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Fire destroys Sands Springs home



None injured in Wilson Road blaze Wednesday

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

A Sand Springs family is without a home Wednesday afternoon after a fire ripped through the structure located on Wilson Road.

According to Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan, no persons were injured in the blaze although a family pet did perish. The residents were not at home when the blaze erupted, Sullivan said.

"The new fire truck really helped to contain this quickly," Sullivan said. "When we arrived, flames were shooting out of the roof. I got on the water cannon and was able to knock that down pretty quickly and we were able to get hoses in to put out the fire."

Although some of the structure still stands, the home is a complete loss, Sullivan said. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Investigators are seeking the cause of a fire that destroyed this home on Wilson Road in Sand Springs on Wednesday afternoon. No people were injured, although the family pet was killed in the fire.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Two more file for trustee race

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

The field of candidates in the Howard College Board of Trustees races is starting to get a little crowded.

Two more people filed candidacy papers Wednesday to seek a position on the board ensuring contested races for all four spots open this election cycle.

Incumbent Adriel Saldivar, who is currently serving in an at-large position, filed to run for the Precinct 2 position. He joins Greg Moore in the race for the position.

Also throwing his hat into the ring is long-time resident Homer Wilkerson, who filed to run for one of the two at-large positions up for grabs. His declaration for candidacy makes him the third person to enter the race. Also running are Patricia Bennett and incumbent Ryan Williams.

Born and raised in Big Spring, Saldivar returned to his hometown in 2011 after several years away to start his own company, Tex-Span Bilingual Safety Solutions, LLC.

The value of education was installed in Saldivar and his five siblings at an early age, he said, as his parents made sure that every single child in that family graduated from college. Many of the children

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Water line replacement



A two-block stretch of Tenth Street from Goliad to Johnson has been blocked off to allow city crews to replace a 20-inch water line. The work began Wednesday and is expected to be completed within the next few days.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Love to run? Run 2 Love's for you

By **AMANDA ELSON**
 Managing Editor

Calling all lovebirds and running fanatics! The first run of the season is almost here.

Run 2 Love 2 Run, a 5k run/walk that takes place at the Big Spring State Park will take off this Saturday with registration beginning at 8:15 a.m. at the park headquarters and the race starting at 10 a.m.

According to event organizer Ron Alton, the prizes for best costume (PG

rated, please!) and fastest runners, along with goody bags for the first 100 entrants, are "amazing."

"There will be a (Valentine's Day) costume contest with top prizes being \$25 gift certificates to KC Steaks & Seafood and stuffed animal trophies for the male, female, couples, and child winners," Alton said. "But the biggest news is that this year's run benefits CASA of West Texas and the United Way."

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is a volunteer-based

organization that supports and represents children in the foster care system. Volunteers assist children with transitions between homes and schools, advocate for them in the courtroom to make sure that their

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Obituaries

Billy Bates



Billy C. Bates, 84, of Coahoma, met his Lord and Savior Sunday, Feb. 7, 2016 in Clifton, Texas. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, 2016 at Coahoma Methodist Church with Raul Garcia officiating. Interment will follow at the Coahoma Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday evening at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Billy was born May 19, 1931 in Big Spring. He graduated from Coahoma High School and then attended Texas Tech University. Billy served in the United States Navy as a Corpsman from 1951 to 1955. It was in the Navy that he met Nellie Ruth Backlin in Barstow, California. They were married Aug. 17, 1953. They were stationed in Yakuska, Japan the first year of marriage. They moved back to Howard county and Billy farmed cotton. He later

was hired on at Cosden for American Petrofina where he retired.

He was a member of the Staked Plains Lodge #598 A.F. and A.M. He was a lifelong member of the Coahoma Methodist Church. He was also a lay pastor for the Methodist Church in Garden City, Westbrook and North Birdwell Lane Methodist Churches.

Billy recently moved to Clifton, Texas to be close to his daughter, Carla Quinters; granddaughter, Nora Thompson and great granddaughter, Emma Thompson all of Valley Mills, Texas.

Billy was preceded in death by his wife; his parents, Carl and Viola Bates and his grandmother, Mattie Ellen Duncan.

The family requests memorial be made to the Coahoma First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 50, Coahoma, Texas 79511.

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

Paid obituary

Ernest Mack Boyd



Ernest Mack Boyd, age 93, of Dallas, Texas, passed away Monday, Feb. 1, 2016 at Caruth Haven Court Assisted Living in Dallas. Mr. Boyd was born on Aug. 24, 1922 in Sulphur Springs, Texas, the son of Malcolm E. Boyd and Maude Patterson Boyd.

He was happily married to Sarah McDonald Boyd for 59 years. They wed on Aug. 3, 1952 in Sulphur Springs. She preceded him in death. Mr. Boyd received his masters degree from Baylor University. He was a school administrator and after retiring taught history at Howard College in Big Spring, Texas. Mr. Boyd was a decorated soldier of the United States Army serving in Word War II where he was a POW. Mr. Boyd was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Big Spring where he served as a deacon and taught Sunday School for more than 40 years.

He is survived by three daughters; Susan Simco

and husband Richard of Arlington, Texas, Carol Boyd of Big Spring, Texas, and Emily Boyd of Dallas, Texas; grandchildren Ryan Pasley of Austin, Texas, Rachel Barry and husband Blake of Arlington, Texas, Rick Simco of Fort Worth, Texas, Chris Simco and wife Anna of Fort Worth, Texas, and Nicole Singleton and husband Kenny of Lamesa, Texas; great-grandchildren, Jack Barry, Bryce Singleton, Breeley Singleton and Alivia Simco. In addition to his wife, Sarah, he was preceded in death by his parents, Malcolm E. Boyd and Maude Patterson Boyd, brother, Robert Boyd, and sister, Betty Longino.

A visitation will be held on Friday, Feb. 12 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the parlor at First Baptist Church of Big Spring. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Feb. 13 at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary at First Baptist Church of Big Spring.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Big Spring, 705 W. FM 700, Big Spring, TX 79720 or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital at www.stjude.org.

Paid obituary

Carolina "Caro" Velasquez



Carolina (Caro) Velasquez, 90, formally of Big Spring, Texas went to rest with our good Lord on Sunday morning surrounded by her loved ones.

Carolina was born in Uvalde, Texas on Sept. 27, 1925 to Emilio and Maria Gomez. Carolina married Inez H Velasquez on Jan. 11, 1949; they were married for 24 years.

Carolina worked as a caregiver and a loyal companion to Mrs. Modesta Stokes for 16 years. Carolina enjoyed sewing, being with family and, most of all, cooking. She was actively involved in the Guadalupanas, Cruziesta and various fund raisers for the St. Thomas Church in Big Spring.

Carolina was preceded in death by her parents Emilio and Maria Gomez; her husband Inez

Velasquez; brother Raymundo Gomez and grandson Javier Velasquez.

Carolina is survived by her daughters, Dora Hilario (Frank), Edna Gonzales (Manuel Jr.) and Maria Padilla (Thomas); her sisters, Ramona Benavides of Uvalde and Petra Escamilla (Ruben Sr.) of Boerne; eight grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter, and various nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family would like to thank Joann Thompson and Janie Sanchez for their loving support and comforting prayers.

There will be a Visitation from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. with a Rosary at 7 p.m. at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2016. A funeral mass is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 11, 2016 at St. Stephens Catholic Church at 1 p.m. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Cemetery in Big Spring.

