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3 arrested in drug bust Wednesday

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer
 Three people were arrested Wednesday afternoon after Big Spring Police Department Narcotics investigators conducted a surveillance operation in West Big Spring.
 Cody Alan Wingo, 28, Elias Vasquez, 22, and Cindy Machado Lopez, 20, were arrested after surveillance revealed that Wingo,

having several outstanding warrants, was at the residence with stolen property, according to information released by BSPD.
 "Big Spring Police Department Narcotics Investigators were conducting surveillance on the residence of 813 W. 6th due to suspected illegal distribution of narcotics from the residence," the release stated. "The surveillance revealed Cody Wingo was at the residence

and numerous unknown persons were visiting the residence looking at a zero turn lawn-mower that appeared to match the description of one that had recently been stolen from a citizen of Big Spring."
 Assisted by federal marshals, Howard County sheriff's deputies and the BSPD detective division, officers arrested Wingo at the



Lopez Vasquez Wingo

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A 'hole' lot of problems

Street woes keep city crews hopping

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer
 If you're frustrated by the pace of street repairs, you're not alone.
 A rash of broken water lines, recent rainy weather and just normal wear and tear on city streets have combined to present a situation where large holes are appearing along several busy Big Spring streets and thoroughfares.
 The sight of those cordoned-off holes have become an all-too-familiar sight for local motorists and homeowners, who are understandably upset about the situation and wonder why it has taken so long — months in some cases — for city crews to fix the problem.
 It may be of little comfort to local residents, but City Public Works Director Johnny Womack feels your pain. He, too, is upset about the situation, but explains crews are doing the best they can to remedy the situation.
 As for reasons why it's taken so long for



This hole located on 8th St. is one of many across the city that has been open for months. City officials say a rash of broken water lines plus a wet November and limited staff contributes to the delay to fix the holes.

Consumers should feel muted impact from rising oil price

By DAVID KOENIG
 AP Business Writer
 DALLAS (AP) — OPEC's decision to cut production gave an immediate boost to oil prices, but the impact on consumers and the U.S. economy is likely to be more modest and gradual.
 The cartel agreed Wednesday to cut output by 1.2 million barrels a day, reversing a strategy that produced lower oil prices and pain for U.S. drillers but saved money for consumers.
 Even if OPEC members carry through on their promises, global oil production would only fall by about 1 percent. There is still more supply than demand — the reason oil prices collapsed beginning in mid-2014.
 The agreement has sparked a two-day rally in oil of about 11 percent to above \$50. If the price keeps rising, some of the slack from OPEC cuts

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Penni Kothman, center, of Big Spring was the winner of the 12 Days Before Black Friday contest. The local event held by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce was geared to encourage the public to shop local. Kothman won gifts from all participating local merchants. Also pictured is Nancy Davenport, chamber executive assistant, left, and Debbye ValVerde, chamber executive director.

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Obituaries

Jesse James



Jesse James, 90, of Big Spring died Sunday, Nov. 27, 2016, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Memorial service will at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016, at Myers and Smith Chapel with Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating.

He was born Aug. 30, 1926, to Carrie Pittman James and Jesse Cleveland James Sr. in Rucker, Texas.

He married Edna Myrtle Gilchrest on March 15, 1953, in Carlsbad, N.M. She preceded him in death on June 8, 2014, after 61 years of marriage. Jesse came to Big Spring in 1952 from Rucker. He was a veteran of the United States Marines, serving from 1944 to 1947 as a rifleman. Jesse managed S & S Wheel Alignment from 1952 to 1971. In 1971, Jesse took ownership until his retirement in 2015. His enjoyment in life was his family and

work. He was a Baptist.

Jesse is survived by one son, Curtis James and wife Serena of Big Spring; five grandchildren, Jake Allen of Leander, Angee James of Midland, Katerah Kelly and husband Christopher of Andrews, Woodson McEwen and Sheena Anderson of Big Spring, and Jimmy McEwen and wife Rosie of Odessa; seven great-grandchildren, Cassidy Haggard of Lubbock, C.J. Kelly and Isabella Kelly, both of Andrews, Briana McEwen of Big Spring, Bradyn McEwen of Big Spring, Dieanira McEwen of Odessa and Ares McEwen of Odessa; and one daughter in law, Danya James of Sand Springs.

In addition to his wife of 61 years and his parents, he was preceded in death by two sons, Terry James and Larry James; two brothers, Leo "Doc" Wilton James and Travis James; and two sisters, Mabel Benjeran and Eula Mae Goates.

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

Paid obituary

Orveta Fryar De Leon



Orveta Fryar De Leon, 69, of Big Spring passed away Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2016, at Midland Memorial Hospital.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, 2016, at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Myers and Smith Chapel with Eddy Pitchford of Coahoma Church of Christ officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Orveta was born on Dec. 1, 1946, to Claudia Harland Fryar and R.V. Fryar in Howard County, Texas. She was a lifetime resident of Howard County. She married Tony De Leon on Dec. 31, 1990, in Taylor County. She was a homemaker but had also worked for a number of years at 1st Bank of West

Texas (Western Bank). She enjoyed traveling and tending to her garden, especially the roses. She was a sweet, loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She was a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ.

Orveta is survived by her husband, Tony De Leon of Big Spring; two sons, Terrell Fryar, and Chris Fryar and wife Debra, all of Big Spring; three stepsons, Ricky De Leon and wife Cholie, Tony De Leon and wife Tanya, and Adrian De Leon and wife Jill, all of Amarillo; one stepdaughter, Teresa Gonzales and husband Tony of Big Spring; three brothers, James Fryar and wife Bo of Howard County, Travis Fryar and wife Shirley of Midland, and Melvin Fryar and wife Bobbie Lee of Early; and 10 grandchildren that called her Momma Veta.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

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

Paid obituary

Ken Turnbow

Ken Turnbow, 64, of Big Spring died Saturday, Nov. 26, 2016, at the VA Medical Center in Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 9 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016, at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Full Gospel Fellowship at 4th and Benton with a luncheon to follow.

He was born Feb. 29, 1952, to Ethel Kendrick Turnbow and J.G. Turnbow in Brownwood, Texas. He married Glenda Turner on Dec. 7, 1979, in Dallas, Texas. He lived in Big Spring for 12 years, and was a member of Full Gospel Fellowship. Ken was

a veteran of the United States Marines, serving in Vietnam. He was a truck driver and carpenter.

Ken is survived by his wife, Glenda Turnbow of Big Spring; one daughter, Kembierle Turnbow of Big Spring; three sons, Jeremy Turnbow and wife Sarah, and Brock Turnbow and wife Brenda, all of Wichita, Kan., and John Lawing of Benton, Wash.; one brother, Joe Turnbow and wife Bobbie of Arizona; two sisters, Debbie James and husband Buck of Baird, and DeeDee Turnbow of south Texas; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **SERENA BRYANA GONZALES**, 20, of 1002 1/2 E. 16th St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

• **ANTHONY ROBERT SANCHEZ JR.**, 19, of 1300 Baylor Blvd. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

• **CODY ALAN WINGO**, 28, of 1100 E. Fifth St. was arrested on warrants for possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.), possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram), possession of a controlled substance (1 to 4 grams), theft of a firearm, and theft of property (\$2,500 to \$30,000); and

on another outstanding warrant.

• **ELIAS ANGEL VASQUEZ**, 22, of 105 W. 24th St. was arrested on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear; and on another outstanding warrant.

• **CINDY MANCHADO LOPEZ**, 20, of 813 W. Sixth St. was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance (1 to 4 grams) and theft of property (\$2,500 to \$30,000).

• **NATANIE MARIE MIEARS**, 18, of 1511 Bluebird St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

• **AMANDA LEE VARGAS**, 30, of 3919 Monty in Midland was arrested on warrants for possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.)

and failure to identify/fugitive giving false information; and on other outstanding warrants.

