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Barnes, LSB honored at Ag luncheon

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

The crowd at the Ag Appreciation/Junior Live Stock Buyers luncheon gave a roaring round of applause when the Ag Producer and Business of the Year winners were announced Saturday afternoon at the GC Broughton Ag Complex.

Joe D. Barnes, a Howard County farmer, was named the Ag Producer of the Year and Lone Star State Bank of West Texas was honored as the Ag Business of the Year.

Barnes has farmed in Howard County since 1972 and has 3,7000 acres. He worked at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) from 1974 to 1979 and served on FSA committee for 20 years. He was the chairman of the committee for 10 of those years.

Barnes also served on the Sands Consolidated Independent School District board of trustees for 15 years. He was president of the board for 10 years.

The Lone Star State Bank of West Texas was formed in 2007 and established a branch in Big Spring shortly after in 2008. The company has grown to \$785 million in assets with more than \$660 million loaned to local West Texas consumers and business people.

The Big Spring branch has



Joe D. Barnes, fourth from left, and Ron Brooks of Lone Star Bank, fifth from left, were the top honorees at Saturday's Ag Appreciation Luncheon, sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

grown to \$125 million in assets with more than \$50 million in loans primarily related to the agriculture business. President Ron Brooks was on hand to accept the award for the business.

The community Ag Appreciation

luncheon was held to honor those in the community involved with the agriculture industry which cloth and feed society. This year, the event was combined with the Howard County Junior Life Stock Association buy-

ers luncheon. Along with the announcement of the Ag Producer and Business of the Year, awards were announced for the 2016 Stock Show participants followed by the Premium Action.

The community Ag Appreciation Day is sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 432-263-7331, ext. 234.

Howard rollback election Tuesday

Voters will head to the polls Tuesday to decide whether to accept or roll back Howard College's proposed tax rate for this fiscal year.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, located on the Howard College campus.

SMMC site of blood drive

By **AMANDA ELSTON**
 Managing Editor

In honor of National Volunteer Blood Donor Month, United Blood Services is holding a blood drive at Scenic Mountain Medical Center on Wednesday, Jan. 27 from 10 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. in the front parking lot of the medical

center. January is National Volunteer Blood Donor Month and United Blood Services is joining with other blood centers across the country to stress the importance of donating blood to those in need.

"Every two seconds, someone needs blood," said a United Blood Services press

release. "In 2016 alone, blood transfusions will help save or sustain the lives of more than 5 million patients. Keeping a fresh supply of blood on hand gives them the chance to fight diseases like cancer or leukemia and survive the trauma of accidents."

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More earthquakes rattle Oklahoma

By **SETH BORENSTEIN**
 Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — In Oklahoma, now the country's earthquake capital, people are talking nervously about the big one as man-made quakes get stronger, more frequent and closer to major population centers. Next door in Kansas, they're feeling on firmer ground though no one is ready yet to declare victory.

A year ago, the states had a common problem — earthquakes caused by the disposal of wastewater from oil and gas exploration. They chose different solutions. Kansas, following early scientific studies, decided to restrict how much and how fast the

wastewater could be pumped back underground. Oklahoma instead initially concentrated on the depth of the wastewater injections.

Developments since then haven't been reassuring in Oklahoma, where a quake knocked out power in parts of an Oklahoma City suburb several weeks ago and where fears are growing that the worst is yet to come. On Friday, about 200 unhappy residents packed a forum at the state capitol convened by critics of the state's response. A governor's task force is studying the problem but officials have so far avoided taking tougher measures.

The quakes, which have been mostly small to medium sized, have caused limited

damage, and no one foresees anything like the massive damage and deaths in the famous quakes in California, seismologists say.

Still, "It's a trend that's unsettling," said Cornell University geophysicist Katie Keranen, referring to the increasing number of quakes. Frequent small quakes can be a harbinger of bigger ones. "You have the ingredients you need to have a larger earthquake."

In Oklahoma, earthquakes of magnitude 2.7 and stronger increased by about 10 percent between the last half of 2014 and the last half of 2015, according to a data analysis by The Associated Press. Experts say 2.7 is a threshold at which monitors are reliable.

In Kansas, earthquakes of that magnitude went down by 60 percent in the same period.

According to earthquake experts, the pattern fits recent peer-reviewed studies that suggest injecting high volumes of wastewater could aggravate natural faults. In Oklahoma's six most earthquake-prone counties, the volume of wastewater disposal increased more than three-fold from 2012 to 2014.

The past few weeks have been especially nerve-wracking.

Seventy-eight quakes of 2.7 or stronger occurred in the first half of January, more than in all of 2012. The recent

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Obituaries

Donald Richardson

Donald Mack Richardson, 81, of Wichita Falls, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, Jan. 15, 2016, after a long battle with liver and renal disease.

He was born March 22, 1934, in Big Spring to Cecil and Sara Richardson. He was the youngest of 3 brothers. He moved to Wichita Falls in 1997.

His church memberships included 30 years at College Baptist Church in Big Spring and 18 years at Lamar Baptist in Wichita Falls.

He graduated in 1953 from Big Spring High School, where he played tennis and football. He held the school record for the most extra points in one game (6), and was called "golden toe" Richardson. He attended Arlington State in the ROTC program and Howard County Junior College.

Donald started work at the Empire Southern Gas Company in 1956. The company changed names three times before he retired in 1994. He was the last Energas employee before the company became Atmos Energy.

In his early years, he was an avid hunter and

fisherman, as well as an Eagle Scout. Hobbies included gardening, square dancing, mentoring elementary school children — as well as tutoring ESOL at Lamar Baptist — and rooting for the Dallas Cowboys and Texas Rangers.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Cecil Jr. and Nathan

He was married to Myrna Thomas for 58 years.

He is survived by his wife; three children, Valerie and husband, Dale Martin, of Grapevine; David and wife, Shelia Richardson, of Big Spring, and Vanessa Richardson of Wichita Falls; four grandchildren, William and Jonathan Richardson of Big Spring, Taylor Showalter of Irving, and Madison Showalter of Wichita Falls; nephews, Charles of San Antonio, Daryl of Big Spring, and Kary of Brownsville; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Tuesday at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Wichita Falls, PO Box 4804, Wichita Falls, TX 76308.

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

Paid obituary

Police Blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **DANTA MACKENZIE CHAVERA**, 18, of 1002 E. 16th St. was arrested on warrants for failure to appear and theft of property, less than \$100.

- **JOSEPH AARON NOBLE**, 29, of 1107 Pennsylvania Ave. was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated or accident involving an injury.

- **JENNY MARIE SEGERS**, 34, of 104 Jonesboro Rd. was arrested on a charge of theft of property, more than \$100 but less than \$750.

- **ANDREA MARY SILVA**, 21, of 1015 Wood St. on warrants for defective tail lamps, two counts of failure to appear and expired registration.

- **BENJAMIN ROBERT BOADLE**, 18, of 3807 Conally St. was arrested on four warrants from other agencies.

- **JONATHAN ANDREW ARRENDONDO**, 33, of 407 Texas Ave, Coahoma, was arrested on a charge of assault that causes bodily injury.

- **JUAN DAVID RODRIGUEZ**, 41, of 1515 Tucson was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated - 3rd or more offense.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 400 block of N. Texas.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 2600 block of S. Gregg St. and the 1500 block of S. Gregg St.

- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 500 block of S. Benton St.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 16200 block of NCR 41 and the 200 block of W. FM 700.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1200 block of Wood St.

