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## Banquet tickets going on sale

By **JULIE BASS**  
 Staff Writer

Tickets go on sale soon for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet and this year's theme is "Howard County - it's a trip!"

The banquet, scheduled for Feb. 16 in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, is a celebration of community businesses as well as an opportunity to network with some of the other business people in the area.

Some of the highlights of the evening will be current chamber president, Amy Jacobs, passing the gavel to incoming president, Adrian Calvio, the announcement for the man and the woman of the year, and guest speaker Chet Garner of the PBS television show "The Daytripper."

"Chet Garner is the creator, host, executive producer and writer of the Daytripper, a 6-time Emmy award winning Texas travel show airing on PBS stations across Texas," said Debbye ValVerde, executive director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. "Born in Comanche, Texas



Courtesy photo  
**Debbye ValVerde, Executive Director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, is shown with Chet Garner, who will be the guest speaker for this year's Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet Feb. 16.**

## Murder suspect critical

*Shot by police officer after weekend chase in Sweetwater*

**SWEETWATER** — Law enforcement officials have released the name of the murder suspect wounded by police in Sweetwater on Saturday.

Lance Light, 54, was critically wounded by a Sweetwater Police Department officer near the intersection of Interstate 20 and State Highway 70 Saturday evening, according to Frederick Biddle, public information officer for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Light was wanted in connection with the fatal shooting of 59-year-old Lonnie Odell Sturdivant in Maryneal earlier in the day. When officers attempted to arrest Light, he produced a gun and pointed it at officers, at which time the SPD officer shot Light.

The officer has been placed on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of an investigation into the shooting, which is being conducted by the Texas Rangers.

— Steve Reagan

## Obama's gun proposals may fall short of goals

By **ALICIA A. CALDWELL**  
 Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — President Barack Obama's proposals to tighten gun control rules may not accomplish his goal of keeping guns out of the hands of would-be criminals and those who aren't legally allowed to buy a weapon. In

short, that's because the conditions he is changing by executive action are murkier than he made them out to be.

Some of Obama's comments and how they compare with the facts:

**OBAMA:** "A violent felon can buy the exact same weap-

on over the Internet with no background check, no questions asked."

**THE FACTS:** It's not that straightforward. In fact, federally licensed gun dealers are required by law to conduct background checks for gun purchases no matter where the sale takes place

— in a store, at a gun show or online. While private gun sales can be conducted over the Internet, if the sale involves people in different states, a licensed gun dealer in the state where the gun is going still has to be involved in the transfer.

Regardless of the seller, it is

illegal for a convicted felon to buy or possess a gun unless they have had their rights restored. But prohibited buyers have evaded the law to buy guns.

**OBAMA:** "We're going to

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## World could face aftershocks from Chinese market

By **JOE McDONALD**  
 AP Business Writer

**BEIJING** — The latest trigger was currency jitters, but Thursday's plunge in Chinese stocks was just one in a series of aftershocks from last year's boom and bust that could shake markets for months to come.

Investor anxiety over economic weakness and a possible glut of unwanted shares flooding the market have complicated Beijing's efforts to withdraw emergency controls imposed after Chinese stock prices collapsed in June.

On Thursday, trading halted for the day after a stock index fell 7 percent a half-hour into the trading day. It was

this week's second daylong suspension after a plunge in prices Monday tripped the same "circuit breakers" that were introduced Jan. 1.

The benchmark Shanghai Composite Index more than doubled between late 2014 and June, then dived 30 percent. Supported by a multibillion-dollar government intervention, the market rose almost 25 percent in the final months of 2015, only to collapse in the new year. That left the main index down 15 percent from its December peak.

Wild price swings could continue through the first half of this year, according to financial analysts. Even after the latest declines, the Shanghai index is up 36 percent from October 2014.

The turmoil in China triggered a sell-off in Asian and Western stocks. Beijing keeps its markets sealed off from global capital flows, but due to the vast size of China's economy, foreign investors watch them closely and react to volatility.

"The market still is trying to find a bottom, and that takes time," said Chen Yong, a strategist at Lianxun Securities. "The key is to be able to resume normal daily trading, and during that time volatility is inevitable."

The upheaval disrupted the ruling Communist Party's plans to use the stock markets as a tool to make China's state-dominated economy more competitive and productive.

Economic growth fell to a six-year low of 6.9 percent in the July-September quarter and is forecast by the International Monetary Fund to decline further to 6.3 percent this year. Monday's stock price plunged was triggered by surveys that showed manufacturing in December was weaker than expected.

The latest bout of selling was fueled by concern Beijing is letting China's yuan weaken too fast against the dollar.

The yuan, also known as the renminbi, has drifted down by 6 percent against the U.S. currency since the central bank adopted a mechanism in August it said would make

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## Obituaries

## Janelle Clark

Janelle Clark, 78, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2016, at local assisted living facility. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 8, 2016, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Private family interment will follow.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, 2016, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born Sept. 14, 1937, in Big Spring, Texas to T. Willard and Melba Cauble Neel and married Wayman Clark Feb. 18, 1956, in Big Spring, Texas. He preceded her in death April 17, 1998.

Janelle was a lifelong resident of Howard County. She graduated from Big Spring High School in 1955 and from Angelo State University in 1972. She taught in Big Spring schools for 28 years.

## Elizabeth Sledge

Elizabeth Jo Sledge, 82, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2016, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, 2016, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, with the Rev. Mark Lindsey officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park, Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, 2016, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Jo was born July 23, 1933, in Big Spring and married Bobby Sledge Nov. 6, 1953 in Big Spring. They moved to Sweetwater a few years later. Jo worked as a secretary and office manager for an insurance agent. Her greatest job was being a mom. She enjoyed every bit of it, from PTA meetings to Girl Scouts. Jo and her husband, Bobby, moved back to Big Spring in 1981.

## Freddie Joe Slate

Freddie Joe Slate, 85, of Pampa, passed away the morning of Jan. 5, 2016 in Amarillo.

Services will be 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 8, 2016, at First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Byron Williamson, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Freddie was born April 17, 1930 in Gouldbusk, Texas, and attended Big Spring High School. He served in the Army during the Korean War and married his wife Karen "Kay" when he returned after his tour of duty in 1953. He studied civil engineering at Texas Tech University and moved to Pampa in 1964, where he worked for Cabot Corporation. He retired from Cabot in 1990.

## Rosa Gonzalez

Funeral services for Rosa Maria Gonzalez, of Stanton, Texas have been set for Friday, Jan. 8, 2016, at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stanton Texas, with Monsignor Schwertner officiating. Interment will follow at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery. A Rosary Vigil will be held Thursday, Jan. 7, 2016, at Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel at 6 p.m.

Rosa was born April 27, 1947, in San Diego, Texas and passed away Jan. 4, 2016.

Rosa is preceded in death by her parents, Federico Quinones Sr. and Minerva Ramirez Quinones; sisters, Esmeralda Quinones and Ester Quinones, a grandchild; and a niece.