• **RODOLFO HERNANDEZ JR.**, 46, of 1507 E. 17th St. was arrested on a warrant for no driver's license.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 4300 block of Connally Street.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported at the intersection of FM 818 and Elbow Creek.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 200 block of Texas Road.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 600 block of Linda Lane.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3000 block of Rutgers.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of North

Highway 87. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical

Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of South Lancaster.

• **FALSE FIRE ALARM** was reported in the 2500 block of Merly.

Doyle Rainer

Doyle Rainer, 67, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2016, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 92 inmates at the time of this report.

• **SERENA BRYANA GONZALES**, 20, was booked by BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for theft of property (\$50 to \$500).

• **RODOLFO HERNANDEZ JR.**, 46, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for no driver's license.

• **DAVID ANTHONY JUAREZ**, 30, was booked by HCSO on a sentencing warrant for possession of a controlled substance.

• **CINDY MANCHADO LOPEZ**, 20, was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance (1 to 4 grams) and theft of property (\$2,500 to \$30,000).

• **NATANIE MARIE MIEARS**, 18, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear.

• **JOSE ROYBAL**, 41, was booked by DPS on charges of evading arrest or detention and driving while intoxicated; and on a warrant for failure to appear for driving under the influence of alcohol.

• **ANTHONY ROBERT SANCHEZ JR.**, 19, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for driving while intoxicated.

• **ANDREA MARY SILVA**, 22, was booked by HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for failure to identify/giving false information.

• **AMANDA LEE VARGAS**, 30, was booked by HCSO on warrants for possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.), failure to identify/fugitive giving false information, bondsman off bond for use of vision-reducing matter, and bondsman off bond for violation of driver's license restriction.

• **ELIAS ANGEL VASQUEZ**, 22, was booked by BSPD on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to appear, and bondsman off bond for possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram).

• **CODY ALAN WINGO**, 28, was booked by BSPD on warrants for possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.), possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram), possession of a controlled substance (1 to 4 grams), theft of a firearm, theft of property (\$2,500 to \$30,000), and probation violation/assault.

Support Groups

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.

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Take Note

• The Salvation Army of Big Spring is seeking volunteers to ring a bell for their Red Kettle program this Christmas season. Each year, more than 25,000 Salvation Army volunteers raise money through the program to help serve more than 3 million people in need during the holiday season from Thanksgiv-

ing to Christmas. All money raised in the Red Kettle program stays in the communities where it is raised. For more information call 432-352-2005. If you don't have time to ring a bell, you can visit RedKettleReason.org to create an online kettle to raise funds for the program.

• H-E-B is looking for non-profits agencies to set up information tables at the annual Feast of Sharing. Please contact Sandy Stewart at 432-935-1604 to reserve a spot. Feast of Sharing will be held on Dec. 11 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

• A benefit for Bethine McNally will be held on Dec. 3. Mrs. McNally is a Big Spring ISD employee and the wife of the pastor of New Life Ministries C.O.G.I.C. She has been diagnosed with bilateral kidney cancer. The benefit will help support the McNally family in these difficult times. The money raised will go to the family's medical bills and daily expenses.

The benefit will include live music and food, as well as a silent auction. Anyone wishing to contribute to this event can make a financial donation or contribute

an item to be auctioned off.

Please send donations to P.O. Box 168, Big Spring or Wells Fargo Account No. 775238120. For more information, contact Tamika Brawley at 325-895-4410 or at mikasmiles325@gmail.com.

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

The next sacking session will be at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 5 and 6 at the old Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 N.W. Seventh St. To get there, take Gregg Street north and turn left on Del-

aney, which is the block just past the Salvation Army retail store. Delaney turns into Seventh Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and the school is on the left.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

• Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat. Cost is \$8 per person.

Meetings

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

• The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Vet-

erans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.)

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Art Arview, 57, died Thursday. Funeral services will be at 6:00 PM today at Myers & Smith Chapel. The family will receive friends after the from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Orveta Fryar De Leon, 69, died Wednesday. The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Ken Turnbow, 64, died Saturday. The family will receive friends from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon on Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Memorial service will be at 1:00 PM Saturday at Full Gospel Fellowship at 4th and Benton with a luncheon to follow.

Jesse James, 90, died Sunday. Memorial services will at 2:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Doyle Rainer, 67, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

BUST

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residence at 3 p.m. Wednesday. While conducting the arrest, they observed drug paraphernalia and a small amount of methamphetamine, at which time a search warrant for the residence was obtained, police said.

"Upon searching the residence, more methamphetamine was located, along with a small amount of marijuana, five firearms, the stolen zero turn lawnmower, a generator, a motorcycle, a four-wheeler, and over \$1,000 in currency," the release stated. "The generator, motorcycle, and 4 wheeler was seized by the Howard County Sheriff's office and are suspected of being stolen from the county."

Wingo was arrested and charged with previous warrants, along with possession of a controlled substance and theft of property over \$2,500 but less than \$30,000. Vasquez was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to appear, and a bondsman off bond warrant. Lopez was jailed on charges of possession of a controlled substance and theft of property over \$2,500 but less than \$30,000.

CREWS

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crews to fill in the holes, Womack said there's more than one reason. For starters, he said, blame it on the rain — a wetter-than-normal November, to be exact.

"Every time it rains, it

sets us back by at least a week, and sometimes even longer," Womack said. "It doesn't do anybody any good to fill in a wet hole — if you do that, you're guaranteed to have the spot sink on you." Once the weather stays suitably dry, one of those "sinkholes," in the vicinity of 15th and

Birdwell streets, will be among city crews' top priorities.

"We're going to dig that up and try to fill it with base before it rains again," Womack said.

Birdwell Lane also is the location for another pending city street project — Womack said crews will dig up a por-

tion of the street between 11th and 15th to replace a particular old section of water line.

"Pieces of that line have never been replaced," he said. "That's why you see so many holes in the street in that area. In December, we're going to replace it."

With so many holes and limited number of street employees, city officials will have to prioritize where and when they dispatch crews on repair missions. If the weather remains dry, Womack estimates crews will be able to fill in five or six of the holes per day.

OPEC

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will be picked up by producers in the United States — good news for drillers and oil-field workers in Texas and North Dakota. President-elect Donald Trump has vowed to increase drilling in the U.S., the world's third-largest producer after Saudi Arabia and Russia, which would help ensure there is plenty of oil.

In short, analysts say, consumers and businesses are not likely to see the return of \$100-a-barrel oil — and the high energy costs that came with it — anytime soon. Still, there could be some short-term shocks even before OPEC's cuts take effect in January.

"The average Joe filling up his tank may notice in the next week or two that gas prices move higher by 5 to 15 cents a gallon just on the psyche of the deal," said Patrick DeHaan, an analyst for GasBuddy, a site used to comparison-shop for gasoline.

The U.S. Energy Department predicts that heating oil costs will

rise about one-third this winter, but that prediction was issued more than a month ago and was based heavily on forecasts of much colder temperatures in the Northeast. If the weather forecast proves wrong, prices could sink because heating-oil inventories are running above their 5-year average and grew again last week.

A small increase in gasoline or even a bigger jump in heating oil, which is used in only 5 percent of American homes, won't affect shoppers if the economy does well, in the view of Michael Niemira, chief economist at The Retail Economist LLC, which does a weekly retail-sales report with Goldman Sachs.

"The consumer isn't really focused on gasoline since prices remain low. A better economy, a better labor market — those matter much more," Niemira said. But if gasoline spikes to \$4, "that could be bad."

Crude has traded between \$40 and \$50 a barrel the last several months. The national average for gasoline on Thursday stood at \$2.16

a gallon, according to the AAA auto club.

Before the OPEC meeting, the U.S. Energy Department predicted that crude would rise to \$50 or \$51 a barrel next year.

