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Let the voting begin

Democratic, GOP presidential races tight as Iowa kicks off 2016 balloting

By **JULIE PACE**

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — In a high-stakes test of enthusiasm versus organization, Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Bernie Sanders hope to ride voter energy into victories in Monday's Iowa caucuses, as Ted Cruz and Hillary Clinton bank on sophisticated get-out-the vote operations months in the making.

The caucuses kick off the 2016 presidential nominating contests, marking a new phase in a tumultuous election that has exposed Americans' deep frustration with Washington and given rise to candidates few expected to challenge for their party's nomination when they first entered the race.

After months of campaigning and more than \$200 million spent on advertising, the race for su-

premacy in Iowa is close in both parties. Among Republicans, Trump appears to hold a slim edge over Cruz, a fiery senator from Texas. Clinton and Sanders entered Monday in a surprisingly tight Democratic race, reviving memories of the former secretary of state's disappointing showing in Iowa eight years ago.

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Who do you want?

Area residents disclose their 2016 preferences

By **JULIE BASS**

Staff Writer

The time is fast approaching when the Democrats and the Republicans will have to announce who they will back as president of the United States.

Several area residents were asked, "Who do you think will go head to head for the Presidency in the upcoming election?" Among their responses were:

- "I think that it will be Trump vs., hopefully, Sanders," – Garet Starkey.
- "I don't know, but I am hoping for Sarah Palin," – Travis B.
- "I don't know, we are voting for Trump. He's honest and speaks his mind. He is saying what we are all thinking," – Christine V.
- "Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders. I think Trump will win," – Shane Gressett.



Starkey



Gressett

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HERALD Photo/Julie Bass

The Crossroads Young Marines honored the Fraternal Order of the Eagles Lodge by performing the opening ceremony for the 14th Annual Chili Cook-Off this weekend.

Cookoff ingredients: Laughter, charity

Eagles event raises money for Young Marines, WTC fund

By **JULIE BASS**

Staff Writer

The Fraternal Order of the Eagles Lodge 14th annual Chili Cook-off left bellies full, laughter resonating, and most importantly, two checks to two organizations that the Eagles Lodge felt deserving of their generosity.

Saturday, 20 teams competed for the coveted number one spot and

the ability to say they had the best chili.

After the chili was turned in and judged, the Big Spring Crossroads Young Marines performed the opening ceremony.

"The Crossroads Young Marines did an outstanding job on the opening ceremony. Having been out of the Marine Corps for eight years now, I've missed watching drill.

I encourage anyone who enjoys watching military drill to get in contact with the Young Marines to catch them at events or when they have practice," said David Pope, event spokesman.

Next came the announcing of the winners of the chili cook-off.

First Place went to Joshua Har-

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Law enforcement leaders examine use-of-force guide

By **TAMI ABDOLLAH**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Police across the United States are rethinking how they use force amid national outrage over questionable shootings and violent arrests.

The changes include efforts in Dallas to train officers to de-escalate situations by moving backward during target practice and arming some with sponge projectiles rather than guns. In Camden, New Jersey, officers are taught about the sanctity of life and encouraged to take time to defuse a situation, even if a suspect is wildly waving a knife at them.

After months of work, nearly 200 law enforcement leaders gathered in Washington on Friday to review and discuss new guiding principles that, if enacted by the roughly 18,000 law enforcement agencies in the United States, would significantly remake how policing has been done for decades. The 30 principles include an unprecedented acknowledgment from leading law enforcement professionals that officers

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Big Spring firefighters were called to the scene of a house fire on the 2100 block of Runnels this morning. No information as to damage was available as of press time, but there were no reported injuries.

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4-H Clothing and Textile kick off.

The Howard County Clothing and Textile kick off will be held at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, at the G.C. Broughton Ag Complex located on the Howard College campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane. The program is for students in grade three through high school interested in the fashion industry. For more information, contact Melissa Deeter, Howard County Extension Agent for Family Consumer Science, at 432-364-2236.

Little League signups

• Big Spring Little League will be holding signups for the upcoming season each Saturday, 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.

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.

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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should go beyond the Supreme Court-adopted basic legal standard that asks what a “reasonable officer” would do in such a situation, and that officers should focus on preserving all human lives in any encounter.

“There’s an expression, ‘Lawful but awful,’” said Chuck Wexler, executive director of the Police Executive

Research Forum, who led the effort to develop the principles. “I think (these principles) would impact on some level these really tragic shootings of the mentally ill, the homeless person, the unarmed person. It could have an enormous impact.”

The group’s principles, which will be released officially in an upcoming report, also require officers to respond proportionally to a suspect, imagining the public’s perception of that response, and

to communicate effectively instead of, for example, repeatedly telling a suspect to drop the weapon. The principles also recommend departments stop training on what it called “outdated concepts,” such as the “21-foot-rule,” which refers to the distance an armed suspect with a knife can close before an officer can draw their weapon. Instead, officers are encouraged to create more distance and use cover, so that they give themselves more time to respond.

Researchers traveled with police chiefs to Scotland last year to study how police there, who are nearly all unarmed, use distance, often backing away from suspects with their hands up, for example, to encourage calm.

In one video shown Friday, officers in downtown Camden encountered a man high on narcotics who had threatened a man in a restaurant with a knife last November. Video showed officers walking with the man for

four city blocks, clearing pedestrians ahead of him and telling other responders to standby, as he wildly waved his knife at them.

“About a year and a half ago we would’ve shot and killed him, there’s no doubt in my mind,” said Camden County Police Chief Scott Thomson. But “we were very happily trying to walk him back to Philadelphia,” he joked. A little over a year ago the department added the sanctity of life to their use-of-force poli-

cy.

In Dallas, the department is providing 100 blue-tipped sponge projectiles to trained patrol officers who may use those less-lethal rounds as early as June. Once on scene, patrol officers would back up and put their guns away and allow specially trained officers to take over the problem, said Dallas police Deputy Chief Jeffrey Cotner.

“We’re trying to instill in every opportunity, de-escalation, distance,” Cotner said.

EAGLES

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Clinton and Alfonso Baca of Big Spring, second place went to Billy and Tammy Luxton of Stanton and third place went to Landon Sturdivant of Big Spring.

“Landon has spearheaded this chili cook-off for the last several years. This was the first year that the Eagle Lodge was running everything in a long time. Landon said early Saturday morning that he was looking forward to being able to focus on cooking his own chili this year,” said Pope.

“So the Eagles members running the event were super excited when we called the number of the third place chili to find out that it was Landon. The judging was done double blind so we had no idea who placed where until we called the ticket number for each chili.”

After the chili cooking and judging, there was a spirited auction.

“We had about 125 people come out for the all you can eat chili, and another 50 or so people came out for the auction. We are very pleased with the turnout,” said Pope. “We are so thankful and want to thank all of the

businesses that donated items to the auction. This town is so giving and so supportive of things like this. We also want to say thank you from the entire Eagles Lodge and to the judges who volunteered their time and taste buds to judge each of the 20 chili bowls turned in that day.”

The judges were Mayra Ortega, Kathryn Wiseman, Robert Fitzbiggins, Debbi Badgett, Sally Gomez, Jacob Cerda, Jeremiah Peters, Garret Starkey, Andy Neel, Mandi Neel, Amanda Wright, and Dale McMurry.

There were door priz-

es, a flat screen T.V. prize and a 50/50 drawing during the event that had several people walking away with smiles.

“Paula Overton won the flat screen T.V. and Rick Morrow won another side fundraiser, which he immediately donated back on one condition, that Seth Mansfield of the Eagles Lodge take a pie to the face,” said Pope. “Seth took it like a man.”

Mansfield and Shane Gressett, both Eagles Lodge members, worked the auction.