Janelle was very proud of her Howard County heritage, being part of the pioneer I. B. "Doc" and Mary Elizabeth Cauble family. She still lived on property on the original homestead. She enjoyed gardening, painting and dancing, and loved attending her grandchildren's functions.

Survivors include one daughter, Cheryl Gale and husband, Gary, of Colorado City; two sons, Craig Clark and wife, Starla, and Casey Clark and wife, Fayelyn Clark, all of Big Spring; five grandchildren, Beth Langley and husband, Brandon, John White, Britt Clark and wife, Tessa, Bree Clark and Shelby Burke and husband, Taylor; and seven great-grandchildren, Lane, Will, Braxden, Bralynn, Kaylee, Cooper and Colton.

The family suggests memorials to the First Baptist Church, 705 W. Marcy Dr., 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*

She was a faithful member of First Baptist Church of Big Spring.

Jo is survived by her husband of 62 years, Bobby Sledge, of Big Spring; two daughters, Karen Nachlinger and husband, Larry, of Hermleigh and Lisa Sledge of Lake Colorado City; five grandchildren, Kerry Bankhead and husband, Brandon, Russell Wall and wife, Jacque, Kasey Nachlinger, Cindy Nachlinger and Alisha Carter; seven great-grandchildren; one sister, Wanda Jones of Big Spring; three sister-in-laws, Pat Kinsey of Austin, Charlotte Reynolds and husband, Johnnie, of Corsicana, and Melba Jean Sledge of Midland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Becky Sledge Wall; her parents, James "Jim" Vida (Russell) Kinsey; one brother, James Kinsey, Jr.; and two sisters, Mollie Smith and Sarah Sweeten.

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*

Freddie is survived by his wife of 61 years, Kay Slate of Pampa, two daughters, Becky Holmes and husband Jay, and Julie Barbee and husband Roger, all of Pampa, four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brother, Edward Slate of Big Spring; sister, Bonnie Stiehl of Big Spring; and sister-in-law, Clova Miller of Conroe.

Freddie was preceded in death by his parents James and Lizzie Belle Slate; two sisters, Ruth Brock and Pauline Kizer; and a brother, James Slate.

Memorials may be made to Gideon's International, PO Box 140800, Nashville, Tennessee 37214-0800; or First Baptist Church, PO Box 621, Pampa, Texas 79066-0621.

The family will receive friends from 5:30-6:30 PM Thursday, Jan. 7, 2016, at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Sign the online guest register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

She is survived by her husband, Zaragosa Gonzalez Jr.; daughters, Hermelinda Gonzalez of Stanton, Belinda Chapa of Fort Worth, Salia Montez of Stanton and Oralia Gonzalez of Stanton; sons, Armando Gonzalez of Stanton, Zaragosa Gonzalez III of Odessa, Jose Gonzalez of Odessa and Arnulfo Gonzalez of Odessa; brothers, Ricardo Quinones, Federico Quinones Jr., Mauro Quinones, Ernesto Quinones and Antonio Quinones; sisters, Jesusa Varela, Ida Quinones, Guadalupe Quinones, Emilia Quinones and Esmeralda Quinones; 15 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

## Police / Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **RAYMOND NOEL RANDO**, 31, of 1905 W. Wasson was arrested on charges for evading arrest/detention; possession of a controlled substance, more than 4 grams but less than 200 grams; resisting arrest, search or transport; disregarding a red light; failure to appear and a warrant from another agency.
- **JOHNNY RAY VIERA**, 30, of 1400 Mesa was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **JIMEKA SADE POST**, 18, of 2511 Chanute was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- **RONALD STANLEY HASEBLY**, 65, of 538 Westover Rd. 124 was arrested on a charge of public intoxication with three prior arrests.
- **ELDA MELINA BERNAL**, 45, of 1311 Mobile St. was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **LELTON TAYLOR JENKINS**, 32, of 409 Westover Rd. was arrested on a warrant for theft, more than \$50 but less than \$500.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 1700, the 900 block of Willia St. and the 2300 block of Wasson Rd.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 400 block of E. FM 700.
- **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.






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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 63 inmates at the time of this report.
- **ELDA MELINA BERNAL**, 45, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for theft of property, more than \$100 but less than \$750.
- **GILBERT BUSTAMANT GONZALES**, 26, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for unauthorized use of a vehicle and burglary of a building.
- **RONALD HASELBY**, 65, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **LELTON TAYLOR JENKINS**, 32, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for captias-theft of property, more than \$500 but less than \$1,500; operating a motor vehicle without license and violate promise to appear.
- **MIGUEL ENRIQUE JUAREZ**, 27, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for burglary of a building.
- **JIMEKA SADE POST**, 18, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.
- **RAYMOND NOEL RANDO**, 31, was booked by the BSPD on a warrants for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance, disregarding a red light, failure to appear and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; charges of resisting arrest, search or transport and evading arrest/detention.

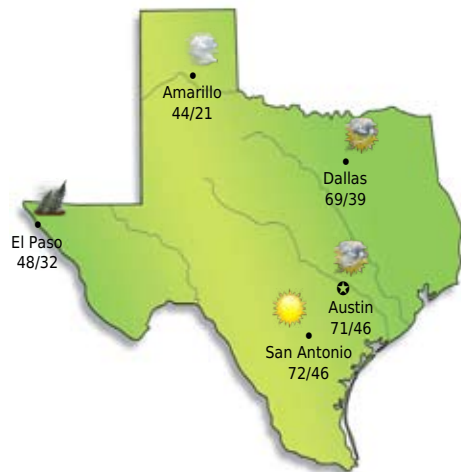
## Frances Jones

Frances L. Jones, 86, of Farmersville died Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016, in a McKinney hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

## Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 1/8	Sat 1/9	Sun 1/10	Mon 1/11	Tue 1/12
 <b>57/29</b>	 <b>47/22</b>	 <b>47/27</b>	 <b>50/25</b>	 <b>55/29</b>
Cloudy in the morning followed by partly cloudy skies and gusty winds during the afternoon. High 57F. Winds WSW at 20 to 30 mph. Winds could occasionally gust over 40 mph.	A few clouds. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the low 20s.	A few clouds. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the upper 20s.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the mid 20s.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 20s.
Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:57 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:58 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:59 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 6:00 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 6:00 PM

## Texas at a Glance



## Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	66	41	Sunny	Kingsville	70	52	Cloudy
Amarillo	54	28	M Cloudy	Livingston	68	51	Cloudy
Austin	72	47	Foggy	Longview	64	50	Cloudy
Beaumont	69	50	M Cloudy	Lubbock	57	33	Sunny
Brownsville	72	58	Cloudy	Lufkin	66	48	Cloudy
Brownwood	69	37	Cloudy	Midland	63	41	Sunny
Corpus Christi	68	54	Cloudy	Raymondville	72	56	Cloudy
Corsicana	68	47	Foggy	Rosenberg	72	52	P Cloudy
Dallas	68	44	Foggy	San Antonio	73	47	M Cloudy
Del Rio	70	42	Cloudy	San Marcos	72	46	Foggy
El Paso	57	39	P Cloudy	Sulphur Springs	65	46	Cloudy
Fort Stockton	65	39	Sunny	Sweetwater	64	41	Sunny
Gainesville	64	39	Foggy	Tyler	66	49	Cloudy
Greenville	65	43	Foggy	Weatherford	69	41	Cloudy
Houston	73	51	M Cloudy	Wichita Falls	67	39	Foggy

