believe it's more than that.

It's not just these GOP congressmen, the party organizations, the party fundraising groups and right-leaning pollsters, few and far between as they are, that stand in the way of a mainstream conservative agenda. It's also a great segment of influential Beltway conservative pundits and commentators. And it's a substantial percentage of Republican voters, some of whose loyalty is stronger to the party than to conservative policy, and others who are just dazzled and deceived by the moderate punditry and the seductive wooing of Republican incumbents who sidle up to constituents during campaign season and pretend to be far more conservative than they are.

That is, Reagan conservatives mustn't believe our battle is only with great swaths of the Republican ruling class and its enablers, as formidable as they are. There are also plenty of Republican voters who consider themselves more moderate than grass-roots conservatives and who believe that the magic formula for Republican victories is a concerted move to the middle, which, they say, is solely a matter of strategy and does not represent any disagreement they have with conservatives on policy.

But the ugly secret is that it's not just a matter of electoral pragmatism for many of them.



DAVID
LIMBAUGH

No, these people actually disagree with us on substantive policy issues; they aren't nearly so conservative as mainstream Reagan conservatives. They either believe or are sympathetic to the media hype from both sides of the aisle, for example, that Sarah Palin is a nuisance, that Sen. Ted Cruz is an extremist, that Republicans should moderate their position on immigration and that Republicans shouldn't so strongly oppose Obamacare, and the federal entitlement structure, which is sure to bankrupt this nation if we don't change it.

I am raising and emphasizing these distinctions because they are relevant to how we grass-roots conservatives proceed to advance our agenda in the future. If it were just a matter of dealing with a recalcitrant and entrenched GOP power structure, it would be one thing, but as many Republican voters agree with the establishment, we must do a better job of selling our case, which we'll never do if we assume it is unnecessary.

I am very serious in my assertion that too many self-styled Republicans, some of whom even call themselves conservative, don't believe strongly enough in conservative ideas.

It is more their failure to embrace conservative policy solutions, not their fear of polls and ultimate electoral defeat, that moves them to cave rather than vigorously oppose Obama. If they believed as fervently in conservative ideas as we do, they'd also believe in the power of those ideas to appeal to strong majorities of the American electorate if properly articulated.

Instead, because of a lack of confidence in conservative ideas and in their widespread appeal, they urge restraint in discussions over the budget, immigration and Obamacare, to name a few. While denying they oppose conservative ideas, they insist these ideas will prevail if we keep our powder dry until the next election and then the next election and the next ad infinitum. In the meantime, they play into Obama's hands by pre-announcing Republican defeat should they take Obama down to

the wire on a budget negotiation or too vehemently oppose his unilateral immigration actions. They don't dare act in any way that would involve a risk that voters would think we're too mean, too stingy, too partisan or too racist.

This has been a frustrating, debilitating and self-defeating attitude, which has guaranteed Obama's ongoing victories and has served as a green light to his policy extremism and executive lawlessness. It has also made Obama appear stronger, more popular and less extreme than he is, which significantly damages the conservative cause — and thus America.

The good news is that there are more of us than them. There are way more mainstream conservatives than moderates among Republican voters, and the majority of the overall electorate, like it or not, still remains conservative.

Our experience over the past three-plus decades demonstrates that Republicans win when they promote conservatism and oppose liberalism, not when they timidly emulate liberal demagogues and panderers. Conservatism is not extremism; it is common sense and prudence.

We Reagan conservatives, then, must not cede our influence by our silence, pessimistic resignation or apathy. We have to regain our own confidence, not merely in our ideas but in our ability to reclaim the dominant position in our own party and also in the nation itself.

We no longer have the luxury of always deferring strong action until that never-materializing next election — the one that is decisive enough to embolden the perpetually fainthearted. Obama is doing nearly irreversible damage now, and we must stop him, so let's recapture the narrative as we proceed to fight him as if he is the policy enemy we believe him to be.

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Do you vote what you drink?

Did you know that Democrats drink more than Republicans? Or that they are likelier to choose clear liquors, whereas Republicans tend toward the darker ones? That voters who skew most Republican favor Jim Beam? That those who skew most Democratic go for Seagram's gin?

I didn't. And frankly, I'd take such findings with a long lost shaker of salt. You wonder how honest anyone would be with a stranger asking about drinking and politics in the same conversation. Also, the survey obviously leaves out voters who abstain from alcohol.

No matter. If you're feeling tongue-tied among people you barely know at a holiday party, here's a subject that can serve as a safe icebreaker. It's amusing, spicy and political but not bitterly partisan.

The report is by National Media Research, Planning and Placement — a Republican consulting firm. Its conclusions are based on a survey of over 50,000 consumers. More details in a minute.

First, let's put in a kind word for the cocktail party as a traditional no-fly zone for strife, including the partisan kind. In the age of Ronald Reagan, Republican and Democratic lawmakers would end their day socializing over drinks, often creating social

bonds that facilitated cooperation later. Nowadays, each party retreats to its own bunker. For many on the hard right, especially, a Republican seen smiling within 10 feet of a Democrat might be accused of consorting with the enemy.

The cocktail party, born in the 1920s, was generally above politics — except perhaps the politics of Prohibition. It was highly unlikely — though not impossible — that those backing the ban on the sale and production of alcoholic beverages would be in attendance.

The policy disaster that was Prohibition (1920 to 1933) did advance the cause of gender equality. The cocktail party became the place where women could drink and smoke with men — something not previously done in polite society.

Under Prohibition, drinking was still permitted in one's home — and that is where much of it moved. Women felt still freer to partake behind those protected walls.

Out of this swirl emerged a new language of dress for women, as described in "Cocktail Culture: Ritual and Invention in American Fashion, 1920-1980." For women, the shorter cocktail dress became acceptable after-dark attire, with makeup and perfume adding to the intoxicating mix. Hollywood latched on to the trend, focusing on silk stockings and lacy lingerie.

Pollsters didn't call these sophisticated ladies and gentlemen and inquire into their political leanings. First off, polling back then was rather primitive, as well as less pervasive and inva-

sive. But more to the point, with Prohibition in full force, telling a pollster what you drank, depending on where, could be an admission of criminal activity.

We are clearly in a post-dress-up era. So time to end the chit-chat on how people array themselves for social drinking and drill down to what they drink and what they think, politics-wise.

Interestingly, voters with the highest turnout on both the Republican and Democratic sides tend to be wine drinkers. There may be nothing to the following observation, but high-turnout Democrats tend to patronize Washington state vineyards Columbia Crest and Chateau Ste. Michelle, whereas high-turnout Republicans go for California wines Kendall-Jackson and Robert Mondavi.

