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## Suspects sought in aggravated robbery

**By AMANDA ELSTON**  
 Managing Editor  
 Big Spring police are on the lookout for two suspects in an alleged aggravated robbery that occurred this weekend. At approximately 8:03 p.m. Saturday, BSPD officers were dispatched to Hanlin Dollar (1300 block of S. Gregg Street)

in reference to a robbery. According to a press release, the victim of the robbery said that earlier that night around 6:50 p.m., an older-model car pulled into the store's parking lot. "He could see two black males occupying the vehicle," stated the release. "The

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victim informed that the vehicle eventually pulled away

and parked alongside the curb on 13th Street." While the victim was closing the shop, one of the suspects, dressed in a gray long-sleeved shirt and blue jeans, allegedly ran toward him with a handgun, according to the press release. "The black male then

grabbed the victim, pushing him inside the utility trailer the victim uses to store his property for sale," the press release stated. "The suspect then hit the victim in the head with the firearm, reached into his pocket, and stole approximately \$400." See, **ROBBERY**, Page 3



## Lighting up for the Christmas season

**By AMANDA ELSTON**  
 Managing Editor  
 An annual tradition, Paul's Custom PCs is lighting up for the holidays. Owner Paul Johnson welcomes the public to come look at their light display until the end of the year. "We want the public to know to come look at the lights," said Johnson. "This is the place to come by and look all season long." In addition to a lighted display, Johnson will also be offering free seating during Saturday's annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade.

"We are gonna offer public seating out at our place, 20th and Scurry," said Johnson. "We will



set up rows and rows and rows right on the curb side and offer that totally free to the public. We

want them to know that its another place the public can come and watch the parade for free." The annual community lighted Christmas parade begins at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at 24th and Scurry and head north towards 4th and Scurry. Currently, the Herald has 46 entries into its parade. Those still wishing to have a float may either call the Herald at 263-7331 or just show up at 4:30 p.m. at 24th and Johnson. Late floats will not be eligible for prizes and will not receive an entry number.

## Aggravated kidnapping

Suspect remains behind bars

**By LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer  
 A 23-year-old Big Spring man remains at the Howard County Jail facing two charges of aggravated kidnapping after he allegedly forcing two people into his vehicle by gunpoint and then drove them to another part of town, according to the Big Spring Police. On Wednesday, Adrian Aguilar was arrested on charges of aggravated kidnapping, unlawful possession of



Aguilar a firearm, and on a Howard County warrant for graffiti. His bond was set at \$10,000 apiece for the two aggravated assault charges. Bond was set at \$3,000 for the See, **KIDNAPPING**, Page 3

## Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club providing help to those in need

*EDITOR'S NOTE: This is one in a series of articles detailing the agencies assisted by the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.*

**By ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer  
 Readers of the Big Spring Herald are seeing a lot mentions during the holiday season of the Salvation Army. It's a big time of year for the church-based charitable organization: they recently fed hundreds of people on Thanksgiving with their annual community meal; Angel Trees are in local businesses providing opportunities for local residents to provide See, **SA**, Page 3



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## UBS in need of O negative blood

**By LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer  
 Supplies of O negative blood in the area have dipped to less than half a day prompting a plea to the public for more donations. "To help save the lives of trauma patients at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, O negative is the go-to blood type as anyone can safely receive this blood in an emergency situation," stated Linda Grace, Sr. Donor Recruitment representative with the United Blood Services. "Currently, we have less than one half day's supply - well below the needed level of three days." O negative is considered a universal blood type since it can theoretically be given to any person regardless of his or her blood type, she said. See, **DRIVE**, Page 3

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## Obituaries

### Dorothy Key



Dorothy Key, 96, of Big Spring, died Monday, November 28, 2016 at her residence. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, November 30, 2016, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

Dorothy was born December 9, 1919, in Kerr County, Texas and married Earnest Key August 28, 1935, in Brady, Texas. He preceded her in death May 15, 2002.

Dorothy is survived by one son, Connie Wade Key and wife, Lou of Big Spring; one daughter, Frankie Orelene Hazelwood of Big Spring; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was also preceded in death by her parents, John Singleton and Eva (Davis) Conn; three brothers, Ernest Conn, R. C. Conn, and B. F. Conn; and two sisters, Odessa Rutledge and Velma Davis.

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

### Joe Saldana



Joe Saldana, 48, of Big Spring died November 23, 2016, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. He will lie in state Tuesday, November 29, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Family Faith Center. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 30, 2016, at Family Faith Center with Pastor Sam Segundo officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born May 12, 1968 to Graciela Rincon Saldana and Eugene Saldana in San Angelo. He lived most of his life in San Angelo, moving to Big Spring in 2008. He worked at Tire Time.

Joe is survived by his wife, Norma Saldana of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; three children, Joe Govea of Kaufman, and Seanna Saldana and Alexis Saldana both of Oklahoma City; three step-children, Bebo Govea, Hector Govea and Bola Govea, all of San Angelo; mother, Graciela Blanco; five brothers, Noe Blanco III of El Paso, Angel Blanco of Big Spring, Roman Blanco of Big Spring, Eugene Saldana, Jr. of Lubbock, and Obadiah Saldana of Lubbock; seven sisters, Linda Saldana, Lisa Nieto, Angie Blanco, Jessica Blanco all of Big Spring, Rosemary Saldana of Gulfport, Mississippi, Eva Liu of Orange Park, Florida and Rachel Edwards of Gulf Port, Mississippi; and live in companion Yolanda Gomez of Big Spring.

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

### Clifford Wade Beeler



Clifford Wade Beeler, 59, of Big Spring died Wednesday, November 23, 2016, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating.

He was born November 30, 1956, to Wanda Johnson Beeler and Kenneth Beeler in Andrews. He married Barbara Rivera

October 15, 1992, in Big Spring. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He was a master electrician

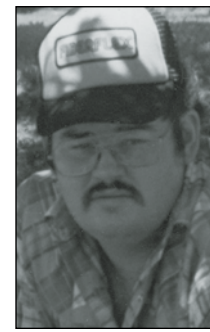
for Apache Oil.

Clifford is survived by his wife, Barbara Beeler of Big Spring; three daughters, Shannon Beeler, Rena Beeler and Anna Arteaga of Big Spring; two sons, Frank Arteaga and wife Areli of Plainview and Greg Arteaga of Big Spring; his father, Kenneth Beeler; one sister, Michelle Machwart of Big Spring, and two brothers, Terry Beeler of Big Spring and David Beeler of Irving; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Wanda Beeler.

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

### Art Arview



Art Arview, 57, of Big Spring died Thursday, November 24, 2016, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, December 1, 2016, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, December 1, 2016, at Myers & Smith Chapel.

He was born March 18, 1959 to Betty Damrau Arview and

Arthur Ray Arview in Tucson, Arizona. He married Becky Hoffman, December 7, 1979, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He moved to Big Spring in 1981 from Security, Colorado. Art was a mechanic and

welder for Fiberglass Systems, retiring in 2011.

Art is survived by his wife, Becky Arview of Big Spring; three sons, Michael Hoffman and Scotty Hoffman, both of Colorado, and Timothy Arview and wife Camilla of Big Spring; two daughters, Rebecca Meachom and husband Eric of Alabama and Marie Arview and Michael Campbell of Big Spring; two brothers, Paul O'Neal and wife Joanna of Mississippi and Wayne O'Neal and wife Beverly of Texarkana; sisters Cheryl Hoff and husband Gary of Wyoming and Kathy Harris and husband Grady of Waco; 15 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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## Police & Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **VALERIE MIRAMONTES GARCIA**, 31, of 411 N Scurry Street was arrested on charges of public intoxication and possession of marijuana (less than or equal to two ounces).
- **CLINTON AARON MUSE JR.**, 66, of 700 Ohio was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **JOSHUA STEVEN WALKER**, 26, of 1108 Mulberry was arrested on four warrants from other agencies.
- **THEFT** was reported on Chevy Chase, and FM 846.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1800 block of S Benton Street.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of E 6th and Circle.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 400 block of Armstrong Street and the 800 block of Andree Street.

- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 2700 block of Holland Grace.

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 84 inmates at the time of this report.
- **VALERIE MIRAMONTES GARCIA**, 31, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).
- **CLINTON AARON MUSE JR.**, 66, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance (less than one gram).
- **JOSHUA STEVEN WALKER**, 26, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for driving with invalid license, displaying expired registration, and two counts of failure to appear.

## 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.

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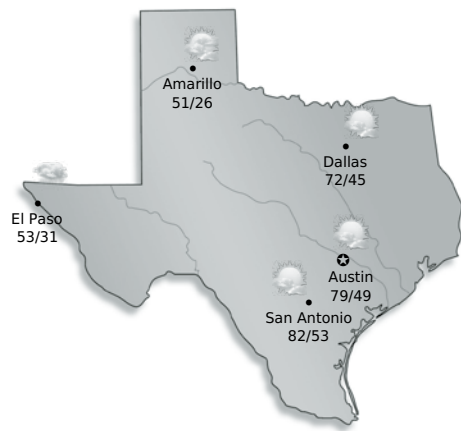
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Sunrise: 7:28 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:29 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:30 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:31 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:32 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM

### Texas at a Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	67	37	M Sunny	Kingsville	88	56	P Cloudy
Amarillo	51	26	M Sunny	Livingston	74	46	Cloudy
Austin	79	49	Cloudy	Longview	73	44	P Cloudy
Beaumont	81	54	Foggy	Lubbock	56	27	P Cloudy
Brownsville	88	67	M Sunny	Lufkin	72	45	Showers
Brownwood	71	38	P Cloudy	Midland	62	36	M Sunny
Corpus Christi	86	59	Cloudy	Raymondville	92	61	P Cloudy
Corsicana	75	46	M Cloudy	Rosenberg	79	49	Cloudy
Dallas	72	45	M Sunny	San Antonio	82	53	Cloudy
Del Rio	76	47	M Sunny	San Marcos	80	51	Cloudy
El Paso	53	31	P Cloudy	Sulphur Springs	72	43	Sunny
Fort Stockton	63	35	M Sunny	Sweetwater	64	36	P Cloudy
Gainesville	67	39	P Cloudy	Tyler	73	44	P Cloudy
Greenville	70	41	M Sunny	Weatherford	70	42	P Cloudy
Houston	81	55	Iso T-Storms	Wichita Falls	64	37	Sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	73	64	Cloudy	Miami	81	74	P Cloudy
Boston	53	47	Cloudy	Minneapolis	40	34	Cloudy
Chicago	58	39	M Sunny	New York	61	56	Rain
Dallas	72	45	M Sunny	Phoenix	61	41	P Cloudy
Denver	43	23	P Cloudy	San Francisco	57	45	Clear
Houston	81	55	Iso T-Storms	Seattle	50	43	Cloudy
Los Angeles	68	48	Sunny	Saint Louis	62	37	Cloudy

### Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Dec 7	Dec 14	Dec 21	Dec 29

### UV Index

Wed 11/30	Thu 12/1	Fri 12/2	Sat 12/3	Sun 12/4
4	3	1	1	3
Moderate	Moderate	Low	Low	Moderate

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

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### 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

- 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.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2900 block of Cherokee. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of Algerita. There was no transport.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of E. 11th. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of NW 2nd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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# DRIVE

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“Especially when someone is in an emergency situation and needs a blood transfusion to stay alive, there is not time to perform a blood type,” Grace said. “They can use this type safely. Also premature babies can only receive this blood type.”

On average about six percent of the general population has O negative blood, Grace said, but stressed all blood types are needed, especially following the holidays.

“December is one of the most difficult months of the year for United Blood Services to maintain an adequate supply of lifesaving blood to save the lives of hospital patients,” she said. “Most blood shortages happen during or after major holidays. Two major holidays are quickly approaching — Christmas and New Year’s. Both are long four day holidays. Donations drop off dramatically but the need for blood goes up even more dramatically during the holidays.”

A blood drive will be held this Friday at the city of Big Spring Council Chambers, 310 Nolan next to City Hall,

between the hours of 10 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Those who sign up will be entered into a drawing for two tickets to watch the Dallas Cowboys/Detroit Lions game in Arlington, Texas on Dec. 26.

Donors will also receive one movie pass (600 Hero Points that can be instantly redeemed online for a movie passes), a free cholesterol check, and Hero in Me Points. “A sandwich tray courtesy of Subway will be provided for donors along with snacks and water and juice - so don’t worry if you don’t have enough time for lunch and to donate,” Grace said.

Donors must be at least 16 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good health to donate. Donors between 16 and 22 must meet additional height and weight requirements. Sixteen-year-old donors must present a Minor Donor Permit Form, which can be found online at [www.unitedbloodservices.org](http://www.unitedbloodservices.org), signed by a parent or guardian.

Grace encourages donors to call Stacie King at 264-2387 to make an appointment.

“Just like a doctor’s office, donors with appointments will be seen prior to those who walk in,” she said.

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a merry Christmas for less-fortunate children and seniors; and the Red Kettles and their attendant bell ringers are a symbol of the Christmas season in America. But the Salvation Army is active throughout the year, not just during the holiday season, and they receive funding from the United Way.

“Specifically, we use what the United Way gives us for rent assistance, utility assistance, prescription assistance, bus fares on occasion, and even hotels on a special case by case basis since we don’t have a shelter. But if there is a family in need, especially if they have children, we’ll help with that,” said Salvation Army Corps Officer Lt. Josh McKain. “We have a food pantry that’s open from Tuesday through Friday, and we have a lot of food to give out. We just did a big food drive with the school districts, I think here, and Ackerly and Forsan. We have a ton of food to stock the pantry with this season. We dished out \$156,000

in services last year. That’s direct assistance in cash being spent out for the community.”

The Salvation Army also oversees the Boys and Girls Club, providing a safe place for kids to go after school.

“It’s a huge impact for this community with school-aged children to have a safe place for them to come after school and in the summers,” said McKain. “We serve about 100 kids from six different schools. Fortunately we work with the schools and they drop off the kids here, because we don’t have staffing or the vehicles to be able to pick up that many children. Character building is a big deal, where we help develop character, especially at their young age. We do strive to help them do their homework and to make sure that gets done. And if there’s special things that parents want us to work with children on, we strive to do our best with that. We give them a hearty snack, try to anyway. Have a devotion with them. We work with other organizations as well. One of the big ones coming up is Upwards. So we work with the Upwards pro-

gram. They’re going to be utilizing our gym, and I believe some of our kids are going to be involved in Upwards as well. It’s a youth basketball program, sponsored I believe by the Baptist church.”

In addition, the Salvation Army serves Howard County’s spiritual side as a church.

“We are a church that my wife and I are the pastors of,” McKain said. “We have Sunday services, Bible studies, and youth activities that happen throughout the week”

McKain said the funds provided by the United Way make it possible to provide more services to more people than the Salvation Army would be able to without them.

“Of course, we also have contributions from donors and money that comes in, but that would take away from our help to the community if they were to pull back the money that they give us,” McKain said. “For the club as well. We’ve got a huge

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# ROBBERY

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According to statements to police, the victim then fell to the floor and was instructed not to move, at which time, the suspect ran away.

