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One dead following collision

2 children also hurt in Saturday crash

A Big Spring woman is dead after a major car accident Saturday night.

According to a Big Spring Police Department news release, officers and emergency medical personnel responded to an accident call at Fourth and Tulane streets at approximately 11:21 p.m. Saturday.

Paramedics were unable to save one driver, who had been seriously injured and was later identified as Violet McCaffity, 55.

McCaffity was traveling east on Fourth Street approaching Tulane when, according to the release, she failed to stop at the stop sign and was struck on the driver's side by a pickup operated by Jeffrey Haggard, 41, of Big Spring. Haggard was traveling north and attempting to cross Fourth on Tulane.

"McCaffity had two children in the vehicle, a 21-month-old female and a 5-year-old male," stated the press release. "Both were in the back seat, the female was in a child safety seat behind the driver. The male was wearing a seat belt but not in a safety seat."

The young boy was flown to a Lubbock hospital and the 21-month-old girl was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center Emergency Room.

The children's conditions was unknown at press time. The accident is still under investigation

— Amanda Elston



Stocking stuffers

Members of the Cossacks motorcycle club fill stockings and food bags prior to the annual toy run Saturday. For more of the club's annual toy run, read the Christmas edition of the Herald.



Stock show season nears
A swine time will be had by all in January

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

Competitors in the 2016 Howard County Junior Livestock Show are expected to exhibit some of the best showmanship skills seen in several years, according to Michelle Hamlin, Howard County Junior Livestock Association (HCJLA) secretary.

After viewing the students' progress at the recent HCJLA pig clinic — one of two showmanship clinics the association has

held this past year — Hamlin said she was impressed at the improvement shown by the students over the day.

"Even the pigs were different the third time out in the ring," Hamlin said. "If the kids continue what we started, the showmanship at the county livestock show is going to one of the best in several years."

Monday was the deadline to enter the county livestock show which will be held the week of Jan 13-16 at the GC Brough-

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HERALD Photo/Julie Bass

Volunteers and Capt. Missy Romack of Salvation Army Big Spring, assist a family to take a bicycle and bundle of toys to his vehicle during the agency's toy distribution Saturday.

Salvation Army plays Santa

By JULIE BASS
 Staff Writer

For the past few weeks, the Angel Tree program gave members of the community a chance to help those struggling this year.

Angel trees were placed around town with tags on them that described the needs and wants of a

child or senior in the area needing assistance this year for Christmas. Shoppers would pick an angel, shop for that person, and turn in the purchased products at WalMart or to Salvation Army for distribution.

On Saturday, the distribution was

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Generator stolen at Festival of Lights

The Comanche Trail Festival of Lights fell victim to a string of thefts Sunday when both a generator and a butane tank were stolen from the east side of Scenic Mountain.

"[It] was discovered when [project manager] Howard [Stewart] went to start it up and found the chain laying there. The lock was cut with the generator and butane tank gone," festival founder Pat Simmons said. "That will run about \$400 to replace."

According to Simmons and the Comanche Trail Festival of Lights Facebook page, the

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Obituaries

Jim Rider



James "Jim" Rider, 53, of Big Spring passed away Friday, Dec. 18, 2015, at his residence. The family received friends Sunday from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service were Monday, Dec. 21, 2015 at Myers & Smith Chapel at 10 a.m., with Chaplain Joel Miller officiating. Burial at Clairemont Cemetery in Clairemont, Texas will be at 3 p.m.

He was born Sept. 14, 1962, in Pampa, to Larry and Alta Faye Rider. He grew up in Jayton, Texas, where he graduated in 1981. He came to Big Spring in 1988 when he began his career in Law Enforcement. He married Donna Leitgeb, Sept. 15, 1997 in Big Spring.

He was a detective/investigator with the Big Spring Police Department for 20 years, retiring in April 2008. He then served as investigator for the District Attorney's office from April 2008 until Oc-

tober 2013. He was associated with Homicide Investigators of Texas. Jim had served on the Howard County Fair Board since 2000.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Rider of Big Spring; four sons, Mitch Rider of Victoria, R.C. Leitgeb and wife Stacey of Killeen, and Skyler and Justin Rider of Big Spring; one daughter, Taylor Rider of Big Spring; three grandchildren, Jr Talamontes, Ethan Leitgeb and Lila Leitgeb; two sisters, Kathleen Rider of Jayton and Grace Clark and husband, Larry Don, of Big Lake; and two nephews, Shane Long and Bailey Clark. He is also survived by All of his Brothers in Blue and his Law Enforcement Family.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Pallbearers were Don Williams, Larry Davis, Joe McMeans, Mitchell Sherrod, Darren Dyer, Patrick Parker, Moe Horton, Larry Witkowski and Tom Hain.

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

Paid obituary

Barbara 'Bobbie' Blissard



Barbara "Bobbie" Hale Blissard, 77, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2015, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, 2015, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born Sept. 25, 1938, in Forsan, Texas and was a lifelong resident of Howard County. She graduated from Big Spring High School in 1957 and graduated from Howard College with her LVN certificate. Bobbie worked at Cowper Hospital for five years, worked for Drs. Virgil and Nell Sanders for 15 years and at Martin County Hospital for five years before retiring in 2008. She was known as "Nanny" and many considered her their second mother.

She was a member of the Cowboy Church in Midland.

Survivors include one son, Michael Blissard of Big Spring; one daughter, Patsy Langdon and husband, A. J., of Midland; six grandchildren, Ben Brody Blissard, Taylor Barnes Sims, Myka Leann Blissard, Aubree Fae Blissard, Betsy Repman and Chris, and Bryce Langdon and Megan; four great-grandchildren, Connor Repman, Cooper Repman, Channing Repman and Kel Gard; and one sister, Patsy Chapman of Baytown.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Hale; three brothers; and one sister.

The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 111 E. 7th St., Suite A, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

Mary Federman



Mary Longan Federman, 86, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2015 at St. Mary the Virgin Episcopal Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2015, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born June 19, 1929, in Amarillo, Texas and married Robert Federman July 8, 1989, in Big Spring, Texas.

Mary was a professor emeritus at Howard College where she taught American History and Sociology. She was in charge of the humanities division.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Federman; one daughter, Diane Vick and husband, Gregory; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three step-sons. Richard Federmann, Robert Federman Jr. and Mark Federman; and a step-daughter, Sherrie Coultrip.

