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# City commits to 'lofty' animal shelter goal

*Officials plan to have 'no-kill' facility in place by the start of next year*

**By LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

In one year, the city of Big Spring plans to convert its animal shelter to a no kill center making it one of few and possibly the only one in the Permian Basin after city

council members voted unanimously on the resolution Tuesday night.

It's a lofty goal, Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan admitted to the crowd, and one that cannot be met without strong community support.

"This is going to be a chal-

lenge for us in one year to establish a no kill center here in Big Spring, but it is something we feel sure we can make it happen as long as we can get the community involved, community education and the volunteers to work with our animal shel-

ter," McLellan said. "I think it shows we are trying to be a progressive city."

"It's not going to be easy," he continued. "We do have the challenges there. We are legally bound to take care of what animals we have here. In some cases, they may have

to euthanize those animals, and I think that is not something anybody wants here in Big Spring."

McLellan added he felt the city was moving in the right direction on this issue but

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# Lawsuit tops ISD agenda

**By LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

Litigation issues look to dominate the next Big Spring Independent School District (BSISD) board meeting on Thursday evening.

According to the meeting agenda, trustees will consult with BSISD's attorney on the status of two issues, an ongoing civil lawsuit brought by Ronnie and Tammy Landis and a contract dispute and possible litigation with AT&T.

The Landis, owners of a residence near Goliad Elementary School, filed a law suit on Aug. 1, 2013 in the 118<sup>th</sup> District Court against Big Spring Independent School District, Lee Lewis Construction, and John Doe Nos. 1-5. The origi-

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan  
 Coahoma High School cheerleaders fire up the crowd at the CHS-Stanton girls basketball game Tuesday night in Coahoma.

# Material delay pushes back completion on Highway 87

*Work south of Big Spring expected to finish in early summer, TxDOT says*

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

People using Highway 87 between Big Spring and Forsan will have to put up with road construction a little longer than originally anticipated, highway officials said.

Construction work in the area, which was scheduled to be completed early this year, is now estimated to be finished sometime this summer, an official with the Texas Department of Transportation said.

Mary Belle Turner, public information officer for TxDOT's Abilene District, said delays in receiving materials have forced construction crews to revise their estimations on when the work will be completed.

The work is just one leg of the planned Highway 87 reliever route which, when completed, will loop around Big Spring to the west.

Construction of the \$65 million, 8.5-mile southern leg connecting In-



terstate 20 and Ranch Road 33 is expected to be completed in early 2017 and will feature a four-lane divided highway with overpasses and an interchange at I-20.

After that, plans call for a second leg of the route to be construction, which would connect the interstate to Highway 87 north of Big Spring, officials said.

No timetable for the northern leg's construction has been set, officials said.

# HC offers classes in English fluency, citizenship

Start the New Year by 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 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. or 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. 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 wants 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, Jan. 13, 2016 at 6 p.m. at the Charles Warren Building, room no.102 on the Howard College campus. Persons interested in the classes are invited to attend and get more information and register.

Persons may also contact the instructor, Adrian Saldivar, at 432-230-3164 and leaving a message or by calling the Adult Education and Literacy office at 432-264-5026.

— Amanda Elston

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## David "Doc" Sutton



David "Doc" Sutton passed away on Saturday Jan. 9, 2016 at his home. His "big old heart" just gave out.

Memorial services will be at the Vietnam Memorial Monument, Vietnam Memorial Park, Big Spring, Texas at 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 15, 2016 with fellowship afterwards at the Eagles Lodge, 703 W 3rd St, Big Spring, Texas.

David was born on May 11, 1946 in Ranger, Texas to Erma and Howard Sutton. He was active in Ranger participating in Bulldog sports and clubs and received his Eagle Scout Award in March 1964. He graduated from high school in 1965 and was an active member of the Ranger Exes club.

At age five, David saw his first airplane and told his family that he would be a pilot one day. Whatever David set out to accomplish, he did. He chose East Texas State University as they included Air Force ROTC in the curriculum. He graduated with his bachelor's in psychology and Spanish in 1968 and completed his master's in 1969.

He was assigned to Laredo AFB for pilot training, and he received his wings in 1969. His choice of planes: Caribou C7A. Good Morning, Vietnam. After his tour, he transitioned to C-141 Starlifter and was stationed at Charleston AFB, SC. He flew around the world and also returned to Vietnam.

He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and other medals for his service in Vietnam. Peacetime military, he worked as base counselor and elected to pursue his Ph.D. He graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi with his degree in counseling psychology. He moved to Big Spring in 1976 and initially was employed at the Big Spring State Hospital and then to our VA where he helped countless veterans; he was dedicated to helping his fellow veterans.

For years David went every workday to the YMCA and continued after retirement, and afterwards, in later years, he enjoyed an occasional stop at a local

bar for a Coors and Tequila shot!

He is survived by his beloved and loving family: wife, Anita Morales; children, son, Jon Sutton of Denver, Colo.; three daughters, Brandi and Greg Cook and Samantha Speir of Greenville, Texas, and Elizabeth and Travis Hiltbrunner of Wylie, Texas; sisters, Sharon and Harold Rogers and Beverly Sutton; brothers, Tomas and Socorro Sutton and Terry and Jane Sutton; special sister-in-law, Dora Morales; grandchildren, Abby, Emma, Mikayla Cook and Henley Speir, cousins, nieces and nephews. He is also survived by special lifetime friends/brothers, Jimmy Dunn, Mark Nicholas, Raymond Henley and Jon Hawley and his longtime amigos, Larry and Bobby Webb, Byron Gressett, David Nichols, Randy Robinson and Frank Graham. The family would like to give special acknowledgement to members of the Eagles Lodge and the Crossroads Saloon.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Corene Davis, brothers-in-law Buck Davis and CJ Parsons; his pet family members, Maddie and Hamlet and his beloved boxer Charlie who accompanied him everywhere in his retirement.

David was one of a kind, bigger than life, and he did it in his own special way. He never met a stranger, was always willing to lend a helping hand or dollar or listen to your problems. He was a true Texan and cherished his Choctaw heritage. He enjoyed watching the sunset and gazing at the stars and the moon. He loved traveling, music & dancing, history, the Cook Islands, the Green Bay Packers and the Red Raiders and especially spending time with family and friends. He had a wonderful smile and gave the best hugs.

David will always be with us and we love you beaucoup!

Family suggests memorials to the Vietnam Memorial Committee, PO 2854, Big Spring, TX or the FOE 3188, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Big Spring, TX.

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

*Paid obituary*

## Dorothy Whitton



Dorothy Whitton, 86, of Big Spring died Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Trinity Baptist Church with Randy Cotton, pastor, of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born April 24, 1929, in Sebring, Fla., to Pearl and Archie Riles. She married William C. "Bill" Whitton on Oct. 21, 1943, in Sebring, Fla. She was a homemaker, but she had also worked for BSISD and later for the Big Spring State Hospital until retiring. She was a member of

Trinity Baptist Church.

She is survived by one daughter, Renea Patterson and her husband, Sam, of Big Spring; one sister, Anne Sayles of Florida; five grandchildren, Ammia Howell, Courtney Boyd and her husband, Hunter Williams, Jeremy Nixson and his wife, Sadie Spradley, April Nixson, and Dustin Nixson and his wife, Stefani; 12 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren; and son-in-law, Roy Boyd of Big Spring.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two daughters, Patricia Howell and an infant Mary Louise Whitton; and one grandson, Christopher Nixson.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

*Paid obituary*

## Violet Ellsworth McCaffity



Violet Ellsworth McCaffity, 55, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Dec. 20, 2015. A memorial service will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016 at the Cornerstone Covenant Church in Big Spring. A second memorial service will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016 at the Monahans Christian Assembly, 303 S. Helen, Monahans, Texas.

She was born Sept. 9, 1960 in Roswell, N.M. and married David McCaffity July 7, 1990 in Monahans, Texas.

Violet's family moved to Monahans in 1962 and

she graduated from Monahans High School.

Survivors include her husband, David McCaffity of Big Spring; her mother and step-father, Joann Ellsworth Mills and Ken Mills of Monahans; one sister, Yolanda Wheeler of Odessa; and one brother, Max Dale Ellsworth of Snyder.

She was preceded in death by her father, Dale Ellsworth; and two sons, Wayne Green and Ray Dale Green.

The family suggests memorials to the Big Spring Humane Society, P. O. Box 823, Big Spring, Texas 79721.

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

## Police, Sheriff reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JOSEPH TAMBUNGA**, 27, of 1111 Gregory Dr, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ELIZABETH MCKENZIE STOLARCZYK**, 21, was arrested on a charge of theft of property, more than \$100 but less than \$750, shoplifting.
- **DONNI KAY ROBERTSON**, 31, was arrested on a warrant for theft of property, more than \$100 but less than \$750 — shoplifting.
- **NICOLAS RANGEL JR**, 62, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 100 block of E 16th.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 7000 block of S Service Rd, the 600 block of W 17th and the 2400 block of S Gregg St.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 500 block of E 3rd St., the 1600 block of S Gregg St, and the 200 block of W FM 700.
- **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 3600 block

of W Hwy 80.

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 inmates at the time of this report.

