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Fill the truck

SA ready to wrap up 2015 Angel Tree Christmas program

By JULIE BASS

Staff Writer

On Saturday, the Big Spring Fire Department took a truck to Wal-Mart and assisted the Salvation Army with the annual "Fill the Truck" toy drive.

Several members of the BSFD greeted customers and accepted donations from shoppers.

Captain Jeremiah Romack of the Big Spring Salvation Army said that 115 toys were collected Saturday by the firefighters in three hours.

Fill the Truck was the next to last chance for the community to donate to the Salvation Army collection efforts.

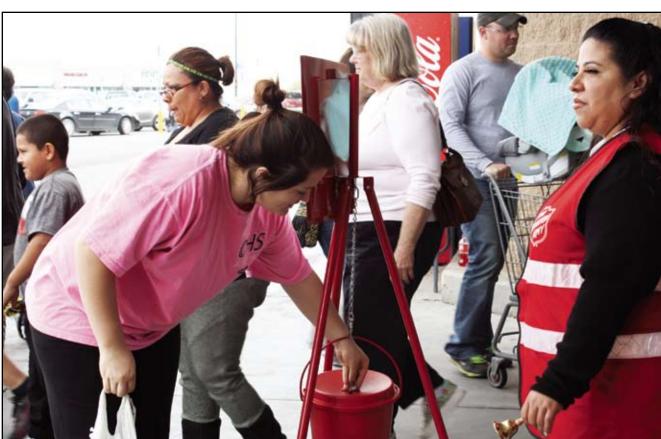
"The Angel Tree program is still going on, but Thursday is the deadline for that. We need all of the angel tree purchases to be turned in Thursday because our toy distribution is this Saturday," said Romack.

Through the Angel Tree Program, shoppers are offered an opportunity to make someone's Christmas wish come true by purchasing gifts for a child or senior. The program is a way to provide clothing, shoes, basic needs, and a "wish list" item to someone who might otherwise not receive anything this year.

"Every child should have something to open on

Christmas morning.

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Salvation The Army held its Fill the Truck toy drive Saturday. At top, a person donates to the SA's Red Kettle fund raiser. At right, two people drop off toys for the Fill the Truck drive. The Salvation Army will distribute Christmas gifts collected during the 2015 Angel program on Saturday.

Herald Photo/Julie Bass



Rollback tax rate informational meeting tonight at 6:30 at HC



By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Three more public informational meetings upcoming Howard College tax rate rollback election are scheduled before the election next month.

tonight at 6:30 in the Hall Center for the Arts Auditorium, Howard College Campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane. The two meetings will be both held on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2016 at the Hall Center for the Arts Auditorium. One is at 12:30 p.m., and sign language interpretation provided. The other at

6:30 p.m. These last three were part of a seven series

A meeting will be held of scheduled meetings by college officials to defend the district's hike in property taxes.

In August, college trustees approved a 7 cent hike in the tax rate from the previous year which was 2 cents above the roll back rate. That rate of 25.16 cents per \$100 valuation is projected to bring in about \$1 million dollars in new

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tax revenue.

BSISD enrollment continues downward trend, officials say

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A slow-down in the area's oil and gas economy is still impacting enrollment at Big Spring Independent School District as latest figures show a continued downward trend.

According to figures released by Superintendent Chris Wigington, the district is down about 125 students from this time last year and 17 students from last month's numbers. Student enrollment and attendance has an effect on the district funding from the state.

Wigington announced the figures during the last Board of Trustee meeting which was held Thursday evening.

During the evening, the trustees heard several in-depth reports including the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR), a state mandated document that is a compilation of data about a district's academic and financial performance. The report breaks down statistics to district and campus level with comparisons to schools districts as a whole both statewide and in the region.

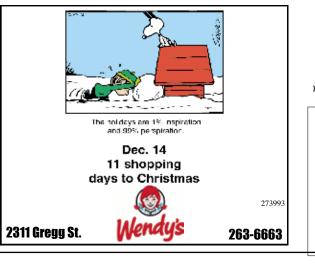
Also, district officials gave an overview of the Lead4ward program which is an approached to teaching the essential academic curriculum in the class-



room. This is one of a series of reports over district programs given during the last several meetings.

"The reason I am having reports every month is because I want you to know the things we say we are doing, we are doing," Wigington told board "That members. right there (Lead4ward) our teachers use it daily, they use it weekly. The thought that teaching is easy, you can look at that right now and see that it is not. Our teachers are working extremely hard as well as our curriculum department and principals and I want you to know what they are doing because I am proud of them."

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Obituaries

Patsy Juanita Henkel



Patsy Juanita Henkel, 85, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Dec. 12, 2015 in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2015 at Midway Baptist Church with Rev. Jim Binnix, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born July 11, 1930 in Dawson County, Texas and married John William Henkel Dec. 7, 1952. He preceded her in death on Oct. 25, 2006.

Patsy and her husband owned and operated Sav Mor and Super Save grocery stores for many years. They were also in the restaurant business many years owning Jo Boys in Big Spring and Cattleman's Steak House in Midland.

Survivors include one son, Billy Joe Henkel of Big Spring; two daughters, Betty Bennett and husband, Lee of Big Spring, and Beverly Lisooey and husband, Bruce of Tulsa, Okla.; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one sister, Marie Kidd of Lamesa; two brothers, Jackie Kelley of Lamesa and Jerry Kelley and wife, Pat of Las Cruces, N.M.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Alice Kelley; one brother, Leonard Kelley; and two sisters, Peggy Jayroe and Sue Noel.

The family suggests memorials to Midway Baptist Church, 6200 S. Service Road, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, 4400 N. Big Spring, St., Suite C-32, Midland, Texas 79705.

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

Wilma Dorsey



Wilma Dorsey, 77 of Big Spring passed away Thursday, Dec. 10, 2015 in a Lubbock hospital. The family will receive friends Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Funeral services will be Monday, Dec. 14, 2015 at 11 a.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with Brother Randy Cotton of Trinity Baptist Church officiat-

She was born June 25, 1938, in Lamesa, Texas. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. She married Grady Dorsey Jr. Jan. 7, 1957. He preceded her in death June 7, 1992. She made a career as a substitute teacher for many years at Coahoma ISD. She later worked for Weatherford in Coahoma for more than 20 years and just recently retired in February of this year. The highlight of her life was her yearly trip she would take with her kids and grandkids to Ruidoso to the horse races. Wilma was a die-hard Cowboys fan and never

missed watching the games on TV.

She is survived by two daughters, Traci Kendrick and husband, Termite of Big Spring, Cristi Anderson and husband, Jimmy of LaVernia; five grandchildren, Tessa Kendrick, Treagan Kendrick, Payton Anderson, Taylor Anderson and Toryn Kendrick; her favorite four legged friend, Sparkles; two nephews, Danny Hart and Barry Hart; one brother in law, Bill Hart; and her best friend of 70 years, Shirley.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her mother, Audie Cole; her father, Clint Bradford and her stepfather, Esmer Cole; one sister, Peggy Hart; and one nephew, Larry Hart.

Pallbearers will be Termite Kendrick, Jimmy Anderson, Treagan Kendrick, Taylor Anderson, Abel Lopez, and Bill Walton. Honorary pallbearers will be Toryn Kendrick, Bill Hart, Barry hart and Danny Hart.

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

Paid obituary

Jose H. "Joe" Olivares



Jose H. "Joe" Olivares, 54, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2015, in Odessa. Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Lighthouse Restoration Center. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Lighthouse Restoration Center with Pastor Reynaldo Bennett, officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Jan. 4, 1961, in Seminole, Texas to Octavio and

Guadalupe Olivares. He was a mechanic. He also worked for many years at McMahan Concrete. He lived most of his life in Big Spring and was a member of the Lighthouse Restoration Center.

He is survived by his wife, Corinna C. Olivares

of Big Spring; seven daughters, Gloria Olivares of Lubbock, Tiffany J. Olivares of Big Spring, Angela Robinson of Killeen, Alicia Rivera of Lubbock, Olga Hilario of Lubbock, Monica Cervantes of Big Spring, and Marissa Ramirez of San Angelo; four sons, Jose Olivares Jr. of Big Spring, Peter Candelaria of Big Spring, Armando Cervantes of Big Spring, and Fabian Flores of Lubbock; mother, Guadalupe Boyles; two brothers, Jimmy Olivares of Lubbock, and Johnny Olivares of Big Spring; four sisters, Lucy Ybarra of Big Spring, Janie Morales of Odessa, Cruzita Corral of Oregon, and Marylou

great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his father, Octavio Olivares; one brother, Jesse Olivares; one infant brother and one infant sister.

Rasberry of El Paso; 23 grandchildren; and one

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Irene Hernandez of Big Spring; one brother, Baltimore Cerna of Lamesa; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Sotero Cerna and Martin Cerna; and one sister, Gloria Carrillo.