The family suggests memorials to Heifer International, www.heimer.org, or 1 World Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas 72202..

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

Chester Pulliam



Chester Pulliam, 57, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2015, in Odessa. The family will receive friends from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Prairiehaven Cemetery in

Hobbs, N.M.

He was born Aug. 28, 1958, in Bakersfield, Calif.

He worked most of his life in the oil field. He was a security officer for Finley Investigations and Security of Midland. He lived most of his life in Hobbs, moving seven years ago to Big Spring.

He is survived by four children, Eric Pulliam of Hobbs, N.M., Laura Riley and her husband, Garrett, of New Braunfels, Preston Pulliam of San Antonio and Russell Pulliam of Fort Stockton; one brother, Stanley Burton of Big Spring; and 10 grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Bobby Carson.

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

Tom Cates

Tom Cates, 87, of Forsan, died Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015, at his residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 12/22	Wed 12/23	Thu 12/24	Fri 12/25	Sat 12/26
70/46 Partly cloudy. High around 70F. Winds SW at 15 to 25 mph.	68/43 Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.	69/41 Sunshine. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.	71/48 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	61/32 Partly cloudy and windy. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 30s.
Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 5:46 PM	Sunrise: 7:44 AM Sunset: 5:46 PM	Sunrise: 7:44 AM Sunset: 5:47 PM	Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 5:47 PM	Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 5:48 PM

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	70	41	Sunny
Amarillo	59	37	Sunny
Austin	75	48	Cloudy
Beaumont	73	60	Cloudy
Brownsville	81	69	M Sunny
Brownwood	71	37	Cloudy
Corpus Christi	76	60	Cloudy/Wind
Corsicana	71	46	Cloudy
Dallas	70	42	P Cloudy
Del Rio	77	47	Sunny
El Paso	60	37	Clear
Fort Stockton	68	43	Sunny
Gainesville	66	39	M Cloudy
Greenville	68	42	Cloudy
Houston	77	60	Sct T-Storms
Kingsville	81	61	Showers
Livingston	72	55	Cloudy
Longview	72	44	Cloudy
Lubbock	64	35	Sunny
Lufkin	72	49	Cloudy
Midland	68	42	Sunny
Raymondville	83	66	P Cloudy
Rosenberg	77	61	Cloudy
San Antonio	78	53	M Cloudy
San Marcos	75	49	Cloudy
Sulphur Springs	70	44	Cloudy
Sweetwater	68	43	Sunny
Tyler	70	44	Iso T-Storms
Weatherford	68	42	Sunny
Wichita Falls	66	40	Sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	58	53	Cloudy
Boston	54	47	P Cloudy
Chicago	52	39	Rain
Dallas	70	42	P Cloudy
Denver	45	31	Clear
Houston	61	31	Cloudy
Miami	82	74	Cloudy
Minneapolis	32	27	Cloudy
New York	56	51	P Cloudy
Phoenix	65	44	P Cloudy
San Francisco	59	56	Cloudy
Seattle	44	39	Showers

Police/Sheriff

ing activity:

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 54 inmates at the time of this report.

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

• **THOMAS WILLIAM-SCOTT MURPHY**, 36, of 1217 E. 17th St. was arrested on a warrant for parent contributing to non-attendance.

• **ELDA MELINA BERNAL**, 45, of 1311 Mobile St. was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 700 block of Baylor, the 500 block of E. 15th St. and the 500 block of S. Main St.

• **THEFT OF FIREARM** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1200 block of W. FM 700.

• **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 2600 block of S. Gregg St.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1900 block of Johnson and the 600 block of E. 13th St.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 900 block of W. 3rd St.

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the follow-

ing activity:

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 54 inmates at the time of this report.

• **TRAVIS JOSHUA BENNETT**, 36, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for injury to a child/elderly/disabled - reckless endangerment.

• **ELDA MELINA BERNAL**, 45, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for theft of property, more than \$500 but less than \$1500.

• **CHRISTOPHER TERRANCE COBSON**, 27, was booked by the DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana, more than 2 ounces but less than 4 ounces.

• **FRANCISCO VALDEZ LICON**, 29, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for credit card or debit card abuse and motion to revoke probation - credit or debit card abuse.

• **MICHAEL MENDOZA**, 47, was booked by the DPS on warrants for open container, violate promise to appear, fail to display or expired motor vehicle certificate and open container in a vehicle - driver.

• **JUAN ANTONIO MONTEZ**, 33, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **JOEL MORENO**, 32, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ALBERT PEREZ**, 41, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **ERLINDA EVETTE RIOS**, 27, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for criminal mischief - impair/interrupt and theft of property, more than \$500 but less than \$1500.

• **THOMAS WILLIAM SCOTT**, 36, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for parent contributing to non-attendance.

• **BARAJAS ARTHUR TOM**, 40, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property, more than \$750 but less than \$2500.

• **DALTON WILL WHITE**, 38, was booked by the HCSO on charges of assault that causes bodily injury to family member and assault on family/house member impedes breathing or normal circulation.

Support Groups

TUESDAY
• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

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

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group,

7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

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

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

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

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

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

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help

finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

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

Take note

- 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. Memberships are available. The annual dues are \$20.

- Howard College will be hosting several “update meetings” throughout Howard County for interested citizens to gather more facts and information about Howard College as they prepare for the tax rate rollback election to be held in January 2016. Those dates are: Tuesday, Jan. 5, 12:30 p.m. Hall Center for the Arts Auditorium, Howard College Campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane, (sign language interpretation provided); and Tuesday, Jan. 5, 6:30 p.m. Hall Center for the Arts Auditorium, Howard College Campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

- 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 213-7960.

- Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

- Victim Services is a non-profit 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 432-263-3312.

- The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

- The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring meets at noon every Thursday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Visitors are welcome.

- Howard County Community Health Center, 1300 South Gregg St., has certified application counselors who will help you apply and enroll in the Healthcare Marketplace during open enrollment. Please call 432-517-4557 to make an appointment to enroll in health coverage or renew/change last year’s coverage. The certified application counselor will help you decide what coverage options best fit your needs, as well as what financial assistance you may qualify for.

- The largest fundraiser for the Hangar 25 Air Museum, the Silver Wings Ball will be held at the Hotel Settles, Jan. 23, 2016. Cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased from any board member. To find out more information or to become a sponsor for the event, contact Hangar 25 Air Museum at 432-264-1999.