“They did an awesome job. They had everyone involved and kept ev-

eryone laughing,” said Pope.

During the auction, Gressett was called to take a pie in the face, which he agreed to do if the crowd could raise \$200. A hat was passed around taking collections which totaled another \$265.

“Shane didn’t hesitate. It’s hard to find better people than the ones who make magic happen down at the Eagles

Lodge,” said Pope.

When all was said and done, the Fraternal Order of the Eagles were able to write checks for \$2,500 each to the Big Spring Crossroads Young Marines and the West Texas Centers Children in Need Fund.

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“We knocked on 125,000 doors this past weekend,” Clinton told NBC’s Today Monday morning. “Although it’s a tight race, a lot of the people who are committed to caucusing for me will be there and standing up for me and I will do the same for them in the campaign and in the presidency.”

Sanders, the Vermont senator who has been generating big, youthful crowds across the state, urged voters to help him “make history” with a win in Iowa.

In a show of financial strength, Sanders’ campaign announced Sunday it had raised \$20 million in January alone. While Sanders has a large team in Iowa, this operation got off to a later start, particularly compared with Clinton, who has had staff on the ground in the state for nearly a year.

Monday’s contest will also offer the first hard evidence of whether Trump can turn the legion of fans drawn to his plainspoken populism into voters. The scope of the billionaire’s organization in Iowa is a mystery, though Trump himself has intensified his campaign schedule during the final sprint, including a pair of ral-

lies Monday.

Cruz has modeled his campaign after past Iowa winners, visiting all of the state’s 99 counties and courting influential evangelical and conservative leaders. With the state seemingly tailor-made for his brand of uncompromising conservatism, a loss to Trump will likely be viewed as a failure to meet expectations.

Seeking to tamp down expectations, Cruz said Sunday that he’s just pleased to be in the mix for first place.

“If you had told me a year ago that two days out from the Iowa caucuses we would be neck and neck, effectively tied for first place in the state of Iowa, I would have been thrilled,” Cruz said.

Cruz has spent the closing days of the Iowa campaign focused intensely on Marco Rubio, trying to ensure the Florida senator doesn’t inch into second place. Rubio is viewed by many Republicans as a more mainstream alternative to Trump and Cruz, though he’ll need to stay competitive in Iowa in order to maintain his viability.

Rubio, who traditionally lashed back at the attacks, adopted the same reflective tone as many of his rivals, telling NBC that Cruz “has a very strong ground

game.” He diminished the attacks against him as “politics as usual.”

The campaigns were anxiously keeping an eye on the weather. A snowfall forecast to start Monday night appeared more likely to hinder the hopefuls in their rush out of Iowa than the voters. Republican John Kasich already had decamped to New Hampshire, with New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush following behind Monday afternoon, hours before the caucuses start.

The trio of governors has had a light footprint in Iowa, banking instead on strong showings in New Hampshire’s Feb. 9 primary to jumpstart

their White House bids. Yet some Republican leaders worry that if Trump or Cruz pull off a big victory in Iowa, it would be difficult to slow their momentum.

Bush, for example, started the year as a fundraising juggernaut. But according to records released Sunday, both his super PAC and campaign fundraising declined significantly in the later months of 2015 as he struggled to keep up with Trump.

Unlike in primaries, where voters can cast their ballots throughout the day, the caucuses begin across Iowa at 7 p.m. CST. Democrats will gather at 1,100 locations and Republicans at nearly 900 spots.

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Opinion

The Fed freak out about the markets

Early in the new year, on Sunday, Jan. 3, Federal Reserve Vice Chairman Stanley Fischer delivered a hawkish speech to the American Economic Association. Completely misreading the economy, which is woefully weak while inflation is virtually nil, Fischer strongly hinted that the Fed would be raising its target rate by a quarter of a percent every quarter for the next three years.



LAWRENCE
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The next day Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 1.5 percent. In the week that followed, the broad index fell 6 percent. The week after that it fell over 2 percent. During that two-week period, the Dow Jones dropped 1,437 points. The dollar went up. Oil plunged 21 percent. Raw material commodities dropped. And credit risk spreads in the high-yield junk market rose substantially.

Actually, it was a global event, as stock markets around the world plunged. Utter chaos. This past week, the Fed retreated in its Federal Open Market Committee policy statement. For the first time in a long while, it didn't bother with a risk assessment between inflation and employment. The whole statement had a much softer tone. It reminded me of the prevent defense of Bill Parcells' old New York Giants.

Putting it more starkly, I'd say the Fed is completely freaked out by financial markets that are turning against it.

The central bank says its poli-

cies are "data driven." But the recent FOMC statement suggests the Fed is looking at everything. It has a hundred indicators — domestic, international, jobs and inflation. In truth, it doesn't know what its next move is going to be, because it can't read the economy. Fed policy is opaque, confusing and rudderless.

Nominal GDP — real output plus inflation — registered a small 1.5 percent gain. In normal times, money GDP should be between 4 and 5 percent.

Perhaps most troublesome to the stock market and the economy is the decline in corporate profits. According to most estimates, profits are set to drop for the third straight quarter while business sales look to be falling for the fourth straight quarter.

Add this to less than 1 percent economic growth, and the risk of recession is surely rising.

The recession threat is a risk, not a fact. But for Fed policy makers to tell us the economy is healthy is a complete misreading of the situation. And with ultra-weak economic growth and ultra-low inflation, how could the Fed, or any central bank, think about tightening policy?

Besides stocks, other market indicators are trying to tell the central bank: No more rate hikes. Copper is down 16 percent over the past year. Inflation expectations in the Treasury bond markets have fallen significantly. And the dollar over the past several years has increased roughly 30 percent.

A healthy King Dollar is a good thing, and so are falling energy prices. But enough is enough. More Fed rate hikes will raise the dollar and reduce energy prices so much that the economy

will be completely disrupted. A stable, reliable greenback is a good thing. But let's not press our luck.

Now, if the Fed were operating on a true price rule, it would keep the dollar where it is today for as far as the eye can see. In turn that would stabilize gold and other commodities and avoid further economic disruption.

In a speech back in 2014, former Fed head Paul Volcker argued for a rules-based monetary policy along with international currency cooperation. Right now we have neither. Europe and Japan have moved toward negative interest rates while the Fed threatens higher rates. Where is Volcker's currency diplomacy? Nowhere to be seen.

Thankfully, there's a way out of this mess. Let the Fed keep interest rates and the dollar stable. No more tightening. Meanwhile, the Republican Congress can pass a significant tax cut for large and small businesses. Push the rate down to 15 percent for C-corps and S-corps. Provide easy repatriation of U.S. money overseas. And permit immediate tax write-offs for new-business-investment expenses.

Congress could also push for reduced regulatory burdens, although it looks like there's no stopping the Obama administration's unconstitutional march toward even greater regulations.

But a big business tax cut would be the most stimulative way to move the economy from near recession to 4 or 5 percent growth. That's what we need. Put it together with a stable and reliable dollar, and we can move from pessimism to optimism.

It's been done before. We can do it again.

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DAILY PRAYER

With You, Lord, in mind we can come up with awesome new ideas.

Amen



Donald ducks

I'm for Trump," the man across the room from me said. We were in the ICU family waiting room, and by that point, given the reach of Boston TV to New Hampshire voters, the television was showing nonstop ads.

The man across from me was a union guy. I told him I worked for Teddy. Oh, he loved Teddy. And then he worked for Kerry, of course. The guy had clearly done more phone banking than I ever had.

So, why Donald Trump? Because he's sick of politicians. Because Trump isn't going to win, but he has the establishment on the run, and, frankly, Trump adds a rare note of humor in a somber crowd.

I wonder what my friend is thinking today and, more importantly, how his brother is healing.

