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Haiti appeals for aid

The Associated Press

MARFRANC, Haiti — At a cramped police station serving as a makeshift clinic, Darline Derosier fastened IV drips to jail cell bars, wiped the brows of cholera patients and tended to the wounds of those injured when Hurricane Matthew slammed into Haiti's southwestern peninsula.

She was the only health worker helping about 40 patients Monday inside the station bereft of police as she waited for help to arrive in the hard-hit town of Marfranc nearly a week after the Category 4 storm struck Oct. 4.

Among the patients was an elderly woman lying unconscious on a cell floor with a leg bandaged in an old rag and a man with gashes around his neck, his eyes fluttering.

"People will die soon if we don't get some aid," an overwhelmed Derosier told The Associated Press.

The town is a 45-minute drive southwest from the coastal city of Jeremie, where food, medicine and fresh water are finally arriving but still slow to reach increasingly desperate communities.

"We haven't received anything from Jeremie," Derosier said, adding that she has made several calls requesting help and medical supplies.

The U.N. humanitarian agency in Geneva made an emergency appeal Monday for nearly \$120 million in aid, saying about 750,000 people in southwest Haiti alone will need "life-saving assistance and protection" in the next three months. U.N. officials said earlier that at least 1.4 million people across the region need assistance and that 2.1 million overall have been affected by the hurricane. Some 175,000 people remain in shelters.

Electricity was still out, water and food were scarce, and officials said young men in villages along the road between the hard-hit cities of Les Cayes and Jeremie were building blockades of rocks and broken branches to halt relief convoys.

A convoy of food, water and medicine was attacked by gunmen in a remote valley where there had been a mudslide, said Frednel Kedler, coordinator for the Civil Protection Agency

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Showing off their resources



BSISD, agencies partner to showcase opportunities

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Seven-year-old Mia Juarez was all smiles as she tried to stuff trash into a bag using a grabber tool Thursday during the Big Spring ISD Neighborhood Resource Night.

She had 15 seconds to pick up as much trash as possible.

"Let me show you an easier way," Keep Big Spring Beautiful President (KBSB) Lisa Brooks said to the young Marcy Elementary School student while picking up two disposable plastic gloves. "This is the easiest way for you younger folks. Put on these gloves, bend down, and pick up trash. Us older folks need the grabber tool."

Juarez was visiting the KBSB table, one of dozens of informational booths set up at Marcy Elementary School

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HERALD photos/LYNDEL MOODY
 Clockwise, from top: Mia Juarez, 7, plays a game at the Keep Big Spring Beautiful table during the recent Big Spring ISD Neighborhood Resource Night held at Marcy Elementary School. Other agencies on hand for the event were the Boy Scouts (right photo) and Girl Scouts. The purpose of the program is to help make the district a stronger partner to the community.



Commissioners eye contract renewal

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will consider renewal of the county's contracts with local funeral homes when they meet at 4 p.m. today in the third-floor courtroom of the county courthouse.

Staff at Big Spring's two funeral homes — Nalley-Pickle & Welch, and Myers & Smith — currently take turns being on call in case they are needed to respond in instances of unattended death.

"When someone dies unattended in their home or in an accident on the highway, responders first try to contact family members to determine their wishes," County Judge Kathryn Wiseman said. "Unfortunately, we're not always able to contact someone. In that case, the funeral homes take turns being on call so they can come out and respond."

Funeral home personnel also are available to transport bodies for autopsy if needed, Wiseman said.

In other business today, commis-

sioners will consider:

- Mineral lease bids for land located in the county.
- Fuel bids.
- Right of way tracking procedures at the old county airport.
- Changes to dead end intersection signage.
- Routine personnel and financial matters.

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Pumpkin contest to benefit Victim Services program

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A local bank is holding a spooky-tacular event to help raise funding for a United Way agency.

Prosperity Bank is hosting a Halloween pumpkin contest throughout the month of October to raise funds for Big Spring Victim Services, an agency which receives funding through the United Way

of Big Spring and Howard County.

According to a bank official, the pumpkins were decorated by employees and are on display in the lobby of the bank located at 1411 S. Gregg St. The community can vote on a favorite pumpkin by making a donation. Donation jars are located at the teller line. Lobby hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The pumpkins are located between life-size, pink silhouettes memorializing two Howard County women who were killed because of domestic violence. The silhouettes are part of a program by Victim Services to bring awareness of the issue. October is domestic violence awareness month.

Victim Services is an organization focused on provid-

ing the necessary assistance and direct quality service to all crime victims in order to speed their recovery along from their victimization and to assist them throughout the medical, legal, and criminal justice process.

According to the Texas Council on Family Violence, in 2014 132 women were killed

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Police & Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **PAULA JEAN BARBER**, 53, of 1104 E 4th Street was arrested on warrants for driving with an invalid license and three counts of failure to appear.
- **STEVEN AGUIRRE**, 40, of 1514 Mesquite Street was arrested on warrants for wrong/altered/obscured registration and three counts of failure to appear.
- **LUIS MIGUEL LOPEZ**, 33, of 1111 West 7th was arrested on warrants for no driver's license (when unlicensed) and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **GEORGE EDWARD MARTINEZ**, of 1100 E 3rd Street was arrested on warrants for expired registration, driving with invalid license, and wrong/altered/obscured registration.
- **ROBERTO VALDEZ BALTAZAR**, 42, of 3610 Hamilton Street was arrested on warrants for forgery, three warrants from other agencies, possession of a controlled substance (less than one gram), possession of a controlled substance (less than 28 grams), and possession of a dangerous drug.
- **DOYLE DEE EDMONDSON JR**, 46, of 2625 Ent Drive was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **TIARA SHEME WARE**, 27, of 100 S Cottonwood Street was arrested on a charge of assault (family violence, threat, or offensive touch).
- **LUIS MIGUEL LOPEZ**, 33, of 1111 West 7th was arrested on warrants from other agencies.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 900 block of Willia Street and the 7800 block of N Service Road.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 800 block of W I-20.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported on the corner of 4th and Goliad and the corner of 21st and Johnson.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 400 block of E Davis Road, the 3900 block of N FM 820, and the 2600 block of Ent Drive.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 600 block of Baylor Boulevard.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1100 block of Mulberry Avenue.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 100 block of Cottonwood Street.

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

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 79 inmates at the time of this report.
- **STEVEN AGUIRRE**, 40, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for displaying fictitious motor vehicle registration, two counts of failure to appear, and violation of promise to appear.
- **ROBERTO VALDEZ BALTAZAR**, 42, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for two counts of bail jumping and failure to appear, possession of a controlled substance (less than one gram), forgery of a financial instrument, and charges of possession of a controlled substance (less than one gram), possession of a controlled substance (less than 28 grams), and possession of a dangerous drug.
- **HOLSTON BANKS III**, 25, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for burglary of habitation and a charge of possession of a controlled substance (less than 200 grams).
- **DANNY JOE BARBEE**, 34, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for possession of drug para-

phernalia.

