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Fees on council agenda

Officials eye increase in ambulance rates

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council will consider an increase in ambulance fees when it meets at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in council chambers, 307 E. Fourth St.

Big Spring Fire Chief Craig Ferguson says the proposed rate increases represent the first such hike for local ambulance service in the past several years.

What: Big Spring City Council meeting.

Where: Council chambers, 307 E. Fourth.

When: 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

"It's roughly a 1 percent across the board increase," Ferguson said. "It's not a large jump for us."

Ferguson said his department is proposing the new rate schedule to bring fees more into line with Medicare and Medicaid allowables.

One new fee the department wishes to charge is \$150 for a "refusal of service" — when ambulance crews



Silver Wings gala

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Hangar 25 Air Museum held its annual Silver Wings Ball, the museum's major fundraiser of the year, at the Settles Hotel Saturday evening. In the above photo, retired Air Force Col. Jim Little, left, talks with Big Spring native Rye Bavin, who is currently stationed at Goodfellow AFB in San Angelo. At right, Bob Price emcees an auction with assistance from Devoun Blount.



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Education secretary backs annual testing

By **KIMBERLY HEFLING**

AP Education Writer

WASHINGTON — Education Secretary Arne Duncan said Monday that testing U.S. schoolchildren annually in math and reading is critical for measuring their educational progress, setting the stage for what is likely to be a contentious Capitol Hill debate on the federal role in education.



Duncan

His speech — on the 50th anniversary of President Lyndon Johnson's introduction of a landmark education equity bill — was the Obama administration's latest effort to make its case for federally mandated testing. Civil rights groups and state education chiefs have also voiced support for it.

"I believe parents, teachers, and students have both the right and the need to know how much progress all students are making each year

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Arne Duncan
 U.S. Secretary of Education

towards college- and career-readiness," Duncan said in remarks prepared for delivery. "That means all students need to take annual, statewide assessments that are aligned with their teacher's classroom instruction in reading and math in grades 3-8, and once in high school."

With Republicans newly in charge of both houses of Congress, Senate education Chairman Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., has said his top edu-

cation priority is fixing the No Child Left Behind Act, which expired in 2007. His first hearing is expected the week of Jan. 20 with a focus on testing.

He said in a statement that the committee should be able to complete and send to the Senate a bill early this year. "My goal is to keep the best portions of the original law and restore to states and communities the responsibility for deciding whether teach-

ers and schools are succeeding or failing," he said.

No Child Left Behind, signed into law in 2002 by President George W. Bush, requires that states annually test students in reading and math in grades three to eight and once in high school.

The law requires schools to show annual growth in student achievement or face consequences. It has been credited with putting a focus on how schools handle minority, low-income, English learners and special needs students, but also has led to complaints that teachers were teaching to standardized tests and that mandates were unrealistic and penalties ineffective. Beyond the federal requirements, many districts and states require other standardized tests.

Since 2012, President Barack Obama has allowed states to get a waiver from some of the more stringent requirements of the law, but

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Obituaries

Violet Genevia Bell



Violet Genevia Bell, 94, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2015, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park, Big Spring.

Violet was born Nov. 4, 1920, in Sweetwater, Texas, the daughter of Severe and Ollie (England) McDonnell. She married Clarence Bell July 30, 1944, in Big Spring, Texas.

Violet was an avid artist and owned Bell's Ceramic Shop in Big Spring for many years.

She is survived by two daughters, Sharon Krail of Harvey, La. and Carol Mullis of Broken Bow, Okla.; one sister, June McDougale and her husband, Kenneth; two brothers, Odis McDonnell and his wife

Delores of Bronte and Gerald McDonnell of Sweetwater; three grandsons, Ronnie Jones and wife April of Granbury, Roy Ashley and wife Tiffany of Roys City, and Jeremy Darst of McKinney; five granddaughters, Kimberly Cragle of Harvey, La., Debbie Smith and husband Cleo of Bethel, Okla., Pam Brunette and husband Rick of Broken Bow, Okla., Missy Burkham and husband Mike of Vernon and Prissy Young of Battiest, Okla.; 16 great-grandchildren, Blake, Gene, Jessica, Erica, Nicholas, Nicole, Natalie, Natalin, Scott, Monica, Ryan, Will, Sidney, Bailey, Mindy and Kelly; numerous great-great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Clarence, and daughter Cheryl Darst.

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

Paid obituary

Judy McCutchan



Judy McCutchan, 70, of Big Spring died Thursday, Jan. 8, 2015, in Midland. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born March 1, 1944, in Seagraves, Texas to Leola and Charles Miller. She received her associate degree from Howard College. She taught at Lakeview Head Start for more than 30 years.

She lived most of her life in Big Spring.

She is survived by one son, Richard David McCutchan of Plainview; two sisters, Sally Nelda Yates and Helen Faye Burchfiel, both of Lubbock; two brothers, Doyle Ray Croft of Colorado and John C. Miller of Lubbock; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two husbands; several brothers and sisters; and one daughter, Christi Foxx.

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

Paid obituary

Eva Gonzales



Eva Gonzales, 81, of Big Spring died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born May 27, 1933, in Big Spring to Cruz and Elauterio Valencia. She married Manuel Gonzales on Sept. 26, 1953. He preceded her in death

on June 19, 2010. Her first job was an elevator operator at the Settles Hotel. She was a homemaker and housekeeper. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

She is survived by her son, Manuel Gonzales Jr. and his wife Edna of Big Spring; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law; a brother-in-law; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one brother, Santiago Valencia; and one sister, Manuela "Meme" Sarmiento.

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

Herman Austin

Herman Austin, 54, of Big Spring died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

William 'Bill' Thompson

William "Bill" Thompson, 75, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015, at Parkview Nursin. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police/Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- JASON ORTEGA, 33, of 2610 Larry Drive was arrested on a charge of assault family/household member and intentionally/recklessly impeding normal breathing or circulation.

- CYNTHIA MENDEZ, 44, of 304 NE 6th St., was arrested on warrants for disregarding a stop sign, dog or cat running at large (two counts), failure to appear (three counts) and a warrant from another agency.