The first thing I learned sitting in a waiting room for a few days is what really matters: family, and friends who are like family. We all sat together there — from

the former gangbanger who showed us his scars to a middle-aged woman named Crystal, who was waiting for her husband to wake up.

We are at Beth Israel Deaconess in Boston, much less spiffy-looking than the fancy-schman-cy new clinic in Scottsdale where a doctor perforated my insides and nicked my spleen trying to get past the scar tissue from the unnecessary surgery she had performed earlier. Thanks to that, I was hospitalized five times, the fifth requiring two and a half hours in intensive care. In Boston, they still write things down for you on paper: not nearly so fancy. But as we kept reminding each other, we were in the best place we could possibly be, surrounded by all the best in medicine, in a culture where the patient has always come first.

The second thing I learned, as if I could ever forget, is that health is everything, that all the money in the world means nothing if you are watching someone you love hooked up to monitors and tubes.

When it comes to what really matters, what divides us — age, race, wealth — is meaningless compared to what unites us.

Which brings me back to

my friend from the carpenters union, and the droning of the television in the background. If you watch enough political ads, after a while they all sound annoyingly alike: an ugly picture of the opponent; mud flying; some ugly headlines; noise.

Last week, the Donald seemed like a breath of fresh air, a break from the tendency to answer every question in political-speak, a guy who was out to shake up the system. I got it. When you hear those ads hour after hour, the phoniness of the television messages stands in sharp and painful contrast to the life-and-death situations everyone in the room is facing.

This week, the Donald showed that he deserves even less respect than his opponents and their phony ads. If Trump is the "real thing," then the real thing is a very small man, afraid to face down his nemesis, that terrifying threat to America's security: the drop-dead gorgeous Megyn Kelly.

Debates matter. They can be noisy and contentious, but it's the music of freedom you're hearing. If the Donald won't play, if he claims to be above the rituals that define politics for a free people, then he is the answer to nothing and the biggest phony of them all.



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Sports Calendar

TUESDAY

Girls' basketball

Big Spring at Levelland, 6:30 p.m.
Sonora at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m.
Forsan at Eldorado, 6:30 p.m.
Garden City at Robert Lee, 6:30 p.m.
Sands at Dawson, 6:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball

Big Spring at Levelland, 8 p.m.
Sonora at Coahoma, 8 p.m.
Forsan at Eldorado, 8 p.m.
Garden City at Robert Lee, 8 p.m.
Sands at Dawson, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

College baseball

Wayland Baptist at Howard College (DH), noon.

WEDNESDAY

College softball

Weatherford College at Howard College (DH), 1 p.m.

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 237, or e-mail reporter@bigspringherald.com

Russell MVP of Pro Bowl



Seattle quarterback Russell Wilson acknowledges the crowd after being named the 2016 Pro Bowl's most valuable player. Team Irvin defeated Team Rice, 49-27, in Honolulu Sunday. *AP photo*

Broncos, Panthers arrive for Super Bowl

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — They're here.

The Denver Broncos arrived in the Bay Area on Sunday for Northern California's first Super Bowl since 1985, followed soon after by the Carolina Panthers.

Denver's flight into San Jose, California, was delayed by an hour. The team flew in a customized United Airlines jet with a Broncos logo over the door. Someone in the cockpit waved

a Broncos flag out of a window as the plane taxied along the tarmac.

Former Broncos running back Terrell Davis, the Super Bowl MVP in 1998, met the players as they exited the jet.

Panthers All-Pro quarterback Cam Newton emerged from the team plane wearing gold, black and white zebra pants, along with a dark V-neck sweater with a shirt and tie underneath his hooded leather coat.

It's not all that unusual an outfit for him considering Newton has been seen wearing loafers without socks with his suits at postgame interviews.

Still, the pants were striking and set social media ablaze.

"Dang, Cam wore the exact same outfit as me today," right tackle Mike Remmers joked on Twitter.

Defensive tackle Dwan Edwards flashed the

peace sign to the waiting crowd.

Carolina's de-boarding process wasn't easy at first as the wind caused the steps to the tarmac to wobble significantly. At one point, with several players on the stairs, everyone stopped moving in deference to the gusts. Some even put away their cellphones as they traversed the swaying stairs.

Then again, it's San Francisco.

The players were in a frivolous mood, and who could blame them? They're at the Super Bowl.

Many jumped into each other's photos and ruined others' selfies.

The Broncos are in their second Super Bowl in three years; they lost 43-8 to Seattle in 2014 in New Jersey. Carolina has been to one, losing to New England in 2004.

Both teams brought

their practice squad players and guys on injured reserve.

Panthers cornerback Charles Tillman, who recently had knee surgery, slowly climbed the stairs to the plane in Charlotte, helped by a crutch. Thomas Davis, Carolina's All-Pro linebacker who broke his right forearm in the NFC title game win against Arizona, strapped a video camera to his chest.

Dirk-less Mavericks down Phoenix

DALLAS (AP) — Deron Williams wrapped up a busy January for Dallas by filling the offensive void while Dirk Nowitzki took a night off to rest.

With Nowitzki sitting out the 18th game of the month, the front end of a back-to-back and the start of five games in seven days, Williams scored 27 points and his hometown Mavericks surged past the lowly Phoenix Suns 91-78 on Sunday.

"I think everyone knows when Dirk is out we have to step up a little bit when it comes to scoring," said Williams, the former Dallas

area high school player who finished three points shy of his season best in his first year with the Mavericks.

Dwight Powell had six straight points for all his scoring to give the Mavericks the lead for good in the fourth quarter on a night when Dallas was hoping to rest its 37-year-old leading scorer and still beat a team with 13 straight road losses.

The Mavericks did that and finished 9-9 in January thanks to a 23-5 run over the final 9 minutes. They gave up their fewest points in the fourth quarter this season, outscoring Phoenix 23-9.

Powell's points turned a 75-74 deficit into an 80-75 lead, with Raymond Felton assisting on a pair of baskets before Powell made two free throws.

"It was one of those nights where you couldn't put the ball in the basket but you have to find a way to contribute to the team no matter what," said Felton, who had a game-high six assists with 10 points on 2-of-8 shooting.

Rookie guard Devin Booker led the Suns in scoring for the third straight game with 19 points.

It appeared the Suns might make Dallas regret

the decision to sit Nowitzki the night before a trip to Atlanta, going up 65-60 in the third quarter on a 10-0 run that included eight consecutive points from Booker.

The lead was still five after Markieff Morris hit a fade-away jumper early in the fourth quarter. But the Suns didn't make another field goal until there was just 1:15 left, a dunk by Morris that cut Phoenix's deficit to 89-78 and ended a 21-3 Dallas surge.

Morris was the only player to score in the fourth

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SC holds off Aggies

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — South Carolina moved a step closer to an upcoming showdown against No. 1 Connecticut with another road win over a top 10 team.

A'ja Wilson scored 27 points as the Gamecocks stayed unbeaten by holding on for a 70-63 victory over No. 10 Texas A&M. South Carolina, which opened a three-game lead in the Southeastern Conference race, has a lone home game against No. 12 Kentucky on Thursday before playing host to top-ranked Connecticut on Feb. 8.

But first, there were the Aggies to try and take care of, as A&M had won four of its last five league contests.

"I was just letting the game come to me," said Wilson, who scored 13 of her points in the second quarter. "We knew it was going to be rowdy, and that they were going to be excited, and we were going to be excited."

The excitement peaked with the game tied 54-54 with 7:42 remaining. That's when the Gamecocks' Tiffany Mitchell drained a jump shot from the left side, and ensuing layups by Alaina Coates and Khadijah Sessions pushed South Carolina (21-0, 9-0 SEC) to a 60-54 lead following two fruitless A&M possessions over the span of about two minutes.

