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Fire shuts down Wendy's

*Electrical fault
likely cause of
Monday incident*

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

A fault in the electrical system is believed to be the cause of a fire at the Wendy's hamburger restaurant on South Gregg Street early Monday.

Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray said the fire started shortly after restaurant personnel arrived at 5 a.m. and turned on power to the building. The fire worked its way into the air-conditioning unit, which sent smoke throughout the restaurant.

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HERALD photo/Amanda Elston

A fault in the electrical system is believed to be the cause of a fire that struck the Wendy's hamburger restaurant on South Gregg Street early Monday morning. No injuries were reported.

*Howard County
public school
students returned
to classes from
Christmas break
this morning.
Motorists are
urged to use
caution when
traveling through
school zones.*



Here's a resolution for you: Help children through CASA

By **JULIE BASS**

Staff Writer

"Out with the old and in with the new" is a phrase often used by those who make a list of resolutions at the start of every New Year. Some resolve to kick bad habits like smoking or eating junk food, others may want to lose weight or spend less money. Resolutions are different for

everyone, but they all serve the same objective, to make life changes for the better. And sometimes, these life changes are for someone other than yourself.

"More than 24,000 children in the Texas foster care system need caring adults to advocate for them," said Kathy Harmon, Marketing Specialist for CASA of West Texas.

CASA (Court Appointed

Special Advocate) volunteers help get children through the foster care system as quickly as possible and into permanent homes.

Harmon said that last year 46,823 abused and neglected children were in the Texas foster care system and that 172 of those children were from Howard County. They

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Lady Steers return to the court

Big Spring's Diamonique Mayes (24) is fouled while attempting a field goal during the Lady Steers' non-district basketball game vs. Tuscola Jim Ned in Steer Gym Monday night. See additional photo, Page 7.

Tony Claxton photo
(www.claxtonphotography.com)



Tree disposal service offered through Saturday

Herald Staff Report

Just a week ago, it was the centerpiece of your living room. Now, it's just trash.

What to do with that Christmas tree? The city of Big Spring has an answer

The city landfill is accepting living Christmas trees without charge and will continue to do so through Saturday, a city press release announced. Only trees will be taken. All other debris and trash disposal is subject to normal landfill charges, the release said.

The trees will be turned into compost at the city's composting facility located in the landfill.

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Obituaries

Lyle Moore



Lyle Moore, 44, of Big Spring died Friday, Jan. 1, 2016, in Lubbock. The family will receive friends 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Jan. 27, 1971, in Big Spring to Ocoee Puckett Moore and Mike Moore. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1989 and attended Howard College. He was the manager

of Sam's Package Store.

Lyle was a kind, giving person with a very good sense of humor, and also he was an incredible single father.

He is survived by daughter, Autumn Moore of Big Spring; mother, Ocoee Moore of Big Spring; sister, Danene Moore of Lubbock; uncle, Horace Puckett of Orange, Texas; aunt, Pat Rutledge and her husband, Tommy, of Horseshoe Bay; and several cousins.

Lyle was preceded in death by his father, Mike in 2009; and one brother, Trevor Moore in 1995.

The family suggests memorials to Relocation Rescue Account at the Highland Animal Hospital of Big Spring at 3600 South Hwy 87, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Bessie Stoker



Bessie Elaine Stoker, 71, a longtime resident of Sand Springs Texas, died Friday Jan. 1, 2016, at University Medical Center in Lubbock Texas.

Born Nov. 2, 1944, in Big Spring Texas, Bessie attended Coahoma High School and Howard College. She worked as a supervisor at the Big Spring State Hospital. She loved her family, cooking,

and reading her bible.

She is survived by her daughter, Disa Reeves and her husband, Randy, of Lubbock Texas; son, Danny Stoker of Sand Springs; a granddaughter; and a great-grandson.

Services will be held Thursday, Jan. 7, 2016, at 11 a.m. in Myers and Smith Chapel. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **OSCAR LOPEZ CANALES**, 58, of 409 Owens St. was arrested on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and expired driver's license.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1600 block of W. FM 700 and the intersection of N. Hwy 87 and North Service Road I-20.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700, the 1800 block of S. Gregg St. and the 3700 block of Dixon St.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 56 inmates at the time of this report.

- **SHANE LEE NEWSOM**, 51, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for contempt of court disobedience.

- **KARISSA RICQUEL MITCHELL**, 30, was booked by the HCSO on a bench warrant.

- **OSCAR CANALES**, 58, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and expired driver's license.

- **TERRY EARLYNN KENNEDY**, 54, was booked by the GCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Fire/EMS

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

- **TRAUMA CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Sunset. No transport reported.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of Hwy 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Tulane. No transport reported.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of 18th St. No transport reported.

- **ELECTRICAL WIRING** was reported in the 600 block of Caylor. Incident investigated.

- **ALARM SYSTEM SOUNDING** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. Incident investigated.

- **HAZARDOUS CONDITION** was reported on FM 700. Hazardous materials removed.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of 14th St. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. No transport.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of 1st St. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Gregg St. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of Hwy 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of 18th St. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of 15th St. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **BUILDING FIRE** was reported in the 2300 block of County Road 30. Fire was extinguished.

Support Groups

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 information.

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

- 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.

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

FRIDAY

- 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.

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles.

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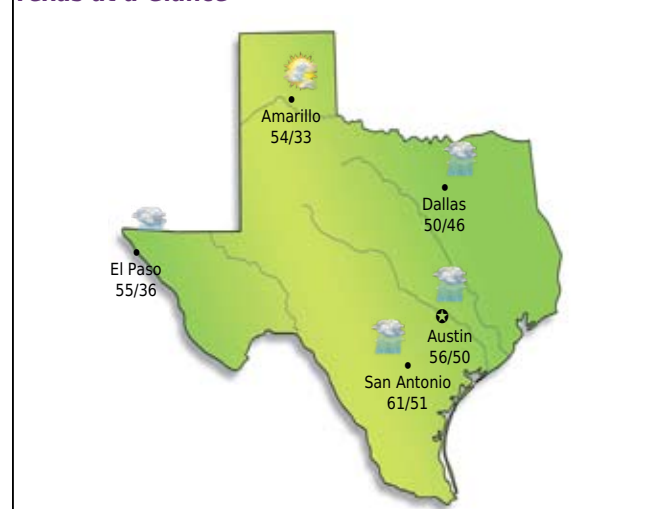
Cynthia Smith

Cynthia Smith, 59, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 1/6	Thu 1/7	Fri 1/8	Sat 1/9	Sun 1/10
57/37	63/36	59/30	47/21	49/24
Showers in the morning, then cloudy in the afternoon. Thunder possible. High 57F. Winds SSW at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 50%.	Sunshine. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 30s.	Sunshine. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the low 20s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the mid 20s.
Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:55 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:56 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:57 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:58 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:59 PM