Sal Guatieri, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets, said modestly higher oil prices will actually help the U.S. economy by spurring investment in the energy industry without draining consumers' purchasing power. He expects an average price of about \$53 a barrel next year as a result of the OPEC production cuts.

"The losers are Europe and Japan — oil-importing regions of the world," Guatieri said.

U.S. producers are likely to be winners. Drilling fell off after oil prices started to slide in mid-2014. The number of active U.S. drilling rigs bottomed out at 404 in May and has been rising since, to just below 600 last week. That's still down 20 percent from a year ago, however.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas recently surveyed producers and found that most believe crude must be \$55 or

higher before drilling picks up significantly, said Michael Plante, an economist for the bank.

The Energy Department predicts that U.S. production will fall from 9.4 million barrels a day in 2015 to 8.8 million this year and 8.7 million next year — the forecast assumed oil at \$50 a barrel next year.

Research firm IHS Inc. estimates that if crude rises to \$55, U.S. production will instead grow by about 500,000 barrels a day — offsetting nearly half of OPEC's stated cut.

Much of that production is expected to come from the Permian Basin in Texas, where prices for acquiring oilfield acreage have skyrocketed in recent months. There are now almost as many drilling rigs running in the Permian as in the rest of the country combined, including offshore.

"A few months ago rigs were being stacked on the side of roads," said Avi Mirman, CEO of Lillis Energy Inc., a

small producer that operates in the Permian and the Rockies. "Today it's almost impossible to get a hot rig" with a crew.

Mirman is facing higher costs for materials used for hydraulic-fracturing or fracking, a technique to boost well production. The specialty firms that do the fracking have raised prices because "they are booked out through June or July. It's pretty wild."

AP Economics Writer Paul Wiseman in Washington contributed to this report.

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Opinion

Still honoring Castro and his debacle

One of the world's last brutal communist dictators, Cuba's Fidel Castro, died last week at the age of 90. While Cuban exiles celebrated long into the night, on America's "objective" networks, they pulled out hankies and mourned this despot's filthy works and celebrated the hellhole he made.



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ABC's Jim Avila made the Founding Fathers roll over in their graves by touting how Castro "was considered, even to this day, the George Washington of his country among those who remain in Cuba." Notice only "those who remain" — under the thumb of the Castros — can be counted as fans.

On MSNBC, Andrea Mitchell unspooled the usual nonsense about how Castro "gave his people better health care and education." She said that Castro "will be revered" for giving "education and social services and medical care to all of his people."

The dictator was dead, and they were still spreading his official lies about a terrific health care system — where the doctors are paid \$30 to \$50 a month or are shipped to socialist "partners" like Venezuela. Brian "Fake News" Williams of MSNBC claimed that Cubans use donkey carts alongside automobiles "because that's exactly what they'd rather have for transportation."

Would Williams prefer being

shuttled to 30 Rock by donkey?

This charade has been going on since Castro shot his way into power in 1959. The left just spent an election cycle talking about the (liberal) truth vs. "false equivalence," but the very best the left-wing media can do now is report that "some say" Castro was a ruthless dictator, and "some say" he was Havana's version of George Washington.

There was no "objective" on-the-other-hand coverage when former right-wing Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet — who allowed a peaceful transfer of power to democracy in 1990 — died 10 years ago.

Back then, *The New York Times* headline screamed, "Augusto Pinochet, Dictator Who Ruled by Terror in Chile, Dies at 91." Jonathan Kandell of the Times began by describing him as "the brutal dictator who repressed and reshaped Chile for nearly two decades and became a notorious symbol of human rights abuse and corruption."

The Washington Post headline for Pinochet's death read, "A Chilean Dictator's Dark Legacy." Reporters Monte Reel and J.Y. Smith stated that his government "murdered and tortured thousands during his repressive 17-year rule ... leaving a legacy of abuse that took successive governments years to catalogue."

But what about Castro? The Times' headline read, "A Revolutionary Who Defied the U.S. and Held Cuba In His Thrall." Anthony DePalma of the Times began by calling Castro a "fiery apostle of revolution" who "defied the United States for nearly half

a century."

The Post headline was slightly more balanced: "Revolutionary remade Cuba: Dictator who defied U.S. was loathed, beloved." Kevin Sullivan and J.Y. Smith oozed that Castro was "a romantic figure in olive-drab fatigues and combat boots, chomping monstrous cigars through a bushy black beard," who "became a spiritual beacon for the world's political far left."

So let's look at the legacy of this so-called romantic figure. He outlawed Christianity and persecuted Christians (mostly Catholics). He executed some 10,000 political prisoners; and many continue to languish in his prisons. He aided and abetted dictators and terrorists from Angola to Nicaragua. He plundered his treasury, living in sheer luxury while his citizens lived in squalor.

He allowed the Soviets to place nuclear missiles aimed at the U.S. on his soil and urged Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev to launch them during the Cuban missile crisis, which might well have killed millions of Americans.

And the current president of the United States can't think of a single thing to criticize.

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DAILY PRAYER

You, Lord, have the solutions we need for our future. May we come to You in prayer. Amen.

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CASTRO'S CUBA...



Living in the twilight

It used to be, back when I first started in politics, that I subscribed to every newspaper I could, and I had read them all before anyone was even at the office. I didn't even consider it optional.



SUSAN
ESTRICH

When I moved back to Boston and Cambridge, Massachusetts, I wondered how I would possibly keep up without *The Washington Post*, but life went on. In Boston, everyone read the paper because the two sports were sports and hating politicians. Which paper you read was another thing: "fancy" people read the *Boston Globe*; people who read on the subway favored the *Boston Herald*. Perversely, I favored the *Herald* because my mother's old friend was the gossip columnist and always promised me a favorable mention if I could find someone. No luck.

But I could as much imagine going a day without reading the paper as I could imagine going a day without brushing my teeth. It was ingrained. Who I am.

When I was sick last year, overeager interns at the hospital decided to ignore the senior physicians, who were aware of the phenomenon called "ICU delirium." Instead they burst into my room, turned on the lights, and started hurling questions at

me that I could not answer. All I could think of was the advice I regularly give to my students in criminal law: What professional criminals do when they're in detention is not to try to talk themselves out — which might introduce minor inconsistencies that will be shoved down their throats later. No, they shut up. That's what I did. Finally, the interns made the critical mistake and asked the one question I would know even at the edge of life (back then, anyway): "Who is the president of the United States?"

I had them. My own name I didn't know. Where I was I didn't know. Why I was there I didn't know.

"Barack Obama," I knew. I spit it in their faces and threw them out.

God help me if I have a similar incident in the future. I might get it wrong.

For the first time in my life, I am disciplining myself to not get lost in the political gloom and doom, not get caught in the fog of misery, and most of all, to keep as far away as humanly possible from the excitement and frivolity and speculation and fun of the upcoming Inauguration Day.

I'm not doing protests. I believe in the Constitution. What I said when the smart money was on Hillary Clinton has to apply with equal force now, or the rule of law becomes an utterly meaningless concept, and that, my friends, would be far more dangerous than anything a Trump

presidency presents.

So he will have his days in the sunlight. I just can stay inside. He is entitled to his parade; I just want to be ready when it ends. The one rule that the new media has only expedited is that what goes up will come down — and maybe go back up and down again. Trump will be smarter than my friends think; he will move fast to get American companies a tax break to move their money home, keep the economy revving, Janet Yellin notwithstanding.

The Democrats, who were supposed to be united, are divided in so many groups I can't count, from the Bernie Sanders liberals to the old Clinton conservatives. Anyone who consoles herself by saying that we also didn't see Obama or Bill Clinton coming is wrong; we did.

But for now, it's Trump's time. I'm not in denial, far from it. As one cabinet appointment after another is announced, it becomes clearer and clearer that this time the issue is both ideology and competence. But a president with a majority in both the House and the Senate ultimately wins most of these fights, at least until he starts losing. That, too, shall come. It always does.