- **PAULA JEAN BARBER**, 53, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for driving with invalid license and three counts of failure to appear.
- **MISTY COLWELL**, 41, was booked by the HCOS on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.
- **COURT LEE DAKOTA**, 17, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).
- **DANIEL JOSEPH DAWDY**, 23, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for displaying expired registration and failure to appear.
- **GILBERT RICHARD DELGADO**, 35, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving with invalid license with previous conviction/suspension.
- **RAYMOND DANIEL DIAZ**, 18, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).
- **DOYLE DEE EDMONDSON JR**, 46, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **CHELCEMALIKA GONZALES**, 19, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for displaying expired license plates/registration, expired registration, and no seatbelt (driver).
- **DANIEL DOYLE HAIL**, 33, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for driving with invalid license and a charge of injury to child/elderly/disabled.
- **DAL JUSTIN HAYS**, 33, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for theft of property (less than \$750).
- **JACKIE JOE-KYLE KIRKHAM**, 22, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for speeding in a school zone and violation of promise to appear.
- **LUIS MIGUEL LOPEZ**, 33, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for no driver's license when unlicensed and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **GEORGE EDWARD MARTINEZ**, 50, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for expired registration, driving with invalid license, and wrong/altered/obscured registration.
- **SHERMAN FOSS POWERS**, 73, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ANGEL HILARIO RAMIREZ**, 24, was booked by the BSPD on charges of assault (family violence) and resisting arrest, search, or transport.
- **MIKE RODRIGUEZ**, 40, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for motion to revoke probation and a charge of theft (less than \$100).
- **MIKE RODRIGUEZ**, 40, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for failure to appear and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **ANTHONY FRANK SALAZAR**, 48, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for theft of property (less than \$500) by check.
- **KEVIN SALAZAR**, 19, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).
- **TIARA SHEME WARE**, 27, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of assault (family violence).
- **CARL WILLIAM WELLS**, 34, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for obstructed view through windshield and no driver's license when unlicensed.
- **TERRY LEE ZYLSTRA JR**, 46, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for theft of property (less than \$750).

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

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

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

TUESDAY

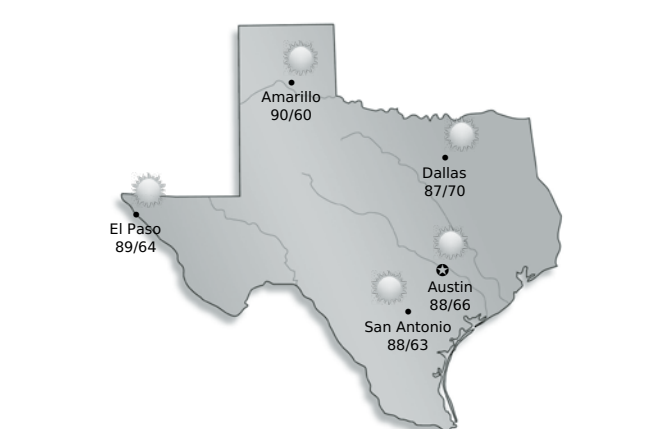
- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942

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

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 10/12	Thu 10/13	Fri 10/14	Sat 10/15	Sun 10/16
94/55 A mainly sunny sky. High 94F. Winds SW at 10 to 20 mph.	72/60 Mostly cloudy. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 60s.	87/67 Clouds giving way to sun. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	93/67 Sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	95/67 Sunshine. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 7:16 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 7:14 PM	Sunrise: 7:49 AM Sunset: 7:13 PM	Sunrise: 7:49 AM Sunset: 7:12 PM	Sunrise: 7:50 AM Sunset: 7:11 PM

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	87	64	Sunny	Kingsville	91	64	Sunny
Amarillo	90	60	Sunny	Livingston	83	67	Cloudy
Austin	88	66	Sunny	Longview	83	65	Cloudy
Beaumont	85	68	Cloudy	Lubbock	90	63	Sunny
Brownsville	91	71	Sunny	Lufkin	82	66	Cloudy
Brownwood	87	57	Sunny	Midland	92	66	Sunny
Corpus Christi	90	71	Sunny	Raymondville	94	67	Sunny
Corsicana	87	69	Sunny	Rosenberg	84	70	Cloudy
Dallas	87	70	Sunny	San Antonio	88	63	Sunny
Del Rio	86	62	Sunny	San Marcos	88	62	Sunny
El Paso	89	64	Sunny	Sulphur Springs	86	70	Sunny
Fort Stockton	92	66	Sunny	Sweetwater	89	65	Sunny
Gainesville	84	64	Sunny	Tyler	83	67	Cloudy
Greenville	85	68	Sunny	Weatherford	86	62	Sunny
Houston	84	73	Cloudy	Wichita Falls	88	63	Sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	76	49	Sunny	Miami	83	75	Cloudy
Boston	59	48	Sunny	Minneapolis	69	47	P Cloudy
Chicago	73	60	Cloudy	New York	66	54	Sunny
Dallas	87	70	Sunny	Phoenix	96	68	Sunny
Denver	79	40	P Cloudy	San Francisco	61	52	Cloudy
Houston	84	73	Cloudy	Seattle	63	43	Clear
Los Angeles	72	58	M Sunny	Saint Louis	82	63	P Cloudy

Moon Phases

First Oct 9	Full Oct 16	Last Oct 22	New Oct 30

UV Index

Wed 10/12	Thu 10/13	Fri 10/14	Sat 10/15	Sun 10/16
7	3	6	6	6
High	Moderate	High	High	High

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

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Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at mile marker 174 off S. Service Road I-20. Three people were transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of Owens. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of E. 16th. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **HEAT FROM SHORT CIRCUIT** was reported in the 1900 block of N. Hwy 87.
- **CO DETECTOR MALFUNCTION** was reported in the 2500 block of Larry.
- **FALSE FIRE ALARM** was reported in the 1600 block of Indian Hills.

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News in brief

As babies stricken by Zika turn 1, health problems mount

RECIFE, Brazil (AP) — Two weeks shy of his first birthday, doctors began feeding Jose Wesley Campos through a nose tube because swallowing problems had left him dangerously underweight.

Learning how to feed is the baby's latest struggle as medical problems mount for him and many other infants born with small heads to mothers infected with the Zika virus in Brazil.

A year after a spike in the number of newborns with the defect known as microcephaly, doctors and researchers have seen many of the babies develop swallowing difficulties, epileptic seizures and vision and hearing problems.

While more study is needed, the conditions appear to be causing more severe problems in these infants than in patients born with small heads because of the other infections known to cause microcephaly, such as German measles and herpes. The problems are so particular that doctors are now calling the condition congenital Zika syndrome.

Hurricane's cost, chaos lingers in water-logged N. Carolina

LUMBERTON, N.C. (AP) — With helicopters overseeing the rescue operation from above, volunteer firefighters turned their military-surplus

truck with 4-foot tires into the dark flood waters to cruise past a mortuary, grocery and homes in part of this city inundated by the swollen Lumber River.

They joined about 200 U.S. Marshals and water rescue teams from as far away as New York and New Jersey focused Monday on retrieving about 1,500 residents who were trapped when the river unexpectedly rushed out of its banks, up their stairways and into buildings like the local school.

The half-dozen men from the nearby town of Rayham spent about 10 hours Monday at the rescue work aboard their truck — usually used for fighting brush fires in this swampy, rural southeast corner of North Carolina. They primarily located and ferried to safety rescued residents in inflated dinghies or bass boats to meet the truck on this neighborhood's main street.

"We've got it nowhere near this bad," said Jimmy Hunt Jr., son of the chief of the volunteer fire department in Rayham.

Chicago teachers, district reach tentative deal; no strike

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago teachers and the nation's third-largest school district struck a tentative deal on a new contract late Monday, averting what would have been the second major strike since 2012 for Chicago Public Schools just hours before union members were set to hit the picket lines.

ISD

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participating in Big Spring ISD's community resource nights program. This was the first of four to be held on the district's elementary campuses during the month of October.

"The purpose is to be a resource to the community," said George Bancroft, executive director of human resources. "It's kind of a one stop

shop to show what is available to the community from Boy Scouts to Girl Scouts to the Howard County Library to the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. We have Keep Big Spring Beautiful here. (Big Spring Area) Chamber of Commerce is here. Scenic Mountain Medical Center is doing some screenings and Complex Community Federal Credit Union is providing free hot dogs and drinks for anybody who visits a handful of

tables." Much of the focus on this past Thursday's event was on Upward Basketball sign-up and player evaluations, Bancroft said, but a number of representatives from mostly youth-centric programs were also in attendance including the Howard County 4-H, YMCA, Howard College, and the Dance Gallery. A local piano teacher also had an informational booth.

Bancroft said the idea was born from discus-

sions at the district's Parent and Community Involvement Committee consisting of parents, teachers, and district administrators.