- MARTIN GARCIA LEIJA, 44, of 304 NE Sixth was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

- ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 50, of 1023 Stadium was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- ALRED GARCIA, 39, of 907 E. 14th St. was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and criminal mis-

chief, more than \$500 but less than \$1,500.

- JUAQUIN MIER, 32, of 207.5 E. 9th St. was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass-habitation/shelter.

- SION DREW LONG, 21, of 2515 Hunter was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- MIGUEL JUAREZ CORRALES, 55, of 2615 Squire Place, Farmers Branch, Texas, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- MIGUEL ANGEL JUAREZ JR., 21, of 2615 Squire Place, Farmer's Branch, Texas, was arrested on warrant for another agency.

- TEODORO DIAZ, 60, of 610 NW 8th St., was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with previous conviction.

- ASSAULT was reported in the 2600 block of Larry Drive.

- DISTURBANCE was reported

in the 1700 block of E. Third St. and in the 1300 block of W. Fourth St.

- SHOTS FIRED was reported in the 1200 block of Nolan St.

- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 700 block of N. Douglas St., in the 900 block of E. 14th St., 2600 block of Albrook Drive, and in the 800 block of Nolan St.

- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1600 block of E. FM 700.

- THEFT was reported in the 1100 block of N. Aylesford St., in the 200 block of W FM 700, in the 800 block of W. I-20, and in the 500 block of S. Birdwell Lane.

- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 3200 block of Fenn Avenue.

- ROBBERY was reported in the 1500 block of W. Fourth St.

The Howard County Sheriff's

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Juan M. Martinez



Juan M. Martinez, 71, of Big Spring died Monday, Jan. 5, 2015, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born June 24, 1943, in Mexico. He lived most of his adult life in the Howard County area. He worked on ranches, including Ann Schafer and Fern Cox.

His survivors include one step-daughter, Elizabeth Larez of Big Spring; and three grandchildren.

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

Albert Carrasco

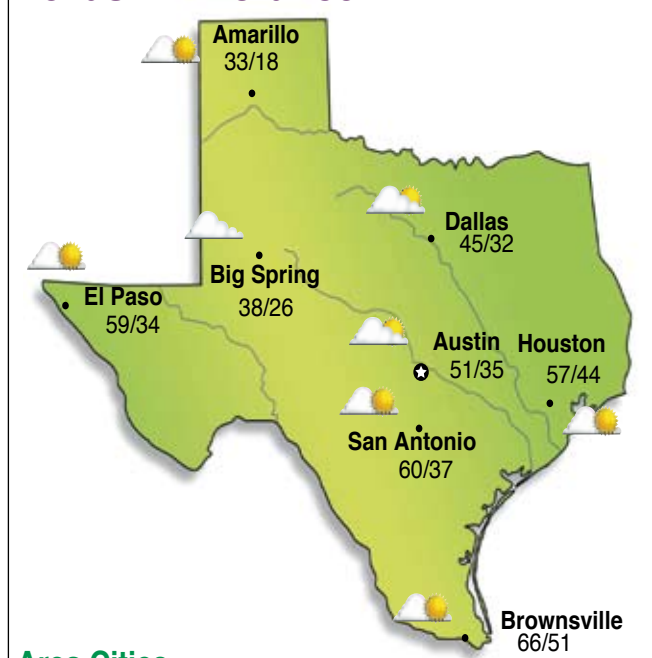
Albert Carrasco, 56, of Big Spring died Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 1/13	Wed 1/14	Thu 1/15	Fri 1/16	Sat 1/17
38/26 Overcast. Temps nearly steady in the mid to upper 30s.	38/31 Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s and lows in the low 30s.	43/30 Mostly cloudy. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the low 30s.	53/35 Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	58/38 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 30s.
Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 6:01 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 6:02 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 6:02 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 6:03 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 6:04 PM

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Austin	51	35	cloudy	Longview	47	35	cloudy
Beaumont	55	43	pt sunny	Lubbock	39	22	cloudy
Brownsville	66	51	pt sunny	Lufkin	52	41	cloudy
Brownwood	43	29	cloudy	Midland	38	26	cloudy
Corpus Christi	64	43	mst sunny	Raymondville	67	45	pt sunny
Corsicana	46	34	cloudy	Rosenberg	57	42	pt sunny
Dallas	45	32	cloudy	San Antonio	60	37	pt sunny
Del Rio	66	40	pt sunny	San Marcos	50	37	cloudy
El Paso	59	34	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	44	33	cloudy
Fort Stockton	42	28	cloudy	Sweetwater	36	25	cloudy
Gainesville	40	27	cloudy	Tyler	46	36	cloudy
Greenville	43	31	cloudy	Weatherford	43	29	cloudy
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News in brief

Amid hunt for accomplices to 3 days of terror, France mobilizes 10,000 troops

PARIS (AP) — France on Monday ordered 10,000 troops into the streets to protect sensitive sites after three days of bloodshed and terror, amid the hunt for accomplices to the attacks that left 17 people and the three gunmen dead.

Prime Minister Manuel Valls said the search is urgent because “the threat is still present” after the attacks that began Wednesday with a massacre on the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo and ended when the three attackers were killed Friday in nearly simultaneous raids by security forces.

Meanwhile, France’s defense minister said Monday the country is mobilizing 10,000 troops to protect the population. Jean-Yves Le Drian said the deployment will be fully in place by Tuesday, and will focus on the most sensitive locations.

Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said 4,700 security forces would be assigned to protect France’s 717 Jewish schools.

The widow of one of the attackers crossed into Syria on Thursday, the day after the Charlie Hebdo massacre, and the same day her husband shot a policewoman to death on the outskirts of Paris, according to Turkey’s foreign minister.

Jews scrutinize future in Europe against emigration to Israel after Paris market attack

MILAN (AP) — The killing of four French Jews in last week’s hostage standoff at a Paris kosher mar-

ket has deepened the fears among European Jewish communities shaken by rising anti-Semitism and feeling vulnerable due to poor security and a large number of potential soft targets.