Among voters with the lowest turnout, Democrats choose Don Julio tequila, and Republicans prefer Jagermeister, syrupy and brown. National Media says this is not surprising. Wish it would elaborate.

Oddly, the beverage for high-turnout voters who skew the most Democratic is something called Smoking Loon. What the heck is Smoking Loon? Oh, it's a winery. As already noted, the author of the report is Republican.

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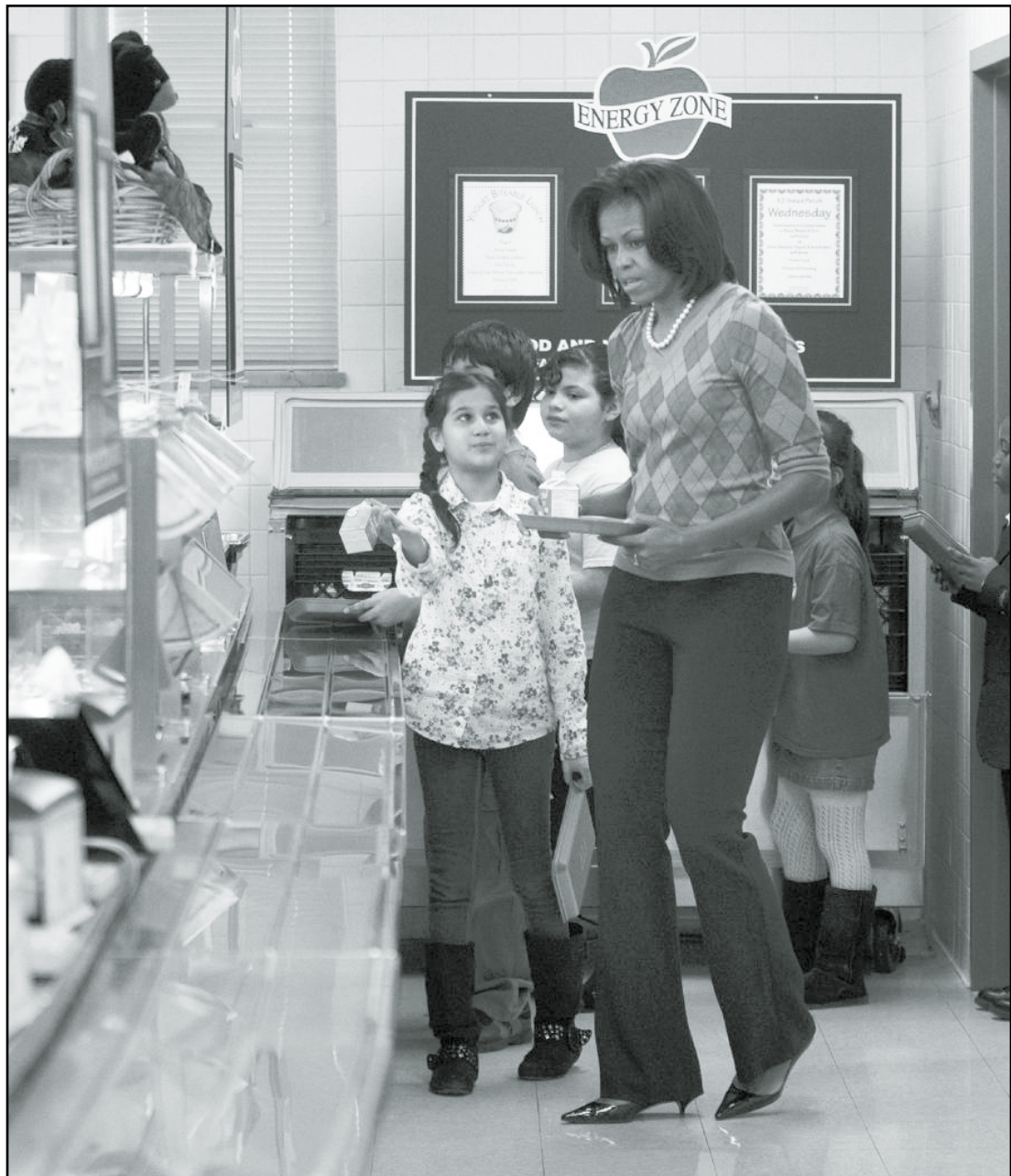
in San Marcos last weekend. The group hopes to use what they learned at the conference to get more parents involved in education across the district. Pictured from left are: Moss Assistant Principal Bert Otto, Big Spring Junior High Principal Becky Otto, Community Relations Coordinator George Bancroft, Moss Elementary secretary Jessica Diaz, parent Paul Diaz, and parent Manuel Castillo.

The sixth grade students are enjoying their computers in the new computer lab. Working hard on Study the direction of teacher,quez and lab manager,

BY MARY CLARE IALONICK

In a statement after the bill was released, Alabama Rep. Robert Aderholt, the Republican chairman of the House subcommittee that oversees agriculture issues, said the whole grains waiver is “the best bill we that are going to get” with Democrats still controlling the Senate. He expressed optimism that the GOP may get

"If Congress hits the pause button now on the sodium reduction, it's possible that more children could develop high blood pressure and be at risk for heart disease or stroke before they even become adults," Brown said in a statement.



The Agriculture Department doesn't currently allow them, even

though it allows other fruits and vegetables, because it says people already eat enough white potatoes. The program serves low-income children and pregnant and nursing mothers.

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Opening lead — king of diamonds. **You usually break even** by swapping one loser for another, but there are times when the exchange gains a trick.

Consider this case where South got to four hearts on the bidding shown. His double of two diamonds was for takeout and indicated a strong hand with support for the unbid suits. North could do no more than show his heart support, and South eventually pressed on to game.

West started off with the K-A of diamonds. Declarer ruffed, cashed the A-K of spades and trumped a spade in dummy. He then led the ten of hearts and followed low, crediting West with the ace of hearts for his overcall.

West took the ace and, recognizing from East's play of the queen of spades on the previous trick that East had no more spades, returned the jack of spades. Declarer ruffed in dummy, East overruffed with the queen, and South later lost a club trick to go down one.

Declarer played correctly up to the point where he trumped the jack of spades in dummy. He shouldn't have ruffed, since it was certain that East had no more spades and would overruff.

Instead, South should have discarded a club from dummy, deliberately allowing West's jack to hold the trick. Had he done this, he would have made the contract by eventually ruffing his third club in dummy.

The reasoning behind the club discard is simple enough. South is sure to go down if he ruffs the fourth spade in dummy, and is very likely to make the contract if he discards a club instead. He should therefore swap his club loser for a spade loser, gaining the game-going trick in the process.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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Johnny Starter: Manziel era to begin with Browns

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — Count Browns coach Mike Pettine among those curious to see how rookie Johnny Manziel handles his first NFL start.