- Food 2 Kids Big Spring Needs You! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a



Courtesy photo/Bruce Schooler

Festival of Lights founder Pat Simmons, center, is shown with the festival committee at Comanche Trail Park.

part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

Sacking dates are as follows (please note the group starts at 5:30 p.m.) Jan. 4 – 5.

Our sacking location has moved to the Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 NW 7th. To get there take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney which is the block just past the Salvation Army Store. Delaney turns into 7th Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and the school is on the left.

Currently we are distributing food at Goliad, Marcy and Moss Elementary Schools. If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child’s school.

- An account has been set up at Western Bank (account number 1017623) for Blantyn Gusman and Zachary Duncan, who were seriously injured in an accident.

- 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.casawtx.org.

- 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 welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It’s a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9-11 a.m. and get two for one,

plus a rehab meeting.

- For information on Garrett Parrish’s condition, or to post messages of support, visit his Facebook page (#GPSTRONG). Parrish was seriously injured in a sledding accident.

- An account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank for Briana Mendoza to help with medical cost. Briana was recently diagnosed with cancer.

- 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.

- The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

- The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages. No alcohol or smoking. We are handicapped-accessible. Cost is \$8 per person.

- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children’s Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

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ton Ag Complex located on the Howard College campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

This year’s show will be a little different.

The HCJLA is working with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce to combine the community wide Ag

Appreciation Day, normally held in October, with the HCJLA awards banquet.

Both Hamlin and Debbye ValVerde, Chamber executive director, said the process has gone very smoothly.

The Junior Live Stock Buyer/Ag Appreciation barbecue luncheon will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016 at the GC Broughton Ag Com-

plex. During the event, the Ag Producer and Ag Business of Year will be announced. Cade Peterson, the farmer who produced the first bale of cotton ginned in Howard County for 2015, will also be recognized during the ceremony. The HCJLA county show awards ceremony will begin at 1 p.m.

Following the awards show, the Premium

Auction will begin.

For more information, e-mail HCJLA01@gmail.com.

The Howard County Junior Livestock Show will begin Jan. 13, 2016.

A schedule of events is as follows:

- Wednesday, Jan. 13, 3 p.m. — Lamb and Goat Show.

- Thursday, Jan. 14, 6 p.m. — Rabbit Show.

- Friday, Jan. 15, 9 a.m. — Heifer & Steer Show; 1 p.m. — Barrow Show.

- Saturday, Jan. 16, 11 a.m. — Buyers/Ag Appreciation barbecue; 1 p.m. — Ap Appreciation & Junior Livestock Show Awards followed immediately after by the Junior Livestock sale.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mailing citydesk@big-springherald.com

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a joyous occasion for many.

“Around 400 kids and about 100 seniors were adopted,” said Capt. Missy Romack of Salvation Army, Big Spring.

There were around 30 volunteers from the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, Salvation Army and the Howard County Juvenile Probation. The volunteers helped to sack, stack and carry gifts out to vehicles.

“We did have some angels that weren’t adopted, which is sad. But is

has been a hard year and people just aren’t able to give as much right now. We are just happy that we got what we did for these families,” said Romack.

Although the Angel Tree program has come to an end, the Red Kettle Campaign will continue until Christmas

Eve. The money gathered in the shiny red kettles help fund many programs throughout the year and the money gathered stays in the community where it was gathered. The Red Kettle Campaign can also be donated to online at www.onlineredkettle.org.

THEFT

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festival has contacted and filed a report with the Big Spring Police Department.

The theft is not slowing the festival down,

however. On Saturday night alone, the festival drew in 7,221 visitors from 20 states and five countries, “as well as from all over Texas,” Simmons said in an email.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be as Belaski Pavil-

ion from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. through this Thursday. Simmons hopes to have 25,000 visitors visit the Festival of Lights this year. The event runs nightly until Dec. 31 from 6-7 p.m.

— Amanda Elston

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James “Jim” Rider, 53, died Friday. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside service will be at 3:00 PM Monday at Clairemont Cemetery in Snyder.

Chester Pulliam, 57, died Wednesday. The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 7:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside services will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday at Prairie Haven Cemetery in Hobbs, New Mexico.

Cowboys out of playoff hunt

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — No more may be for the Dallas Cowboys. They are finally eliminated from the playoff chase.

Maybe no more Matt Cassel, either.

Kellen Moore replaced an ineffective Cassel and threw a touchdown pass to Dez Bryant in his first game action in four seasons as a pro, but the Cowboys lost 19-16 to the New York Jets on Saturday night after Randy Bullock kicked a 40-yard field goal with 36 seconds remaining.

Dallas (4-10) is done in a division that doesn't have a winning team, a year after winning 12 regular-season games and the NFC East title.

"We've got a long time left here this month and of course a long January. You want to be a part of this thing at this particular time. It's very disappointing," owner Jerry Jones said. "This is nothing like I could have envisioned. Our plan sitting here was we'd really have it

together at this time."

Washington, Philadelphia and the New York Giants are all 6-7 going into home games Sunday. The Redskins and Eagles each have two division games left, including head-to-head in Philadelphia next Saturday night, so at least one of them is assured of avoiding 10 losses.

Bullock missed a 45-yard field goal at the end of the first half, but kicked the winner eight plays after Dan Bailey's tying 50-yard field goal, which hit the right upright and barely ricocheted through and over the crossbar with 1:55 left.

Ryan Fitzpatrick and the AFC wild card-containing Jets (9-5) have their first four-game winning streak since 2010.

Cassel once won 10 games filling in for Tom Brady in New England. But he has won only one of his seven starts for the Cowboys, the latest with two bumbling plays and not playing past the first series of the second quarter against New



Dallas quarterback Kellen Moore (17) throws a pass during the Cowboys' game with the New York Jets Saturday. AP photo

York.

After faking a throw and stumbling when he tried to change directions, Cassel threw blindly to a spot where Darrelle Revis was by himself for an easy interception.

Cassel came out the series after taking a 19-yard sack, which wasn't long after he left the field to loud boos following a three-and-out. He finished 3 of 8 for 37 yards with the pick.

"Didn't seem like we were able to get in a rhythm," coach Jason Garrett said. "At that

time wanted to give Kellen a chance to see if he could jump start the offense."