“The victim (said) he did not notify the police sooner due to him being scared,” stated

# KIDNAPPING

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weapons charge and \$5,000 for the warrant for graffiti.

According to a news release, the police officers were dispatched to the 1800 block of Settle St. approximately 1:40 p.m. after receiving a call from the female victim regarding the kidnapping. The police were able to locate the subject’s vehicle.

“Contact was made with two victims — male and female — who informed officers they had been walking from the area of San Antonio and Aylesford when Aguilar had stopped and confronted the male victim demanding ‘they’ get into the vehicle while brandishing the firearm,” the new release stated. “Both victims complied and Aguilar drove them to the 1800 block of Settles. The female victim was able to contact dispatch by phone and alert the police.”

Aguilar was arrested in the 1800 block of Settles Street, according to the daily police report.

the press release.

BSPD urges citizens who have any information regarding this incident to call CrimeStoppers at 432-263-TIPS (8477). You can also leave an anonymous tip using the “P3 Tips” mobile app or from the BSPD website at [www.bigspringpd.net](http://www.bigspringpd.net).

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Ken Turnbow, 64, died Saturday. Services are pending.

Jesse C. James, 90, died Sunday. Services are pending.

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# High court to examine mental disability, death penalty issue

By MICHAEL GRACZYK

Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court is set to examine whether the nation's busiest state for capital punishment is trying to put to death a convicted killer who's intellectually disabled, which would make him ineligible for execution under the court's current guidance.

Lawyers for prisoner Bobby James Moore, 57, contend that the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, the state's highest criminal court, ignored current medical standards and required use of outdated standards when it decided Moore isn't mentally disabled. That ruling removed a legal hurdle to Moore's execution for the shotgun slaying of a Houston grocery store clerk in 1980.

The Texas court is a "conspicuous outlier" among state courts and "defies both the Constitution and common sense," Clifford Sloan, Moore's lead lawyer, told the justices in written briefs submitted ahead of Tuesday's scheduled oral arguments. Such a "head-in-the-sand approach ... ignores advances in the medical community's understanding and assessment of intellectual disability over the past quarter century," he wrote.

Moore's lawyers want his death sentence set aside, contending his punishment would violate the Constitution's ban on cruel and unusual punishment and the Supreme Court's 2002 ruling in a North Carolina case that prohibited execution of the mentally disabled.

The Texas attorney general's office says the state "fully complies" with Supreme Court precedents. The state points to its use of 1992 clinical definitions for intellectual disability as cited by the high court in its 2002 decision. And the office says it has consulted and considered more recent standards.

The question before the high court "rests on a false premise," Texas Solicitor General Scott Keller said, arguing that Moore's claim of intellectual disability is refuted "under any relevant standard."

Two years ago, the Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional a Florida law that barred any other evidence of intellectual disability if an inmate's IQ

was over 70. Texas uses a three-pronged test to define intellectual disability: IQ scores, with 70 generally considered a threshold; an inmate's ability to interact with others and care for him or herself; and whether evidence of deficiencies in either of those areas occurred before age 18.

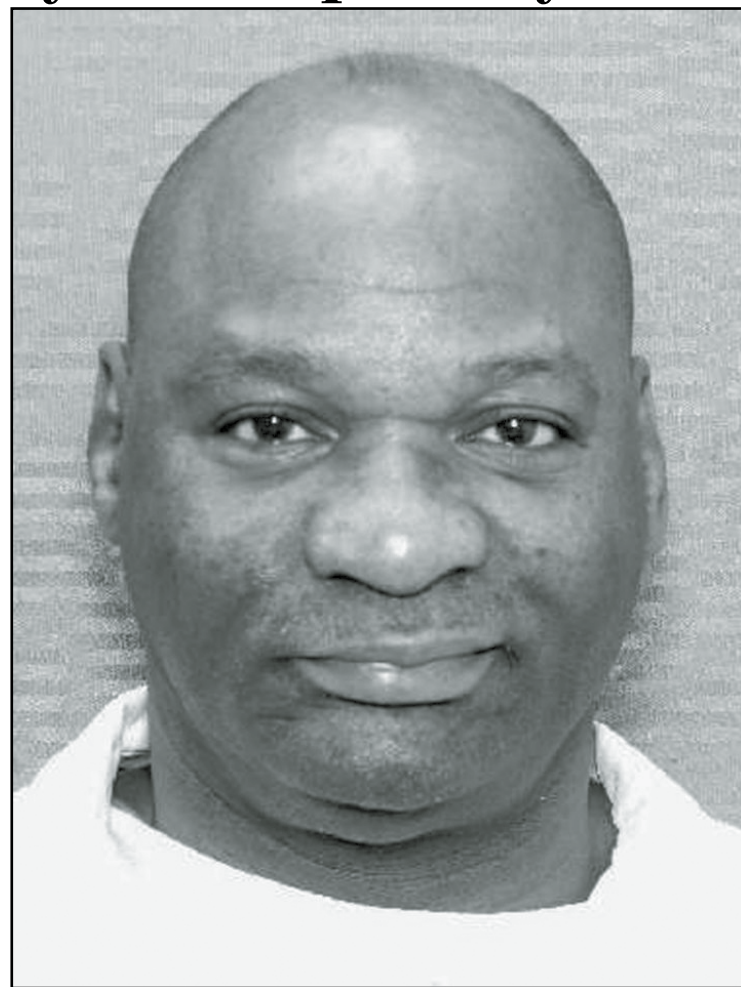
The state says Moore had a troubled childhood with little supervision and scored 57, 77 and 78 on IQ tests before dropping out of school in the ninth grade. He'd been convicted four times of felonies by age 17 but never was diagnosed with an intellectual disability as a youth, the state argues.

It describes him as living on the streets, playing pool for money and mowing lawns. During the fatal robbery of 72-year-old Houston supermarket clerk James McCarble, Moore wore a wig and fled to Louisiana afterward, and had represented himself in legal actions, showing the required intellectual capabilities, the state contends.

Moore's lawyers argue the state "cherry-picked" specific higher IQ scores, and that at age 13 Moore had no basic understanding of the days of the week or seasons of the year, couldn't tell time and couldn't read or write or keep up in school.

Since the Supreme Court allowed capital punishment to resume in 1976, Texas has carried out 537 executions, far more than any other state. Moore arrived on death row in July 1980, and only five of the state's some 250 condemned inmates have been there longer. In 1999, an appeals court threw out his death sentence, ruling that the legal help at his trial was deficient. At a new punishment hearing two years later, a Harris County jury again sentenced him to die.

In an appeal of that verdict, the Court of Criminal Appeals returned the case to the trial court for a hearing, where the judge decided Moore was mentally disabled and ineligible for execution. But the appeals court rejected that recom-



Texas Department of Criminal Justice via AP

This undated photo provided by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shows inmate Bobby Moore. The U.S. Supreme Court this week examines whether the nation's busiest state for capital punishment is trying to put to death a convicted killer who's intellectually disabled, which would make him ineligible for execution

mendation, saying the trial judge had disregarded case law. Eight of the appeals court's nine members participated in the case, and two of them disagreed with the majority.

## Texas school repudiates white nationalist alumnus

DALLAS (AP) — The exclusive Dallas boys' prep school that Richard B. Spencer attended is denouncing the activities and ideas of its white nationalist alumnus. St. Mark's School of Texas headmaster David Dini issued the statement of criticism after a Nov. 19 rally in Washington where Spencer, a member of St. Mark's Class of 1997, shouted "Hail Trump! Hail our people! Hail victory!" as supporters raised their

arms in Nazi salutes. Without referring to Spencer by name, Dini said his activities have "been deeply troubling and terribly upsetting to our whole school community. We reject racism and bigotry in all its forms and expressions." In his statement, posted on the school's Facebook page, Dini hailed other St. Mark's alumni for "expressing their outrage and disgust" toward the National Policy Institute,

which Spencer heads, and the ideas that group promotes. Spencer's classmates have raised about \$40,000 so far in a fundraising campaign to settle refugees in Dallas. One of them is Ben Kusun, former "Shark Tank" contestant and chief executive of deodorizing wipes company.