- **BILLY BOB ALVARADO**, 37, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for failure to identify fugitive intent.
- **DAVID LYNN DOW**, 32, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for criminal trespassing.
- **ANTHONY GAMEZ**, 39, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for failure to identify fugitive intent.
- **ALFREDO HINOJOS HARPER**, 26, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for of failure to

## Nola Mae Gluege



Nola Mae Gluege, 86, of Big Spring died Sunday, Jan. 10, 2016. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

She was born Nov. 17, 1929, in Shawnee, Okla., to Nellie and Alvin Smith. She married Alvin Gluege on April 20, 1971 in Stanton. He preceded her in death in 2011. She was a buyer-bookkeeper at Texas Discount Furniture in Big Spring. She retired in 1981. She was a Seventh Day Adventist.

She is survived by one son, Craig Shipman of Big Spring; a granddaughter; a sister, Corene Morton of Midland; three nieces and one nephew.

In addition to her parents and husband she was preceded in death by two sisters, Bonnie Koeninger and Irene Smith.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

## Clara Renteria



Clara Renteria, 82, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Jan. 10, 2016 at a local hospital. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, 2016 at Mt. Olive Memorial Park in Big Spring.

Rosary services will be held at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2016 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Clara was born Aug. 12, 1933 in Big Spring and married Jose L.

Renteria.

She was a lifelong resident of Big Spring. She worked most of her life at various dry cleaners and retired from Canterbury.

Clara is survived by her husband, Jose L. Renteria; five sons, Juan Renteria and wife, Yolanda, Jaime Renteria, David Renteria, and Rocky Renteria and wife, Jessica, all of Big Spring, and Joe Renteria Jr. and wife, Ernestina, of Knott; a daughter, Joanna Florez and husband, Jaime Acosta of Carrollton; a brother, Feliciano Gonzales and wife, Rosalinda of Big Spring; two sisters Lupe Gonzales and husband, Manuel, and Antonia Rachel Gonzales, all of Big Spring; eleven grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Feliciano and Petra Vega Renteria.

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

## Wanda Horton

Wanda Horton, 94, of Georgetown, formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at her residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home

appear.

- **LARRY SCOTT KEEN**, 56, was booked by the DPS was a charge of possession of marijuana.
- **NICOLAS RANGEL JR**, 62, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for front yard parking.
- **DONNI KAY ROBERTSON**, 31, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property, more than \$100, but less than \$750.
- **ISRAEL SAIZ**, 18, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ABBY LEE STANSBERRY**, 32, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of theft of property, more than \$100, but less than \$750.
- **MCKENZIE LEIGH STOLARCZYK**, 21, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property, more than \$100, but less than \$750.
- **JOSEPH MICHAELS TAMBUNGA**, 27, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.



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# Take note

## 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.

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.

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](http://www.BecomeaCASA.org) or [www.casawtx.org](http://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.

# ISD

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nal petition claims the "defendants were negligent in the design of the school ground (Goliad Elementary School) by failing to design the school property to prevent flooding."

That petition was dismissed by the court against Big Spring ISD on April 9, 2014. School district lawyers argued BSISD was "immune from the suit by the doctrine of governmental immunity, and there-

fore trial courts lack subject matter jurisdiction over negligence claims against a governmental entity absent the entity's express consent to be sued," citing earlier "well-settled law in Texas demonstrates that claims brought against a Texas school district are barred by governmental immunity," according to court records.

An appeal to contest the court's decision was filed for the plaintiffs, according to 118<sup>th</sup> District Court records.

In the amended petition filed in the 118<sup>th</sup>

District court, lawyers for the plaintiffs argue, "prior to the building of the campus for Goliad Elementary School, the campus was located upon a rise. Behind the plaintiff's homestead was an earthen berm. Heavy rainfall in the area would naturally drain away from the plaintiff's homestead on a path to the south and east of 1802 Benton (the residence owned by the plaintiff) and follow a channel east of Big Spring," court documents state.

"Lee Lewis and Big

Spring ISD undertook to change the terrain and landscape for the construction of the campus," court documents stated. "Two features, among others were the removal of a the berm and the terracing of the campus. The campus thus sits with an artificial land depreciation. Based on the design, layout and construction of the Goliad Elementary School campus, water drains into the Landis property and floods it, causing structural damage."

Rains in August and

September 2012 revealed the defect causing property damage, the document goes on and later stated. "Big Spring Independent School District has inversely condemned the property of the plaintiff's through the construction of the campus."

The amended petition states the plaintiff's are requesting a trial by jury and \$250,000 award for damages as well as court fees and attorney's cost.

Goliad Elementary School construction was one of four new elemen-

taries built through a \$60 million bond passed in 2010.

Trustees will meet at 5:15 p.m. in the high school board room, 707 11<sup>th</sup> Place.

In other business, trustees are expected to consider:

- Personnel and financial matters.

- A resolution to enter into a joint election agreement with the city of Big Spring for the May 2016 trustee election.

Also trustees are expected to meet with David Koempel, Texas Association of School Boards, for board training.

# COUNCIL

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reiterated the challenges ahead.

"When we met with the rescue agency from Austin, it took them 14 years to do that," he said. "Our goal is to do it with one year. If we do this in one year, we have got to have a lot of community support. We've got to have some programs here for spay and neuter. We've got to have owners to be responsible for their pets. And the city, I guarantee you, we are going to do what ever we can to make this goal."

Currently the county has two active volunteer

rescue groups — Yellow Rose Animal Rescue and Big Spring Animal Rescue — which have attempted to help alleviate some of the number of animals that are euthanized at the city shelter. The county also has the Happy Day Humane Society, a no kill non-profit shelter, which provides care for homeless cats and dogs.

In other business:

- The city may have a business interested in renovating the old Malone and Hogan Clinic located at 1501 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Place. Under former Mayor Tommy Duncan's term, the city purchased the building from Community Health System — the cooperation that formally owned Scenic

Mountain Medical Center. The building sits adjacent to the hospital.

However, the city has been in a legal tussle with a claimant who says he has a financial interest in the building, according to city officials. After meeting in closed session on the issue, council members gave the mayor authority to settle the lawsuit and any associated real-estate documents. Members also approved a measure to convey the property over to the the Big Spring Economic Development Cooperation (EDC). According to Terry Wegman, EDC executive director, he is in talks with a business that plans to renovate the property.

Council members also approved:

- The final reading of a resolution inviting the United States Army Special Operations Command to conduct military training in the county from March 10 to June 5.

- The purchase of a breathing air compressor and new box style ambulance for the Big Spring Fire Department for an estimated total cost of a little less than \$140,000. City officials said the cost for the ambulance may decrease since they expect to receive some trade-in value.

- The purchases of two utility truck, a 3/4 ton truck, and three gators for a total cost nearly

\$90,000.

- Financial matters.
- An agreement with Medallion Pipeline Co. for right-of-way for pipeline construction.
- A joint election agreement with Big Spring Independent School District to combine city council and school trustee election polling places in May.

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Nola Mae Gluege, 86, died Sunday. Memorial services will be at 2:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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# Opinion

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

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## DAILY PRAYER

Thank You for mending our lives and lifting up our hearts.

Amen

# I column as I see 'em: Better than some, worse than others

**H**ow you doing? No, really. How are you? Feeling good about things in your life right now? Are you optimistic about 2016 and what you are hoping it brings? Or, are you feeling defeated, worried, and overwhelmed by circumstances that seem to be bigger than you are capable of handling? Chances are we are all somewhere in between those two scenarios. Whichever direction the pendulum is swinging for you right now, there's something important you need to do; extend a hand up to someone in worse shape than you. Encourage another traveler on the road of life.

When I pastored in Houston back in the 80's I had a teenager in my church named Greg who, when asked how he was doing, always gave the same answer and I've never heard anything better. He would say in response to that proverbial question, "Better than some, worse than others."

No matter where you are today, there's somebody in greater need and you may be the one to extend a helping hand, or possibly even throw them a lifeline. It's a great feeling to bless someone in a time of need and encouraging words can often be lifesavers.

Encouragement goes straight to the heart. In fact, the word itself comes from a combination of the prefix en which means "to put into" and the Latin root cor which means "heart". Knowing what a big difference encouragement makes in your own life, why aren't we doing more to help others take heart when the going gets tough and the way feels long?

Perhaps the best example I could cite is a man named Barnabas who, when you read about him in the Bible, was an encourager. He always saw the good side of people. He saw past their failures to their potential for good. It is amazing we do not know Barnabas better, for he is one of the most influential men in the New Testament. He played a major role in the early history of the church, and a major role in the lives of the

men who wrote the New Testament. Yet he seems somewhat obscure because we do not know much about him compared to Matthew, Mark, Luke and Paul. He was a man behind the scenes who encouraged great men like them to be all they could be.

When Paul was first converted Christians were afraid of him. He had been a brutal enemy of the Christian faith. He had arrested many and had even aided in their deaths. The Christians in Jerusalem were fearful when he came. Acts 9:26 says, "When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple." This was a very strange situation for Paul. He wanted to be their friend, but they were suspicious. The next verse provided the solution. Verse 27 says, "But Barnabas took him and brought him to the Apostles." Barnabas made it clear that Paul was truly converted and was a great messenger of the Gospel. After this

*No matter where you are today, there's somebody in greater need and you may be the one to extend a helping hand, or possibly even throw them a lifeline. It's a great feeling to bless someone in a time of need and encouraging words can often be lifesavers.*

Paul could move about freely and speak boldly in the name of Jesus. Barnabas was the friend that helped Paul overcome his bad image and become an accepted spokesman of the faith. Other examples in scripture confirm his role as a man who was always encouraging others.