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

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

FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 1/19	Wed 1/20	Thu 1/21	Fri 1/22	Sat 1/23
66/32	63/38	58/28	60/35	71/42
Some clouds in the morning will give way to mainly sunny skies for the afternoon. High 66F. Winds WSW at 10 to 20 mph.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	Sunny and windy. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 20s.	Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise: 7:46 AM Sunset: 6:07 PM	Sunrise: 7:46 AM Sunset: 6:08 PM	Sunrise: 7:46 AM Sunset: 6:08 PM	Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 6:09 PM	Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 6:10 PM

Texas at a Glance



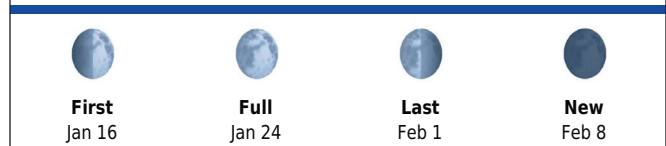
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	52	40	Cloudy	Kingsville	68	49	Sunny
Amarillo	56	36	Cloudy	Livingston	61	39	Sunny
Austin	61	44	Sunny	Longview	53	35	Sunny
Beaumont	60	41	Sunny	Lubbock	56	34	Foggy
Brownsville	68	53	Sunny	Lufkin	59	37	Sunny
Brownwood	53	38	Sunny	Midland	59	42	Cloudy
Corpus Christi	66	52	M Sunny	Raymondville	68	51	Sunny
Corsicana	52	41	Sunny	Rosenberg	63	45	Sunny
Dallas	50	40	Sunny	San Antonio	66	44	Sunny
Del Rio	65	43	Sunny	San Marcos	63	43	Sunny
El Paso	62	39	Clear	Sulphur Springs	49	37	Sunny
Fort Stockton	63	44	Cloudy	Sweetwater	54	41	Cloudy
Gainesville	47	34	M Sunny	Tyler	53	37	Sunny
Greenville	49	36	Sunny	Weatherford	50	39	Sunny
Houston	63	45	Sunny	Wichita Falls	48	34	M Sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	37	20	Sunny	Miami	68	53	P Cloudy
Boston	27	14	Cloudy	Minneapolis	2	13	M Cloudy
Chicago	10	1	Sunny	New York	31	20	Sunny
Dallas	50	40	Sunny	Phoenix	72	46	P Cloudy
Denver	52	30	P Cloudy	San Francisco	59	53	Cloudy
Houston	27	12	Sunny	Seattle	53	40	M Cloudy
Los Angeles	64	52	M Cloudy	Saint Louis	19	12	Sunny

Moon Phases



UV Index

Tue 1/19	Wed 1/20	Thu 1/21	Fri 1/22	Sat 1/23
4	3	4	4	4
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

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

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Support Groups

TUESDAY

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

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

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

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

Lottery

All or Nothing Day (two) 01-02-03-05-06-11-12-16-19-20-21-23

All or Nothing Night (one, two, three, five, six, eleven, twelve, sixteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-one, twenty-three) 02-03-05-07-12-14-15-16-17-18-19-21

All or Nothing Evening (four, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, nineteen, twenty-one, twenty-four) 04-06-07-08-09-10-15-16-17-19-21-24

Cash 5 (seven, eighteen, twenty, twenty-nine, thirty-four) 07-18-20-29-34

Daily 4 Day (one, seven, five, five; Sum It Up: eighteen) 1-7-5-5, Sum It Up: 18

Daily 4 Evening (six, five, six, three) 6-5-6-3

Daily 4 Morning (seven, one, four) 0-9-5-6

Pick 3 Day (zero, seven, five; Sum It Up: twelve) 0-7-5, Sum It Up: 12

Pick 3 Evening (seven, one, four) 7-1-4

Pick 3 Morning (zero, nine, five, six) 1-8-4

(zero, nine, five, six) 1-8-4

(one, eight, four) **Daily 4 Night** (six, four, nine, three; Sum It Up: twenty-two) 6-4-9-3, Sum It Up: 22

Pick 3 Night (four, three, four; Sum It Up: eleven) 4-3-4, Sum It Up: 11

Powerball (three, fifty-one, fifty-two, sixty-one, sixty-four; Powerball: six; Power Play: two) 03-51-52-61-64, Powerball: 6, Power Play: 2

Lotto (twenty, twenty-eight, twenty-nine, thirty, thirty-seven, thirty-eight) 20-28-29-30-37-38

Mega Millions (estimated jackpot: \$30 million) 20-28-29-30-37-38

Triple Chance (three, twenty-two, twenty-five, twenty-nine, thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-nine, forty-three, fifty-two) 03-22-25-29-32-33-34-39-43-52

Powerball (three, twenty-two, twenty-five, twenty-nine, thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-nine, forty-three, fifty-two) 03-22-25-29-32-33-34-39-43-52

Powerball (three, twenty-two, twenty-five, twenty-nine, thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-nine, forty-three, fifty-two) 03-22-25-29-32-33-34-39-43-52

Powerball (three, twenty-two, twenty-five, twenty-nine, thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-nine, forty-three, fifty-two) 03-22-25-29-32-33-34-39-43-52

Powerball (three, twenty-two, twenty-five, twenty-nine, thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-nine, forty-three, fifty-two) 03-22-25-29-32-33-34-39-43-52

Powerball (three, twenty-two, twenty-five, twenty-nine, thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-nine, forty-three, fifty-two) 03-22-25-29-32-33-34-39-43-52

Powerball (three, twenty-two, twenty-five, twenty-nine, thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-nine, forty-three, fifty-two) 03-22-25-29-32-33-34-39-43-52

Powerball (three, twenty-two, twenty-five, twenty-nine, thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-nine, forty-three, fifty-two) 03-22-25-29-32-33-34-39-43-52

Powerball (three, twenty-two, twenty-five, twenty-nine, thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-nine, forty-three, fifty-two) 03-22-25-29-32-33-34-39-43-52

Help local kids fight hunger

Volunteer with Food 2 Kids

Food 2 Kids Big Spring Needs You! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can take part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

Sacking dates are as follows (please note the group starts at 5:30 p.m.) Feb. 1 and 2.

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

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

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**Howard County Junior Stock Show
Hog Results**

- Grand Champion Barrow, Julia Cox
Reserve Champion Barrow, Kaylee French
Champion Duroc, Julia Cox
Reserve Champion Duroc, Isabella Cox
- Class 1 Duroc**
1. Julia Cox, Coahoma FFA
2. Isabella Cox, Coahoma FFA
3. Jacki Torbik, Howard County 4-H
4. Clayton Tucker, Howard County 4-H
5. Sydni Sparks, Coahoma FFA
6. Kolby Denton, Howard County 4-H
- Class 2 Duroc**
1. Kacee Allen, Howard County 4-H
2. Kobyn Ramey, Howard County 4-H
Champion Hamp, Bryce Hamlin
Reserve Champion Hamp, Bryce Gartman
- Class, Light Weight Hamp**
1. Bryce Hamlin, Howard County 4-H
2. Bryce Gartman, Howard County 4-H
3. Kristin Allen, Howard County 4-H
4. Kaitlyn Wiggins, Howard County 4-H
5. Reagan Hamlin, Howard County 4-H
- Class, Light Heavy Hamp**
1. Aubrey Parum, Howard County 4-H
2. Kaitlyn Wiggins, Howard County 4-H
3. Kobyn Ramey, Howard County 4-H
4. Ashley Luce, Coahoma FFA
5. Joe Mashburn, Coahoma FFA
6. Keifer Pulis, Coahoma FFA
7. Audrey Turnbough, Coahoma FFA
- Class, Middle Weight Hamp**
1. Joseph Mosino, Howard County 4-H
2. Colter Hutchings, Coahoma FFA
3. Vance Ott, Howard County 4-H
4. Fletcher Mashburn, Coahoma FFA
- Class, Heavy Weight Hamp**
1. Makayla Overton, Coahoma FFA
2. Abigail Lopez, Coahoma FFA
Champion BOPB, Bryce Hamlin
Reserve Champion, BOPB, Tatum Miller
- Class, Light Weight BOPB**
1. Bryce Hamlin, Howard County 4-H
2. Tatum Miller, Howard County 4-H
3. Ashley Luce, Coahoma FFA
4. Braiden Boaz, Coahoma FFA
5. Logan Brinlee, Coahoma FFA
- Class, Heavy Weight BOPB**
1. Hayden Tubb, Howard County 4-H
2. Vance Ott, Howard County 4-H
3. Brenner Gartman, Howard County 4-H
4. Trey Brumley, Coahoma FFA
Champion WOPB, Isabella Cox
Reserve Champion WOB, Madlyn Nichols
- Class, Light Weight WOPB**
1. Jacki Torbik, Howard County 4-H
2. Kelsey Allen, Howard County 4-H
3. Trey Brumley, Coahoma FFA
4. Wiley Gaskins, Sands FFA
- Class, Middle Weight WOPB**
1. Isabella Cox, Coahoma FFA
2. Aubrey Parum, Coahoma FFA
3. Faith Parum, Coahoma FFA
4. Micah Worley, Howard County 4-H