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

Alfred R. Cerna



Alfred R. Cerna, 87, of Knott died Saturday, Dec. 12, 2015, at his residence. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Ackerly Cemetery.

He was born Nov. 22, 1929, in San Antonio, Texas to Pedro and Frances Rodriquez. He moved to Knott in 1973.

He is survived by two sisters, Elvira Martinez of Knott and

Ross "Wayne" Bonner, 92, of Big Spring died Satpending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Larry W. McWhorter
Larry W. McWhorter, 73, died Saturday, Dec.

urday, Dec. 12, 2015 in a local hospital. Services are 12, 2015, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- HOLLY RENAE BARRERA, 26, of 800 Crieghton, Stanton, Texas was arrested on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.
- BENJAMIN MENESES OLGUIN JR., 34, of 1200 S. Johnson St. was arrested on warrants for no driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility and possession of a controlled substance, more than 4 grams but less than 200 grams.
- BETHEL LYNETTE WRIGHT, 49, of 5700 Cedar Lot No. 53 was arrested on a charge of burglary of a vehicle. • CHARLES EDWARD MORGAN, 59, of 2519
- Chanute Dr. was arrested on two warrants from other agencies. • WILEY ANDREW BOUCHILLON, 51, of 41 Co. Rd. 184, Oxford ,Miss. was arrested on a charge of
- theft of property, more than \$100 but less than \$750, shoplifting. • ANSELMO ARREDONDO VEGA, 22, of 110 N.W. 4th St. was arrested on a charge of disorderly
- conduct by fighting. • DANIEL REYES, 21, of 1905 Wasson Rd. 36, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct by
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 100 block of Jefferson St. and the 2500 block of
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 2100 block of Grace St. and the 1400 block of E.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2300 block of Mishler St.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1800 block of S. Gregg St., the 200 block of W. FM 700 and the 1100 block of N. Lamesa Hwy.
- DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson Rd. and the 1100 block of S. Austin St.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 900 block of N. Lamesa Hwy., the S. Service Rd. past Border Estates and on Benton Bridge.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 58 inmates at the time of this report.

- HOLLY RENAE BARRERA, 26, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear. • WILEY BOUCHILLON, 51, was booked by the
- BSPD on a charge of theft of property, more than \$100 but less than \$750. • TINA GAMMILL, 54, was booked by the BSPD
- on a charge of assault family violence, threat. • MANUEL ROMERO LOZANO III. 43. was
- booked by the BSPD on charges of aggravated assault to family/house member with a deadly weapon and aggravated assault against a public
- CHARLES EDWARD MORGAN, 59, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for their – stolen property by check, unlawful possession of a firearm, resisting arrest/search/transport and evading arrest/detention.
- BENJAMIN MENESES OLGUIN JR., 34. was booked by the BSPD on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, no driver's license and a charge of possession of a controlled substance, more than 4 grams but less than 200
- DANIEL REYES, 19, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct by fighting. • LEON LEE TREVINO, 34, was booked by the
- BSPD on a warrant for driving while license inval-• JOHN (JUAN) LUIZ VALBUENA, 38, was
- booked by the BSPD on a warrant for parent contributing to non-attendance. • ANSELMO ARREDONDO VEGA, 22, was
- booked by the BSPD on a charge of disorderly contact by fighting. KATHY ANNE WILLIAMS, 54, was booked by
- the BSPD on a charge of theft of property, less than \$100, shoplifting. • BETHEL LYNNETTE WRIGHT, 49, was
- booked by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a vehicle.

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The Big Spring Fire Department brought fire trucks and donated their time Saturday to help the Salvation Army with the annual "Fill the Truck" toy drive.

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In October, a group of citizens successfully held a petition drive to force the trustees to put the matter in front of the voters

If the rate prevails in the

election, Sparks has stated the college budget will only increase \$567,000 of new monies with the rest going to shore up the budget suffering from severe cuts in funding from the state over

loss in tuition and fee revenue. At the current rate, a property owner with a house valued at \$100,000 will pay approximately \$20 more dollars in taxes than last year, according to figures released by the col-

If voters approve the rollprojected new tax revenue.

the last several years and

back, the rate will be set at 23.16 cents per \$100 valuation and Howard College will stand to lose \$630,000 in Early voting will begin

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Last year, the Salvation Army provided gifts to 796 children and seniors who may otherwise not have received anything for Christmas. This year we expect to have 850 angels available for adoption. Please stop by one of the Salvation Army Angel Trees and help make a wish come true for a child or family this Christmas," said Salvation Army Captain Missy Romack.

Even though the Fill the Truck and Angel Tree programs are coming to an end, there is still time to donate to the Red Kettle Campaign. The red kettles continue to collect up until Christmas Eve. They also accept donations online at www. onlineredkettle.org. "Thank you for giving at the

Red Kettles this Christmas Season and being part of 'Doing the Most Good' all year round in Big Spring," said Captian Jeremiah Romack.

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> Jan. 4-15, at the Howard County Election Office located on the first floor of the County Court House. On Election day, Jan. 19, polls will open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum located on the Howard College campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

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Meetings

In other business, trust-

Approved a resolution requesting Texas Governor Greg Abbot consider certain criteria in choosing thenext state Commissioner of Education. Those criteria are: a current or former educator who has a track record of putting students' needs first, a Texan who understands how Texas schools work; have experience utilizing best educational practices at both the campus and district levels: have a detailed understanding of the various back-

• The Big Spring Art

Association meets every

third Tuesday, September

through May at 7 p.m. in

the basement of the Howard

County Library. Everyone

is welcome to attend. Mem-

berships are available. The

Order of the Eastern

Star Big Spring Chapter 67

meets the third Tuesday of

each month at 219 Main St.

Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.

Lodge meeting begins at

7:30 p.m. Everyone is wel-

come. For more informa-

tion, contact Jimmy Ruth

The Big Spring Sympho-

ny Board of Directors meets

every first Tuesday at 5:30

p.m. at the symphony office,

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Spring meets at noon every

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ground, diversity challenges, uniqueness and needs toward the students; highly committed to restoring local control to our schools, administrator and school boards; and must be committed to eliminating unfunded mandates, excessive paper work and regulations from Texas school districts.

• Heard the Big Spring ISD Financial Accountability Rating (School FIRST) report. The district received a pass from the state this year. BSISD received 30 of the 30 possible points, according to to district CFO Debbie Green. The annual report is a method the state uses to see if the district is using sound financial practices.

- Accepted a \$3,000 donation for the golf team in memory of Royce Cox, who was a long-time teacher at the district.
- · Accepted a \$2,136 donation for the boys basketball team and the same amount for the girls basketball team from the Big Spring Youth Basketball League.
- Approved an agreement to allow CGG Land (U.S.) Land Inc. to conduct seismic operations of district property.

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Take Note

tion will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 12 at Howard College. The cost is \$10 and is open to the first 50 exhibitors. Lunch is included in the cost. Topics covered is basics of showmanship, feed and nutrition and daily management. To registrar, HCJLA01@gmail. e-mail

Volunteer opportunities

- Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.
- Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Kim Plew at 263-4016 or 213-
- Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-
- Victim Services is a nonprofit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are

available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-

- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www. BecomeaCASA.org or www.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings.

to work off com-Be there at 9-11 rehab meeting.

casawtx.org.

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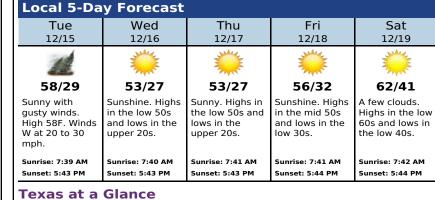
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One person dead in a vehicle accident in Runnels County

A motorcycle and another vehicle were involved in a fatal crash Sunday evening in Runnels County south of Winters. At 7:08 p.m., a motorcycle was traveling north on US-83 behind another unknown vehicle, according to a press release sent out by the Texas Department of Public Safety. The vehicle involved in the crash was traveling south on US-83 behind a truck-tractor/semitrailer. The motorcycle was passing the vehicle in front of it when it met the truck-tractor/semi-trailer going south. "The motorcycle veered left to the west side shoulder of US-83

to avoid the (truck-tractor/semi-trailer)," the press release stated. "The motorcycle then struck the vehicle following the (trucktractor/semi-trailer) on the right front." No other information was released at this time involving the identity of the deceased.

– Amanda Elston





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Support Groups

MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 6:06 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Cen-
- · 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.
- · Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, next to Attitudes Hair Salon, down by Bealls).

Open meeting at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

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

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 Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each

month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 ½ Main St. All Masons are welcome.

HCLA - Pig Clinic •Apigshowmanshipcamp sponsored by the Howard County Livestock Associa-

Opinion

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Opinions expressed on this page are those of the writers and not those of the Big Spring Herald unless otherwise indicated.