Moore went 15 of 25 for 158 yards with the 10-yard touchdown to Bryant to put the Cowboys up 10-9 at halftime. The lefty also had three interceptions — ending his first series, another picked off in the end zone midway through the third quarter after driving to the Jets 6, and then a desperate deep heave in the closing seconds.

Garrett said he wasn't ready to talk about

whether Moore or Cassel would start next week at Buffalo.

"It was not an easy situation just because I've been here to support Matt in any way and help him," Moore said. "I felt good. I felt like communication was pretty good. ... We'll see what happens. Obviously, I took this opportunity for what it was. We'll grow from it and learn from it and see what happens."

Tony Romo started only four games this season, the first two games in September

before breaking his collarbone, and then two games after his return before suffering the same injury.

Jason Weeden lost his only three starts before being replaced by midseason acquisition Cassel. Moore, the former Boise State quarterback, was moved from practice squad to active roster after Romo got hurt again Thanksgiving Day against Carolina.

Notes: Cowboys tight end Gavin Escobar tore his Achilles tendon and will need surgery.

NFL roundup

Panthers hold off Giants to stay perfect

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Graham Gano's 43-yard field goal as time expired kept Carolina perfect this season with a wild 38-35 victory over the New York Giants on Sunday.

Cam Newton threw for five touchdowns in building a 28-point lead before New York stormed back to tie it with 1:46 remaining. The rally tied the NFL record set by San Francisco against New Orleans in 1980. The big difference: The 49ers won their game; the Giants lost.

Newton led the Panthers (14-0) to their 18th straight regular-season victory. He has thrown for 19 touchdowns in the last five games and a career-best 33 in this so-far special season.

Carolina visits Atlanta and hosts Tampa Bay to finish the schedule. All three previous NFL teams to reach 14-0 — Miami in 1972, New England in 2007 and Indianapolis in 2009 — made the Super Bowl.

The Giants (6-8) fell one game behind Washington in the NFC East.

STEELERS 34, BRONCOS 27

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Ben Roethlisberger passed for 380 yards and three touchdowns as the Steelers rallied.

Antonio Brown caught 16 passes for 189 yards and two scores as Pittsburgh (9-5) moved into the AFC's second wild-card spot by dominating the NFL's best defense after spotting the Broncos 17-point lead.

The Steelers controlled the second half, finally taking the lead when Ryan Shazier intercepted Brock Osweiler to set up a 23-yard dart from Roethlisberger to Brown with 3:34 to go.

Osweiler threw for 296 yards with three touchdowns pass-

ing and another on the ground but struggled in the second half as the Broncos (10-4) lost their second straight and failed to lock up the AFC West title.

CARDINALS 40, EAGLES 17

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — David Johnson ran for 187 yards and three touchdowns, Carson Palmer threw a TD pass and Arizona beat Philadelphia to clinch the NFC West title.

The Cardinals (12-2) will earn a first-round bye with a win over Green Bay next week. They still have a chance to secure the No. 1 seed if they win out and Carolina loses its last two games. The Eagles (6-8) would win the NFC East title if they beat Washington at home and the Giants on the road.

The Cardinals outclassed Philadelphia in every way on their way to their eighth straight win.

Johnson, a rookie filling in for injured backs Chris Johnson and Andre Ellington, had a pair of 1-yard TD runs and a 47-yarder. Palmer gave Cardinals fans a brief scare when he came out for one play after injuring his right index finger on a throw. But he returned to toss a 16-yard TD pass to John Brown and finished 20 of 32 for 274 yards. Deone Bucannon returned Sam Bradford's interception 39 yards for a touchdown to give Arizona a 37-10 lead early in the fourth quarter, sending fans to the exits.

SEAHAWKS 30, BROWNS 13

SEATTLE (AP) — Russell Wilson continued his record pace by throwing three touchdown passes, two to Doug Baldwin, and the Seahawks clinched a playoff spot for the fourth straight season.

Seattle (9-5) won its fifth straight and, thanks to losses this week by Tampa Bay and the New York Giants, wrapped up a postseason berth.

Wilson was 21 of 30 for 249 yards. He found Baldwin on TDs of 6 and 3 yards in the first half, then hit Tyler Lockett on a 27-yard TD strike on the first play of the fourth quarter. Wilson became the first quarterback with three or more TD passes and no interceptions in five straight games.

Johnny Manziel threw a 7-yard TD to Gary Barnidge on the first drive for the Browns (3-11).

PACKERS 30, RAIDERS 20

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Aaron Rodgers threw a touchdown pass and Damarious Randall returned an interception for another score to help Green Bay.

Green Bay (10-4) clinched a spot in the postseason in the first quarter when the New York Giants lost to Carolina. But the Packers still have their eyes set on a division title and remain one game ahead of Minnesota in the NFC North.

Derek Carr threw two early interceptions to put Oakland (6-8) in a hole but then had a pair of touchdown passes to Amari Cooper. It wasn't enough as the Raiders were eliminated from playoff contention for the 13th straight season.

BENGALS 24, 49ERS 14

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Jeremy Hill ran for a pair of 1-yard touchdowns to back AJ McCarron's first career start, and the Bengals clinched a fifth straight postseason berth.

As Andy Dalton watched from the sideline with a large cast over his broken right thumb, McCarron threw a 20-

yard touchdown pass to Tyler Kroft just before halftime as the Bengals (11-3) forced three second-quarter turnovers by San Francisco (4-10) to take command.

Vontaze Burfict and Adam "Pacman" Jones each made interceptions on balls that deflected off the hands of tight end Vance McDonald. Cincinnati capitalized with touchdowns on two of the turnovers, including Kroft's TD catch one play and five seconds after the second pick.

VIKINGS 38, BEARS 17

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Teddy Bridgewater threw a career-high four touchdowns and ran for another, and the Vikings took a big step toward clinching playoff spot.

Bridgewater completed 17 of 20 passes for 231 yards without a turnover, connecting twice with Stefon Diggs for scores. Jerick McKinnon and Zach Line had the other touchdown catches on a remarkably productive afternoon for all of Minnesota's running backs.

Adrian Peterson missed some time because of an injury to his left ankle, but finished with 63 yards to maintain his NFL rushing lead. The Vikings are 9-5. The Bears are 5-9.