"This is the brainchild of that community," Bancroft said. "It's an effort to make the school campus more a part of the community, but it's not exclusive to students of the school or their parents. It's really for anybody."

For more information about the program, contact Bancroft at 264-3600.

AID

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in the Grand-Anse Department, which includes Jeremie.

The National Civil Protection headquarters in Port-au-Prince raised the official nationwide death toll to 372, which included at least 198 deaths in Grand-Anse. But local officials have said the toll in Grand-Anse alone tops 500.

The U.N. also said the hurricane has increased the risk of a "renewed spike" in the number of cholera cases. A cholera outbreak since 2010 has already killed roughly 10,000 people and sickened more than 800,000.

Roosevelt Zamos of the Civil Protection Agency told AP there were 40

cases of cholera in Jeremie alone. He said eight people have died of cholera in Grand-Anse since the storm.

It can take from 12 hours to five days for cholera symptoms to appear after ingesting contaminated food or water, according to the World Health Organization.

The open-air cholera treatment center at Jeremie's main hospital had no running water Monday, and at least a dozen of the new patients were under age 10.

Etienne Chimene tried her best to soothe her 13-month-old son, Cenelson, who was lying in a wooden bed with a hole cut in it and a bucket underneath.

"I feel like my baby is getting worse," she said as she stroked his head

and he whimpered.

The center was overcrowded, and patients who were improving were forced outside. Among them was 21-year-old Nedrine Cabane, who sat on the ground with her father. He had brought her a pot of plantain soup that she ate gratefully — her first meal in three days.

"The fact that there is so much dirty water around makes me think that more people are going to get sick," she said.

Dr. Thierry Francois, lead doctor for the Ministry of Health at the cholera center, said he didn't know how many new cases had been caused by the storm nationwide.

"Certainly there are cases we don't know anything about," he said, referring to still-

isolated areas.

People in the southern seaside community of Les Anglais and surrounding areas said little to no aid had reached them by Monday.

An aid group tried to distribute food and other emergency supplies by boat on Sunday, but it was forced to leave after a large crowd gathered.

"There were too many people fighting. They went to give it someplace else," Claude Pierre Louis, 63, said angrily as she washed pots in a plastic bucket on the porch of her house, which lost its roof during the storm.

She said Les Anglais needed building supplies because almost every house was damaged, and most were

Chicago Teachers Union President Karen Lewis said at a news conference just before midnight Tuesday that after more than a year of negotiations, the two sides had hammered out an agreement that isn't perfect but is good for students, teachers and the city.

The deal still must be approved by the union's House of Delegates and the full membership, a process that could take weeks.

"There will be classes in the morning," she said. "It wasn't easy as you all know."

Samsung halts sales of Galaxy Note 7 after new troubles

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Samsung said Tuesday it is halting sales of the star-crossed Galaxy Note 7 smartphone after a spate of fires involving new devices that were supposed to be safe replacements for recalled models.

The company ordered the suspension of sales on the recommendation of South Korean safety officials, who say they suspect a new defect in the replacement phones that may not be related to its batteries.

"We would have not taken this measure if it had looked like the problems could be easily resolved," Oh Yu-cheon, a senior official at the Korean Agency for Technology and Standards that oversees product recalls, said in a phone interview. He said it would take more time than the agency originally thought to figure out what's wrong.

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in domestic violence murders in Texas; 119 women were killed in 2013; 114 women were killed in 2012; and 102 women were killed in 2011. The Texas Department of Public Safety reports that in 2014, 64 incidents of domestic violence were reported to the Howard County Sheriff's Office and 521 were reported to the Big Spring Police Department.

The local Victim Services provides 24-hour, 365 days a year service. For more information, call 432-263-3312.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or email citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

destroyed. She added that people already had created a community group to help clear the streets of debris and rebuild on their own.

An estimated 158 people died in Les Anglais, said two police officers who declined to give their names because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

Francis Jean, a 42-year-old farmer and

taxi driver, was awaiting help after he, his wife and three daughters survived the storm but lost their roof and all their belongings.

"You can't even explain what happened here. I've never seen anything like this in my life," he said. "This town doesn't exist anymore. There's nothing."

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Lana F. Anguino, 62, of Colorado City, formerly of Big Spring, passed away Monday, October 10, 2016 at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



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Gender equality in 2016? It's complicated



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At left, Brianna Wu, a software engineer and video-game developer, holds a "Game Developer Barbie" in Boston on July 25, 2016. She has been a prime target of the online harassment campaign known as Gamergate, which subjected several women in the video-game industry to misogynistic threats. It surfaced in the summer of 2014, and hasn't vanished. "It's still a constant drumbeat," said Wu, who became a target after ridiculing those who'd decried women's advances in the male-dominated industry. At right, this 2005 photo provided by Mike Hambrecht, Chief Warrant Officer 2nd Class Amber Smith pilots a Kiowa Warrior helicopter during a sunrise mission in the Diyala province of Iraq. "We live in a country that provides equal opportunities for men and women," Smith contends. "I'm an example of that, I wanted to be an air mission commander based on my own merits and skill level, not because of my gender."

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By **DAVID CRARY**

AP National Writer

For weeks after the vote, the abuse kept coming: Venomous, sexist phone calls and emails, venting rage at the five women on Seattle's City Council who outvoted four men to derail a sports arena project.

"Disgraceful hag" was one of the milder messages. "Go home and climb in the oven," one councilor was told.

This unfolded not in 1966, during an era when American women mobilized en masse to demand equality, but 50 years later in May of 2016 — two months before the first woman was nominated to lead a major party's presidential ticket.

It's a complicated time for gender relations in the U.S., as the campaign pitting Hillary Clinton against Donald Trump has underscored — most recently, with the fallout from their first debate and a sharp exchange about Trump's attention to a former Miss Universe and her weight.

On one hand there's been great progress toward equality. Women

have climbed to the top of many a corporate ladder, IBM and General Motors being just two examples. They were recently approved to serve in all military combat jobs, and depending on the election outcome, troops could soon be saluting the first female commander in chief.

At the same time, deep and obvious gaps remain — not only in terms of economic inequality and continuing discrimination and harassment in the workplace, but in everyday actions and conversations.

Consider this year's reboot of "Ghostbusters," with women replacing the male leads of the original. Misogynistic comments circulated on social media demanding the film's stars appear nude or be "hot."

Or the way some sports commentators covered women's accomplishments at the Rio Olympics. An NBC newsman drew criticism for referencing the husband-coach of a Hungarian swimmer as the "guy responsible" for her record-breaking performance.

Or the backlash in, of all places, progressive Seattle, after the five female councilors voted against the proposed sale of a street to help make way for a new arena that could host an NBA team.

One local attorney, in a signed email to all five women, described

them as "disgraceful pieces of trash" and added, "I can only hope that you each find ways to quickly and painfully end yourselves." He later apologized.

Council member Lorena Gonzalez, a lawyer whose past work included representing victims of sexual abuse and harassment, said the Seattle controversy "hit a nerve" because it coincided with a presidential campaign that has exacerbated gender tensions. Women of all political persuasions needed to band together to "push back" against such treatment, she said. Just a few decades ago, women rarely held the collective political power that they now wield in Seattle. In many male-dominated domains, women's strides have been slow-paced and, even then, often greeted with resentment.

"Cultural change often comes with some backlash," said Emily Martin, the National Women's Law Center's general counsel. "Some people feel threatened by women's progress. Making vile attacks on the internet is an easy way to express yourself if the world is changing in ways you feel are threatening."

That culture clash has become striking in this election year. As feminists celebrated Clinton's glass-shattering nomination with the slogan "I'm With Her," Trump said the only thing Clinton had going for her was "the woman's card." Some of his supporters wear "Trump that Bitch" T-shirts. In the opening debate, after Trump questioned her looks and stamina, Clinton quickly pivoted to the issue of sexism.

"This is a man who called women pigs, slob and dogs," she said.