"This issue hits deep — not just for me but for everyone," he told WFAA-TV of Dallas-Fort Worth.

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**Brazilian soccer team's plane crashes in Colombia; 76 dead**

MEDELLIN, Colombia (AP) — A chartered plane with a Brazilian first division soccer team crashed near Medellin while on its way to the finals of a regional tournament, killing 76 people, Colombian officials said Tuesday. Five people survived.

The British Aerospace 146 short-haul plane, operated by a charter airline named LaMia, declared an emergency at 10 p.m. Monday (0300 GMT) because of an electrical failure, aviation authorities said.

The aircraft, which had departed from Santa Cruz, Bolivia, was transporting the Chapecoense soccer team to Medellin's Jose Maria Cordova airport.

The team, from southern Brazil and which had started its journey in Sao Paulo, was scheduled to play Wednesday in the first of a two-game Copa Sudamericana final against Atletico Nacional of Medellin.

It wasn't immediately clear if the team switched planes in Bolivia or just made a stopover with the same plane.

**AP Interview: Iraqi leader predicts IS collapse in Mosul**

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi says Islamic State group fighters lack the courage to put up long-term resistance in Mosul, despite unleashing hundreds of car bombs that have killed and maimed Iraqi soldiers and civilians as the fight for Iraq's second-largest city appears set to extend well into next year.

"We have seen the whole organization collapsing in terms of standing in the face of our own armed forces," al-Abadi said. "The success of liberating a huge area indicates that Daesh does not have the gut now or the motivation to fight as they were doing before," he added, using the Arabic acronym for the extremist group.

In an interview Monday with *The Associated Press*, al-Abadi said Mosul was now completely encircled and that the speed with which the area was secured surpassed his expectations. He declined to say how many Iraqi troops have been killed since the operation began six weeks ago but said the rate of battlefield losses was "sustainable."

The prime minister said he expects the incoming Trump administration to grant Iraq a greater degree of logistical support in its war on terror,

and dismissed suggestions by Donald Trump in the election campaign that he would seize some of Iraq's oil production as a kind of "reimbursement" for U.S. efforts in Iraq.

Trump said in September that he would "take the oil" from Iraq, claiming that the Iranians would step in otherwise.

**Trump summons Romney for 2nd look as staffers squabble**

NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump's hunt for a secretary of state is veering into dramatic terrain, with the president-elect summoning Mitt Romney back for a second look as a top aide leads a public pressure campaign against the pick.

Trump has a follow-up meeting Tuesday with the 2012 GOP presidential nominee, who has become a symbol of the internal divisions agitating the transition team. He also plans to sit with Tennessee Sen. Bob Corker, the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. On Monday, Trump spent an hour with retired Gen. David Petraeus, a new contender.

Aides were divided over Trump's choices, particularly the prospect that Trump could tap Romney for the top-tier diplomatic post. In an unusual public airing of internal machinations, Trump senior adviser Kellyanne Conway on Sunday warned that the president-elect's supporters would feel "betrayed" if he tapped Romney as secretary of state.

Exiting Trump Tower on Monday night, Vice President-elect Mike Pence simply teased "a number of very important announcements tomorrow."

One announcement expected Tuesday was Georgia Rep. Tom Price to lead the Department of Health and Human Services. Trump has selected Price for the role, according to a person familiar with the decision. The person was not authorized to discuss the nomination publicly ahead of the announcement and so insisted on anonymity.

**Young immigrants who came forward now worried about future**

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willingly came out of the shadows and identified themselves to the Obama administration on the promise that they'd be safe from deportation and allowed to work.

Some may now regret that decision. President-elect Donald Trump has promised to immediately scrap the program that protected these immigrants. If he does, it's not clear whether he would take action against the more than 741,000 participants. But if he decides to pursue them, the government now has their addresses, photographs and fingerprints.

Twenty-year-old Nancy Villas was among the first to apply for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program in the summer of 2012, waiting in line hours at a sign-up site at Chicago's Navy Pier. Since then she's been working part time at a child care center to pay for college classes. Now she's worried she may eventually be forced to return to Mexico, a country she left when she was 9.

"I knew it was the only way to have better opportunities," Villas said. "I took the risk without thinking that somebody would want to take it away."

**Ohio State attack: Terrorism eyed as police seek more info**

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Investigators are looking into whether a car-and-knife attack at Ohio State University that injured 11 people was an act of terror by a Somali-born student who had once criticized the media for its portrayal of Muslims.

The attacker, identified as Abdul Razak Ali Artan, plowed his car into a group of pedestrians on campus shortly before 10 a.m. Monday, and then got out and began stabbing people with a butcher knife before he was shot to death by a campus police officer, authorities said.

A motive was not immediately known, but police said they were in-

vestigating whether it was a terrorist attack.

Artan was born in Somalia and was a legal permanent U.S. resident, according to a U.S. official who was not authorized to discuss the case and spoke on the condition of anonymity. The FBI joined the investigation.

Ohio State University police Chief Craig Stone said Artan deliberately drove his small gray Honda over a curb outside an engineering classroom building and then began knifing people. Officer Alan Horujko, 28, who was nearby because of a gas leak arrived on the scene and shot the driver in less than a minute, Stone said.

**Trek to Castro's final resting spot traces revolution's past**

HAVANA (AP) — After his band of bearded rebels won power in 1959, Fidel Castro embarked on a victory tour delivering speeches to cheering crowds stretching from the eastern Cuban city of Santiago to Havana. Starting Wednesday, his ashes will retrace that journey in a solemn procession to his final resting spot.

The trip is fraught with symbolism as the island nation prepares to bury the only leader it has known in 57 years besides his younger brother, Raul Castro. The six-day Caravan of Freedom that Fidel Castro led in 1959 was among his most triumphant moments. As Castro's remains are prepared for the return to Santiago, the state is rekindling images of a younger Castro whose legacy they vow to keep alive.

"Fidel will always be that restless youth and tireless revolutionary, who attacked the Moncada, arrived aboard the Granma yacht to forge the path to freedom, fought like a lion in the Sierra Maestra and crossed the country in the Caravan of Victory," proclaimed an article in Granma, the official Communist Party newspaper, a day after Castro's death.

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### No Texas teams in AP poll for first time since '97

The Associated Press

College football in Texas has hit a low point not seen for nearly two decades.

There were no teams from the state of Texas ranked in The Associated Press poll this week for the first time since Sept. 14, 1997. Depending how the bowl season goes, this could be a first of sorts for Texas college football in the 80-year history of the AP

poll.

The only times that no Texas schools were ranked in the final AP poll came in 1965 and 1967, when rankings only went to 10. But in those seasons, at least one Texas school was among 10 others receiving votes.

It will be up to Houston (9-3) and Texas A&M (8-4) to keep the state from being shut out of the final rankings.

Houston and Texas A&M

had been ranked the previous week but both fell out after losses. At points this season, Baylor, TCU and Texas had also spent time in the Top 25, but all three have limped to disappointing seasons. The Cougars and Aggies could be the only Texas teams to finish the regular season over .500 if Baylor and TCU lose this weekend. Only half of the state's 12 FBS teams are in position to play in the post-

season.