5. Landon Kelley, Howard County 4-H
6. Jacki Torbik, Howard County 4-H
7. Braxton Blair, Howard County 4-H
8. Del Rae Miller, Sands FFA
9. Braiden Boaz, Coahoma FFA
- Class, Heavy Weight WOPB**
1. Madlyn Nichols, Sands FFA
2. Theron Ott, Howard County FFA
3. Del Rae Miller, Sands FFA
4. Sterling Fuller, Howard County 4-H
5. Kaleb Denton, Howard County 4-H
6. Trevor Kernick, Coahoma FFA
Champion Cross, Julia Cox
Reserve Champion, Kaylee French
- Class, Light Weight Cross**
1. Kaylee French, Sands FFA
2. Bryce Hamlin, Howard County 4-H
3. Layne French, Sands FFA
4. Kristin Allen, Howard County 4-H
5. Theron Ott, Howard County 4-H
6. Theron Ott, Howard County 4-H
7. Kacee Allen, Howard County 4-H
8. Vance Ott, Howard County 4-H
9. Wiley Gaskins, Sands FFA
10. Trey Brumley, Coahoma FFA
- Class, Light Heavy Cross**
1. Micah Worley, Howard County 4-H
2. Julia Mashburn, Coahoma FFA
3. Madlyn Nihcols, Sands FFA
4. Madlyn Nichols, Sands FFA
5. Joesph Mosino, Howard County 4-H
6. Wiley Gaskins, Sands FFA
7. Hayden Tubb, Howard County 4-H
8. Erin Kelley, Howard County 4-H
9. Joe Mashburn, Coahoma FFA
- Class, Middle Weight Cross**
1. Brayden Worley, Howard County 4-H
2. Kaeli Woodall, Howard County 4-H
3. Colt Woodall, Howard County 4-H
4. Jacki Torbik, Howard County 4-H
5. Gatlin Marin, Coahoma FFA
- Middle Heavy Weight Cross**
1. Madlyn Nichols, Sands FFA
2. Bryce Hamlin, Howard County 4-H
3. Kelsey Allen, Howard County 4-H
4. Julia Mashburn, Coahoma FFA
5. Kaylee Kernick, Coahoma FFA
6. Tatum Miller, Howard County 4-H
7. Clayton Tucker, Howard County 4-H
8. Kaeli Woodall, Howard County 4-H
9. Kaleb Denton, Howard County 4-H
10. Brookie Martin
11. Braxton Blair, Howard County 4-H
12. Hayden Tubb, Howard County 4-H
13. Charles Mashburn, Coahoma FFA
14. Colt Woodall, Howard County 4-H
- Heavy Weight Cross**
1. Julia Cox, Coahoma FFA
2. Abigail Lopez, Coahoma FFA
3. Brant Gartmen, Howard County 4-H
4. Colter Hutchings, Coahoma FFA
5. MaKynlee Overton, Coahoma FFA
6. Katie Averette, Howard county 4-H
7. Keizer Pulis, Coahoma FFA
8. Wesley Fuller, Howard County 4-H
9. Kolby Denton, Howard County 4-H

**Howard County Junior Stock Show
Steer and Heifer results**

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Reserve Champion Steer, Barrett Howe
Grand Champion Heifer, Barrett Howe
Reserve Grand Champion Heifer, Tatum Miller
Champion British Steer, Seth Brooks
Reserve Champion British Steer, Barrett Howe
Champion Exotic Steer, Barrett Howe
Reserve Champion Exotic Steer, Seth Brooks
- Class 1, British Steer**
1. Seth Brooks, Coahoma FFA
2. Colt Nichols, Howard County 4-H

3. Preston Bowlin, Howard County 4-H
4. Koby Nichols, Howard County 4-H
- Class 2, British Steer**
1. Barrett Howe, Howard County 4-H
2. Koby Nichols, Howard County 4-H
- Class 1, Heifer**
1. Tatum Miller
- Class 2, Heifer**
1. Barrett Howe, Howard County 4-H
2. Barrett Howe, Howard County 4-H
- Class 3, Exotic Steer (switch around)**
1. Barrett Howe, Howard County 4-H
2. Seth Brooks, Coahoma FFA
3. Tatum Miller, Howard County 4-H

QUAKES

Continued from Page 1

quakes have generally been more powerful too, with eight of magnitude 4 or higher.

“What concerns me is what is happening to our homes through all these earthquakes,” said Mary Beth McFadden of Fairview, a town about 100 miles northwest of Oklahoma City that has had six quakes of magnitude 4 since the start of the year. “It’s your home being put in that position that you have no control over.”

This week, the state told companies to reduce wastewater injections at 27 nearby disposal wells.

For decades, drilling companies have disposed of oilfield wastewater — the subterranean saltwater that comes to the surface with oil and gas, and liquid drilling chemicals — by pumping it back underground. But in recent years, improved technology has

allowed for injecting more wastewater faster so more oil and gas can be produced.

Around here, above the Arbuckle geologic formation of limestone, water under pressure can set off a fault if there’s enough tension, according to interviews with 10 earthquake experts.

“It’s a combination of putting fluid in fast enough and deep enough,” said Stanford University geophysicist William Ellsworth. “The higher rate wells are the ones where there are more hazards associated.”

In 2014, scientists who looked at one swarm of earthquakes found the four highest rate wells were causing most of the pressure changes and problems.

Then in June 2015, two different teams published studies pointing directly at volume and rate of injections as the main problem in such quakes.

In March 2015, Kansas regulators ordered a dramatic reduction in

injection volumes in the most vulnerable area.

That same month, Oklahoma regulators directed the operators of 347 wells to check the depth of their injections, then three months later issued a broader order to avoid the Arbuckle’s “basement.”

But by the end of November, the state had asked for volume cutbacks in fewer than 90 of the about 1,000 wells in a key area.

Oklahoma Corporation Commissionspokesman Matt Skinner said research suggested the biggest danger was in the crystalline basement below the porous underground Arbuckle formation.

He said it was not proper to compare Oklahoma to Kansas, which has fewer wells and less wastewater.

Oklahoma’s energy and environment secretary, Michael Teague, said Oklahoma’s approach — which now includes some volume reductions — is working in some areas but not others.

“I like what we’ve been doing so far, but clearly we need to do more,” Teague said.

But oil and gas operators in Oklahoma, where the industry is a major economic and political force, acknowledge their resistance to cutting back on their injections of wastewater.

“A lot of people say we just need the earth to stop shaking, and I understand that, but the fact of the matter is that without the ability to dispose of wastewater, we cannot produce oil and gas in the state of Oklahoma, and this is our lifeblood,” said Kim Hatfield, president of Oklahoma City-based Crawley Petroleum and a member of Gov. Mary Fallin’s task force studying the earthquake problem.

In Kansas, quakes

have decreased from an average of nearly 11 earthquakes a month to about three.

Experts say the change over such a short time period could be a blip.

But considering that southern Kansas and northern Oklahoma are identical in geology, what’s happening in the two states is “a very interesting experiment,” said U.S. Geological Survey seismologist Nicholas van der Elst.

Take note

• Big Spring Little League will be holding signups for the upcoming season each Saturday on Jan. 16, Jan. 23, Jan. 30, and Feb. 6 at the Springtown Plaza right next to the movie theater from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also Monday – Friday, Feb. 1 to Feb. 5 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$90 per child, ages 4 – 16 and you must provide a birth certificate.

MLK Walk

A march to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be held at 6 p.m. today 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 ½ Main St. All Masons are welcome.

Volunteer opportunities

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work.

Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Kim Plew at 263-4016 or 213-7960.

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Cynthia Ann Smith, 59, died December 31, 2015. The family will receive friends Monday, January 18, 2016 from 4:00 PM until 5:00 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Donald Mack Richardson, 81, died Friday. The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Panthers hold on

Survive late Seattle rally for 31-24 victory

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Cam Newton said it felt like the Carolina Panthers players, coaches and fans were all getting a little tight in the second half of their NFC divisional playoff win Sunday against the Seattle Seahawks.

And for good reason.

Carolina jumped out to a 31-point halftime lead, then had to hold off a furious Seahawks rally to win 31-24 to advance to next Sunday's NFC championship game against the Arizona Cardinals.