"I'd be a liar if I said I wasn't excited to see him play," Pettine said Wednesday, a day after promoting the rookie sensation over slumping starter Brian Hoyer. "I've seen him in practice."

With the Browns' playoff hopes fading fast and Hoyer in a four-week funk, the team has turned to Manziel, the super-hyped first-round draft pick who garnered his Johnny Football nickname with elec-

trifying plays at Texas A&M.

Pettine said the switch was necessary because of Hoyer's struggles and the possibility Manziel can provide a spark. Manziel has already shown he's embracing his new role. He was at the team's facility on Tuesday to get a head start on this week's home game against the Cincinnati Bengals. Last week, when the Browns were considering benching Hoyer, Manziel attended a Cavaliers game, leading some observers to criticize the 22-year-old's work ethic.

Manziel, who is the Browns'

21st starting quarterback since 1999, skipped the chance to see LeBron James and the Cavs play on Tuesday night.

"I know a lot of people were looking for him at the Cavs game," Pettine joked. "He was here."

Pettine believes Manziel, who has only been on the field for 18 plays this season, has already earned the respect of his teammates.

"They see how he's practiced throughout the year, and I thought he ramped it up a little bit more last week," Pettine said. "They'll see him in a different light. Even being

in the walkthrough this morning, you could just see the presence in the huddle and the command and how he was calling things. I'm sure it'll show and the guys around him will respect it."

Pettine said it was "very hard" to tell Hoyer, the hometown kid who got the Browns into playoff contention, that he lost his starting job. Pettine said there was little choice but to go with Manziel because Hoyer's "body of work was trending the wrong direction."

Pettine said there will be some adjustments to

Cleveland's offense to help Manziel, who replaced Hoyer in the fourth quarter two weeks ago and led the Browns on a touchdown drive.

As for Manziel's knack for beating a defense with his arm or legs, Pettine said it's important that Johnny Football doesn't deviate too far from the play call.

"You've got to find some common ground there," he said. "It's going to be more in the structure of our offense. But if a guy has a unique skill-set, you want to be able to utilize that."

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By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

High school basketball fans in the Crossroads will likely feel as if they have gone to Heaven over the next few days as they will have more than a few choices of games in multiple places.

The 2014 Borden County Invitational will be taking place over the next three days in Gail, while the annual Hooptown Classic will be held in Stanton. A little farther up the road, in Andrews, there will be another three-day hoop-fest.

The Forsan Lady Buffaloes will headline the activities at the Borden County Invitational, which gets started today. The Lady Buffaloes are one of 10 area teams competing in the girls' division.

Forsan is scheduled to play its opener at noon against Roby. The winner of that game will advance to face to the semifinals on Friday at 6 p.m.

Other teams playing in the girls division include Borden County, Spur, Wilson, Ralls, New Home, Crosbyton, Hermleigh and O'Donnell.

The Seminole JV replaces the Buffaloes in the boys' division.

The FHS boys' are playing in the Sterling City tournament, which will also be held this weekend.

Coahoma and Stanton will both be playing in the Hooptown Classic, which starts today and runs through Saturday in the SHS gym.

The Bulldogs, fresh off a win over Post on Tuesday, are scheduled to face Clyde in the first round, starting at 10:30 a.m.

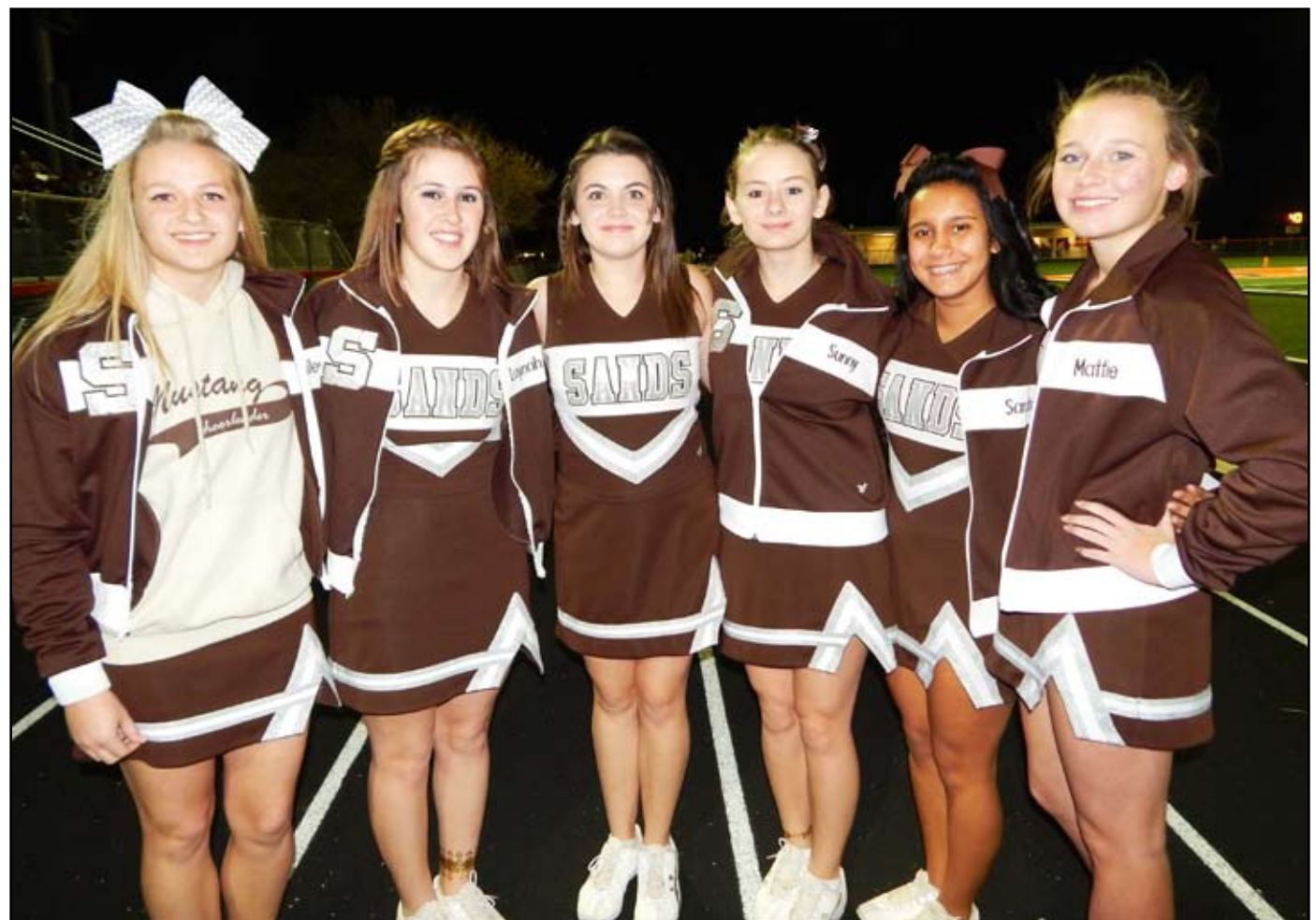
The Big Spring are scheduled to compete in the Andrews Invitational. The BSHS boys will face Greenwood at 2 p.m. this afternoon.