TCU (6-5) and Baylor (6-5) have locked up bowl eligibility. UTSA finished 6-6 in Conference USA and conference rival North Texas is 5-7, but looking good to get into a bowl because of its Academic Progress Rating. There aren't enough 6-6 teams around the country to fill the 80 postseason spots.

The Longhorns? Their season started with a rous-

ing overtime victory against Notre Dame on Labor Day night that led to a brief stint in the top 10 and ended with coach Charlie Strong being fired.

Baylor had a horrible off-season, marred by a scandal that led to coach Art Briles being fired after an investigation into the school's handling of sexual assault allega-

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## Grobe exits Baylor



AP file photo

Baylor interim football coach Jim Grobe, center, announced he will not be returning to the school next season.

### Interim coach won't return next season

The Associated Press

Jim Grobe came out of semiretirement to help Baylor get through a tumultuous season. After that is done, he has no plans to coach again.

Grobe said Monday that he told new Baylor athletic director Mack Rhoades early in the season that he didn't want to be a candidate to be the full-time coach. That conversation came a month into the season when the Bears were still undefeated, and before their current five-game losing streak.

"Honestly, football needs a fresh start," Grobe said the start of his weekly news conference on the Waco campus. "I'm very, very proud of our players who have remained loyal to Baylor. They've given me 100-plus reasons for hope in these difficult times."

The 64-year-old Grobe had been out of coaching for two seasons when last May he accepted the role as Baylor's acting head coach. He said he committed then through January, which would include being part of the Bears' bowl game, and now expects to be retired and playing golf after that.

Despite some rocky times, Grobe says he has no regrets about taking over when Baylor suddenly dismissed two-time Big 12 champion coach Art Briles after a report alleging that the university mishandled complaints of sexual assault.

"I've not ever had the mindset that I was doing more than helping out," Grobe said earlier on the Big 12 coaches teleconference. "It's been a little more challenging than I expected. ... The thing that I have found that I expected

to find is a lot of really good kids. That's what we've got to stay focused on. Those are the guys that have probably been hurt the most."

Baylor's search for a new coach likely will intensify this week since many schools have already completed their regular seasons.

The Bears (6-5, 3-5 Big 12) play their regular-season finale Saturday at 14th-ranked West Virginia (9-2, 6-2), which is Grobe's home state.

Even though Baylor has lost five in a row since starting 6-0 to get bowl eligible, any suggestions of the school turning down a bowl berth seem moot. The Big 12 has seven bowl slots to fill and will have only six bowl-eligible teams, including the Bears.

Baylor's skid started with a 35-34 loss at Texas, which came after a group of Bay-

lor regents first provided some details about some of the allegations against Briles in a Wall Street Journal article.

A week later, the Bears suffered their worst home loss since 2005. They lost 62-22 to TCU a day after assistant coaches and several staff members issued a statement on Twitter expressing their support for Briles and disputing claims by regents that the former coach knew of an alleged gang rape.

All the assistants were retained from Briles' staff. They included the former coach's son, offensive coordinator Kendal Briles, and his son-in-law, running backs coach Jeff Lebby.

"We got through the first six games pretty well, and for a couple of weeks lost some focus, some things in

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## Free agents, international draft top MLB issues

NEW YORK (AP) — Negotiators for baseball players and owners are meeting this week in Irving, Texas, in an attempt to reach agreement on a collective bargaining agreement to replace the five-year contract that expires Thursday. After eight work stoppages from 1972-95, baseball has had 21 years of labor peace.

Some of the issues in negotiations:

**FREE AGENCY COMPENSATION**

Compensation for the loss of free agents has been an issue since the free-agent era began in 1976. The statistical ranking system established in the 1981 strike settlement was scrapped in the current agreement that began with the 2012-13 offseason and replaced by qualifying offers: A team would be entitled to draft-pick compensation if a player left as a free agent after failing to accept a one-year contract for the average salary among the 125 highest-paid players (\$17.2 million this year) and the signing club would lose a top pick. Five of 64 free agents who received qualifying offers accepted during the current agreement, and some less-than-premier free agents who received offers said their market was limited by teams not wanting to give up draft selections.

**INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR DRAFT**

Commissioner Rob Manfred has said restraints on contracts for international amateur players have not been as effective as management had hoped, and he is a proponent of an international draft that would cover residents outside the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. The union has been resistant.

**CURRENT AMATEUR DRAFT**

Teams spent \$234 million in the 2011 draft on amateurs residing in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. The total dropped to \$209 million in the first year of restraints, went up to \$220 million the following year, then rose to \$224 million in 2014, \$249 million in 2015 and \$268 million this year. The sides are negotiating the slot figures used to determine signing bonus pools and the penalties for exceeding pools. Some have expressed concern that the slot values early in the first round encourage a team not headed to the postseason to tank in the final weeks to get higher draft picks and a larger signing bonus pool.

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## Tarasenko scores in OT to lift St. Louis past Stars

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Giving up a lead late before going on to win two straight games is not St. Louis coach Ken Hitchcock's idea of good hockey.

Vladimir Tarasenko scored at 3:24 of overtime to lift the Blues to a 4-3 victory over the Dallas Stars on Monday night. Tarasenko took a pass from Jori Lehtera and fired a wrist shot past Stars goalie Antti Niemi for 10th of the season and team-leading 23rd point.

The Stars had tied it with 50 seconds left in the third period on defenseman Jamie Oleksiak's second goal of the game.

"There's a real concern about the leads," Hitchcock said. "There's a real concern about what we gave up and how we did it. We played terrific and had full control of the hockey game. We got careless on our checking and our puck management."

The Blues also gave up a late third-period goal

in Saturday's shootout win over Minnesota.

"There's a lot of good things to like with what's going on right now," Hitchcock said. "You like our spirit and our ability to come back but there's genuine concerns on my part about elements of our game that don't hurt you at home but will kill you on the road. We have to get that cleaned up."

On the tying goal, Dallas had an extra skater with Niemi pulled and Oleksiak sent the puck

at the net from the left point and it got past Blues goalie Jake Allen for his fourth career goal — third against St. Louis.

"I don't come into games thinking (anything) but I was fortunate to get a couple of bounces here and I think I just do what I can," Oleksiak said. "Obviously I have some familiarity with this team. We play them a lot and played them in the playoffs last year and you kind of learn some

tendencies and you kind of learn where to be in certain situations."

Robby Fabbri, Alex Pietrangolo and David Perron also scored for St. Louis.

Jamie Benn had the Stars' other goal and Niemi stopped 27 shots.

St. Louis improved to 3-3 in games beyond regulation — including 2-2 in overtime — and Dallas fell to 1-6 — all in OT.

"Overtime is killing us right now," Benn said.

lead with 6:48 remaining as Perron took a pass from Jaden Schwartz and beat Niemi. Perron has the longest active point-scoring streak in the NHL at eight games (three goals, eight assists).

"We were patient there," Perron said. "We were able to come back and get the two points so it's good."

The Blues improved to 6-1-0 over their past seven games. St. Louis has won its last five home games.

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**20-May 20).** Do you believe in psychic gunk? Because sometimes when you go out in the world, you actually feel like there's a film of bad energy getting transferred to you. Look for tools to help you brush off the accumulated residue of karma.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** To be thoughtful and kind is the most important goal. This one goal, in the front of your mind, will organize the rest of your thoughts. It will make the complications align into simple problems to be systematically solved.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** When you're in your fan mode, you are dazzled by what's popular, selling and being supported and acclaimed. When you're in competition mode, you know that these things only signal: "It's on!"