In the wake of the attacks, which follow deadly strikes on a Belgian Jewish Museum and a Jewish school in southwestern France, Israeli leaders have called on European Jews to immigrate to the Jewish state. But European Jews are deeply ambivalent about leaving, and their community leaders, along with top politicians, have urged people to stay in their homelands.

“The European Jewry is the oldest European minority and we have our experience of surviving under all possible circumstances,” Moshe Kantor, president of the European Jewish Congress, told The Associated Press. “We will not give up our motherland, which is called Europe. We will not stop the history of European Jewry, that is for sure.”

Kantor called for increased security at Jewish sites, concerted action against anti-Semitism across the continent and better coordination of intelligence forces against religious extremism. But he acknowledged that if any Jewish European does not feel safe, “I say you should leave in this case.”

Many French Jews already are. Last year, 7,000 emigrated to Israel as anti-Semitism spiked across France, fed by tensions with the country’s large Arab population after the outbreak of Israel’s war against Palestinian militants in the Gaza Strip. That was double the previous year, making France, for the first time, the No. 1 source of immigration to Israel, according to the Jewish Agency, a nonprofit group that helps Jews move to Israel.

Divers find both black boxes in AirAsia crash, but only 1 retrieved from bottom of Java Sea

PANGKALAN BUN, Indonesia (AP) — Divers retrieved one black box Monday and located the other from the AirAsia plane that crashed more than two weeks ago, key developments that should help investigators unravel what caused the aircraft to plummet into the Java Sea.

The cockpit voice recorder was found hours after officials announced that the flight data recorder had been pulled from beneath a piece of the aircraft’s wing and brought to the sea’s surface, said Suryadi Bambang Supriyadi, operation coordinator for Indonesia’s national search and rescue agency.

He said the voice recorder was about 20 meters (66 feet) away from the data recorder but remained lodged beneath heavy wreckage, and divers were struggling to free it at a depth of 32 meters.

Searchers began zeroing in on the location a day earlier after three Indonesian ships picked up intense pings from the area, but they were unable to see the devices due to strong currents.

The two instruments, which emit signals from their beacons, are vital to understanding what brought Flight 8501 down on Dec. 28, killing all 162 people on board.

They should provide essential information about the plane and all of the conversations between the captain and co-pilot for the duration of the flight.

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Lillian Jenkins, 73, died Thursday. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Conseption Viera, 69, died Thursday. Prayer Service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Primera Iglesia Bautista with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Judy McCutchan, 70, died Thursday. Funeral Service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Juan M. Martinez, 71, died Monday. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

James Messer, 60, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Eva Gonzales, 81, died Saturday. Vigil Services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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TEST

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they had to agree to requirements such as implementing teacher evaluation systems with teeth.

There’s been widespread agreement that the comprehensive law needs to be fixed, but disagreement over how to do it.

The National Education Association, a teachers union, wants Congress to adopt a federal requirement that students be tested just once in elementary, middle and high school. “Parents and educators know that the one size fits all annual

federal testing structure has not worked,” NEA President Lily Eskelsen Garcia said in a statement. She said states and districts should be given flexibility in deciding how to use testing to identify achievement gaps.

On Sunday, a coalition of 20 civil rights groups said one of their top priorities with the reauthorization is continuing the federal annual testing mandate.

“The reason is simple: Kids who are not tested end up not counting,” Kati Haycock, president of the Education Trust, wrote in a blog accompanying the release by the civil rights groups

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School Officers said it supports annual testing because “every parent has a right to know how their child is performing academically in public school.”

One reason the testing issue has been an area of focus is because of the role the results can play in teacher evaluations. Last year, Secretary Duncan said states can apply for extra time before they use student test scores to judge educators’ performance.

Another factor is that millions of students this spring for the first time will take new Common Core-based assessments.

Several states and districts are already reviewing the quality and quantity of the tests

given.

Speaking at Seaton Elementary School in a historically African-American neighborhood in Washington that has a large share of Hispanic students, Duncan said that Obama’s proposed budget will include \$2.7 billion for enhanced programs under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Duncan said he wants to work together on a law that “fosters innovation, advances equity, and supports children and educators.” He said there are areas for productive compromise, but “Congress must not compromise the nation’s vital interest in lifting up all students and protecting the vulnerable.”

COUNCIL

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In other business

Tuesday, the council will consider:

- Bids for several items, including an aerial fire truck, ambulance, daily cover machine for the landfill, 394 3-cubic-yard trash

containers, two sanitation trucks, an animal control truck, a utility truck and a sewer jet truck.

- Rezoning of property near the intersection of Birdwell and Sunset for

multi-family use.

- Annual delinquent tax report.
- A joint election agreement between the city and Big Spring Independent School District.
- A water supply agree-

ment between the city and Howard County.

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

POLICE

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Office reported the following activity:

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 69 inmates at the time of this report.

• DERRICK FERNELL REAGAN TAYLOR, 38, was booked on a charge of driving while licenses invalid with previous convictions.

• GILBERT GONZALES, 25, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle.

• SHAKARA JONES, 22, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than or equal to 5 pounds but greater than 4 ounces.

• RANDY GILBERT JENKINS BARRON, 24, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than or equal to 5 pounds but greater than

4 ounces.

• JO BARRON, 24, was booked by the BSPD on a Harris County warrant for assault of a family member.

• NATHAN HENRY BAKER, 60, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property, more than \$50 but less than \$500 and on a warrant for parole violation.

• THOMAS ANTHONY MORRIS, 63, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• MIGUEL JUAREZ CORRALES, 55, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• MIGUEL ANGEL JUAREZ JR., 21, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for parole violation.

• TEDORO DIAZ, 47, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension.

• JASON ORTEGA, 33, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of assault family/house member

impeding breath/circulation.

• SION DREW LONG, 21, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

• MARTIN GARCIA LEIJA, 49, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for possession of controlled substance, less than 1 gram.