Big Spring will play Kermit on Friday, starting at 9:30 and then close out their run on Saturday with a 12:30 p.m. showdown against Grady and a 6:30 p.m. matchup with Andrews.

Grady played Andrews at 9:30 a.m. this morning and will face Lamesa at 3:30 p.m. The seventh-ranked Wildcats will play 12:30 p.m. tomorrow against Greenwood.

The BSHS girls will also be playing in Andrews. The Lady Steers will face either Grady or Caprock on Friday at 11 a.m.

2014 Andrews Invitational Schedule of games Thursday	
9:30 a.m. — Grady vs. Andrews	
12:30 p.m. — Kermit vs. Lamesa	
2 p.m. — Greenwood vs. BSHS	
3:30 p.m. — Lamesa vs. Grady	
6:30 p.m. — Andrews vs. Caprock	
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9:30 a.m. — BSHS vs. Kermit	
12:30 p.m. — Greenwood vs. Grady	
2:30 p.m. — Kermit vs. Caprock	
3:30 p.m. — Andrews vs. Lamesa	
6:30 p.m. — Caprock vs. Greenwood	
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9:30 a.m. — Lamesa vs. Caprock	
12:30 p.m. — BSHS vs. Grady	
3:30 p.m. — Kermit vs. Greenwood	
6:30 p.m. — Andrews vs. BSHS	



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Pride of the Mustangs ...

Members of the 2014-15 Sands High School Mustangs' cheerleading squad performed at the Mustangs' recent state quarterfinal game in Robert Lee. Members of the squad include Laynah Archuleta, Kailey Tindol, Sarah DeLeon, Mattie Grumbles, Kelsey Reed and Sunny Kuykendall.

BSJHS 7th graders take 3rd at B tournament

Over the past weekend, the Big Spring Junior High School seventh grade B team traveled to Andrews to compete in the annual Andrews Classic.

The first opponent the Steers faced was the Seminole Indians and claimed a 25-16 victory.

Big Spring was led in the contest by Hizaka McNally and Isaac Murillo, each posted six points in the win. Anthony Sarmeino and Brandon Zarraga both added two points, while Michael Munoz added one.

Gene Rodriguez led this Steers with a strong de-

fensive effort. He stole the ball from the Indians four times.

Money Davis controlled the offense, leading the team with four assists.

Big Spring did not get as lucky in the second round. The team fell into the third-place game with a high-scoring 51-48 loss to Midland Greenwood.

The Steers found themselves down early in the game but found a way to battle back.

Rodriguez was the leading scorer for the Steers as he tallied 16 points. Murillo followed by adding nine.

Zarraga and Davis finished with six and five points, respectively. Steve Rivas got in on the scoring affair by adding one point.

Hizaka McNally and Marcus Zarraga were the defensive players of the game, pulling down six rebounds apiece.

In the third-place game, Big Spring faced off against the Midessa Warriors and came away with a 31-23 victory.

Murillo scored a team-high 12 points in the win. Rivas added 10 points, while Dillon Guzman and McNally netted four each.

Marcus and Brandon Zarraga both played great defensive games by grabbing rebounds and making key steals.

The BSJHS squad faced off with Snyder on Monday and came away with a 37-28 victory.

McNally and Murillo both scored into double figures for the Steers. McNally finished with 16, while Muriilo netted 14 points. Zarraga and Munoz added three and two points, respectively.

Big Spring will travel to Sweetwater this Monday.



Photo courtesy Cindy Smith

Climbing ...

Lis Shoshi (in white) and the Howard College Hawks climbed to No. 31 in the latest NJCAA junior college basketball polls. HC is 10-3 for the season.

Eighth grade B team grabs 2nd at Andrews tournament

The Big Spring Junior High School eighth grade B team nailed down a second-place finish at the Andrews B Tournament this past weekend with a solid outing.

Big Spring opened the tournament with a 32-27 victory over Seminole. Leading the way with six points, five rebounds, four steals, and five assists was Calen Rodriguez. Brendan Martinez contributed five points and six steals.

Also contributing to the victory with four points apiece was Jason Miramontes, Jacob Hernandez.

The Steers took the court on Saturday morning to face the Brownfield Cubs in the semifinals. The Steers trailed the entire game but kept fighting and pulled out an amazing 32-25 come-from-behind victory in overtime.

Leading the Steers was Carlos

Garcia with nine points, seven rebounds and five steals. Martinez added eight points and five steals. Miramontes added four points, three rebounds and four steals.

Brett Beringer had a great game, netting two points, 11 rebounds, two blocks and two assists.

In the Championship game, Big Spring dropped a 31-19 decision to Monahans.

The leading scorer for the Steers was Carlos Garcia with five points. He also had six rebounds. Rodriguez added four points.

Walker led all BSJHS rebounds with eight.

The B team pulled out a 25-22 win over Snyder on Monday to improve to 4-2 overall this season.

Rodriguez led the way with eight points. Jacob Hernandez, Carlos Garcia and Junior Young all added four.

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Lunar Exaggeration

The Leo moon playfully nudges the sun, Mercury and Jupiter in her orbit. This lunar persuasion isn't known for factual honesty or logical action. In fact, the Leo moon has been known to exaggerate for effect, deceive for drama and create mischief just for the fun of it. For maximum enjoyment, keep your heart light and humor strong.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you're brave enough to share a truly new idea, expect it to be misunderstood, at least at first. That's just what comes with being cutting-edge. Persist.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Remember that time when you spent hours on a project or pitch that eventually fell through? Well, the lessons you learned from that experience are what make today's work pleasurable and profitable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're in danger of taking too much responsibility for things that are ultimately not in your control. Think of yourself as a counselor of a situation or transaction -- there to help things along, not to make the ultimate decision.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When you were younger, you idolized those you admired. Maturity has lessened the height of the pedestal, but you still elevate your favorite people. Why? There is a similar talent or quality inside you. Believe it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The person who sees what could go wrong may be a downer, but they will sometimes have very good advice. Take today's small problem seriously, and it will never have a chance to become a big problem.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's a broken thing in your world that is fast becoming an energy-suck. By taking care of it, you are blessing it and rebirthing it as a vessel of sharing and connection.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Maybe it's not officially your job to provide protection, comfort and shelter from