Polls show Clinton, a Democrat, benefiting from a gender gap that's been a fact of American politics since 1980, with women voting for her party more reliably than men in each presidential election. This year's gap could be the biggest ever; a New York Times poll in mid-September showed Trump, a Republican, leading among likely male voters by 11 percentage points, while Clinton led among likely female voters by 13 points

There's also a gender gap in turnout — nearly 10 million more women voted than men in 2012.

Brooke Ackerly, a political science professor at Vanderbilt who specializes in gender issues, said the sexist sentiments on display during the campaign aren't new to American politics, but are louder and more visible than before.

"It suggests to me there's some latent anger that's being given permission to express itself," said Ackerly, adding that Trump was the catalyst for this. "What's new is that we're seeing it in public."

Clinton, of course, has long been targeted by sexist taunts, and says she's learned to take them in stride.

Still, said Debbie Walsh, director of the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University, "I'm concerned about what it means for younger women who see this as what you might confront if you dare to tread on what is seen as male turf."

As a profession, elective politics remains predominantly male turf. Women comprise more than half the U.S. population, yet account for just a fifth of all members of Congress and one-fourth of state lawmakers, according to an Associated Press survey earlier this year. And that's a better showing than for women in such fields as firefighting, construction and video-game design.

For two years, software engineer Brianna Wu of Boston has been a target of the online harassment campaign known as Gamergate, which subjected several women in the video-game industry to misogynistic threats. It surfaced in the summer of 2014, and hasn't vanished.

"It's still a constant drumbeat," said Wu, who became a target after ridiculing those who decried women's advances in the male-dominated industry. Pictures of her previous house were posted online by harassers. She and her husband now use a re-mailing service to get packages, and resort to pseudonyms when they must provide their real address.

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"It's exhausting," she said. "It's just a cost of your career, if you're a woman."

Depending on the questions posed, opinion polls show curiously mixed views on gender issues. For example, polling by Gallup shows that 92 percent of Americans — including overwhelming majorities of both men and women — would vote for a woman for president if they felt she was qualified.

Yet there's a split as to whether obstacles remain that make it harder for women to get ahead. About 63 percent of women say this is the case, compared to 41 percent of men, according to a recent Pew Research Center survey. Among white men, Trump's strongest base of support, there's some cynicism about the whole gender debate.

"We're so sick of the gender card being played, we don't even listen to it," said Mark Meckler, a Trump backer and co-founder of the Tea Party Patriots who lives near Sacramento, California.

Throughout her campaign, Clinton has presented herself as a champion of women's issues, promising to protect their rights to abortion and fight to reduce economic inequalities. Trump has recently stepped up appeals directed at women. He advocated making birth control available without a prescription and offered proposals on child care and paid parental leave.

Critics said his child-care plan, by relying on a tax deduction rather than a credit, would skew to the advantage of wealthier families. As for parental leave, Clinton advocates coverage for fathers and mothers. Trump's proposal covers only mothers; some advocacy groups say this would make companies less likely to hire women since they could lose them for six weeks in the event of childbirth. Pay equity is another issue with gender overtones; surveys show that nearly two-thirds of minimum wage earners are women.

Clinton says she supports raising the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$12 an hour. Trump said in July that the minimum wage should be \$10, but added that states should "really call the shots."

In some places, there are efforts to address the gender wage gap locally. A ballot measure in Cincinnati calls for a new tax levy to expand access to preschool education, and one of its goals is to boost pay for preschool workers, many of them women of color earning wages that barely support their families. In Ohio, preschool teachers earned an average of \$23,690 a year in 2014.

Among the organizers working for the measure is Elizabeth Hopkins, 31, an African-American mother of children aged 1 and 3.

"It saddens me, that the jobs these women have keep them in poverty," Hopkins said. "These are the most important positions. They're the ones tending to our children."

Trump/Clinton differences are particularly stark on abortion. Clinton favors lifting a ban on use of federal funds to help poor women afford abortions; Trump says he would appoint "pro-life" Supreme Court justices who might consider overturning the Roe v. Wade ruling that established a nationwide right to abortion. Unsurprisingly, Clinton is backed by the National Organization for Women and Planned Parenthood. Trump's supporters include leaders of national anti-abortion groups.

Some prospective voters don't fit easily into the obvious boxes. There are conservative women who would never vote for Clinton, yet find Trump's rhetoric and behavior repugnant. There are men planning to vote for Clinton who wish she would be as outspoken about challenges facing boys and fathers as those facing women and girls.

One of those men is author Warren Farrell of Mill Valley, California, a figure in what's loosely known as "the men's movement."

"I'm supporting Hillary Clinton despite the people in her campaign who are less compassionate toward men, less understanding of the importance of fathers and almost completely ignorant of the boy crisis," said Farrell. That's a reference to boys' worse grades in school and higher rates of learning dis-



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At top, Seattle City Councilwoman Sally Bashaw explains her "no" vote on the issue of whether to vacate a stretch of road where an investor hopes to eventually build an arena that could house NBA and NHL teams. At bottom, Seattle SuperSonics fans Kris Brannon, center, and Kenneth Knutsen react to the Seattle City Council's 5-4 no vote. Five women on Seattle's City Council outvoted four men to derail the sports arena project.

abilities, disciplinary problems and dropout rates than girls. As for Trump, "he represents everything that women fear about men — blustery, grandiose, narcissistic," Farrell said. Meanwhile, Trump has many enthusiastic female supporters, including Amber Smith, who served in Iraq and Afghanistan as a helicopter pilot with the Army's 101st Airborne Division. "I like that he has a backbone and he's not politically correct," she said. Now a writer and commentator with a just-published memoir, Smith perceives Clinton as seeking to portray women as victims. "We live in a country that provides equal opportunities for men and woman," Smith said. "I'm an example of that. I wanted to be an air mission commander based on my own merits and skill level, not because of my gender."

Study: Texas, California didn't report some police shootings

HOUSTON (AP) — Hundreds of police departments in Texas and California failed to report officer-involved shooting deaths as required by law in the past decade, a recent study found.

Research by Texas State University in San Marcos found registries created by the two states to report all in-custody deaths did not list about 220 use-of-force fatalities in Texas and 440 in California from 2005-2015, the Houston Chronicle reported (<http://bit.ly/2dGaPok>) Monday.

The Texas and California attorney general's offices and police officials in both states confirmed to the newspaper that many cases were missing.

"We're not really blaming anyone — this is an incredibly complex problem," said Howard Williams, one of the Texas State University professors who conducted the study. But he said it's hard to change policy, improve training or purchase new equipment "when you simply lack the data to even know what's going on."

Texas and California are the only states to require reporting of all in-custody deaths, including jail deaths and officer-involved shootings, according to the newspaper. In each state, the attorney general's office collect reports. Failing to report a death at the hands of a police officer is a misdemeanor in Texas; there is no penalty in California.

Brenda Gonzalez, a spokeswoman for the California Attorney General's Office, said in an email

that her office already has been asking police agencies to file missing reports but added California's custodial death reporting law has "no explicit enforcement mechanism."

In addition to requiring reports on use-of-force and in-custody deaths, both California and Texas also recently passed new laws requiring departments to report all shooting incidents, whether those shot survive or die. In Texas, the new police shooting law took effect in 2015 and the attorney general's office has contacted all departments and tried to boost compliance with both laws, said Kayleigh Lovvorn, an office spokeswoman. But enforcement falls to individual district attorney's offices.

In Harris County, where Houston is located, more than 40 unreported Texas shooting deaths occurred. The Houston Police Department had the most unreported cases of any Texas department, with 16 fatalities missing from its custodial death registry.

Julian Ramirez, who heads the civil rights division of the Harris County District Attorney's Office, told the newspaper he would review the list of unreported local deaths and consider whether enforcement action was warranted.

The county also has begun periodic reviews to its own officer-involved shooting registry to remind agencies to file required reports to the Texas Attorney General's Office, Ramirez said.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the Fresno Police Department failed to report the most officer-involved shooting deaths in California. After reviewing a list of its 34 missing cases, Nicole Nishida, an L.A. County sheriff's spokeswoman, said the department had failed to file any required reports from 2006 to 2011 because of a "clerical error." But the agency then failed to report four more deaths in 2013 and 2014, records show.