Online condolences may be offered at www.ellis-funerals.com

Paid obituary

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• 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.

Support Groups

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.

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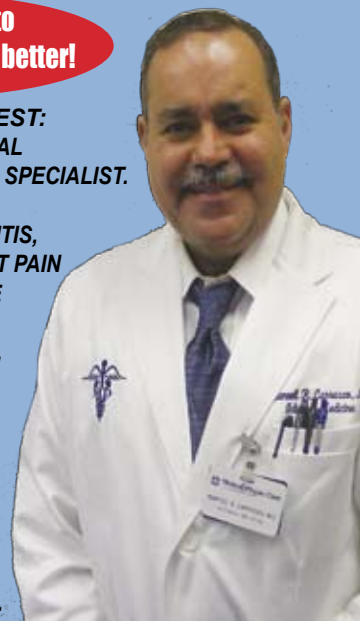
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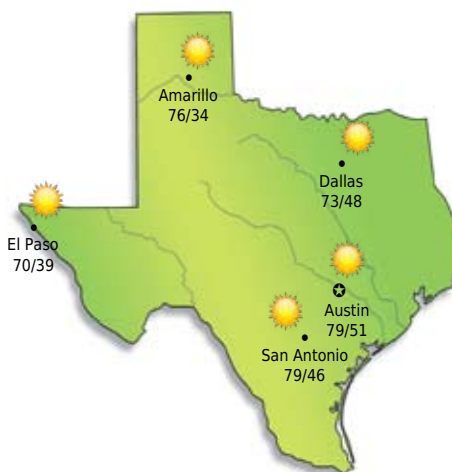
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Sunrise: 7:33 AM Sunset: 6:27 PM	Sunrise: 7:32 AM Sunset: 6:28 PM	Sunrise: 7:32 AM Sunset: 6:29 PM	Sunrise: 7:31 AM Sunset: 6:29 PM	Sunrise: 7:30 AM Sunset: 6:30 PM

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	69	41	Sunny	Kingsville	75	43	P Cloudy
Amarillo	65	33	Sunny	Livingston	63	36	Sunny
Austin	70	43	Sunny	Longview	58	33	Sunny
Beaumont	63	37	Sunny	Lubbock	68	33	Sunny
Brownsville	72	47	P Cloudy	Lufkin	61	33	Sunny
Brownwood	69	35	Sunny	Midland	69	39	P Cloudy
Corpus Christi	72	47	Sunny	Raymondville	76	46	Sunny
Corsicana	63	37	Sunny	Rosenberg	67	41	Sunny
Dallas	62	37	Clear	San Antonio	75	43	Sunny
Del Rio	74	42	Sunny	San Marcos	72	41	Sunny
El Paso	66	35	Sunny	Sulphur Springs	57	35	Sunny
Fort Stockton	70	40	Sunny	Sweetwater	69	42	Sunny
Gainesville	59	34	Sunny	Tyler	59	34	Sunny
Greenville	59	34	Sunny	Weatherford	65	37	Sunny
Houston	67	42	Sunny	Wichita Falls	65	37	P Cloudy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	37	23	Cloudy	Miami	68	53	M Cloudy
Boston	31	20	M Cloudy	Minneapolis	15	0	M Cldy/Wind
Chicago	25	12	Cloudy	New York	38	33	Cloudy
Dallas	62	37	Clear	Phoenix	84	54	Clear
Denver	53	32	P Cloudy	San Francisco	71	50	Clear
Houston	33	16	P Cloudy	Seattle	62	46	Clear

Police / Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **GERONIMO RAY CALDERON**, 33, of 1002 N. Gregg St. was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

• **ANGEL ADOLPHO LAREZ**, 34, of 507 N. Main St. was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

• **MATTHEW RODRIGUEZ**, 30, of 4213 Parkway was arrested on warrants for expired registration, failure to signal – required distance, failure to maintain financial responsibility and two warrants from other agencies.

• **LAPPAUL ERIC SCAGGS**, 39, of 1041 Mulberry, Abilene, Texas was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

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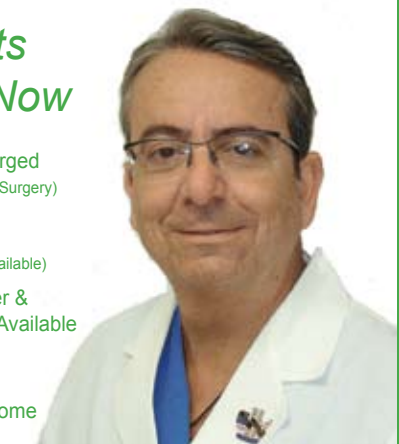
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Obituaries

Raymond Christian



Raymond "Ray" Christian, 81, of Big Spring passed away Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Brother Doug Shelley, pastor of Eastside Baptist Church officiating.

He was born March 17, 1934, in Gorman, Texas to Theresa and Thomas Christian. He married Mary Collins in 1967 in Pecos, Texas and moved to Howard County in 1986. He was a retired truck driver and a veteran of the United States Army. His passion was spending time with his children and grandchildren and fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Christian of Big Spring; four daughters, Pattie Wells and husband, Tommy, of Ranger, Amanda Christian and David Fort of Big Spring, Cynthia Christian and Ruby Austin of Big Spring and Merri Etta Rodriguez and husband, Junior, of Big Spring; one son, Claud Christian and wife, Maggie, of Big Spring; one brother, Harold Christian and wife, Richie, of Fort Worth; three sisters, Mettie Makowski and husband, Henry, of Luling, Ilaray Shaw and husband, Ray, of Kennedy, and Cynthia Cole and husband, Calvin, of West Columbia; 15 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and several brothers and sisters.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Barney Sharp

Barney Sharp, 47, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016, in a local hospital. Graveside services will be Friday, Feb. 12, 2016, at 10 a.m. at Mount Olive Memorial Park in Big Spring.

Barney was born Jan. 8, 1969, to Gilda and William Sharp in Courtland, N.Y. He had lived most of his life in Big Spring. He worked in the oil field. He also enjoyed fishing and arrowhead hunting.

He is survived by his fiancé, Melissa Huff of Big Spring; two sons, Kory Webb and Nicholas Sharp, both of Big Spring; one daughter, Shelbi Sharp of Big Spring; two grandchildren; one sister, Ginger Connell of Georgia; and two nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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

• Big Spring Little League will be holding signups for the upcoming season Saturday at the Springtown Plaza right next to the movie theater from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also, daily through Friday 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.

Take note

• 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

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us

• 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.

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• **CODY RAY THOMPSON**, 29, of 200 Merrick Rd. was arrested on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility and prohibited weapons – knuckles.

• **TRISTIAN DKOVAN CLAY**, 22, of 3701 Dixon St. was arrested on warrants for open container in a motor vehicle – driver and bail jumping/failure to appear.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1100 block of Ridgeroad Dr. and the 600 block of E. FM 700.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 100 block of N.E. 10th St.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 800 block of W. 14th St., the intersection of Nolan and 20th St. and the 4200 block of Parkway.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1200 block of Mesquite St. and the 1100 block of College Ave.

• **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was

reported at the intersection of Gregg St. and 5th St.

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 71 inmates at the time of this report.

• **RAY CALDERON**, 33, was booked by the BSPd on a warrant for parole violation.