"We have been known to take our foot off the throttle and we have to find that killer instinct," Newton said. "Yeah, we won the football game, but there are some things we have to go back and fix and do better with."

The Panthers surrendered a 23-point lead to the New York Giants, a 23-point lead to Green Bay and a 17-point lead to Indianapolis earlier this season, but hung on to win all of those games.

Coach Ron Rivera said he wishes the Panthers could have skipped right to the second half on Sunday and not even went into the locker room for a break.

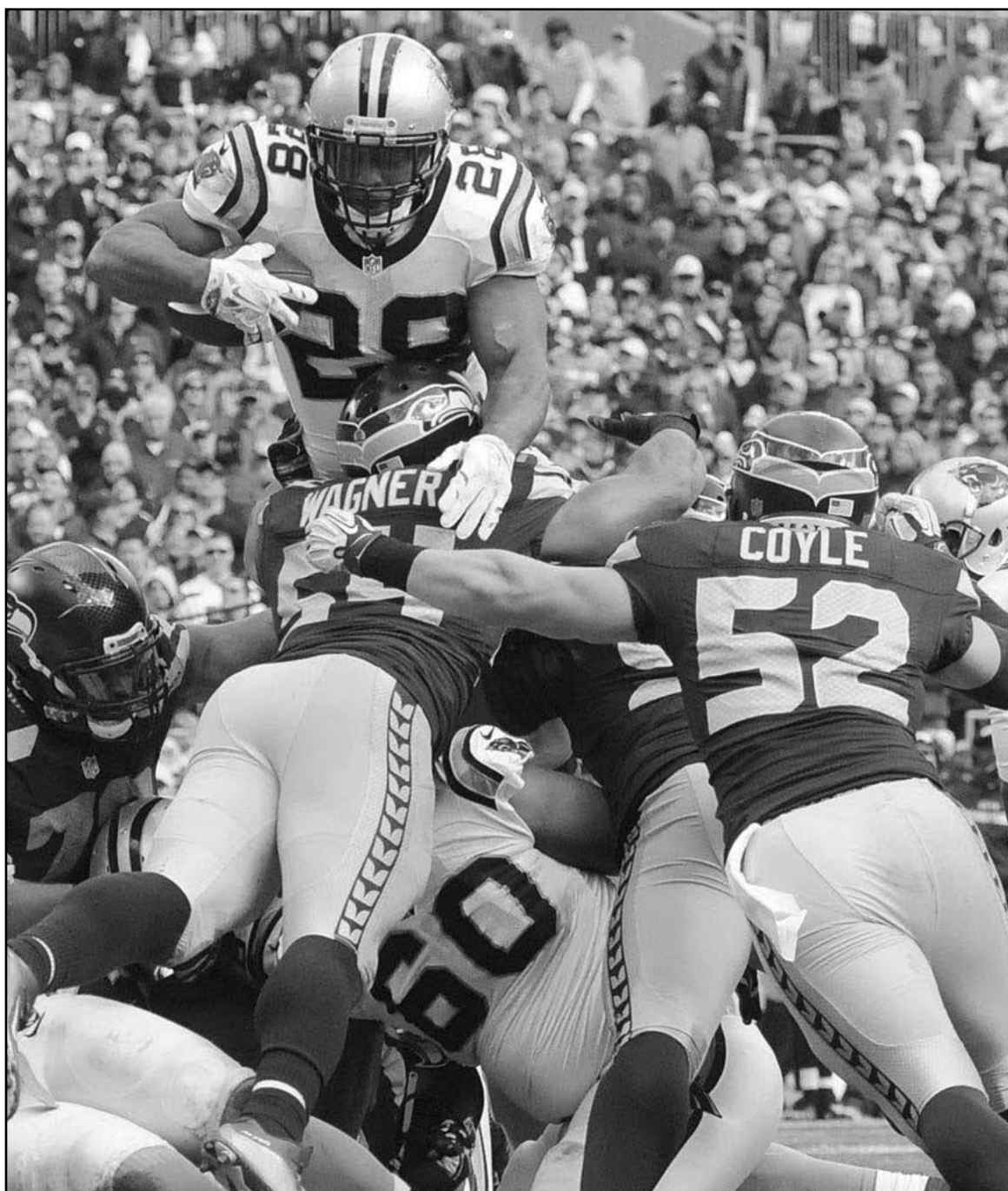
Of course it doesn't work that way.

The Seahawks adjusted some things at the half, including adding protection to Russell Wilson that helped them mount a comeback behind three Wilson touchdown passes.

"When you get a big lead like that, one of the things is you have to learn to not relax," Rivera said. "You have to learn to continue to attack. It is one of those things that we most certainly as coaches have to make sure we are putting them in the right position to do those things."

Offensively, the Panthers were out-gained 280-75 in the second half and outscored 24-0.

Panthers tight end Greg Olsen said he knows that is a fine line for coaches to walk when they have such a big lead



Carolina running back Jonathan Stewart (28) leaps over a pile of Seattle defenders to score a touchdown during their NFC divisional playoff game in Charlotte, N.C. Sunday afternoon.

AP photo

and are working on the clock.

"Those games are tough," tight end Greg Olsen said. "You are up 31-0 and you don't want to give them life or give them a spark. You want to keep your aggression but it's hard. You don't want to do anything silly either. You don't want to take a chance and give up a big play. So it's a fine line between keeping aggression and tempo."

Here are some things we learned from the Seahawks-Panthers divisional playoff game:

STEWART LOOKED STRONG: Jonathan Stewart missed three games with a foot in-

jury to close the season, but looked rested and healthy on Sunday. He rambled 59 yards on the first play from scrimmage and ran for 106 yards on 19 carries and two touchdowns against the league's top-ranked rushing defense. The late-season rest might pay off for Stewart as the Panthers move deeper into the playoffs.

LYNCH A NON-FACTOR: Seahawks power back Marshawn Lynch returned from an eight-game absence following abdominal surgery but was never a factor. His first carry went for minus-3 yards during the Seahawks' terrible start.

Late Friday scores

Forsan 33, Christoval 54

FORSAN — A slow start proved too much of a hurdle for the Forsan Lady Buffaloes to overcome Friday night as they dropped their district basketball contest with Christoval.

Forsan won 14-3 at the end of the first quarter, and that deficit increased to 32-18 at intermission.

"Christoval's defense was intense, and it took the girls a little bit of time to adjust," FHS Coach Lindsey Schmidt said. "I was proud of the second half the girls put together, outscoring Christoval even while they continued their intense pressing defense."

Freshman Macey Evans led Forsan with 14 points.

The Lady Buffs finished the first half of dis-

trict play 5-2. Their next game will be on Tuesday against Iraan at home. Tip-off is at 6:30 p.m.

Sonora 53, Coahoma 48

SONORA — A Coahoma rally in the second half fell just short as the Bulldogs dropped a 53-48 decision to Sonora in boys district basketball action Friday.

The Bulldogs were down by as many as 17 points in the first half, but cut the deficit to three points late. Sonora, however, was able to hold off the Bulldogs for the win.

Mason Moore had 21 points and 11 rebounds and Gage Clark added 13 points and nine board for the bulldogs, who return to action Tuesday at home against Colorado City. Game time is 8 p.m.

Harden scores 31 as Houston wins

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Houston Rockets toyed with the Los Angeles Lakers in the first half before showing what they are motivated and working on all cylinders.

James Harden scored all of his 31 points in the first three quarters, and the Rockets pulled away from the Lakers with a pivotal run in

the third en route to a 112-95 victory Sunday night.

The Rockets, who snapped a season-high five-game winning streak Friday night, began the second half of their schedule by beating the Lakers at Staples Center for the sixth straight time with seven players reaching double-digits in scoring.

Manning, Broncos overcome Steelers

DENVER (AP) — This would've been no way to send Peyton Manning into the offseason. Seven dropped passes.

A whiplash-inducing, blindside hit from an unblocked blitz.

A flurry of field goals and a defense that gave up big chunks of yards too often.

All that ugliness got set aside thanks to the sort of comeback that has defined the Denver Broncos all season.

They rallied for a 23-16 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday to move themselves and their 39-year-old quarterback one win away from the Super Bowl.

The 17th edition of Manning-Brady is set for next Sunday. But before that, Manning will savor a win in Denver's 17th game of the season — one every bit as rough, rugged and up in the air as any of the previous 16.