• CYNTHIA MENDEZ,

44, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for MTRP/driving while intoxicated, second offense; disregarding a stop sign; animal at large (two counts); and failure to appear (three counts).

• ROBERT RUBIN SANCHEZ, 50, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intox-

ication.

• ALFRED GARCIA, 39, was booked by the BSPD on charges of aggravated assault w/ deadly weapon and criminal mischief, more than \$500 but less than \$1,500.

• JUAQUIN MIER, 32, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

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Jeff Long and the Howard College Hawks will try and maintain their hot start to WJCAC play tonight when they face off against Frank Phillips in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Hawks have won nine of their last 10 games, including their first three conference matchups.

Hawks to face Frank Phillips in key WJCAC matchup tonight

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Howard College Hawks are one of the hottest teams in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference. Fresh off a 74-59 romp over Clarendon College on Saturday, the Hawks have won nine of their last 10 games, including their first three WJCAC outings.

The Hawks will try and maintain that edge this evening when they host Frank Phillips College in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Games will begin at 5:45 p.m. with the women's matchup.

The Hawks, 12-4 overall, turned in a dominating effort against Clarendon. Backed by double-digit games from Sam Finlet, Rob Grey and sophomore Travis Charles, the HC men dominated the Bulldogs on both ends of the floor.

Finlet powered the HC offense with a stellar shooting performance. He sank a game-high five three-pointers en route to scoring 21 points.

Gray also played well, finishing with 18 points. In his last two outings, the GC guard has hit 18 of his 19 free throw attempts.

Charles scored 14 points in the game and pulled down six rebounds.

In Frank Phillips, the Hawks will be facing another red hot team. They enter tonight's game at 13-4 overall and tied with South Plains for third in

Western Junior College Athletic Conference Women

Team	Season W-L	Conf. W-L
Odessa	17-2	3-0
New Mexico JC	15-1	3-0
South Plains	6-10	2-1
Midland	11-7	2-1
Frank Phillips	13-3	1-2
Clarendon	10-6	1-2
Western Texas	8-8	0-3
Howard	5-12	0-3

Tonight's Games — Frank Phillips at Howard College, Western Texas at Midland College, Odessa at NMJC, South Plains at Clarendon.

Men

Team	Season W-L	Conf. W-L
Odessa	16-1	4-0
Howard	12-4	3-0
Frank Phillips	13-4	2-1
South Plains	12-4	2-1
NMMI	8-6	2-2
New Mexico JC	12-6	1-3
Western Texas	10-6	1-3
Midland	11-7	1-3
Clarendon	3-13	0-3

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the WJCAC standings with a 2-1 conference mark.

The Plainsmen are led by sophomore forward Alize Johnson. The 6-foot-7 standout leads FBC in scoring with 12.3 points per game, and in rebounding with 7.4 boards per contest.

Johnson went off for 30 points earlier this season in FPC's win over Wayland Baptist University. He pitched in 23 against New Mexico JC on Dec. 3.

Gray leads a potent HC offense into tonight's game. He has av-

eraged 17.3 points per game in the Hawks' first 16 games. Liz Shoshi is HC's top rebounder, pulling down 10.6 boards per contest.

A win over Frank Phillips tonight would be huge for Howard College, sending them into Thursday's showdown with Odessa College, in Odessa, with first-place in the conference race hanging in the balance.

The Howard College women enter tonight's matchup with vastly different goal. The HC women will be looking to get their young offense going as they look to register their first win in conference play.

The Lady Hawks, 5-12 overall and 0-3 in WJCAC play, are coming off a 70-50 loss to Clarendon on Saturday afternoon.

A freshman-laden squad, the HC women are averaging 49.3 points per game this season the lowest mark among all teams in Region V.

Against Clarendon, Howard College was led by 11 points from Abigail Flores. Courtney Jeffcoat and Bria McCullough both added eight points, while Tamar York netted seven points and a team-high 11 boards.

For the season, Flores paces the HC offense. She has averaged 7.4 points per game through the first 17 games of the year.

York leads the HC squad in rebounding with 8.8 boards.

Frank Phillips enters tonight's showdown averaging 79.6 points per game.

OSU, Oregon game to crown a 'true champion'

DALLAS (AP) — Ohio State and Oregon will meet in a game that has never been played for a trophy that has never been raised.

The winner Monday night in North Texas can be called the truest champion in the history of major college football.

The first College Football Playoff national championship game matches the second-seeded Ducks and fourth-seeded Buckeyes at AT&T Stadium.

"It's college football history," Ohio State coach Urban Meyer said Sunday during a news conference with Oregon coach Mark Helfrich, with that new championship trophy sitting in between them.

The days of bowls, polls and the BCS having the final say about who is No. 1 are over. The playoff that fans wanted for so long — and finally got — will determine a champion without a doubt.

Oregon (13-1) and its Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Marcus Mariota are in search of the program's first national title, the last remaining goal for a school that has barged onto the last two decades over the last two decades with ostentatious flare and flashy uniforms.

Ohio State (13-1) is shooting for national championship No. 5, but

the first under coach Urban Meyer, who returned to his home state three years ago to take over a college football goliath that was looking to start its next golden age.

Tradition rich vs. cutting edge.

The Ducks from the Pac-12 raced into the championship game with an emphatic 59-20 victory against Florida State last week at the Rose Bowl.

The Buckeyes from the Big Ten upset Alabama 42-35 at the Sugar Bowl to cap an improbable rebound from an early season loss and injuries to two star quarterbacks.

"This is much more of a business trip, this time around," Ohio State All-America defensive end Joey Bosa said. "Last week we went, we hung out and we had some fun. This week it's all about business; no going out, no messing around."

Ohio State has won 12 straight since stumbling at home to Virginia Tech in September.

The Ducks have won nine in a row since losing to Arizona in October.

"We've been playing, both our program and Ohio State have played with that kind of early loss, and your back was against the wall to get to this point every play of every game, the entire rest of the season, it was to the those words: do or die," Helfrich said.

Green Bay rallies to beat Cowboys, 26-21

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Hobbled but happy, Aaron Rodgers might have felt a bit lucky, too.

