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Arrington presides over house floor

Washington D.C.— Newly-elected Congressman from the Nineteenth District of Texas, Jodey Arrington, was the first freshman member in the 115th Congress to preside over the House Floor. “It is a true honor to take the Speaker’s Chair for the first time,” Arrington said hours before taking the gavel Wednesday. “The parliamentary procedures under which I will preside tonight have been in place since Thomas Jefferson’s Book of Order in 1801 and will remain for generations to come. As I take the gavel, the people of West Texas can rest assured that I will be holding their voices and values with me.”

Grand jury indictments

Torres, Steinhoff among list of 16 indictments handed down

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

A Big Spring man who allegedly caused the death of his ex-girlfriend’s mother during a domestic dispute was one of 16 people indicted by a Howard County Grand Jury recently.

Abel Lozano Torres, 28, was indicted for aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury which allegedly caused the death of Irma Lozano, 64, during a domestic dispute that occurred on Sept. 28, 2016.

Sixth Street and learned Torres had been involved in an argument with his ex-girlfriend, Anastacia Lozano, Irma Lozano’s daughter.

“Officers were told that Torres became physical with his ex-girlfriend outside the residence,” a BSPD release said. “her mother tried to intervene and Torres turned on her and shoved her to the ground.”

According to reports at the time of the incident, Lozano died in a Lubbock hospital from serious head injuries she received in the alleged incident. According to information released by the Big Spring Police Department, officers responded to a domestic disturbance call in the 500 block of West

Irma Lozano was found unconscious on the carport outside the residence with serious head injuries when police and paramedics arrived on the scene. She was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center and then life-flighted to University Medical Center in Lubbock where she succumbed to her injuries the next day, according to reports at the time of incident.

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Police: Charges ‘soon’ in Chicago beating aired on Facebook

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago police don’t believe a man beaten in an assault broadcast live on Facebook was targeted because he was white despite profanities made by the accused assailants about white people and President-elect Donald Trump, a police spokesman said Thursday.

Charges are expected soon against four black suspects, Chicago police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said. He acknowledged that the suspects made “terrible racist statements” during the assault, but that investigators believe the victim was targeted because he has “special needs,” not because of his race.

Guglielmi said it’s possible the suspects were

trying to extort something from the victim’s family. Investigators said the victim was with his attackers, including one who was a classmate, for up to 48 hours, and the attack left him traumatized.

The video shows the victim with his mouth taped shut slumped in a corner as at least two assailants cut off his sweatshirt with a knife, as others taunted him off camera. The video shows a wound on the top of the man’s head, and one person pushing the man’s head with his or her foot. A red band also appears to be around the victim’s hands.

Off-camera, people can be heard using profanities about “white people” and Trump. At least one woman is shown in the video.

The victim is a suburban Chicago resident who Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson said has “mental health challenges.” In a news conference Wednesday, Johnson described the video as “sickening.”

“It makes you wonder what would make



Pictured is the 22,000th visitor to the Comanche Trail Festival of Lights 2016 season on Saturday, Dec. 31. In the photo are greeters Judy Tereletsky, left, and Howard Stewart. Visitors 22,000 and 22,001 are Adrian Cedillo, driver, and Sefora Hernandez, passenger.

Festival of Lights has bright end

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

The show’s over for the year and the lights are coming down, but what a show it was!

The 2016 Comanche Trail Park Festival of Lights attracted 22,169 visitors, including people from nearly 40 other states and more than 20 other countries. Attendance at this iteration of the festival outstripped that at last year’s show, which attracted more than 21,000 visitors.

According to festival chairwoman Pat Simmons, the event

drew visitors from right here in Texas, as well as, Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wyoming; as well as the Commonwealth

of Puerto Rico and our nation’s capital, Washington, D.C.

Visitors from around the world also flocked to Big Spring to see the lights. The event drew visitors from countries in Africa, as well as Albania, Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, China, The Dominican Republic, France, Germany, Kenya, Lithuania, Mexico, The Netherlands, Nicaragua, The Philippines, Spain, Turkey, The United Kingdom, and Vietnam.

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Obituaries

James Hayes Barber



James Hayes Barber, age 81, of Big Spring, Texas, passed from this life on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017.

He was born in Des Moines, Iowa, on June 3, 1935, to the late Glen Woodman and Leah Maude (Blackledge) Barber. He was a US Navy Veteran and a long haul truck driver.