## National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	56	45	Cloudy	Miami	79	66	Cloudy
Boston	41	30	P Cloudy	Minneapolis	34	31	Cloudy
Chicago	39	37	Cloudy	New York	45	33	M Cloudy
Dallas	68	44	Foggy	Phoenix	55	42	Showers
Denver	39	23	Cloudy	San Francisco	54	44	Cloudy
Houston	45	40	Cloudy	Seattle	46	35	Foggy
Los Angeles	57	41	Cloudy	Saint Louis	48	42	Cloudy

## Moon Phases

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

## UV Index

Fri 1/8	Sat 1/9	Sun 1/10	Mon 1/11	Tue 1/12
3	3	3	3	3
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

## Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Wood St. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium St. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. No transport reported.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. No transport reported.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. No transport reported.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Gregg St. No transport reported.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. No transport reported.

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# Take note

• The Holy Trinity Catholic Church is hosting their 5th annual "Warming up our Community" coat and blanket drive Saturday, Jan. 9 from 10 am-3 pm in the church school hall at 1009 Hearn Street. Anyone in need is encouraged to come and choose jackets and/or blankets that have been donated by the church community. This is free to the public.

## 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 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 1/2 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.

• 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.

## Education opportunities

• Start the New Year learning English and becoming more fluent in

the language by enrolling in the ESL classes offered through the Adult Education and Literacy Program at Howard College. The classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00-5:30 pm or 6:00-8:30 pm at the Charles Warren Building, room #102 on the Howard College Campus. The classes are open to anyone 18 years of age or older who want to improve their English speaking ability. The only requirements are regular attendance and completion of 60 hours of classroom instruction. There are no fees for the classes that include grammar instruction and writing, vocabulary and reading skills, life skills and US Citizenship Preparation-or Civics Instruction. An information meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Charles Warren Building, room #102 on the Howard College campus. Persons interested in the classes are invited to attend and get more information and register.

# BANQUET

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and raised in Port Neches, Texas, Chet's love for storytelling started at a young age around the campfire in Boy Scouts and toting around his grandfather's VHS video camera staging elaborate productions in his backyard."

ValVerde first met Garner in Canyon, Texas two years ago at a Texas Plains Trail Round-Up.

"Chet earned a degree

in Radio-Television-Film from the University of Texas in Austin and went on to graduate first in his class from Baylor Law School. However, after practicing law for three years, he decided to follow his passions and simultaneously inspire folks to appreciate the beauty, history and food of the Lone Star State," said Valverde.

"He is a funny, witty guy and everyone will leave with a smile and a better appreciation for Texas," said ValVerde.

Currently there are

370 members of the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce and, with new businesses moving into Howard County and Big Spring, there is always room for more members, ValVerde said.

"It is not what can the chamber do for you, it's what can you and the chamber do for the community," said ValVerde.

The Chamber of Commerce works to promote Big Spring and the businesses within the community. People who move to the area can find resources to locate

businesses to serve their needs such as banks, shopping boutiques and churches. The Chamber of Commerce can help direct people to different businesses.

"We do have people call up here and ask for information on businesses, and sometimes the callers do ask if that business is a chamber member," said ValVerde. "And we work hard within the community to promote our chamber members."

The banquet will begin at 7 p.m.. The meal

will be catered by Great Western Catering and the banquet sponsors this year are Alon, GEO, Oncor, Spring Creek Fellowship, Star Dodge, State National Bank, WalMart, Water Water, Wells Fargo Bank and the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau.

"Chamber members can decorate tables to promote their business and many of them give away door prizes and visit with the people who sit at their table," said ValVerde. "We are going to make this

year's banquet fun."

For more information on Chet Garner, go to the daytripper.com. For more information or to purchase tickets for the banquet, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 432-263-7641.

Contact Staff Writer Julie Bass at 263-7331, ext 232.

## MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Lyle Moore, 44, died Friday. The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Bessie Stoker, 71, died Friday. Funeral services will be at 11:00 AM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Benny Islas, 51, died Tuesday. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

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

# GUNS

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require firearms dealers to report more lost or stolen guns on a timely basis."

**THE FACTS:** The effect of this is unclear because the government already requires gun dealers to report all lost or stolen guns within 48 hours of discovering that they are missing. This is true for guns in their shops or those being sent to them. Obama did not say how much faster he wants the reporting to be or how he

would achieve that.

**OBAMA:** "Anybody in the business of selling firearms must get a license and conduct background checks, or be subject to criminal prosecutions. It doesn't matter whether you're doing it over the Internet or at a gun show. It's not where you do it, but what you do."

**THE FACTS:** "In the business" is the key condition for coming under this requirement, and the definition may have a lot of wiggle room. Federal law defines people who "repetitively

buy and sell firearms with the principal motive of making a profit" as being "engaged in the business" of selling guns and requires them to be licensed. The license process includes a \$200 application fee and a criminal background check. People who only occasionally sell guns from their personal collections don't have to apply for a license.

The law does not specify how many guns a person has to sell to be considered "engaged in the business" of selling guns and neither did

Obama. His new guidance defines a dealer as one whose "principal motive" is profit.

**OBAMA:** "Even after San Bernardino, they've (Congress) refused to make it harder for terror suspects who can't get on a plane to buy semi-automatic weapons."

**THE FACTS:** That's at least in part because gun ownership is a constitutional right and getting on an airplane isn't. Being placed on the government's no-fly list is a process that generally is not subjected to an inde-

pendent legal review or a judicial process such as a courtroom trial. A person can be barred from boarding a U.S. airline based merely on suspicion that he or she might pose a threat. Having one's name removed from the no-fly list is arduous and can take years.

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# MARKET

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the state-set exchange rate more market-oriented.

The yuan's link to the dollar meant it soared as the U.S. currency climbed over the past year, making it overvalued by 10 to 15 percent against those of other developing countries. But the prospect Beijing would close such a large gap fueled fears it might lead to an outflow of capital, weakening China's economy and reducing the supply of money to support share prices.

Thursday's exchange rate of 6.5646 yuan to the dollar was the lowest since March 2011.

"The government hopes to see the yuan depreciate to stimulate exports and the economy, but the speed of depreciation went too fast," said analyst Zhang Gang of Central China Securities.

Investors also were skittish about the impending end Thursday of a six-month ban on share sales by any stockholder who owns more than 5 percent of

a company, according to Zhang.