No matter: The All-Pro quarterback and his Green Bay Packers are one step away from the Super Bowl.

More stationary than usual because of a left calf injury, Rodgers rallied the Packers from an 8-point deficit with two second-half touchdowns passes to beat Dallas 26-21 Sunday.

The Packers (13-4), helped immensely by a video reversal with 4:06 remaining, went undefeated at Lambeau Field this season. They head to Seattle next weekend for the NFC title game.

The Seahawks (13-4) beat Green Bay in the season opener, 36-16.

"I think I got 120 minutes left in me," Rodgers said.

Green Bay might not have had any time left

in its season if not for referee Gene Steratore's decision. Dez Bryant's leaping, bobbling 31-yard catch at the Packers 1 on a fourth-and-2 play was challenged by Green Bay coach Mike McCarthy. Instead of first-and-goal for Dallas (13-5), the ball went over to the Packers.

"Look, I'll tell you this, I've never seen that day in my life," Bryant said. "I want to know why it wasn't a catch."

Because Bryant didn't maintain control all the way to the ground, as the rule states. Replays showed Bryant bobbling the ball as he rolled into the end zone, with part of it touching the field.

"By rule he must hold onto it throughout entire process of contacting the ground," tweeted Dean Blandino, the league's director of officiating. "He didn't, so it is incomplete."

Scoreboard

FOOTBALL				New Orleans				COLLEGE BASKETBALL									
NFL PLAYOFF GLANCE				Northwest Division				Big 12 Conference									
Divisional Playoffs				W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct				
Saturday, Jan. 10				Portland	30	8	.789	Kansas	2	0	1.000	13	2	.867			
New England 35, Baltimore 31				Oklahoma City	17	19	.486	Iowa St.	2	0	1.000	12	2	.857			
Seattle 17, Carolina 17				Denver	18	20	.459	West Virginia	2	1	.667	14	2	.875			
Sunday, Jan. 11				Utah	13	25	.342	Oklahoma St.	2	1	.667	16	2	.875			
Green Bay 26, Dallas 21				Minnesota	5	31	.139	TCU	0	3	.000	13	3	.813			
Indianapolis 24, Denver 13				Pacific Division				3	3	.500	Oklahoma	2	1	.667	11	4	.733
Conference Championships				Golden State	29	5	.853	Kansas St.	2	1	.667	9	7	.563			
Sunday, Jan. 18				Phoenix	25	13	.658	Baylor	1	2	.333	12	3	.800			
Green Bay at Seattle, 3:05 p.m. (FOX)				Phoenix	22	18	.550	Texas	1	2	.333	12	4	.750			
Indianapolis vs. New England, 6:40 p.m. (CBS)				Sacramento	16	21	.432	TCU	0	3	.000	13	3	.813			
Super Bowl				L.A. Lakers	12	26	.316	Texas Tech	0	3	.000	10	6	.625			
Sunday, Feb. 1				Sunday's Games				TRANSACCIONS BASEBALL									
At Glendale, Ariz.				Atlanta 120, Washington 89	OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Designated SS Andy Parrino for assignment.				American League								
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6:30 p.m. (NBC)				Miami 104, L.A. Clippers 90	TAMPA BAY RAYS — Agreed to terms with SS Adrupal Cabrera.				ROCHESTER AMERICANS — Returned G Pat Nagle to Fort Wayne (ECHL).								
BASKETBALL				Memphis 122, Phoenix 110, 2OT	DETROIT AT TORONTO, 7:30 p.m.				ECHL								
National Basketball Association				Portland 106, L.A. Lakers 94	Houston at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.				ECHL — Signed Missouri D Andrew Darrigo, pending review, and								
Eastern Conference				Portland 106, L.A. Lakers 94	New Orleans at Boston, 7:30 p.m.				COLLEGE								
Atlantic Division				San Antonio	23	15	.605	Orlando at Chicago, 8 p.m.	McClung GREEN — Named Kim Bowling assistant head coach/wide receivers coach, Sean Lewis quarterbacks/light ends coach, Mike Lynch offensive line coach and Tom Freeman assistant offensive line coach.								

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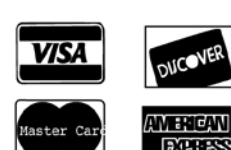
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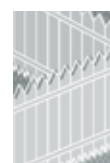
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To: G.W. Taylor, Lucretia Taylor, and their unknown heirs
Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday February 2, 2014, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, at 312 Scurry Street in said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 06/26/2013, cause number 49223 in the entitled cause QUAD A, INC. vs. G.W. TAYLOR AND LUCRETIA TAYLOR

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Adverse Possession as is more fully shown by the Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at office this 15th day of December, 2014.

COLLEEN BARTON
District Clerk of Howard County, Texas
#8565 December 21, 28, 2014 and January 4, 12, 2015

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am married to one of four siblings who dutifully took care of their aged parents until their mother died a few years ago. Daddy, in his mid-80s, met a bevy of women at his new upscale care facility and proposed marriage to one of them within two weeks. She turned him down, but a mutual friend accepted and she secretly married Daddy shortly thereafter.



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

The woman has two children, both in professional jobs, one of whom is an attorney. At first, we liked the stepmother, laughed a bit and everyone got along well. But 18 months later, Daddy died and we discovered that he had drafted a document leaving his estate, worth almost a million dollars, to her.

Now the stepmother will not answer any of our calls and hangs up if we somehow manage to get through. We certainly feel slighted, but this woman is our legal stepmother and we would, with civility, like to make our case to her to use some of that money to help with our children's college tuitions. How do we address her? -- Bombed in Birmingham

Dear Bombed: Oh, my. We're certain our readers will come up with many names you can call her, none of which are printable. Your 80-something father-in-law signed over his estate to a

woman he barely knew, they married in secret, and it lasted a short time. This entire situation sounds fishy. You need a lawyer. Now.

Dear Annie: I had been living with "Rafe" for 10 years until we split up several months ago. Recently, he called to say that his brother had died. I wanted to attend the funeral, but Rafe said he didn't want me to be there because we weren't together anymore.