The Aggies (15-6, 5-3) tightened the gap to four at 60-56 on a jumper by Courtney Walker with 5:06 left, but Mitchell quickly re-

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Kim wins LPGA Tour opener in Bahamas

PARADISE ISLAND, Bahamas (AP) — Hyo Joo Kim won the season-opening Pure Silk-Bahamas LPGA Classic on Sunday, relegating Stacy Lewis to yet another second-place finish.

Kim rebounded from a bogey on the 16th hole with a 9-foot birdie putt on the par-3 17th and closed with a par for a two-stroke victory over Lewis, 2015 champion Sei Young Kim and Anna Nordqvist.

"Really happy that I won here because it's just like a really good start to the season," Hyo Joo Kim said through fellow South Korean player Minjee Lee. "Good vibes."

Hyo Joo Kim shot a 7-under 66 at the breezy Ocean

Club to finish at 18-under 274. The 20-year-old player has three LPGA Tour victories, also winning the 2014 Evian Championship and 2015 Founders Cup. She has nine victories on the Korean LPGA.

"She's just so used to winning," caddie Dean Herden said. "I mean, she's won so many times in Korea that she's very comfortable when she's on top of the leaderboard, and getting there. Her iron play got better today. Didn't hit the iron shots very well yesterday, hit a lot of thin shots. Last night we were working on something and today she was able to hit a lot more solid shots."

Needing an eagle to force a playoff, Lewis parred the

par-5 18th for a 68. She has nine runner-up finishes in a 40-event victory drought that dates to June 2014. The 11-time tour winner has 22 career second-place finishes.

"Seven under's a great score and I knew it was going to take something like that today on this golf course with less wind," Lewis said. "You know you needed to shoot a number. Just got off to a bit of a slow start. Making bogey on 8 really hurt, but proud of the way I came back on the back nine and gave myself a chance."

Sei Young Kim also shot a 68, and Nordqvist had a 69.

Hyo Joo Kim made three straight birdies — holing putts of 18 feet on the par-3

12th, 15 feet on the par-4 13th and 5 feet on the par-4 14th — to open a three-stroke lead.

After the bogey on the difficult par-4 16th that cut her advantage to one shot, she hit a slight draw with a 4-iron to set up the birdie putt on the 171-yard 17th.

"Very tricky one," Herden said. "Gain went into us. It could have gone left or right to left, we weren't quite sure. She decided inside left edge and straight in."

Hyo Joo Kim had four birdies on the front nine, making three in a row on Nos. 4-6 and adding another on No. 8.

The third-ranked Lewis parred the final three holes after birdieing Nos. 13-15.

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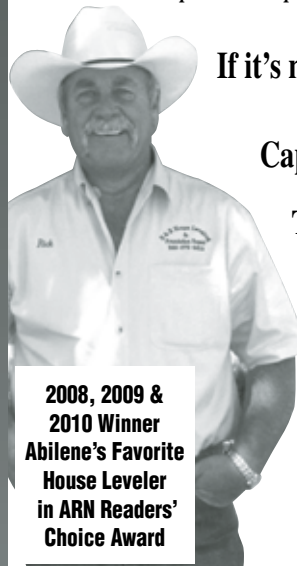
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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NUMBER 20137

APPLICATION WTG Gas Processing, L.P. has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

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(TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 20137, which would authorize continued operation of their gas plant. The applicant provided the following driving directions: from the intersection of Interstate 20 and Texas Highway 350 in Big Spring, Texas, drive 24 miles east on Texas 350 to Vincent, Texas. Drive an additional 8 miles west on Farm to Market Road 846. The facility is located on the right, Coahoma, Howard County, Texas 79511. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, please refer to the application.
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The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. In addition to the renewal, this permitting action includes the incorporation of the following authorizations or changes to authorized facilities related to this permit: amendments, permits by rule, and standard permits. An amendment application that is not subject to public notice or an opportunity for a contested case hearing is also being reviewed. The reasons for any changes or incorporations, to the extent they are included in the renewed permit, may include the enhancement of operational control at the plant or enforceability of the permit. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. **The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

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Well maintained houses for rent. One, two, or three bedrooms. Call Maple Properties LLC 432-264-6337

Real Estate for Sale

For Sale/Lease. 1702 Gregg St. (former Pizza Inn). Call Keith @ 325-575-2705

2BR/1BA Big Spring \$6,500 HANDYMAN NEEDED!! THIS HOUSE CAN BE SAVED BUT NEEDS LOTS OF WORK. 1105 WOOD IN HIGHLAND PARK, HCAD SAYS LOT IS 100 X 125. SELLER WILL CONSIDER FINANCING TO GIVE YOU TIME TO REPAIR. CALL SHIRLEY LEE, BROKER, EVOLUTION 432 REALTY LLC, 432-967-2565. Shirley@evolution432.com

3 lots: 1505, 1507 & 1509 Main. \$2,000 each or all 3 for \$5,000. 432-268-3738

3 Peaks Ranch. 70 miles South of Alpine. 320 acres/ beautiful mountain. Mule, deer, and all native game. Beautiful views from Big Canyon Peak, Spring Creek Peak, and Persimmon Peak. All weather road. \$365/acre firm! 432-371-2973

5.1 acres great property! 1710 sq. ft., 2012 mobile with guest house fully furnished. Many improvements. Call Home Realtors 432-263-1284 or Clovie Shannon 432-935-2135

LOT FOR SALE CLEARED LOT FOR SALE, \$2,500, 1309 RUNNELS, HCAD DIMENSIONS 50 X 140 IN FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS. CALL BROKER SHIRLEY LEE, EVOLUTION 432 REALTY LLC, (432) 967-2565.

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Robert Lee (Edith Estate) Lake House- Hunting lodge 1 large room, bathroom, kitchen, large awning for boat & R.V.'s & awning over back porch, city water. Sacrificing \$23,000. 432-267-8169

Legals

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08
DATE OF ISSUANCE:
Jan 21, 2016
NOTICE OF PROTEST
DEADLINE:
5:00 PM, Feb 25, 2016
Address: Railroad
Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit,
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email:
SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US
Rule 37 Case No. 0299420
Status/Permit No. 813267

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the JPM EOC OPERATING, INC., [RRC Operator No. 448014] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 40, Bk. 32 T1N, T&P RR CO/READ, H C Survey, A-1589, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 2.3 miles NE direction from BIG SPRING, Texas.

Legals

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512)463-6751.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, YOU MUST FILL OUT, SIGN AND MAIL, FAX, E-MAIL OR DELIVER TO THE AUSTIN OFFICE OF THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS THE ENCLOSED NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST. A COPY OF THE INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST ALSO BE MAILED, DELIVERED, FAXED OR E-MAILED ON THE SAME DATE TO THE APPLICANT AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN ON THE SERVICE LIST. THIS INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST **MUST BE RECEIVED** IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM ON:

Feb 25, 2016
IMPORTANT: THE MAILBOX RULE DOES NOT APPLY. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO FILE A PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY, TO BE EFFECTIVE THE DAY FOLLOWING THE TERMINATION OF SUCH 21 DAY PERIOD.

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name : PAPAGIORGIO 40-33 A
Lease/Unit Well No. : 11WA
Lease/Unit Acres : 640.45
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0
Lease 254.0 F SOUTH L,
1016.0 WEST
Survey 254.0 F SOUTH L,
1695.0 EAST

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal
Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines:
50.0 F SOUTH L
1060.0 F WEST L

Terminus Location
BH County: HOWARD
Section: 33 Block: 32 T1N
Abstract: 144
Survey: T&P RR CO
Lease Lines:
50.0 F NORTH L
1017.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines:
50.0 F NORTH L
1650.0 F EAST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) :
Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.
This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10000 feet.
If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Leah Moon Becton, at (832)701-1776, x125.