Regulators tried to head off such concern by announcing earlier in the week major shareholders could sell only in private transactions to avoid flooding the market. After Thursday's market plunge, the securities agency tightened that restriction by saying they can unload only the equivalent of 1 percent of a company's shares over the next three months.

"Additional volatility in China's stock market remains almost certain in the first half of 2016," said economist Brian Jackson of IHS Global Insight in a report. "China's stock market reform will remain a messy affair."

Chinese leaders encouraged novice investors to pile

into stocks beginning in late 2014. They wanted to raise money for state companies to pay down heavy debt loads and become profit-oriented and competitive. Communist planners also hoped investing would help families save for retirement, easing the pressure on Beijing to pay for pensions and health care.

Those plans went wrong when markets soared faster than Beijing wanted. By May, state media that cheered on higher prices started to mix in appeals for investors to act prudently.

After prices plunged in June, the government banned sales by big shareholders, ordered state companies to buy stock, cut interest rates and canceled initial public offerings.

The government has yet to say what its intervention cost, but Goldman Sachs has estimated state entities spent 860 billion-900 billion yuan (\$135 billion-\$140 billion) to buy shares in June and July.

The "circuit breakers" might be adding to volatility instead of dampening it as similar measures do in Japan, Thailand and other Asian markets, economists said. They said the 5 percent gain or loss in the CSI 300 index that triggers a 15-minute trading suspension and the 7 percent margin that ends trading for the day might be too low a threshold.

According to IHS, the mechanism would have been tripped 20 times if it had been in place in the final quarter of 2015.

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MATT  
TOWERY

The news that the British Parliament will debate whether Donald Trump should be banned from the United Kingdom brings back memories of a similar British banishment of American talk-radio star Michael Savage.

In 2009 Savage was placed on a list of individuals banned from the U.K. for his having said that the Quran was a book of hate, among other comments. Since then he has been barred from entering the U.K. for allegedly "seeking to provoke others to serious criminal acts and fostering hatred."

As a graduate of England's Cambridge University, I was shocked at the time to learn that Savage had been lumped in with some truly dangerous characters who indeed posed a potential threat to Britain. What so bothered me then was that a nation built on concepts of free thought and intellectual debate would so dismissively punish someone from another nation who was simply expressing his own views. That Savage apparently remains banned even today is a travesty and an indirect attack on our own nation's already imperiled freedom of speech.

Although Savage is one of the nation's most listened-to talk-show hosts, he himself would certainly point out that he is not seeking the position as the world's most powerful person. Trump is. And Parliament, to great fanfare, will apparently debate putting Trump on the same list of banned international visitors that Savage is on. The reason? Trump's call for a

temporary travel ban on Muslims entering the U.S.

Should it prove successful, this banishment effort could have unhappy consequences, and for more than just Trump. Moreover, I am guessing that the movement to ban Trump is designed to do its damage even if never acted upon. The idea that the British government might seriously consider a ban on Trump's entry into the U.K. because of his concerns about domestic terrorism in the U.S. would be a major weapon in the hands of Trump's presidential opponents. Arguing that Trump as president would be barred from visiting what is arguably this nation's closest and most important ally could become a central theme of his GOP rivals now and perhaps Hillary Clinton in the general election.

This would be most ironic, given that the Obama administration in the president's first days in office began to conspicuously discount the importance of the U.S.-Britain relationship.

For example, former Prime Minister Tony Blair loaned former President George W. Bush a bust of Winston Churchill in 2001, which was on display in the White House for the duration of Bush's two terms. Great Britain offered to extend the loan after Bush left office, but the Obama administration rejected Britain's offer and returned the bust.

But the irony — and the potential diplomatic damage — might not end there.

Should Trump face Hillary Clinton in a November contest, his banishment from Britain would be used to illustrate his "inability" to conduct foreign policy. In short, this could have a peculiar chill on free speech in Britain that could, in turn,

influence a U.S. election in the direction of President Obama's preferred candidate.

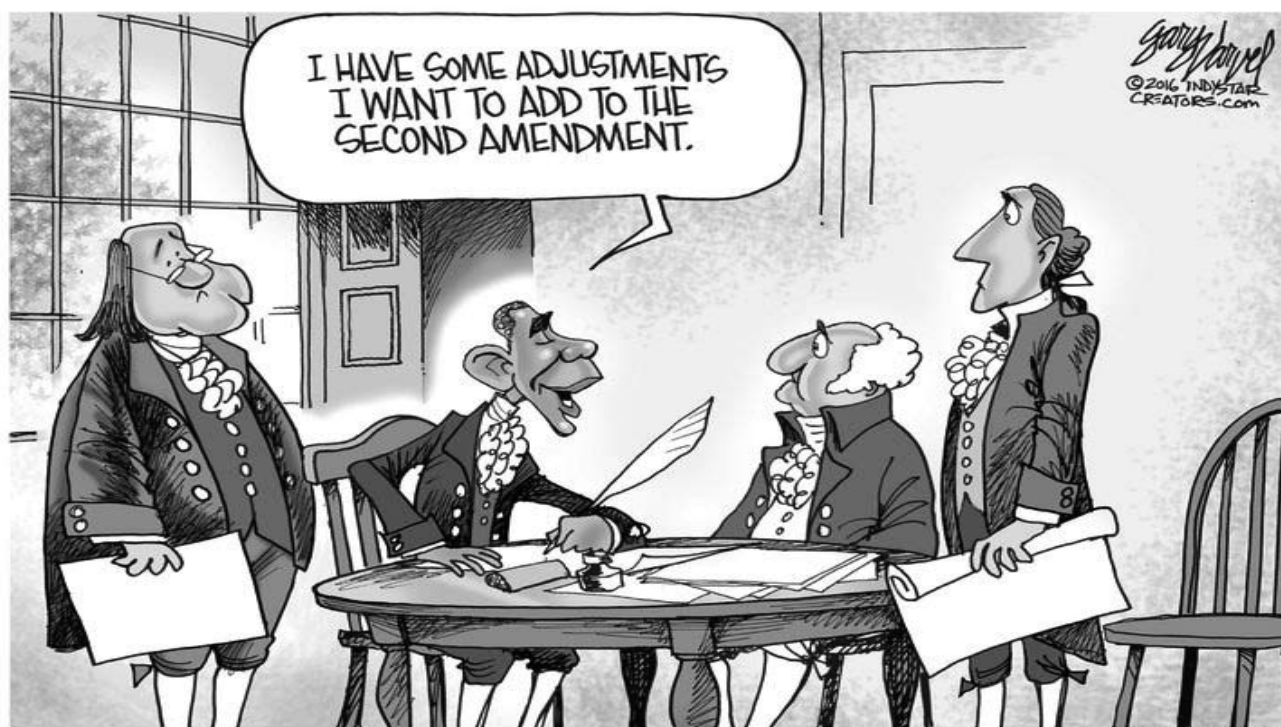
Many observers of the Obama administration believe that the president has purposely imperiled the long-touted "special relationship" between Britain and the U.S. Whether that is true, and for what reasons, it is almost certainly true the U.S.-Britain alliance is shakier than it has been in a long time, perhaps since before World War II.