This made me upset and it hurt. Then he said his family probably wouldn't want me there, either. Since I knew his brother, I feel I should have shown up and paid respects. What difference does it make if we're together or not? I don't know how I'm supposed to feel now. I am sensitive and Rafe doesn't care that he hurts my feelings. -- Ex-Girlfriend

Dear Ex: This isn't about you. It is about Rafe and his family. If they were uncomfortable having you at the funeral, it was right for you to stay away. It is natural that you wanted to pay your respects, but their feelings come first. It would be very gracious of you to send a condolence card to Rafe and his family, expressing your sadness over their loss, and perhaps sharing a fond memory of Rafe's brother.

Dear Annie: I'd like to weigh in on servers calling people "Hon" or "Sweetheart."

I'm a widower in my late 60s. I agree almost entirely with those who dislike being called "Sweetie," by servers. But the fact is, I have never had a young male address me in any way I found offensive. However, it is a daily ritual for me with the young ladies.

I used to go to a coffee shop four times a week. About three years ago, as if someone flipped a switch, I began to be addressed as "Sweetie" or "Sweetheart." It came with a condescending tone, too. I heard them address older women the same way. I quit going there. I took my late wife's brother to our local steakhouse. The young hostess escorted us to the darkest corner and after we were seated, lit the table candle and said coyly, "This will make it more romantic for you guys."

Maybe these young females should get some sensitivity training before they are put into positions where they come into contact with the public. Just because we are over 60 doesn't mean we suddenly need coddling. -- Sonora, California

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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Sudoku Answer On Page 5

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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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Mars Enters Pisces

The warrior planet moves into difficult territory. In Aquarius, he was confident, taking care of business and bringing his best efforts to all who needed them the most. In Pisces, he's completely out of his element. The lesson here is to be sensitive to what's happening on an emotional level -- it just might be the level that matters most.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You think you know him so deeply because you have examined his blueprint many times. This is the one who will throw you for a delightful loop. Stay alert.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're zany, inventive, clever, simply irresistible to anyone who observes you. So stop worrying about how you are being perceived, and start enjoying the extra attention.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's something about your work that you enjoy immensely, and the most productive part of your day occurs because you dwell awhile in that feeling, ignoring all else.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Sometimes you just need new friends. Everyone you know leads

Tomorrow's Horoscope

to more people. You're so charming now that it won't take much to add a few to the mix.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you sound like a nag, you'll be tuned out. Take matters into your own hands, and make it look like fun while you're at it. Others will rush to hop onto your moving train.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll constantly have to remind yourself of your deeper purpose, even if you think you know it intrinsically. This is how you prevent the distractions of the day from sending you on a quest for short-term gains.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People will praise you, but beware: Pride goeth before the fall. Indeed, that puffed-up, high-and-mighty feeling lends just the altitude necessary for a dramatic drop. Humility is the way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What you did, you did for a reason. Your crew is behind you. Good to know that you don't have to stand alone. There's an earth sign on your side: Taurus, Virgo or Capricorn.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Don't stir the pot when things seem to be mixing with or without you. Talking about it doesn't always make it better. Sometimes it makes things worse.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). "Keep calm" is

the motto, and yet sometimes that's just not possible. People get riled up over the littlest things. Maybe that excitement is good. Let it ride.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's said that there is nothing new under the sun, and yet, if there were, you probably would've invented it. Your wheels are spinning this week, and many people other than you will enjoy the spectacle.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The question now is: Are your goals appropriate? The ideal goal for you is personally meaningful, probable and yet still slightly out of reach. You'll get it. Baby steps.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 12). You are an executive and a manager this month, and you'll handle what's key. The accomplishments might not be the sort that can be hung on a wall, but they are real nonetheless. March shows you moving or renovating. June brings a shift in your purpose. Above all, be kind and sweet to yourself. Cancer and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 44, 2, 32 and 15.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I recently found a strange email in my husband's computer. It originated on a social networking account he has, and he accidentally left his computer open and his account logged in. I wasn't trying to be nosy, but when I went to close his computer, the message was right there

on the page. It was from someone he dated many years ago, and it was a short note saying how much she missed talking to him. Should I bring it up to him? I'll be incriminating myself as a snoop if I do. I'm a Virgo, and he's a Capricorn."

Only you can answer this question. Capricorn is a very traditional-minded sign and doesn't take the rules of personal privacy lightly. He'll have an issue with your snooping no matter how accidental it was. On the other hand, being a Virgo, you will not likely let this issue rest without some kind of resolution. Your mind will turn it and work it like a piece of eternal chewing gum until you finally decide how you're going to spit it out. I don't want to use the word "obsessive," but I guess I just did! It's all in your execution. Be spiritually light.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: British pop sensation Pixie Lott tops the UK charts and is poised for world-renowned status in 2015 with her single "Caravan of Love." Lott was born when the sun was in Capricorn and the moon and Mercury were in Sagittarius, a worldly and sophisticated placement lending endless curiosity and a tendency to take the broad view of things.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand — Part 1

East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ K Q 9 8 7
♥ 7
♦ J 3
♣ Q J 9 8 3

WEST
♦ A 6 5 4 3
♥ K Q 10 8 6
♦ 4 2
♣ A

EAST
♥ J 10
♦ 5 4 2
♦ A 7
♣ K 10 7 6 4 2

SOUTH
♦ 2
♥ A J 9 3
♦ K Q 10 9 8 6 5
♣ 5

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East South West North
Pass 1♦ 2♦ Pass
2♥ 3♦ Pass
3♥ Pass 4♥

Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

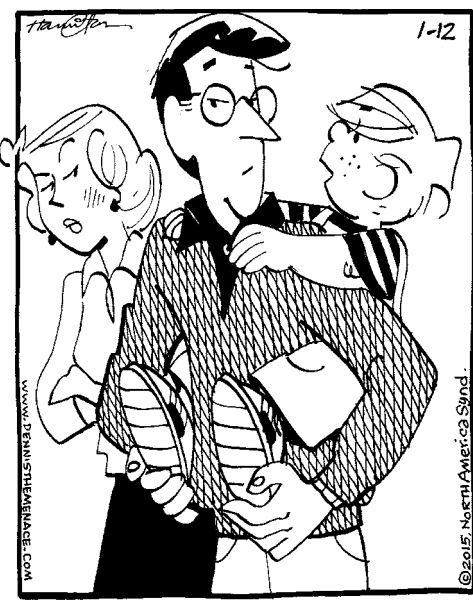
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Tomorrow: Famous Hand — Part 2.
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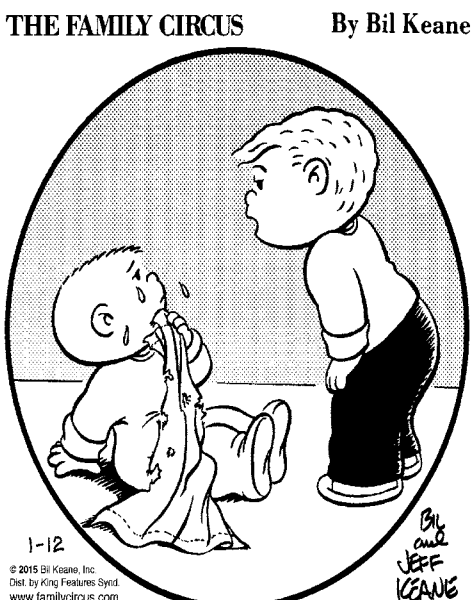
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"MARGARET KEEPS TALKIN' TO ME AS IF I'M LISTENING. DO YOU KNOW ANYONE LIKE THAT, DAD?"

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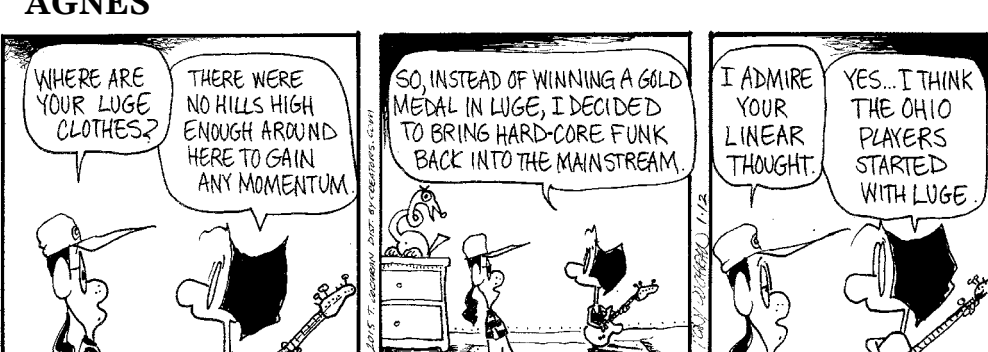
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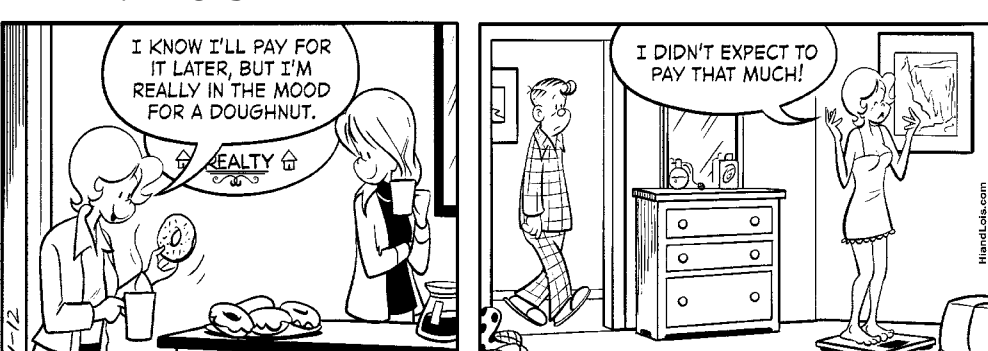
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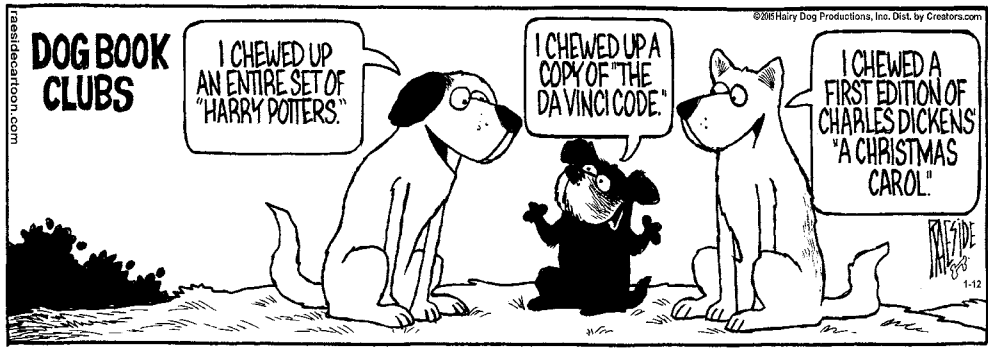
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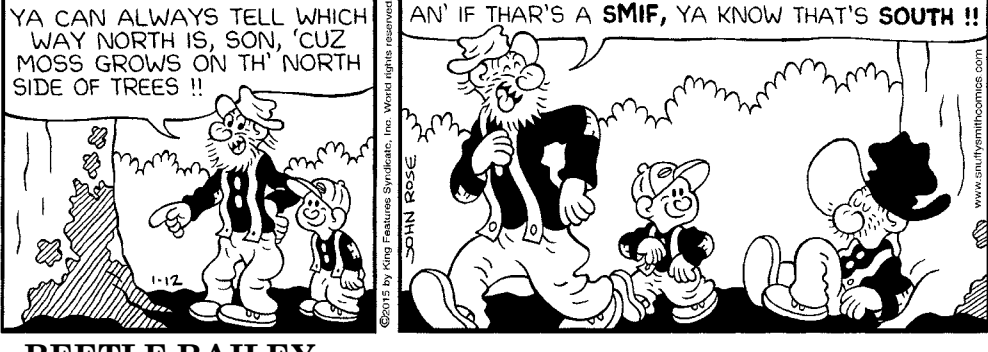
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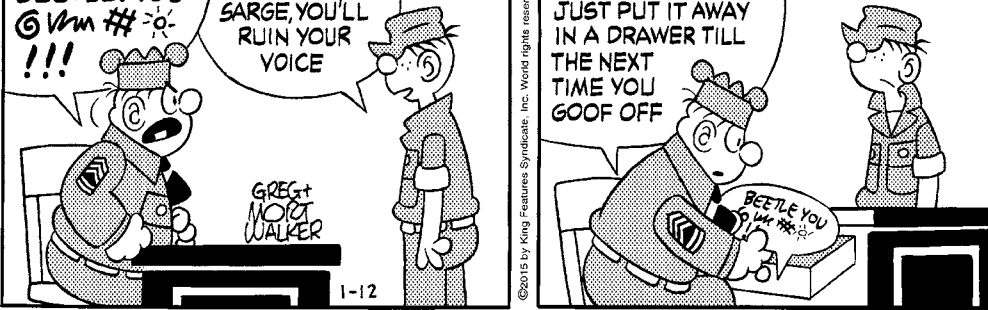
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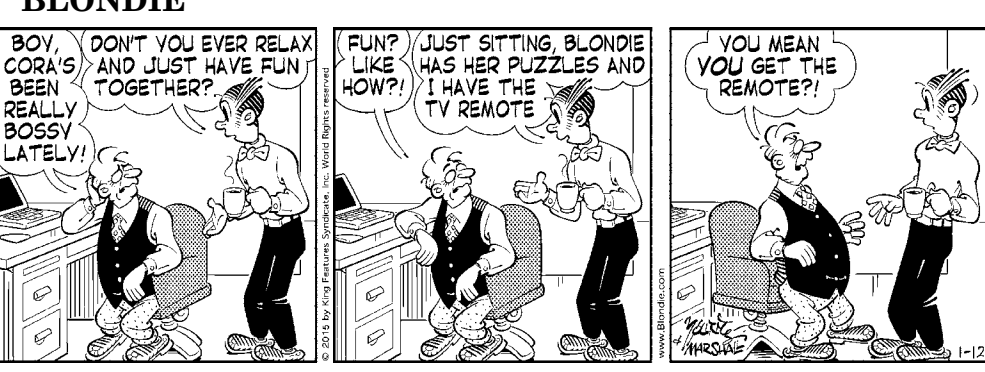
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Jan. 12, the 12th day of 2015. There are 353 days left in the year. Today's Highlights in History: On Jan. 12, 1915, the U.S. House of Representatives rejected, 204-174, a proposed constitutional amendment to give women nationwide the right to vote. The silent film drama "A Fool There Was," which propelled Theda Bara to stardom with her portrayal of a predatory vamp, premiered in New York. On this date: In 1519, Holy Roman