Those left to cherish his love and memories are his son, Robert Scott Barber and wife Kathy of Midland, Texas; daughters, Linda Renee Martin and hus-

band Gary of Big Spring, Texas, and Brenda Louise Gordon of Denver, Colo.; sister, Nancy Jones of Kiowa Lake, Texas; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Edna Rhoda Barber; son Anthony Wayne Barber; and brother, Glen Barber.

Memorial services will be 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, 2017, at First Church of the Nazarene in Big Spring, Texas, officiated by Pastor Cal and Pastor Bob.

Arrangements are entrusted to Acres West Funeral Chapel in Odessa, and condolences to the family may be sent online at acreswestfuneral.com.

Paid obituary

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **PATRICIA ANN BACON**, 44, of 1400 S. Johnson St. was arrested on charges of theft of property (less than \$100), failure to stop at the designated point at a stop sign, failure to appear, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **TANYA JEAN JENKINS**, 28, of 1409 Virginia Ave. was arrested

on an outstanding warrant.

• **DEBRA DENISE ELLIS**, 58, of 4403 Beechnut was arrested on a charge of terroristic threat placing a person in fear of serious bodily injury.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 900 block of Willia Street, the 1900 block of North Highway 87, the 600 block of Caylor Drive, and the 1500 block of West Fifth

Street.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1900 block of South Birdwell Lane.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 4400 block of Beechnut Street.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1400 block of Tucson Street and the 400 block of Ryon Street.

Take Note

• 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. Jan. 16 and 17 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 Delaney, 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 Veterans 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.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

• Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

Volunteer opportunities

• The Scenic Mountain Medical Center volunteer program is in need of volunteers. A variety of opportunities are open for members of the community. For more information, call Anita Cline at 268-4721.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications

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

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to visit patients. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you would like to donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Maria at 816-6474.

• Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

Youth activities

• The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

Weather

Today: Mostly sunny. Highs 47 to 44. Northwest winds 10 to 20 mph shifting to the northeast in the afternoon.

Tonight: Colder. Increasing clouds. Lows around 17. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday: Colder. Mostly cloudy with occasional flurries or slight chance of light sleet. Highs in the mid 20s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Friday night: Mostly cloudy in the evening then clearing. Lows around 15. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Saturday: Not as cold. Sunny. Highs in the upper 30s. Light and variable winds.

Saturday night: Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 20s.

Sunday: Sunny. Highs in the upper 40s.

Sunday night: Clear. Lows in the lower 30s.

Monday: Warmer, Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s. Monday night: Not as cool. Decreasing clouds. Lows in the mid 40s.

Tuesday: Sunny. Highs in the lower 70s.

Tuesday night: Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s.

Wednesday: Sunny. Highs in the lower 60s.

AP forecast for Borden, Scurry, Martin, Howard, and Mitchell counties, including the cities of Gail, Snyder, Stanton, Big Spring, and Colorado City.

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.

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will start Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.



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Top US intelligence officials to testify on Russian hacking

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senior U.S. intelligence officials face questions at a Senate hearing that will be dominated by the intelligence community's assessment that Russia meddled in the presidential election to help Donald Trump win.

The Armed Services Committee's cyber threats hearing on Thursday comes a day before the president-elect is to be briefed by the CIA and FBI directors — along with the director of national intelligence — on the investigation into Russia's alleged hacking efforts. Trump has been deeply critical of their findings, even appearing to back controversial WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange's contention that Russia did not provide him with hacked Democratic emails.

The committee's session is the first in a series aimed at investigating purported Russian cyber-attacks against U.S. interests and developing defenses sturdy enough to blunt future intrusions.

"We will obviously be talking about the hacking, but the main thing is the whole issue of cybersecurity," the committee's Republican chairman, Sen. John McCain of Arizona, said ahead of the hearing. "Right now we have no policy, no strategy to counter cyberattacks."

Slated to appear before the Armed Services Committee are James Clapper, the national intelligence director; Marcel Lettre, the undersecretary of defense for intelligence; and Adm. Michael Rogers, National Security Agency chief and the top officer at the U.S. Cyber Command.

Analysis: Health care battle could decide balance of power

WASHINGTON (AP) — The messaging battle is over on repealing and

replacing President Barack Obama's health care law, and the balance of power in Washington may be at stake.