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Parent's Corner

Stuffing of another flavor

I know that Thanksgiving is over but I love to share stories that bring a bit of humor, and I thought you would enjoy this one. I have no idea who wrote it but it certainly added its own flavor to the holiday.

One year at Thanksgiving, my mom went to my sister's house for the traditional feast.

Knowing how gullible my sister is, my mom decided to play a trick. She told my sister that she needed something from the store.

When my sister left, my mom took the turkey out of the oven, removed the stuffing, stuffed a Cornish hen, and inserted it into the turkey, and re-stuffed the turkey. She then placed the stuffed bird back in the oven. When it was time for dinner, my sister pulled the turkey out of the oven and proceeded to remove the stuffing. When her serving spoon hit something, she reached in and pulled out the little bird.

With a look of total shock on her face, my mother exclaimed, "Patricia, you've cooked a pregnant bird!" At the reality of this horrifying news, my sister started to cry. It took the family two hours to convince her that turkeys lay eggs. It would have been fun to see the look on her face when she realized that she had been tricked.

Now, tricks aside, let's look back at Thanksgiving and review some interesting facts: We are all aware that Thanksgiving Day is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November in the United States; however, Thanksgiving Day is celebrated on the second Monday in October in Canada.

According to the National Turkey Federation, 87 percent of Americans eat turkey on Thanksgiving Day, but the average American eats 17 pounds of turkey during a single year, which is about the weight of our feathered friend.

Pulling the "wish-bone" is an ageless tradition at Thanksgiving, and also at Christmas. Two people pull the turkey's breastbone apart, but only the person with the larger piece of bone is allowed to make a wish. It's also interesting that the Native American name for this tasty bird is firkey.

Almost sounds like turkey doesn't it? When a Tom turkey [male turkey] gobbles, it can be heard from as far away as a mile and only the Tom turkeys gobble; female turkeys make a clucking or clicking sound. Benjamin Franklin proposed that the turkey should become the official bird of the United States. And not to destroy the image of the old tradition, and

who knows if it's true or not, but some historians proclaim that the Pilgrims ate deer and not turkey on that first Thanksgiving. I'll bet it really didn't matter to them what was on their plate as long as something was there.

Darrell Ryan is the Big Spring ISD director of school safety



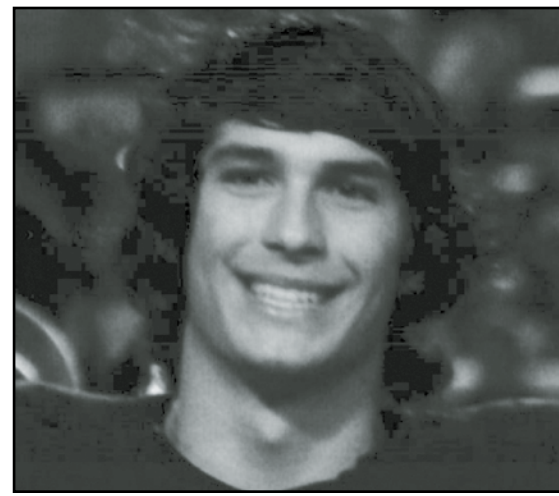
DARRELL RYAN

Academic Star Student of the Week

*Daniel Luna
Big Spring High School*

Daniel has been a member of the BSHS Steer football team for four years and served as team captain. He has been on the BSHS track team for four years. He was named academic all state and all district. He is also involved in National Honor Society, Interact Club, and serves as vice president of both.

He is the son of Twhila Culver and Scott Luna. He is planning on attending Angelo State University and majoring in physical therapy.



Congratulations, Daniel!

Big Spring ISD holds UIL academic meet for kindergarten - 2nd grade



1st grade oral reading participants



1st grade storytelling participants



2nd grade oral reading participants



2nd grade storytelling participants



2nd grade creative writing participants



Kindergarten storytelling participants

Big Spring ISD held a district wide academic UIL event recently for kindergarten through second grade.

The following is the results of the meet:

Oral Reading

Kindergarten: Zachary Folsom, 1st, Alyssa Youngbauer, 2nd, and Ellie Valbuena, 3rd.

2nd Grade: Scarlet Kemper, 1st; Reyna Montez, 2nd; William Merrick, 3rd; Addison Jones, 4th; Jojo Gonzales, 5th; Andres Torres, 6th.

Story Telling

Kindergarten: Zane Folsom, 1st; Aiden Gonzales, 2nd; Ayden Starr, 3rd; Isabella Robles, 4th; B.J. Asubiaro, 5th; and Addison Woodard, 6th.

1st Grade: Xavian Orta, 1st; Jason Gonzales; 2nd; Abigail Sampson, 3rd; Drake Vela, 4th; Lilliana Dutchover, 5th; and Carter Wommack, 6th.

2nd Grade: Armando Martinez, 1st; Trinity Laplante, 2nd; Thaila Yanez, 3rd; Layla Langkiet, 4th; Aleyanna Mejia, 5th; Ethan Kesler, 6th.

Creative Writing

2nd Grade: Zoey Paul, 1st; Valerie Thompson, 2nd; Julie Smith, 3rd; Aracelia Salazar, 4th; Marlie Martinez, 5th; Ta'Tiyana Jones, 6th.

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A Glimpse into Santa's World

There are books about Santa's workshop and movies too. There are amusement parks based on Santa's workshop. There are even replicas of Santa's workshop. That's right. People around the world have set up their own Santa's workshops.

The owners of these workshops have used their imaginations to recreate what they think is Santa's workshop, complete with toys of all types. There are replicas of Santa's workshop in Europe, the United States and elsewhere.

For those that don't have a chance to visit these workshop replicas, there are websites that focus on Santa's workshop and what you might see there if ever given the chance to visit. As for visiting the actual Santa's workshop, well, there's only one person you can ask about that—the man in the red suit himself! What will he say?

Fact or Fiction?

Santa's Workshop Challenge

Santa is very busy at Christmastime. Here are some questions about his workshop and helpers. How many can you answer correctly?



- 1) Santa's workshop is located at the South Pole. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 2) Santa used to have another workshop on the moon. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 3) Toys are made at Santa's workshop. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 4) The reindeer make most of the toys at the workshop. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 5) Mrs. Claus and her sisters also work at the workshop. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 6) Mrs. Claus' sisters wrap all of the toys. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 7) Santa receives many letters from children at his workshop each season. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 8) Rudolph is in charge of sorting through all of the children's letters. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 9) Santa keeps a list of all the children who are naughty and nice. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 10) During the summer, Santa gives tours of his workshop. **Fact or Fiction?**

Answers: 1) Fiction, it is located at the North Pole. 2) Fiction, no one knows if Mrs. Claus even has sisters. 3) Fact. 4) Fiction, the elves make most of the toys. 5) Fiction, no one knows if Mrs. Claus even has sisters. 6) Fiction, Rudolph leads the sleigh. 7) Fact. 8) Fiction. 9) Fact. 10) Fiction.

Name That Toy

Santa's workshop is filled with toys for kids of all ages. Fill in the blanks to name some of the toys that might be found in Santa's workshop.

- 1) D O _ _ S
- 2) T R _ _ N S
- 3) T E _ _ Y B _ _ R S
- 4) C _ R S & T _ U C _ S
- 5) B _ K _ S
- 6) B A _ _ S
- 7) S K _ T _ S

Answers: 1) Dolls, 2) Trains, 3) Teddy Bears, 4) Cars & Trucks, 5) Bikes, 6) Balls, 7) Skates



What Rhymes with...



List 10 words that rhyme with "make."

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Some answers: bake, brake, break, cake, fake, lake, rake, steak, take, wake

Jokes and Riddles

Q: How long does it take Santa to burn down a candle in his workshop?

A: About a wick!

Q: Why does Santa keep a garden outside his workshop?

A: Because he likes to hoe, hoe, hoe!