We all get knocked down in life. It's just part of the experience but it's really not about avoiding these hits; it's about being able to get back up every time you are knocked down. It's not always easy to want to get back up. Often times, it's a lot easier to just stay down but whether you stay down or get back up, life will still go on so you might as well fight.

And, many times our determination to "keep on keeping

on" is strongly influenced by what others pour into our lives. There is fruit to be harvested as a consequence of how we speak. God has designed speech in accordance with the law of the harvest: Reaping follows planting, the crop matches the seed sown, and the harvest is greater in quantity than the amount sown. Harvests and seeds: ends and means to ends. That's the way God designed it.

Words are powerful tools of influence. All of us can speak words and so all of us have the power to encourage or discourage others. The life of Victor Sirebianca is a radical illustration of the power of words. His teacher said to him, "You are a dummy. You will never graduate. You will always be a dummy. Go get a vocation and stop wasting your time and everybody else's." Victor figured she should know what she was talking about, and so he dropped out of school. For the next 16 years he just bummed around the country working at different jobs.

He was 32 years old and going nowhere. Then an acquaintance said to him, "You should go and get tested to see just what your potential is. You could amount to something." With this encouragement Victor went and got tested. It was discovered that he had an IQ of 160. He was a genius. He decided to act like a genius and he began to invent things and get patents on them. Then he wrote a best seller book. He became the International Chairman of the Amenza Society where you have to have an IQ of 140 to be a member. Because somebody encouraged him to be what he could be he stopped being a "dummy" and became the genius he was.

Encouragement is a selfless activity. Those who make a point to encourage others are influencers in their world. We might even call them world changers. There are so many opportunities for us to be a Barnabas to someone. "Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves" (Philippians 2:3).

Be ready the next time you ask someone, "How are you doing?" It may be a life-changing opportunity.

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

## Chow verdict is an indictment of the feds

**T**he verdict is in. On Friday, jurors found 56-year-old Raymond "Shrimp Boy" Chow

guilty on all 162 charges against him, including murder, conspiracy to murder, racketeering, trafficking in stolen goods and 154 counts of money laundering. Though the FBI and U.S. attorney's office may feel vindicated by the verdict, the guilty verdict also serves as an indictment of the federal criminal justice system's standard operating procedure. It was the feds, after all, who chose to let Chow out of prison despite his long criminal career.

In 2003, the feds freed Chow, who was serving a 160-month sentence on racketeering charges involving murder for hire, conspiracy to distribute heroin and arson after he testified against a fellow gang leader who had fled to Hong Kong. It was an odd decision for a bizarre deal — free a violent offender in order to imprison another violent offender who had left the United States and had no reason to come back. Chow also had previous state felony firearms convictions — yet federal prosecutors released him from prison despite the risk

that he might reoffend.

If the FBI thought Chow was an asset in 2003, surely they reconsidered in 2006 when, according to a federal criminal complaint, the San Francisco Police Department and FBI surveilled Chow's swearing-in to replace murdered Ghee Kung Tong "dragonhead" Allen Leung. (Jurors found Chow guilty Friday of Leung's murder.) If the feds could not deport Chow, a Chinese citizen, surely they could have tried to show that he violated the plea agreement, which one would hope would forbid him to break the law.

Instead, Chow remained free to serve as the head of the long-established tong, which he ran as a criminal organization.

Later, authorities conducted a very expensive and very long (five-year) investigation. A large percentage of the \$1.088 million of the operation's out-of-pocket expenses went to pricey restaurants and top-drawer beverages, spending that enabled undercover agent "Dave Jordan" to appear as a big shot.

The long, expensive investigation led to charges against 27 co-defendants, including California state Sen. Leland Yee, who was accused of conspiracy to traffic firearms. The Yee indictment turned the arrests into a national story that seemed to justify the time and money the government spent. The firearms

charge, however, did not hold, and Yee ended up pleading guilty to a charge of racketeering.

Jurors also found Chow guilty of conspiring to murder Jim Kat Tong — who was found shot dead with his wife in Mendocino, California, in 2013. Please note that Chow apparently conspired to kill Tong while the FBI was wining, dining and slipping him envelopes of cash — and while he was wearing an ankle bracelet. Prosecutors taped conversations of "Jordan" slipping cash to Chow. If the FBI had moved faster and hadn't been engaging in a fishing expedition for big-name co-defendants, Chow could have been behind bars in 2013. Federal law enforcement seemed so determined to present a high-profile case that it didn't put public safety first. Fortunately for the law enforcement professionals who participated in this debacle, willful incompetence is not a crime.

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# Ports-to-Plains moving a growing portion of U.S./Canada trade

**EDITOR'S NOTE:**  
This is the seventh in a series of articles highlighting the Ports-to-Plains project.

Canada is the No. 1 export market for U.S. goods. In 2014 the U.S. exported over \$19 billion in goods by truck to the entirety of



MICHAEL REEVES

Canada. The Ports-to-Plains Alliance Corridor connects Alberta and Saskatchewan, Canada with Montana and North Dakota. While there are fourteen (14) border crossings from Portal, ND to the east and Sweetgrass, MT to the west, there are four commercial crossings including Portal, ND/North Portal, SK; Raymond, MT/Regway, SK; Wild Horse MT/AB and Sweetgrass MT/Coutts, AB which are used to track trade using the Ports-to-Plains Alliance Corridor. These four crossings will be referred to as the



PTP crossings. The data summarized below all address movement by truck.

The PTP crossings accounted for over \$6 billion in exports from the nine states in the Ports-to-Plains Alliance region. Since 2004, the exports through the PTP crossings have increased by 184.3% or almost \$4 billion. This increase outpaces the 65.5% increase in all U.S. exports to Canada. This represents 31.6% of all U.S. exports to Canada in 2014. So in terms of the market

share of total exports from the U.S. to Canada, the PTP crossings have gained 13.2% of the market share.

In what is certainly a positive trade balance, the U.S. imported over \$13 billion in goods from all of Canada in 2014. The PTP crossing processed over \$3.8 billion or 29% of those imports. Again, the PTP crossings accounted for an increase of almost 132% or almost \$2.2 billion since 2004. As with exports, U.S. imports from Canada, using the PTP crossings gained

an additional market share of 10.4% since 2014. The strength of export and import market shares demonstrate the strength of economies in both the nine state Ports-to-Plains region and Alberta and Saskatchewan in Canada.

The U.S. /Canada trade relationship cannot be discussed without including the impact of the Alberta Oil Sands to the nine state Ports-to-Plains region. Canada is the largest supplier of oil to the U.S. For every two jobs created in

Canada from the oil sands, a third job is created in the U.S. New oil sands development is projected to generate \$521 billion in economic activity in the U.S. over the next 25 years. The Alberta Oil Sands will contribute over \$901 million in terms of GDP to the Ports-to-Plains Alliance region, 15.5% of the entire U.S.

In the FAST Act recently passed by Congress, freight program funds are available to state designated Critical Rural Freight Corridors (CRFC). The

Act allows each state to identify up to 150 miles of CRFC which includes principal arterial roadways or facilities; access or service to energy exploration, development, installation, or production areas; provides access or service to— agriculture facilities or connects to an international port of entry. The Ports-to-Plains Alliance Corridors certainly fulfill those criteria.

*Ports-to-Plains is a grassroots alliance of over 275 communities and businesses, including alliance partners Heartland Expressway, Theodore Roosevelt Expressway and Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor Coalition, whose mission is to advocate for a robust international transportation infrastructure to promote economic security and prosperity throughout North America's energy and agricultural heartland including Mexico to Canada. Additional information on the Ports-to-Plains Alliance is available at <http://www.portstoplains.com/>.*

# Analysts say downturn is longest since 1970

HOUSTON (AP)— Oil prices dropped again Monday, extending 2016's unbroken losing streak and worsening a bust in Houston's key industry that is shaping up as the most severe in almost half a century.

Morgan Stanley said the crash in crude markets has pushed prices down further and lasted longer than the five other major downturns since 1970 — even the one in the mid-1980s that left Texas' economy reeling.

"No floor in oil prices has been found so far," the bank said, predicting crude prices won't begin recovering until the second half of this year at the earliest.

So far, the United States has lost 70,000 oil and gas jobs to the current downturn, and the economic toll is expected to reverberate across Texas. Robert Kaplan, president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, said Monday that the state's once-surging job growth could fall to 1.3 percent, a third of what it was in 2014.

"Expectations have decidedly shifted to an 'even lower for even longer' price outlook," Kaplan said in remarks prepared for a speech Monday evening in Dallas.

U.S. crude fell \$1.75 to \$31.41 a barrel on the New York Mercantile

Exchange, its lowest point since December 2003 and a 15 percent drop since New Year's Eve. Brent, the international standard, declined \$2 to \$31.55 a barrel in European trading. Both benchmarks briefly fell below \$31 before inching back up.