CHARGERS 30, DOLPHINS 14

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Danny Woodhead had his first career four-touchdown game and Philip Rivers recovered a fumble on a play that began with him throwing an interception in what might have been the final NFL game in San Diego.

Woodhead caught TD passes of 20, 9 and 9 yards, and scored on a 2-yard run for the Char-

Sports in brief

PHOENIX (AP) — Milwaukee Bucks coach Jason Kidd is taking an indefinite leave to have hip surgery.

Assistant coach Joe Prunty will direct the team in Kidd's absence, general manager John Hammond said after the Bucks' 101-95 victory over the Phoenix Suns.

"I tried to put off surgery for as long as I could, but after consulting with my doctor, he advised that the best course of action was to have the procedure now," Kidd said in statement released by the team.

The Bucks are 11-18 this season and 52-59 in two seasons under Kidd.

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Right-hander Jarrod Parker reached agreement on an \$850,000, one-year contract with the Oakland Athletics, avoiding arbitration.

The A's announced the deal Saturday, which includes \$425,000 guaranteed. Parker has had lousy luck the past two seasons, not pitching in the majors since 2013. He missed the '14 season following his second Tommy John surgery, then fractured the elbow during a May rehab start to end his comeback bid and had another procedure from Dr. James Andrews. Oakland's brass has been encouraged by his progress this offseason.

The 27-year-old Parker is 25-16 with a 3.68 ERA in two-plus major league seasons.

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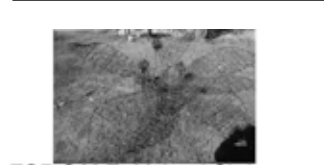
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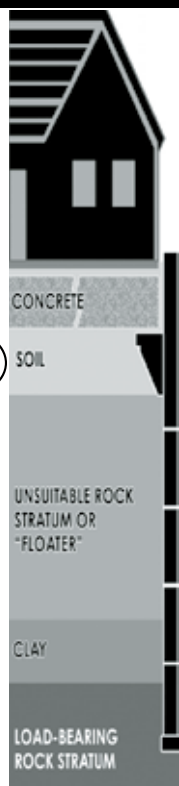
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city of Tulum -- all are archeological wonders built to frame the sun as she bursts into Capricorn. What fresh hope would you like to frame as the season changes? Open yourself up to the possibility that the way will be illuminated for you after the long night.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Each person lives in the reality of his or her feelings -- a reality that others may not share. Because you are sensitive to this basic human condition you'll be included in someone's inner circle.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your creative efforts will be well-received, but only if you have the courage to work them out. The beginning stages will be rough, but keep going. Don't expect yourself to get it right the first time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Unless you're getting the story straight from the source, it's likely to be severely distorted. If you're getting it from the source it will likely only be somewhat distorted.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Mindful that everyone has their own set of special associations, you'll be careful to steer clear of anything with the potential to be sacred, loaded with extra meaning or offensive in any way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Intuition will spark and flame in you. When you find that you know immediately and without a process of reason, it's an impulse to act on. A fellow fire sign (Aries, Leo or Sagittarius) will be involved.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Question and analyze what others are accepting as truth. Just because a tradition or belief has been handed down on good authority doesn't make it automatically right or beneficial to all involved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Don't be afraid to ask for a favor. It won't put the other person off; in fact your benefactor will like you even more than before. To help others is a real human need.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The animal kingdom will call to you. You might even open your home to a new creature. If you're already a pet owner, the care and maintenance of your animal will play into the day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). While following your heart, let your mind ride shotgun. It will be chatty company today and will have lots of insights and probably protests about the journey.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you're not sure you can "fake it till you make it," try believing instead. Deepen your commitment. Tell yourself that you can and will because it's who you are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Two realities can be correct at the same time, so

it's useless to argue with a person who doesn't see it as you do. Agreeing to disagree is a middle ground. The best course is to seek understanding.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The basics of an upcoming event will be the same as they were last time and the time before. This is the ideal day to plan the extra fluff on the outside -- the details that will make memories.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 21). The next three weeks time seems elastic, alternately blurring fast-paced events and turning the slow-motion camera on other days. When you look back from 2016 you'll notice much has changed. Friendships solidify in January. March brings big news. Love will take on many forms from April to August. Aquarius and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 30, 42, 32 and 47.

HOLIDAY STRESS RELIEVERS: So many feel spent and blue in December. What can

you do to counteract holiday stress?

SAGITTARIUS: For Sagittarius there is nothing more stressful than feeling trapped. With crowds and obligations in abundance this time of year there are many opportunities for this stressful condition to settle in. Whether it's a parking log traffic jam or a must-attend office party, Sagittarius won't be able to relax if he or she has the sense that there's no way out. So the key to reducing stress and increasing enjoyment is to build more options into life, or see the ones that exist more clearly.

When tensions are mounting, positive self-talk that has freedom as a central theme will put Sagittarius at ease. Try on these mantras for size!

"I choose my reactions to life, and I have an endless array of choices."

"Tense moments, however long they may seem, will always pass."

"With each breath I'm able to see more options available to

me."

"I always have choices."

"I'm creative, so I can see more than the obvious options."

"I can always find a way to make the most of whatever is happening now."

"I control what I can and let go of the rest."

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Kiefer Sutherland will join his father Donald and dear friend Demi Moore in a new western, "Forsaken." Born on the cusp, Sutherland has planets in both Sagittarius and Capricorn. An energetic Aries moon suggests endless supplies of energy. Jupiter in Leo, the sign of show business, indicates that life lessons will be learned through performance.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My husband and I live in the house where I was raised. I feel fortunate that most of my neighbors are people I grew up with. One neighbor is a very good friend. We've known each other since childhood. She is in bad shape physically and financially, and does not drive. The grandkids she raised still live with her. Neither of them has a car.

The 21-year-old grandson walks three miles to and from work every day, rain or shine. On some days, I drop my grandson off at school, which is within a half mile of where my neighbor's son works. I offered to give the young man a ride on those days when I'm going in that direction anyway.

My husband feels this is wrong. He says no one would approve if he offered to give the 18-year-old granddaughter a ride.

Annie, this young man is the same age as my grandkids (who I wish had the oomph to walk anywhere). I don't know why it's any different than when I take his grandmother shopping or to the bank. My husband and I have been married for 30 years and have

no trust issues. He says it has nothing to do with trust. It's just not right. I'm confused. What do you say? -- M.