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An establishment unhinged

alling for a moratorium on Muslim immigration "until our country's representatives can figure out what the hell is going on," Donald Trump

this week ignited a firestorm of historic proportions. As all the old

hate words — xenophobe, racist, bigot — have lost their electric charge from overuse, and Trump was being called a fascist demagogue and compared to Hitler and Mussolini.



BUCHANAN

The establishment seemed to have become unhinged.

Why the hysteria? Comes the reply: Trump's call for a temporary ban on Muslim immigration tramples all over "American values" and everything we stand for, including the Constitution.

But is this really true?

The Constitution protects freedom of religion for U.S. citizens. But citizens of foreign lands have no constitutional right to migrate. And federal law gives a president broad powers in deciding who comes and who does not, especially in wartime.

In 1924, Congress restricted immigration from Asia, reduced the numbers coming from southern and Central Europe, and produced a 40-year moratorium on most immigration into the United States.

Its authors and President Coolidge wanted ours to remain a nation whose primary religious and ethnic ties were to Europe, not Africa or Asia.

Under FDR, Truman and JFK, this was the law of the land.

Did this represent 40 years of

Why might Trump want a moratorium on Muslim immigration? Reason one: terrorism. The

9/11 terrorists were Muslim, as were the shoe and underwear bombers on those planes, the Fort Hood shooter, the Times Square bomber and the San Bernardino killers.

And as San Bernardino showed again, Islamist terrorists are exploiting our liberal immigration policies to come here and kill us. Thus, a pause, a timeout on immigration from Muslim countries, until we fix the problem, would seem to be simple common sense.

Second, Muslims are clearly more susceptible to the siren call of terrorism, and more likely to be radicalized on the Internet and in mosques than are Christians at church or Jews at synagogue.

Which is why we monitor mosques more closely than cathedrals.

Third, according to Harvard's late Samuel Huntington, a "clash of civilizations" is coming between the West and the Islamic world. Other scholars somberly concur. But if such a conflict is in the cards, how many more millions of devout Muslims do we want inside the gates?

Set aside al-Qaida, ISIS and their sympathizers. Among the 1.6 billion Muslims worldwide are untold millions of followers of the Prophet who pray for the coming of a day when sharia is universal and the infidels, i.e., everyone else, are either converted or subjugated.

In nations where Muslims are already huge majorities, where are the Jews? Where have all the Christians gone?

With ethnic and sectarian wars raging in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Turkey, Yemen, Libya, Nigeria and Somalia, why would we bring into our own country people from all sides of these murderous conflicts?

Many European nations — Germans, French, Swedes, Brits — appear to regret having thrown open their doors to immigrants and refugees from the Islamic world, who have now formed unassimilated clusters and enclaves inside their coun-

Ought we not explore why, before we continue down this road? In some countries of the

Muslim world, Americans who embrace "Hollywood values" regarding abortion, adultery and homosexuality, can get their heads chopped off as quickly as converts to Christianity.

In what Muslim countries does Earl Warren's interpretation of the First Amendment — about

any and all religious presence being banned in public schools and all religions being treated equally — apply?

When is the next "Crusade for Christ" coming to Saudi Arabia? Japan has no immigration from the Muslim world, nor does Israel, which declares itself

fascistic? President Obama and the guiltbesotted West often bawl their apologies for the horrors of the Crusades that liberated Jerusalem.

a Jewish state. Are they also

Anyone heard Muslim rulers lately apologizing for Saladin, who butchered Christians to take Jerusalem back, or for Suleiman the Magnificent, who conquered the Christian Balkans rampaging through Hungary all the way to the gates of Vienna?

Trump's surge this week, in the teeth of universal denunciation, suggests that a large slice of America agrees with his indictment — that our political-media establishment is dumb as a box of rocks and leading us down a path to national suicide.

Trump's success tells us that the American people really do not celebrate "globalization." They think our negotiators got snookered out of the most magnificent industrial machine ever built, which once guaranteed our workers the highest standard of living on earth. They don't want open borders

people here illegally to be sent back, the borders secured, and a moratorium imposed on Muslim immigration until we fix the broken system. As for the establishment, they

or mass immigration. They want

are saying pretty much what The Donald is saying. To paraphrase Oliver Cromwell's speech to the Rump Parliament:

You have sat here too long for any good you have done here. In the name of God, go!

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May we remain diligent about reading Your word, Lord, for our life.

Guns for Terrorists

re you for or against guns for terrorists? Do people who have Lbeen identified by our In order that we might better serve your law enforcement agencies as too dangerous to fly — folks on the "no-fly" list — nonetheless have the right to buy guns?

> According to the Republicans running for president, apparently they do. AllfourRepublican senators seeking the top spot voted last week against expanded background checks for gun purchasers.



Susan **ESTRICH**

"What could possibly be the argument for allowing a terrorist suspect to buy a semiautomatic weapon?"

President Obama said. "This is a matter of national security." But response to his proposal to ban gun purchases by individuals identified as possible terror-

ists has split along the usual par-

ty lines. Help me understand this. We have folks on the Republican side who want to ban all Muslims from entering this country or to create a Muslim registry, and they find no constitutional problems there; but when it comes to keeping ISIS supporters from buying guns, well, that must violate the Second Amendment!

It doesn't.

It's true that the no-fly list isn't foolproof. Sometimes people are on there by mistake. The late Ted Kennedy once found himself on the list. But that's no reason to let everyone on the list board a plane. We would be horrified at

that "answer." Of course, give people a means to get off the list if they've been wrongly included. But don't give them boarding passes or allow them to buy guns.

Why do law-abiding gun owners object so strongly to keeping guns out of the hands of those who would use them against innocent people? An expanded background check that includes terrorists should pose absolutely no risk to them. And the minor inconvenience of having the same name as someone on the no-fly list (an inconvenience more likely to be endured by people with common Muslim names, not you and me, by the way) is the price for keeping the skies safe.

And it's the price for keeping a holiday gathering in San Bernardino from turning into the scene of a massacre.

Gun politics are as good an example as you'll find of the failure of pluralist democracy. A majority of Americans favor reasonable restrictions on who can buy guns. Will such restrictions mean that criminals will no longer be able to secure guns? No. But the next question never gets asked: Will such restrictions mean law-abiding citizens can't secure guns? No. So why shouldn't we at least make it more difficult for terrorists to arm themselves, and more risky for them to buy guns?

There is the matter of licenses, as well. As every parent will tell you, giving a teen the car keys the keys to what can be a weapon of mass destruction — is a terrifying moment. But at least they need to be licensed before they get those keys. They need to pass

stand and can follow the rules of the road and operate a car safely. Why shouldn't we be at least as

careful with weapons whose only

function is destruction? The NRA tries to present every issue of gun regulation — no matter how reasonable, no matter how little such regulation would impact law-abiding citizens — as the toe of the elephant that, if it gets in the door, will proceed to

take your gun away. No one is going to take your gun away, unless you lied to get it or have been found to be mentally unstable, a danger to yourself and others — or, if Obama gets his way, unless you're a sus-

pected terrorist. So, this week, Republicans adopted the cause of suspected terrorists, defending their rights to access guns. Can you imagine what they'd do if the tables were turned, and the GOP could pin a shooting on lax Democratic policy? There would be shades of William "Willie" Horton, no doubt. But when the NRA says jump, there are too many in Congress whose only response is: How high? In this case, the answer was way too high. If Democrats were doing it, they'd accuse us of jumping into the arms of terror-

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two tests to show they under-

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Steers lose heartbreaker in OT, 58-57

By TAYLOR ELLIS

Sports Editor

ANDREWS — The Big Spring boys varsity squad suffered a 58-57 overtime loss Saturday at the hands of El Paso Riverside High School Consolation the in Championship.

The Steers tied the game at 44-44 with 1:36 left in the game thanks to a deep three pointer by senior Israel O'guin. Riverside pushed their lead back to three, but O'guin answered the bell again nailing another deep three pointer shots began to fall in the with 16.3 seconds left.

In overtime, Riverside grabbed the lead early, and was able to hold onto the lead thanks to free throws and a couple of controversial calls that went their way.

O'guin led the team with 22 points and seven rebounds.

The Steers came out aggressive in the first half driving past Riverside's perimeter defenders. At halftime, the Steers led 30-18.

Riverside's outside

second half as they outscored the Steers 16-6 in the third quarter.

"We stopped attacking and became passive instead of aggressive," head coach Nicholas Tyerman said. Riverside had a 10-0

run in the fourth quarter to take their first lead of the game at 44-41.

O'guin kept their hopes alive with two big three pointers in the last two minutes. O'guin scored 12 points in the fourth quarter and overtime combined.