The price is already below the break-even point for many drillers in U.S. shale fields, where technological advances have boosted production from the dense rock and contributed to a global glut that has sunk prices. Oil has to trade for about \$45 to bring a profit in Texas' top two fields, the Permian Basin and Eagle Ford Shale, and it

dropped below that level for several months last year.

Barrels selling for less than \$32 apiece will barely cover wages and electricity bills for even the low-cost conventional oil fields that make up more than half of U.S. crude production, according to French bank Société Générale.

"This is going to be a very messy process," said Michael Haigh,

global head of commodities research at Société Générale. "A lot of it is very much underwater. We're at prices right now where people are in trouble."

Morgan Stanley believes major oil company earnings will drop 30 percent to 70 percent this year. But smaller domestic drillers with high levels of debt could face much bigger hurdles.

If crude prices stay lower than \$35 a barrel for long, more than half of the U.S. oil and gas companies that took out billions in risky corporate debt in recent years will have to go through some sort of restructuring, including bankruptcy, said Shaia Hosseinzadeh, head of energy and natural resources at private equity firm WL Ross & Co.

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# How low can they go? Oil prices keep falling

DALLAS (AP) — The price of oil keeps falling. And falling. And falling. It has to stop somewhere, right?

Even after trending down for a year and a half, U.S. crude has fallen another 17 percent since the start of the year and is now probing depths not seen since 2003.

"All you can do is forecast direction, and the direction of price is still down," says Larry Goldstein of the Energy Policy Research Foundation, who predicted a decline in oil in 2014.

On Tuesday the price fell another 3 percent to \$30.51 a barrel in morning trading, its lowest level in 12 years. Oil had sold for roughly \$100 a barrel for nearly four years before beginning to fall in the summer of 2014.

Many now say oil could drop into the \$20 range.

The price of crude is down because global supplies are high at a time when demand for it is not growing very fast.

The price decline, already more dramatic and long-lasting than most expected, deepened in recent days because economic turmoil in China is expected to cut demand for oil even further.

Lower crude prices are leading to lower prices for gasoline, diesel, jet fuel and heating oil, giving drivers, shippers, and many businesses a big break on fuel costs. The national average retail price of gasoline is \$1.96 a gallon.

On Tuesday the Energy Department lowered its expectations for crude oil and most fuels for this year and next.

The department now expects U.S. crude to average \$38.54 a barrel in 2016.

But layoffs across the oil industry are mounting, and bankruptcies among oil companies are expected to soar. BP announced layoffs of 4,000 workers on Tuesday.

Fadel Gheit, an analyst at Oppenheimer & Co., says as many as half of the independent drilling companies working in U.S. shale fields could go bankrupt before oil prices stabilize.

### THERE'S LOTS OF OIL

A boom in U.S. oil production thanks to new drilling technology helped push global supplies higher in recent years.

Other major oil producers and exporters in the Middle East and elsewhere have declined to reduce their own output in an attempt to push prices back up.

Iran, trying to emerge from punishing economic sanctions, is looking to increase exports in the coming months, which could add further to global oil stockpiles.

The Energy Department said U.S. crude oil inventories "remain near levels not seen for this time of year in at least the last 80 years."

It says global supplies exceed global demand by about 1 million barrels per day on average. Economists at the



Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas believe excess inventories won't begin falling until sometime in 2017.

The higher supplies and lower prices haven't translated into rising global demand. Most of the increase in world oil demand over the past several years has come from China, but signs are pointing to much slower economic growth there, which in turn reduces demand for fuels made from crude.

Disappointing reports last week about China's manufacturing sector and a fall in the yuan's value triggered a global stock sell-off and an even more dramatic decline in the price of oil and other commodities.

The first five days of the year marked the worst start of a year for oil in history, according to S&P Dow Jones Indices, and oil has only fallen further since.

### WINNERS AND LOSERS

Motorists are saving every time they fill up. The Energy Information Administration figures that the average

U.S. household saved about \$660 on gasoline last year compared with 2014, and that the average price for gasoline this year will be \$2.03 a gallon, the lowest since 2004.

Airlines, big users of jet fuel, have posted record profits, and other businesses are saving too from cheaper energy.

But workers in the oil patch have paid the price. About 17,000 oil and gas workers in the U.S. lost their jobs in 2015, but if you include oilfield support jobs the number is about 87,000, according to Michael Plante, an economist at the Dallas Fed who has written about the effect of oil prices on the economy.

Even so, economists say low oil prices are still a net benefit for the U.S. economy.

"Consumers have more money in their pocketbooks," says Amy Myers Jaffe, an energy consultant who teaches at the University of California, Davis. And for businesses, "I can hire more people or buy new equipment because I no longer have to spend that money on energy."

### WHEN DOES IT END?

Oil traders and Wall Street analysts expect further declines in oil prices in the coming weeks. Several have predicted that prices will fall below \$30 a barrel and even approach \$20 a barrel.

There are wild cards that could result in a sudden rise in oil. A perennial threat is fighting in the Middle East, which has destroyed production facilities in the past.

Just as \$100 oil encouraged the new production that contributed to this plunge in prices, \$30 oil

is discouraging the big investment needed for exploration and production for the future. The number of rigs drilling for oil in the U.S. has fallen by more than two-thirds, to 516 last week from an October 2014 peak of 1,609, according to a closely-watched count by the drilling services company Baker Hughes.

Eventually, analysts say, the supply will fall below demand and prices will rise.

Oppenheimer's Gheit thinks oil will eventually rise and settle into a range between \$50 and \$70 a barrel — but not anytime soon.

"The longer it remains low, the more violent the reaction to the upside is going to be," he says.

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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2015**

Data Control Codes	Major Funds			98 Total Governmental Funds
	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	Other Governmental Funds	
<b>Revenues:</b>				
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 5,431,654	\$ 1,181,028	\$ 231,960	\$ 6,844,642
5800 State Program Revenues	3,190,315		108,859	3,299,174
5900 Federal Program Revenues	658		307,379	308,037
<b>5020 Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 8,622,627</b>	<b>\$ 1,181,028</b>	<b>\$ 648,198</b>	<b>\$ 10,451,853</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
0011 Instruction	\$ 4,049,680		\$ 182,786	\$ 4,232,466
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	103,458			103,458
0013 Curriculum and Staff Development	11,657		15,755	27,412
0021 Instructional Leadership	54,955			54,955
0023 School Leadership	434,646			434,646
0031 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	258,111			258,111
0033 Health Services	46,974			46,974
0034 Student Transportation	309,961			309,961
0035 Food Services			495,631	495,631
0036 Extracurricular Activities	680,143			680,143
0041 General Administration	431,290			431,290
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	1,534,817			1,534,817
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	82,634			82,634
0053 Data Processing Services	221,771			221,771
0071 Debt Service - Principal		495,000		495,000
0072 Debt Service - Interest		1,235,079		1,235,079
0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees		186,554		186,554
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	100,755			100,755
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent	148,831			148,831
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	94,364			94,364
<b>6030 Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 8,564,047</b>	<b>\$ 1,916,633</b>	<b>\$ 694,172</b>	<b>\$ 11,174,852</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>				
	\$ 58,580	\$ (735,605)	\$ (45,974)	\$ (722,999)
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>				
7911 Bond Issuance	\$	\$ 8,219,997	\$	\$ 8,219,997
7915 Transfers In			32,554	32,554
7916 Premium on Issuance of Bonds		1,016,137		1,016,137
8911 Transfers Out	(32,554)			(32,554)
8949 Other Uses		(8,220,000)		(8,220,000)
<b>7000 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>\$ (32,554)</b>	<b>\$ 1,016,134</b>	<b>\$ 32,554</b>	<b>\$ 1,016,134</b>
<b>1200 Net Change in Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 26,026</b>	<b>\$ 280,529</b>	<b>\$ (13,420)</b>	<b>\$ 293,135</b>
<b>0100 September 1 - Fund Balance</b>	<b>2,829,453</b>	<b>550,086</b>	<b>16,520</b>	<b>3,396,059</b>
<b>3000 August 31 - Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 2,855,479</b>	<b>\$ 830,615</b>	<b>\$ 3,100</b>	<b>\$ 3,689,194</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

**Big Spring's Logan Terrazas attempts a shot during the Lady Steers' 60-39 loss at Lubbock Estacado Tuesday night. Big Spring (1-1 in district play) returns to action Friday at home against Levelland.**

### Tuesday basketball roundup:

# Grable paces Stanton to win over Coahoma

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

COAHOMA — In basketball, size matters, but sometimes, it doesn't matter that much.

Coahoma out-sized Stanton's Lady Buffalos Tuesday night, but one of the smallest players on the court ended up giving the Bulldogettes fits.

Sophomore guard Payge Grable scored the majority of her game-high 23 points in lead Stanton to a 48-34 win over Coahoma in girls district basketball action Tuesday night.

The Bulldogettes (1-1 in district) jumped out to an 8-5 lead after one quarter, but Stanton (also 1-1 in district play) quickly took the lead early in the second and, after Grable canned a three-pointer with 4:41 left in the half to give them a 19-11 lead, the Lady Buffs were off and running.

Coahoma rallied in the second half, at one point cutting its deficit to four points thanks to a Klarissa Martinez three-pointer at the 2:20 mark of the third quarter. But Grable quickly responded with a trey of her own to push Stanton's lead to 31-24, and the Lady Buffalos were not seriously threatened after that.