the harshness of the world, but you take on the role anyway to great success.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you take action, it doesn't always look like action at first. In fact, it looks more like a person sitting and staring into space. But if you can feel it and think it through, you can see it through.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your instinct for business is keen, and it's time to close the deal. When you listen to everything that is said and how it is said, you'll gain the edge in negotiations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're like an investigative reporter now, asking all of the right questions, determined to get a straight answer. You may not get the whole story today, but it will come out by the weekend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your feelings, whatever they may be, are acceptable -- so accept them. You don't have to think they are optimal, comfortable or even appropriate. Just accept them so you can move on through.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The happy people you know may bring up interesting feelings and thoughts for you today. Look deeper into this. Perhaps this is the first pang of desire turning you onto something new to go after.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 11). Your positive outlook helps you see opportunities that others miss. In the next six weeks, this has to do with money, and you will add zeros to your bottom line when you act fast. You'll travel in style in March and April. June brings a frenzy of family and social obligations -- a special friend will prove most loyal. Capricorn and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 44, 21, 30, 17 and 9.

HOLIDAY HACKS 2014: In recent days, we've looked at "life hacks" to make the holidays merrier for Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo and Libra (see archives). Because there can be a slight let-down when the energizing sun waves goodbye to any sign's part

of the sky, SCORPIO often goes into this time of year feeling a certain amount of poignancy or loss. There's a flip side to this dynamic, though, and Scorpio's holiday hack has to do with tapping into that. No longer being the focus of cosmic attention can also be a kind of relief, a liberation or even cause for a rebellion. Because Scorpio wears the energy of rebellion quite well, being willing to step into it makes the holidays particularly juicy for Scorpio.

Who said Christmas trees have to be fir or Hanukkah wrapping paper has to be blue? What about wild dancing at the office party? What about hot sauce instead of cookies for the neighbors? Maybe it's tacos instead of turkey, flamingos instead of reindeer, handcrafted instead of store bought. Whatever Scorpio dreams up, it's likely to add spice to the festivities, which many will appreciate and none will forget.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Among some of the most popular holiday music of all time are classics like Jingle Bells, White Christmas and Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town as sung by swing-era king crooner Frank Sinatra. Born this time of year, the Sagittarius received his solar return each year at the right time to add special charisma to those legendarily smooth vocals and spread cheer to the hearts of millions.

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Annie's Mailbox ®



KATHY MITCHELL
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Dear Annie: I have been with my husband for 10 years, and we have two children. Two years ago, I found out that he was bothering a 19-year-old girl. He was 30 at the time. We separated over this, but six months ago, we got back together.

Now when I ask about this young woman, his story keeps changing. He says they were just friends, and then he says he tried getting together with her after we separated. He admits he still cares about her.

Here's the current problem: This woman has a young child and uses the same daycare center that I do. I see her whenever I drop off my children. I jump through hoops to make sure my husband isn't the one dropping off the kids, because I don't want him to run into her.

This situation is driving me crazy, but my family members tell me I should stay with my husband because we have kids and because he quit drinking. So do I stay and look the other way, or should I leave? -- Only Questions

Dear Questions: You have another option. For your marriage to succeed, you need to know that your husband will not pursue this young

woman, and he hasn't responded in a way that merits your trust. Because you have children, please make an effort to work on this before giving up. Ask your husband to go with you for counseling. If he refuses, go without him. Your doctor or clergyperson can refer you.

Dear Annie: I am a veteran. I served proudly and now have a decent job in the civilian workforce. I appreciate everything that our country does to honor our nation's veterans and their families, from the parades and ceremonies to the business discounts and free meals.

But I often wonder why veterans are not provided with a "holiday" from work on Veterans Day to attend these ceremonies, have lunch or just spend time with their families. To attend these functions, veterans must apply for vacation time. Many therefore choose not to attend. I realize some businesses do provide their employees with the day off, but they are in the minority.

If Veterans Day honors this nation's veterans, why can't we change the law by giving veterans the day off without penalty? -- Answered the Call

Dear Answered: It does seem logical that those being honored would get the day off. Veterans Day is a federal holiday, meaning most government offices are closed, no mail is delivered and federal workers either get the day off or are paid for working a holiday. Many non-governmental businesses also close on Veterans Day, but it is not mandatory. We suggest you talk to your

boss about this for next year and see whether some accommodation can be worked out.

Dear Annie: I wanted to respond to "Bewildered in California," whose father manipulates others into giving him freebies.

I have a friend with similar behaviors. I've seen her take cans of soda, cookies, napkins and salt packets and stick them in the large bag she carries. She once took five packets of identical material at conferences. In the 20 years I have known her, I've never been invited to her home. I suspect she is a hoarder.

She's always talking about getting her money's worth and manipulates others into getting freebies for her. If they won't, she claims they don't care about her. Three years ago, I took her to an event requiring an overnight stay. When I arrived back home, I had hotel towels in my suitcase that I had not put there.

I now avoid getting into situations where I might be embarrassed by her behavior. I'm convinced this is an illness, but she will never seek help. To mention it, even kindly, would only mean she has lost another good friend. - Still Care