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	51	42	M Sunny	Kingsville	63	55	M Cloudy
Amarillo	42	33	P Cloudy	Livingston	52	38	M Sunny
Austin	55	44	Sunny	Livingston	47	33	Sunny
Beaumont	53	40	Sunny	Lubbock	41	34	Cloudy
Brownsville	67	59	Cloudy	Lufkin	50	34	Sunny
Brownwood	52	41	P Cloudy	Midland	52	42	Cloudy
Corpus Christi	63	56	P Cloudy	Raymondville	66	58	Cloudy
Corsicana	51	39	M Cloudy	Rosenberg	56	45	P Cloudy
Dallas	48	39	M Sunny	San Antonio	59	48	M Sunny
Del Rio	58	48	Cloudy	San Marcos	57	44	Sunny
El Paso	53	39	Showers	Sulphur Springs	47	36	Sunny
Fort Stockton	56	40	Cloudy	Sweetwater	49	43	P Cloudy
Gainesville	45	36	M Cloudy	Tyler	48	35	Sunny
Greenville	47	35	Sunny	Weatherford	50	39	P Cloudy
Houston	55	44	P Cloudy	Wichita Falls	50	40	M Sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	42	25	Sunny	Miami	73	68	Cloudy
Boston	24	20	Sunny	Minneapolis	28	24	M Sunny
Chicago	34	27	M Sunny	New York	30	24	Sunny
Dallas	48	39	M Sunny	Phoenix	61	51	Cloudy
Denver	48	24	P Cloudy	San Francisco	56	49	Cloudy
Houston	41	26	Sunny	Seattle	43	37	Rain
Los Angeles	57	45	Showers	Saint Louis	40	27	M Sunny

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Dec 18	Dec 25	Jan 2	Jan 10

UV Index

Wed 1/6	Thu 1/7	Fri 1/8	Sat 1/9	Sun 1/10
2	3	3	3	3
Low	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

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

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Howard College hosting informational meetings for tax rate rollback election

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 this month. Those dates are today at 12:30 p.m. at the Hall Center for the Arts Auditorium, Howard College Campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane, (sign language interpretation provided); and today again at 6:30 p.m. at the Hall Center for the Arts Auditorium, Howard College Campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

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Take note

Jury Cancellation

• The Howard County Court is canceling the Jury Panel called for Wednesday, Jan. 6 at 9 a.m.

MLK Walk

• A march to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan 18 on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. The march will commence at the corner of Gregg St. and Martin Luther King Boulevard. Youth organization and other groups are welcome. Please bring your favorite lighting devices to light your path.

Meetings

• 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.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony of 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.

• 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.

• 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.

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 213-7960.

• 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.

• 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.

• 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 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.

• 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.

• 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.

Silver Wings Ball

• 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.

How to help

• 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.

• 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.

Youth Activities

• 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.

Let's Dance!

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

Missing Colorado City woman found dead

Amber Sevier of Colorado City, who was missing since Saturday, was found dead inside of her car which was found in a ravine by the Mitchell County Sheriff's office around 4:30 p.m. Monday.

The ravine is located approxi-

mately six miles south of Colorado City and officials say that Sevier's car was more than half-way submerged in the water.

She was found once the car was pulled from the ravine.

Officials are investigating how the car ended in the ravine.

Chicago lawyer resigns after judge rules he hid evidence

CHICAGO (AP) — A top city of Chicago lawyer stepped down after a federal judge accused him of hiding evidence in a fatal police shooting, the latest allegation of wrongdoing amid ongoing scrutiny of how the city deals with

such cases. Separately, the city agency that investigates police shootings vowed greater transparency, saying Monday that it would start divulging some details of active cases as it tries to bolster public confidence.

Since November, Chicago has been dealing with fallout from the release of a video showing a white officer fatally shooting black teenager Laquan McDonald.

TREE

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However, residents can also get the most of their trees by making mulch. The boughs can be cut off and placed

among plants susceptible to windburn. This also gives a layer of protection for plants in case of frost or a drop in the temperature or if another historic snowfall sweeps through West Texas again.

The tree can be used as a natural shelter for birds. Once

established outside securely, the tree can provide food and shelter for wild birds. To help attract birds to the tree, place it near a bird feeder or bird-bath or hang bird treats from the tree.

And if you have a small body of water on your land, sink the

tree into the pond. The tree can also be used to provide a habitat for fish and aquatic insects.

Next year, consider purchasing a tree that still has its roots. Then when Christmas is over, find a place to plant the tree.

CASA

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were separated from family, siblings, friends, and loved ones and placed into a setting far from home.

"Child Protective Services workers usually handle two or three dozen cases, each of which can involve multiple children. As a result, many children fall through the cracks, stay in foster care longer than necessary and may not receive the

help they need to begin to heal. Every child deserves to grow up in a safe, permanent home," said Harmon.

CASA of West Texas watched over 349 children last year for seven West Texas counties. The CASA volunteers speak for the abused and neglected children. They accompany them to court, they check on them in their foster homes, and bond with the child to help them understand that they have a friend and somebody fighting for them.

"These abused and

neglected children, through no fault of their own, ended up in foster care. Unfortunately, more than half of the children in care do not have CASA volunteer," Harmon said.

CASA volunteers are given a child to advocate for. They work with that child, and only that child, until the child has gone through court dates, foster homes and is finally placed in a permanent home. In a world that constantly changes for that child, the CASA volunteer is the only constant for

many of the children.

"Consider becoming a CASA volunteer and make a difference in a child's life and your own," said Harmon. "Every child in foster care needs someone to help them through this difficult time."

The next volunteer training to become a CASA volunteer in Big Spring starts on Feb. 15. For more information visit www.casawtx.org or call Harmon at 432-683-1114.

Contact Staff Writer Julie Bass at 263-7331, ext. 232, or by e-mailing life@bigspringherald.com

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The fire, which was quickly extinguished, caused little structural

damage to the building aside from moderate smoke damage, but the air-conditioning unit and a good portion of the electrical wiring will likely have to be replaced, Condray said.

No injuries were reported, he added.

There was no word this morning on when the restaurant will re-open for business.

— Steve Reagan

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Cynthia Smith, 59, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Chamber Annual Banquet - February 16th

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Opinion

Unappreciated tax on the poor

A few years ago, BET had a commentary titled "Where Are the Grocery Stores in Black Neighborhoods?" One wonders whether anyone thinks that the absence of supermarkets in predominantly black neighborhoods means that white merchants do not like dollars coming out of black hands. Racial discrimination cannot explain the absence of supermarkets in black communities.