"We have been plagued by turnovers and not making shots from the free throw line," Coahoma Coach Jay Parker said. "Lauren (Simer) and (Julia) Castillaw (who scored 9 and 11 points, respectively) struggled under-



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

**Coahoma's Klarissa Martinez, right, attempts to inbound the ball while Stanton's Robin Beasley defends.**

neath, and if those two aren't on, we're in for a long night."

Given Grable's lack of size and experience, she has represented something of a pleasant surprise to Stanton Coach Jim Kinnear.

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# Rams heading back to Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When the Rams announced their return to the Los Angeles area Tuesday night after 21 years away, hundreds of their long-faithful fans celebrated in the streets from downtown to Inglewood.

Winning over the rest of the Southland's 18 1/2 million people is going to take a bit longer, but the Rams have a head start on rebuilding something special when they restore pro-

fessional football to the nation's second-largest market this fall.

The NFL officially approved the Rams to return to the city where they played for 49 years before leaving after the 1994 season, and Los Angeles should know soon whether the Chargers will join them this fall.

After two decades of false starts and wrong turns on the NFL's road back, Los Angeles wasn't exactly filled with citywide joy — but

true Rams fans celebrated.

"It's something that I never thought I'd see again, 44, of Inglewood. "You know, 21 years is a long time. You lose hope from time to time, but the dream stayed alive. My 'Ram-ily' out here wouldn't let the dream die, and now we're waking up to a new reality. The Rams are coming home!"

A few fans in Rams gear walked

through the downtown LA Live entertainment complex in festive moods. The mood was even better in suburban Inglewood, where a large group of steadfast Los Angeles Rams boosters gathered at the site of Rams owner Stan Kroenke's proposed stadium, which is expected to open in 2019.

Those supporters waved yellow and blue flags and chanted "LA Rams!"

Lusain said he was

8 years old when the Rams lost the Super Bowl in Southern California. He recalled "crying on my couch."

"But this is way sweeter than any of the sour moments that I might have had growing up," he said.

One fan at the rally waved a giant cut-out of the head of Kroenke, which has become a talisman for Rams fans since the franchise's

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## Sports Calendar

THURSDAY

**Women's basketball**

South Plains College at Howard College, 5:45 p.m.

**Men's basketball**

South Plains College at Howard College, 7:30 p.m.

To submit a calendar item, please call 432-263-7331, ext. 235, or e-mail reporter@bigspringherald.com

# James scores 27 to lead Cavaliers over Mavericks

DALLAS (AP) — Kyrie Irving was headed toward Cleveland's locker room when he was greeted exuberantly by general manager David Griffin.

"You might stick in this league," Griffin told the fourth-year player from Duke.

Irving scored 22 points with some big 3-pointers, including one in overtime after LeBron James made the go-ahead layup, and the Cavaliers extended their winning streak to eight games with a 110-107 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Tuesday night.

James had 27 points, including a layup with a minute left in overtime that pushed the Cavs ahead 106-105. After an attempted 3 by Deron Williams rattled out for Dallas, Irving beat the shot clock with a 3-pointer from the top of the key after James passed up a shot and got the ball to Irving instead.

"It's just the confidence I have in him and he has the confidence in his self," James said.

It was only the 10th game for Irving this season after recovering from a broken left kneecap sustained in Game 1 of the NBA Finals last June.

Cleveland, which trailed by 16 points in the first quarter, never led until Irving made a 3-pointer with 10 minutes left in regulation to make it 75-74. That was the first of nine lead changes over a span of less than 4 minutes that Irving capped with another 3 to put the Cavs up 85-83.

"That's not the team that we want to be (in the first half), but we were

still in the game," Irving said. "Tal-ent kept us around for that long, but we locked in in the second half and matched up really well when they went small ball. For us, it's just a luxury having that ability."

Chandler Parsons led Dallas with a season-high 25 points on 10-of-14 shooting.

The game was tied at 95 after James made a drive through the Mavs for an emphatic two-handed slam with 20 seconds left in regulation, though he didn't get the foul he wanted.

Dallas then had the ball in Dirk Nowitzki's hands for a possible final shot to win in regulation, but Iman Shumpert stripped the ball free and the Cavs had less than a second after a timeout.

"It's not surprising. We know Shumpert got the best hands in the business. We keep saying that," James said. "He got two big strips late in the game, one in regulation and one in overtime when we needed a stop. That's why he's on the floor."

Shumpert had another similar play late in overtime, getting the ball away from Williams, who finished with 16 points and 10 assists.

James also had 10 rebounds, while Kevin Love finished with 15 points and 11 rebounds but shot just 5 of 19.

Nowitzki had 17 points and 11 rebounds, while Zaza Pachulia had 14 points and 12 rebounds.

Dallas scored the game's first 10 points and went out to a 23-7 lead before Cleveland had a 15-0 run.

# Longhorns withstand rally to upset No. 17-ranked Iowa State

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A month ago, Iowa State was undefeated and ranked No. 4 in the country. Now the Cyclones are staggering.

A 94-91 overtime loss to Texas on Tuesday night left No. 17 Iowa State (12-4) with a 1-3 record in the Big 12. Cyclones fans already were upset with their team after a loss to Baylor at home on Saturday.

"I know everybody is going to beat me up," said Steve Prohm, Iowa State's first-year coach. "I'd rather they beat me up than our players."

Texas coach Shaka Smart thought his players were beating themselves up during and after a one-point loss at TCU on Saturday. He insisted that they maintain an acceptable level of spirit and a strong attitude while enduring adversity.

So how did the Longhorns respond when Iowa State erased a 13-point second-half deficit to send the game to overtime?

"Our guys didn't drop their heads," Smart said.

Instead, they came out confidently and aggressively in overtime, when

Isaiah Taylor scored five of his 28 points.

Smart was especially concerned about Taylor, his best player, during the game at TCU.

"He really got bummed out," Smart said.

Taylor, who had six assists against one turnover against Iowa State, said he paid attention to Smart.

"I did get down on myself too much at TCU," Taylor said. "But (Smart) really just focuses on response. That's what me and my team did today."

Tevin Mack and Eric Davis scored 14 points each for the Longhorns, and Javan Felix added 13. Texas made 13 3-pointers in the game.

Georges Niang led Iowa State with 27 points, including 19 after halftime, but he missed a guarded 3-point attempt as the game ended. Monte Morris scored 17 points for the Cyclones and Deonte Burton had 14.

Niang picked up his third foul with 16:10 remaining. He left the game with Iowa State trailing by 10 points. When he returned less than 3 minutes later, the Cyclones were down by 13. He scored nine points in the next 6 minutes

to rally Iowa State, and when Morris and Abdel Nader made consecutive baskets, they found themselves tied at 79 with 4 minutes remaining.

Taylor and Connor Lammert responded with 3-pointers for Texas (10-6, 2-2), but Niang scored four points, and Morris added two, and the score was tied again, this time with 1:09 left.

Taylor made a spinning shot with his off hand, the left, with 37 seconds left, but Niang matched it 9 seconds later, and the game went to overtime.

The Longhorns finished the first half with a 16-2 run to take a 49-38 lead. They converted 9 of 18 3-point attempts in the half with Mack making three, including two during the final 1:38.

Texas converted three Iowa State turnovers into layups during that run. Taylor made two of the layups, both on fast breaks, and scored 14 points in the half.

The Longhorns' aggression during that push produced a passion on which they retrieved three missed shots before Kendal Yancy finally hit with their fourth attempt, a 3-pointer.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

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Sun Trine Jupiter

The sacred geometry of triangles will be represented in the heavens with

the position of the sun to Jupiter. As the center of our solar system harmoniously angles the planet of luck and abundance (traveling backward through Virgo) the blessings of the day (and the rest of the week) may be brilliantly beneficial, but will not appear to be so at first.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). When you hit the mid-day slump, one happy memory is all it takes to connect you with inner magic. Remember the situations, people and things that bring you joy. The spark of that thought will get your energy going again.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You may have to change an agreement; do so at the earliest opportunity. You won't exactly be met with enthusiasm, but, if you wait, things could get worse. Renegotiate as soon as possible.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). No, you're not dreaming this or fabricating it: You actually do have healing powers. Your touch,

your listening ear and the love in your gaze all send soul nutrition right where it is most needed.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). When you have a mystical mind-set, the world is filled with sprites, imps, trolls and the like. It might help you to think of the people around you as specific creatures, each with unique attributes.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). One man's triviality is the whole world of another. You do not share the same passions as some of the people around you. Even so, your respect for what they love will keep you in good stead.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Modesty is a primer for the mind. It makes for optimum receptivity and quick learning. Head into that potentially educational environment and leave all prior knowledge behind.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Segal's Law states that "A man with a watch knows what time it is. A man with two watches is never sure." To eliminate doubt, narrow down your options considerably.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Choose your company according to tone, not experience. The upbeat people

may have the wrong answers, but that's something that can be sorted out with the right attitude.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The shape of the physical world changes. Forms expand, contract, sag, implode -- but feelings are immune to forces such as gravity. The durability of feelings will work for you today. Use it.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). For deeply evolutionary reasons, good memories are harder to hold on to than bad ones. You'll set the balance right and make yourself and others happy by recording a memory through writing or pictures.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Of course, you have much better things to think about than your reputation and/or effect on others. And yet there is something you want that will be much easier to obtain once you align your public image with it.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). The one who becomes a master of his or her time will become a master of many things. That said, the extra moments you give to a loved one may put you back, but you'll never regret the expense of those minutes.