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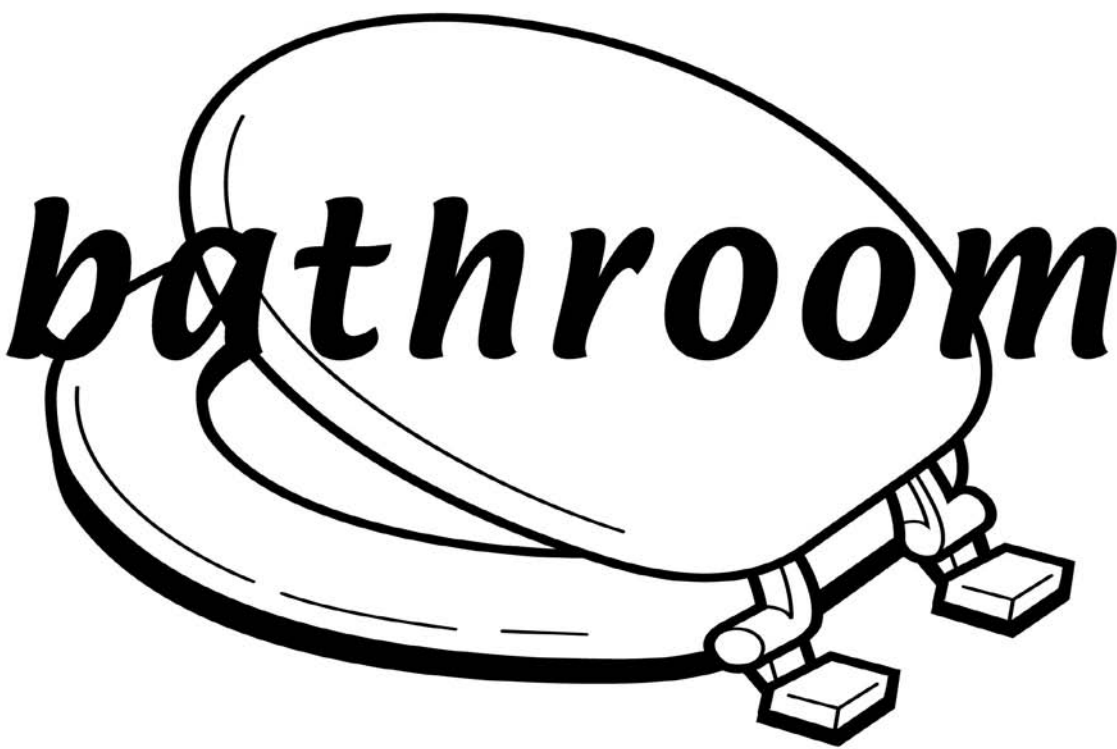
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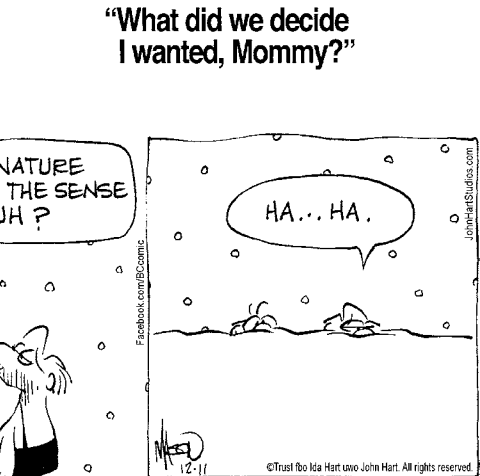
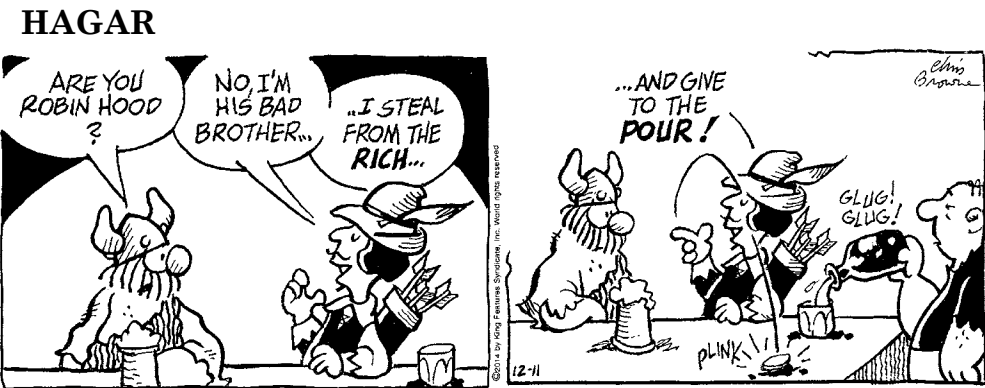


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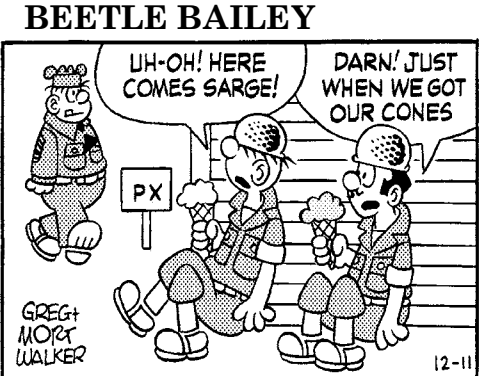
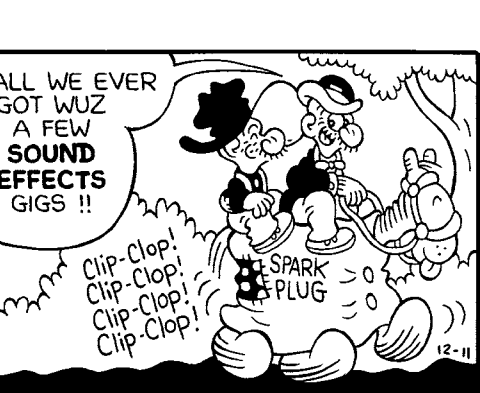
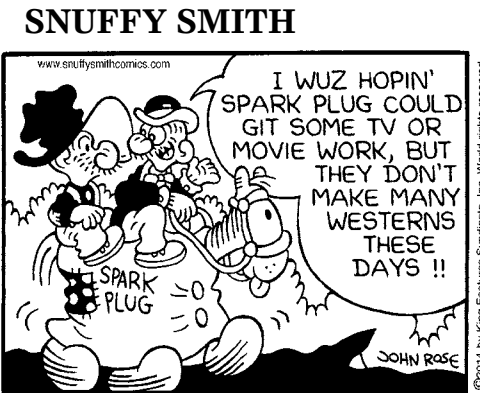
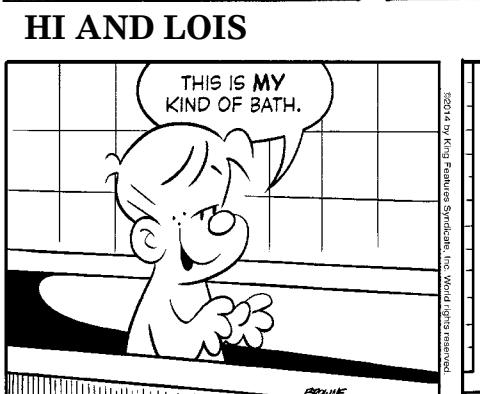
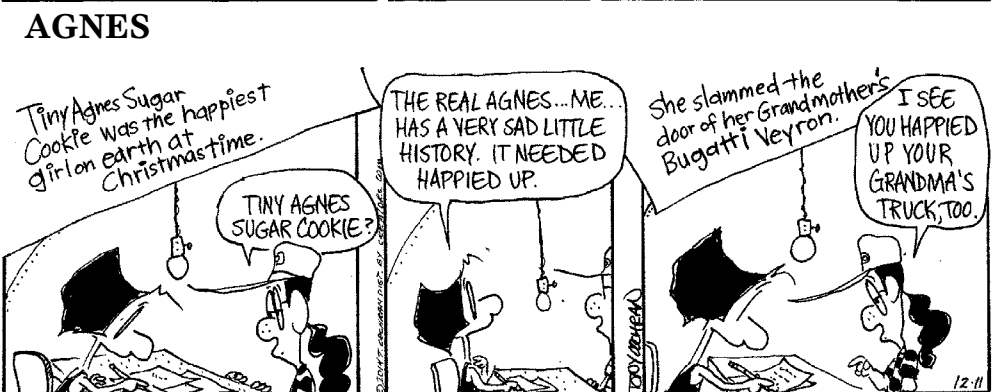
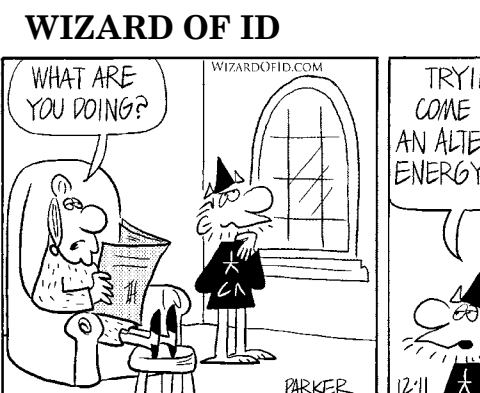
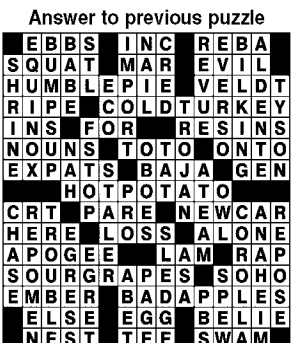
This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Dec. 11, the 345th day of 2014. There are 20 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 11, 1936, Britain's King Edward VIII abdicated the throne so he could marry American divorcee Wallis Warfield Simpson; his brother, Prince Albert, became King George VI. On this date: In 1792, France's King Louis XVI went before the Convention to face charges of treason. (Louis was convicted, and executed the following month.)