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LEADING OFF: Nats, Cubs try to clinch spots in NLCS

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A look at what's happening all around the majors today:
ON THE CUSP
A team from the nation's capital has not won a post-season series since Walter Johnson and the Washington Senators took the 1924 World Series crown. Bryce Harper and the Nationals can end that drought and reach the

NL Championship Series with a victory over the Dodgers in Los Angeles. Washington leads 2-1 in the best-of-five playoff, and neither team had announced its starter for Game 4.
CHANCE TO GET EVEN
After Joe Panik's 13th-inning RBI double helped the Giants avoid elimination again Monday night, San

Francisco tries to even its series with the Cubs. Chicago leads the best-of-five NLDS 2-1 but missed out on a sweep because of clutch hits from Panik and Conor Gillaspie during the Giants' 6-5 win Monday. San Francisco seeks its 11th consecutive victory when facing postseason elimination when it sends Matt Moore to pitch against John

Lackey.
REST UP
Cleveland will face Toronto in the ALCS after eliminating Boston on Monday, and now the Indians and Blue Jays wait until Friday to begin their series. The break interrupts a strong run for the wild-card Blue Jays, who won their sixth straight game by beating Texas on Sunday

to wrap their ALDS sweep. The four-day rest was still welcome. "Some people like to say a couple of days off might throw our timing off," catcher Russell Martin said Sunday. "I really don't believe in that. At this point in the year, a couple of days off can do wonders."
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Oklahoma recovers to take Big 12 lead

By CLIFF BRUNT
AP Sports Writer
NORMAN, Okla. — A few weeks ago, things looked bleak for Oklahoma and coach Bob Stoops. The Sooners lost early games to Houston and Ohio State, and fans and some boosters were getting restless as the team tumbled out of the Top 25. Things still aren't perfect, but Oklahoma bounced back with wins over TCU and Texas that put the 19th-ranked Sooners in great position early in the Big 12 season. Oklahoma (3-2, 2-0) is tied with Baylor for first place heading into Saturday's home game against Kansas State.

Stoops said Monday that there's plenty of work to do. "We're still too inconsistent," he said. "I think we're showing more and more signs of playing like we're capable, but I think there's more there. We've got to keep pushing to be better."
The Sooners say there's no chance they'll overlook the Wildcats (3-2, 1-1). "It's the next game on our schedule, and all we can do is basically prepare like we prepared for Texas and everybody else that we have played," Oklahoma safety Steven Parker said. "It's going to be on us. I don't think that's going to be on take. I don't think lightly at all because they're not a bad team. They're a good football program, especially from Bill Snyder coaching those guys up. We're definitely going to have to be ready and have our hats on."



Oklahoma head coach Bob Stoops, center, is congratulated after the Sooners' 45-40 win over Texas in an NCAA college football game in Dallas Saturday.

The key differences between Oklahoma's play in the losses and the victories over TCU and Texas are receiver Dede Westbrook's emergence as a star and Samaje Perine's production in the running game. Westbrook's chemistry with quarterback Baker Mayfield is at an all-time high. Westbrook had 17 catches for 154 yards with no touchdowns the first three games. He has 17 catches for 390 yards and five touchdowns the past two games.

Westbrook has been dealing with a hamstring pull that slowed him down early in the season, but he's fine now. He had 10 catches for an Oklahoma record 232 yards and three touchdowns against Texas and was named the Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week. "I don't know what the clock says, but he is as fast as he needs to be," Stoops said. "He has great speed. He's really hard to overthrow for that reason. He's finally back to where he's feeling 100 percent and it's obvious. He can turn short ones into big ones and he can get behind people as well. And he's really a sharp route runner, too."

Perine started the season slowly but now is the No. 2 rusher in the Big 12. He had just 149 yards in the first three games this season, then broke out with 98 yards and two touchdowns against TCU and followed with 214 yards on a career-high 35 carries and another two touchdowns against Texas. Stoops said Perine is working back

from an ankle issue and getting close to his normal level of play. "He's physical, of course, and powerful, but you have to appreciate he's coming back to form now after that ankle — just how he can sidestep people at that size, at 235 pounds," Stoops said. "The other day, he carried the ball 35 yards and did not have one lost yardage play. That's hard to do."



Houston Texans quarterback Brock Osweiler (17) is sacked by Minnesota Vikings defensive end Everson Griffen, left, during the first half of an NFL football game Sunday in Minneapolis.

Osweiler, Texans look to improve, regroup before Indianapolis visits

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Another lopsided loss on the road has the Houston Texans searching for ways to jumpstart their stalled offense.

The Texans fell to 3-2 with a 31-13 loss at the undefeated Vikings on Sunday in a game that illustrated that quarterback Brock Osweiler has plenty of room for improvement. "I need to play better," he said. "I need to do my job better, and as an entire team we need to play better."
Osweiler isn't off to a great start in his first season in Houston after the Texans lured him away from Denver this offseason with a massive \$72 million contract. He's thrown seven interceptions and just six touchdown passes. His seven interceptions are tied with Ryan Tannehill for

third-most in the league behind former Houston quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick's 10 and Jameis Winston, who has eight entering Monday night. Osweiler leads an offense that ranks 29th in the NFL by averaging just 208.6 yards passing a game. Houston's offense was terrible on third downs on Sunday, converting just one of 13 opportunities. Osweiler often seemed frazzled in the pocket and once bounced a short pass to a wide open receiver. Of course, the quarterback isn't the only one to blame for Houston's woes. He's playing behind a line that allowed four sacks on Sunday and that let him be hit 13 times against the Vikings. Despite Osweiler's struggles, coach Bill O'Brien refused to criticize him, instead taking the blame for the team's poor

performance. "I think overall I've been happy with the way the guy has prepared, haven't been happy with the way the offense has played, not blaming it on anybody, except right here," O'Brien said pointing at himself. O'Brien also didn't blame the line for not protecting Osweiler better, claiming that the excessive number of hits he took were because he didn't call the right plays. Another area of concern for this offense is that Osweiler failed to get the ball to star receiver DeAndre Hopkins enough to impact the game. Hopkins had a touchdown late on Sunday, but it was after the game was already out of hand. He finished with five receptions for 56 yards, but had no

AP Top 25 Heat Check: Top teams emerge, but can they stay?

By RALPH D. RUSSO
AP College Football Writer

The top five in The Associated Press college football poll have been firmly established. Now we will see how long they can stay that way. No. 1 Alabama, No. 2 Ohio State, No. 3 Clemson, No. 4 Michigan and No. 5 Washington held their places in the Top 25 released Monday after blowout victories this week. The Big Ten placed two more (No. 8 Wisconsin and No. 10 Nebraska) in the top 10 to give the conference four in the first 10 during the regular season for the first time since 1960. Good times for the Big Ten. Even with that whole Rutgers

thing. No. 9 Tennessee and Wisconsin get a chance to give the top five a shake Saturday. But before they do, time to heat check the rankings and see how the voters did this week. No. 1 Alabama (6-0) The Crimson Tide has scored nine touchdowns on either defense (seven) or special teams (two). South Carolina has scored 11 touchdowns total in six games. Next: at No. 9 Tennessee. Heat check: Just right. No. 2 Ohio State (5-0) The latest edition of Bosa is starting to have an impact on the Buckeyes' defense. Joey's little brother, Nick, a

freshman, had his best game against Indiana, including a key fourth-down stop. Next: at No. 8 Wisconsin. Heat check: Too hot, but just a touch. No. 3 Clemson (6-0) That slow start for the Tigers, which in retrospect was one sloppy game against Troy, seems like a long time ago. Dabo Swinney says the offense is ahead of where it was last season at this same point. Next: North Carolina State. Heat check: Too cold, but just a touch. No. 4 Michigan (6-0) The Wolverines did their best to turn the Rutgers game into a Heisman campaign ad

for Jabrill Peppers. Next: Illinois, Oct. 22 Heat check: Just right. No. 5 Washington (6-0) The Huskies look like the one Pac-12 team that might rise above the madness of the most balanced Power Five conference. Next: Oregon State, Oct. 22 Heat check: Just right. No. 7 Texas A&M (6-0) The Aggies get a week off to prepare for a game that could change everything about their season. Next: at Alabama, Oct. 22 Heat check: Too hot. No. 7 Louisville (4-1) The Cardinals took a hit without playing when November opponent Houston

lost. And they are entering a five-week stretch of schedule where noteworthy victories will be hard to come by. Next: Duke. Heat check: Too cold. Don't forget about the Cardinals. No. 8 Wisconsin (4-1) Beating Michigan State is not looking so impressive anymore. Next: No. 2 Ohio State. Heat check: Too hot. No. 9 Tennessee (5-1) The Volunteers have committed 16 turnovers. The only FBS teams with as many or more are Kentucky, Duke, Kansas and Bowling Green. They are a combined 8-15. See **HEAT**, Page 12