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Compare the operation of a supermarket in a low-crime neighborhood with that of one in a high-crime neighborhood. You will see differences in how they operate. Supermarkets in low-crime neighborhoods often have merchandise on display near entrances. They may have merchandise left unattended outside the store, such as plants and gardening material. Often these items are left out overnight. Supermarket managers' profit maximizing objective is to maximize merchandise turnover per square foot of leased space. The economic significance of being able to have merchandise located at entrances and outside is the supermarket manager can use all of the space he leases.

Supermarket operation differs in high-crime neighborhoods. Merchandise will not be left unattended outside the store — and

surely not overnight. Because of greater theft, the manager will not have products near entrances and exits. As a result, the manager cannot use all of the space that he leases. On top of this, it is not unusual to see a guard employed by the store.

Because supermarkets operate on a very lean profit margin, typically less than 2 percent, crime makes such a business unprofitable. The larger crime cost is borne by black residents, who must pay higher prices, receive inferior-quality goods at small mom and pop stores and/or bear the transportation cost of having to shop at suburban malls. Crime works as a tax on people who can least afford it.

Racial discrimination suits have been brought against pizza companies whose drivers either refuse to deliver pizzas to certain neighborhoods or require customers to come down to their car.

In many instances, the pizza deliverymen are black people who are reluctant to deliver pizzas even in their own neighborhoods. For a law-abiding person, not to have deliveries on the same terms as everyone else is insulting, but who is to blame?

It is not just pizzas. Recently, Comcast notified a cable customer on the South Side of Chicago the company would not send out a technician because of the violent crime in the area. Delivery companies do not leave packages in high-crime neighborhoods when the customer is not home. The company must bear the costs of making return trips, or

more likely, the customer has to bear the cost of going to pick up the package. Taxi drivers, as well as Uber and Lyft drivers, are reluctant to provide services to high-crime neighborhoods.

Crime and lack of respect for property rights impose another unappreciated cost. They lower the value of everything in the neighborhood. A house that is not even worth \$50,000 might be worth many multiples of that after gentrification. Gentrification is a trend in some urban neighborhoods whereby higher income people buy up property in poor repair and fix it up. This results in the displacement of lower-income families and small businesses. Before we call gentrification an exclusively racial phenomenon, many gentrifiers are black middle-class, educated people.

It is by no means flattering to law-abiding black people that "black" has become synonymous with "crime." Crime not only imposes high costs on blacks but also sours race relations. Whites are apprehensive of blacks, and blacks are offended by being subjects of that apprehension. That apprehension and offense are exhibited in many insulting ways to law-abiding blacks — for example, jewelers keeping their displays locked and store clerks giving extra surveillance to black shoppers.

White people and police officers cannot fix this or other problems of the black community. If blacks do not fix them, they will not be fixed, at least in a pleasing way.

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With You, Lord, we have the faith to be successful in all our endeavors.

Amen



The Donald vs Big Bill

Not satisfied with hurling sexist invectives at Hillary Clinton, the Donald has turned his ire on her husband, the former president, claiming he has "a terrible record of women abuse."

Really? Does anyone recall Bill Clinton ridiculing women reporters (as Trump did with Megyn Kelly), insulting the looks of a female candidate (as Trump did with Carly Fiorina) and introducing a generation to Jewish slang for a male organ (his description of Barack Obama's '08 defeat of Hillary Clinton)?

The only reason Donald Trump is a viable candidate for the Republican nomination is because white men dominate Republican primaries and caucuses. They do not dominate general elections. Donald Trump has most "professional" Republicans — the kind who run and fund and organize campaigns — shaking in their boots, because every group except white men is overwhelmingly against Donald Trump.

Women: check. Trump has the biggest gender gap of any candidate in the race. African-Americans: check. They prefer Clinton over Trump by a margin of nearly 10 to 1. Hispanics, one of the fastest growing demographic groups, overwhelmingly

oppose Trump, likely because of his over-the-top rhetoric slamming immigrants as rapists and criminals.

Interestingly, Asians, who might be expected to lean Republican because of their rising economic status, don't seem to be doing so this time around. It appears that they identify more as immigrants than as new members of the upper-middle-class Republican base.

No wonder Trump is attacking Bill Clinton.

The only problem is that Bill Clinton isn't running for president. And if he were, he would trounce Trump.

No question: The 2008 campaign was a tough one for the Clintons. The media was in love with Obama, in much the same way they'd been in love with Bill Clinton himself back in 1991-1992.

They were largely giving Obama a free ride, and the former president was much angrier on behalf of his wife than she was.

I remember, the night before the Iowa caucus, the Clintons arrived late at their hotel, which — perhaps someone's idea of a joke — happened to be the same hotel Fox News had been assigned. Hillary greeted the crowd that formed in the lobby pleasantly and then said goodnight. Her husband stayed, posing for pictures with everyone who wanted one, and when he was done, gave me chapter and verse detailing the unfair coverage of the cam-

paign so far. Anyone who doubts the strength of the bond between the two Clintons need only have listened to that conversation to be convinced.

And what about Monica Lewinsky, whose name, thanks to the Donald, is once again in papers everywhere because of his comments? Yes, Bill Clinton had an inappropriate sexual relationship with Lewinsky nearly 20 years ago. And he paid the price for it, politically. But his wife had nothing to do with it. And while it might have been true back in 2000 that many women were troubled she stayed with him, she won the Senate race that year with strong support from women.

Of course the former president is going to campaign on behalf of his wife.

I have yet to meet a Democrat running for any office in recent years whose first choice for a "surrogate" to raise money or to campaign wasn't Bill Clinton. So he'll be out there, as he should be, as wives have been doing for decades, helping his spouse get elected.

But at the end of the day, Hillary is the one running for president, not Bill. And what could be more sexist than an opponent who (even if out of desperation) ignores the female candidate and aims his fire instead at her husband — as if Bill is the one running, as if Hillary is responsible for his sex life?

Happy New Year in these interesting times.



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Jokes and Riddles

Question:

What can jump higher than the Sydney Harbour Bridge?



Question:

Why did the emu cross the road?

Answer:
To prove he wasn't a chicken.

Answer:
Nothing because bridges can't jump.

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What Rhymes with...



List 10 words that rhyme with "map."

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Some answers: cap, clap, flap, gap, lap, nap, rap, sep, strap, tap

Name That Country

South America has several countries. Fill in the blanks to name some of them.

- 1 A _ _ _ EN _ _ INA
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- 3 C _ _ I _ _ E
- 4 _ _ O _ _ OM _ _ IA
- 5 E _ _ UA _ _ O _ _
- 6 U _ _ U _ _ UAY
- 7 V _ _ N _ _ ZUE _ _ A



Answers: 1) Argentina, 2) Brazil, 3) Chile, 4) Colombia, 5) Ecuador, 6) Uruguay, 7) Venezuela

World Discoveries

MORE THAN SEVEN BILLION PEOPLE LIVE ON EARTH. With that many people, you would think there would be nothing left to discover. But there are plenty of things scientists are just now learning about, including some animals in Africa and Asia.