Despite the loss, the three-day tournament was a success for the Steers, who got a lot of work in a short amount of time.

"These tournaments are really beneficial for a team like us that is still trying to grasp a new system and buy in," Tyerman said.

O'guin was named to the All-Tournament team after his great play over the three days. The Steers improved on both sides of the ball, but still have struggled to play a complete game.

The Steers were without double double machine Eric Ortega, who was taking the ACT.

SCORING LEADERS Israel O'guin-22 Kolton Knudson-11 Chase Williams-9 Lorenzo Jones- 6 Jaiden Ludington-3 John Ibanez-2 Jeremiah Rushin-2 Jacob Scott- 2

TEAM STATS FG%-21 of 59 (36%) FT%-7 of 13 (54%) **Transition Points-5**

Points off Turnovers-

3PT%-8 of 22 (36%)

Second Chance Points-

Offensive Rebounds-

Defensive Rebounds-

Steals-6 Blocks-2 Turnovers-10

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Forsan shines in Borden County tournament

By TAYLOR ELLIS

Sports Editor

GAIL — The Forsan boys and girls varsity basketball teams had a successful weekend at the Borden County tournament.

The boys defeated Ralls High School in the consolation championship 46-22.

Walker Park led the team in scoring with 10 points, while Akkey Mc-Vae cleared the boards with 14 rebounds.

The Buffs improved their team defense over the three-day tournament.

SCORING LEADERS Walker Park- 10 Ian Park-10

Tearell McVae-8 Kobe Richardson-7 Akkey McVae-5 Josh Evans- 4

Garrett Evans-3 Bryce Hergert-1

The Lady Buffs defeat-

ed Borden County 40-37 in overtime of the third place game.

"It was really important for us to execute in overtime considering we've not played well in the other two overtime games this season," Lindsey head coach Schmidt said.

Sophomores Jenna Evans and Chasidy Grantham led the team in scoring with 10 points apiece.

"We don't have just one or two players that are scoring points for us. We have an entire team of players that are contributing to each win. We have depth at every position," Schmidt said. The junior varisty

girls went 3-0 in the Ira JV tournament this weekend.

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Packers run game back on track after 28-7 win over Cowboys GREEN BAY, Wis. scores, though all the

(AP) — In the span of two games, Eddie Lacy went from coach Mike McCarthy's doghouse for a curfew violation to being a focal point again for the Green Bay Pack-

At just the right time, too, since Lacy's bullish running style seems well suited for bad weather in December. Lacy ran for 124 yards

and a touchdown and moving." fellow running back James Starks added two scores in the Packers' 28-7 win on Sunday over the Dallas Cowboys.

Green Bay (9-4) has a one-game lead in the NFC North over Minnesota after its second straight victory following a 1-4 slide.

"We all make a couple bad decisions along the way and that doesn't change my opinion of Eddie," McCarthy said. "So he needed to refocus and he did that."

Lacy hoped this was a springboard for the stretch run.

With 435 yards and 29 first downs, the Packers got better balance and production out of an offense that still struggled at times with penalties and short-yardage situations. The defense and running game came up with big plays in the fourth quarter.

Aaron Rodgers threw for 218 yards and two Packers really needed from their star quarterback late in the game was to hand off the ball. Lacy and Starks each had touchdown runs in the fourth quarter on a

"He's a big, strong, powerful runner," Rodgers said about Lacy. "The ball's a little slick at times and we need him to keep the chains

rainy night.

With the loss, the potential for a .500 record first losing season unslipped away from the Cowboys (4-9). Their chances in the mediocre NFC East took a hit,

Dallas fell two games back of divisional leaders Washington and Philadelphia, who both won on Sunday.

"I think we were all looking at what was happening with the other ballgames and were full of 'What if' and promises," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "That game was sobering."

Other notes and takeaways from Sunday's game:

MAKE THE CALL: The biggest change for the Packers this week was McCarthy taking back play-calling responsibility from associate head coach Tom Clements. He called it a tough personal decision to make with a long-time assistant, but something he needed to do professionally.

Instead of suggesting plays to Clements, as he had the past four weeks, it was now Clements suggesting plays to Mc-Carthy.

"But I don't think it's been about the playcalling," Rodgers said. "It's been about the execution. We haven't executed really well. Today was a little better."

LOSING CAUSE: The Cowboys clinched their der coach Jason Garrett, who took over when the team was 1-7 in 2010.

They had three straight years finishing 8-8 before going 12-4 last season.

DEFLATED DALLAS: Darren McFadden ran for 111 yards on nine carries. The Cowboys rushed for 171 yards, and 80 came on four plays that led to Robert Turbin's 7-yard scoring run in the third quar-

But the passing game struggled. Matt Cassel, starting his sixth game for the injured Tony Romo, was 13 of 29 for 114 yards. Green Bay's Sam Shields had an interception in the end zone on a pass that deflected off Dez Bryant's hands in the first quarter.

REVERSAL RERUN: Bryant was held to one catch for 9 yards. He had a long reception in

the second quarter overturned on replay — the same thing happened to him last season during the Cowboys' loss to the Packers in an NFC divisional round playoff

The latest reversal wasn't as big a deal to Bryant.

game.

"It is what it is, man. When they called it incomplete, it was incomplete," Bryant said.

GETTING DEFEN-SIVE: The Packers al lowed runs of 50 and 45 yards to McFadden, and got gashed on the ground on the drive that led to Turbin's score.

Otherwise, it was a good day for coordinator Dom Capers' unit. Clay Matthews had a sack, plus a hurry in the first quarter that led to Shields' interception.

Shields left the game with a concussion in the second quarter, but the Packers still contained Bryant with rookie Damarious Randall assuming the assignment. Another rookie, cornerback Quinten Rollins, also took on a larger

"That's why we drafted guys like those two, to be able to come in and fill the void, especially when a starter like Sam goes down," Matthews said. "Just a great job being ready."

Lady Steers tournament recap

By TAYLOR ELLIS

Sports Editor

ANDREWS Big Spring girls varsity squad played hard all weekend in the Gym Bice Classic. On Friday the Lady Steers defeated Kermit 46-28.

Senior August Alexander led the team with 13 points. The Lady Steers scored 13 points in both the first and second quarters, but struggled in the third quarter with just two points. Big Spring rallied in the fourth for 18 points to put no doubt in anyone's mind that they were the

better team. "We came out kind of strong and then died after a couple of minutes," head coach Stacy Smalley said. "We're still working on being vocal both on the court and the bench, trying to keep our energy level up."

The Lady Steers had a last-second 42-39 loss to Amarillo Caprock later that day in what was a physical game. Many fouls should have been called but weren't.

"We stepped up our team energy and leadership. It was a tough loss for the girls," Smalley said.

Alexander led the team in scoring with 16 points. Fellow senior Diamonique Mayes poured in 13 points.

Big Spring was depleted in their final game due to many starters taking the ACT. With just three starters Big Spring lost to Lamesa 45-32.

"We didn't want to give them a full look at what we have since they're our first game of district.

With so many regular varsity players busy with the ACT, Smalley was forced to call up several junior varsity piay-

"We are going to be shaking things up a little bit. Going to bring some people up and move some people around. It was good to see the younger girls compete and get a taste of varsity basketball," Smalley

Freshman Kayleigh Penny and senior Tiffani Ruiz both played well with the extra minutes. Both were active in the paint scoring and grabbing rebounds.

"They did a great job hustling and being leaders. Tiffani has started to talk more which I'm proud of. Penny is just young and can get frustrated easily, but I'm glad that she battled. I'm proud of their efforts.

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NBA Saturday's Games L.A. Clippers 105, Brooklyn

Boston 98, Charlotte 93 Detroit 118, Indiana 96 Chicago 98, New Orleans Houston 126, L.A. Lakers

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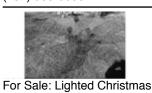
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human nature to $\overline{_{ ext{HOLIDAY}}}$ react to **MATHIS** potential

pain in three ways: fight,

flight or freeze. These responses have kept humans on the planet for thousands of years, so when you feel like hitting, running or going numb it is nothing to be ashamed of. Do note that the position of the sun to Jupiter could have us overre-

acting, though. Most

pain is not fatal.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A lot of people won't put in the necessary work. You're one of the rare ones who will. Remember this when you're pushing yourself and sweating it out. The prize seems far off. Maybe so, but you'll get there.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's the little things: a smiling compliment, the rays of sunshine through your window, the smell of a nice shop.

Dear Annie: I am

law. I was pretty sure

talking poorly about

him whether he had

badmouthed me to

ly denied it, saying,

Well, she was

visiting recently, and I

walked into the room

and overheard them

ly about me. I inno-

cently asked what

and my husband

they were discussing

lied outright, saying

they were discuss-

ing a purchase. My

mother-in-law looked

like a deer caught in

After she left, I

husband what they

were talking about

previous lie. A few

weeks later, I got a

card in the mail from

his mother saying, "If

my son ain't happy, I

ain't happy." I placed

nightstand. He never

said a word and acts

as though he didn't

see it. The card has

since disappeared.

dress all of this with

my husband and his

mom? -- Wife on the

er or not your moth-

er-in-law likes you

is beside the point.