Beyond that, most observers of this nation-to-nation relationship doubtless believe that a Democratic (i.e., Hillary Clinton) presidential administration would be more likely to continue the current U.S. policy of cold-shouldering Britain, while a Republican administration might be more inclined to thaw this big chill and get things back to where they have been.

So this dubious discussion of banning from Britain the law-abiding American citizen Donald Trump is negatively compounded by the fact that by such an action Britain might do its own country harm in the international arena. To put it another way, a banning of Trump would be both unfair and unwise. Too much is at stake to allow overly delicate political sensibilities in Britain to obstruct free speech in the United States.

These revelations — that a government as important as Britain's would first ban an innocuous American talk-show host and now is playing presidential politics in a parliamentary fashion — serve only to demean that nation's leaders and its great heritage.

There are much more important actions that need to be taken to ensure the safety and security of Britain and indeed the free world.



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### DAILY PRAYER

May we concentrate on Your love for us,  
Lord, and do what You would want us to do.

Amen

### Just say yes

once, at a birthday party, and I thought that was incredibly cool. Doing the Jimmy Kimmel show just doesn't seem like the kind of thing that I have to worry about turning down at this stage, if you know what I mean.)

Sometimes I feel just a little too old for all the "having it all and more" books by youngish mothers with youngish children who haven't yet realized that these days don't last, that kids grow up to be complicated people with lives of their own and the opportunities that seem so plentiful to the youngish seem to disappear when you get oldish.

Right after reading this interview, a window suddenly opened in my schedule, and my daughter managed to find a hotel room with two beds in Maui (parking-lot view) and two middle seats on American, and off we went.

A vacation.

The problem with vacations is that wherever you go, there you are. You take yourself with you. Or in my case, I took the overworked and overstressed bundle of anxiety that is my body, along with my phone, tablet and computer. I was on a beautiful island but, sadly, I still had the same bundle of anxiety, along with a slight sunburn. In the old days, I might have downed a few

Long Island iced teas to shed my workday self, but those tend to catch up the next day now, so I stick mostly to the passion-fruit variety, which leaves me not refreshed but at least less tired.

And then, after three days of reminding my daughter that the heating system didn't work right (surprise: no heat in Hawaii), and that there was almost nothing on the various menus I could eat (thanks to a doctor who perforated my colon trying to "fix" the scarring from the unnecessary surgery she had earlier performed; my anger at her goes everywhere I do), I actually started to laugh.

Back on day two, my usual self had stalked around the hat store, checking my email while my beautiful daughter tried on hats. At the least minute, I tried a few, and even picked one, but by the time we'd gotten back to the hotel, I'd decided to give it to my friend Rosie. When would I ever wear a hat?

On our last day, we went to pick out our last gifts. We went back to the hat store, and I picked out a different hat for Rosie. I packed mine carefully. I actually bought a hat.

And then I decided to keep it. Happy New Year. Thanks, Shonda.

The New Year seems to have come and gone too fast, and in the hopes of holding on to that spirit for just a day or two longer, I offer this simple story.

I was reading an interview with the world's most successful television producer, Shonda Rhimes, about how she juggles life as a single mother of three while working insane hours producing some of the best shows on television.

Rhimes is refreshingly honest about the fact that work-family balance is a lot easier to attain when you have unlimited funds.

She's also honest about the fact that for all her success, something was missing. Isn't it always?

In this case, and in her now best-selling book, she describes a year of saying yes to things she would otherwise shy away from, be afraid of and say no to. For Rhimes that meant doing the "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" show. (Incidentally, I sat across the table from Jimmy Kimmel



SUSAN  
ESTRICH

## Griffey, Piazza voted into Hall

NEW YORK (AP) — Ken Griffey Jr. was considered Mr. Clean during 22 years in the major leagues, untainted by accusations of drug use as he climbed the home-run list during the height of the Steroids Era.

He nearly made a clean sweep in Hall of Fame voting.

Griffey received 437 of 440 votes in his first appearance on the Baseball Writers' Association of America ballot, a record 99.3 percent.

"It's real simple," he explained after Wednesday's announcement. "I've always said that I've got to look my kids in the eye and you want to play fair."

Mike Piazza, the top offensive catcher in baseball history, was elected, too, and will be inducted along with Griffey in Cooperstown on July 24. Among the many muscled sluggers whose accomplishments were questioned during a time when chemists preyed on clubhouses, Piazza was made to wait until his fourth appearance on the ballot. After falling 28 votes shy last year, he was selected on 365 (83 percent).

He wouldn't say whether he was upset about being sullied by suspicions.

"That's the freedom we have," Piazza maintained. "You can say these things, and that's the country we live in."

Griffey topped the previous high percentage of 98.84, set when Tom Seaver appeared on 425 of 430 ballots in 1992. The identities of the three writers who did not vote for Griffey was not immediately known.

"I can't be upset," he said. "It's just not to be elected, and to have the highest percentage is definitely a shock."

A player needs to appear on 75 percent of ballots to gain election.

Jeff Bagwell missed by 15 votes and Tim Lincecum by 23. Trevor Hoffman, second on the career saves list and appearing on the ballot for the first time, was 34 short.

Total ballots dropped by 109 from last year after writers who have not been active for 10 years were eliminated under a rules change by the Hall's board of directors. With a younger average electorate, Roger Clemens rose to 45 percent and Barry Bonds to 44 percent, both up from about 37 percent last year. Clemens has denied using performance-enhancing drugs, and Bonds said he never knowingly took any banned substances.

"They were Hall of Famers before all this stuff started," Griffey said.