IN THE AFRICAN CONGO JUNGLE, SCIENTISTS discovered a new type of monkey called the Lesula. The monkey has big eyes, a pink face and a golden mane. Over in Asia in the country of Vietnam, scientists discovered a



new type of flying frog. The bright green frog has webbed feet that allow it to jump from tree to tree. In Papua New Guinea, scientists have found many new animals, including frogs, spiders and geckos.

IN AN AGE WHERE SO much of the earth has been explored, finding new animals is exciting. Who knows how many more animals are yet to be discovered.

Fact or Fiction? European Capital Challenge

Every country in Europe has a capital city. Here are some questions about the cities. How many can you answer correctly?



- 1) Athens is the capital of Greece. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 2) London, the capital of England, is home to the Eiffel Tower. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 3) Vienna Sausage is the capital of Austria. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 4) Sweden is the capital of Stockholm. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 5) Madrid is the capital of Spain. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 6) Rome is the capital of Italy. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 7) Brussels Sprout is the capital of Belgium. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 8) Norway is the capital of Oslo. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 9) Paris, the capital of France, is home to Big Ben. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 10) Berlin is the capital of Germany. **Fact or Fiction?**

Answers: 1) Fact, 2) Fiction, London is the capital of England but it is not the home of the Eiffel Tower—Paris is, 3) Fiction, Vienna is the capital of Austria, 4) Fiction, Stockholm is the capital of Sweden, 5) Fact, 6) Fact, 7) Fiction, Brussels is the capital of Belgium, 8) Fiction, Oslo is the capital of Norway, 9) Fiction, Paris is the capital of France, but it is not the home of Big Ben—London is, 10) Fact

Life, Love & Chaos

This year, resolve to enjoy the small things

All of the presents have been opened, the calendars have been replaced by one with the new year gracing the top of it, and the kids are back in school.

Many people made New Year's resolutions to try to make themselves better, hoping for a better year overall.

I have seen many jokes about New Year's resolutions on social media over the last few weeks and two of them have really stuck with me.

The first one was someone saying they were going to open a business called Resolutions. For the first two weeks it would be a workout gym and for the rest of the year it would be a bar.

The second one was a cartoon showing a guy looking at his last few years worth of resolutions to lose weight and get into shape. He was talking about how he always fails at his resolutions. So,

for 2016, his resolution was to gain weight and become a slob. In the next frame of the cartoon, he is at the gym working out and looks fit and muscular.

Personally, I don't make any New Year's resolutions. It isn't that I don't like to self reflect and make myself a better person, it is because I think that resolutions made at the beginning of the year are fruitless for many people, myself included.

Therefore, I try to resolve each evening to be a better, nicer, and happier person tomorrow than I was today. If I slip and have a bad day, I set it aside and begin the next day fresh.

My favorite line from the movie *Anne of Green Gables* is, "You can always start fresh tomorrow, with no mistakes."

Everyday is a gift, a chance to be a better you than the day before. If you set your goals one day at a time and you have a relapse, you can start fresh again tomorrow. I feel it is much more difficult if you spend months, or even just weeks, doing well and then have a slip. People let that little slip get them down



and they give up on everything because of one bad day or one bad choice.

There is a new tradition that I am planning to start in my house this year with my family. Each time something good happens, big or small, we are going to write it on a slip of paper and put it in a jar.

On New Year's Eve next year, we are going to sit around and read about all of

the good things that happened to us over the year.

My hope is that my family will see what a great year they had and want the next year to be even better. I am hoping they learn to recognize the little blessings we have each and everyday.

I have written one down each day so far.

Jan. 1, My family went together to see *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*. I chose this

one because with two teenage daughters, it is sometimes hard to get a chance to do things as a family.

Jan. 2, My daughters got along and didn't fight. This one is because as much as I love my daughters, they hardly ever see eye to eye.

Jan. 3, I finished crocheting my oldest daughter's Slytherin scarf. I am not great at crocheting and I have been practicing. Her eyes lit up and she genuinely liked it.

Jan. 4, My husband got up early on his day off and cooked breakfast for all of us.

These are all small things. I didn't win the lottery or anything huge, but these are things that brought happiness to my day.

If you resolve to be a better you day by day and you remind yourself of the good things that happen to you throughout the year, you might be surprised by just how good of a year you actually had when you read your slips of paper next New Year's Eve.

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Medicare is changing: What's new for beneficiaries

WASHINGTON (AP) — Whether it's coverage for end-of-life counseling or an experimental payment scheme for common surgeries, Medicare in 2016 is undergoing some of the biggest changes in its 50 years.

Grandma's Medicare usually just paid the bills as they came in. Today, the nation's flagship health-care program is seeking better ways to balance cost, quality and access.

So far, the 2016 change getting the most attention is that Medicare will pay clinicians to counsel patients about options for care at the end of life. The voluntary counseling would have been authorized earlier by President Barack Obama's health care law but for the outcry fanned by former Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin, who charged it would lead to "death panels." Hastily dropped from the law, the personalized counseling has been rehabilitated through Medicare rules.

But experts who watch Medicare as the standards-setter for the health system are looking elsewhere in the program. They're paying attention to Medicare's attempts to remake the way medical care is

delivered to patients, by fostering teamwork among clinicians, emphasizing timely preventive services and paying close attention to patients' transitions between hospital and home. Primary care doctors, the gatekeepers of health care, are the focus of much of Medicare's effort.

Patrick Conway, Medicare's chief medical officer, says that nearly 8 million beneficiaries are now in "Accountable Care Organizations." ACOs are recently introduced networks of doctors and hospitals that strive to deliver better quality care at lower cost.

"Five years ago there was minimal incentive to coordinate care," said Conway. "Physicians wanted to do well for their patients, but the financial incentives were completely aligned with volume." Under the ACO model, clinical networks get part of their reimbursement for meeting quality or cost targets. The jury's still out on their long-term impact.

Still, a major expansion is planned for 2016, and beneficiaries for the first time will be able to pick an ACO. Currently they can opt out if they don't like it.

"We're all trying to understand where is that

threshold when things will flip," said Kavita Patel, a Brookings Institution health policy expert who also practices as a primary care doctor. It could be like the switch from snail mail and interoffice memos to communicating via email, she says, but "I'm not sure we have reached critical mass."

Glendon Bassett, a retired chemical engineer, says he can vouch for the teamwork approach that Medicare is promoting. Earlier this year, a primary care team at SAMA Healthcare in El Dorado, Arkansas, prevented what Bassett feared would turn into an extended hospitalization. It started with a swollen leg.