COLORING PICTURE



Hawks split twinbill with Clarendon

HC women win late; men fall in final seconds

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Two exciting games. Two close finishes. Two different results for Howard College.

In a pair of contests that both were decided in the final minute, Howard split its conference-opening basketball games with Clarendon College Wednesday night in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. In the women's game, Howard clamped down on both ends of the court in the final 60 seconds to take a 66-60 victory, while a last-second shot to win the game for Howard's men rimmed out, sealing a 58-57 loss.

Howard's women improved to 4-7 with the win, while the HC men fell to 8-4 with the defeat.

Women's game

For a team that's struggling early in the season, any win is big, but a win to open conference play is "huge."

That's the word HC women's coach Earl Diddle used repeatedly to describe his team's nail-biting win over Clarendon, and considering the dramatic nature of the Hawks' win, the veteran coach's comments were anything but hyperbole.

Howard led for most of the game, but Clarendon (9-5) rallied in the second half and were threatening to snatch in last-minute fashion. But DeAuja Thompson and Ashlynn Hoover made key plays on opposite ends

of the court to swing the contest back into Howard's favor.

After Chauntel Acosta's jumper with 1:10 remaining tied the game at 60-all for Clarendon, the Hawks worked the ball inside to Thompson, who canned a short-range baseline jumper with 40 seconds left to let Howard regain the lead. The Hawks then came up with their first defensive stop in three minutes when Hoover stole a pass underneath the basket.

Clarendon was then forced to foul, and Audrey Sutterfield and Camille Hoover both sank their two free shots to secure the victory.

"DeAuja's got great offensive skills. She really made some big baskets for us," Diddle said. "I thought (Ashynn) Hoover did a great job for us defensively ... She's really the leader of our offensive and defense."

The late dramatic fireworks were in sharp contrast to the first half, which was dominated by Howard. Led by Marie Tsoungui's 12 points, Howard went into intermission with a seemingly comfortable 37-29 lead.

That comfort was illusory, however, as Clarendon opened the third quarter with an 11-4 run to cut its deficit to one point, and neither team led by more than five points the rest of the way.

"Clarendon's a really tough

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Courtesy photo/Howard College

Howard College point guard Camille Hoover passes the ball during the Hawks' game against Clarendon College Wednesday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Sports calendar

FRIDAY

Boys basketball

Big Spring at Lamesa tournament, TBA

Girls basketball

Big Spring at Andrews tournament, TBA

Forsan at Highland tournament, TBA

SATURDAY

Men's basketball

Weatherford at Howard College, 4 p.m.

Women's basketball

Weatherford at Howard College, 2 p.m.

Boys' basketball

Coahoma vs. Forsan, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 6 p.m.

To submit a calendar item, call 263-7331, ext. 235 or email reporter@bigspringherald.com

MLB reaches tentative labor deal

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Baseball players and owners reached a tentative agreement on a five-year labor contract Wednesday night, a deal that will extend the sport's industrial peace to 26 years since the ruinous fights in the first two decades of free agency.

After days of near round-the-clock talks, negotiators reached a verbal agreement about 3 1/2 hours before the expiration of the current pact. Then they worked to draft a memo-

randum of understanding, which must be ratified by both sides.

"It's great! Another five years of uninterrupted baseball," Oakland catcher Stephen Vogt said in a text message.

In announcing the agreement, Major League Baseball and the players' association said they will make specific terms available when drafting is complete.

"Happy it's done, and baseball is back on," Los Angeles Dodgers

pitcher Brandon McCarthy said.

As part of the deal, the experiment of having the All-Star Game determine which league gets home-field advantage in the World Series will end after 14 years, a person familiar with the agreement told The Associated Press. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal had not yet been signed.

Instead, the pennant winner with the better regular-season record will open the Series at

home.

Another important change: The minimum time for a stint on the disabled list will be reduced from 15 days to 10.

The luxury tax threshold rises from \$189 million to \$195 million next year, \$197 million in 2018, \$206 million in 2019, \$209 million in 2020 and \$210 million in 2021.

Tax rates increase from 17.5 percent to 20 percent for first offend-

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Surging Cowboys bring a line to make Vikings envious

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The fuel for this dazzling season for the Dallas Cowboys can be found up front, with an offensive line that's helped make this team a real handful to try to stop.

"They're really, really good. They're the best line I've seen in a long time in the NFL: physical, athletic, big," said the usually understated Minnesota Vikings coach Mike Zimmer, who could be forgiven if he sounded envious of the group on the other side.

Just as the front five have made a significant impact on the success of the Cowboys (10-1), the ever-important position has played a major hand in the recent slide by the Vikings (6-5).

With center Joe Berger ruled out of the game on Thursday night because of a concussion, the Vikings will use their sev-

enth different starting lineup combination in 12 games this season; Nick Easton makes his first NFL start. That doesn't include others who've subbed in for injured teammates on the fly.

The Vikings have struggled for the last three seasons to establish a reliable, stable starting five.

Injuries, particularly this year with three starting tackles on injured reserve, have ravaged the position.

But they've only invested two picks in the first three rounds of the last 10 drafts in an offensive lineman, with right tackle Phil Loadholt (No. 54 overall) in 2009 and left tackle Matt Kalil (No. 4 overall) in 2012.

Loadholt retired before training camp because of injuries. Kalil had season-ending hip surgery after playing in the first two games this

season.

The Cowboys, by stark contrast, have three first-round draft picks in their starting lineup: left tackle Tyron Smith, center Travis Frederick and right guard Zack Martin.

BACK AND FORTH WITH BRYANT: After backing away from harsh comments about Washington cornerback Josh Norman following the 31-26 Thanksgiving Day win, Dallas wide receiver Dez Bryant struck a similar tone with a few more days to think about it.

"I wish I'd never done it," Bryant said. "I have nothing against that guy. I'm pretty sure he's got nothing against me."

KEEPING HIM QUIET: Vikings cornerback Xavier Rhodes will likely be tasked with following Bryant and unlikely to be drawn into any trash talking.

Mills helps Spurs rally to beat Mavericks, 94-87

DALLAS (AP) — San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich got a win more in line with his expectations on Wednesday night.

The Dallas Mavericks are just hoping a close loss signifies better days ahead.

Patty Mills scored 15 of his team-high 23 points in the fourth quarter and Kawhi Leonard added 21 points, helping the Spurs rally from a 13-point deficit for a 94-87 win over the Mavericks on Wednesday night.

San Antonio became just the third team to start the season 11-0 on the road, following last year's Warriors (14-0) and the 1969-70 Knicks (12-0).

Popovich had criticized his team's "lack of humility" and "lack of respect for the opponent" after the Spurs' 96-91 home win over Dallas on Nov. 21.

This time, his Spurs — playing without three regulars — went 13 straight possessions and nearly seven minutes of the third quarter without scoring, but rallied behind Mills and Leonard.

"We dug down deep, didn't moan or groan or whine, stuck with it and kept pounding away and found a way to win," Popovich said.

Wesley Matthews had a season-high 26 points for the Mavericks,

and Harrison Barnes added 17.

"I'm proud of this team," Matthews said. "Frustration aside. Loss aside. This is two games in a row that we're showing — this is who we were supposed to be all along."

Dallas, trying to win its second game in a row and only its fourth of the season, led from early in the third quarter until an 11-2 Spurs run midway through the fourth quarter. Mills started it with a 3 and Leonard finished it with another that gave the Spurs the lead for good at 80-79.

The Mavericks simply couldn't stop Mills when it mattered. With his team leading 82-81, Mills hit a 3 with 3:04 to play. After Matthews answered with a 3, Mills dialed up another and then hit a long jumper to make it 90-84 with 1:31 left.

"We struggled majority of the game," Mills said. "But we knew that it was all going to come down to defense. We needed to get stops and that would create our flow a little bit better. I thought we did that down the stretch of the game."