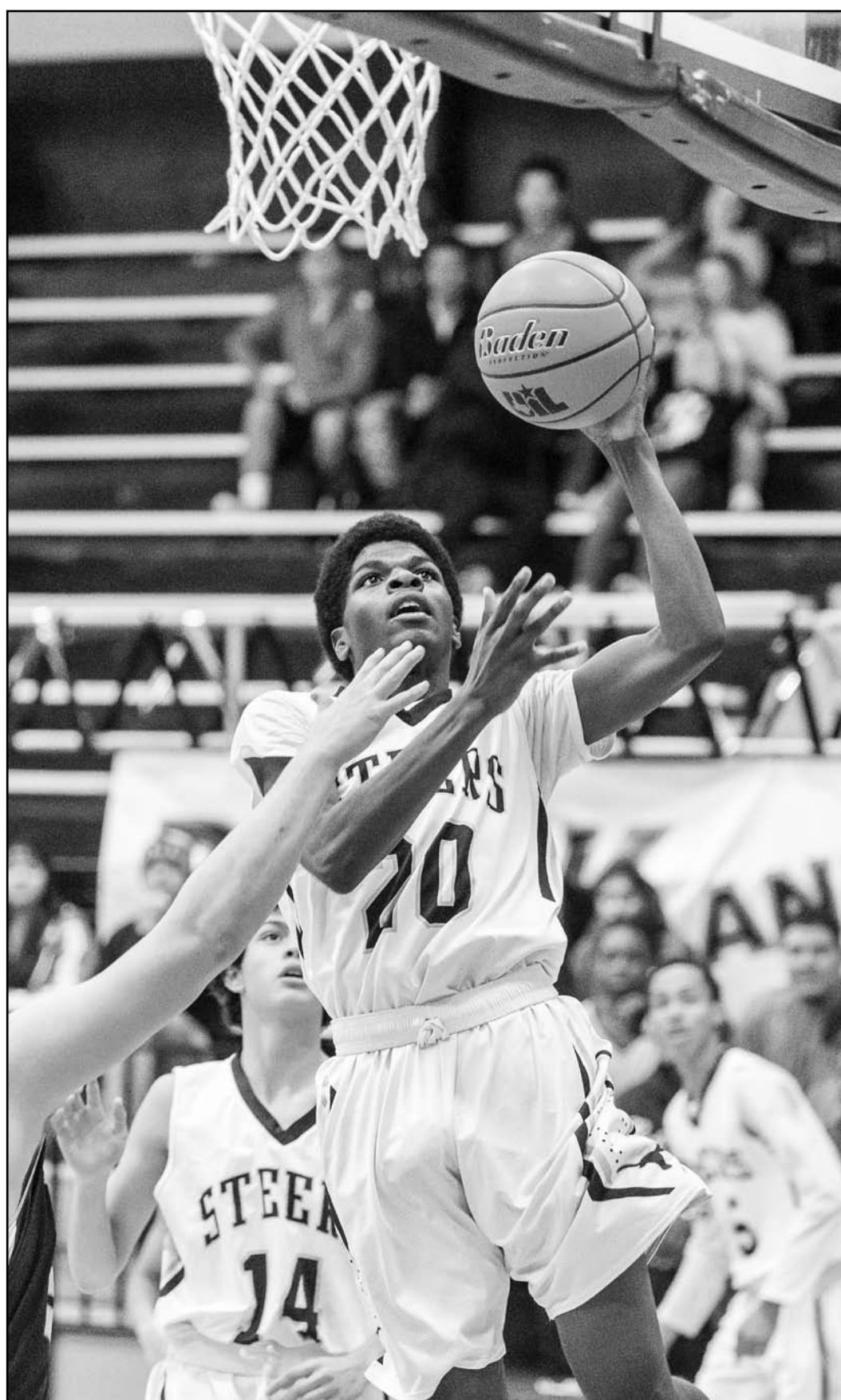
Mark McGwire, who admitted using steroids, received 12 percent in his 10th and final ballot appearance.

Half of baseball's top 10 home run hitters are not in the Hall: Bonds (762), Alex Rodriguez (654), Jim Thome (612), Sammy Sosa (609) and McGwire (583). Rodriguez, who served a year-long drug suspension in 2014, remains active. Thome's first appearance on the ballot will be in 2018.

Griffey believes drug-testing, which began in baseball in 2003, should eliminate the possibility of stigma for the current generation of players.

"There won't be any questions and you'll know from here on out," he said.

Some players who admitted using steroids claimed they chose the needle because of pressure to compete. Griffey said he never was tempted.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)  
Big Spring's Jeremiah Rushin puts up a shot during the Steers' non-district basketball game vs. Andrews in Steer Gym. Big Spring claimed a 60-52 win over the Mustangs.

## Steers outlast Andrews

The Big Spring Steers went one-for-three in basketball action against Andrews.

The Steers' varsity came away with a 60-52 victory over the Mustangs. Leading scorers for Big Spring were Israel O'guin with 29 points and Kolton Knudson and Eric Ortega, who scored 10 points apiece.

In junior varsity action, Andrews defeated Big Spring, 54-37. Dimas Garcia and Jeremiah Cooley led the Steers with 9 and 8 points, respectively.

The Big Spring freshmen lost a close decision to Andrews, 38-36. Kobe Gutierrez scored 13 points and AJ Gonzales added 10 points and 17 rebounds for the Steers.

The Steers return to action Friday when they travel to Fort Stockton for their final game before district action begins.

## Forsan girls down Ozona

OZONA — The Forsan Lady Buffaloes chalked up their third district win of the 2015-16 basketball season with a 44-33 victory over Ozona.

Chasidy Grantham led all scorers with 11. Bailey Wright and Lindsey Boeker played excellent scoring 9 points each.

"This was one of those games that we were very happy to come out of with the win," Forsan coach Lindsey Schmidt said. "The girls did a great job of sticking together, out-hustling, out-defending and out-rebounding Ozona in the second half."

Their next game will be at Forsan on Friday against Eldorado.

In junior varsity, Forsan's girls improved their district record to 4-0 with a 58-10 win over Ozona.

## 4 starters short, Mavs down New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Dallas coach Rick Carlisle decided he needed to give four starters the night off on the heels of a double-overtime victory a night earlier.

Then Anthony Davis and Co. learned the hard way that hosting the Mavericks' band of backups was no easy task.

Raymond Felton scored 22 points, including a clutch 3 to all but seal it in the final minute, and the Mavericks beat the New Orleans Pelicans 100-91 on Wednesday night.

"What can you say about Felton's shot-making down the stretch; big shot after big shot?" Carlisle said. "It's a big win."

Usual starters Dirk Nowitzki, Deron Williams, Zaza Pachulia and Wesley Matthews all were rested after each played 40-plus minutes

against Sacramento on Tuesday night.

"You never like sitting down four starters, but we did feel it was necessary," Carlisle said. "We also felt we had enough to win the game if we played the right way."

Chandler Parsons, the only usual starter in uniform, scored 19 of his season-high 21 in the first half. He needed help in the second half and got it.

Dwight Powell had 13 points and 10 rebounds while making Davis work hard for his points. J.J. Barea scored 11 and Devin Harris had 10 points.

Davis had 26 points and 12 rebounds, but missed 14 of 25 shots and was limited to eight points in the second half. Tyreke Evans had 16 points and Eric Gordon 14 for New Orleans.

Afterward, Pelicans coach Alvin Gentry blasted his team, himself and his staff for their effort.

"It's not fair to the fans. It's not fair to anybody for us to come out and have that kind of effort," Gentry said. "It's just not good. I'm really disappointed. ... We tried time and time again to say that it doesn't matter who is playing and who is not playing. Usually, in these kinds of situations, guys try to step it up anyway because they are trying to earn extra minutes — and we didn't react."

Dallas' starting lineup consisted of Parsons, Felton, Barea, Charlie Villanueva and JaVale McGee.

New Orleans, which had not played since beating a full Mavericks team in Dallas on Saturday night, led most of the first half, although never by more than

seven points.

The Pelicans led by eight on Gordon's 3-pointer with 8:28 left in the third quarter, but then Dallas' scrappy band of backups began to take over.