"This was a dog fight, a grinder and went down to the last drive," Manning said. "If you can be in a lot of those games and win those games, it certainly gives you confidence and, hey, it's playoff football."

The Broncos (13-4) improved to 10-3 on the season in games decided by seven or less.

This one turned when Broncos cornerback Bradley Roby punched the ball out of Pittsburgh's running back Fitz Toussaint's hands with 9:52 left.

Until then, Denver had settled for four field goals and trailed 13-12.

After the day's only turnover, the Broncos put together their only touchdown drive — 13 plays, 65 yards over 6:52, capped by a 1-yard run by C.J. Anderson. A 2-point conversion made it 20-13.

"Bottom line, you lose the turnover battle in a hostile environ-

ment against good people and it's going to cost you," Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said. "And it cost us today."

Making his first start since Nov. 15, Manning finished 21 for 37 for 222 yards, with no touchdowns or interceptions. The totals might have been better were it not for seven drops from his receivers.

Next up, the Patriots, who fell 30-24 in overtime to Denver earlier this season, when Brock Osweiler was playing in place of Manning while he nursed his injured foot.

"They're one of the best teams in the AFC," Broncos linebacker Von Miller said. "Let's go out and play and see who wants the Super Bowl."

Things we learned from Sunday's game:

CLASSIC MATCHUP: The Patriots opened as a 3 1/2-point favorite over Denver, despite playing on the road.

This will be a rematch from the AFC title game of two years ago, when Broncos receiver Wes Welker leveled then-Patriots cornerback Aqib Talib, knocking him out of the game and opening things up in the secondary. Manning threw for 400 yards in a 26-16 win. The teams are different now.

"Our defense is guiding us. Let's make that clear. They played great all season," Manning said. "They were dominant today against a high-powered offense."

STEPPING UP: With no Antonio Brown (concussion), Ben Roethlisberger found another big-play receiver in Martavis Bryant, who caught nine passes for 154 yards.

"The plan for me was to stay focused — stay focused on my job

and go out and handle my business," said Bryant, who also had two carries for 40 yards.

Bryant may have been so open because Denver's defense was in zone a lot, with Pro Bowl cornerback Chris Harris Jr. dealing with a sore shoulder.

"We were able to move the ball, and then we just ... we kind of get down there and hurt ourselves," Roethlisberger said. "Part of that was because they're the No. 1 defense in the world."

BIG HIT: The Broncos defense may have bent a few times, but was never upended. The same can't be said of their defensive coordinator Wade Phillips.

The 68-year-old coach was taken out by Bryant after the Steelers receiver got pushed out of bounds on the Denver sideline. No damage done, though.

Phillips popped back up quickly and slapped his back side.

Head coach Gary Kubiak never even saw it.

"I can assure you he's fine," Kubiak said. "He's in there hollering. I just left him, so he's all right."

CAN'T-MISS McMANUS: Broncos kicker McManus went from missing kicks in five consecutive games down the stretch to making history Sunday: His 5-for-5 performance in tricky crosswinds helped Denver come away with points when the offense kept stalling.

"During warmups, we went out there and it was a pretty calm day — a nice, tempered day. We come out 7 minutes before kickoff and I see a 30 mph crosswind come in over the Rockies," McManus said.

McManus is the seventh kicker to make all five of his field goal tries in a playoff game.

Sports Calendar

TODAY

Women's basketball

Odessa College at Howard College, 5:45 p.m.

Men's basketball

Odessa College at Howard College, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Girls basketball

Snyder at Big Spring, 6:30 p.m.
Colorado City at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m.
Iraan at Forsan, 6:30 p.m.
Stanton at Sonora, 6:30 p.m.
Water Valley at Garden City, 6:30 p.m.

Boys basketball

Snyder at Big Spring, 8 p.m.
Colorado City at Coahoma, 8 p.m.
Iraan at Forsan, 8 p.m.
Stanton at Sonora, 8 p.m.
Water Valley at Garden City, 8 p.m.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

East dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 5
♥ J 8
♦ A Q 10
♣ A Q J 10 8 5 2

WEST
♠ Q J 6 4 2
♥ A Q 2
♦ J 5 4
♣ 7 3

EAST
♠ A 10 3
♥ K 10 6 4
♦ 9 7 6 3
♣ 9 4

SOUTH
♠ K 9 8 7
♥ 9 7 5 3
♦ K 8 2
♣ K 6

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass Pass Pass 1♦
Pass 1 NT Pass 2♣
Pass 3♥ Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — two of spades.

North-South pair, playing the Precision system, got to three notrump on the bidding duce, an encouraging card, and it is hard to blame East for winning the trick with the ace and continuing with the ten. As a result, declarer scored 11 tricks — 460 points for Brazil.

At the second table, with Venezuela North-South, the bidding went:
East South West North
Pass Pass Pass 1♣
Pass 1 NT Pass 3♣
Pass 3 NT

West was Gabriel Chagas, the Brazilian star regarded by many as the best player in South America. Because spades had been bid by South, the opening lead was certainly not clear-cut. Ordinarily a fast player, Chagas took three minutes before making his choice.

There is no doubt that his time was well-spent, since he came to exactly the right conclusion. The opening lead he chose was the ace of hearts!

Chagas' partner, Pedro Paulo Assumpcao, signaled for a continuation by playing the six. So Chagas played the queen and another heart, and the Venezuelan declarer lost the first five tricks for down one.

And that's how Brazil won the 1978 South American bridge championship.

Tomorrow: Seven to six.
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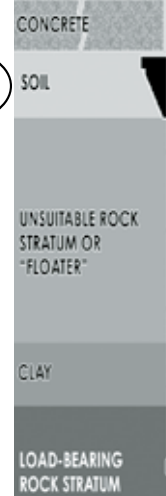
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Venus and Jupiter at Odds

Venus and Jupiter are still at odds, and the Taurus moon is a bull in the china shop of love. Chances are good that something will get broken -- hopefully something small like a passing expectation or a casual appointment. Roll with it. Better to take these kinds of things in stride than to invest them with too much power over your mood.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Investigate the pauses. What you think is an intrusion on your life is actually just more life. Accept and embrace it and you'll be immediately happier. Resist and you'll go on disgruntled.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you don't know what you're doing and you have the power to do it anyway, you're in a position for maximum results. They won't be the results you were going for,

though, so keep an open mind about how to apply them more usefully.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You communicate so many ways: visually, conversationally and with subtle emotional shifts. You can believe that those who are intimately connected with you can feel your every mood shift today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Should you reduce your number of wants and needs or instead work to increase your means? The second way is favored now. There's an abundant source out there waiting for you to tap into it. It's about time you branched out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If there's no one around you now that makes you feel jealous, you're not meeting enough people. You need to find those motivating forces that will push you toward who you secretly want to become.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). As the sign of nurturing, you're a natural gardener in the landscaping

of life with a strong feeling about which weeds to destroy, how much to cut back the shrubs and what you should leave to let grow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you started this, it may have been under the heady influence of self-deception. That was necessary. So are those cheerleaders who will root for you before you deserve it. Accept all the support you can get.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). This work you're doing is not a sprint; it's a long, long walk. Small, repetitive actions will eventually get you to the goal. So, in order to avoid burnout, take your time and make yourself comfortable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The most productive time you'll have will be a luxurious hour of ennui. You'll be kept from your intended activity and without many alternatives. Boredom produces brilliance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be inspired by

what certain people around you are doing, and you won't be able to resist the urge to join in the fun. You'll get the sneaking suspicion that this was always meant for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have not yet experienced an hour of need such as someone around you is going through now, but your instinct about how to help will be nonetheless dead-on.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It will fall to you to solve the problem, and, yes, all eyes are on you. But don't worry; you don't have to make up the solution from scratch. Use one that worked for someone else and twist it into your own version.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 18). You will owe many happy times to one meaningful pursuit that will wind up touching every area of your life. Your excitement will be contagious: Your team will revere you and you will be awarded a position of honor. February

and June are the best times to invest. Collect in July and October. You'll be a hero in May. Virgo and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 4, 44, 42 and 15.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My parents taught me manners, and they did a great job. I know how to greet people and make conversation. I know to have a firm handshake, but not too firm, and to look people in the eye, and I have a keen awareness of which topics are appropriate in polite company. So imagine my surprise when it was recently suggested by my fiancée that I lack charm. She would not set a date for our wedding, and now she says she's not sure if she wants to go through with it. She says the main issue is my lack of charm. What should I do, Holiday? She's a Libra and I am a Taurus."