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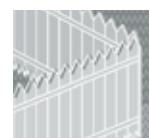
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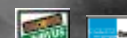
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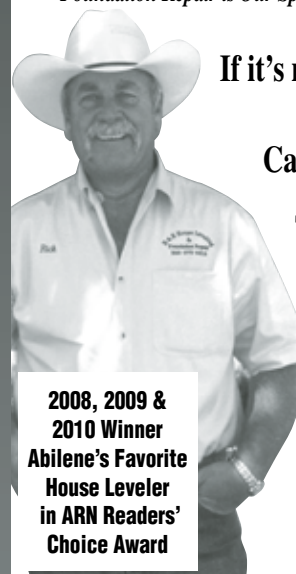
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). As for the one you've put so much thought into lately: This person makes you happy, but also makes you feel vulnerable. Old fears are surfacing through this relationship.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). What can you do that you haven't before? The events of the day will seem to rhyme, as though everything is echoing parts of something else. There's a beauty and a comfort in this, also an annoyance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Time and action will seem to play out in a very analog fashion. Unlike what occurs when you send a text or an email, you'll be able to finish an action, change your mind, take it back and redo it before it matters.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The feeling of the day is one of unlimited potential. The idea that your best work is still out there will keep you reaching, trying, learning and committing yourself over and over to the promise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The day's work will thrust you into unusual social circumstances. You'll be sorting through the frivolous and the earnest today, finding value in both and enjoying the task

Tomorrow's Horoscope

of handling these sorts of things.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Over time you could grow to resent those who seem to only add to the rather mundane aspects of the day, even as you cherish those who grace your existence with a spark of the unexpected.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). No matter what pessimism may abound in some around you today, your enthusiasm will be difficult to kill, because it is invisible and contagious and moves fast. Stay buoyant.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You like to make people laugh, and you're good at it. The star of your day will be an Ed McMahon-esque sidekick -- someone who supports you, sets you up and gets a good deal of pleasure from your wit, too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The bigger victories will get a party or some kind of epic advertisement; it will be easy to lose yourself in their pro-

nouncement. All the more reason to raise a toast to small victories such as the one this evening.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You need the love and affection, but somehow it doesn't seem right to you if you have to ask for it. The problem is remedied by giving out the sort of thing that you want them to give to you. Don't worry; in time, they'll learn.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Just because it's the best answer doesn't make it right. You'll be inspired to ask more, go deeper and experiment. This could bother the type of person who likes to leave well-enough alone, but don't let that dissuade you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's something you used to try and hide or disguise. You're starting to realize that this circumstance or trait that you once deemed unacceptable may very well be the best opportunity you have to celebrate who you are.

TODAY'S BIRTH-

DAY (Oct. 11). As for the healing you've worked for, you'll now stop the efforts and relax into a big improvement. You'll get the other pieces to the puzzle over the next four weeks; all will pop into place to form a pretty picture. Your personal life features love and adventure in 2017. August brings professional advancement. Pisces and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 22, 29 and 33.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My sun is Capricorn 12th house and squared by Uranus. My ascendant is Capricorn. My natal Uranus is in the seventh house. Any thoughts would be appreciated. Also, please tell me something about Saturn conjunct Venus. They say Saturn gives you rewards."

As a Capricorn, you are wise to think of Saturn's offerings as rewards. Not everyone does. In fact, many are afraid of the kind of challenges Saturn tends to hand out. But Capricorn is different.

You love a challenge and you revel in the idea of becoming a remarkable person. So you tend to jump at any chance to build your character through applying yourself to the knottier problems and steeper climbs of life. The 12th house sun being squared by Uranus suggests surprising new callings that happen at a spiritual level. It's as though you're ready to create a new paradigm for your life and the old ways of thinking and behaving not only don't fit; you'll soon be surprised they ever did. This may all seem to come about because of some seventh house influence -- a partner, love or close friend. And though you are strongly influenced by another, it is you who is choosing your life.

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Annie's Mailbox

Cutting Ties Because of a Problematic Wife

Dear Annie: Sadly, my brother isn't speaking to me. He is married with two children, 17 and 15. I have been part of their life, although it has been difficult. His wife is from a different country. Her family is all back there. She sabotages all efforts I make to see her children and has told me that my children and I are dead to her. They didn't come to my daughter's wedding and did not allow the children to come.

We have never done anything to upset them; however, I have been told I am not a good sister-in-law because I didn't live up to what she felt I

should do. I worked full time, went to school and raised my girls while her children were young. She said she expected me to baby-sit and spend a lot of time with them. I have tried to contact the kids, but my brother says to not contact them. He has cut ties with everyone in our family, including his other siblings. My mother had serious health issues, and he does not allow his kids to see her. I think that his wife has mental health issues and that it is calmer when he does not have to deal with family. Any suggestions on keeping their children in our lives, or do we wait until they are older? -- Hurting Aunt

Dear Hurting: If

your sister-in-law's concern really were that you didn't spend enough time with her children, then why would she ban you from their lives? It sounds as if she indeed has severe anger or anxiety issues and would settle on anything to resent; for now, that's you and your relationship with her children, but if it weren't that, it would be something else. It's disappointing that your brother has allowed his wife's mental illness to dictate their entire lives. He's in deep.

Your niece and nephew are probably aware that their grandmother isn't well, because people that high-strung fill whole households with tension. It would be good for the children to have healthier family mem-

bers in their lives, and you should make an effort to give them that. But wait until they are 18. If you reached out to them now, it would only make your brother and his wife angry, and your niece and nephew are stuck living with that stress.

Dear Annie: As the Northern English say, you got the "wrong end of the stick" on your advice to "Crackberry Wife," whose husband is constantly on his phone working. I lived a crackberry life before I had children, and I was able to learn how to let go of my addiction to work and actually be present for the child I chose to have. Mr. Crackberry can make the same choice, and he is choosing not to, as his wife enables him.

Your advice that

he is offering a strong work model to the kids is completely wrong. He is teaching his kids that men can ignore you and can't be interrupted, whereas good ol' Mommy is apparently always available to be interrupted. Further, why would you advise her to be happy that her husband spends 30 to 60 minutes a day with his children? That isn't parenting.

Emotional connections are difficult and hard work. He cannot be a good father until he learns patience and how to listen well. He needs boundaries. He

needs to tell his kids and wife when he is working, and he needs to tell them that he will make time for them during which he will not answer work calls. If he is not willing to do that, he is not willing to parent or be a spouse and he is a negative influence for the whole family. -- Lisa N.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
A very valuable signal

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♠	Q 7	♥	10 9 7
♦	K Q J 7 4	♣	K Q
WEST		EAST	
♠	J 9 5 3 2	♥	A K
♦	5 2	♦	K J
♣	—	♠	9 8 6 5 3
♠	10 9 5 4 3 2	♣	J 8 7 6
SOUTH			
♠	10 8 6 4	♥	A 8 6 4 3
♦	A 10 2	♣	A

The bidding:
North East South West
1♥ Pass 1♥ Pass
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Today's deal provides a dramatic example of the use of the suit-preference signal, invented by Hy Lavinthal in 1933.