Your husband should

not be agreeing with

her or worse, egging

Dear Wife: Wheth-

Outside

How should I ad-

it on my husband's

and he reiterated his

again asked my

headlights.

both talking negative-

"Absolutely not!"

his mother. He total-

me to her, so I asked

in a painful position

with my mother-in-

my husband was

Your appreciation will attract even more instances of loveliness. **GEMINI** (Mav

21-June 21). You have been changed for the better by a relationship, and not because it went well. The disappointing things about that union have inspired you to become remarkable.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll help the ones around you who have yet to develop the moral conscience necessary to keep out of trouble. Just don't become so rigid that you miss out on all the fun.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You do nice things for people you don't even like. Imagine what you'll do for your favorites. One person in particular will feel very lucky to have your support today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The thing that makes you squirm, or jump up to defend yourself, well, usually there's some truth in it, otherwise it wouldn't go nervedeep like that. Accept

her on in a race to

see who can insult

faced with criticism

defend you. Even

when you are in the

wrong, he should not

be badmouthing you

to someone outside

the marriage. It's an

emotional betrayal,

and it shows dis-

respect. And over

time, it can erode

the bonds of your

marriage. Tell your

husband this must

stop and ask him to

accompany you to a

counselor. If he refus-

es to admit there is a

problem, go without

when my husband

friends, we will see

another couple we

to the couple. The

next thing I know,

the two couples are

laughing, convers-

ing and setting up

I'm standing there

feeling like chopped

liver. This has hap-

pened more times

The people we've

think it's their right to

happened so often, I

wouldn't be so upset.

Is there a way to

nicely communicate

to people that this

take custody of our

friends. If it hadn't

than I can count.

run into seem to

a future time to get

know along the way.

and I go out with

him and work on this.

Dear Annie: Often

of his wife, he should

vou more. When

Tomorrow's Horoscope

it and be set free.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Love is a wild bird none can tame. Call to it, ask it to rest on your shoulder if you want, but wild birds do as they please. Live your own wilderness and dare love to catch up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You weren't expecting life to be easy, and you have that going for you now. Effort, focus and a tolerance for frustration -- these three ingredients are required to manifest anything of value.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When things don't go the way you want the lesson may be more valuable than if your desire had been fulfilled. That's what makes today's win sweeter.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Because willpower is in short supply, your best strategy is to rely on it less. This is done through the creation of habits. Sticking to the plan might be difficult, but it will only be difficult

for a few minutes at

a time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Someone who came before you has already put in the work necessary to get a result that is reasonable, clear and functional. Now you'll take it to the next level and make it beautiful. elegant and poetic. PISCES (Feb.

19-March 20). The best results will happen as a result of friction today, so don't be too quick to back out of conflict. Somewhere between two strong opinions is a solution that will work. **TODAY'S BIRTH-**

DAY (Dec. 14). After months of taking care of others, you're the one who gets to experience some well-deserved help, pampering and adoration. January shows your rising in a group. There will be new responsibilities, which you'll take to like this is what you were born to do. Romance and excitement fill 2016. Aries and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 12, 20, 1

and 38.

HOLIDAY STRESS RELIEV-**ERS:** Consider the

complications of increased financial activity, family dynamics, travel and extreme weather conditions and it is not difficult to figure out why so many wind up feeling spent and blue in December. So what can you do to counteract holiday stress?

CANCER: The

crab is among the signs most sensitive to stress and, like fellow water signs Scorpio and Pisces, will absorb the stress of loved ones by osmosis and add that to whatever stress levels he or she was able to achieve solo. Therefore, setting up boundaries is key to Cancer's enjoyment of the holidays. Communicate these boundaries, too, or they are unlikely to stand up against the real-life tests that arise this time of year.

If there's one rule that will save Cancer from illness and feeling low, it's to

obey the suggestions of his or her own body. Rest when it says rest no matter what else is on the schedule. This could mean leaving the party when the going is good instead of giving in to friends who want to carry on. Health and sleep are more closely related than ever at the end of the year. **CELEBRITY**

PROFILES: Vanessa Hudgens will join friends Nick Jonas and Carly Rae Jepsen in the highly anticipated television event "Grease: Live" playing one of musical theater's favorite rebellious teens, Rizzo, the queen of the Pink Ladies. The fiery Sagittarius was born under a Pisces moon, ideal for actresses who strive to empathize so strongly that they lose themselves inside their characters.

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Annie's Mailbox ®

If it's the same people every time, we'd stop introducing our friends to them. If it is a variety of couples that poach your friends, you have two ways to deal with it: You can be flattered that others like your taste in friends and determine not to be upset by it. Friendships aren't winnertake-all. Your friends can enjoy the company of others without it changing their friend-

The other tactic is to make a brief introduction and then say, "Sorry we can't stay and chat." Then escort the couple you are with to the car, down the street, and into the restaurant or wherever you are going. Your mistake is allowing their

ship with you.

conversation to go on long enough for them to get to know one another and make plans, while you silently fume on the inside.

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By Steve Becker

started when North, at his second

turn, raised to three hearts (forcing)

It's hard to blame South for

investigating a slam by using Black-

wood. From his viewpoint, a small

slam was certain if his partner had

three aces, and a grand slam could be

made if, perchance, his partner had

North responded five clubs,

which in standard Blackwood shows

zero or four aces. South could not believe that his partner had no aces,

considering his three-heart bid, so he leaped straightaway to seven hearts.

This development was doubled by

an astonished West, who thought it

was possible that either or both of his

instead of two.

all four aces

Famous Hand

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable. NORTH ♥ 10 9 7 2 WEST EAST **♦**862 **A** 10 9 7 5 **♥**A54 ♦ K 8 4 3 ♦ A 10 5 ♣A 5 4 2 **SOUTH** The bidding: West North East Pass Pass Pass Pass Pass Pass Dble

ace of diamonds. Opening lead — This deal occurred in the match between France and Brazil at the 1971 world team championship. It's hard to believe that two top players Jean-Louis Stoppa and Roger Trezel of France — could voluntarily bid a grand slam missing all four aces, but they did. Certainly the first three bids

were all reasonable. The trouble

Tomorrow: Evasive tactics.

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minor-suit aces might not score tricks, but could not imagine how the ace of trumps would get away. East was naturally pleased as well, since he had an ace his partner knew nothing about. South eventually ended down three — 500 points. This contrasted greatly with the outcome at the other table, where the

Brazilian North-South pair managed to stop in four hearts, scoring 420 points, after the following sequence: West East South North Pass Pass Pass

sudoku Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every

That means no number is repeated in any row, column or

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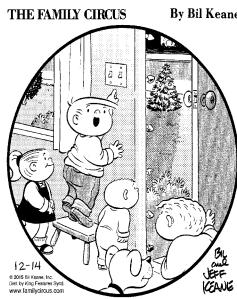
Of course, we politely introduce our friends together. Meanwhile,

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"LOOK AT ALL THIS SNOW, JOEY! AND...IT'S FREE!"



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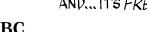
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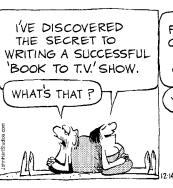
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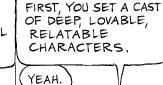
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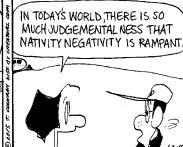


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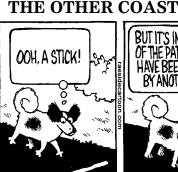




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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Dec. 14, the 348th day of 2015. There are 17 days left in the year. Today's Highlight

History: On Dec. 14, 1799, the first

president of the United States, George Washington, died at his Mount Vernon, Virginia, home at age 67.

On this date: In 1819, Alabama joined the Union as the 22nd state.

In 1911, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen (ROH'-ahl AH'-mun-suhn) and his team became the first men to reach the South Pole, beating out a British expedition led by Robert F. Scott.

In 1918, "Il Trittico," a trio of one-act operas by Giacomo Puccini, premiered at New York's Metropolitan Opera House. (The third opera, "Gianni Schicchi (SKEE'-kee), featured the aria "O Mio Babbino Caro," which was an immediate hit.)

In 1939 the Sovie expelled from the League of Nations for invading Finland.