In 1816, Indiana became the 19th state. In 1928, police in Buenos Aires announced they had thwarted an attempt on the life of President-elect Herbert Hoover. In 1937, Italy announced it was withdrawing from the League of Nations. In 1941, Germany and Italy declared war on the United States; the U.S. responded in kind. In 1946, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) was established. In 1964, Che Guevara addressed the United Nations; in his speech, the Argentine revolutionary declared that "the final hour of colonialism has struck."

Singer-songwriter Sam Cooke was shot to death by a motel manager in Los Angeles; he was 33. In 1972, Apollo 17's lunar module landed on the moon with astronauts Eugene Cernan and Harrison Schmitt aboard; during three extravehicular activities (EVAs), they became the last two men to date to step onto the lunar surface.

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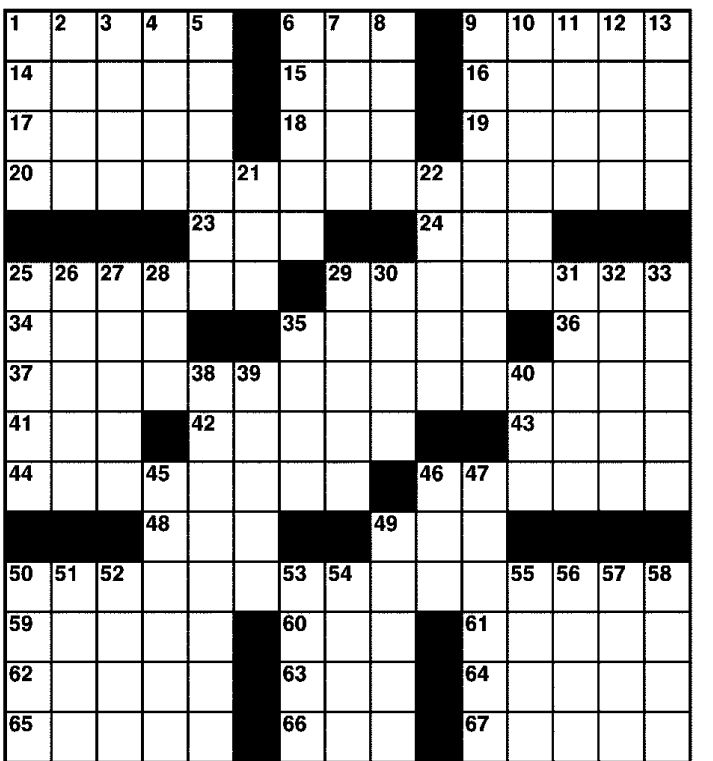


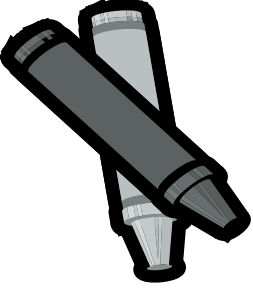
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| ACROSS
1 Voice of Woody in <i>Toy Story</i>
6 Bit of trail mix
9 Factions
14 Raring to go
15 Crackerjack
16 Hope for
17 Blathered
18 Maximum effort
19 Bulldozed
20 Mischievous types
23 Select
24 Foamy fare
25 Film genre
29 Pasta partner
34 Manicured, as fairways
35 Cobb salad ingredient
36 Detract from
37 Newspaper industry
41 Cobb salad ingredient
42 Bisect
43 Analogy phrase
44 Devoted follower
46 Rubicon crosser
48 Samile center
49 Garfield's owner
50 Giving high-handed criticism
59 States, to Hollande
60 Orange veggie
61 Madagascar mammal
62 Turntable needles
63 Pro-sports award
64 Musical exercise
65 Kickoff |
66 Stockholm-based airline
67 County northeast of London

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1 Belabor, with "on"
2 Way off
3 Jazz singer Simone
4 McDonald's founder
5 Directed at
6 Spingam Medal awardee
7 Pac-12 school
8 Make known
9 NFC South team
10 Come to
11 Perplexing path
12 Fishing spot |
13 Criteria: Abbr.
21 Gandalf in the <i>Lord of the Rings</i> films
22 Nettle
25 Pumped (up)
26 Dog favoured by the Queen
27 Nest material
28 Word in many motel names
29 Purple shade
30 Forest measure
31 Out of order
32 Dreadlocks wearer
33 Spear stopper
35 Cotton pod
38 "The moment has come"
39 2020 Olympics host |
40 Fairy tale
45 Fairy-tale locale
46 Fish-and-chips fish
47 <i>Life of Pi</i> director
49 Shows surprise
50 Dominican money
51 Routing abbr.
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55 Subway Series team
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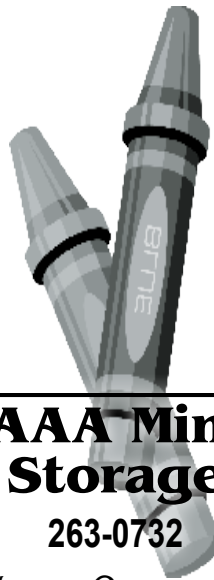




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Army-Navy: All about respect, bigger than a game

BALTIMORE (AP) — Not many players have to wake up before dawn, fulfill military obligations, attend classes and then grind through football practice.