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Are you feeling what's outside you or what's inside you? This can be confusing for one as empathetic as you are, and that goes double

Tomorrow's Horoscope

when there are people close to you feeling intense emotions.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You've come to consider synchronicity as more than something that happens to you on a regular basis; it's an aspect of who you are. You'll experience a most favorable coincidence today.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Figure out what you need, and ask for it. Don't wait on this one. You may find yourself lacking certain resources and this, if left unchecked, will take a physical and emotional toll. Get what you need.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** People will gather in tight circles to gab about what's wrong. Seldom do they assemble in such a way to express what's wonderful. Be the one to bring people together to celebrate all that's going right.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Cook food. Walk the earth. Put your hands in dirt. Get grounded. Otherwise, this sense of lightness you're ex-

periencing can cause you to float up emotionally and disconnect from people who need your attention.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** The focus will go to a relationship in its early stages. Whether the relationship is oriented toward business or pleasure, the heart connection is what will matter. It needs to feel right -- forget what it looks like on paper.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Character development often happens through hardship, though it's harder to be strong in good times. You'll manage such a remarkable feat of grace.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You connect to others, raising their spirits and your own in the process. If it's all you accomplish today, count yourself among the most accomplished people there are.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 29).** Your self-assurance is your ticket to a fun ride before the year is up. The bonds of love will be strengthened in

2017 through many enjoyable times with those who share your humor and taste. Your family will have new reason to celebrate, and you'll be proud of the developments in your family tree. Pisces and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 4, 39, 22 and 15.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "All my relationships are troubling lately. Sometimes I think I should just resign myself to being a loner because I really don't get people. My family is the biggest problem."

Leo, the lion, often has the classic cat personality. Whereas a dog will be prone to agreement and finding a place in the pack, a cat doesn't care to please, or fit in, nearly as much. Pride is a big factor in Leo's personality, and if Leo doesn't feel respected he or she is more likely to wander off and be alone than to acquiesce to the other lions in the den. These qualities can be used in a positive way. Star quality and charisma can blossom

out of Leo's maverick style and abundant creativity. Remember that you are not only "cat"; you are also human. People need you. Swallow your pride and apply your gifts toward the task of making others feel good about being around you.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** With roles from classics like "Raging Bull" to comedies like "Analyze That," Cathy Moriarty exercises her fiery Sagittarius spirit playing tough women in her sensual, husky-voiced way. Moriarty's natal Mercury and Neptune are in charismatic Scorpio while Venus, Jupiter and Saturn in Capricorn show business savvy. Look for her in the upcoming television series "I'm Dying Up Here," which is about the L.A. comedy scene of the 1970s.

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Quirky New Moon

The new moon usually represents a fresh start, but this one is so quirky that it may feel more awkward than fresh. Don't let that fool you. This is the beginning of something good. The Neptune influence on this situation will add a surrealistic twist. You might feel like you're living in a highly stylized, odd version of your world. Have fun with this.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You are entitled to project your own sense of order on this beautiful chaos. Why accept other views as the way it's supposed to be done? That's their way, and this is yours.

**TAURUS (April**

Annie's Mailbox

Hold the Ham

**Dear Annie:** It's almost the holidays, and I'm excited to spend time and enjoy great meals with extended family. But there's one thing I'm never sure how to deal with. I'm vegan, and the rest of my family is not. That wouldn't be a problem, except every time I have dinner with them, my aunts, uncles and elder cousins have a laundry list of questions for me: "Why are

you vegan?" "What's wrong with dairy?" "How do you get protein?"

The only question that really gives me pause is the "why" one. I'm perfectly fine with the fact that my family members eat meat, and I wouldn't question them about it or pressure them. Yet they put me in an uncomfortable position, as I feel awkward talking about why I find it cruel to eat meat while they're in the middle of enjoying their meal. It makes

me feel bad and guilty. I don't want to ruin their appetites or seem in any way as if I'm judging them. I've told them, "I'd rather not talk about it right now. It will gross everyone out." And they insist they want to know and can handle it. (Of course, they always seem to forget by the following year, because they end up asking me all the same stuff again.)

Is there anything I can politely say to prevent a game of 20 questions this year, or do I just need to suck it up? -- Tired of Talking About This

Dear Vegan:

They're asking, so you shouldn't feel guilty for giving them answers. Perhaps spare them the gory details, but do be honest. I think

these conversations will feel less tiresome once you let go of the fear of offending them. They're simply curious. Give thanks for the opportunity to share something you're passionate about with receptive relatives.

**Dear Annie:** My closest friend has decided to have a destination wedding, which is causing me some degree of anguish.

Not being a fan of this type of wedding, I am troubled about my expenses and, more so, by the lack of respect for guests. We have to spend \$3,500 for a weekend to share this moment, and this is expected from me because of our close relationship. I would like not to attend, but I am sure that this would

mean a significant change in, if not the end of, my relationship with my friend. For the record, I am a man, and my friend is a woman. Does this gender difference have anything to do with our differing views of financial practicality? -- Debt-stination Wedding

**Dear Debt:** No, this isn't a gender thing. No reasonable person, male or female, should expect loved ones to shell out that much cash to attend a wedding.

According to the most recent American Express survey data, the average guest will spend \$673 on a wedding -- a hefty enough chunk of change. That your friend is asking you to spend over five times that is absurd.

Talk to her about your concerns. Tell her that you consider her one of your closest friends and want to be there for her big day but that you just can't afford it. It's unfortunate, but she should expect that some people won't be able to make such an expensive trip. That was her (and her partner's) choice. If she stops being friends with you over that, she wasn't too good of a friend to begin with.

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Contract Bridge

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Super psychology

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ 9 6 3  
♥ A 5  
♦ A Q 8 7 4  
♣ K 7 3  
**WEST**  
♠ K Q 10 8 7  
♥ K Q 10 4  
♦ 6 3  
♣ 6 2  
**EAST**  
♠ 5 4  
♥ J 8 7 6 2  
♦ K 5  
♣ 9 8 5 4  
**SOUTH**  
♠ A J 2  
♥ 9 3  
♦ J 10 9 2  
♣ A Q J 10

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

To succeed, a good bridge player must also be a good psychologist. There are times when an opponent's thought processes can be turned against him, and one must always be on the lookout for such opportunities.

South was a fine psychologist in this deal. West led the king of spades, and declarer saw immediately that if West had the king of diamonds, the

contract was ice-cold, since he would score 11 tricks with the aid of a diamond finesse.

But South was concerned about what might happen if East had the king of diamonds. In that case, the contract was in serious danger.

The immediate question was whether or not to win the king of spades. Declarer knew that if he took the ace and tried a diamond finesse, he would go down if the finesse lost and East had a spade to return.

South also knew that if he played low on the spade lead, West would almost surely shift to a heart, and the contract again would collapse if East had the king of diamonds.

Faced with these threatening possibilities, South came up with the brilliant idea of playing the jack of spades on West's king! West naturally thought declarer had the A-J alone — which was exactly what South hoped he would think — and continued with the queen of spades, expecting his partner to have a third spade to return later.

Declarer took the queen of spades with the ace and tried the diamond finesse. The finesse lost, all right, but East had no spade to return, and declarer finished with 10 tricks as well as high marks for his superb application of practical psychology.