Dear M.: We say, give the kid a ride. We understand your husband's perspective and agree that there is a double standard here. When Grandpa gives a young woman a ride, there is a presumption that he might be sexually interested in her and could take advantage. But the same presumption doesn't hold for Grandma, probably because society considers postmenopausal women to be asexual beings and more likely, that the young man can defend himself.

However, your husband is talking in generalities, and your issue is very specific. You are not interested in this young man other than to help him get to work. If your husband is worried about what the neighbors will think, he can come along for the ride. It's a shame that we've become so suspicious of one another that we cannot do a good deed without raising such fears.

Dear Annie: Is it OK to give money as a wedding gift to a couple in their early 20s? We aren't

concerned that they won't remember our gift. We just think that money provides greater flexibility. Isn't cash what most young couples need? -- Wondering in New York

Dear Wondering: It is always OK to give money as a wedding gift, and many couples appreciate it more than other things. The drawbacks are that the couple will know exactly how much you spent on their gift and that some people believe a monetary gift is gauche. Money doesn't hold the same sentiment or personal touch as something that is chosen specifically for the couple, but according to our mail,

most couples don't mind that one bit.

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MAKE TIME FOR FAMILY READING

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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

Opening lead — king of hearts.

This deal occurred in a match between Italy and France in 1969. The French lost 1,370 points on the deal, and this is how it came about.

At the first table, with Italy North-South, Giorgio Belladonna opened one diamond in accordance with the Canapé principle of bidding the shorter suit first. Henri Svare could not double for takeout because of his void in spades, so he over-

called with one heart. After Walter Avarelli bid one notrump, East, Jean-Michel Boulenger, raised to two hearts. Belladonna then bid three spades, raised by Avarelli to four.

West led the king of hearts, overtaken by East with the ace. The spectators thought Boulenger had made this play in order to shift to his singleton diamond — a move that would have defeated the contract two tricks — but instead he continued with the jack and another heart. As a result, Belladonna made four spades and scored 620 points.

At the second table, with a French pair now North-South, the bidding went:
North Pass East 1♦ South 1♥ West 1NT 2♥ 3♠ Pass
4♠

Here South opened the bidding with a spade, one effect of which was that the Italian West was now able to double comfortably for takeout, since he had excellent support for the other three suits.

West eventually bid five clubs, doubled by North, and the Italian declarer lost only two tricks — the K-Q of trumps. So the unfortunate French team lost another 750 points at this table. *C'est la guerre!*

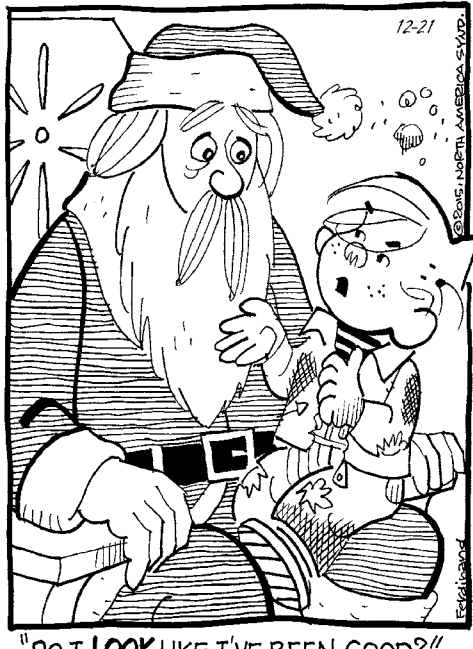
Tomorrow: Good, better, best.
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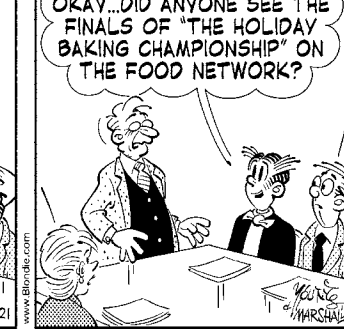
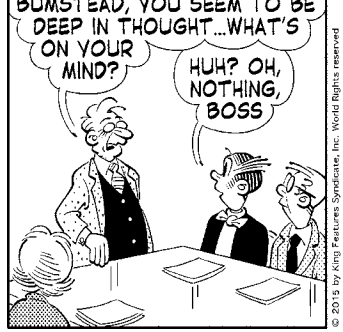
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DO I LOOK LIKE I'VE BEEN GOOD??

"Mommy, bet you can't guess which present I wrapped and which the store wrapped."

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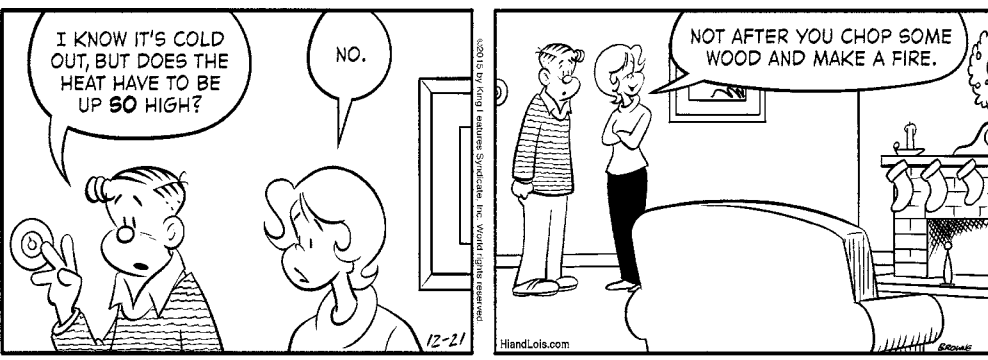
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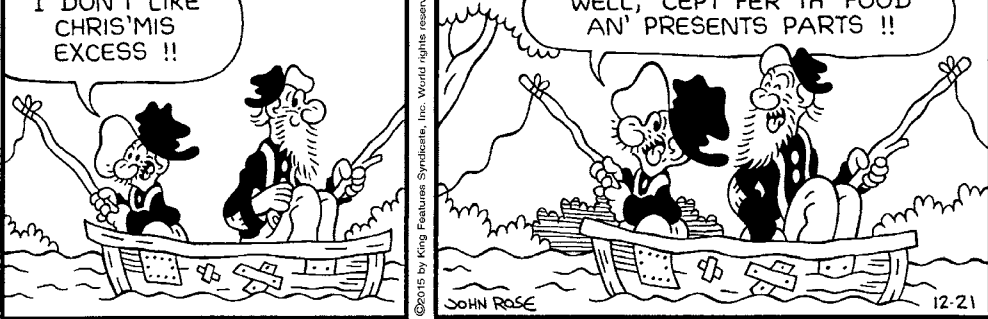
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Dec. 21, the 355th day of 2015. There are 10 days left in the year. Winter arrives at 11:48 p.m. Eastern time.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 21, 1945, U.S. Army Gen. George S. Patton, 60, died in Heidelberg, Germany, 12 days after being seriously injured in a car accident.