In 1946, the United Nations General Assembly voted to establish the U.N.'s headquar-

In 1964, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Heart of Atlanta Motel v. United States, ruled that Congress was within its authority to enforce the Civil Rights Act of 1964 against racial discrimination by private businesses (in this case, a motel that refused to cater to blacks). In 1972, Apollo 17 astronauts

Harrison Schmitt and Eugene Cernan concluded their third and final moonwalk and blasted off for their rendezvous with the command module. In 1975, six South Moluccan

holding 23 hostages for 12 days on a train near the Dutch town of Beilen (BY'-luhn). In 1981, Israel annexed the Golan Heights, which it had

extremists surrendered after

seized from Syria in 1967. In 1985, Wilma Mankiller became the first woman to lead a major American Indian tribe as she took office as principal chief of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. Former New York Yankees outfielder Roger Maris, who'd hit 61 home runs during the 1961 season, died in Houston at age 51.

In 1995, Presidents Alija Izetbegovic (AHL'-yuh ee-zeht-BEG'-oh-vich) of Bosnia. Slobodan Milosevic (sloh-BOH'dahn mee-LOH'-shuh-vich) of Serbia and Franjo Tudjman (FRAHN'-yoh TOOJ'-mahn) of Croatia signed the Bosnian peace treaty in Paris.

first-graders and six educators at Sandy Hook Elementary School Newtown, Connecticut, then committed suicide as police arrived; 20-year-old Adam Lanza had fatally shot his mother at their home before carrying out the attack on the school.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush defended his decision to wage the Iraq war, even as he acknowledged that "much of the intelligence turned out to be wrong." The House voted 251-174 to renew the USA Patriot Act.

is that the future is not what it used to be." Paul Valery French philosopher

Thought for Today:

"The trouble with our times

1871-1945



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ters in New York.

- 1 Lasting mark
- 5 Performer lists
- 10 Minor quarrel 14 Tot's drink
- 15 Freeze over
- 16 Cry of woe
- 17 Right away,
- in a memo
- 19 Pets that purr
- for short
- 31 Giggle sound
- enhancer
- of measure
- about
- 38 State south
- 39 Birds flap them
- home
- articles
- 43 Sauces made
- with basil

- 46 Pebble or
- 53 Running-track
- 55 Region

- 58 Have in mind
- as a carton
- 20 Medical doctor
- 22 Colts' fathers
- 23 Stop marching 24 Ray of sunlight
- 28 State formally
- 32 Clown's height
- 34 Unmannerly guy
- (pound or mile) 36 Feel pessimistic
- 37 Mosquito attack
- of NJ
- 40 Entertains at
- 41 Newspaper

- 44 Process, as flour
- of _
- with an office
- circuits **54** Paying
- 56 Have sore muscles

- 57 Discontinue
- 59 Playthings
- 61 Meat in a
- 18 Have another go at
- 25 Tampa neighbor,

- 45 "Let's get out
- boulder 48 Duplicate made
- machine
- attention

- 60 Sealed up,

sausage

- **DOWN** 1 Make a trade
- 2 Money 3 Out of town 4 Police's
- arrest list 5 Shape of a
- wedding ring
- _ new
- 9 Undercover agent
- 6 Do great on a test
- world's record 8 Go right or left
- 10 Enjoying others'

company

- - 29 Math proportion

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30 Blissful regions

11 Person filling

12 Initial poker

payment

13 Soft throw

22 Religious

offshoot

24 Alternative to

suspenders

25 Basic earrings

26 Basic belief

27 Study of the

nature of

prescriptions

21 "It must've been

something

- 32 Male children 33 Harbor boat 36 Try to lose weight
- knowledge 47 Mexican food 28 First claim. in a shell informally 48 "Not guilty," for one

MONDAY PHUNDAY by Gail Grabowski

- 49 Sloppy stack 50 Black-and-white cookie
 - **52** Sharp pull 54 Perform on stage

51 Bartlett or Bosc

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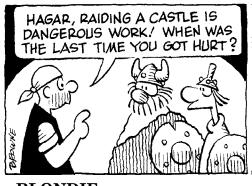
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"ARE YOU SURETHE TOOTH FAIRY DOESN'T CARE IF I'VE BEEN NAUGHTY OR NICE?"



"Remember, we're shopping for Daddy. We will NOT be stopping in any toy stores."





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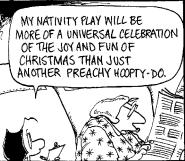








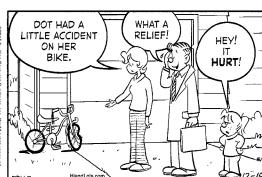
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 15, the 349th day of 2015. There are 16 days left in the year. Today's Highlight

History: On Dec. 15, 1965, two U.S.

manned spacecraft, Gemini 6A and Gemini 7, maneuvered to within 10 feet of each other while in orbit.

On this date: In 1791, the Bill of Rights

went into effect following ratification by Virginia.

the "Hartford In 1814, Convention" began as New England Federalists opposed to the War of 1812 secretly gathered in the Connecticut capital. (America's victory in the Battle of New Orleans and the war's end effectively discredited the Convention.)

In 1864, the two-day Battle of Nashville began during the Civil War as Union forces commanded by Maj. Gen. George H. Thomas attacked Confederate troops led by Gen. John Bell Hood: the result was a resounding Northern victory.

In 1890, Sioux Indian Chief Sitting Bull and 11 other tribe members were killed in Grand River, South Dakota, during a confrontation with Indian

In 1938, groundbreaking for the Jefferson Memorial took place in Washington, D.C., with President Franklin D. Roosevelt taking part in the ceremony. In 1939, the Civil War motion

picture epic "Gone with the

Wind," starring Vivien Leigh

and Clark Gable, had its world

premiere in Atlanta. In 1944, a single-engine plane carrying bandleader Glenn Miller, a major in the U.S. Army Air Forces, disappeared

over the English Channel while

en route to Paris. In 1964, Canada's House of Commons approved dropping the country's "Red Ensign" flag in favor of a new design, the "Maple Leaf" flag.

In 1974, the horror spoof "Young Frankenstein," starring Gene Wilder and directed by Mel Brooks, was released by 20th Century Fox. In 1989, a popular uprising began in Romania that resulted

Nicolae Ceausescu (chow-SHES'-koo). In 1995, European Union leaders meeting in Madrid, Spain, chose "euro" as the name

in the downfall of dictator

of the new single European cur-In 2001, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, Italy, was reopened to the public after a \$27 million

on for over a decade. Ten years ago: Millions of Iraqis turned out to choose a

realignment that had dragged

Wisconsin Democrat who'd fought government waste with his "Golden Fleece" awards, died in Sykesville, Maryland, at age 90.

One year ago: A 16-hour hostage siege began in Sydney, Australia, as an Iranian-born, self-styled Muslim cleric took 17 hostages at a cafe; police ended up storming the cafe, resulting in the deaths of the gunman and two of his captives.

Thought for Today: "The world is moving so fast

these days that the one who says it can't be done is generally interrupted by someone doing it."

Harry Emerson Fosdick, American clergyman 1878-1969

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Clumsy person
- 5 Studies hard
- 10 Raised, as livestock
- distance
- **19** "If all ___
- fails . . 20 Red-in-the-
- middle sirloins 22 Complete
- 23 Flower stalks 24 Garlands worn
- at a 16 Across
- reputation
- memory
- 34 Unpaid TV ad,
- for short 37 Dollar bill
- 38 Washington
- Hungarian
- 43 Turf-gripping
- 45 Letter add-ons:
- Abbr. 46 Flies like an
- 47 Stroked, as a
- **50** Use a
- keyboard 52 Narrow shelf
- 59 1, 3, 5, 7, etc.
- 63 Hint in a whodunit

64 "So long,

- 14 Santa's laugh
- 15 New staffer
- 16 Honolulu feast
- 17 At a good
- 18 Extraterrestrial
- collections
- 26 Very bad
- 30 Computer
- measures
- on a dollar bill
- 39 English, to a
- shoes 44 Anti-pollution
- org.
- eagle
- cat
- **56** Concerning

- - amigo!
 - 65 Cry of dismay
 - 66 "Toodle-oo!" **67** Nearby
 - 68 Adhesive on a roll
 - 69 Metal piece on
 - a cowboy boot 70 " __ to you"

 - (common toast) **71** Hurricane

centers **DOWN**

- 1 Scorches 2 Lite, on food
- labels 3 Chicago airport
- notes
- breeze

14

- 6 Make angry
- 4 Starting scale
- 5 Shoot the

- 9 Good judgment
- 10 "Gesundheit!" 11 Reign over
- 12 Toward the
- sunrise
- 13 Membership fees 21 Tax form ID
- _ to differ"
- 27 Becomes hazy,
- with "up" 28 Raggedy doll
- 29 Brawl 31 Mouse catcher
- 32 Henhouse products
- 33 Looks at **34** Sgt.'s

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- subordinates
- **35** Fly alone 36 Vicinity

- width 41
- 47 Sell from a pushcart
- 48 Shade tree
- issues 51 Hunt illegally
- **53** Postpone
- 54 Vineyard fruit 55 Letters before
- 56 Play segments 57 Open-handed hit
- 60 Designer
- 61 Tip of an
- airplane
- **62** Practical
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"I'll ask santa for the expensive things, SO YOU CAN GET ME THE CHEAP STUFF."