Emperor Maximilian I died. In 1773, the first public museum in America was organized in Charleston, South Carolina. In 1828, the United States and Mexico signed a Treaty of Limits defining the boundary between the two countries to be the same as the one established by an 1819 treaty between the U.S. and Spain. In 1912, textile workers at the Everett Mill in Lawrence, Massachusetts, most of them immigrant women, walked off the job to protest wage cuts. In 1932, Hattie W. Caraway became the first woman elected

to the U.S. Senate after initially being appointed to serve out the remainder of the term of her late husband, Thaddeus. In 1945, during World War II, Soviet forces began a major, successful offensive against the Germans in Eastern Europe. Aircraft from U.S. Task Force 38 sank about 40 Japanese ships off Indochina.

Answer to previous puzzle
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ACROSS

- 1 Rail-riding vagabond
- 5 Stock up on
- 10 Agile
- 14 English nobleman
- 15 French hat
- 16 Person from Bangkok
- 17 Just slightly
- 18 Opera solos
- 19 Expressway exit
- 20 Scientist who studies atoms
- 22 Poem
- 23 Sharp, as eyesight
- 24 Abound (with)
- 25 "Bald" birds
- 28 Newspaper's job listings
- 31 Aids in a crime
- 32 Separated
- 34 Espionage org.
- 35 Sunbather's goal
- 36 Rural festivals
- 37 Rural hotel
- 38 Take advantage of
- 39 Arranges into stacks
- 40 Made simpler
- 42 Store selling dog food
- 44 Hot and muggy
- 45 Digital music player
- 46 Marble-cake pattern
- 48 Fancy knotted scarf
- 50 Scientist who studies cells
- 54 Mix with a spoon
- 55 Defiant challenge

DOWN

- 1 Sloppy stack
- 2 Solemn pledge
- 3 Donkey's sound
- 4 Seasoned sailor
- 5 Calculator with beads
- 6 Be worthy of
- 7 Get off the couch
- 8 Couch or bench
- 9 Haloed ones: Abbr.
- 10 City road
- 11 Scientist filling prescriptions
- 12 Ewes' mates
- 13 "Omigosh!"
- 21 Puts frosting on
- 22 Clothes-dryer outlet
- 24 Black paving materials
- 25 Completely devour
- 26 Belittle
- 27 Scientist who studies heredity
- 28 Armed conflicts
- 29 Casual eatery
- 30 Like sunbathers' beaches
- 32 Org. for seniors
- 33 Cherry seed
- 36 Anything that's edible
- 39 Took a photo of
- 40 Money in Italy
- 41 Completely depleted
- 43 Basketball and soccer
- 44 Making no sound
- 46 Prolonged battle
- 47 Adult female
- 48 In the matter of
- 49 Staircase part
- 50 Pat baby on the back
- 51 Object of adoration
- 52 Male children
- 53 Elm or eucalyptus
- 55 Ship's distress signal

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