Tomorrow: Partnership harmony.  
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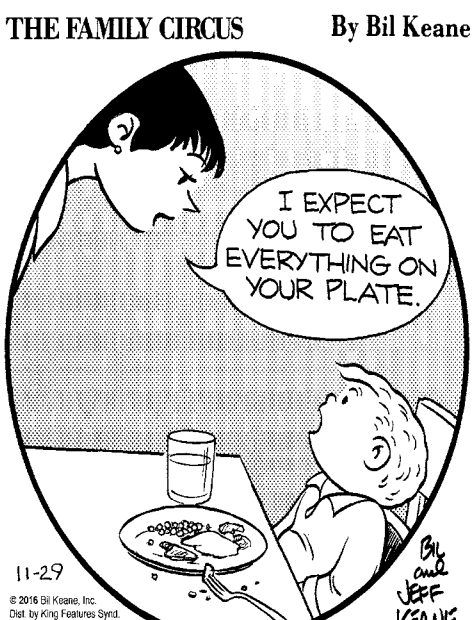
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6 :PM	Jeopardy!	Rosa de Guadalupe	Big Bang	News	Caso Cerrado	News	J. McGee	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy	Seinfeld		Top 25	College Basketball	Stars Pre.		Intervention	Moonshiners
7 :PM	Middle House	Despertar Contigo	Brooklyn New Girl	Rudolph, Red-Nosed	Silvana Sin Lana	The Voice	M:25	André Rieu: Waltzing Forever	Griffith	The Flash	Big Bang		College Basketball	NHL Hockey: Dallas Stars at Detroit Red Wings.		WWE SmackDown!	Intervention	Moonshiners: Outlaw
8 :PM	Fresh O'Neals	Vino el Amor	(:01) Screams Queens	NCIS (DVS)	La Doña (SS)	This Is Us	Light of the Southwest	Hap.Days	No Tomorrow	Big Bang		Good Behavior	College Basketball: Iowa at Notre Dame.		Postgame Sportsday	Shooter (DVS)	Leah Remini	Homicide
9 :PM	S.H.I.E.L.D.	El color de la pasión	News	Bull	Señora Acero 3	Chicago Fire		Max Raabe & Palast Orchester	Heroes	Seinfeld	Big Bang	(8:57) Good Behavior		SportCtr 30 for 30	UFC	(:01) Movie: Fast & Furious	(:04) Intervention	(:02) Moonshiners
10 :PM	Local 2 ABC	Impacto	Mod Fam	News	Tele	News	With Scholars	Charlie Rose	C. Burnett	King	Conan	(9:54) Castle		UFC	World Poker Tour	(:03) Intervention	Homicide	
11 :PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Noticiero	Two Men	Late Show-Colbert	Titulares	Tonight Show	Ministerios Vida	Newsline	T. Smiley	Rules	Broke Girl	(10:54) Castle		Basket	NHL Hockey: Stars at Red Wings	(12:01) Shooter	(12:03) Intervention	(12:04) Moonshiners
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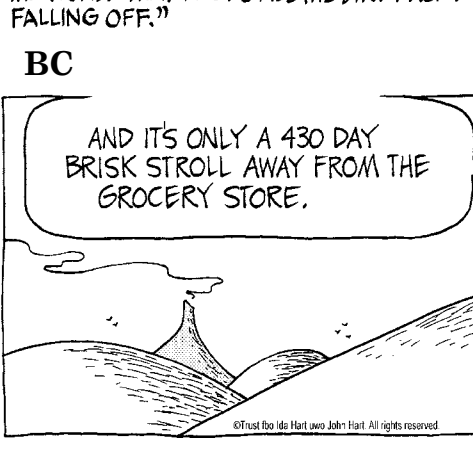
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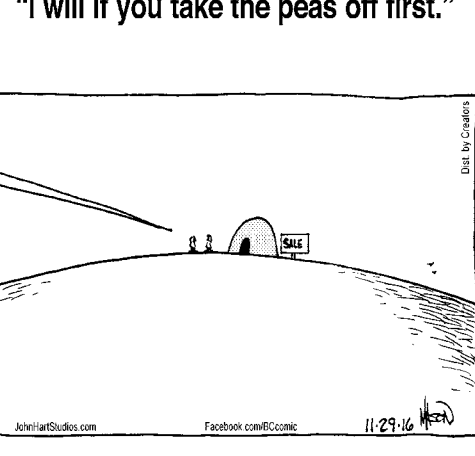
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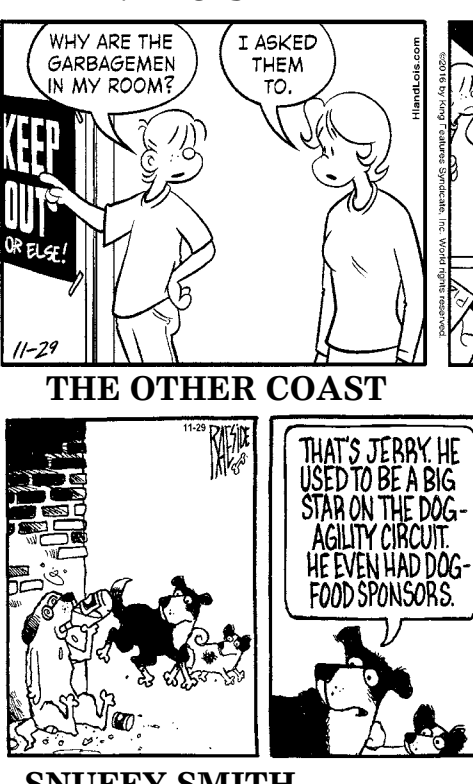
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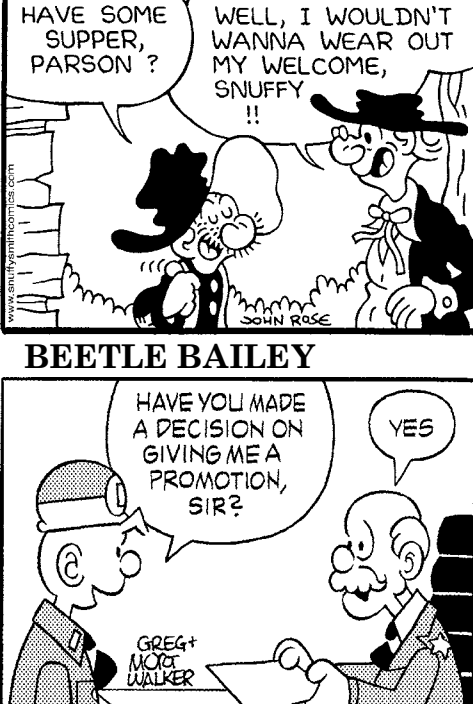
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**This Date In History**

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 29, the 334th day of 2016. There are 32 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 29, 2001, George Harrison, the "quiet Beatle," died in Los Angeles following a battle with cancer; he was 58.

On this date: In 1530, Cardinal Thomas Wolsey (WOOL'zee), onetime adviser to England's King Henry VIII, died. In 1864, a Colorado militia killed at least 150 peaceful Cheyenne Indians in the Sand Creek Massacre. In 1890, the first Army-Navy football game was played at West Point, New York; Navy defeated Army, 24-0. The Imperial Diet, forerunner of Japan's current national legislature, opened its first session. In 1924, Italian composer Giacomo Puccini died in Brussels before he could complete his opera "Turandot." (It was finished by Franco Alfano.) In 1947, the U.N. General Assembly passed a resolution calling for the partitioning of Palestine between Arabs and Jews. In 1956, the musical comedy "Bells Are Ringing," starring Judy Holliday, opened on Broadway.

In 1961, Enos the chimp was launched from Cape Canaveral aboard the Mercury-Atlas 5 spacecraft, which orbited earth twice before returning. In 1972, the coin-operated video arcade game Pong, created by Atari, made its debut at Andy Capp's Tavern in Sunnyvale, California. In 1981, actress Natalie Wood drowned in a boating accident off Santa Catalina Island, California, at age 43. In 1986, actor Cary Grant died in Davenport, Iowa, at age 82. In 1991, 17 people were killed in a 164-vehicle pileup during a dust storm on Interstate 5 near Coalinga, California. Actor Ralph Bellamy died in Santa Monica, California, at age 87. In 1996, John C. Salvi III, serving a life sentence for fatally shooting two abortion clinic receptionists, hanged himself in his Massachusetts prison cell.