TIP-INS

Spurs: Pau Gasol and Manu Ginobili did not make the trip to Dallas,

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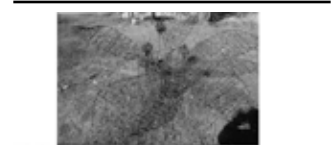
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Legals

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's a reprieve in whatever relationship strife you've been experiencing. Rest confident that the one you love loves you. Reciprocity doesn't guarantee an easy road, but it sure is a better start than the opposite dynamic.

TAURUS (April

20-May 20). You do not have to be an expert in grief or loss to help a bad situation. When you show up with an open heart, your very presence is a comfort to those who need it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have a family you were born to and a family you define. There's an occasion coming up where the two might intersect, and this will turn out just fine. Relax. There's nothing to worry about.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You may not be a schoolchild, but you're not too old to show your work to someone whose opinion matters to you or to hang it up in an important place. Those who honor your self-expression honor you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Small talk won't naturally gravitate to the things you care about unless you steer it in that direction. Do so today, because you'll get more enjoyment from connecting with people on what truly interests you.

VIRGO (Aug.

23-Sept. 22). You can and should automate and improve the process of day-to-day business. You'll never know what your time could be better spent doing until you open some of it up to the possibilities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you make efforts to see the bigger picture, you'll notice, with mixed feelings, that many people around you face dramatic challenges that make your own grievances seem trivial.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Being a fan of great work perks your awareness and raises your bar, making you a candidate for eventual great work yourself. No pressure, though: For now, enjoy your fandom status.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Everyone needs support and compassion, and yet there are not as many givers of these things as there could be. If you feel like you're making up for the thoughtlessness and ignorance of others, you are.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19). On the route to finding happiness, sometimes you have no idea which direction you're headed. This is natural. Get rid of the things that make you unhappy, and see if that doesn't clear your windshield somewhat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). An unexpected wrinkle arises. This prompts you to seek expert help. There's much available you won't have to pay for. Follow the prescription to a T and you'll be home free.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The best position is the one with the least to lose. Paradoxically, to get there, you have to agree to lose things. You'll loosen your grip on something you thought you needed. Turns out, you don't.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 1). There's a romantic confession and an exciting proposition right at the top of this solar return. In April you'll become one with your equipment and conquer work that used to take you 10 times as long. You'll then have the time for a moneymak-

ing venture and sock it away through spring. Taurus and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 32, 30, 2, 40 and 16.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm an 85-year-old Pisces, and I have a granddaughter who is a 5-year-old Aquarius. Her parents give her so many things that it seems to take a lot to impress her. As much as I would like to, I don't have the financial means to travel with her to a theme park or buy her fancy toys. I want her to remember me always. What can I do with her that will create the most impact?"

The experiences you create with her do not have to be expensive to be memorable. As a soulful, creative Pisces, you shouldn't doubt your ability to make a deep familial connection. You naturally put your heart, soul and imagination into your interactions. Your loving presence alone will create a memory. And you can enhance that memory by giving it some sensory impact. Do you like to cook?

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CELEBRITY PROFILES: In keeping with her fire-sign nature, sharp-tongued Sagittarius Sarah Silverman has a talent for making incendiary remarks and pushing into uncomfortable territory in the name of comedy, liberty, feminism, decency and many other causes. With Mercury and Neptune also in Sagittarius, Silverman likely isn't even trying to be a brave trailblazer; she can't help herself.

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Dear Annie: My nephew, "Bill," married "Helen." Helen had a 2-year-old son, "Dylan." Helen told Bill that Dylan's father had given up his parental rights, so Bill legally and happily adopted baby Dylan.

We all came to deeply love baby Dylan. He was adorable, bright and sweet. Dylan quickly felt close to all his many cousins. Four years later, Helen abruptly left Bill for another man. When Bill attempted

to get visitation with Dylan, Helen informed the court that Dylan's father had never really given up his parental rights, so therefore the adoption became void. Tragically, none of us in the family ever saw Dylan again.

How could 6-year-old Dylan begin to understand this? He loved Bill more than anyone in the world, and then one day he never saw him again! We do not know what his mother told him. How could his mother hurt him like this?

I often wonder whether children are ever going to have

any rights of their own in our courts. So far, the only rights kids have are not to be starved and not to be beaten. Our children are still lawfully treated as property of their parents. Our courts look out for the parents' rights. When will our laws become in favor of what is in the best interest of the child? -- Still Crying

Dear Crying: Look further into the laws in your state. I think there is a good chance your nephew has recourse here to see Dylan again, especially as he adopted him -- or at least was led to believe he did. Some states do have laws that take such factors into consideration, with the goal of doing what's best for the child. Don't give up hope.

Dear Annie: I

feel that your reply to "Serially Disappointed" was a cop-out. I hear what this young woman is saying.

I am in my early 60s and have been divorced for 15 years. The men I meet are seriously lacking in relationship and basic life skills. I will admit I settled for much less than I should have with my most recent three partners because they had many good qualities that attracted me.

One decided after three years that I was "too fat" (I am a size 12), and he met a woman who is shorter than I am but not thinner. Another, after two years, told me he had a boyfriend and thought it was OK to date us both at the same time because he is bisexual. I ended the relationship,

and six months later, he was married to a woman.

Another one sat on my couch one day and began crying, telling me he missed his wife, whom he had divorced five years earlier. (They eventually remarried.)

My friends, all married or in long-term relationships, said, "Take some time for yourself!" I don't know what they were thinking when I'd been spending most birthdays, Christmas Eves and New Year's Eves alone for years.

I haven't dated for two years. Now the same friends say, "You have to get yourself out there!" I go to movies, plays and other events alone. I bicycle on busy bike paths, and I work a job. But the truth is that no one has the answer as to

why most single men are so out of whack. So they tell you silly things -- for example, "Learn how to be happy with yourself." "Serially Disappointed" gave no indication she is not happy with herself, and I am indeed happy with who I am. I just wish I could find a quality single guy in his 60s before he is snatched up by one of the millions of intelligent, compassionate, kind single women out there looking. -- Will Anyone Love Me When I'm 64?

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Once in a lifetime

West dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 9 5 4
♥ —
♦ 10 8 6 5 4 2
♣ A Q 10 3

WEST
♠ A J 7 2
♥ K Q J 10 9 5 2
♦ 7
♣ 4

EAST
♠ K Q 10 6 3
♥ A 8 4
♦ K J 9 3
♣ 8

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

The bidding:
North South East South
1♥ Pass 1♠ 2♣
4♥ 5♣ 6♥ 7♣
Dble Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead — seven of diamonds.

The International Matchpoint scale used in most team contests reflects swings of anywhere from 20 points (1 IMP) to more than 4,000 points (24 IMPs). In practice, about 98 percent of all gains are between 1 IMP (for an overtrick) to 17 IMPs (usually for a vulnerable small slam bid and made at one table and defeated at the other). Swings of 18 IMPs or more are extremely rare.

Consider this deal, then, on which one team gained 21 IMPs for

making a vulnerable doubled grand slam at one table and a game in the opposite direction at the other table!

The bidding shown took place at the first table. North's five-club bid was intended primarily as a sacrifice against East-West's game. Vulnerable sacrifices against nonvulnerable games are highly uncommon, but on this occasion, North (this writer) felt that five clubs would not go down more than one and might even make.

South (Richard De Martino) then saved against what he thought was a makable slam, figuring he would go down no more than 500 or 800 and thus come out ahead.

West thereupon led a diamond, one of only two cards in his hand (a club was the other) that would allow the grand slam to make. De Martino took East's nine with the queen, cashed a trump and the ace of diamonds, then ruffed a heart, a diamond, a heart and another diamond, establishing dummy's diamonds. Dummy's remaining trump provided the necessary entry that allowed declarer to get rid of his spade loser on a diamond. Making the doubled grand slam came to 2,330 points.