SAMA is part of Medicare's Comprehensive Primary Care Initiative, an experiment in seven regions of the country that involves nearly 400,000 beneficiaries and a much larger number of patients with other types of insurance. The insurers pay primary care practices a monthly fee for care coordination, and the practices also have the opportunity to share in any savings to Medicare.

The primary-care teams at SAMA consist of a doctor, a nurse practitioner, three nurses, and a care coordinator.

The coordinator shepherds patients to avoid gaps in care. The nurses can be an early warning system for the doctor.

Bassett said he had a history of circulatory problems in his legs, but this was different. "It was scary," he said. "Within a week's time it turned from red to dark."

He thought about the emergency room, but he got in right away to see the nurse practitioner working with Dr. Gary Beville, his longtime physician. The nurse fetched other clinicians to look at Bassett's swollen right leg. He was immediately given antibiotics.

And the doctor referred him to a cardiologist for an outpatient procedure that has since improved his circulation.

While the medical treatment may have followed fairly standard protocols, Bassett believes the team approach prevented serious consequences.

"If I hadn't seen the nurse practitioner when I did, I feel like I would have been in the hospital," he said. Bassett has since moved to Hot Springs, in another part of the state, but stays in touch.

Medicare is weighing whether to expand the primary care model. Conway said more data

is needed.

Other notable changes coming in 2016:

— Hip and Knee Surgery

Joint replacements are the most common surgical procedure for Medicare beneficiaries. Starting in April, hospitals in 67 metro areas and communities will be responsible for managing the total cost of hip and knee replacements. The experiment covers a 90-day window from the initial doctor's visit, through surgery and rehabilitation. At stake for the hospitals are potential financial rewards and penalties.

Medicare's goal is to improve quality while lowering cost. But hospitals worry about financial consequences and advocates for patients say there's a potential to skimp on care.

"What we are discovering with all this change is that trying to get to value over volume is very difficult to do," said Herb Kuhn, who heads the Missouri Hospital Association.

— Hospice Flexibility Patients choosing Medicare's hospice benefit at the end of their lives have traditionally had to give up most cu-


rate care.

Under Medicare's new Care Choices model, patients with a terminal illness will be able to receive hospice services without giving up treatment.

A cancer patient could continue to get chemo, for example.

Seventy hospices will start the experiment Jan. 1, and another 70 will join in two years.

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Ranger downs Howard

Lady Hawks falter in second half Monday

By TOMMY WELLS

Special to the Herald

BROWNWOOD — The Howard College Lady Hawks dominated almost every statistical category on Monday afternoon in the first game of their Region V Shoot-Out showdown with the Ranger College Lady Rangers.

Rebounding? 39-37. Check.
Steals? 12-6. Got it.

Time with the lead? 26:52 to 6:02. Ditto.

Unfortunately for the Lady Hawks, the one thing they didn't own was the scoreboard in the second half. Ranger College posted a 25-17 run in the final 20 minutes of play and escaped with a stunning 43-40 victory in a non-conference showdown in the Brownwood Coliseum. Ranger's second-half surge erased a 23-16 halftime lead by the Lady Hawks and dealt the HC women their first setback of the new year.

"Being our first game since the break, it was a tough one for us," said Howard head coach Earl Diddle. "Ranger played pretty well defensively. You have to give them credit because they played well, but we just had trouble getting the ball to fall."

Howard College, which had defeated Ranger twice earlier this season, got off to a quick start. Aubrey Sutterfield knocked down a pair of shots and the HC offense reeled off a 6-2 run to begin the contest and cruised to a 12-8 lead.

The Lady Hawks extended their lead in the second. Keyed by eight second-quarter points by Sutterfield, the HC women pounded out an 11-10 run and sprinted into the half with a 23-18 advantage. Sutterfield, who finished the contest with a team-high 12 points, closed out the first half by burying HC's lone three-pointer of the contest.

The Lady Rangers, now 6-3 overall, rallied back in the third. Kirsten Fellow and Aisha Isaac combined for nine points and powered RC to a 12-6 run in the first eight minutes of the second half, and set Ranger into the start of the fourth quarter with a 30-29 lead.

Fellows netted 15 for Ranger.

As a team, Howard College struggled to find their stroke in the second half. The team shot just 25 percent from the field in the third and fourth quarters, hitting just seven of their 28 attempts. In that same span, Ranger connected on 41 percent of its attempts.

Ranger finished off the upset with a 13-11 spree in the fourth quarter.

The win by Ranger snapped a three-game losing streak to Howard County teams by the Lady Rangers. In addition to their two previous losses to Howard College, RC had also suffered a loss via forfeit to SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

Tamara York and Aubrie Elliott both chipped in five points for HC. York registered a team-high nine rebounds.

The Howard College women, now 11-5 overall, will return to action on Jan. 7 when they travel to Snyder for a Western Junior College Athletic Conference showdown with Western Texas.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring's Kiwana Lesser shoots during the Lady Steers' game with Jim Ned Monday night in Steer Gym.

Athlete Spotlight

Kiana Ramsey

Shooting Guard
Junior
5'6"



Kiana Ramsey is a 16-year-old junior at Big Spring High School. Ramsey is the shooting guard for the Lady Steers basketball team and has been playing basketball in school for five years. She started the sport when she was 10 years old.

Ramsey also plays softball and volleyball. "I chose to play [basketball] this year because basketball is such a fun sport," Ramsey said. "Having a team that bonds really well will make you have a successful year." Ramsey's favorite things about playing for the Lady Steers basketball team are the girls and how much fun she has with them on and off the court. When Ramsey is in need of a mental boost before games, she thinks about a specific role model in her life — her mom. "I always think about my mom and how she makes me a better player mentally and physically," Ramsey said. "She pushes me towards better things." Ramsey's favorite team is Golden State and her favorite quote is, "Nothing is impossible. The word itself says 'I'm possible.'".
Good luck this season, Kiana!

3 NFL teams file to relocate to LA

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The San Diego Chargers, Oakland Raiders and St. Louis Rams filed for relocation to the Los Angeles area on Monday night, trying not to be left out in the race to return the NFL to the nation's second-largest market after a 21-year absence.

The Chargers want to partner with the AFC West rival Raiders on a stadium in Carson.

Chargers chairman Dean Spanos has had the right to leave San Diego since 2008, but the team's long, contentious efforts to replace aging Qualcomm Stadium became more aggressive after Rams owner Stan Kroenke

announced plans to build a stadium in Inglewood.

The NFL confirmed it received the applications to move for the 2016 season. They will be reviewed by league staff and three committees of owners that will meet in New York on Wednesday and Thursday. All owners will meet in Houston next week and are expected to vote on whether to allow any of the teams to move. A team wanting to move needs 24 of 32 votes.

Los Angeles has been without the NFL since after the 1994 season, when the Raiders moved back to Oakland and the Rams moved to St. Louis. The

Rams had been in the L.A. area since 1946.