You are both Venus ruled and connect on many levels. Libran women tend to be highly social and

the way you interact as a couple in public is certainly important to her. But this is about more than having good manners. Charm is an attitude. And if you truly lack it, you can cultivate it easily, as long as you stay open-minded, take constructive criticism and resist your stubborn tendencies. Stay tuned; this topic will be continued tomorrow.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: From "Freaks and Geeks" to "The End of the Tour" Jason Segel never fails to bring big charm to the screen. Segel was born when the sun and Mercury were in grounded Capricorn and the moon was in whimsical Aquarius. The romantic sector lights up for Segel in 2016 and a high-profile relationship could lead to commitment as well as artistic inspiration.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am a 23-year-old female who recently moved to a new town. I have met a few guys, but it never seems to go anywhere. I can't seem to find someone who wants anything more than sex. I used to sleep around, but I'm more mature now, and I value myself enough not to throw my body at every guy I meet. I've learned from my mistakes.

Not a single man I've met in my age range is interested in a real relationship. They expect me to hop into bed with no commitment whatsoever. I value relationships, and commitment, and have no intention of behaving like this. It irritates me when I put myself out there and meet someone who I think is different, but as soon as they learn that I'm not going to give them sex, they forget all about me.

I know I'm still young and that there are plenty of fish in the sea, but I am ready to settle down. I am far from perfect, but sometimes it seems as though I will never meet anyone worthwhile.

Is something wrong with me? Or am I just attracting the wrong type of guys? -- Confused in a Small Town

Dear Confused: If you are in a small town, your pool of available candidates is less than it might be elsewhere. This means you need to widen your circle. Try online dating (be cautious), and ask your friends, family members and co-workers to introduce you to available, decent men. Join a church social group, choir, theater group or a volunteer organization where you will be doing some good and meeting new people, both male and female.

And yes, it's possible that you are attracting the wrong type of guy. Your closest friends should be honest enough to tell you if that's the case and what you might do about it. But most importantly, be patient. You may be looking to settle down, but your average 23-year-old man is not. You may be coming across as desperate or overly eager. A little non-chalance might serve you better.

Dear Annie: My husband and I are over 70 and living on our retirement income. We are doing very well. My complaint is that every day, we receive a half-dozen requests for donations to a variety of charities.

We have one charity that we support on a regular basis. But all of these other charity requests keep rolling in, and some with small amounts of money attached. I feel guilty for not sending these back with a donation, but I no longer respond to this tactic. I try to donate the small amounts of money from these charities to local thrift stores that support animal shelters or women's shelters.

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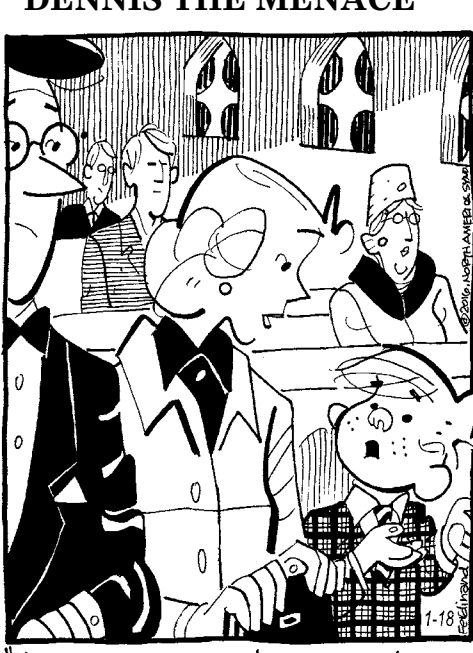
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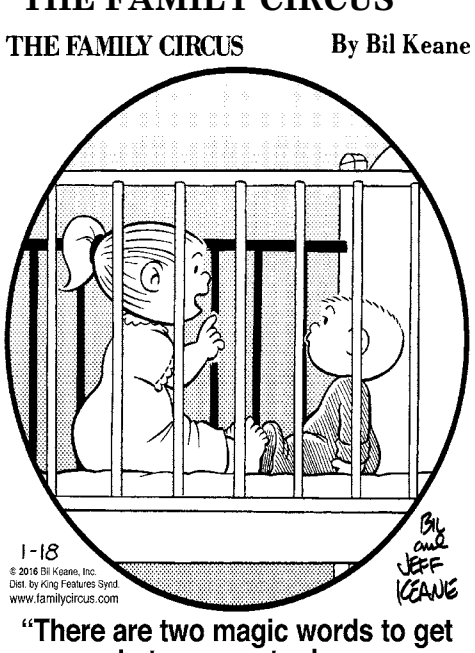
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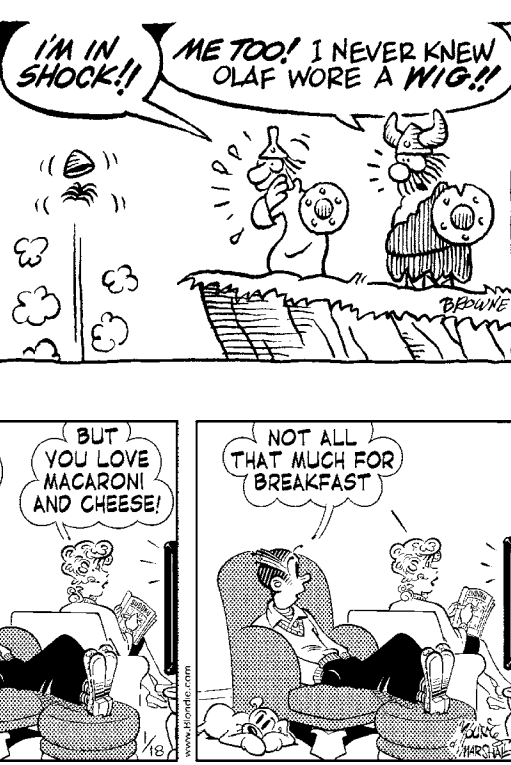
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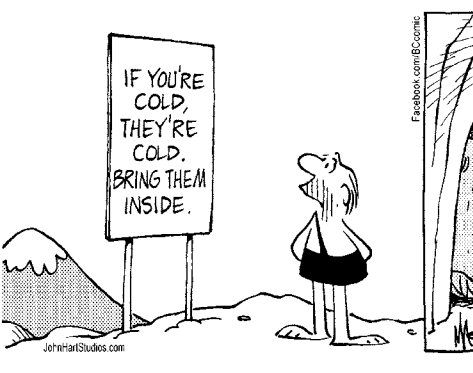