#8949 January 25, February 1, 8, & 15, 2016

Tomorrow's Horoscope



Cleansing by 'Februa'

The ancient Romans held a ritual called "Februa," named for the process of purification, on the full moon of this month (which is on the 22nd this year). Typically, this had to do with a lot of washing, as they took advantage of the rainy season. Is there something you would wash away if you could? Name it and claim it under this watery Scorpio moon.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Essentially, what occurs this morning is an impersonal set of circumstances that just happens to involve you. And yet in a strange way you will feel as responsible for this as if you had created it all by yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's strength in unison, but there's beauty in harmony. Keep in mind that in order to create harmony you have to play a note

that is not the same one as the one already being played. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You are correct and so is the other person. Now the question is not "Who is more correct?" Rather, what matters is "Which way is more useful?" The answer: Your way.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Did you know that you have a similar strength to the one you're complimenting in someone else? There's some discomfort in this, perhaps having to do with the great dormant power that lies inside of such knowledge.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're not getting accurate feedback from those around you, so this is important: Believe in yourself! Don't settle into a system that leaves you with only distasteful options. You have way too much to offer to let that happen.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have different priorities than your friend. This is even more pronounced if your friend is the other gender. You'll work things

through eventually. Expect that you'll be the one making most of the compromises.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Just because you stop interacting with something doesn't mean it will go away. You get this; someone else you know is too egocentric to wrap his head around it. You can use that to your advantage, by the way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're such an independent person that you strongly dislike the idea of depending on others for anything at all, especially in regards to finance or transportation. This is the guiding principle behind today's important decision.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Confident people believe they are equals with the others on the planet; whereas the arrogant are always looking down. The difference between confidence and arrogance will be exemplified to you in this afternoon's dealings.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have wings now, but you're not sure if you know how to use

them. Take a running leap off the edge. If there's no landing in sight, you'll be forced to fly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The world won't be moving fast enough for you, but it will also be counterproductive to try and hurry things along. The more you push, the more the other person will push back.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you could train yourself to love a feeling, the one that would benefit you most right now would be the feeling of not knowing where you're going. That's the feeling that will come right before you find yourself somewhere amazing.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 1). The reason you're great is that you push yourself to greatness. What you turn out over the next four weeks will be a point of pride for years to come. April and July are lucrative and there's a chance to re-invest, possibly doubling up on your money. Loved ones set up house, or improve it greatly, in June. Gemini and Sagittarius adore

you. Your lucky numbers are: 49, 3, 33, 31 and 18.

CANCER SECRET-SUPERPOWER BREAKDOWN:
The Obvious: Cancer is an intuitive and caring sign that runs the full gamut between toughness and tenderness. Like a crab, this sign carries its own armor, which in the case of some crabs also happens to be their home. Cancers are both protectors and nurturers.

The Uncanny: The moon-child can choose an emotion and embody it without going through stages that many others would take as bridges between different states of mind. They can be spitting mad one moment, chillingly calm and controlled in the next.

The Weird: This sign's hair tends to grow extremely quickly. Maybe it's something to do with the gravitational pull of the moon, or maybe the ever-changing internal atmosphere of Cancer has a way of pushing on their follicles. No one knows for sure, but they are the barber's best clients.

The Extremely Useful: Cancer has stellar spatial-relationship abilities. This sign can arrange a room, move furniture, pack a car and dance like a dream.

The Quietly Helpful: Most people's dreams are too random to be fun to hear, but if a Cancer tells you she had a dream about you, listen up. There may be psychic information to be gathered.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Jay Z has declared that he can make One Direction star Harry Styles the biggest artist in the world within a year. To be fair, popularity was never an issue for Styles, who was born when the sun, Venus and Mars were in Aquarius, the sign that is of the people, for the people. The moon in harmonious Libra adds another breezy air sign to the mix, indicating an unselfconscious social style.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I was going out of town on business for a week, and a couple I know jumped at the chance to house sit. I offered to let them stay at my place in exchange for taking care of my cat. I asked in advance what staples they would want, so they wouldn't have to shop immediately after their arrival. I was happy to provide these items. I even bought extra treats.

When I returned a week later, my kitchen pantry was bare, my fridge was totally cleaned out and there was no toilet paper, shampoo, moisturizer or laundry detergent. I don't know how they could have used so much in seven days. I live alone and know what I keep on hand, and it is a little annoying to run out of things in the middle of cooking or taking a shower.

What am I expected to provide? Should they replace items they use up? When an item is ruined and no mention of it is made, should I say something? Is it acceptable to ask the sitters to leave a list of the items they used? Would it have made a difference if they house sat for a longer period of time? -- Just Wonder-

ing.
Dear Wondering: Although there is no hard-and-fast rule, it makes sense to put certain things in writing.

Create a folder with the important information, including how to reach you, a contact number for a neighbor or friend in case of emergency and details about how to take care of pets and plants. Then print up a basic agreement stating whether or not they can bring people into your home; what items you do not want them to touch (including things like moisturizer, etc.); which rooms are off-limits; where to put the trash and recycling; whether or not they can use your car; how to access the laundry machines and any other specific instructions, including replacing used-up necessities if you so choose, and that they are responsible for broken or damaged items. If they stay longer, you may need to work out the details regarding mail delivery, heating and air-conditioning, etc. Each of you should sign this and keep a copy.
Be sure the sitters have clean linens and towels, space in

the closet and dresser for their things, and enough food for at least a day or two. Lock up your valuables and keep a list of the things in your house. Make sure other people know that you will be out of town and that these people are house-sitting. And yes, if they ruined something, you can ask them to compensate you.

Dear Annie: I love your advice and almost always agree with you. But "Tired of Sex, So Blame Me" said her husband is sexually selfish and was like that in his 20s and 30s. She says sex is still all about him.

If he was sexually selfish in his 20s, why did she marry him? And if she was willing to marry him knowing this, what on earth makes her think he would change? Your advice was sound, but I also think she needs to accept some of the responsibility for her current situation. -- B.

Dear B.: We agree that too many spouses marry with the unrealistic expectation that the partner will change. But we also know that it serves no purpose to chastise someone for a poor decision made 30 years ago.

Annie's Mailbox is written

by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to anniesmailbox@creators.com, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. You can also find Annie on Facebook at [Facebook.com/AskAnnie](https://www.facebook.com/AskAnnie). To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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ANSWERS

8	1	7	4	9	5	3	2	6
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4	8	9	5	7	1	6	3	2
1	2	6	3	8	4	7	5	9
7	3	5	6	2	9	8	1	4

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

8	1	7	4	5	3			
	6		2	1	4			
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		4						7
		8		3	2			1
4								2
	2	6	3					
			6		8			4

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Famous Hand

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A K 10 9 7 3
♥ 10 6 5
♦ A K 10
♣ 3

WEST
♠ J 8 6 2
♥ 9
♦ J 9 8 7
♣ A 9 6 4

EAST
♠ 4
♥ J 7 4 2
♦ 6 4 3
♣ Q J 10 8 7

SOUTH
♠ Q 5
♥ A K Q 8 3
♦ Q 5 2
♣ K 5 2

The bidding:
North 1♠ Pass 2♥ Pass 3♠ Pass 4♥ Pass 5♥ Pass
South 2♥ Pass 3♥ Pass 4NT Pass 6NT
West Pass Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead — nine of diamonds.
This hand was played in South Africa in 1982 by Sami Kehela of Toronto. The renowned Canadian star reached six notrump as shown, and West led a diamond.
Kehela won with dummy's king, led a heart to the ace and continued with the king, unblocking dummy's ten after West discarded a club.
Declarer next led a diamond to the ace, finessed the eight of hearts and cashed two more hearts, West discarding another club and two dia-

monds. For reasons that at the time mystified the large audience present, Kehela discarded two spades from dummy on his Q-3 of hearts instead of a club and a spade.
Kehela then cashed the diamond queen, West discarding the nine of clubs, to produce this position:

North
♠ A K 10 9
♣ 3

West
♠ J 8 6 2
♣ A

East
♠ 4
♣ Q J 10 8

South
♠ Q 5
♣ K 5 2

The partisan South African audience heaved a collective sigh of relief when Kehela cashed the queen of spades and continued with a spade to the king (instead of finessing the ten).
But their joy was short-lived. When Kehela next led dummy's club to his king, poor West found himself on lead with the ace of clubs and forced to return a spade from his J-8 to dummy's A-10.
Thus Kehela brought home the slam, at the same time solving the mystery of why he had retained the three of clubs in dummy. And in true sporting fashion, the South African audience enthusiastically applauded Kehela's masterful display of technical proficiency.