The Chargers and City Hall have been at odds since 2000, when team owner Alex Spanos said the team needed a new stadium. That was just three years after the stadium was expanded to accommodate the Chargers and Super Bowls.

The stadium saga turned nasty this year as Mark Fabiani, an attorney for Dean Spanos, attacked Mayor Kevin Faulconer and his proposals to keep the team.

In a video posted on the team's web site, Dean Spanos blamed "the inability of the city at the political level to get any kind of

public funding or any kind of vote to help subsidize a stadium."

The Chargers' filing came hours after Spanos' son, John, the team's president of football operations, thanked fans for "your unwavering support and passion" in a statement in which he expressed support for beleaguered coach Mike McCoy and general manager Tom Telesco. McCoy will return despite the Chargers going 4-12, their worst record in 12 seasons. Telesco had his contract secretly renewed last summer.

The Raiders and Rams were both 7-9.

Leonard scores 24 as Spurs down Bucks

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The veteran San Antonio Spurs got a big night from rookie Jonathon Simmons.

The reserve swingman had a career-high 18 points, Kawhi Leonard scored 10 of his 24 in the decisive third quarter and the Spurs beat the Milwaukee Bucks 123-98 on Monday night for their fifth straight victory.

San Antonio set a season high for points, two days after posting 121 against Houston, and Simmons made a big impression on Joe Prunty, the Bucks' interim coach.

"One of the biggest differences was Jonathan Simmons," Prunty said. "He really came in and affected the game. His energy, his effort, pushing the ball down the floor and how aggressive he was. He really impacted the game."

Simmons went 6 for 7 from the floor, made six of seven free throws and committed only one turnover. He made his debut Nov. 14 after spending last season with the Austin Spurs, San Antonio's NBA D-League affiliate.

"The aggressiveness is

the first thing that stands out," Prunty said. "His mindset was to attack. He played really hard on both ends of the floor. The aggressiveness of Jonathan Simmons was very contagious. That said, it was a very good team game for them. I just thought he was the catalyst."

LaMarcus Aldridge had 16 points and 11 rebounds, and Tim Duncan finished with 14 points and 10 boards for the Spurs, one game after going scoreless for the first time in his 19-year career. He received a nice

round of applause from the crowd when he went to the bench with 5:43 left.

The Spurs improved to 30-6 and joined defending champion Golden State as the only teams to reach 30 wins already this season.

"(It's) the same thing. They move the ball. They play good defense," said Milwaukee's Greg Monroe, who had 15 points and eight rebounds. "They have a championship pedigree. They know what it takes to win. Every night they play hard, they play together. They trust each other."

Harden scores 30, Rockets rally for 93-91 win over Jazz

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Houston Rockets desperately wanted to avoid a fifth consecutive loss Monday night. But that's exactly where they were headed, down 15 points through 31 minutes against the Utah Jazz.

Harden scored 30 points and the Rockets rallied in the second half to beat the Jazz 93-91, ending their longest skid of the season at four games.

"He was aggressive," Houston interim coach J.B. Bickerstaff said.

"We recognized a certain play that was working for us, so we went back to that play. He and (Jason Terry) in pick-and-roll, you've got two guys that are capable of scoring. They provide a mismatch if they decide to switch it.

"We found something

we thought we liked and we went to it and kept going to it. I think we wore James out a little bit."

Utah led by 15 midway through the third before Harden began to heat up. He scored seven straight points on a 3-pointer, a floater and

a dribble-drive layup to get the margin down to single digits.

Harden's layup with 1:55 remaining gave the Rockets an 89-87 lead they never relinquished.

Rodney Hood had a chance to tie it for the Jazz with 6 seconds re-

maining but missed the third of three free throws to leave Utah down by one.

"We found something that worked offensively and we just stuck with it," Harden said. "Defensively we did a good job, we just had to rebound the basketball."

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 ♣ Q 9 6 2

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 ♥ 10 5
 ♦ K 7 6 2
 ♣ 10 7 3

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 ♥ A Q 9 6 2
 ♦ Q 9 5
 ♣ K J 4

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 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
 2 ♥ Pass 4 ♥

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The two-way finesse is usually associated with a missing queen, but sometimes declarer finds himself faced with guessing which opponent has a crucial jack or ten.

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When the deal occurred, declarer won the spade lead with the king, drew trumps, led a spade to the ace

and ruffed a spade. Next came a club to the ace, followed by a club to the jack, losing to the queen. West exited with a club to South's king, bringing declarer face to face with the diamond suit and a critical guess for the ten.

He started by leading a low diamond toward dummy, on which West followed low. Had South played the eight, he would have made the contract. But when he played the jack instead, East won with the king and returned a diamond, and South had to go down one.

Though one may sympathize with declarer's misguess, the degree of sympathy should be tempered somewhat, since he missed a sure way to make the contract. Had he played correctly, he could have avoided the diamond guess altogether.

The proper play after drawing trumps and ruffing a spade is to lead the A-K-J of clubs, declining the finesse in that suit. This leaves the opposition in a hopeless position.

Whichever defender wins the trick must yield a ruff-and-discard or return a diamond. In the latter case, declarer simply plays low from the next hand, guaranteeing that either the queen or jack will become a trick.