McGee, who had a pair of alley-oop jams in the second half, ignited an 18-5 run with a put-back dunk. The spurt was capped by Justin Anderson's 3 and Felton's layup, which put Dallas up 71-66.

In the opening minutes of the fourth quarter, Barea added a pair of 3s and Felton another from distance as Dallas built a lead as large as 14.

New Orleans made a last-gasp effort to come back, closing to 89-83 on Jrue Holiday's pull-up jumper with 1:33 to go, but Felton responded with a 22-foot jumper and later added a 3 to all but seal it.

## Duncan scores 18 as Spurs rout Jazz

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs are winning easily, resting their stars and giving big minutes to role players.

In almost every way, it's been their best start to a season.

Tim Duncan scored a season-high 18 points and the Spurs had eight other players in double figures, rolling to a 123-98 victory over the Utah Jazz on Wednesday night that kept them unbeaten at home.

San Antonio (31-6) matched its best start in franchise history by winning its 21st straight home game to open the season.

"We're going through the process of trying to get better every game," said Spurs forward David West, who had season highs in points (18) and rebounds (13). "Continue to protect our home court and continue to focus on our defense. Regardless of who plays, we're trying to make sure that we attempt to make it perfect. Even though perfection is not a possibility, we're still looking to achieve it."

San Antonio had a season-high point total in winning its 13th game by 20 points this season and eighth by 25 or more. The Spurs' collective winning margin is the

best after 37 games in NBA history. They are plus-526 against their opponents this season, which bests by 10 points the start by the 1972 Los Angeles Lakers.

"We're eventually going to have a letdown," veteran reserve Manu Ginobili said. "We're pros, we shouldn't. We have to fight hard to take every minute, every possession seriously. Considering that the goal is not to win today, but to get better for when it counts in four months. We still have margin for improvement."

The Spurs set a season best with 68 points in the first half, enabling coach Gregg

Popovich to sit Kawhi Leonard and Danny Green to start the third quarter.

It was part of an easy night for San Antonio, which was without injured Tony Parker and sat LaMarcus Aldridge to rest for the first time this season.

"We've been really lucky and the front office has done a great job of bringing talent, good guys that want to win a championship," Ginobili said. "We can have the luxury of sitting Tony and LaMarcus and still win a good game."

San Antonio shot 61 percent from the field and finished with 34 assists.



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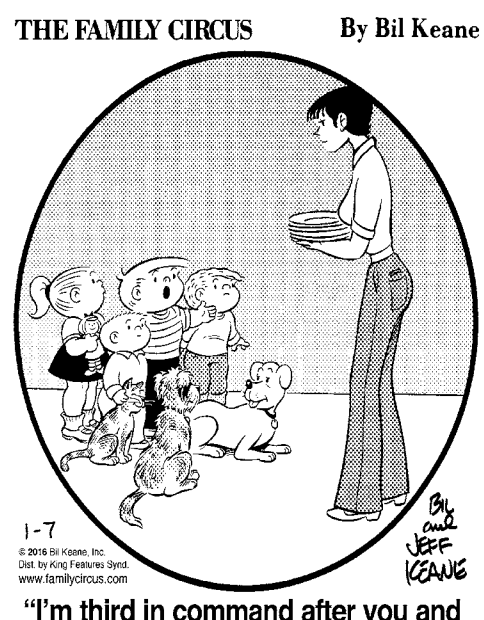
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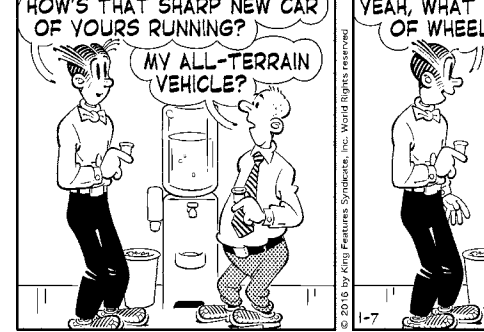


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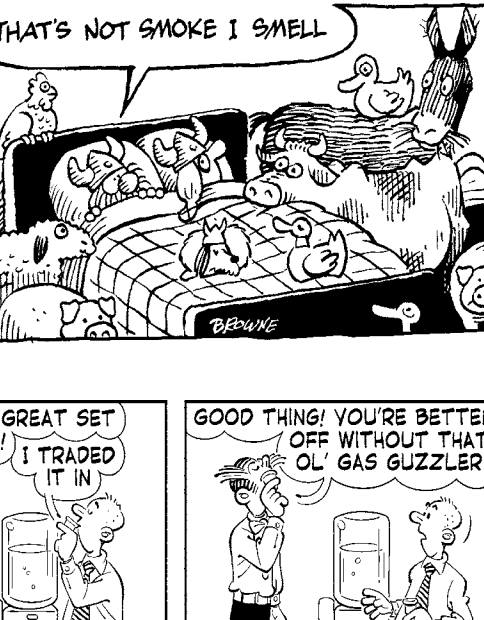
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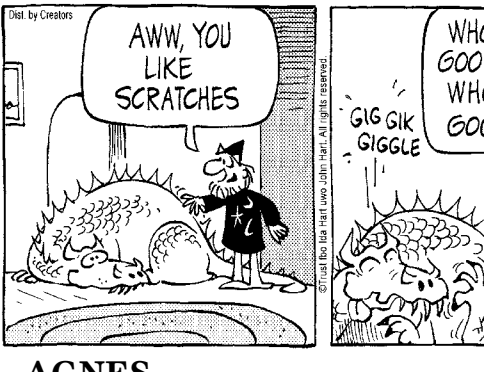
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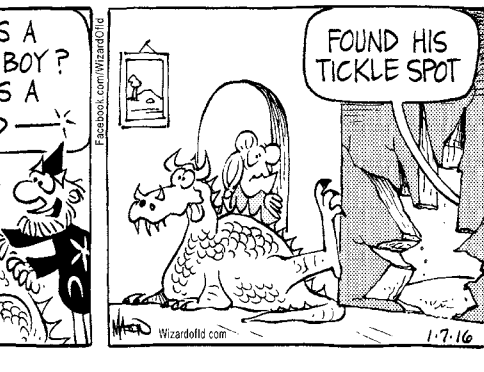
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Jan. 7, the seventh day of 2016. There are 359 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 7, 1789, America held its first presidential election as voters chose electors who, a month later, selected George Washington to be the nation's first chief executive.

On this date:

In 1610, astronomer Galileo Galilei began observing three of Jupiter's moons (he spotted a fourth moon almost a week later).

In 1800, the 13th president of the United States, Millard Fillmore, was born in Summerhill, New York.

In 1904, the Marconi International Marine Communication Company of London announced that the telegraphed letters "CQD" would serve as a maritime distress call (it was later replaced with "SOS").

In 1927, commercial transatlantic telephone service was inaugurated between New York and London.

In 1942, the Japanese siege of Bataan began during World War II. (The fall of Bataan three months later was followed by the notorious Death March.)