West leads the three of spades against South's four-heart contract. Under most circumstances, with a spade holding including the A-K, East would win the first trick with the king. But in the present case, to show that he has only two spades, East reverses the usual procedure by winning the first trick with the ace and the next one with the king.

If West is paying attention, he

should realize that his partner's high-low indicates a doubleton spade. West therefore plays his jack of spades on East's king!

West's startling play of the jack, clearly a suit-preference signal since he must have lower spades in his hand, directs East to lead a diamond, rather than a club, at trick three. This is because West's play of an unnecessarily high card asks for the higher-ranking side suit to be returned; if West had preferred a club return, he would have played his lowest spade to ask for a lead of the lower-ranking suit.

As a result, the very reasonable contract gets slaughtered. West ruffs East's diamond return and plays a spade. When dummy ruffs with the queen, East overruffs with the king and returns another diamond. West ruffs and plays still another spade. When dummy ruffs with the ten, East overruffs with the jack to put an end to the carnage and defeat the contract three tricks — 300 points!

Note that if there were no such weapon as the suit-preference signal, East might very well elect to return a club at trick three instead of a diamond. This misdirected shot would turn out to be very expensive indeed. Declarer would finish with 10 tricks instead of seven, and so would score a vulnerable game instead of going down three.

Tomorrow: Good judgment — the key factor.
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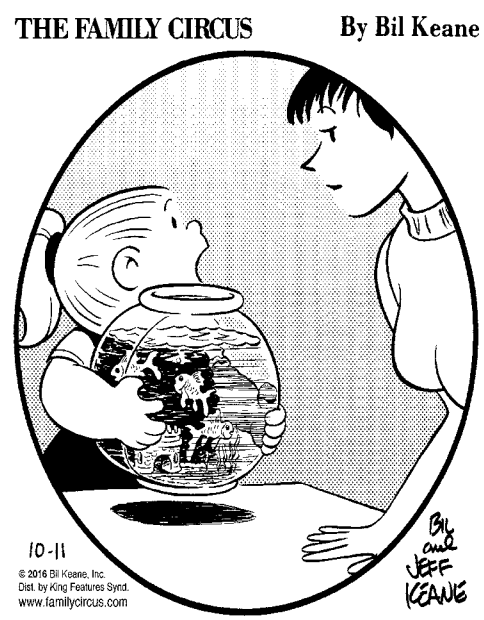
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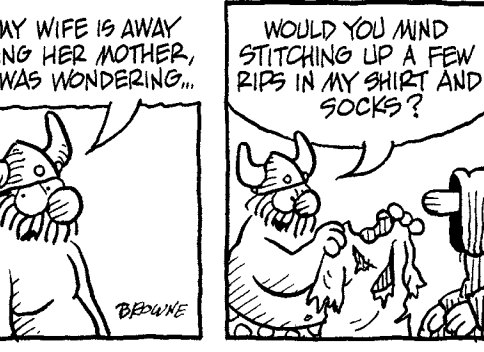


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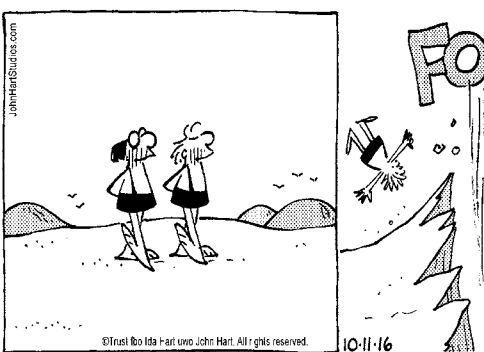
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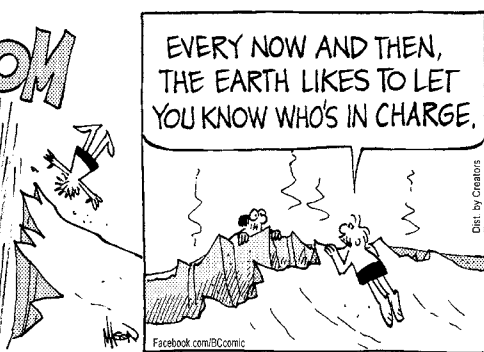
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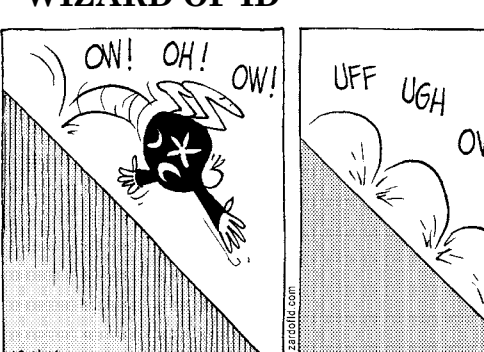
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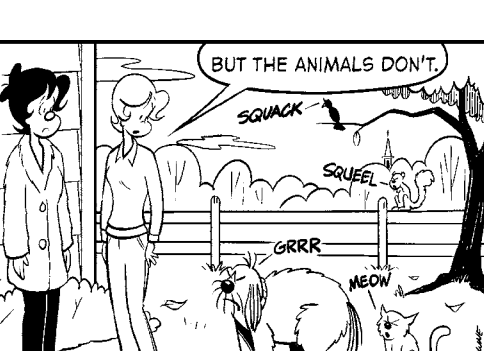
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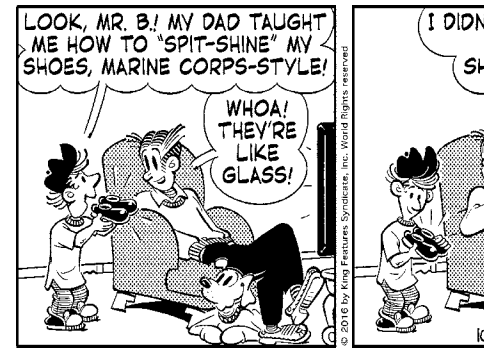
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NEWSDAY CROSSWORD



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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 11, the 285th day of 2016. There are 81 days left in the year. The Jewish Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, begins at sunset.

Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 11, 1958, the lunar probe Pioneer 1 was launched; it failed to go as far out as planned, fell back to Earth, and burned up in the atmosphere.

In 1968, Apollo 7, the first manned Apollo mission, was launched with astronauts Wally Schirra, Donn Fulton Eisele and R. Walter Cunningham aboard. The government of Panama was overthrown in a military coup.

In 1975, Bill Clinton and Hillary Diane Rodham were married in Fayetteville, Arkansas. "NBC Saturday Night" (later "Saturday Night Live") made its debut with guest host George Carlin.

In 1984, Challenger astronaut Kathryn D. Sullivan became the first American woman to walk in space as she and fellow Mission Specialist David C. Leestma spent 3 1/2 hours outside the shuttle.

In 1985, Arab-American activist Alex Odeh was killed by a bomb blast in Santa Ana, California. (The case remains unsolved.)

In 1991, testifying before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Anita Hill accused Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas of sexually harassing her; Thomas re-appeared before the panel to denounce the proceedings as a "high-tech lynching."

In 2002, former President Jimmy Carter was named the recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize.

Ten years ago: A single-engine plane carrying New York Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle (LY'dul) and flight instructor Tyler Stanger crashed into a high-rise apartment building in New York City, killing both men. The charge of treason was used for the first time in the U.S. war on terrorism, filed against Adam Yehiye Gadahn (ah-DAHM' YEH'-heh-yuh guh-DAHNN'), also known as "Azzam the American," who'd appeared in propaganda videos for al-Qaida. (Gadahn was killed by a U.S. drone strike in Pakistan in Jan. 2015.)

NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Finance deg.

4 Shortened form of a wd.

8 Attention-getting sound

12 Motel's swimming spot

13 Not as moist

15 Quaint lodgings

16 Initial poker payment

17 Mover's wheeled platform

18 Drench

19 Keep a close eye on

22 Sgt., for one

23 "Electric" fish

24 Santa __, CA

25 Veggie in a pod

27 Prefix meaning "all"

29 Bro's sibling

31 Beauty parlor

33 www.harvard.__

35 Work with needle and thread

37 "Tender" beef cut

38 Very knowledgeable

42 Big coffee brewers

43 __ loss for words

44 Dad's boy

45 Remains

47 Winter driving hazard

49 Worker's week-ending shout

52 Galahad or Lancelot

53 Tic__toe

55 Edge of a hoop

57 Cambridge engineering sch.

59 Soar

63 Stand up

64 Exploit again

65 __ club (singing group)

66 College sports org.

67 Throat ailment

68 Devours

69 Complete collections

70 Alphabetize

71 Tooth pro's deg.

DOWN

1 Monte Carlo's country

2 Lowest part

3 Actor Baldwin

4 Confuse

5 Cooks on a rotisserie

6 Defraud

7 Lets go

8 Leaning Tower city

9 Blizzard-clearing vehicle

10 Bogus cure-all

11 "For shame!"

12 Lowly chess piece

14 TV host Seacrest

20 Swiss miss of kid lit

21 Owns

26 Raggedy doll

28 Full of current info

30 Science giant Newton

32 Go __ for the ride

34 Where DC is capital

36 Used to be

38 Clever trick

39 Says "Grrr!" to

40 Paperless travel documents

41 "It was someone else!"

42 Battleship designation

46 Mo. city

48 Blackboard accessory

50 "That makes me happy"

51 Boneless steaks

54 Ventilates

56 All thumbs

58 Golf pegs

60 Affirmative votes

61 Currency in Germany

62 Matured

63 Hosp. professionals

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HEAT

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Strange stuff.
 Next: No. 1 Alabama.
 Heat check: Just right.
 Kudos to the voters for not punishing the Vols for their latest wild game.
 No. 10 Nebraska (5-0)
 The Cornhuskers have a chance to play a couple of really big games at Wisconsin and Ohio State, but first Indiana and Purdue. Those Hoosiers could be tricky.
 Next: at Indiana.
 Heat check: Too hot.
 No. 11 Baylor (5-0)
 The Bears are going to reach the midway point of the season having played one team with a winning record. And maybe get into the top 10.
 Next: Kansas.

Heat check: Too hot.
 No. 12 Mississippi (3-2)
 The Rebels enter their toughest stretch of their season with consecutive road games against No. 22 Arkansas and LSU, followed by a home game against No. 23 Auburn.
 Next: at No. 22 Arkansas
 Heat check: Too cold.
 No. 13 Houston (5-1)
 From playoff hopes to Miami Beach Bowl possibilities. Remember, the Cougars can't get to a New Year's Six Bowl for the second straight season without winning their conference and they can't win the American if Navy doesn't lose at least twice.
 Next: vs. Tulsa.
 Heat check: Too cold.
 No. 14 Florida State (4-2)
 Dalvin Cook still has time to get himself back

into the Heisman Trophy conversation. A few more games like he had against Miami (150 yards rushing and a 59-yard touchdown reception) will be needed.
 Next: vs. Wake Forest.
 Heat check: Too cold.
 No. 15 Boise State (5-0)
 With Houston having lost, the Broncos become the best bet to be the Group of Five champion to reach the New Year's Six.
 Next: Colorado State.
 Heat check: Just right.
 No. 16 Miami (4-1)
 The Hurricanes are not back — but they're better. The loss to Florida State was probably more impressive than all their wins.
 Next: vs. North Carolina.
 Heat check: Just right.
 No. 17 Virginia Tech (4-1)
 The Hokies have a little offense to go with

Bud Foster's defense now — making that defense even better.
 Next: at Syracuse.
 Heat check: Too cold.
 No. 18 Florida (4-1)
 The LSU game was not postponed because Florida was ducking LSU. That's ridiculous. But there probably should have been a better attempt to get the game played.
 Next: vs. Missouri.
 Heat check: Too hot.
 No. 19 Oklahoma (3-2)
 The rankings say one thing. Heat check says the Sooners are the Big 12's best team.
 Next: Kansas State.
 Heat check: Too cold.
 No. 20 West Virginia (4-0)
 The voters are leery of buying in on the Mountaineers. Though victories against BYU and Kansas State are looking solid.
 Next: at Texas Tech.



AP Photo/Mel Evans
Michigan running back Karan Higdon (22) runs with the ball past Rutgers defenders during the second half of an NCAA college football game Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016, in Piscataway, N.J.

Heat check: Too cold.
 No. 21 Utah (5-1)
 The best team in the Pac-12 South? Why not?
 Next: at Oregon State.
 Heat check: Too cold.
 No. 22 Arkansas (4-2)
 The offensive line is suspect. The running game spotty. The defense gets pushed around. Bret Bielema has a team that doesn't play like a Bret Bielema team.
 Next: No. 12 Mississippi.
 Heat check: Too hot.
 No. 23 Auburn (4-2)
 The Tigers are starting to find some offensive identity to go with that good defense, but the next few weeks will determine if this is a real turnaround.
 Next: No. 22 Arkansas, Oct. 22.
 Heat check: This seems legit. Just right.
 No. 24 Western Michigan (6-0)
 P.J. Fleck's team rowed the boat into the Top 25 for the first time in school history.
 Next: at Akron.
 Heat check: Just right.
 No. 25 Navy (4-1)
 If you want to start thinking big, the Midshipmen could make a strong case for a New Year's Six bowl spot by running the table and winning the American Athletic Conference. That would also cause a headache for the selection committee, which would have to wait a week for Army-Navy to be played before finalizing the New Year's Six bowls.
 Next: vs. Memphis, Oct. 22.
 Heat check: Just right.

LEADING

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TEBOW TIME
 Tim Tebow has arrived in the desert and is ready to make his Arizona Fall League debut. The former NFL quarterback and 2007 Heisman Trophy winner participated in his first practice

on Monday night, one day before the Scottsdale Scorpions' season opener against the Glendale Desert Dogs. Tebow homered on the first pitch of his instructional league debut in Florida, but the AFL will be a step up in competition, filled with some of the top minor league players in baseball.
TAL'S END
 Tal's Hill is coming down. The Astros began work on renova-

tions to center field at Minute Maid Park on Monday that will remove the hill and add field-level seating. The project will bring in the center-field fence from 436 to 409 feet and be completed by opening day in 2017. Tal's Hill was a tribute to Cincinnati's Crosley Field and other old ballparks. It was named after longtime Astros executive Tal Smith.

TEXANS

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receptions at halftime. This came a week after Hopkins was limited to one catch for 4 yards in a win over the Titans.
 "Didn't get involved until late (Sunday), we need to do that earlier obviously," O'Brien said. "We know what a player he is ... and so we're going to work re-

ally hard to try to figure out how to get him the ball more often."
 Hopkins was asked about the struggles of the offense on Monday and how they can correct things to improve this week. He was unusually short in his response to this question and all other queries thrown his way.
 "Working every day," he said. "Nobody's perfect."
 It's clear that teams

focus on limiting Hopkins every week and often double team him. Despite that, Osweiler knows that he has to do a better job of getting the ball to both him and rookie Will Fuller, who was held to one reception for 4 yards against Minnesota.
 "The bottom line, if the receivers are not getting the ball, who is the first person you need to look at? It is me," Osweiler said.

"I need to play better and I need to find a way, regardless of what the defense is doing, to get those guys the football."
 As bleak as things looked on Sunday, the Texans still lead the AFC South, and a win against the Colts would push their cushion to two games against Indy in the division.
 "We've got a lot of good things ahead of us if we can correct a lot of these things," O'Brien said.

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