TODAY'S BIRTH-

**DAY** (Jan. 13). Do not doubt the power of love. One nourishing relationship will change everything in the first trimester of the year.

February brings a happy development in the realm of health and fitness. A work cycle ends in March and new exciting projects start. July and October bring financial bonanza. Cancer and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 22, 28, 15 and 19.

THE SUN, JUPITER AND TRIANGLES:

Triangles have been considered spiritual shapes nearly universally throughout human history. The triad is considered the most stable of physical forms, and the most pleasing harmonic form as well. It's the fundamental engineering principle of Egyptian pyramids and spiritual principle of the holy trinity. The Star of David, associated with the Jewish faith, is two interlocking triangles. The esoteric marriage of body, mind and spirit is based on the triangle's sacred geometry. This is why, when the planets form triangular shapes, astrologers take this cosmic harmony as a positive sign for felicitous happenings and karma gracefully manifested in the physical world.

In the case of to-

day's trine of the sun in Capricorn and Jupiter in Virgo, the earth-sign energy seals the deal with concrete evidence of good fortune. However, there's a twist. Jupiter is traveling backward now. Progress could go masquerading as regression. The key is in not being too quick to judge. What looks good (or bad) on paper will be extremely deceiving. Instead of trying to think your way through the options, push your feelings onto the job. You're more likely to sense the most fortuitous option than deduce it.

CELEBRITY PROFILES:

Happy birthday to "Hunger Games" star Liam Hemsworth, born under the ambitious Capricorn sun and a creative Leo moon. Four other Capricorn planets suggest great physical strength and deep wells of resolve. Capricorn is an earthy energy tied to the practical expression of lofty ideals. Look for Hemsworth (and his co-star Usher) in "Independence Day: Resurgence."

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Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** Several years ago my brother-in-law died. He had been married to my older sister for 50 years. They had no children. She did not want to live alone, nor did she want to live with a roommate. In order to solve the situation, I sold my home and bought a duplex where she could live in one unit and I would live in the other. This arrangement has worked out very well for both of us.

Here's the issue: My siblings never visit with me, even though they often come to see my sister. I always learn of their visits after the fact, when my sister tells me about them in conversation. At first I was puzzled by their lack of consideration to take a few moments to say hello to me, at least periodically. But then I realized they had made a choice as to who they would visit and who they would not.

If I happen to be at my sister's place when one of my siblings stops by, I am always very cordial. I spend a social amount of time in conversation with them and enjoy their company. I do not overstay my visit in order to allow them

time to visit with one another.

They have never communicated with me much, and I have accepted this as the norm. I have reached out in the past to call them and sometimes go to their homes to visit so that I am not accused of failing to remain in contact. But it doesn't seem to be reciprocal.

I harbor no ill will toward them and realize that I have no control over their behavior. I'm simply confused as to why this situation developed. I continue with my life and my friends, hoping someday I will understand. -- Bewildered Sibling

**Dear Bewildered:** You could ask them why, when they are so close to your home, they do not stop by to say hello or phone ahead to have you join them at your sister's. You could also ask your sister why she doesn't suggest they visit you when they are at her place. You and your siblings seem to have a rather detached relationship and there could be any number of reasons for it, but you won't know unless you ask them directly whether there is any way to close the distance.

**Dear Annie:** Can

you please explain the difference between unconditional love and enabling? I see so much enabling in the name of love. -- Frustrated

**Dear Frustrated:** Unconditional love means you love someone regardless of their behavior, while not necessarily condoning what they say or do. (For example, your daughter steals from you. You are angry about it and no longer trust her, but you still love her.) Enabling is acting in a way that allows the loved one to continue behavior that is damaging either to himself or to others. (You make excuses for your

alcoholic husband when he's too hung over to show up for work.)

A lot of folks can't tell the difference. And it is often easier to be an enabler than to hold someone responsible for their behavior. But "easier" is the wrong choice.

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker The Art of Slam Bidding

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 8 4  
♥ 10  
♦ K Q 10 5  
♣ K 10 9 7 4 3

**WEST**  
♠ J 7 5  
♥ K J 9 7 4 3  
♦ 6 3  
♣ 6 2

**EAST**  
♠ Q 9 6 2  
♥ A Q 8 6  
♦ 4  
♣ J 8 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K 10 3  
♥ 5 2  
♦ A J 9 8 7 2  
♣ A

The bidding:  
North East South West  
Pass Pass 1♦ Pass  
3♦ Pass 3♠ Pass  
4♦ Pass 5♣ Pass

Opening lead — seven of hearts.

The arithmetic of bridge dictates that a small slam should be bid whenever the chance of making it is better than even. This is because if you bid and make six, whether vulnerable or not, you gain just about as many points as you'd lose if the attempt failed.

This means that if your chance to make a slam is clearly better than 50 percent, you should be eager to reach it, while if your chance is 100 percent, it would be an egregious error not to bid it.

These general principles mean very little if a partnership fails to utilize the abundant criteria that point the way to a slam. Point count is helpful but not always reliable, while Blackwood and similar devices might settle an ace problem without settling the question of whether 12 tricks can be made.

Accuracy in slam bidding relies mostly on everyday logic. A partnership tries to exchange all the information it can and then makes its decision as to whether a slam will be a viable proposition.

Note that in today's hand, South cannot single-handedly undertake the diamond slam because, for all he knows, the enemy might be able to cash the first two heart tricks. He therefore shows his spade and club controls and in this way inferentially asks his partner to bid six if he has first- or second-round heart control.

North, with a singleton heart, should comply, for he can be sure that South has three aces and an excellent hand to justify two probes for a slam. Twelve tricks are easily made, even though the combined high-card point count is only 24.

Tomorrow: The principle of safety first.