• **TRISTIAN DKOVAN CLAY**, 22, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for open container in motor vehicle – driver and failure to appear.

• **RONALD HASELBY**, 65, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for public intoxication.

• **ANGEL ADOLPHO LAREZ**, 34, was booked by the BSPd on a warrant for parole violation.

• **CRYSTAL CLEAR LEE**, 32, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for order of modified conditions of community service.

• **JOHN CARLOS LOPEZ**, 28,

was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for evading arrest/detention.

• **MATTHEW RAY MIRANDA**, 32, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for contempt of court – child support and motion to revoke probation – burglary of a habitation.

• **MARIO RODRIGUEZ JR.**, 20, was booked by the DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.

• **MATTHEW RODRIGUEZ**, 30, was booked by the BSPd on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia, disregard stop sign and failure to display motor vehicle inspection; charges for failure to signal required distance and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• **LAPAU ERIC SCAGGS**, 39, was booked by the BSPd on a warrant for assault – family violence.

• **CODY R. THOMPSON**, 29, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of failure to maintain financial responsibility.

RUN

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Parking for the event will be by the summit playground with the gates opening at 7:45 a.m. and closing for the race at 9:45 a.m. Awards for the race will be presented at approximately 11:15 a.m.

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Samantha Payne, 32, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Johanna Fleckenstein, 56, died Friday. Funeral Service will be at 2:00 PM today at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Patrick M. Sharp, 47, died Saturday. Graveside services will be at 10:00 AM Friday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Raymond "Ray" Christian, 81, died Saturday. Memorial services will be at 1:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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started that educational journey at Howard College including Saldivar, who is a Howard College graduate.

"My roots are here in Big Spring, and as a Howard College alum I know the important role that this college plays in the lives of so many students, both traditional and non-traditional," he said. "It is crucial for us to make sure that Howard College remains a strong and vital part of this community"

Saldivar earned his associates degree from Howard College in 1985 and then went on to obtain a paralegal certification in 1990. He earned his bachelor's degree in 1995 from West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

"Through the years

I have worked closely with publicly traded companies, working hand in hand with their leadership," he said. "This experience has given me a unique perspective on the role of the board of trustees and I feel like the experience I bring to the board will strengthen Howard College as we move forward."

Wilkerson is a Big Spring native and with his wife of 58 years, Stina, the couple have raised their family in the town. His son, Hardy, is the 118th District Attorney.

After graduating from Big Spring High School, Wilkerson attended his first two years of college at Howard and then continued on to the University of Houston to earn his bachelor's of business administration degree.

"Howard College helped me get my start

in education, just like it has for so many others in this community," Wilkerson said. "It is very important for us to continue building this resource for the region and making sure that Howard College is a viable option for students in the future."

Wilkerson, a retired restaurateur, managed Herman's Restaurant for 29 years. He also served as an accountant for Cosden and Fina for 12 years and was an flight attendant for 12 years for American Airlines before retiring.

He is active in his church and many civic organizations in the community. He is also a member of the Association of Professional Flight Attendants.

"I understand the value of education and want to bring my experience and history to the board as we build the future of Howard

College," he said. "Community input is crucial as we move forward and I am confident I can represent the citizens of Howard County in a fair and honest way."

The last contested race for the trustee board is Precinct 1 currently served by Michael Flores who is seeking another term. He is joined in the race by Steve Escanuelas.

Filing to run for a position on city, school board or the Howard College board will continue through Feb. 19. Candidates interested in running for the col-

lege board can pick up the paper work at the Howard College business office during regular hours. Election Day is May 7. Early voting begins April 25 and continues through May 3.

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We can have inspiration and peace when we have You in our life, Lord. Amen.

The media's softness for Sanders and socialism

At the start of the Democratic presidential race, the media viewed the contest as a cakewalk. The compassionate and gloriously wonky Hillary Clinton faced no one who could be viewed as her equal. Game over. When Sen. Bernie Sanders made noises about running against her, nobody thought he could be the actual Democratic nominee. He was old, he was cranky, and he wasn't even a Democrat.

The conventional media wisdom had it that Sanders would be a healthy deterrent to the Clinton tendency to crawl toward the corporatist middle. On NPR, Washington Post columnist E.J. Dionne saw it as positive: "Let's list two names who we don't get to talk about, Eugene Debs and Norman Thomas. This is the most serious socialist candidacy for president since they ran. But Bernie Sanders has a long list of particulars that he wants to put on the table, and I think by shifting the campaigns to economics, he will generally help Democrats."

Yes, the media elite, which eternally predicts the tea party and the Christian conservatives will destroy the Grand Old Party, could only see better days ahead for Democrats with a self-described socialist contender in

the race.

Sanders reminds conservatives of that appendix in Milton Friedman's 1980 book "Free to Choose" where he underlines that most of the 1928 Socialist Party platform of Norman Thomas was already part of the American federal establishment when President Reagan began his tenure. The Democrats distance themselves from the word "socialist," but continue marching the country toward its definition.

The usually servile Chris Matthews has offered one important contribution in recent months by asking leading Democrats to name the difference between a Democrat and a socialist, only to watch them babble and bumble over their barely suppressed ideology.

DNC chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz tried to change the subject to the difference between Democrats and "right-wing extremist" Republicans. Sen. Charles Schumer protested, "I'm not going to get into it." Hillary said, "You'd have to ask him [Sanders]."

Journalists like Karen Tumulty at The Washington Post have described the Democratic base as torn between their idealistic (socialist) heart for Sanders and their poll-calculating head favoring Clinton. So the more that the garbage barge of ethical scandals casts a pall over Clinton's image, the more tempting it is for Democrats to toss out the caution and go crazy for the capital-S socialist.

Sanders is running a campaign based on the concept of American exceptionalism in reverse. America is exceptional only in her pathetic failure to enact every socialist "reform" that Scandinavian countries have ever implemented. He barks that America is a "great country," so of course it could be truly "great" in abandoning every notion of liberty that ever crossed the minds of the Founding Fathers.

When Rachel Maddow asks Clinton in a Democratic debate whether she is "too far to the right" for Democratic voters, it only underscores the media's location on the political spectrum. It's way over in a spot where Sanders is championed as a mainstream Democrat while boosting an "Occupy Wall Street" agenda, where every financial institution is smeared as "based on fraud," and where everything begs for a hostile government takeover.

If America ever succumbed to a President Sanders, we'd suggest the vaunted "revolution" should start by nationalizing the media companies, and throwing pampered anchors out of their high-priced Manhattan condos to house the homeless.

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Some sage advice for Hillary

Come not to rebuke Hillary Clinton, who remains by far the most capable presidential candidate. I come bearing advice for her campaign.

Hillary, this is something you sorely need.

1. Understand that New Hampshire didn't owe you anything. "New Hampshire had been good for the Clintons," we kept hearing. Its primary saved Bill's hide in the 1992 presidential race. In 2008, it gave you a needed boost when the sisterhood, enraged at perceived sexist attacks, rushed to your defense.

But what did any of this have to do with 2016?

2. Women don't owe you anything, either. Which side was paying Gloria Steinem to disparage younger women who chose to vote for Bernie Sanders? She said they were chasing boys; can you imagine? And what prompted Madeleine Albright to say that women should vote to help other women as opposed to helping their country?

This was an assault on female intelligence. It also mildly embarrassed women who support Clinton, not out of a desire to elect a female president but because she's the most qualified candidate. And oh, please call out the celebrity brigade. Not everyone regards Lena Dunham as a

font of wisdom.