Democrats believe they already lost the public opinion fight over the law once, when they pushed through the Affordable Care Act in the first place, and Republicans grabbed hold of the issue to drive Democrats into the minority. Democrats are determined that this time, they'll come out on top.

For their part, Republicans are painfully aware that they're embarking upon the task of repealing and replacing the complex law at their peril. If Democrats get their way, the GOP will own every problem and complication that results from the re-work, and there are certain to be many.

For both sides, the repeal-and-replace fight represents a risky and unexpected do-over nearly seven years after Democratic majorities in the House and Senate passed the law on a party-line vote. A voter backlash helped send Democrats into the minority in the House in the 2010 midterms, and Republicans have been using the issue to political benefit ever since. In November's elections, Donald Trump and GOP House and Senate candidates ran on promises to repeal the law and replace it with something better.

Now, Democrats have a chance to fight the messaging war anew, even as they continue to champion the health care law as good policy that's helped the country. And Republicans, who've had political success attacking the law without offering a unified solution of their own, have a chance to present their ideas and make policy, but risk giving away their political advantage if they become the ones voters blame for problems in the health system.

'Daddy's dead?' Chilling 911 call played in church case

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — For

about 20 harrowing minutes, Jennifer Pinckney huddled under a desk with her 6-year-old daughter, her hand clasped over the girl's mouth to keep her quiet as Dylann Roof opened fire. Not knowing for certain if the danger had passed, Pinckney dialed 911 and breathlessly told an operator she had heard shots inside Charleston's Emanuel AME Church.

"I think there's been a shooting. I'm in the closet, under a desk," Pinckney told the operator. "Please hurry."

The conversation was played in court Wednesday for jurors considering whether Roof should be sentenced to death or life in prison. Roof, who is representing himself, hasn't put up any fight for his life, saying he doesn't plan on calling witnesses, and he has not cross-examined anyone.

In the tape, Pinckney is heard trying to comfort her daughter Malana, a precocious child who had been watching cartoons in her father's office as he participated in Bible study in the room next door on the night of June 17, 2015.

"Daddy's dead?" Malana is heard asking her mother on the 911 call.

Turkish anti-terror police conduct more raids in club probe

ISTANBUL (AP) — Police on Thursday conducted more raids in their hunt for the gunman that killed 39 people at an Istanbul nightclub, detaining several people at a housing complex in the city's outskirts, the state-run news agency reported.

Anadolu Agency said gendarmerie police and special operations teams conducted raids in the Silivri district, detaining an undisclosed number of people from China's Muslim Uighur community. The report said that those rounded up were suspected of "aiding and abetting" the gunman.

At least 39 other people — including 11 women — are already in custody over suspected links to the attack on

Istanbul's upscale Reina nightclub during New Year's celebrations.

The Islamic State group has claimed responsibility for the massacre, saying it was in reprisal for Turkish military operations in northern Syria. Most of the victims of the attack were foreigners from the Middle East.

The government says the gunman, who reportedly escaped in a taxi, has been identified but authorities haven't revealed his name. Turkish media have widely published images of the suspect, including a selfie video filmed at Istanbul's Taksim Square.

Wet, winter storms pummel West; headed for Rockies

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Much of Northern California and the Sierra Nevada braced for potential flooding into the weekend as a winter storm that dumped more than 2 feet of snow around Lake Tahoe made its way toward Utah and the Rockies.

Stiff winds toppled a towering evergreen tree into an Oregon home, killing an 8-year-old girl, while blizzard conditions closed major highways and triggered a small avalanche in the Sierra on Wednesday as wet, windy storms pummeled much of the West.

The child, Zaylee Schlect, was the daughter of a volunteer firefighter who was working during the storm that downed trees throughout the state on Tuesday night. She was killed in Otis, a town near the coast. Others inside the home were uninjured, authorities said.

Another foot of snow was expected early Thursday in the upper elevations around Lake Tahoe, where more than 2 feet fell Tuesday through Wednesday, snarling traffic.

LIGHTS

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2016 marked the 20th year of the Festival of Lights, which first lit up the roads and pathways of Comanche Trail Park in 1996. This year's festival route was slightly shorter than usual due to ongoing construction on the Historic Spring, located in the park.

Attractions included the lighted poinsettias which have earned Big Spring the title "Lighted Poinsettia Capital of Texas," as well as giant lighted Christmas cards from area businesses, schools, churches, and other organizations; displays of Big Spring landmarks such as the Settles hotel; and Christmas tree light depictions of Big Spring history and culture like oil derricks, cattle and cowboys, and a covered wagon.