Tomorrow: The king can do no wrong.
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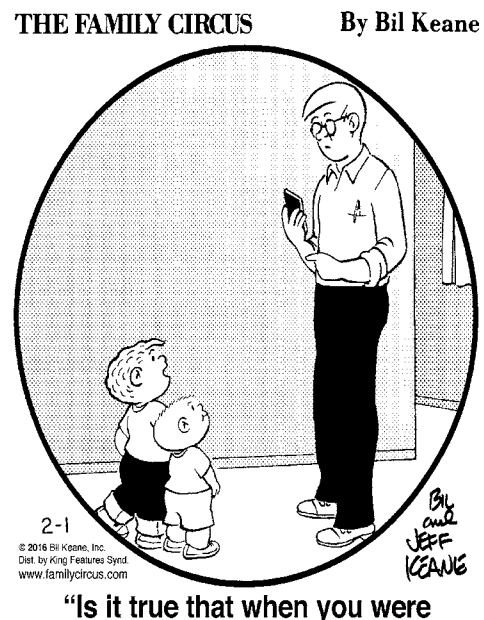
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5 :PM :30	News ABC	Hotel Notic.	Big Bang Cleveland	News CBS	Tele Noticiero	News News	Uri Harel D Stringer	Over Business	Mama's American	American American	American American	The Town, Jon Hamm (DVS)	SportsCenter	Women's College Basketball	LSU Rangers	NCIS (DVS)	To Be Announced	
6 :PM :30	Jeopardy!	Muchacha italiana	Mod Fam Big Bang	News ET	Caso Cerado	News News	McDonald Dr.	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy Fam. Guy		College Basketball		Sportsday Mavs Pre.	NCIS (DVS)	War & Peace	Fast N' Loud
7 :PM :30	The Bachelor	Antes Muerta que	The X-Files	Supergirl	Celia (SS)	Super Upd	Telenov Discovery	Antiques Roadshow	Crazy Ex-Griffith	Fam. Guy American	Fam. Guy American	Movie: S.W.A.T., Michelle Rodriguez (DVS)		SportsCenter Special	NBA Basketball: Dallas Mavericks at Atlanta Hawks.	WWE Monday Night RAW		Fast N' Loud
8 :PM :30		Pasión y poder	Lucifer (DVS)	Scorpion	Eva la Trailera (SS)	The Biggest Loser		Independent Lens	Heroes Seinfeld	Fam. Guy Fam. Guy	Conan		College Basketball: Texas at Baylor.				War & Peace	Fast N' Loud
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12 :AM :30	Nightline	Contacto Deportivo	How I Met Cleveland	James Corden	Gran Hermano: La	Seth Meyers	Yohanan	T. Smiley (Off Air)	King	Cougar			Law & Order	SportsCenter	NBA Basketball: Mavericks at Atlanta Hawks.			Fast N' Loud
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DENNIS THE MENACE



"IT'S REALLY WEIRD HOW MARGARET KEEPS GETTING IN THE WAY OF THOSE SNOWBALLS."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



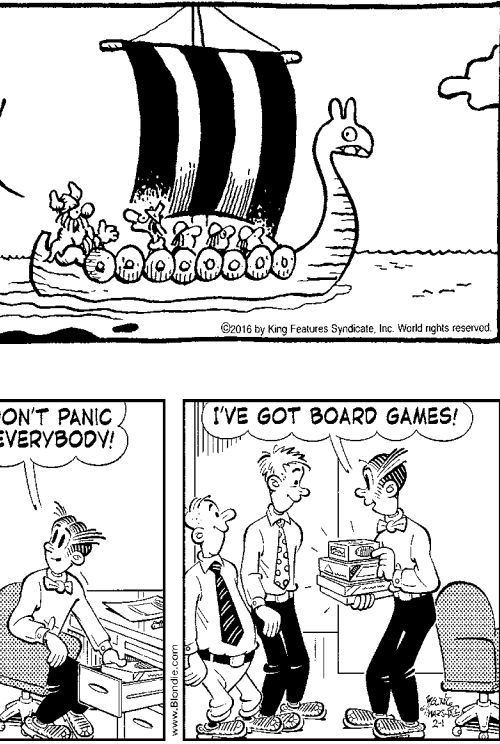
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HAGAR



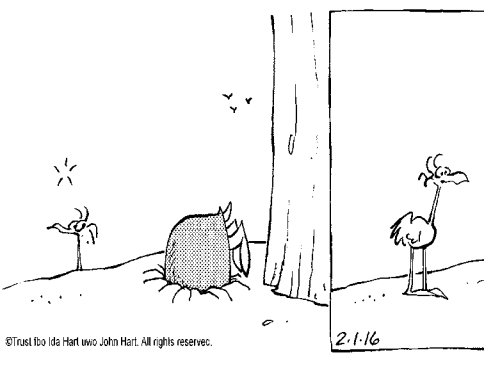
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BLONDIE

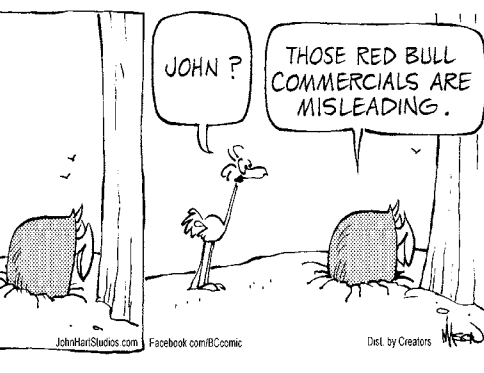


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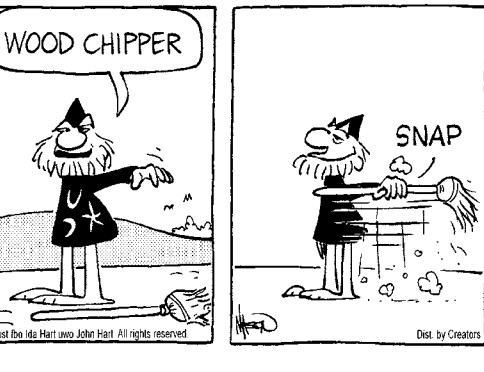