Ten years ago: The first of two high-profile meetings in Jordan between President George W. Bush and Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki (NOO'ree ahl-MAHL'-ih-kee) was abruptly canceled amid conflicting explanations. (Bush met al-Maliki the next day.) Still losing money after job and factory cuts, Ford Motor Co. said 38,000 workers, almost half of its hourly pro-

Answer to previous puzzle

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**Newsday Crossword**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Be dressed in
  - 5 Lower leg
  - 9 Response to "Who's there?"
  - 14 Muscle soreness
  - 15 Pillow covering
  - 16 Belonging to 17 Across
  - 17 Those other people
  - 18 Supposedly wise birds
  - 19 Largest Greek island
  - 20 Burger topping in a bottle
  - 23 Salesperson, for short
  - 24 Install, as a carpet
  - 25 Had one's say
  - 28 Service charges
  - 30 Inquires
  - 34 Span of history
  - 35 Scramble square
  - 37 Sovereign's chair
  - 39 What may delay a commute
  - 42 In full agreement
  - 43 Look (visit briefly)
  - 44 Toward the stem
  - 45 Untidy place
  - 46 "Yeah, right"
  - 48 Takes a risk
  - 50 Important "numero"
  - 51 Grab a chair
  - 52 Prelude to some TV watching
  - 59 Get off a chair
  - 61 Clock reading
  - 62 Prefix for freeze
  - 63 Wallpaper adhesive
- DOWN**
- 1 Light-bulb measure
  - 2 Cave sound
  - 3 "Excuse me . . ."
  - 4 Make a comment
  - 5 Ice-cream utensil
  - 6 Falcon cousin
  - 7 Small dot of land
  - 8 Cuddle up
  - 9 Needing to scratch
  - 10 Drive- window
  - 11 Ooze
  - 12 Sch. near Harvard
  - 13 Before, in poems
  - 21 Grow molars
  - 22 Fidel of Cuba
  - 25 Vaccine fluid
  - 26 Trim back, as a shrub
  - 27 Haven in the desert
  - 28 Winter ailment
  - 29 Spine-tingling
  - 30 Rover's remark
  - 31 Up till now
  - 32 Steal eater's utensil
  - 33 Splinter groups
  - 36 Antiseptic liquid
  - 38 Deliver, as a test to a teacher
  - 40 Elevations: Abbr.
  - 41 Explosive letters
  - 47 Enclosures for voting
  - 49 "Finally!"
  - 50 Milking machine attachment
  - 51 Sugary
  - 52 Very spacious
  - 53 Turn (become)
  - 54 Pop singer Céline
  - 55 Prefix meaning "all"
  - 56 Not fooled by
  - 57 Nuclear energy source
  - 58 Health club
  - 59 Quick swims
  - 60 Tic- toe

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# Kentucky, Villanova stay 1-2 in hoops poll

**The Associated Press**  
Kentucky and Villanova remain the top two teams in The Associated Press college basketball poll while Baylor made the week's biggest jump, from No. 20 to ninth. The Kentucky Wildcats (6-0) received 40 first-place votes Monday from the 65-member national media panel while Villanova, also known as the

Wildcats, was No. 1 on 20 ballots. North Carolina (7-0), which moved up one place to third after winning the Maui Invitational, got four No. 1 votes. Kansas, Duke and Virginia all moved up one place to fourth through sixth. Xavier moved up two places to seventh and Gonzaga went up three spots to eighth. Baylor (6-0), which beat

Michigan State and Louisville in winning the Battle 4 Atlantis, got the other first-place vote and was followed in the Top 10 by Creighton. Three teams are making their first appearance of the season in the Top 25: Butler, South Carolina and Florida. UCLA was 11th followed by Saint Mary's, Indiana, which dropped 10 places following its loss to Fort Wayne, Louis-

ville, Purdue, Arizona, Wisconsin, Butler, Iowa State and South Carolina. The last five teams were Rhode Island, Syracuse, Oregon, Florida and West Virginia. The four teams that dropped out were No. 22 Texas, No. 24 Michigan State and Michigan and Florida State, which were tied for 25th. The Big East (Villanova,

Xavier and Creighton) and Atlantic Coast Conference (North Carolina, Duke and Virginia) are tied with three teams each in the Top 10. Overall, the ACC leads with five ranked teams while the Big East and Big 12 have four each. The Pac-12, Big Ten and Southeastern Conference, which has newcomers South Carolina and Florida, have three each.

## GROBE

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the press and our coaches were upset, that in turn upsets the players," Grobe said. "We've really played hard the last few weeks. We just haven't played well enough to win."

This is Grobe's 20th season as a head coach at the FBS level, having previously led Wake Forest (2001-13) and Ohio (1995-2000).

When he initially got to Baylor, he said he had missed coaching and didn't discount the idea of being there longer. But even as the Bears got off to a good start in September, he quickly informed Rhoades — who started at the school in mid-August — that he had no intention of staying past this season.

"I wanted him to know early on that no matter how the season turned out — it has nothing to do with anything that's happened over the past five games — that I was not a candidate," Grobe said. "That I was here to help for a season and that I'd be out of here and he needed to start his search and be focused on finding the next best guy for Baylor."

## MLB

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**LUXURY TAX**  
One of the last items in the negotiations will be the luxury tax. The threshold for the tax has been \$189 million for the past three years, and for the past four years, the rate has been 17.5 percent for the first time over the threshold, in-

creasing to 30 percent for the second time in a row, 40 percent for the third and 50 percent for the fourth or subsequent. An increase to \$200 million or more is likely, which should lead to greater spending by high-revenue teams currently at or above the threshold. The union and some teams would like the rate to reset for all teams in 2017.

The sides have discussed an increase from 25 active to 26 from opening day through Aug. 31. In an effort to keep late-season rules closer to the ones used for most of the season, the active limit would decrease from 40 to 28 or 29 from Sept. 1 through the end of regular season.

**DRUG AGREEMENT AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Management proposed changes that would make rules stricter in both the joint drug agreement of 2014 and the domestic violence agreement of 2015.

**SCHEDULE RULES**  
Concerned about players getting run down, the sides discussed a possible extension of the season from 183 days to 187 days. That appears unlikely, but there probably will be

more restrictions of the scheduling of night games on getaway days.

**PACE OF PLAY**  
Management would like to have pitch clocks, which have been used at Triple-A and Double-A for the past two seasons, and restrictions on trips to the mound.

**MINIMUM SALARY**  
Expect a rise in the minimum salary, which was \$507,500 in the major leagues last season.

## POLL

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tions. The Bears started 6-0 and reached as high as No. 8 in the rankings against a soft schedule — but they have not won since.

TCU started the season No. 13 in the country and was considered a Big 12 contender before flopping.

At Texas Tech, the Red Raiders finished the season with a fifth victory by beating Baylor last Saturday. The continued failures of coach Kliff Kingsbury's defenses have fans losing patience with the former Texas Tech quarterback. Texas A&M fans are less than thrilled with their coach, too. Kevin Sumlin and the Aggies started 6-0 and were No. 4 in the first

College Football Playoff rankings, but finished 8-4 and lost their last four Southeastern Conference games.

At Houston, a 9-3 season never seemed so unfulfilling. The Cougars started with playoff hopes, beat Oklahoma

early and Louisville late, but will have to settle for a third-tier bowl game. And they lost coach Tom Herman to Texas, too.

Houston was the closest Texas team to the Top 25 this week. With 98 points, the Cougars

were tops among the others receiving votes. Back in 1997, when the state was shut out of the rankings, Texas A&M was first among the others receiving votes.

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