On this date:

In 1620, Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower went ashore for the first time at present-day Plymouth, Massachusetts.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union forces led by Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman concluded their "March to the Sea" as they captured Savannah, Georgia.

In 1879, the Henrik Ibsen play "A Doll's House" premiered at the Royal Theater in Copenhagen.

In 1914, the first feature-length silent film comedy, Mack Sennett's "Tillie's Punctured Romance," starring Marie Dressler, Mabel Normand and Charlie Chaplin, premiered. The U.S. government began requiring passport applicants to provide photographs of themselves.

In 1937, Walt Disney's first animated feature, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," had its world premiere in Los Angeles.

In 1940, author F. Scott Fitzgerald died in Hollywood, California, at age 44.

In 1958, Charles de Gaulle was elected to a seven-year term as the first president of the Fifth Republic of France.

In 1968, Apollo 8 was launched on a mission to orbit the moon.

In 1971, the U.N. Security Council chose Kurt Waldheim to succeed U Thant as Secretary-General.

In 1976, the Liberian-registered tanker Argo Merchant broke apart near Nantucket Island, off Massachusetts, almost a week after running aground, spilling 7.5 million gallons of oil into the North Atlantic.

In 1988, 270 people were killed when a terrorist bomb exploded aboard a Pam Am Boeing 747 over Lockerbie, Scotland, sending wreckage crashing to the ground.

In 1995, the city of Bethlehem passed from Israeli to Palestinian control.

Ten years ago: The Senate rejected opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling. The Senate approved a six-month extension of the USA Patriot Act to keep the anti-terror law from expiring on Dec. 31, 2005.

Five years ago: The Census Bureau announced that the nation's population on April 1, 2010, was 308,745,538, up from 281.4 million a decade earlier. A divided Federal Communications Commission approved, 3-2, new rules known as "net neutrality" meant to prohibit broadband companies from interfering with Internet traffic flowing to their customers. Chip Kelly, in just his second season leading Oregon, was voted AP Coach of the Year.

Thought for Today:
"It is not necessary to understand things in order to argue about them."
Pierre Augustin Caron de Beaumarchais
French author and dramatist (1732-1799).

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

PASTA DAY by Gail Grabowski

- ACROSS**
- 1 Valentine's Day archer
- 6 Atlas pages
- 10 "___ of your business!"
- 14 Make amends
- 15 Help with, as a crime
- 16 Region
- 17 Island near Sicily
- 18 Fortune teller
- 19 Couch or bench
- 20 Many early-morning beachcombers
- 23 Was victorious
- 24 Speak
- 25 Strike poorly, as a tennis ball
- 29 Misplaced
- 31 Miami's state: Abbr.
- 34 Full-length, as a film
- 35 Identical
- 36 Little round veggies
- 37 Evening-gown supports
- 40 Song
- 41 Mongrel dog
- 42 Cowboy's mount
- 43 Roads that often cross aves.
- 44 Lion's hair
- 45 Potato often used for fries
- 46 "Ten Most Wanted" agcy.
- 47 Total amount
- 48 Wire-bound writing pads
- 57 Walk back and forth

- DOWN**
- 1 Rotating machine parts
- 2 Salt Lake's state
- 3 Fishing rod
- 4 Worldwide: Abbr.
- 5 Handle, as a problem
- 6 Brick worker
- 7 Brother of Cain
- 8 Banana covering
- 9 Emphasizes
- 10 Downright mean
- 11 Three-tier cookie
- 12 Close by
- 13 Has a meal
- 21 Campsite bed
- 22 Purring pet
- 25 Things that have to be done
- 26 Data to be entered
- 27 Reads a bar code
- 28 Enormous
- 29 Espresso with milk
- 30 Fail to mention
- 31 Is afraid of
- 32 Run out, as a subscription
- 33 Desirable quality
- 35 Astonish
- 36 Athletes who are paid
- 38 Senders of cybermessages
- 39 Hand gesture of approval
- 44 Deg. in finance
- 45 Regret
- 46 Straight from the garden
- 47 Sharply inclined
- 48 Resort retreats
- 49 Baby Bear's dad
- 50 Puts frosting on
- 51 Hammer target
- 52 Capital of Norway
- 53 "This is terrible!"
- 54 Lubricates
- 55 Create with yam
- 56 Full collections

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News in brief

AP Investigation: US power grid vulnerable to foreign hacks

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Security researcher Brian Wallace was on the trail of hackers who had snatched a California university's housing files when he stumbled into a larger nightmare: Cyber-attackers had opened a pathway into the networks running the United States power grid.

Digital clues pointed to Iranian hackers. And Wallace found that they had already taken passwords, as well as engineering drawings of dozens of power plants, at least one with the title "Mission Critical." The drawings were so detailed that experts say skilled attackers could have used them, along with other tools and malicious code, to knock out electricity flowing to millions of homes.

Wallace was astonished. But this breach, The Associated Press has found, was not unique.

About a dozen times in the last decade, sophisticated foreign hackers have gained enough remote access to control the operations networks that keep the lights on, according to top experts who spoke only on condition of anonymity due to the sensitive nature of the subject matter.

The public almost never learns the details about these types of attacks — they're rarer but also more intricate and potentially dangerous than data theft. Information about the government's response to

these hacks is often protected and sometimes classified; many are never even reported to the government.

1 killed after car hits crowds of pedestrians on Vegas Strip

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A woman intentionally swerved her car onto a busy sidewalk two or three times Sunday and mowed down people outside a Las Vegas casino, killing one person and injuring at least 30 others, police said.

The vehicle was in the northbound lanes of Las Vegas Boulevard near Bellagio Way when it drove up onto the sidewalk about 6:30 p.m. in front of the Paris Hotel & Casino and struck pedestrians, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Lt. Peter Boffelli said. The person killed was an adult, he said.