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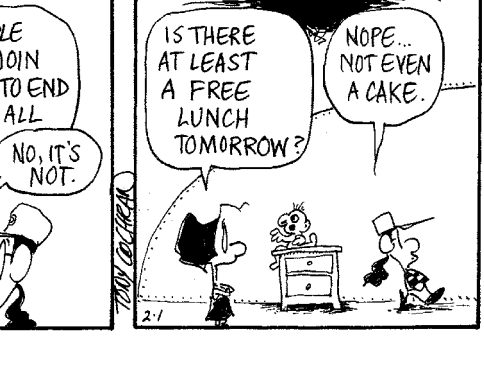
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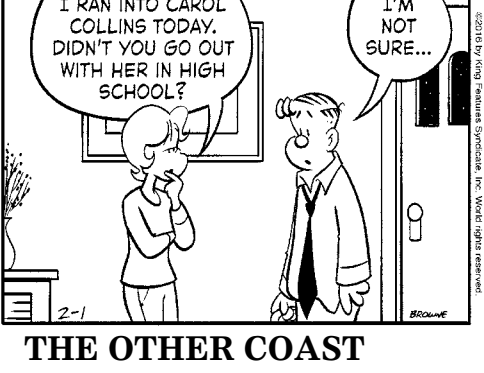
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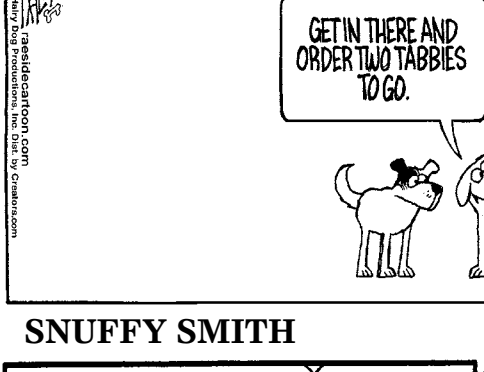
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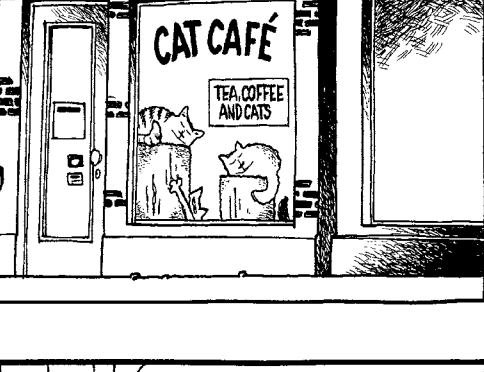
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Feb. 1, the 32nd day of 2016. There are 334 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 1, 1960, four black college students began a sit-in protest at a Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina, where they'd been refused service.

On this date:

In 1790, the U.S. Supreme Court convened for the first time in New York. (However, since only three of the six justices were present, the court recessed until the next day.)

In 1861, Texas voted to leave the Union at a Secession Convention in Austin.

In 1865, during the Civil War, Union forces led by Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman began the Carolinas Campaign as they invaded South Carolina. Abolitionist John S. Rock became the first black lawyer admitted to the bar of the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1896, Giacomo Puccini's opera "La Boheme" premiered in Turin.

In 1922, in one of Hollywood's most enduring mysteries, movie director William Desmond Taylor was shot to death in his Los Angeles home; the killing has never been solved.

In 1943, one of America's most highly decorated military units, the 442nd Central Postal Directory, made up almost exclusively of Japanese-Americans, was authorized.

In 1946, Norwegian statesman Trygve Lie (TRIGH-vuh lee) was chosen to be the first secretary-general of the United Nations.

In 1968, during the Vietnam War, South Vietnam's police chief (Nguyen Ngoc Loan) executed a Viet Cong officer with a pistol shot to the head. Richard M. Nixon announced his bid for the Republican presidential nomination.

In 1979, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini (hoh-MAY'nee) received a tumultuous welcome in Tehran as he ended nearly 15 years of exile.

In 1988, actress Heather O'Rourke, who'd co-starred in the 1982 movie "Poltergeist," died in San Diego at age 12.

In 1995, British rock performer Richey Edwards, 27, disappeared after last being seen in London; his fate has never been determined.

In 2003, the space shuttle Columbia broke up during reentry, killing all seven of its crew members.

Ten years ago: In his first case on the Supreme Court, new Justice Samuel Alito split with the court's conservatives, refusing to let Missouri execute a death-row inmate contesting lethal injection. French and German newspapers published caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad in what they called a defense of freedom of expression, sparking fresh anger from Muslims. United Airlines left bankruptcy after a painful restructuring that lasted more than three years.

Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- Peaceful
- Airplane tracking device
- Writing tablets
- Three-layer cookie
- Girl in Wonderland
- Brother of Cain
- Reclined
- Wandered around
- Actor's part
- Declined to vote
- Film-studio production
- Pays to play poker
- Lightest in color
- Crudely built hut
- Famous person, for short
- Big marching-band instruments
- Fry lightly
- Liquid for frying
- Letter before tee
- Doesn't have
- Alias letters
- You-know—
- Old West medical party
- Remedies
- React to a joke
- Chinese bearlike beasts
- Pirate flag images
- In separate pieces
- Result of poor café service
- Plentiful supply
- Metallic rocks
- Statistical diagram

DOWN

- Coke or Pepsi
- The typical Jordanian
- Luau garlands
- State west of North Dakota
- Uncommon occurrence
- Without help
- Plunges into a pool
- Scored 100% on
- Color of Santa's suit
- Inmate's early release
- On the up-and-up
- Sandwich shops
- Frozen rain
- 44 Down pests
- Boy or man
- Furry or feathered friends
- Slow-cooker meal
- "Keep quiet!"
- "For sure!"
- Pickle veggie
- Cumberbund, for instance
- Appliances that cool: Abbr.
- Scandinavian furniture chain
- Scottish girl
- Fireplace fillers
- Solid part of orange juice
- Joker or jack
- Not domesticated
- Sought-after guest rosters
- Kitchen closet
- Snoopy people
- Seoul, South
- Subside
- Less diluted
- "Excuse me . . ."
- Scotia, Canada
- Baby's bed
- Snakelike swimmers
- Letters after B

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Thought for Today:
"It is the tragedy of the world that no one knows what he doesn't know, Ai and the less a man knows, the more sure he is that he knows everything."
Joyce Cary,
English author
(1888-1957)

Answer to previous puzzle

S	N	A	P	E	A	S	C	D	C	A	S	E
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News in brief

Myanmar house begins new

session dominated by Suu Kyi party

NAYPYITAW, Myanmar (AP) — Myanmar's parliament, led for the first time by pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi's party, began a historic session Monday that will install the country's first democratically elected government in more than 50 years.

The National League for Democracy won a landslide victory in Nov. 8 elections, taking about 80 percent of the seats at stake in the two houses of parliament to defeat the military-backed Union Solidarity and Development Party.

Many legislators expressed hope that Monday marked the beginning of a new, brighter era following decades of military oppression, civil war and pervasive poverty.

"This is like a dream for me," said Khin Maung Myint, an NLD lawmaker before the largely ceremonial two-hour session. "I never imagined that our party would be able to form the government. Even the public didn't think we could have an NLD government. But now it is like a shock to us and to the world too."

Legislators from the two main parties, smaller ethnic minority parties, and military-appointed representatives filed into the cavernous parliament for the lower house session and took a joint oath of office.

Slain Virginia teen mourned

as investigation continues

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — A 13-year-old girl who police say was abducted and killed by a Virginia Tech student is being remembered by friends as an "angel" on Earth as investigators work to piece together the final moments of the teen's life.

David Eisenhauer, 18, has been charged with first-degree murder and abduction in the death of Nicole Madison Lovell, whose body was found Saturday in North Carolina, police said. Another Virginia Tech student, Natalie Keepers, 19, faces charges of improper disposal of a body and accessory after the fact in the commission of a felony.

Davy Draper, who said he's a close family friend of the Lovells and knew the teen most of her life, called her an energetic and outspoken girl who got along with everyone.

"She was an awesome little girl. She was an angel here on Earth and she's an angel now," Draper said Sunday.

Eisenhauer and Keepers were being held without bond at the Montgomery County Jail. A Blacksburg police spokesman said officials did not yet know when the two suspects would make their first court appearances.