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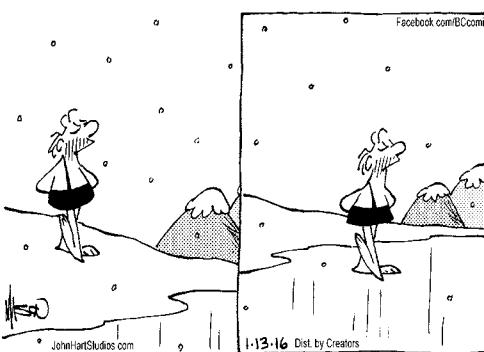
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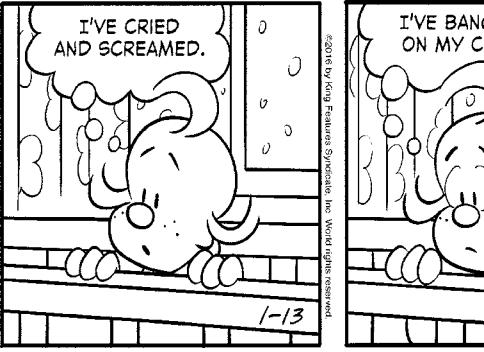
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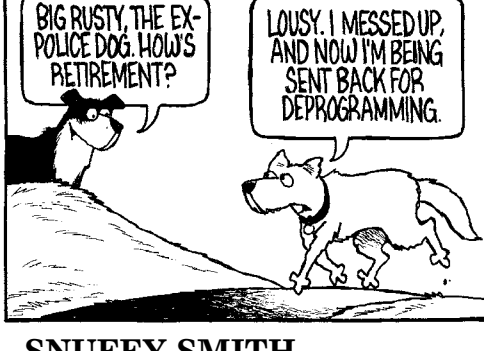
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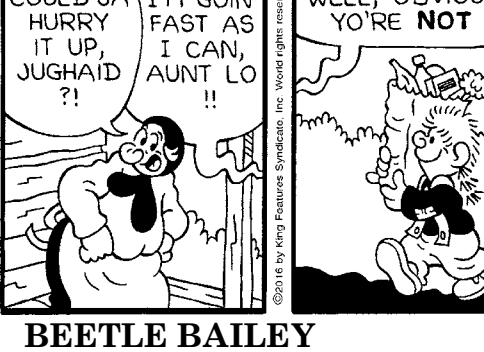
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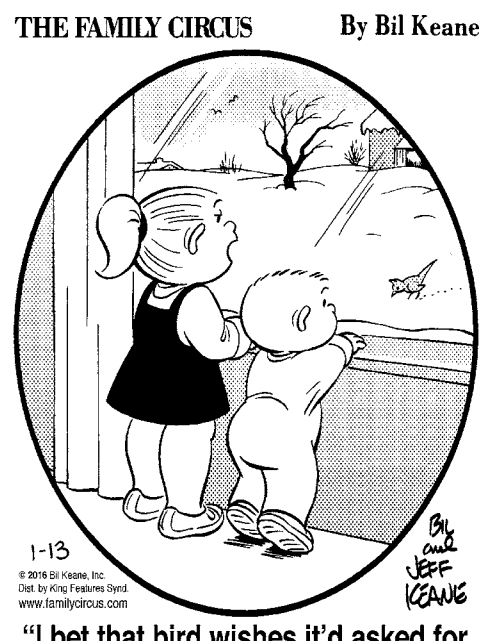
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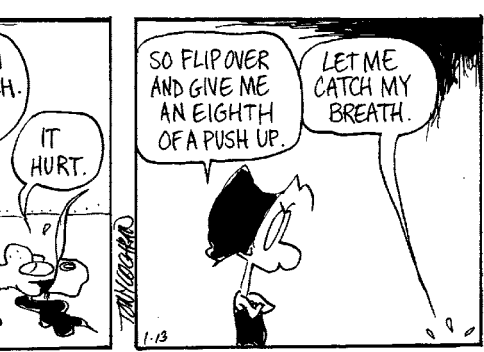
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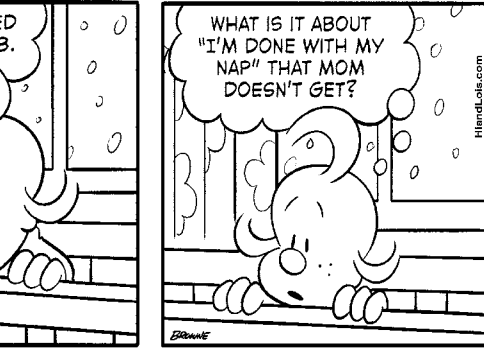
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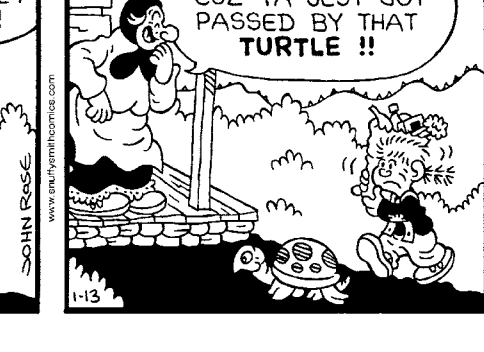
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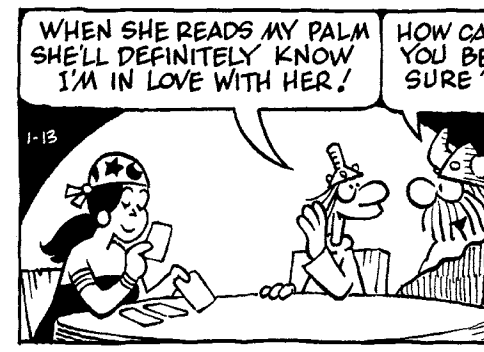
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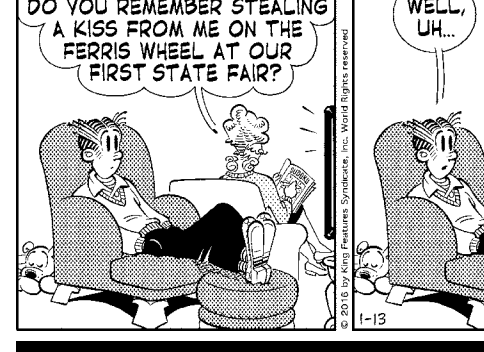
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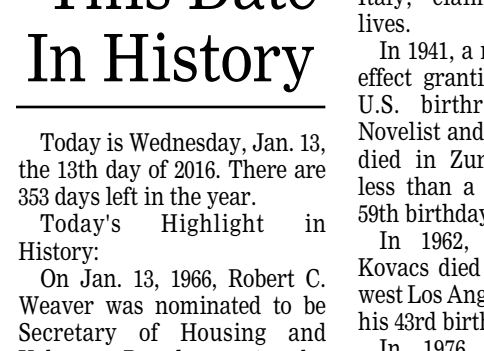
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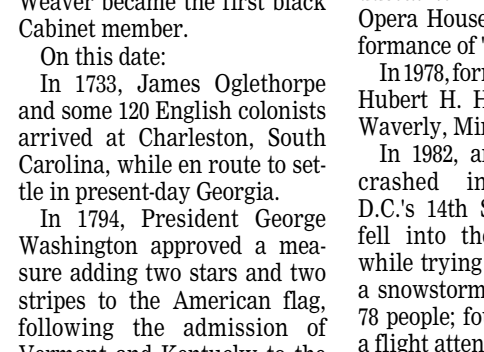
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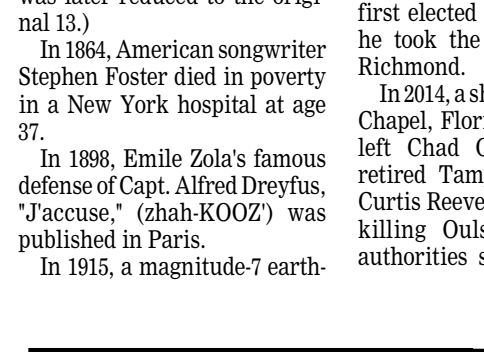
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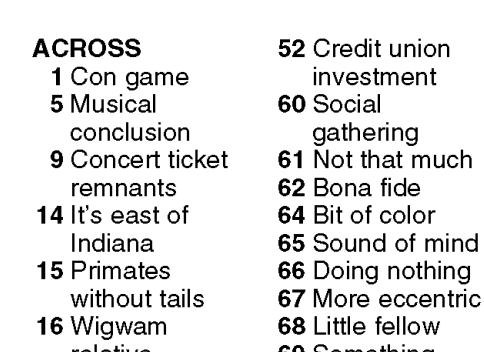
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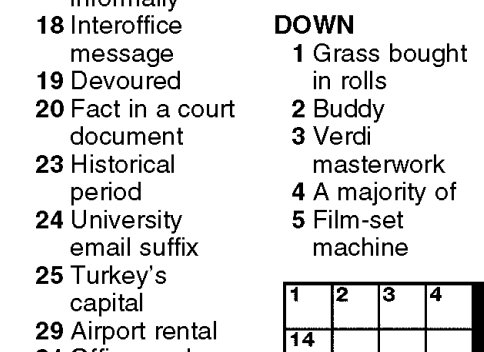
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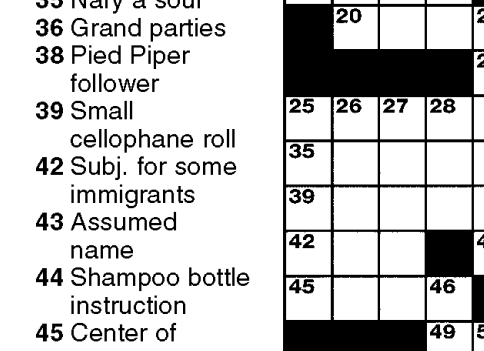
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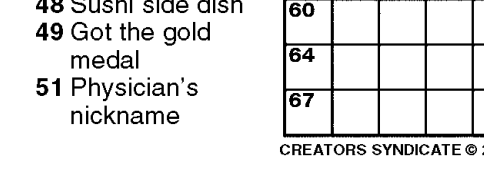
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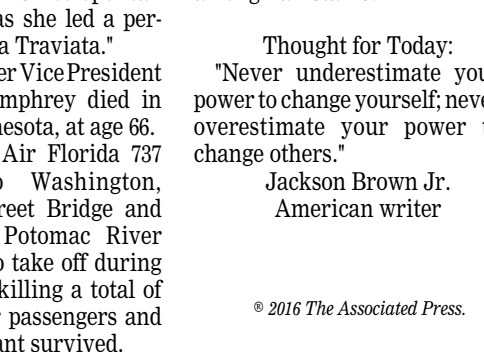
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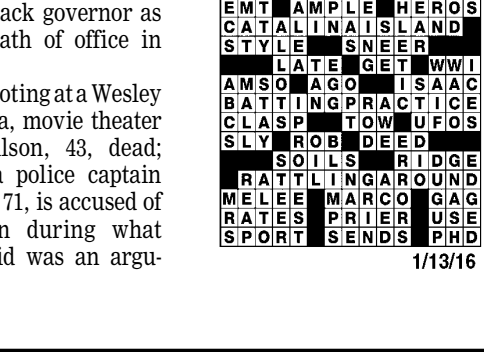
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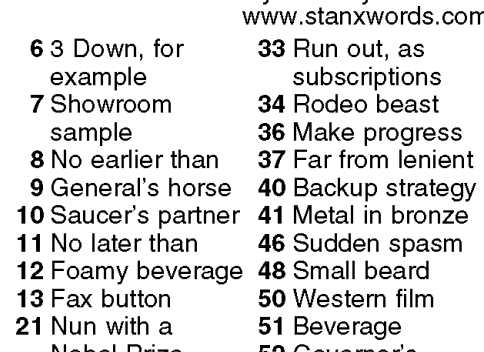
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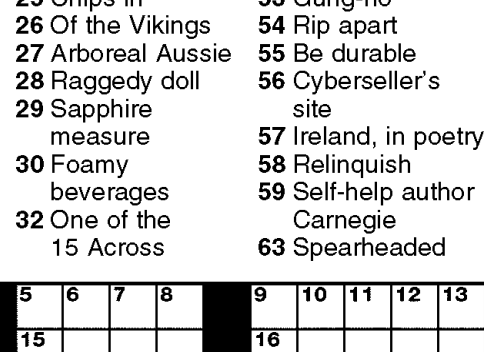
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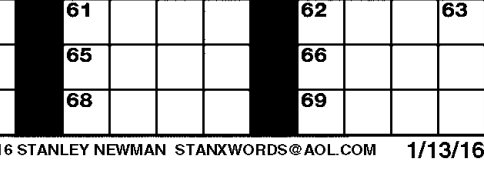
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 13, the 13th day of 2016. There are 353 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 13, 1966, Robert C. Weaver was nominated to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by President Lyndon B. Johnson.