3. Bill's presidency was a long time ago. Bill left America in wonderful fiscal shape, and every class prospered. For we who remember the Bill Clinton years, it was a golden age.

Problem is, how many of us remember? Today's 20-year-olds were 4 when Bill left office. Furthermore, much has happened since then, which brings us to the next item.

4. The Great Recession changed everything. In 2008, the bottom dropped out of the economy. The years that followed have proven a hard slog for young people trying to gain an economic foothold. Blue-collar workers, meanwhile, continued to lose what they had.

They are all angry at Washington's tireless service to the moneyed masters, and with reason.

Now, contrary to his spiel, Bernie Sanders is the candidate of Wall Street. That's because if nominated, he would almost certainly lose to any Republican running against him. Note how right-wing media isn't laying a finger on Sanders. On the contrary, by looping the pumped-up charges that Hillary can't be trusted, the right is feeding the Sanders campaign.

You know this, Hillary. What you just do is brush it aside and speak directly to the hurting electorate. That means getting out of yourself. Let others talk about what you represent, your impressive resume or your massive capacity for hard work.

It's nice to tell the younger

liberals flocking to Sanders that you'll be listening to them. Better, though, to say that you're going to take on the powers crushing their economic prospects.

5. Hillary, you are the candidate, not "the Clintons." In other words, drop the dynasty nonsense. (How's that going for Jeb Bush?)

Chelsea should not be speaking for you. Bill is more complicated in that he's a former president. But rein him in.

Bill should not have berated alleged Sanders followers for writing nasty things about a female liberal pundit supporting you. It came off as both paternalistic and dated. Social media has opened a cesspool of anonymous creeps working out of unclear motives. Anyone who can't ignore that doesn't belong in the arena.

Hillary, the voter demographics in the coming primaries and caucuses are more favorable to a candidate like you. But you still must replace some of your caution with from-the-heart fire. Open the doors and windows of the lamentably labeled "Clinton-world" and send the hangers-on packing. The more you are yourself, the better you will do.

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FROMA HARROP

News in brief

N. Korea orders military takeover of inter-Korean factory

PAJU, South Korea (AP) — North Korea on Thursday ordered a military takeover of a factory park that was the last major symbol of cooperation with South Korea, saying Seoul's suspension of operations at the jointly run facility was a "dangerous declaration of war."

Pyongyang said it was immediately deporting the hundreds of South Koreans who work at the complex just across the world's most heavily armed border in the city of Kaesong, pulling out the tens of thousands of North Korean employees and freezing all South Korean assets. The North also said it was shutting down two crucial cross-border communication hotlines.

An immediate worry in Seoul was whether all South Korean workers would be allowed to leave; some analysts speculated that Pyongyang would hold onto some to get all the wages owed North Korean workers.

Some South Korean workers left Kaesong before the North's announcement, and a handful of others were seen leaving afterward, but South Korean officials didn't know what would happen to its nationals who had not departed by Pyongyang's 5:30 p.m. (Seoul time) expulsion deadline; they also didn't know how many remained at the factories. South Korea said it would ban reporters from the border crossing on Friday.

Well after the deadline passed, workers at Kaesong told The Associated Press by phone that they had been instructed to wait for further instructions from South Korean officials.

Occupiers at Oregon refuge say they'll turn themselves in

BURNS, Ore. (AP) — The last four armed occupiers of a national wildlife refuge in eastern Oregon said they would turn themselves in Thursday morning after law officers surrounded them in a tense standoff.

The development came as Cliven Bundy — who led a Nevada standoff with federal officers in 2014 and who is also the father of the jailed leader of the Oregon standoff — was arrested in Portland.

The four occupiers yelled at officers to back off and prayed with supporters over an open phone line as the standoff played out on the Internet Wednesday night via a phone line being livestreamed by an acquaintance of occupier David Fry.

Fry, 27, of Blanchester, Ohio, sounded increasingly unraveled as he continually yelled, at times hysterically, at what he said was an FBI negotiator. "You're going to hell. Kill me. Get it over with," he said. "We're innocent people camping at a public facility, and you're going to murder us."

"The only way we're leaving here is dead or without charges," Fry said, who told the FBI to "get the hell out of Oregon."

Church talks help make Cuba 'perfect place for negotiations'

HAVANA (AP) — The heads of the Roman Catholic and Russian Orthodox churches will hold a historic meeting Friday in the threadbare international airport of an officially secular, communist-run tropical island.

Odd as the location seems, Pope Francis' and Patriarch Kirill's attempt to reconcile their churches after centuries of estrangement will set the tone for a year of peacemaking in Cuba, a nation trying to shed its historic role as international socialist provocateur.

In addition to the meeting of the church leaders, Cuban President Raul Castro is expected to welcome President Barack Obama to Havana as early as this spring to celebrate the detente the two men declared at the end of 2014, ending a half-century of hostility. And four years of talks in Cuba between Colombia's government and its main rebel group appear set to produce an accord ending the Western Hemisphere's longest-running conflict, perhaps as early as mid-year.

If all goes as planned, 2016 could cement Castro's construction of a foreign policy legacy markedly different from that of his brother Fidel, who oversaw five decades of tension with the United States, dispatching Cuban troops and advisers to Africa, Asia and Central and South America, and offering safe haven to anti-Western fighters from conflicts around the world.

"Cuba has been transformed from a revolution-



AP photo
Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton gestures to supporters during a rally in New Hampshire earlier this week.

ary actor, isolated from other states in the Western Hemisphere with the exception of Mexico and Canada," said Arturo Lopez-Levy, a Cuban-trained professor at the University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley. "The country has come to be seen as a country in transformation, part of the modern-day international system."

Clinton struggles to win over younger women

CONCORD, New Hampshire (AP) — For young women, political revolution is currently trumping the idea of a Madame President.

In New Hampshire, women under the age of 45 overwhelmingly backed Bernie Sanders over Hillary Clinton, exit polls showed. It's a problem for the former secretary of state as she tries to build the coalition of voters needed to win the Democratic nomination, and she knows it, saying of young voters as she conceded New Hampshire to Sanders that, "even if they are not supporting me now, I support them."

The numbers are staggering, and not just because Clinton — widely expected to be the first woman to win the presidential nomination of a major political party — lost New Hampshire women to a 74-year-old grandfather. Sanders won the votes of 7 out of every 10 women under the age of 45, and nearly 80 percent of women under the age of 30.

"I think for young women, they clearly identify as feminists, they say they're feminists, but I think the notion of having a woman president ... it doesn't drive them in the same way, as women who are in the traditional second wave of feminism," said Debbie Walsh, director for the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University.

Indeed, young women in New Hampshire said they were more inspired by the Vermont senator's ambitious policy proposals, including a government-run health care system for all and free public college tuition. Clinton's more pragmatic ideas and complicated public history are a tough sell.

Justice Dept. enters Ferguson court case in strong position

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department enters its court fight against the city of Ferguson with the apparent upper hand, given a months-long investigation that found vast problems in the way police and courts treat poor people and minorities in the St. Louis suburb.

In suing the city, which took a high-stakes gamble by rejecting a settlement with the federal government, the department will look to prove in court the same constitutional violations it's already alleged on paper: Baseless stops and searches of black drivers, excessive use of force by officers and a profit-driven court system reliant on fines for petty violations.