"Hey! How did Santa get from that other mall we were at to this one so fast?"











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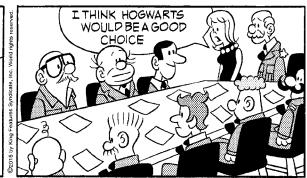


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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 16, the 350th day of 2015. There are 15 days left in the year. Today's Highlight

History: On Dec. 16, 1773, the Boston Tea Party took place as American colonists boarded a British ship and dumped more

than 300 chests of tea into

Boston Harbor to protest tea

taxes. On this date:

In 1653, Oliver Cromwell became lord protector of England, Scotland and Ireland.

In 1809, the French Senate granted a divorce decree to Emperor Napoleon I and Empress Josephine (the dissolution was made final the following month).

In 1811, the first of the powerful New Madrid earthquakes struck the central Mississippi Valley with an estimated magnitude of 7.7.

In 1907, 16 U.S. Navy battleships, which came to be known as the "Great White Fleet" set sail on a 14-month round-theworld voyage to demonstrate American sea power.

In 1930, golfer Bobby Jones became the first recipient of the James E. Sullivan Award honoring outstanding amateur athletes.

In 1944, the World War II Battle of the Bulge began as German forces launched a surprise attack against Allied forces through the Ardennes Forest in Belgium and Luxembourg (the Allies were eventually able to turn the Germans back). In 1950, President Harry S.

Truman proclaimed a national

state of emergency in order to

fight "world conquest Communist imperialism." In 1960, 134 people were killed when a United Air Lines DC-8 and a TWA Super Constellation

collided over New York City. In 1965, British author W. Somerset Maugham, 91, died in

Nice, France. In 1976, the government halted its swine flu vaccination program following reports of paralysis apparently linked to

the vaccine.

In 1985, at services in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, President Ronald Reagan and his wife, Nancy, offered condolences to families of 248 soldiers killed in the crash of a chartered plane in Newfoundland. Organizedcrime chief Paul Castellano and his bodyguard were shot to death outside a New York City restaurant on orders from John Gotti. "The Color Purple," Steven Spielberg's film adaptation of the Alice Walker novel,

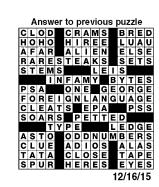
premiered in New York. In 1991, the U.N. General Assembly rescinded its 1975 resolution equating Zionism

with racism by a vote of 111-25. Ten years ago: In a stinging defeat for President George W. Bush, Senate Democrats blocked passage of a new Patriot Act to combat terrorism at home. (The result was a revised Patriot Act signed by Bush in March 2006.) Actor John Spencer, who'd played the powerful chief of staff on TV's "The West Wing," died in Los Angeles at age 58. Singer-actor Enzo Stuarti died in Midland, Texas, at age 86. Jessica Simpson filed for divorce from Nick Lachey.

Thought for Today: "It's discouraging to think how many people are shocked by honesty and how few by deceit." Sir Noel Coward

English actor, playwright, composer born this date, 1899; died in 1973

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Young stallion 5 Spanish miss: Abbr.
- 9 Fix deeply
- 14 Triple-decker cookie
- 15 Hammer or wrench
- **16** __ Loa
- 17 Lauer of Today
- 18 Cuban leader Castro
- 20 Fats Domino
- 23 Burst of energy
- 25 Part of TGIF:
- Abbr.
- funding orgs.
- 35 Kind of clam
- **38** "Put ___ on it!"
- 41 Matures
- info
- 48 Actor Estevez
- 49 Affirmative votes
- 51 Beagle or poodle
- 55 Wipe clean
- instance
- 66 Use as a bed

- 68 Lake adjoining
- Toledo
- 69 Talks like
- Daffy Duck 70 Perform a tune
- 71 Burger bun tidbit

DOWN

1 Hair untangler

5 Extend one's

6 Loud crowd

7 Vacations with

Faithful"

arms

sound

a guide

8 "O Come,

- 2 Nonwritten exams
- 3 Ease off 19 Stacked (up) 4 Calculate
 - tune
- 24 Fortune teller
- 28 Campaign
- 30 More costly 32 Traffic snarl
- 40 Marsupial,
- for short
- 42 Driver's license
- 47 Fix firmly

- 52 Jar tops
- 58 iPad, for
- 62 More than
- needed
- 64 Role in Rent 65 Ripped

_ eye

- 67 In the twinkling

- 9 Royal realms 43 Crankcase 10 Postal delivery
- 11 Pond croakers 12 Chemical suffix 13 June honoree
- 21 Bric-a-22 Actress Lamarr
- 26 Oscar winner Zellweger "__ my case"
- 29 Resident of Belgrade
- **31** __ glance (quickly) 32 World-weary
- 33 Rival of Budget 34 Makes less severe
- 36 French king 37 Golf pro McIlroy
- 39 Neighbor of Penna.

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 - parts 44 Fencing blade
 - 45 Swarming (with) 46 Heavenly instrument
 - 50 Fries lightly 53 Floor models **54** Futuristic
 - book genre 56 Emporium
 - 57 Homonym for 68 Across 59 Object held on
 - stage 60 Saudi Arabia neighbor
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 - shape 63 Highest sundial
 - numeral

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"They should have Santa be a challenge on Project Runway. He wears that same suit every year.'

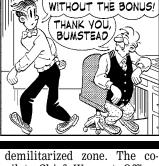








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I WOULD HAVE CALLED YOU A "SCROOGE" JUST FOR THE WEEK OFF PART, EVEN



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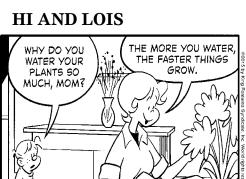


















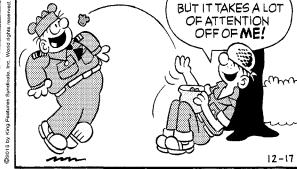
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Dec. 17, the 351st day of 2015. There are 14 days left in the year. Today's Highlight

History: On Dec. 17, 1865, Franz

Schubert's Symphony No. 8, known as the "Unfinished" because only two movements had been completed, was first performed publicly in Vienna, 37 years after the composer's death.

On this date:

In 1777, France recognized American independence.

In 1903, Wilbur and Orville Wright of Dayton, Ohio, conducted the first successful manned powered-airplane flights near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, using their experimental craft, the Wright Flyer.

In 1925, Col. William "Billy" Mitchell was convicted at his court-martial in Washington of insubordination for accusing senior military officials of incompetence and criminal negligence he was suspended from active duty.

In 1939, the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee was scuttled by its crew, ending the World War II Battle of the River Plate off Uruguay.

In 1944, the U.S.

ending its policy of excluding people of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast. In 1957, the United States

successfully test-fired the Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile for the first time. In 1969, the U.S. Air Force

closed its Project "Blue Book" by concluding there was no evidence of extraterrestrial spaceships behind thousands of UFO sightings. An estimated 50 million TV viewers watched singer Tiny Tim marry his fiancee, Miss Vicky (Budinger), NBC's "Tonight Show." In 1975, Lynette Fromme was

sentenced in Sacramento, California, to life in prison for her attempt on the life of President Gerald R. Ford. (Fromme was paroled in August In 1979, Arthur McDuffie, a black insurance executive, was

fatally injured after leading police on a chase with his motorcycle in Miami. (Four white police officers accused of beating McDuffie were later acquitted, sparking riots.) In 1981, members of the Red Brigades kidnapped Brig. Gen.

James L. Dozier, the highestranking U.S. Army southern Europe, from his home in Verona, Italy. (Dozier was rescued 42 days later.) In 1994, North Korea shot

down a U.S. Army helicopter which had strayed north of the pilot, Chief Warrant Officer David Hilemon, was killed; the pilot, Chief Warrant Officer Bobby Hall, was captured and held for nearly two weeks.

In 2011, North Korean leader Kim Jong Il died after more than a decade of iron rule; he was 69, according to official records, but some reports indicated he was 70. One year ago: The United

States and Cuba restored diplomatic relations, sweeping away one of the last vestiges of the Cold War. Sony Pictures canceled the Dec. 25 release of "The Interview," a black comedy about a plot to assassinate North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, after hackers threatened terrorist attacks and the largest multiplex chains in North America pulled the film.

Thought for Today: "A life of leisure and a life of laziness are two things."

"Poor Richard's Almanack."