Adding insult to injury, North-South's teammates bid and made five hearts at the other table to add another 450 points to the team's total, good for a rare 21-IMP gain.

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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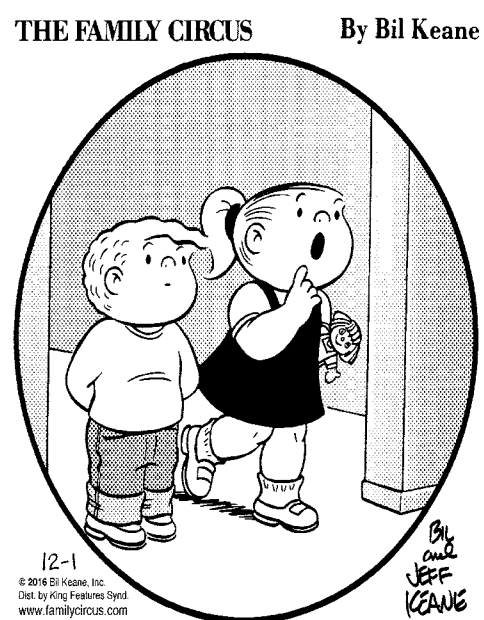
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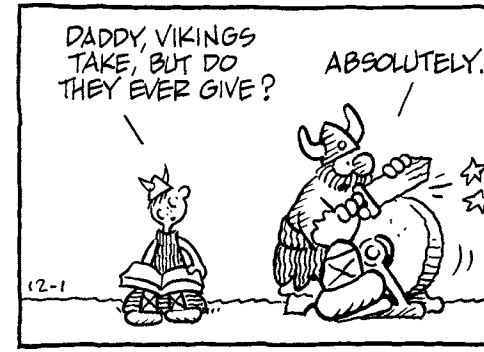
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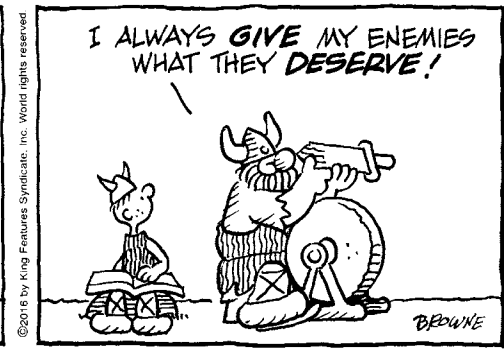
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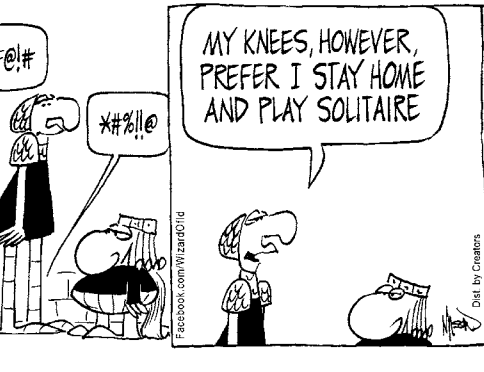
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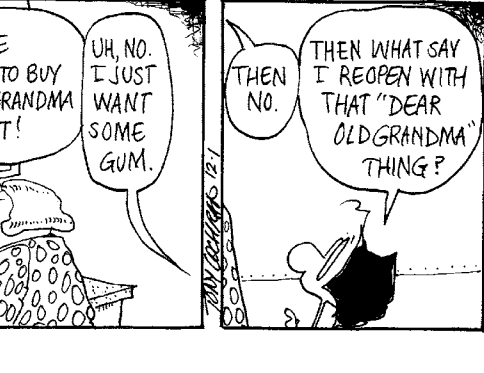
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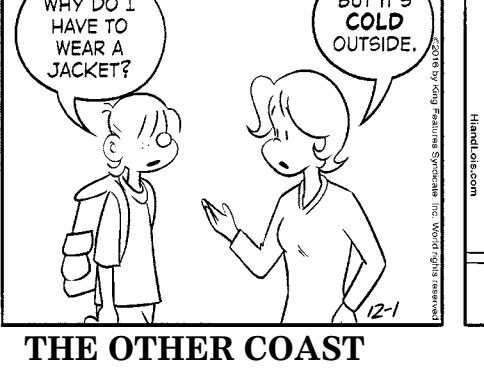
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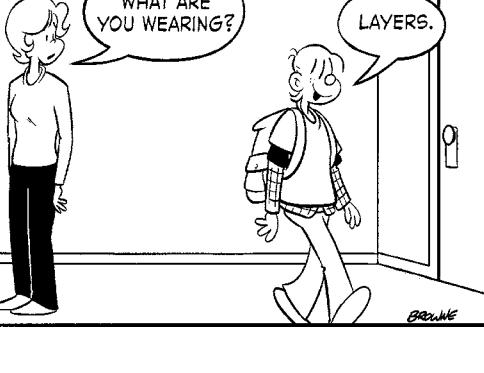
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Dec. 1, the 336th day of 2016. There are 30 days left in the year. Today's Highlights in History: On Dec. 1, 1941, Japan's Emperor Hirohito approved waging war against the United States...

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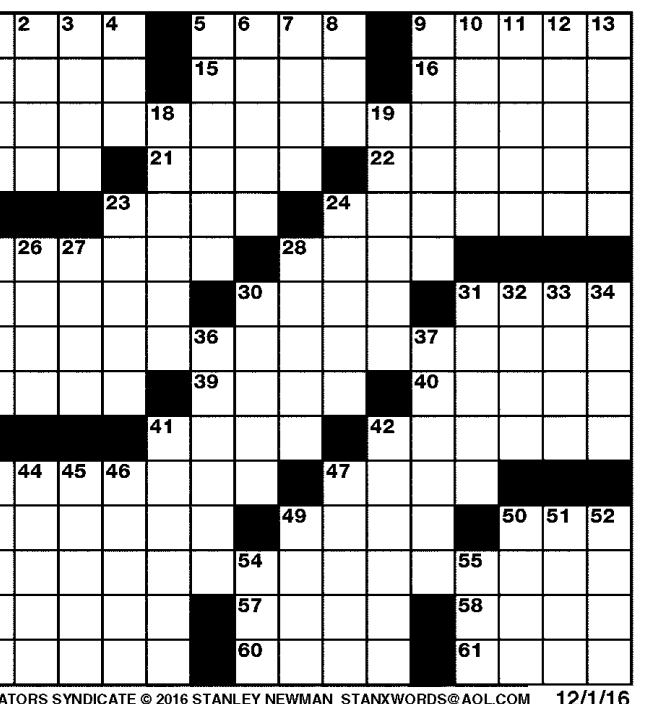
tries finally met after knocking out a passage in a service tunnel. Ten years ago: Felipe Calderon (fay-LEE'-pay kahl-duh-ROHN') took the oath of office as Mexico's president amid catcalls and brawling lawmakers...

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IN YOUR SHOES by Charles Slack

- 13 TV twins' surname 18 Puts down 19 Firmly established 23 Rushmore 24 Pine Tree State 25 Skillful 26 Ben in The Big Short 27 Google competitor 28 Ill-gotten gains 30 Bamboozles 31 Full of enthusiasm 32 Trait carrier 33 Neurology readouts 34 Leave in a galley 36 Be immoderate with 37 Retweets, perhaps 41 More packed 42 Grocery frozen fare 43 Architect 44 Nixon in China, for example 45 Turn topsy-turvy 46 Civil War-era photo tint 47 High anxiety 49 Rise majestically 50 Make an entrance 51 Brazil borderer 52 Tries to get sold at 54 Where the Cavs reigned last season 55 What may finish a fight



Answer to previous puzzle grid with words like BENTS, BANDS, GAP, AWARE, OLIVE, IRA, BANANAS, SPLIT, VIN, ENAMELS, PEST, CLAW, FUSSES, PREPARE, IBERIA, LAVA, ASIAN, DAM, AVERAGE, PERSHARE, YEN, PERIL, BRIT, TIPTOE, FRONDS, STUNTS, RARE, TEAK, REMODEL, ESL, GREAT, DIVIDE, ALL, PESOS, SAVES, MAY, APPLY, SLANT

HAWKS

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cover for a lot of teams in the league," Diddle said. "They've got enough three-point shooters and they have enough skill players to where if you get a mismatch, they're going to drive you, and if you don't get out on the shooters, they're going to shoot it. It's a really tough cover. That's why we zoned them. I think we did a pretty good job. We had some breakdowns, we couldn't get the stops at times, but I was really pleased with this win because it was such a hard game for us."