"They have a very solid case," Samuel Bagentos, the former No. 2 official in the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, said even before the

lawsuit was filed Wednesday. "If they were forced to litigate this, they have a very strong basis to show that there is a pattern and practice of constitutional violations in Ferguson."

Even so, the department didn't expect to have to go to court in the first place.

Federal officials announced last month they had reached an agreement with the city to radically reshape the troubled police force and avert a federal lawsuit. But City Council members on Tuesday night sought to renegotiate the deal because of cost concerns, leaving Justice with no option other than to file a civil-rights lawsuit to force change, said Attorney General Loretta Lynch.

Pacifica: Residents live on the edge of crumbling cliffs

PACIFICA, Calif. (AP) — Sonja Thompson lives so close to the edge of an 80-foot bluff above the Pacific Ocean that when paragliders fly by "you can almost high-five them."

Having the Pacific as your backyard has its benefits, and its dangers. Crumbling cliffs have forced dozens to leave their homes and others like Thompson may have to join them as EL Nino-fueled storms batter the coast.

Last summer, whale watching was at its prime and people who live on the crumbling cliffs of Pacifica were treated to more than 200 dolphin sightings. The moon and sun rises are spectacular, and the air feels like it's a million miles away from smoggy cityscapes.

"All the nature and wildlife I read about in New York I get to see here up close and personal here," said Druth McClure, who moved from the East Coast to a waterfront apartment here 20 years ago.

Fargo police say officer shot during standoff won't survive

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — A police officer shot during a standoff with a domestic violence suspect is not expected to survive and his family is with him saying goodbye, authorities in Fargo, North Dakota, said Thursday.

The standoff ended shortly before dawn, according to Police Chief David Todd, but police did not immediately provide an update on the man who had barricaded himself inside the home since Wednesday evening. Todd said earlier that the suspect might also have been shot in an exchange of gunfire with a SWAT officer.

Police Officer Jason Moszer, 33, who responded to a report of domestic violence at the home Wednesday evening, was struck by the suspect's gunfire, Fargo Deputy Police Chief Joe Anderson said.

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Coach Raines talks Hawks as season winds down

By DREW WILLIAMS
Sports Editor

With five games remaining for Howard College on the basketball court, the Hawks look to build on their recent success, and more importantly, on their newfound identity.

"You could just tell with our team this last week and a half that we're so much more competitive, we've got a little 'fire' about us, and we're just practicing unbelievably well," HC head coach Scott Raines said.

But it hasn't been a season in which Raines said has had "so many bumps on the road."

One of those bumps came against Frank Phillips College on Jan. 11 when they were down by 26 points. They came back in the game but eventually lost 77-71.

"From that point you just think, 'Wow, we may never win another game.' And then we come out the week after that, which was probably our toughest week of the year, and the guys really bounced back."

The "toughest week of the year" was definitely just that. Howard played South Plains College (18-7, 9-3) on Jan. 14 and Odessa College (20-5, 9-3) on Jan. 18, the top two teams in the conference. Though his team lost both, it was the way his team responded that impressed Raines. The Hawks lost at home to South Plains in a close game that finished with a score of 74-70, then lost at Odessa 95-90 in a "game that you could never explain," according to Raines.

The Hawks were up by five with thirteen seconds to go, but mistakes and turnovers led to Odessa trying the game and eventually winning in overtime.

"At that point, you're beginning to wonder if we can even recover emotionally. Winning and losing, it does



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Howard College's Shawn Jones goes for a contested layup in the Hawks' 78-68 win on Jan. 7.

something for you physically," Raines said. "The emotional toll that losing, or just any game takes, is huge. Then when you lose a game that you had won and where really six seconds changed the whole game, at that point we're really shaky. Now it's not about going up there and coaching them at practice, now it's about, 'Hey, how do we get them to even feel like they want to come in the gym?'"

After the Odessa game, the Hawks went to Roswell to face the New Mexico Military Institute and won 77-75. However, NMMI is winless in the conference, so a two-point victory didn't exactly instill a lot of confidence in the Hawks.

"It was good for us, but still, it didn't repair all the damage," Raines said.

It was after their next game against New Mexico Junior College when Raines' team was forced to look itself in the mirror and make some changes. They lost 88-79, but were at one point down 19 points. The loss dropped them

to 13-10 overall and 3-6 in the conference.

"We had to make a decision there. 'Ok, are we going to feel sorry for ourselves about the Odessa game all year long, or are we going to remake our team?' So what the guys have done, is we've kind of changed our whole personality. We went from being a really up-and-down, let-her-fly offensive team who didn't really want to guard and get in the trenches and fight people, to where we've actually slowed it down these last two or three games," Raines said.

Raines was especially proud of the toughness his team showed in its 63-54 win over Western Texas College last Thursday.

"We're rebounding with these teams, we're diving on the floor for loose balls, we're doing all the tough things, and really these are the things that go into winning," Raines said. "You know it's pretty and the fans love to see three-balls go in. They love

to see guys running and jumping and dunking, but really these games are won just like the Super Bowl the other day. It was not a pretty game, but the Bronchos were tougher than the Panthers."

He added that a turnaround this far into the season isn't something that happens every year.

"We've remade our personality, which is really unique for a team late-January, early-February," he said. "But the guys have bought into it."

Howard has a tough schedule coming up with four of their final five games coming against four of the top five teams in the conference, including rematches with Odessa and South Plains, and Thursday's rematch at home against Frank Phillips. But Raines isn't looking any further ahead than is necessary to cover each day's practice.

"We're looking at these next five games, but really we're just looking as far as today," he said.

No. 14 Iowa State falls 85-82 in OT to Texas Tech

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Iowa State coach Steve Prohm saw small details that led to the 14th-ranked Cyclones' 85-82 loss to Texas Tech.

"I don't even think it's fatigue," he said. "We're trying to get ball reversal. And we drive it and we turn it over. There's a couple big possessions. We're up six or eight. Everything was turnover, missed layup led to baskets on their end for them."

Zach Smith made two free throws with 18 seconds remaining in overtime to lead Texas Tech to the win Wednesday night.

It was the second straight year the Red Raiders beat the Cyclones in Lubbock. Last season, Iowa State was ranked ninth.

Deonte Burton scored a season-high 20 points and Abdel added 19 points to lead Iowa State (17-7, 6-5). Fans stormed the court after the victory.

Aaron Ross scored 20 points and Devaughntah Williams added 19 to lead Texas Tech (14-9, 4-7).

Iowa State built leads several times, only to watch the Red Raiders claw their way back. Two free throws by Smith in separate two trips to the free-throw line tied it at 78 at the end of regulation. "We didn't finish," Prohm said. "We just

didn't finish in crucial times."

The win gave the Red Raiders one more Big 12 victory than they had last season.

With 2 seconds on the shot clock in overtime, Keenan Evans hit a long 3-pointer off an out-of-bounds to make it 83-80 with

1:34 left. Georges Niang hit two free throws with 29 seconds remaining to whittle the deficit to 83-82.

"Knowing it was just 2 seconds (on the shot clock), a heck of a play," Texas Tech coach Tubby Smith said. "It's happened against us a bit this year. Glad it was our turn."

Niang knew Evans' accuracy from beyond the arc.

That guy (Evans) shoots 31 percent from 3," Niang said. "It's like someone stabbing you in the stomach."