For the athletes at Army and Navy, it's all in a day's work.

That is why respect is the operative word in this long-time rivalry.

With the exception of their game against Air Force, the Cadets and Midshipmen usually go up against players who have no idea what it takes to play football for a

military academy.

"I know how hard our school is, and I can only imagine how hard their school is," Navy senior captain Parrish Gaines said. "My respect for these guys, it goes way past this game. The respect you've got to have for them is bigger than a football game."

"Those guys do what we do, day in, day out. They're struggling with the same battles, they have the same sleep habits we do."

At Army and Navy, sleep is a luxury when there's so much to accomplish during a

typical day. Things are also different on the football field, compared to most Division I schools.

"We've all been told we're not the biggest, not the fastest and not the strongest, but we all play with a chip on our shoulders," Navy fullback Noah Copeland said.

For 60 minutes this Saturday, Army and Navy will do whatever it takes to win. Afterward, as a show of unity, the players and coaches will stand at attention while the bands play the alma mater of each school.

"The thing that's always cool is, as bad as we want to beat them and as bad as they want to beat us, there's a great amount of respect between both schools," Navy coach Ken Niumatalolo said.

"The sportsmanship after, by us singing each other's alma mater, shows that. In a sport where everyone's talking about who's going to be in the top four, it's cool to have two teams that just play a rivalry for the pure competition."

After they're done playing college football, the participants in Auburn-Alabama

and Michigan-Ohio State sometimes meet again on the field at an NFL game. For Army and Navy, there's a good chance the players will be fulfilling their military obligation together overseas.

"We just respect each other because after this game we're going to be brothers in the fleet," Copeland said. "I've been selected to be a Marine Corps officer, and hopefully I can do that. I'm leaning toward infantry. So someone I play against Saturday could end up being the guy right next to me."

Astros sign a pair of relievers

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The Houston Astros have bolstered their bullpen by agreeing to an \$18.5 million, three-year contract with Luke Gregerson and a \$12.5 million, two-year deal with Pat Neshek, people familiar with the negotiations said Wednesday.

The people spoke on condition of anonymity because the deals with the right-handers were subject to physicals.

Gregerson, 30, spent five years with San Diego, then went 5-5 with a 2.12 ERA in 72 appearances for Oakland last season. Neshek, 34, has pitched for Minnesota, San Diego, Oakland and St. Louis. He was 7-2 with a 1.87 ERA for the Cardinals this year, when he struck out 68 in 67 1-3 innings and was picked for his first All-Star game.

Gregerson, who could take over as closer from Chad Qualls, receives \$6 million next year and \$6.25 million in each of the final two seasons.

Houston had shown interest in David Robertson, who agreed to a \$46 million, four-year contract with the Chicago White Sox.

Neshek gets \$5.5 million next year and \$6.5 million in 2016. The deal includes an option at \$6 million to \$9 million, depending on his performance, with a \$500,000 buyout.

Bills to release WR Williams

(AP) — Buffalo Bills receiver Mike Williams will be released once he recovers from a left calf injury.

The team provided the clarification on Wednesday, a day after Williams was not claimed off the waived-injured list. Once Williams is released, the Bills won't have to pay the final four years of his contract. The fifth-year player was due to make a \$5.2 million base salary next season.

The Bills gave up a sixth-round draft pick to acquire the Buffalo native in a trade with Tampa Bay in April. He was inactive in four of Buffalo's past eight games and has eight catches for 142 yards and a touchdown this season.

Defensive end Mario Williams and backup tackle Chris Hairston missed practice Wednesday because of illness.

National Football League						
American Conference						
East						
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New England	9	3	0	.750	378	253
Miami	7	6	0	.538	314	260
Buffalo	7	6	0	.538	281	241
N.Y. Jets	2	11	0	.154	214	349
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	9	4	0	.692	407	307
Houston	7	6	0	.538	314	260
Tennessee	2	11	0	.154	220	374
Jacksonville	2	11	0	.154	199	356
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	8	4	1	.654	281	289
Pittsburgh	8	5	0	.615	362	319
Baltimore	8	5	0	.615	356	255
Cleveland	7	6	0	.538	276	270
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	10	3	0	.769	385	293
San Diego	8	4	0	.667	279	249
Kansas City	7	6	0	.538	291	241
Oakland	2	11	0	.154	200	350

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	East					
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Philadelphia	9	4	0	.692	389	309
Dallas	9	4	0	.692	343	301
N.Y. Giants	4	9	0	.308	293	326
Washington	3	10	0	.231	244	346
	South					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	5	8	0	.385	328	342
New Orleans	5	8	0	.385	333	359
Carolina	4	8	1	.346	269	341
Tampa Bay	2	11	0	.154	237	348
	North					
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Green Bay	10	3	0	.769	423	304
Detroit	9	4	0	.692	265	224
Minnesota	6	7	0	.462	263	281
Chicago	5	8	0	.385	281	378
	West					
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Arizona	10	3	0	.769	275	238
Seattle	9	4	0	.692	322	235
San Fran.	7	6	0	.538	244	268
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Thursday, Dec. 11										
Arizona at St. Louis, 8:25 p.m.										
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Allen (14-0) vs. Dallas Skyline (14-0), 6 p.m. Saturday, Dallas' Ford Stadium										
Cypress Ranch (12-2) vs. Converse Judson (10-4), 3 p.m. Saturday, SA's Alamodome										
CLASS 6A DIVISION II										
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Cedar Hill (12-2) vs. Spring Westfield (13-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Georgetown ISD Stadium										

Katy (13-1) vs. Cibola Steele (13-1), 4 p.m. Saturday, Houston's NRG Stadium

CLASS 5A DIVISION I
State Semifinals

Aledo (13-1) vs. Tyler (12-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Mesquite's Hanby Stadium

Temple (12-1) vs. Austin Vandegrift (12-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, SA's Alamodome

CLASS 5A DIVISION II
State Semifinals

Canutillo (13-1) vs. Ennis (12-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field

Crosby (13-1) vs. Cedar Park (11-3), 8 p.m. Friday, Austin's Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium

CLASS 4A DIVISION I
State Semifinals

Graham (12-2) vs. Argyle (14-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aledo

Navasota (14-0) vs. Liberty Hill (12-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Waco's McLane Stadium

CLASS 4A DIVISION II
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Celina (12-2) vs. Gilmer (14-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dallas' Ford Stadium

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