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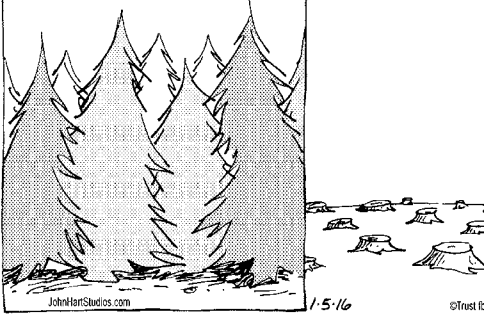
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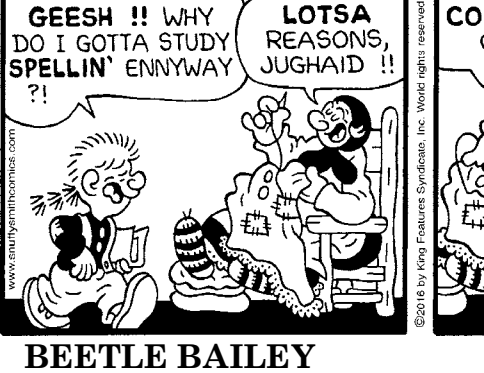
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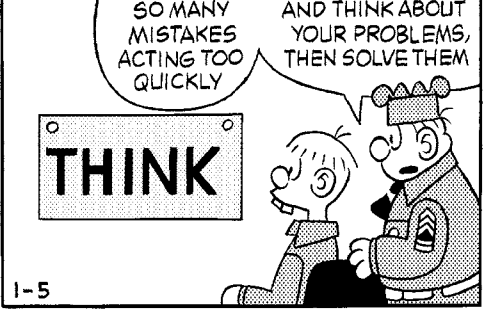
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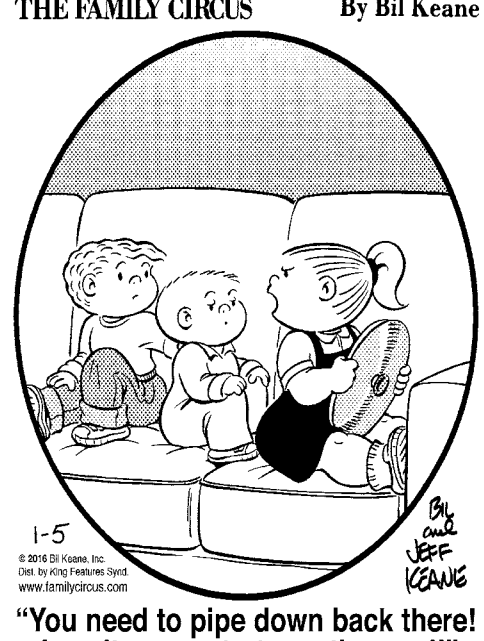
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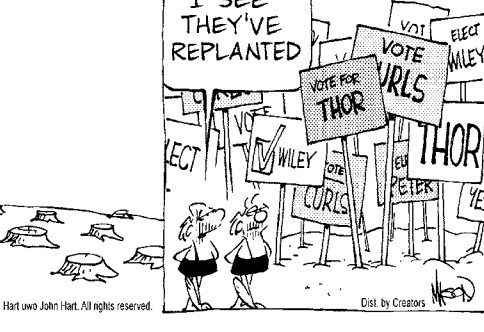


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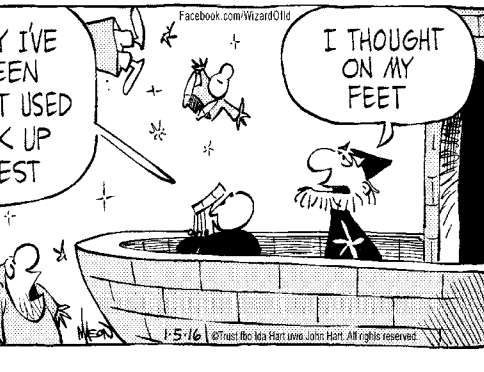


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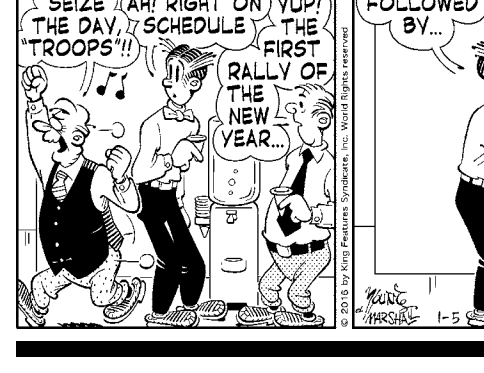
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On this date:

In 1781, a British naval expedition led by Benedict Arnold burned Richmond, Virginia.

In 1895, French Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, convicted of treason, was publicly stripped of his rank. (He was ultimately vindicated.)

In 1905, the National Association of Audubon Societies for the Protection of Wild Birds and Animals was incorporated in New York State.

In 1914, auto industrialist Henry Ford announced he was going to pay workers \$5 for an 8-hour day, as opposed to \$2.34 for a 9-hour day. (Employees still worked six days a week; the 5-day work week was instituted in 1926.)

In 1925, Democrat Nellie Tayloe Ross of Wyoming took office as America's first female governor, succeeding her late husband, William, following a special election.

In 1933, the 30th president of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, died in Northampton, Massachusetts, at age 60. Construction began on the Golden Gate Bridge. (Work was completed four years later.)

In 1949, in his State of the Union address, President Harry S. Truman labeled his administration the Fair Deal.

In 1953, the Samuel Beckett play "Waiting for Godot" premiered in Paris.

In 1964, during a visit to the Holy Land, Pope Paul VI met with Patriarch Athenagoras I of Constantinople in Jerusalem.

In 1970, Joseph A. Yablonski, an unsuccessful candidate for the presidency of the United Mine Workers of America, was found murdered with his wife and daughter at their Clarksville, Pennsylvania, home. (UMWA President Tony Boyle and seven others were convicted of, or pleaded guilty to, the killings.) "All My Children" premiered on ABC-TV.

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan announced he was nominating Elizabeth Dole to succeed Drew Lewis as secretary of transportation; Dole became the first woman to head a Cabinet department in Reagan's administration, and the first to head the DOT.

In 1994, Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, former speaker of the House of Representatives, died in Boston at age 81.

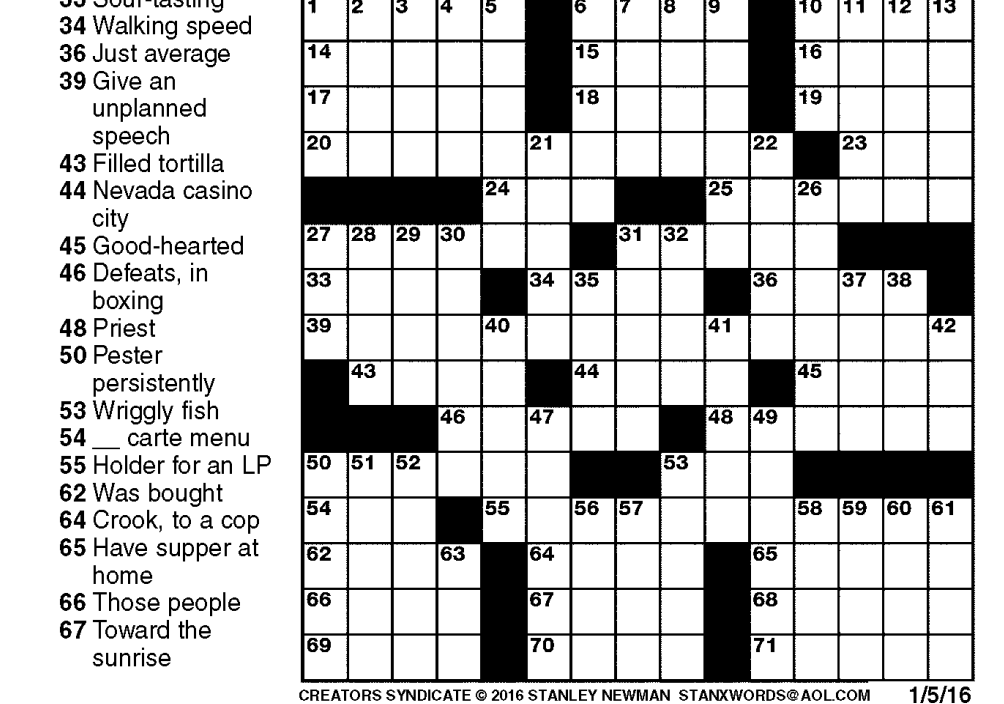
Ten years ago: Attacks across Iraq killed more than 120 Iraqis and 11 U.S. service members. A building used as a hostel by pilgrims in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, collapsed, killing 76 people. Christian broadcaster Pat Robertson suggested that Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's severe stroke was divine punishment for "dividing God's land." (Robertson later apologized.)