Matt Thomas missed a 3-pointer with 5 seconds remaining and Smith got the rebound to end the game. Despite getting 50 points in the paint, the



AP photo

Cyclones couldn't stop the Red Raiders, who hit 10 of 26 3-pointers. In last year's upset of Iowa State, Texas Tech hit 11 3s to win.

Iowa State got four layups, a tip-in rebound by Niang and 3-pointers from Abdel Nader and Monte Morris to start the second half and build a 54-45 lead over the Red Raiders. But Texas Tech kept chipping away.

The Cyclones went up 30-22 on a 3-pointer by Jordan Ashton. But then Williams got hot for the Red Raiders, getting eight straight points from a field goal and back-to-back 3s to tie it at 30. Iowa State got just three field goals in the final 6:11 of the half.

Alabama holds off slumping No. 15 Texas A&M, 63-62

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Texas A&M's Southeastern Conference slump continues, but the Aggies didn't go down without a fight.

Anthony Collins, whose last-minute 3-pointer helped keep the 15th-ranked Aggies alive, missed a pair of free throws with 2.3 seconds left in a 63-62 loss to Alabama on Wednesday night.

The result was a third straight defeat for the once high-flying Aggies (18-6, 7-4). They've dropped four consecutive SEC games since a 7-0 league start, tumbling from a program-best No. 5 ranking.

"Our guys fought back," Texas A&M coach Billy Kennedy said. "We came out in the second half and were much more aggressive offensively but we've got some guys playing down instead of playing up, meaning they're not playing with the confidence and ability that they have right now."

The Crimson Tide (14-9, 5-6) beat its fourth ranked opponent in coach Avery Johnson's debut season despite missing its final three shots.

It's the first time Alabama has beaten four Top 25 teams in a regular season since 2001-02.

Texas A&M had its chances after wiping out most of an 11-point deficit over the final 6:34, including the rare misses from the line for Collins.

Riley Norris had 11 points for Alabama and Shannon Hale scored 10. Obasohan had five assists and three steals.

Jalen Jones had 21 points and seven rebounds for Texas A&M. Danuel House overcame a slow start to score 12 points, and Collins finished with 11 points and five assists.

The Tide's third straight win didn't come without some anxious moments for Johnson and the fans at Coleman Coliseum.

Alabama twice had to settle for 3-point attempts after working most of the shot clock down in the final



AP photo

minutes. House responded with two free throws after the first miss and Collins pulled up for a quick 3-pointer with 53 seconds left after the second, cutting it to 63-62.

Then Obasohan missed an off-balance shot Collins from just inside the line.

Collins got the ball back after a couple of passes and drove toward the basket, drawing the foul. He had made 28 of 30 free throws coming into the game, a 93.3 percent success rate, with his only misses coming three games ago against Iowa State.

"It just wasn't meant to be, because he's a great free throw shooter," Kennedy said. "I mean, he's a really, really good free throw shooter and he missed them."

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of PEGGY ROSE WILSON, DECEASED were issued on February 8, 2016, in Cause No. P-14512 pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to VALERIE GAMMON.

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Intuition Moon

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). This new world you come across -- well, it seems to have been in fine working order before you arrived. Nonetheless, it will not work nearly as well unless you take part in its future.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When you're around people who "get you" you don't have to be big and obvious. All you have to be is you, paying attention and calling it as you see it. What a relief!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You need an adequate form of creative expression. Which form is adequate? The form that prevents you from misdirecting all your wonderful, imaginative energy into places where it can't be productively utilized.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Success brings happiness; happiness brings success. This is not always the case, of course -- all the more reason to celebrate these times of simple, elegant, universal reciprocity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're moving into a gray area in a relationship. This is a good place to be, though you must also be bold. No more reliance on the rules and standards that put you there. You'll now be making up your own guidelines.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Political unrest isn't just for countries. You'll feel it in a small corner of your daily life. Note: You can stand by the principle of a thing without giving your vote of approval to the leader.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's a mild tone to the day, and the best order business is to simply enjoy what's good, be patient with what's bad and save the big guns for the things that need big-time obliteration.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). No one in this world makes it alone. You may not be 100 percent satisfied with the help you are currently receiving, but you appreciate the help anyway and give heartfelt thanks.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll promote good luck and good will by being prompt, or, even better, early. It may sound a bit shallow, but your ability to show up organized, well-dressed and cheerful will advance your purposes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Don't ask for more responsibility, as you'll only resent it later. The casual favors you do because you want to or because you said you would are enough for now. You're enough without doing those

things, too -- just sayin'!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Trying your best, working together, winning and losing graciously -- all things learned through team efforts. If you're not part of a team right now there is no time like the present to get in one!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The powers that be will keep piling on the work as long as you keep acting like you can take it. Go on and get down to business. "Dull boy" or not, all work and no play just might make you rich.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 11). All those good and practical ideas come out of genuine need to take care of your own. You don't even care if they reciprocate: The role of "provider" is so germane to your agenda. However, reciprocate they will this year -- and then some. Your true wealth will be the heaps of love lavished on you for the next 12 months. Leo and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 30, 9, 22

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plete the task they've started.

The Quietly Helpful: When Pisces loves you, it truly feels like you have heaven on your side. This sign can be an extreme confidence-booster and those lucky enough to have a Pisces in their cheering section get a surge of self-esteem and increased ability.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: He stole the hearts of women and wolves as Jacob Black, among the most beloved werewolves of all time. Look for Aquarius actor Taylor Lautner in "The Ridiculous 6," a comedic western co-written by Adam Sandler. Born under four Capricorn planets, Lautner has serious business acumen. Perhaps he will follow in Sandler's footsteps, one day producing his own films.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My girlfriend has a thing that she does with her 10-year-old son that I find borderline weird.

The first time I was at her home, while we were cooking dinner together, her son started whining, "Can we do it now, please? Please?" and she says OK and tells me she'll be back in a minute. The two of them then go into the living room. She sits on the sofa and, with-in view of the boy's sister and myself, he strips down to his underwear and jumps on her lap. She starts bouncing him up and down on her leg, pinching his butt and tickling him, with his legs wrapped around hers.

I asked her 12-year-old daughter how often they do that, and she said every night. Half an hour later, they came back into the kitchen and we ate.

Before I left, I said to my girlfriend, "I see he likes to play horsie with you," and my sweetie says, "Yeah. Well, I told him he's getting a little too old, but I figure it's OK as long as we only do it in the house." She seemed perfectly comfortable with it, but I'm not.

Do most mothers do this with their 10-year-old sons?

I understand some roughhousing, but taking off his clothes and bouncing on her lap, I'm not so sure. We dated for a year before I met her kids, but after seeing this, I'm not sure about us living together. -- Is This Normal?

Dear Normal: And you only find this "borderline weird"? This is shockingly inappropriate. It's one thing for a 10-year-old boy to sit on Mom's lap. It's something else entirely when he strips down to his skivvies, wraps his legs around her and gets tickled, pinched and bounced up and down. Does she truly not understand what her son enjoys about this? Please suggest to your girlfriend that she discuss it with her pediatrician and ask about the best way to stop before she does serious emotional damage to her child. And if you still want to move in with her, make sure these little shenanigans are over first. Otherwise, her son will blame you for ending his fun.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Old and Trapped," who resented her husband for sitting on the sofa all day while she cooks and cleans. Please tell her to investigate continuing

care senior communities so she can live a happy and carefree life while she's still young enough to enjoy it.