In 1949, George C. Marshall resigned as U.S. Secretary of State; President Harry S. Truman chose Dean Acheson to succeed him.

In 1955, singer Marian Anderson made her debut with the Metropolitan Opera in New York, in Verdi's "Un Ballo in Maschera." The opening of the Canadian Parliament in Ottawa was televised for the first time.

In 1959, the United States recognized the new government of Cuba, six days after Fidel Castro led the overthrow of Fulgencio Batista.

In 1963, the U.S. Post Office raised the cost of a first-class stamp from 4 to 5 cents.

In 1979, Vietnamese forces captured the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh, overthrowing the Khmer Rouge government.

In 1989, Emperor Hirohito of Japan died in Tokyo at age 87; he was succeeded by his son, Crown Prince Akihito.

In 1999, for the second time in history, an impeached American president went on trial before the Senate. President Bill Clinton faced charges of perjury and obstruction of justice; he was acquitted.

Ten years ago: Jill Carroll, a freelance journalist for The Christian Science Monitor, was

Thought for Today:

"One cannot and must not try to erase the past merely because it does not fit the present."  
Golda Meir,  
Israeli prime minister

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

WHISTLEBLOWERS by Matthew Sewell

- Edited by Stanley Newman  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Past masters
  - 5 "Driving Matters" sloganeer
  - 10 Voice of Daffy and Bugs
  - 13 Rude awakening
  - 14 Awakening cause, often
  - 15 Doha dignitary
  - 17 Wheeled whistleblower
  - 20 Made off with
  - 21 Taste testers
  - 22 Actor Channing
  - 24 Fork feature
  - 25 Kid
  - 26 Lunar plain
  - 27 Poke fun at
  - 29 Philosopher
  - 30 Modern conference venue
  - 32 Took pits from
  - 34 Household whistleblower
  - 36 Bank (on)
  - 39 Kids
  - 43 Former couples
  - 44 Befit
  - 45 Point of view, so to speak
  - 46 Paramedic skill
  - 47 Microwave sound
  - 49 WALL-E, for instance
  - 50 Math course
  - 52 Raucous sound
  - 54 Athletics whistleblower
  - 58 Corn holder
  - 59 Usher to the parlor
  - 60 Quaint oath
- DOWN**
- 1 Nitewear
  - 2 Foolish talk
  - 3 Faux fat
  - 4 Oscars and Emmys
  - 5 Commercial complex
  - 6 Salve ingredient
  - 7 Singer/actor Efron
  - 8 "Change the subject"
  - 9 Mideast capital
  - 10 Prefix meaning "beyond"
  - 11 Radiated
  - 12 Hot prospect
  - 16 Took a time out
  - 18 Melanie, to Dakota
  - 19 World Cup cheer
  - 22 Showtime sister channel
  - 23 Sound of relief
  - 24 "Pencils down, please"
  - 27 Despicable one
  - 28 Kung Pao chicken cooker
  - 29 Retro audio adjective
  - 31 \_\_\_ Faire (Elizabethan festival)
  - 32 Tabular tidbit
  - 33 90° shape
  - 35 Texter's "Enough details"
  - 36 Some lattes
  - 37 Take advantage of
  - 38 Vine-covered walkway
  - 40 Big name in eggs
  - 41 Desilu acquired its studios
  - 42 To date
  - 44 Airtight
  - 47 Merchants' assn.
  - 48 Obliterate
  - 49 UK's Gulf War contingent
  - 51 Venerable prep school
  - 52 Party spread
  - 53 First verb in Antony's big speech
  - 55 Trip segment
  - 56 See 63 Across
  - 57 Journal VIPs

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# Parent's Corner

Some folks have a way of saying things that seem so appropriate for the occasion. I ran across one of these 'by the way' remarks recently that you may feel right for the moment. I don't know who made the statement but I thought it was pretty good.

"Time has a way of sneaking up on you and catching you unaware of the passing years."

It's interesting how it seems such a short time ago that I was young, just starting my family and creating a new life. In a way it seems like it was just yesterday, and yet it also seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all; I have memories of how it was back then, and of all my hopes and dreams, but somehow I have reached the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise.

How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go? I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not

fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like. But now my friends are retired or planning their retirement, they are developing shades of gray, and they are moving a bit slower. Some are in better and some worse shape than me but I see the change is noticeable. Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be.

Each day now I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore, it's mandatory! And if I don't of my own free will, I just fall asleep where I sit.

And so, now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did. But I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last, when it's over, it's over. Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done, things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime. So, if you're not in your winter yet let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. Whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off

too long, life goes by so quickly. Do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not.

You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life so live for good today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past.

Life is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one. Live it well and enjoy it today, be happy and be thankful and as the poet has reminded us, "life is not just simply the destination, but also the journey!"

Since I lost my daughter back in November, I realize so vividly how true and appropriate these words are. I wish I could have been the one who said them, but I must say that I fully agree. We cannot know the future, or the number of days we have left, but we do have this moment and we have the opportunity, or maybe the obligation, to make it count. Happy 2016.

*Darrell Ryan is the BSISD Director of School Safety*



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## Water conservation calendar winners

The Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District (PBUWCD) recently held its 2015 art calendar contest which was open to fourth and fifth graders in the district.

The students watched a presentation by Angie Mimms, the PBUWC Dedication coordinator. The children were informed of the importance of water conservation and tips on how they could do their part to help save water.

The students were then asked to use the information to create a detailed picture illustrating what they believed to be an important water conservation message for the public.

Schools that participated included Forsan, Grady, Sands, and Stanton.

The grand prize winner was fourth grader, Torah Smith, of Forsan Elementary. Her artwork, titled "Water is Life" is featured on the cover as well as inside the PBUWCD 2016 calendar

and she received a \$50 cash prize and a certificate.

There were eleven other winners who each received a \$25 prize along with a certificate and their artwork published in the 2016 calendar.

Forsan Elementary School winners were Dusty Smith, Makaya Nichols, Marlie Kennedy, and Gracie Gonzalez

The Grady Elementary School winner was Rebecca Woody.

Sands Elementary School winners were Zane Clare and Elaina Aredondo.

Stanton Elementary winners were Jozalyn Lopez, Shelby Phillips, Elexa Spalla, and Gavren Moore

"The PBUWCD would like to thank all of the students who participated in this year's contest. The 2016 calendars are available to the public free of charge of our office, 708 W. Saint Peter St. in Stanton," said Mimms.



Courtesy Photos

**Above:**  
Forsan Elementary winners – Back row: Marlie Kennedy and Gracie Gonzalez. Front Row: Torah Smith, Makaya Nichols and Dusty Smith.

**Right:**  
Grady Elementary School winner – Rebecca Woody

**Left:**  
Sands Elementary School winners – Zane Clare and Elaina Aredondo.

**Left Bottom:**  
Stanton Elementary winners – Gavren Moore, Shelby Phillips, Jozalyn Lopoez and Elexa Spalla



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