Police believe this was an intentional act by a woman in her 20s who "went up and off these streets, two or possibly three times," Lt. Dan McGrath said. Police did not give a possible motive.

The woman is being interviewed and is having her blood drawn, police said. She is being held in the Clark County jail with charges pending.

"This is a huge tragedy that has happened on our Strip," Boffelli said.

NFL

Continued from Page 4

gers (4-10), who failed to score a touchdown in each of their previous two home games. Miami (5-9) lost for the fourth time in five games.

The Chargers Cannon went off. The disco ditty "San Diego Super Chargers" blared for what might be the final time.

It could all be over after 55 seasons if NFL owners allow Chargers Chairman Dean Spanos to move to an industrial suburb of Los Angeles and build a stadium with the rival Oakland Raiders.

REDSKINS 35, BILLS 25

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Kirk Cousins equaled his career high with four touchdown passes and ran 13 yards for another score, helping Washington win consecutive games for the first time in more than a year and stay atop the NFC East.

While the Redskins (7-7) moved closer to a playoff berth, the Bills (6-8) are now assured of missing the postseason for the 16th year in a row, the NFL's longest active drought.

Making first-year Bills head coach Rex Ryan's defense look inept, and helped by a key fourth-down encroachment penalty on Buffalo, the Redskins scored TDs on each of their first three possessions for the first time since September 1999, grabbing a 21-0 lead in the second quarter.

CHIEFS 34, RAVENS 14

BALTIMORE (AP) — Kansas City capitalized on a variety of miscues by Baltimore, extended its winning streak to eight games and remain in the thick of the playoff picture.

Tyvon Branch returned a fumble 73 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter and Marcus Peters clinched the victory with a 90-yard interception return for a score with 4:36 left.

Kansas City (9-5) also scored touchdowns following a drive-extending penalty by Baltimore and a failed fake punt.

With the win, the Chiefs became the first NFL team to follow a five-game slide with eight successive wins in the same season.

Baltimore (4-10) is 2-5 at home — the first time in its 20-year history the team has lost five home games.

TEXANS 16, COLTS 10

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Brandon Weeden replaced injured quarterback T.J. Yates late in the first half and threw a go-ahead 8-yard TD pass to Jaelen Strong with 10:36 to play as Houston won at Indianapolis for the first time in 14 tries.

The Texans (7-7) took sole possession of the AFC South lead by snapping a two-game losing streak.

The Colts (6-8) have lost three straight and need help to make the playoffs.

The battle of backup quarterbacks didn't earn style points. Yates was 6 of 10 for 68 yards with one interception before hurting his left knee. Weeden went 11 of 18 with 105 yards, leading the Texans to three field goals and the decisive TD.

Hasselbeck was 17 of 30 with 147 yards and one interception and

briefly gave way to Charlie Whitehurst in the fourth.

PATRIOTS 33, TITANS 16

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Tom Brady threw for two touchdowns to help New England hold onto the top spot in the AFC in a game that saw Titans quarterback Marcus Mariota knocked out of the game with a knee injury in the first half.

The 2014 Heisman Trophy winner and the No. 2 overall pick in this year's draft, Mariota left and did not return after being sacked to end consecutive second-quarter drives.

Brady completed 23 of 35 passes for 267 yards.

Delanie Walker caught two passes, both for touchdowns, for 64

Air France passenger detained after fake bomb found

PARIS (AP) — A retired French police officer traveling on Air France was detained after a fake bomb hidden in a lavatory forced his Paris-bound flight to make an emergency landing in Kenya, according to prosecutors.

The hoax — the fourth against Air France in recent weeks — comes amid heightened concerns about extremist violence in many countries, and aggravated passenger jitters around the holidays.

The man in custody is a former police officer detained upon arrival at Charles de Gaulle Airport on Monday, according to an official in the prosecutor's office in the Paris suburb of Bobigny. The official, who is not authorized to be publicly identified speaking about an ongoing investigation, did not release the suspect's name or information about what he is suspected of.

It's not clear whether the suspect had also been questioned in Kenya. A Kenyan police official said six passengers were questioned Sunday, including the person who informed the crew about the device.

The arrest is part of an investigation prompted by a lawsuit filed by Air France on Monday for reckless endangerment. The lawsuit does not name a perpetrator.

yards for Tennessee. Zach Mettenberger completed 20 of 28 passes for 242 yards, two TD and two interceptions after replacing Mariota.

FALCONS 23, JAGUARS 17

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Julio Jones scored for the first time in seven weeks, and Atlanta ended a six-game losing streak.

Jones finished with nine receptions for 118

yards and set the franchise record for catches in a season. He has 118, breaking teammate Roddy White's mark of 115 set in 2010.

The Falcons (7-7) had lost six straight and even had some wondering whether they had given up after losing 38-0 last week at Carolina.

The Jaguars (5-9) lost ground in the muddled AFC South and were all but eliminated in the division race.

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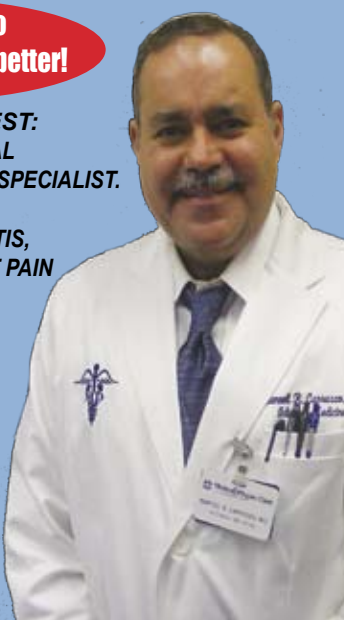
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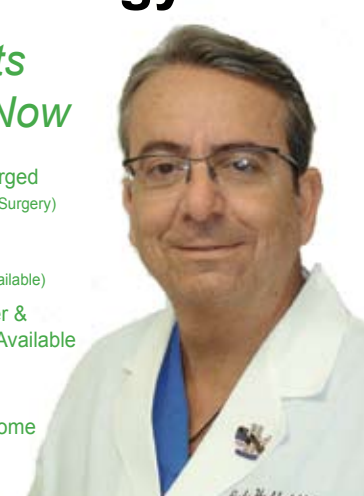
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