It will be her true "retirement" when she finds a place that will free her of household chores, while also providing entertainment and activities amid friendly peers. My husband was reluctant at first, but ditching the big house and keeping only the things that meant most to us was the best move we ever made. We are only sorry that we waited until our 80s, but we are relishing each day here. -- Not Trapped Here

Dear Not Trapped: Many folks

in retirement communities arrive kicking and screaming, but find that they are thrilled with the busy life they have, and they no longer have to do much cooking or cleaning. Thanks for mentioning it.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Now You See It ... Now You Don't

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ K 8 3
♥ A 7 6 2
♦ Q J 4
♣ K 6 5

WEST
♠ 10 5
♥ Q 10 8
♦ 9 7 6 2
♣ J 10 9 8

EAST
♠ Q J 7 4 2
♥ 4
♦ 8 5 3
♣ Q 4 3 2

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

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
2 ♥ Pass 6 ♥

Opening lead — jack of clubs.
It is a basic principle of play that when a contract can be made only if the opponents' cards are divided in a certain way, declarer should assume that that distribution exists and proceed accordingly.
Take this case where West leads a club against six hearts. When dummy appears, declarer sees that the slam essentially depends on whether or not he can avoid losing a trump trick.

There is no good reason not to Tomorrow: Test your defensive play.

tackle trumps right away, so South wins the club with the ace, leads a low heart to the ace and a heart back. When East shows out, South learns that a trump loser is inevitable. So he takes the king and must now turn his attention to the problem of how to avoid losing a spade trick.

The task looks impossible, but if South applies the aforementioned principle, he can get home safely. He starts by leading a club to the king, ruffs a club, then cashes his three diamond tricks and the A-K of spades.

All these preliminary maneuvers are geared to the hope of finding West with a singleton or doubleton spade, in which case the slam can be made. As it happens, this hope materializes, because the position after the first 10 tricks have been played is:

North
♠ 8
♥ 7 6
West
♥ Q
♦ 9
♣ 10
East
♠ Q J
♥ 4
South
♠ 9
♥ J 9

When declarer now leads a trump, putting West on lead, South's spade loser vanishes into thin air.

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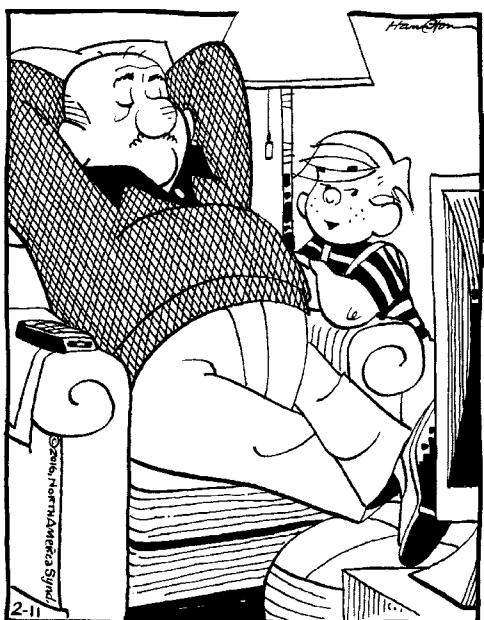
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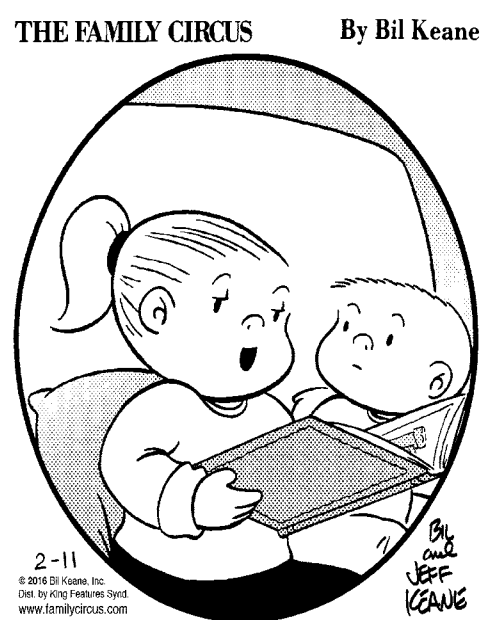
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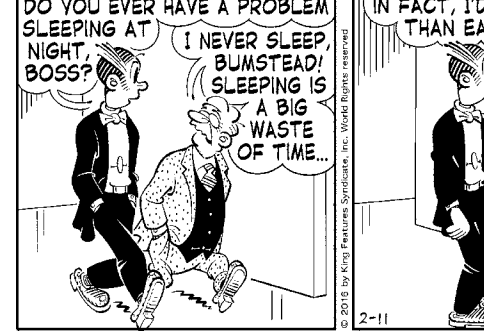


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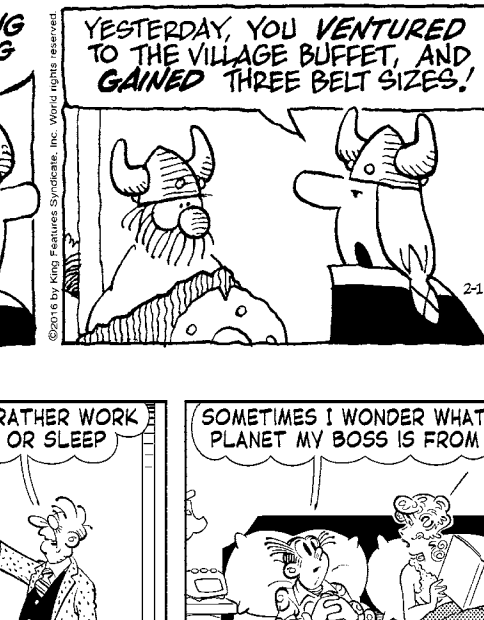
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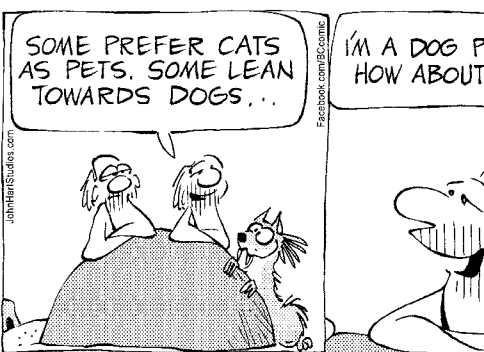
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Feb. 11, the 42nd day of 2016. There are 324 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 11, 1812, Massachusetts Gov. Elbridge Gerry signed a redistricting law favoring his Democratic-Republican Party...

Motors ended, with the company agreeing to recognize the United Automobile Workers Union. In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin signed the Yalta Agreement...

Dick Cheney accidentally shot and wounded Harry Whittington, a companion during a weekend quail-hunting trip in Texas. American Chad Hedrick won the 5,000 meters in speedskating at the Olympics in Turin, Italy...