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ACROSS 1 Long-legged

marsh bird

6 Russian

spacecraft

11 Sched. placeholder

14 Copier supply

15 Can't help but

16 Carpooler's

lane 17 Free ticket

19 Witness

affirmation 20 Mineralogy suffix

21 Mixes in 22 Mouselike

mammal 24 Golden, in

Guatemala 26 Off a skillet

28 Succeeding

through

hard work 33 Contact author

36 Source of pumice

37 Trial version

38 Incorrect

affirmation

39 Transform

40 Samaritan's

offering

41 Song and dance 43 Stunning

success

44 Altoids alternative

46 Well-dressed

49 Held a follow-up

session 50 Make drinkable, perhaps

54 Tollbooth area 56 Region of west Hawaii

58 Home-project

cable channel

59 Montréal assent

60 Signature 64 Court VIPs

65 Soup flavoring **66** Frightening

67 Creator of crime solver Kinsey

68 Right-hand page **69** Proscriptions

DOWN

1 Sober-minded

3 Deep-seated

4 Floral neckwear 5 Trample

7 Homes for

8 Designer

monogram

6 Herring family member

collegian

9 Beehive State

2 Western sidekick

squirrels

MGM films

29 Full-throttle

10 Hearty lawn

grass

12 Portend

openly

18 Addition to

11 Stick-shift

selection

13 Acknowledge

natural gas

23 Didn't collapse

25 "I thought so!"

27 Sound starting

26 Quitting time

for many

30 Jazz piano great

31 Send out

32 Abacus parts 33 Meatloaf serving

34 Suffix denoting

wealth 35 Be rewarded

on the job

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Vatican City 42 City near

Port Said 44 Spotless again

45 South African golfer

47 Five-sharp scale

48 Bart's toon teacher

51 Add glitter to 52 Permissible

53 Small guys 54 Okra portions

55 Meal with coconut milk 56 Make a

macramé

57 "Horrors!"

61 Word on a dime 62 Here: Lat. 63 Buffett title

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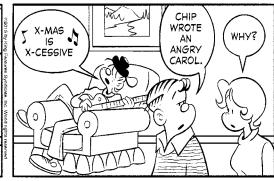




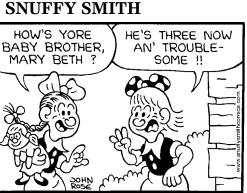


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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Dec. 18, the 352nd day of 2015. There are 13 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight History:

On Dec. 18, 1915, President Woodrow Wilson, whose first wife, Ellen, had died the year before, married Edith Bolling Galt, a widow, at her Washington home.

On this date:

In 1787, New Jersey became the third state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1863, in a speech to the Prussian Parliament, Prime Minister Otto von Bismarck declared, "Politics is not an exact science."

In 1865, the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, abolishing slavery, was declared in effect by Secretary of State William H. Seward.

In 1892, Tchaikovsky's ballet "The Nutcracker" publicly premiered in St. Petersburg, Russia.

In 1912 Charles Dawson reported to the Geological Society of London his discovery of supposed early human remains at a gravel pit in Piltdown. (More than four decades later, Piltdown Man was exposed as a hoax.)

In 1940, Adolf Hitler ordered secret preparations for Nazi Germany to invade the Soviet Union. (Operation Barbarossa was launched in June 1941.) In 1944, the U.S. Supreme

Court upheld the government's

wartime evacuation of people of Japanese descent from the West Coast while at the same time unanimously agreeing "concededly that loval" Americans of Japanese ancestry could not continue to be detained. In 1958, the world's first communications satellite, SCORE

(Signal Communication by Orbiting Relay Equipment), nicknamed "Chatterbox," was launched by the United States aboard an Atlas rocket. In 1969, Britain's House of Lords joined the House of

Commons in making perma-

nent a 1965 ban on the death

penalty for murder. In 1972, the United States began heavy bombing of North Vietnamese targets during the Vietnam War. (The bombardment ended 11 days later.)

In 1980, former Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin died

at age 76. In 1992, Kim Young-sam was elected South Korea's first civil-

ian president in three decades. Ten years ago: In a televised speech, President George W. Bush declared that Iraq's par-

liamentary elections signaled

the birth of democracy in the

Middle East. Vice President Dick Cheney made a surprise visit to Iraq, where he faced tough questions from battleweary troops. Susanne Osthoff, a German aid worker kidnapped in Iraq, was freed after three weeks in captivity. Israeli

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon

suffered a mild stroke. Five years ago: The U.S. Senate approved repeal of the military's 17-year "don't ask, don't tell" ban on openly gay troops in a 65-31 vote. (President Barack Obama later signed it into law.) Skier Lindsey Vonn was named the 2010 Female Athlete of the Year as chosen by members of The Associated Press.

Thought for Today:

"Whoever wants to be a judge of human nature should study people's excuses."

Christian Friedrich Hebbel, German poet and dramatist (1813-1863)

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Newsday Crossword

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Patriots clinch playoff spot with 27-6 win over Texans

HOUSTON (AP) -Tom Brady made sure the New England Patriots got off to a fast start on Sunday night, and when the offense stalled after halftime the defense did the rest.

Brady threw for 226 vards and two touchdowns and the Patriots snapped a two-game skid and clinched a playoff berth with a 27-6 win over the Houston Texans.

Brady threw TD passes to Keshawn Martin and Rob Gronkowski in the first half to help New England build a 17-6 lead.

The Patriots didn't move the ball as well in the second half, but the defense harassed Brian Hoyer into multiple mistakes. Jabaal Sheard had strip sacks on Hoyer twice after halftime. The Patriots recovered the second one early in the fourth, and James White made it 27-6 with a 2-yard run three plays

times and left the game to be evaluated for a concussion with about 9 minutes remaining.

New England finished with six sacks after also taking down backup T.J. Yates after Hoyer was injured.

"The defense the last four or five weeks has been incredible," Brady said. "So it's good when they are on the field ... they just did a great job."

The Patriots (11-2) moved ahead of the Denver Broncos and the Cincinnati Bengals in the race for the top AFC playoff seed and can clinch the AFC East with a win, or one loss or tie by the New York Jets. New England hasn't lost three straight games since 2002.

The Texans (6-7) recovered a fumble and forced two punts by the Patriots in the third quarter, but weren't able to take advantage of any of those opportunities and

Hoyer was sacked five entered the fourth quarter trailing 20-6.

> Coach Bill Belichick was impressed with the work of the front seven on his defense.

> "Those guys did a good job; they really did," he said. "We played a lot of different people, as we have been doing in the front, and our linebackers did a good job.'

> Some things to know about the Patriots' win over the Texans.

> HOYER'S HEALTH: Coach Bill O'Brien said he didn't have more details on Hoyer's injury after the game, but that it looked like he had a concussion. The injury is more concerning because he already missed a game this season after a concussion on Nov. 16. Hoyer was 11 of 22 for 155 yards.

If he can't go, the Texans will look to Yates, who started the last in the AFC South. They time Hoyer was out and led them to a win.

GRONKOWSKI'S RE-TURN: Gronkowski had four receptions for 87 yards and a touchdown in his return after missing last week's game with a knee injury. He said it was difficult to sit out last week, but that he wanted to make sure and not rush back too soon.

"You want to be out there playing football and making plays and at the same time you just have to be smart about it, which we were," he said. "The organization, myself just rehabbing really hard and everything checked out, everything felt good, so I was good to go."

STILL IN IT: Despite losing two in a row the Texans remain tied with the Colts for first place have a big game next week when they travel to Indianapolis, where they are 0-13.

"It's something we know," J.J. Watt said. "It's part of our history. It's something we need to change."

NEW **ENGLAND'S** SUCCESS: The Patriots have clinched a playoff spot for the 17th time in the 22 years that Robert Kraft has owned the team. They lead the NFL in postseason appearances in that span. It's the seventh straight season they've qualified for the playoffs and the sixth year in a row that they've won at least 11

games. They've been particularly good in the month of December, where they're 53-9 since 2001, which is the NFL's best record in that span.

WATT'S HAND: Watt played despite breaking his left hand in practice on Wednesday. The star defensive end wore a cast that enclosed his fingers in a club-like

"It poses some problems, but it wasn't that bad," Watt said. "There were times where it was painful, but that's football, you know? People play with pain all the time."

Steers named to All-District team

By TAYLOR ELLIS

Sports Editor

Several Big Spring football players were honored with All-District selections.

Senior defensive lineman Nathan Schneider, senior inside linebacker Garrett Wigington, senior outside linebacker Manual Galvan, and junior safety Daniel Luna were all selected to the 2015 District 3AAAA All- District first team defense.

Wigington was also named as a honorable mention on offense at quarterback. Senior offensive lineman Val Presas and Bryson Burt were named honorable mention. Junior defensive end Cayman Chavez was a honorable mention on defense.

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