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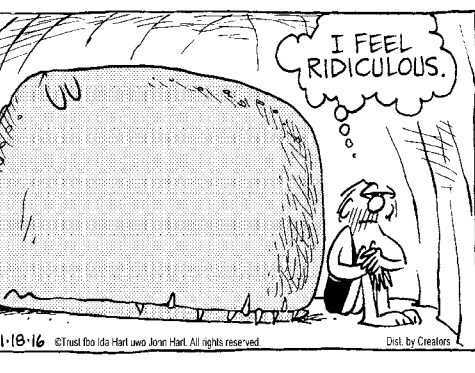
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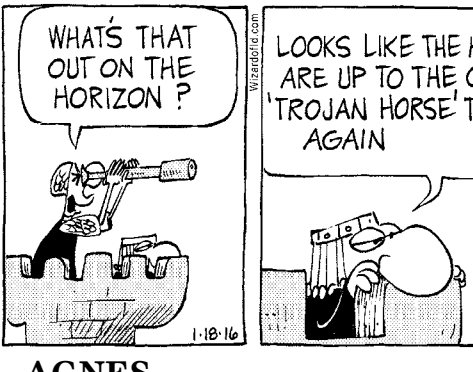
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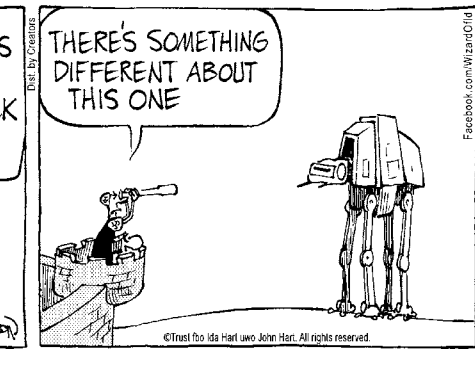
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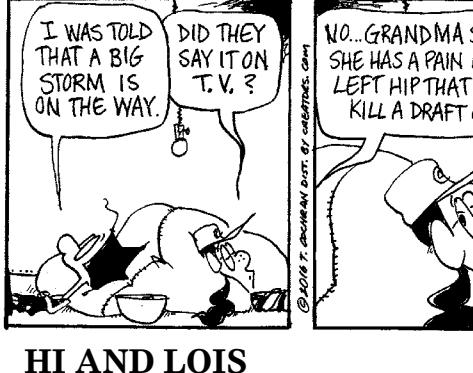
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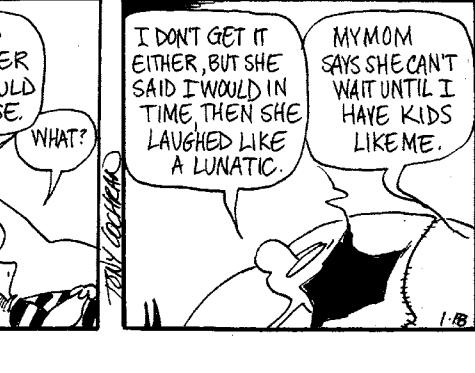
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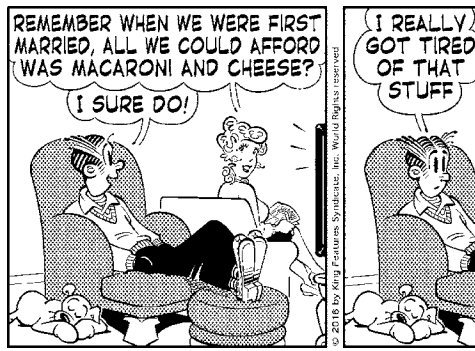
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Jan. 18, the 18th day of 2016. There are 348 days left in the year. This is the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 18, 1911, the first landing of an aircraft on a ship took place as pilot Eugene B. Ely brought his Curtiss biplane in for a safe landing on the deck of the armored cruiser USS Pennsylvania in San Francisco Harbor.

On this date:

In 1778, English navigator Captain James Cook reached the present-day Hawaiian Islands, which he named the "Sandwich Islands."

In 1862, the tenth president of the United States, John Tyler, died in Richmond, Virginia, at age 71, shortly before he could take his seat as an elected member of the Confederate Congress.

In 1919, the Paris Peace Conference, held to negotiate peace treaties ending the First World War, opened in Versailles (vehr-SY'), France.

In 1936, Nobel Prize-winning author Rudyard Kipling, 70, died in London.

In 1943, during World War II, Jewish insurgents in the Warsaw Ghetto launched their initial armed resistance against Nazi troops, who eventually succeeded in crushing the rebellion. A U.S. ban on the sale of pre-sliced bread, aimed at reducing bakeries' demand for metal replacement parts, went into effect.

In 1957, a trio of B-52's completed the first non-stop, round-the-world flight by jet planes, landing at March Air Force Base in California after more than 45 hours aloft.

In 1967, Albert DeSalvo, who claimed to be the "Boston Strangler," was convicted in Cambridge, Massachusetts, of armed robbery, assault and sex offenses. (Sentenced to life, DeSalvo was killed in prison in 1973.)

In 1970, David Oman McKay, the ninth president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, died at the age of 96.

In 1988, a China Southwest Airlines Ilyushin 18 crashed while on approach to Chongqing Airport, killing all 108 people on board.

In 1993, the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday was observed in all 50 states for the first time.

In 1996, Lisa Marie Presley-Jackson filed for divorce from Michael Jackson.

In 2001, President Bill Clinton, in a farewell from the Oval Office, told the nation that America had "done well" during his presidency, with record-breaking prosperity and a cleaner environment.

Five years ago: Chinese President Hu Jintao arrived at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington for a four-day state visit; President Barack Obama welcomed him with a private dinner in the White House residence. The first director of the Peace Corps, R. Sargent Shriver, died in Bethesda, Maryland, at age 95.

Thought for Today:
"None can love freedom heartily, but good men; the rest love not freedom, but license."
John Milton,
English poet
(1608-1674)

Answer to previous puzzle

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ACROSS

1 Ocean west of Oregon: Abbr.

4 Dalmatian's markings

9 Matured

13 Netlike fabric

14 Blender setting for baby food

15 Regulation

16 Opera solo

17 Walk leisurely

18 Get out of bed

19 Highway safety barrier

21 Quoted as a source

22 Hotel patron

23 Volcano's outflow

24 Mythical tale

27 Narrowed gradually

30 Get a smile out of

31 Illinois or Iowa

33 Golf standard score

34 "Eeny, meeny, miney, ___"

35 Leeway

36 Nest egg at an S&L

37 Quart fractions: Abbr.

38 Flower or shrub

39 Spiny Arizona vegetation

41 Meeting of Congress

43 Minor movie role

44 Uncle's spouse

45 Camel's South American cousin

47 STOP and YIELD

49 Tourist's sightseeing aid

53 Handheld organizers: Abbr.

54 Tube-shaped pasta

55 Diarist ___ Frank

56 Tell ___ (be deceitful)

57 Faring to go

58 "Good heavens!"

59 Tenant's expense

60 Small songbirds

61 Log-splitting tool

9 Reach one's destination

10 Strummer's plastic implement

11 Otherwise

12 Proof of home ownership

13 Periodical, for short

20 Sand hill

21 ___ Canaveral, FL

23 Overdue

24 Lights on end tables

25 Overplay a part

26 "Wrong answer, try another"

27 Diplomacy

28 Keep an ___ the ground (be alert)

29 Bathtub outlet

31 Stretch across

32 Sunbather's goal

35 Parking-meter opening

38 Tailor's fasteners

39 ___ to pass (happened)

40 It's west of Georgia

42 Nightfall

43 Waterproof fishing boots

45 Fencer's thrust

46 Fancy napkin fabric

47 Prepare for a boxing match

48 Not doing anything

49 Equipment

50 "My treat!"

51 "My treat!"

52 Door opener

54 Church bench

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News in brief

In tight race, Democrats

debate passion versus practicality

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — With just two weeks to go before the first votes of the 2016 race for president, Democrats Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders engaged in their most contentious debate match-up to date, underscoring their tightening primary race as the Iowa caucuses draw near.

The pair tangled repeatedly Sunday night over who's tougher on gun control and Wall Street and how to shape the future of health care in America.

Their heated rhetoric highlighted the central question fueling the increasingly competitive primary race: Will the Sanders passion beat out the Clinton practicality?

While Clinton remains the national front-runner, grassroots enthusiasm for Sanders' outsider candidacy and his unapologetically liberal message has imperiled her lead in Iowa and expanded his advantage in New Hampshire.

"What this is really about is not the rational way to go forward," Sanders said as he responded to Clinton's argument that his health care plans would reignite a divisive political battle. "It's whether we have the guts to stand up to the private insurance companies."

Iran deals may not herald rapid changes

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — The lifting of crippling international sanctions linked to Iran's nuclear program and the flurry of diplomacy that led to the release of Americans held by Tehran suggests a new era could be dawning. But anyone hoping for rapid change is likely to be disappointed.

President Hassan Rouhani and his team have plenty to celebrate now that nuclear sanctions have been removed. The moderate leader promised to boost Iran's struggling economy and improve its relations with the wider world during his 2013 campaign. The nuclear deal achieves both aims.

He hailed the deal Sunday as a way to open "new windows for engagement with the world," and said fresh investments and newly freed overseas assets could kick-start the transformation of a country struggling with high unemployment and inflation. At the top of the shopping list are more than 100 planes from Europe's Airbus.

It will take time for the economic benefits to trickle down to ordinary Iranians, but the goodwill from the deal could translate into electoral gains for moderate and reformist candidates in parliamentary elections late next month. Voters will also select members of the 88-seat Experts Assembly, an influential clerical body that picks a successor for the 76-year-old supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, in the event of his death.