In Poconos, mysterious Turkish cleric shrouded in mystery

SAYLORSBURG, Pennsylvania (AP) — The influential Muslim cleric lives quietly on a gated 26-acre compound in the Pocono Mountains, where he prays, works, meets admirers and watches from afar as terrorism accusations that have landed him on Turkey's most-wanted list unfold in court.

Rarely seen in public, Fethullah Gulen has long been one of Turkey's most important scholars, with multitudes of followers in his native country and around the world.

More recently, Turkey's increasingly autocratic president, Recep Erdogan, has accused Gulen of plotting to overthrow the officially secular government from his Pennsylvania idyll some 5,000 miles away.

Gulen's supporters call the charge baseless and, so far, the U.S. has shown little inclination to send him back to Turkey to face a trial that began without him Jan. 6 and is expected to last several months.

If the reclusive leader worries about the possibility, he hasn't shared it with confidants, they say.

"He said that the United States has a long tradition of democracy and rule of law," said Y. Alp Aslanoğlu, who sees Gulen about once a week as president of the New York-based Alliance for Shared Values, a group that promotes Gulen's ideas. "They will see that these are politically oriented charges, and they will not allow Erdogan to spread his ambition into the United States."

NTSB to release documents in Amtrak crash investigation

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal accident investigations board is set to release documents that could shed light on the cause of a fatal Amtrak train derailment in Philadelphia last year.

The National Transportation Safety Board has wrapped up its investigative phase into the crash that killed eight people and injured about 200 others. The board is releasing on Monday the factual information gathered so far.

Next, investigators will analyze the evidence, prepare a report on the probable cause of the derailment and make safety recommendations. A draft report is expected to be delivered to board members in a meeting not yet scheduled, but that will likely happen around the May 12 anniversary of the crash.

Investigators have already released substantial information about the crash of Amtrak 188, including that the train's data recorder shows it was traveling at about twice the speed limit of 50 mph when

it entered Frankfort Junction, one of the sharpest curves in Amtrak's Northeast Corridor between Boston and Washington.

It's normal for trains to speed up in the stretch of track before the curve, which has a 70 mph limit. But trains are supposed to slow before entering the curve, and data show the train reached more than 100 mph in that stretch.

The emergency brake was activated as it entered the curve, but by then it was too late. The locomotive and four of the train's seven passenger cars jumped the tracks, ending up in a tangled heap.

Israeli academics face growing boycott pressures

HAIFA, Israel (AP) — Israeli anthropologist Dan Rabinowitz is a leader in his field, heading a prestigious school of environmental studies at Tel Aviv University, authoring dozens of publications and holding visiting teaching positions over the years at leading North American universities.

But the British-educated Rabinowitz fears that his younger counterparts may not enjoy the same professional opportunities for a very personal reason: They are Israeli.

As a global boycott movement against Israeli universities gains steam, Israeli professors say they are feeling the pressure from their colleagues overseas. Although the movement ostensibly targets universities, not individuals, Israeli academics say they are often shunned at the personal level.

They experience snubs at academic conferences, struggle to get recommendations and can experience difficulty publishing their work in professional journals.

"This is highly personal and personalized," said Rabinowitz.

The academic boycott is part of the broader Palestinian "BDS" campaign, which advocates boycotts, divestment and sanctions against Israel. Inspired by the anti-apartheid movement, BDS organizers say they are using nonviolent means to promote the Palestinian struggle for independence.

3-star chef Benoit Violier found dead in apparent suicide

PARIS (AP) — Swiss police say 3-star chef Benoit Violier, whose restaurant near Lausanne recently topped a list of the world's best, has been found dead of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot. He was 44.

Police said in a statement that Violier was found dead in his home late Sunday afternoon in the municipality of Crissier. An investigation has been opened to determine the exact circumstances of the death, police said.

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quarter for Phoenix, which went 3 of 15 from the field and shot 37 percent for the game. The Suns' last road win was Dec. 7 at Chicago, and they dropped to 2-19 starting with a blowout loss at Utah on Dec. 21.

"Late-game situations have been a problem for us all year," said Booker, who had seven rebounds and four assists. "Other teams start ex-

cuting, and that's something we have to work on. That's when we need to buckle down."

Tyson Chandler had his seventh double-double with 12 points and 13 rebounds in another visit to Dallas, the team he has left twice in free agency after playing a significant leadership role in the franchise's only championship in 2011.

His replacement, Zaza Pachulia, just missed what would have been a career-best 22nd double-double.

He had nine points and 15

rebounds.

NO REGRETS

Chandler is already relegated to playing for pride after quickly picking Phoenix in free agency and leaving the Mavericks in the DeAndre Jordan-or-bust scenario that left his former team scrambling at center. The Suns still had hope his first time back. Now he says there are no regrets.

"I feel like throughout my career I've always been placed where I'm supposed to be placed," he said. "This definitely has been a tough sea-

son but I feel like there has to be some positives that come out of this."

TIP-INS

Suns: Coach Jeff Hornacek suggested that guards Brandon Knight (left groin strain) and Ronnie Price (right big toe surgery) might sit out until the All-Star break to take advantage of the extra time off. ... F T.J. Warren sat out with a sprained right ankle. He was injured in Cleveland and didn't move well two nights later at New York.

Mavericks: G Devin Harris missed his fourth straight

game with a right big toe injury. ... G Wesley Matthews had his fourth straight single-digit scoring game with seven points on 2-of-12 shooting. ... In his 18th season, Nowitzki sat out for the second time in three games after skipping the second night of a back-to-back at Golden State on Wednesday.

UP NEXT

Suns: Start a seven-game homestand, their longest of the season, Tuesday against Toronto.

Mavericks: At Atlanta on Monday.

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sponded with a 3-pointer in giving the Gamecocks a 63-56 lead with 3:38 remaining.

South Carolina dominated A&M in points in the paint (40-24), and Sessions and Mitchell each collected three steals.

"Tiffany Mitchell's steals got her some clean looks at the basket," Gamecocks coach Dawn Staley said.

Mitchell added 20 points for the Gamecocks and Wilson and Coates contributed 10 rebounds each, while Courtney Walker led the Aggies with 23 points.

"We just put players in positions where they could get easier looks, and our defense created some easy offense," Staley said.

The Gamecocks edged A&M 59-58 on Jan. 17. The game at South Carolina featured 19 lead changes, and Sunday's encore offered nine more.

"Folks, that was as good as we can do, it just wasn't good enough,"

A&M coach Gary Blair said, adding he wasn't disappointed at all in his team's showing.

Sunday also marked the start of a rugged three-game stretch for the Gamecocks, with the Kentucky and Connecticut games upcoming.

Sunday's contest marked the second lowest combined rankings for women's basketball in the history of Reed, which opened in 1998. No. 1 Baylor defeated No. 6 A&M 63-60 on Jan. 30, 2011. Staley said after Sunday's game her team didn't get rattled because it's accustomed to playing in tough venues in the SEC.

TIP-INS: Texas A&M's bench dominated its South Carolina counterparts 10-1. Only Tina Roy scored a lone point for the Gamecocks bench.

The teams were nearly even in turnovers (16 for South Carolina and 17 for A&M), but the Gamecocks capitalized more on the Aggies' miscues with a 22-15 advantage in points off of turnovers - with seven points also being the difference in the outcome.

STAT LINES: The teams were nearly even in shooting from the floor. The Gamecocks made 45.3 percent (24 of 53) of their shots, while the Aggies countered with 43.5 percent (27 of 62) shooting. No Gamecocks backup even attempted a shot from the field, outside of Tina Roy, who missed all three.

QUOTABLE: "There's not a sportswriter in here who could have guarded her, either, even in your best day."


Texas A&M coach Gary Blair on his players trying to defend Gamecocks 6-foot-5 forward A'ja Wilson.

UP NEXT:

South Carolina hosts Kentucky on Thursday.

Texas A&M plays at Florida on Thursday.

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