On this date:

In 1733, James Oglethorpe and some 120 English colonists arrived at Charleston, South Carolina.

In 1794, President George Washington approved a measure adding two stars and two stripes to the American flag.

In 1864, American songwriter Stephen Foster died in poverty in a New York hospital at age 37.

In 1898, Emile Zola's famous defense of Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, "J'accuse," was published in Paris.

In 1915, a magnitude-7 earthquake centered in Avezzano, Italy, claimed some 30,000 lives.

In 1941, a new law went into effect granting Puerto Ricans U.S. birthright citizenship.

In 1962, comedian Ernie Kovacs died in a car crash in west Los Angeles 10 days before his 43rd birthday.

In 1976, Sarah Caldwell became the first woman to conduct at New York's Metropolitan Opera House as she led a performance of "La Traviata."

In 1978, former Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey died in Waverly, Minnesota, at age 66.

In 1982, an Air Florida 737 crashed into Washington, D.C.'s 14th Street Bridge and fell into the Potomac River while trying to take off during a snowstorm.

In 1990, L. Douglas Wilder of Virginia became the nation's first elected black governor as he took the oath of office in Richmond.

In 2014, a shooting at a Wesley Chapel, Florida, movie theater left Chad Oulson, 43, dead; retired Tampa police captain Curtis Reeves, 71, is accused of killing Oulson during what authorities said was an argu-

ment over Oulson's texting.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush met with Germany's new chancellor, Angela Merkel, at the White House. A U.S. Army OH-58 Kiowa helicopter went down near Mosul after coming to the aid of Iraqi police under hostile fire; its two pilots were killed.

A U.S. missile strike in Pakistan killed a relative of al-Qaida's No. 2 leader Ayman al-Zawahri (AY-muhn ahl-ZWAH-ree) and a terror suspect, but also 13 residents, prompting outrage among Pakistanis.

Thought for Today:

"Never underestimate your power to change yourself; never overestimate your power to change others."

Jackson Brown Jr. American writer

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Answer to previous puzzle

Word search grid with words like SAP, AHEAD, ASTIR, PIE, ZESTY, TWOPM, EMT, AMPLE, HEROS, CATALINA, ISLAND, STYLE, SNEER, LATE, GET, WWI, AMSO, AGO, ISAAC, BATTING, PRACTICE, CLASP, TOW, UFOS, SLY, ROB, DEED, SOILS, RIDGE, RATTILING, AROUND, MELEE, MARCO, GAG, RATES, PRIER, USE, SPORT, SENDS, PHD.

Newsday Crossword

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**RAMS**

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visit to Southern California for two days of training camp five months ago. Kroenke plans to use private funds to build a sprawling, \$2.66 billion complex at Hollywood Park centered on a domed stadium that will host the Rams and perhaps another team — and conceivably every event from the Final Four to the World Cup.

John Goforth, 58, of Laverne, has remained a fan of the team through its tenure in St. Louis, traveling to games in Phoenix and San Diego. “I grew up as a Ram fan,” Goforth said. “When I was a kid we would pretend we were the Fearsome Foursome, and we’d

play against each other in the streets or at the schoolyard. You became a fan or you stayed a fan. I always had hope that they would come back.”

He said he plans to be at the team’s first game back, especially if it’s at the Coliseum.

“It’s special,” Goforth said.

The Rams have moved to this town before: In January 1946, Cleveland Rams owner Dan Reeves overcame other NFL owners’ objections and moved his team to the West Coast, citing losses at home and the boundless opportunities in L.A.

Almost exactly 70 years to the day later, Kroenke used some of the same reasoning to justify the reversal of the decision made by the late Georgia Frontiere to move her late husband’s team to St. Louis.

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“With the NFL returning home, Los Angeles cements itself as the epicenter of the sports world,” said Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, a major proponent of the city’s 2024 Olympic bid. “We cannot wait to welcome the Rams, and perhaps others soon, as they join a storied lineup of professional fran-

chises, collegiate powerhouses, and sports media companies.”

Los Angeles’ enthusiasm is likely to be tempered at least until the Rams take the Coliseum field for their exhibition opener in August. After all, any Angelenos currently old enough to buy alcohol were alive when Frontiere and

Raiders owner Al Davis ripped their teams out of town almost simultaneously after years of declining attendance and fan interest.

NFL apathy still exists among many fans with long memories, while younger fans have grown to love other franchises while watching the NFL’s best teams on television every weekend.

Lakers coach Byron Scott is an Inglewood native, but he grew up as a fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers before adopting the San Francisco 49ers to support old friend Ronnie Lott. Like many Angelenos, he isn’t converting to blue and gold right away, although he plans to root for the Rams when they’re not facing his favorite teams.

“It’s great for the city of Inglewood, there’s no

doubt about it,” Scott said. “I’ll be going to some Rams games. I’m not saying I’ll be a Rams fan, but I still have my loyalties to my Steelers and my 49ers.”

The Rams are joining a packed sports landscape that includes two baseball teams, two NBA teams, two NHL teams, two major college athletics programs and a host of individual sports.

Scott believes L.A. is vast enough to support it all.

“The city of Los Angeles and Inglewood can handle a pro football team as well as a basketball team,” he said. “I’m not worried about that. It’s been able to do that before. It’ll be great for fans that have been without professional football for so long. That’s unusual in a market like this.”

**STANTON**

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“Originally, when the season started, she wasn’t a starter, so she’s gradually worked her way into that,” Kinnear said of Grable. “I don’t know if we expected that of her, but we’re glad she’s come along as she has.”

Kinnear was quick to add the Lady Buffalos were more than a one-girl team Tuesday.

“It just went back and forth there into the second quarter ... but we fought back and got the lead in the second quarter and never gave it up,” Stanton Coach Jim Kinnear said. “We started executing on both the offensive and defensive ends and we had Grable make some big shots and big free throws for us. Of course, you can’t eliminate the other girls, either. Both our inside and outside defense were good to-night.”

As for Coahoma, Parker said the Bulldogettes still have some fine-tuning to do if they want to threaten for a playoff spot.

“(The district race) is still a toss-up,” We just need to eliminate our mistakes. We have to show up and battle.”

Coahoma returns to action Friday, when they travel to Sonora for a 6:30 p.m. contest. Stanton hosts Reagan County at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

Score by quarters

Stanton	5	15	13	18	—	48
Coahoma	8	7	9	8	—	34

STANTON (48) — Payge Grable 6 7-10 23, Monica Garza 2 0-0 5, Robin Beasley 0 0-0 0, Kati Glaspie 0 0-0 0, Miranda Myrick 3 1-3 7, Alyssa Peterson 5 1-2 11, Ashlyn Mauldin 1 0-0 2; totals 17 9-15 48.

COAHOMA (34) — Makayla Overton 1 0-0 3, Lauren Simer 3 3-6 9, McClayne Holgorsen 2 0-0 4, Klarissa Martinez 1 0-0 3, Cassie Grant 0 1-3 1, Julia Castilaw 2 7-10 11; totals 11 12-21 34.

**OTHER GAMES**

**Boys**

**Forsan 41, Miles 39**

MILES — The Forsan Buffaloes roared back from a 10-point halftime deficit to claim the victory over Miles in district basketball action Tuesday.

The Buffs trailed 25-

15 at the half, but found their shooting touch and turned up the defensive pressure in the third to cut the deficit to 2 points. Forsan then outscored Miles, 14-10, in the final quarter to take the win.

The key stat of the game came at the free-throw line — Forsan was 8 of 11 from the charity stripe, while Miles sank only 7 of 20 free-throw attempts.

Josh Evans, Garrett Evans and Kobe Anderson all scored 9 points to lead the Buffaloes, who return to action Friday at home against Christoval. Game time is 8 p.m.

**Stanton 70, Buena Vista 58**

STANTON — The Stanton Buffaloes pushed their winning streak to six games with a 70-58 win over the Buena Vista Longhorns Tuesday.

The game was tied

after one quarter, but Stanton scored 20 points in the second quarter to take a 31-23 lead at intermission and held on from there for the 3 win.

Stanton’s Tristan Graves led all scorers with 21 points.

Stanton return to action at home Friday against Reagan County. Game time is 8 p.m.

**Garden City 64, Blackwell 31**

BLACKWELL — The

Garden City Bearkats were rude visitors Tuesday, cruising to a 64-31 win over Blackwell.

The Bearkats return to action Friday at home against Paint Rock. Game time is 8 p.m.

**Girls**


**Garden City 85, Blackwell 15**

BLACKWELL — If the Garden City boys were rude visitors, the Garden City Lady Bearkats

were downright mean.

The Lady Bearkats, the No. 1-ranked team in Class 1A, had no trouble with Blackwell, rumbling to an 85-15 victory Tuesday. They return to action Friday at home against Paint Rock. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

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