Thought for Today:
"It is easy to be tolerant of the principles of other people if you have none of your own."
Herbert Samuel,
English political leader
(1870-1963)

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Eiffel Tower's city
 - 6 Puts frosting on
 - 10 Chick's chirp
 - 14 Get out of bed
 - 15 ___ Scotia, Canada
 - 16 Three-layer cookie
 - 17 Queued (up)
 - 18 Heat to 212 degrees
 - 19 Person from Istanbul
 - 20 Arrest someone
 - 23 Boston cream, for instance
 - 24 April 15 payment
 - 25 Man's respectful title
 - 27 Pencil tip
 - 31 Barely visible
 - 33 Sour-tasting
 - 34 Walking speed
 - 36 Just average
 - 39 Give an unplanned speech
 - 43 Filled tortilla
 - 44 Nevada casino city
 - 45 Good-hearted
 - 46 Defeats, in boxing
 - 48 Priest
 - 50 Pester persistently
 - 53 Wiggly fish
 - 54 ___ carte menu
 - 55 Holder for an LP
 - 62 Was bought
 - 64 Crook, to a cop
 - 65 Have supper at home
 - 66 Those people
 - 67 Toward the sunrise
- DOWN
- 1 Coconut tree
 - 2 Opera solo
 - 3 Figure skater's surface
 - 4 "That's clear now"
 - 5 Tranquil
 - 6 Office mail holder
 - 7 Put in the fridge
 - 8 Wicked
 - 9 Spicy sausage in sandwiches
 - 10 Flower holder
 - 11 Blow one's top
 - 12 Spooky
 - 13 Card game with antes
 - 21 Ship's freight
 - 22 Remove soap from
 - 26 Wall Street investments
 - 27 UFO crew
 - 28 Spellbound
 - 29 Square footage
 - 30 Orders of pancakes
 - 31 Military band flutes
 - 32 Letter-routing abbr.
 - 35 Frizzy coif
 - 37 Man's business attire
 - 38 Point ___ return
 - 40 Australian bearlike beast
 - 41 Aspirations
 - 42 WWII-era president
 - 47 Barked sharply
 - 49 Made an accusation
 - 50 Undue speed
 - 51 Oahu greeting
 - 52 Reduced-price events
 - 53 Containing nothing
 - 56 Moccasin decoration
 - 57 ___ Major (Big Dipper locale)
 - 58 Cobs of corn
 - 59 Incoming plane stats.
 - 60 Wall-climbing plant
 - 61 Concludes
 - 63 Change the color of



Tomorrow's Horoscope

First Mercury Retrograde

The first Mercury retrograde of the year starts in Aquarius, where the mischievous planet pokes around in the wiring of the world. He's a World War II-era gremlin, mucking up the mechanics of everything from motors to the digital world. Hopefully, the techno-warp will inspire eyeball-to-eyeball communication that wouldn't have happened otherwise.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If your entire identity is based on your success in one area of life, you're lessening your chances of having a great day. What else do you have going on with high-five potential? Add new projects and activities to the list.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The dating world is a complicated place. It's a good thing your natural instincts kick in to help you navigate it either for yourself or your loved ones. If you give advice, it will be brilliant. If you take advice, take your own.

GEMINI (May

21-June 21). Laughing is what helps you make it through. Don't wait until you're feeling bad to look for the funny. Stock up so you're ready when the weird days hit. Today will bring comic treasures.



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CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've become what you once envied and, strangely, that fact alone brings little satisfaction. It was the way it pushed you to grow that really mattered all along. Don't let that stop you from envying something new.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's a simple fact of human nature: Nobody likes things being crammed down their throat. You're adept in the art of persuasion today, which will include leading by example so you don't have to launch into the hard sell.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Regarding the sort of change that happens today: Give

it time to sink in. Let it ruminate for a few days. Don't go immediately back to what you're familiar with. Live in the transition.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Some secret thing is distracting you -- it's hiding right below the surface of your awareness and nudging you softly. It wants to be uncovered. All you have to do is ask yourself a few questions and you'll figure out this little puzzle.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). From Penicillin to Velcro, many important and useful discoveries were made by chance instead of contemplation. However, when you contemplate, chance will favor you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's not that you're unhappy with the way things are. You just happen to be fascinated by the potential of things. It's how your mind is working today, leaping into an imaginary future and carrying reality along with it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you feel slightly tense walking into the room it's only because you have an

agenda beyond what others in the room have. Relax into the prevalent mood and it will be easier to get this agenda across.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Do you really make the world better by following your bliss? Of course! Though you should be warned: These days it will take a lot more courage and planning to devote yourself to your own enjoyment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're excellent at drawing boundaries now. You're so clear on what you will and won't do that you can say it fast and with a light touch, getting the message across instantaneously.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 5). Your heart is elastic and boundless. There are many who will need your love. Don't worry about whether you know enough to get started on the exciting project of the next 10 weeks. Travel in March will feed your soul. This will be a fast-mutating endeavor, and you just need to get involved and take your part of the May prize! Gemini and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 16, 29, 33 and 40.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm moving to a new town. I've lived in my hometown of West Lafayette, Indiana, for my whole life, and I'm just wondering if you have any advice for someone moving to Los Angeles. I'm a 19-year old Aquarius."

For an Aquarius going from a small and familiar place to a massively populated city like Los Angeles, one danger is getting swept into someone else's story instead of creating your own. To prepare for your move, decide what you want out of the change. Being clear about it will be key to creating a positive experience. Also, Aquarians are naturally social and usually make friends easily, which is why you should be careful about where you go to meet people. Since you're likely to pick up new friends wherever you go, spend time in places that are aligned with your goals. You can be

very impressionable at times and will pick up the habits of those around you. So stick with people you admire. Decide who you want to be. Visualize your desired life on a daily basis and this will keep you on your path.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: January Jones has traded her role as delightfully complex '60s housewife Betty Draper on "Mad Men" for the comic gold of Melissa Shart on "The Last Man on Earth." The classically beautiful Capricorn was born under a magnetic Scorpio moon. Mars and Saturn in Leo indicate that show business brings trials and victories. Jones has said, "The minute you tell me I can't do something, that's when I'm most motivated."

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