And it almost went without saying that the victory, coming in Howard's first Western Junior College Athletic Conference game was big — but Diddle reiterated the point.

"Oh, this was big ... you've got to defend your home court and this gives us a little momentum now," he said. "We've played a

national schedule, and it's good to be home, it's good to have a good crowd, so I'm tickled to death."

Aubrie Elliott scored 17 points, and Tsoungui and Sutterfield added 12 and 10 points, respectively, to lead Howard. Clarendon was led by Mia Castaneda and Sosa, who scored 22 and 17 points, respectively.

Howard's women return to action Saturday at home against Weatherford College. Game time is 2 p.m.

Men's game

One-point losses are the worst, coaches and players will tell you. Lose by 30 points, and you can just shrug your shoulders and say it wasn't your day. Lose by a point, and you agonize over every mistake and every missed shot.

Howard men's coach Scott Raines said people could shrug from any number of stats to explain the loss.

"I can go down the list here: We shoot 37 percent from the floor, 29 percent from (three-point range), we shoot 53 percent from

the free-throw line, we get outrebounded by three and have 19 turnovers, and we lose by one point at home," Raines said. "It's like trick-or-treat — you can pick your reason why we lost, and we still had (a chance to win) there at the end."

Neither team established firm control Wednesday night — the biggest lead was five points, posted by Clarendon early in the second half, and the game was tied or the lead changed hands more than 10 times throughout the night.

The difference in the game, Raines said, was that on the occasions Howard grabbed the lead, Clarendon refused to let the Hawks extend their advantage.

"Every time we got a lead, I don't think we got a stop on the other end of the court," Raines said. "I'm not sure how many possessions we had in the second half where we came down and got a lead, got a stop, and came down with a chance to extend the lead. It was always, we take the lead by one, they come back

and retake the lead. It was really, really frustrating."

The Hawks took the lead for the final time when Shawn Jones sank two free throws with 1:55 remaining for a 57-56 advantage, but as Raines pointed out, Clarendon quickly responded, as Reece Brooks canned a jumper 20 seconds later to give the lead back to the Bulldogs.

Howard had a pair of chances to win in the final seconds, but shots from Amari McCray and Srdjan Budimir failed to find the range.

McCray and Jones led the Hawks with 14 and 12 points, respectively, while Brooks, JaQuan Horne and Xavier Trent each scored 11 points to lead the Bulldogs.

The loss dropped the Hawks' season record to 8-4, while Clarendon improved to 8-5 with the win.

Howard returns to action Saturday at home vs. Weatherford College. Game time is 4 p.m.

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SPURS

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and Tony Parker was held out, all for rest. ... Rookie Nicolas Laprovitola got his first career start and DeWayne Dedmon made his first start as a Spur. ... San Antonio has won seven in a row against Dallas.

Mavericks: The Mavericks announced Tuesday that forward Dirk Nowitzki would miss at least two games with a sore right Achilles tendon. Nowitzki has played only five of the team's 17 games this year.

The team got some good news when Devin Harris returned after missing the first 16 games due to a right big toe sprain suffered in the team's final preseason game. He played 11 minutes and did not score. Coach Rick Carlisle said Harris' minutes would be restricted as he returns to form.

PROBLEMS AT THE POINT

The Mavericks' three primary point guards (Harris, Deron Williams and J.J. Barea) have combined to play only 19 games this season. Their depth was further compromised when Seth Curry suffered a mild right knee sprain in the fourth quarter.

MLB

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ers, remain at 30 percent for second offenders and rise from 40 percent to 50 percent for third offenders. There is a new surtax of 12 percent for teams \$20 million to \$40 million above the threshold, 42.5 percent for first offenders more than \$40 million above the threshold and 45 percent for subsequent offenders more than \$40 million above.

Union head Tony Clark, presiding over a negotiation for the first time, said in a statement the deal "will benefit all involved in the game and leaves the game better for those who follow."

Key changes involve the qualifying offers clubs can make to their former players after they become free agents — the figure was \$17.2 million this year. If a player turns down the offer and signs elsewhere, his new team forfeits an amateur draft pick, which usually had been in the first round under the old deal.

Under the new rules, a player can receive a qualifying offer only once in his career and will have 10 days to consider it instead of seven. A club signing a player who declined a qualifying offer would lose its third-highest amateur draft pick if it is a revenue-sharing receiver, its second- and fifth-highest picks (plus a loss of \$1 million in its international draft pool) if it pays luxury tax for the just-ended season, and its second-highest pick (plus \$500,000 in the international draft pool) if it is any other team.

A club losing a free agent who passed up a qualifying offer would receive an extra selection after the first round of the next draft if the player signed a contract for \$50 million or more and after competitive

balance round B if under \$50 million. However, if that team pays luxury tax, the extra draft pick would drop to after the fourth round.

Among other details: —For a team \$40 million or more in excess of the luxury tax threshold, its highest selection in the next amateur draft will drop 10 places.

—While management failed to obtain an international draft of amateurs residing outside the U.S., Puerto Rico and Canada, it did get a hard cap on each team's annual bonus pool for those players starting at \$4.75 million for the signing period that begins next July 2.

—There is no change to limits on active rosters, which remain at 25 for most of the season and 40 from Sept. 1 on.

—Smokeless tobacco will be banned for all new players, those who currently do not have at least one day of major league service.

—The regular season will expand from 183 days to 187 starting in 2018, creating four more scheduled off days. There are additional limitations on the start times of night games on getaway days.

—The minimum salary rises from \$507,500 to \$535,000 next year, \$545,000 in 2018 and \$555,000 in 2019, with cost-of-living increases the following two years; the minor league minimum for a player appearing on the 40-man roster for at least the second time goes up from \$82,700 to \$86,500 next year, \$88,000 in 2018 and \$89,500 in 2019, followed by cost-of-living raises.

—The drop-off in slot values in the first round of the amateur draft will be lessened.

—Oakland's revenue-sharing funds will be cut to 75 percent next year, 50 percent in 2018, 25 percent in 2019 and then phased out.

—As part of the drug agreement, there will be increased testing, play-

ers will not be credited with major league service time during suspensions, and biomarker testing for HGH will begin next year.

Negotiators met through most of Tuesday night in an effort to increase momentum in the talks, which began during spring training. This is the third straight time the sides reached a new agree-

ment before the old contract expired, but a deal was struck eight weeks in advance in 2006 and three weeks ahead of expiration in 2011.

Talks took place at a hotel outside Dallas where the players' association held its annual executive meeting.

Clark, the first former player to serve as executive director of the union, and others set

up in a meeting room within earshot of a children's choir practicing Christmas carols. A man dressed as Santa Claus waited nearby.

Baseball had eight work stoppages from 1972-95, the last a 7 1/2-month strike in 1994-95 that led to the first cancellation of the World Series in 90 years. The 2002 agreement was reached after players

authorized a strike and about 3 1/2 hours before the first game that would have been impacted by a walkout.

The peace in baseball is in contrast to the recent labor histories of other major sports. The NFL had a preseason lockout in 2011, the NBA lost 240 games to a lockout that same year and the NHL lost 510 games to a lockout in 2012-13.

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