Rouhani may have pushed for the rapid implementation of Iran's commitments under last summer's nuclear deal, ensuring faster sanctions relief, with the electoral timetable in mind.

Islamic State's double standards sow growing disillusion

GAZIANTEP, Turkey (AP) — Mohammed Saad, a Syrian activist, was imprisoned by the Islamic State group, hung by his arms and beaten regularly. Then one day, his jailors quickly pulled him and other prisoners down and hid them in a bathroom.

The reason? A senior Muslim cleric was visiting to inspect the facility. The cleric had told the fighters running the prison that they shouldn't torture prisoners and that anyone held without charge must be released within 30 days, Saad told The Associated Press. Once the coast was clear, the prisoners were returned to their torment.

"It's a criminal gang pretending to be a state," Saad said, speaking in Turkey, where he fled in October. "All this talk about applying Shariah and Islamic values is just propaganda, Daesh is about torture and killing," he said, using the Arabic acronym for IS.

Syrians who have recently escaped the Islamic State group's rule say public disillusionment is growing as IS has failed to live up to its promises to install a utopian "Islamic" rule of justice, equality and good governance.

Instead, the group has come to resemble the dictatorial rule of Syrian President Bashar Assad that

many Syrians had sought to shed, with a reliance on informers who have silenced a fearful populace. Rather than equality, society has seen the rise of a new elite class — the jihadi fighters — who enjoy special perks and favor in the courts, looking down on "the commoners" and even ignoring the rulings of their own clerics.

Confederate flag's removal turns King Day into celebration

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Civic leaders, activists, artists and others are celebrating, marching and paying homage Monday to Martin Luther King Jr., marking the 30th anniversary of the federal holiday honoring the slain civil rights leader.

In South Carolina, civil rights leaders planned a march to their state capitol as in past years when their rally highlighted calls to remove the Confederate flag from Statehouse grounds.

The King Day at the Dome gathering began in 2000 with that call. Last July, organizers got their wish as South Carolina swiftly removed the flag which had flown at the capitol for more than 50 years after what police said was a racially motivated shooting that claimed nine lives at a church in Charleston.

The state NAACP said there is still more work to do to honor King and the theme of this year's rally is "education equity," with speakers calling for South Carolina to spend more money to help students in poorer, more rural school districts, which frequently have a majority of black students.

And this year's event will also include appearances by all three main Democratic presidential candidates — Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders and Martin O'Malley.

Iraqi forces deploy in Baghdad neighborhood after kidnapping

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraqi security forces fanned out across the Baghdad neighborhood Monday morning where three Americans were reportedly kidnapped over the weekend, closing streets and conducting house-to-house searches.

An Iraqi government intelligence official told The Associated Press the Americans were kidnapped from their interpreter's home in the southern Baghdad neighborhood of Dora. The kidnapping occurred, the official said, after the Americans were invited into the home of their interpreter. The individuals were then taken to Sadr city, the official said, "after (the kidnapping) all communications and contact stopped in Sadr city."

The official spoke on condition of anonymity as he was not authorized to brief the press.

A local policeman in Dora said the individuals were taken from their car on Saturday along a highway in southwest Dora while driving to Baghdad International Airport. The two differing accounts of the events could not immediately be reconciled. The policeman spoke on condition of anonymity as he was not authorized to brief the press.

The U.S. Embassy confirmed Sunday that "several" Americans have gone missing in Iraq, after local media reported that three Americans had been kidnapped in the Iraqi capital.

Seoul: North Korea has sent 1 million propaganda leaflets

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea has launched an estimated 1 million propaganda leaflets by balloon into South Korea amid increased tension between the rivals following the North's recent nuclear test, Seoul officials said Monday.

A Cold War-style standoff flared since the North's claim on Jan. 6 that it had tested a hydrogen bomb. South Korea resumed blasting anti-Pyongyang propaganda broadcasts and K-pop songs from border loudspeakers. North Korea quickly responded by restarting its own border broadcasts and floating the balloons over the border carrying anti-South leaflets, according to Seoul officials.

Seoul's Defense Ministry said Monday the North's military has been sending the balloons on a near-daily basis. Spokesman Kim Min-seok said the leaflets have reached Seoul in addition to areas close to the border.

Such leafleting by the North is rare, as the two Koreas officially stopped psychological warfare as part of tension-reduction measures in 2004. South

Korean activists have still occasionally sent propaganda balloons toward the North, triggering angry responses from the North.

South Korean officials believe their broadcasts will sting in the rigidly controlled, authoritarian country by demoralizing frontline troops and residents. There are doubts in Seoul that the North Korean leaflets will have any impact on the public in more affluent South Korea.

'Spotlight,' DiCaprio, Larson win at Critics' Choice Awards

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The investigative journalism drama "Spotlight" won the top prize at the Critics' Choice Awards on Sunday, while awards favorites Brie Larson and Leonardo DiCaprio won the top acting prizes for "Room" and "The Revenant."

Both actors won Golden Globe Awards and are considered front-runners for the Academy Awards, too.

"Mad Max: Fury Road" was the most nominated film of the evening with 13 nominations from the Broadcast Film Critics' Association. While it lost out for the top prize, it did win a number of awards, including Best Director for George Miller, best action movie, and best action movie actor and actress for Tom Hardy and Charlize Theron.

The financial crisis dramedy "The Big Short," meanwhile, won for best comedy and best comedic actor for star Christian Bale, who kissed both his wife and director Adam McKay on his way up to the stage to accept his award.

Both were up for best picture Oscar heavyweights like "Spotlight," "The Revenant" and "The Martian," as well as "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," which was added after initial nominees were announced and went home empty handed on Sunday.

Israeli police: Graffiti sprayed on Jerusalem church

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli police discovered Hebrew graffiti Sunday on the walls of a famous Jerusalem church, in what appears to be the latest vandalism attack by extremist Jews.

Police spokeswoman Luba Samri said anti-Christian slogans were found on the outer walls of the Dormition Abbey, a Benedictine monastery located just outside Jerusalem's Old City and where Christian tradition says the Virgin Mary died.

The graffiti included threats of violence, messages degrading Jesus and a call for Christians to "go to hell."

Nikodemus Schnabel, the Dormition Abbey spokesman, said the graffiti bore "very radical messages."

Police are investigating but suspicion immediately fell on Jewish extremists who have for years vandalized Palestinian property, as well as mosques, churches, the offices of dovish Israeli groups and even Israeli military bases.


The so-called "price tag" attacks seek to exact a cost for Israeli steps seen as favoring the Palestinians.

That attacks have prompted widespread condemnation and pledges by Israel's government to get tougher on Jewish vigilantes.

Israel's Minister of Public Security, Gilad Erdan, said he has instructed police to give the vandalism case top priority.

"We will not allow anyone to undermine the co-existence between religions in Israel. We will show zero tolerance to whomever harms the democratic foundations of Israel and its freedom of religion and we will apprehend those who carried out this heinous act," he said.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu also condemned the vandalism.



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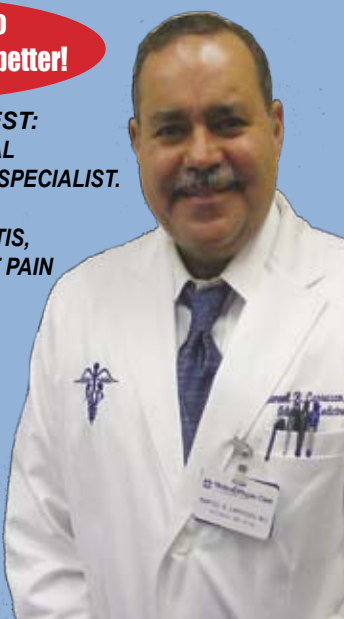
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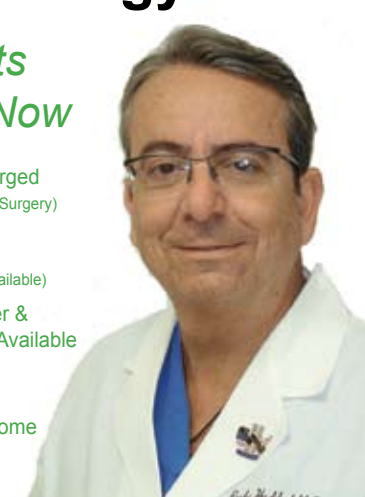
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