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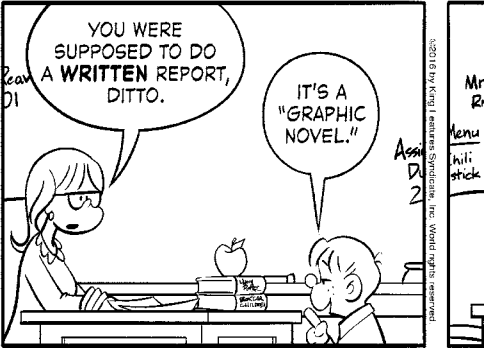
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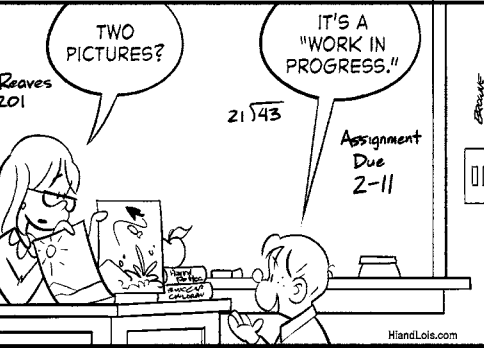
Newsday Crossword THEY'VE TAKEN 4 DOWN

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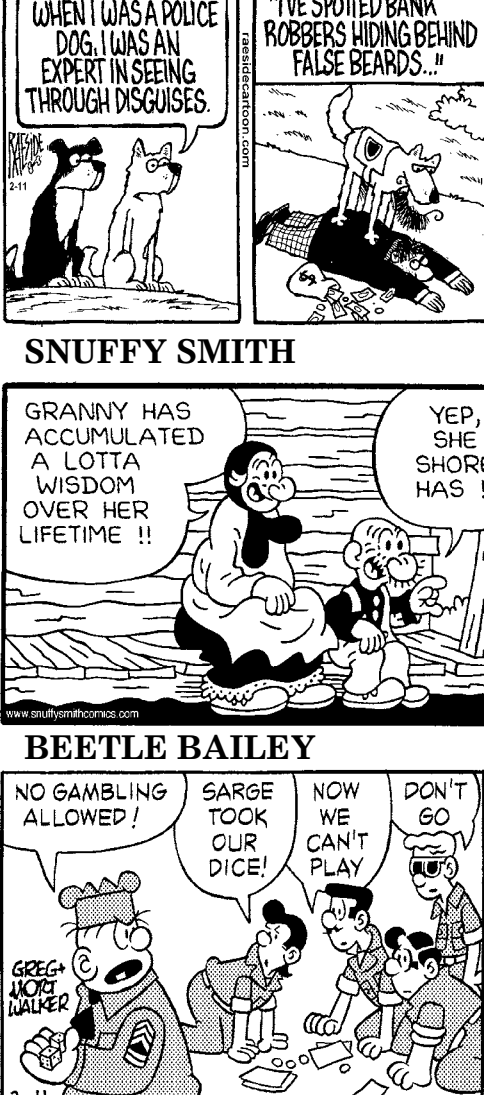
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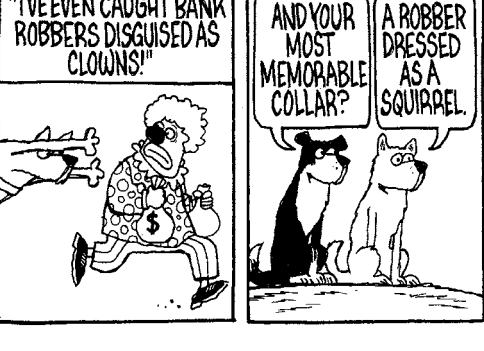
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Crossword puzzle grid with numbers and some filled-in letters.

Academic Star Student of the Week

Blake Rosenbaum, Forsan High School

Senior Blake Rosenbaum is a true asset to Forsan High School. During the course of his high school career, Blake has taken and excelled in the highest level of classes offered at Forsan High School and taken dual credit classes through Howard College.

He is in the top ten of the senior class. Blake has been an invaluable member of the band for four years, baseball team for four years, One Act Play for three years, and National Honor Society for two years.

In his spare time, he enjoys hanging with friends and playing video games.



Blake is the son of Chris and Kerri Rosenbaum.

Congratulations, Blake!

South African bookshop a treasure trove of eclectic history

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — The only clue to a literary treasure trove tucked away in downtown Johannesburg is a fading sign, but behind this door is a fantastic maze containing an estimated 2 million books and prints.

The Collectors Treasury, a three-story bookshop owned by brothers Jonathan and Geoff Klass, is dedicated to preserving history and contains everything from VHS tapes of clas-

sic TV to porcelain trinkets, but above all books are prized.

"It is the symbol of the history of the human race," says Geoff Klass.

The collection is vast and eclectic with yellowing news clippings, posters and first editions of John Updike, Alice Walker and H.G. Wells along with Enid Blyton's beloved children's series "Noddy."

It's also getting more traffic as downtown Johannesburg is rejuvenated. The bookstore is

now on the hipster trail of the trendy Maboneng district with its art galleries and rooftop markets.

The Klass brothers have embraced the Internet as a portal to new customers, but remain devotees of the printed page.

Their collection also features a copy of the manuscript of George Orwell's "1984," scribbled, corrected and typed over as the author crafted the classic.



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Parent's Corner

I saw a video recently about a goose that became so attached to a man who visited a nearby park that it waited for the man, on a daily basis and followed him everywhere he went.

I thought this was really interesting, so I began to research why something like this would happen, and then I remembered the term imprinting. The dictionary explains it this way: Imprinting is a remarkable phenomenon that occurs in animals, and theoretically in humans, in the first hours of life.

The newborn creature bonds to the type of animals it meets at birth and begins to pattern its behavior after them.

In humans, this is often called bonding, and it usually refers to the relationship between the newborn and its parents. The concept of imprinting is fascinating, and the best-known form of imprinting is when a young animal acquires several of its behavioral characteristics from its parent.

It is most obvious in birds, which imprint on their parents and then follow them around, just as the goose in the park. This was first recognized in domestic chickens, and then geese were studied.

Konrad Lorenz, one of the early ethologists demonstrated how incubator-hatched geese would imprint on the first suitable moving stimulus they saw within what he called a critical period between 13-16 hours after hatching.

The goslings would imprint on Lorenz himself and he is often depicted being followed by a gaggle of geese who had imprinted on him.

When young birds come out of their eggs they become attached to the first moving object they encounter. In the wild, that would be their mother. But Lorenz replaced himself in that position and became the object of their affection.

him that the young birds would attach to as a mother substitute. They would just as easily attach to inanimate objects, such as a pair of boots, or a small ball and even an electric train, if these objects were presented at the right time. It was discovered that the hatchlings have been prepared by natural selection to form an immediate strong social bond with the first thing they see.

In one experiment, the geese followed a box that had been placed on a model train and went in circles around the track. In study at a bird shelter that rescue eagle eggs, it was found that the young hatchlings must be hand feed with an eagle puppet so that the eagles do not think they are human and end up resisting their own kind.

In another study, a group of ducklings imprinted on the researchers boots. When the researcher would go outside to put on his boots, he would find that instead of being in their nest, the ducks were curled up and sleeping on his boots. They followed the researcher everywhere his boots took him.


The research also discovered that imprinting is not restricted to non-humans. If you watch a baby in a room with other people, you will notice that if there is a toddler in the room, the baby's eyes will follow the moving toddler. If there is a grade schooler in the room, the toddler will watch the moving grade schooler. The younger will automatically bond and follow whatever available age is older than its own. This is very much like imprinting!

There has been placed within our lives, an instinctive bonding that each level of maturity looks up to, follows and mimics the next available level above it. So, what does this tell us? When we are with our young we are their example. What are we teaching them?

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