GRAND JURY

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While paramedics were treating Irma Lozano, police conducted a search for Torres who was soon found hiding in a closet at a friend's residence, the police said.

Also on the list of indictments was Thomas Hunter Steinhoff who made the news after surrendering to police in September. Steinhoff, 23, was being sought in connection to a Aug. 17 shooting in the 1000 block of N. Scurry St. He was indicted for second degree felony aggravated assault with a deadly weapon by the grand jury. He is currently residing in the Howard County Detention Center.

Also indicted were:

- HOLSTON BANKS III, 25, currently residing in the Howard County Detention Center, burglary of a habitation/assault, (second degree felony).
- MOBEY CORDELL LEWIS, 24, currently residing in the Howard County Detention Center, debit card abuse (two counts, state jail felony); tampering with

physical evidence (third degree felony); forgery/money (third degree felony).

- ANDREA MARY SILVA, 22, currently residing in the Howard County Detention Center, debit card abuse (two counts, state jail felony); and fraudulent use/possession of a identifying information, (state jail felony).
- JASON CESARIO LEURA, 32, currently residing in the Howard County Detention Center, burglary of a habitation, (enhanced to a first degree felony); and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, (enhanced to a first degree felony).
- JEFFREY COLIN RAINES, 39, currently residing in the Howard County Detention Center, debit card abuse (three counts, state jail felony).
- REBECCA RIVAS CHAVERA, 38, of 1505 S. Johnson, forgery financial instrument, (enhanced to a third degree felony).
- IRINEO NANDEZ DURAN, 67, of 2704 Van St., Odessa, Texas, driving while intoxicated (third or more, enhanced to a second degree felony).
- FRANK HERNANDEZ, 46, of 311 N. Aylesford St., possession of a controlled

substance (state jail felony).

- HERMAN TORRES HERNANDEZ, 31, 13801 N. CR 9 Unit F, Knott, Texas, driving while intoxicated (third or more, third degree felony).
- SHANNON ELEANOR LANG, 31, currently residing in the Howard County Detention Center, fraudulent use/possession of identifying information, (third degree felony).
- TOMMY JOE MANUEL JR., 43, of 708 S. 2nd St., forgery financial instrument, (state jail felony).
- ALEX FERRELL PAREDEZ, 25, of 901 E. 16th St., unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, (state jail felony).
- FREDDIE LEE WILLIAMS JR., 42, of 2539 Gunter Circle, forgery financial instrument, (enhanced to a second degree felony).
- ANDREW JONATHAN YANEZ, 24, of 1408 Oriole, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, (state jail felony).

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

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individuals treat somebody like that," he said.

The investigation began Monday after officers found a man who "was in distress and was in crisis" walking on a street on the city's West Side, Capt. Steven Sasso said. The man was taken to a hospital and it was later discovered that he had been reported missing from an unidentified suburb.

At about the same time, police took several people into custody at a nearby address where they found signs of a struggle and property damage. Investigators determined that the missing man had been at the same address.

When asked Wednesday about the racial comments on the video, Cmdr. Kevin Duffin said the four people in custody were "young adults and they make stupid decisions." Investigators will have to determine whether the racial remarks were "sincere or just stupid ranting

and raving" when considering a potential hate crime charge, Duffin said.

The victim was with his attackers for 24 to 48 hours before police found him, and the episode has left him shaken, according to Duffin.

"He's traumatized by

the incident and it's very tough to communicate with him at this point," he said.

The victim was a classmate of one of the attackers and initially went with that person voluntarily, Duffin said.

Police haven't identified the individuals in

custody, but said three are Chicago residents and one is from suburban Carpentersville. Guglielmi said the suspects are all age 18 or older, and that police were working with prosecutors on Thursday "to build the strongest case."

BILBREY TOURS

2017 Travel Showcases

Big Spring Travel Show Friday, January 6 10:00 AM Dora Roberts Com. Center Comanche Trail Park 100 Whipkey Drive Big Spring, Texas	Brownwood Travel Show Tuesday, January 10 2:00 PM Adams Street Community Center 511 E Adams Brownwood, Texas
Permian Basin Travel Show Friday, January 6 2:00 PM Holiday Inn Express Hotel 5309 West Loop 250 North Midland, Texas	Concho Valley Travel Show Wednesday, January 11 2:00 PM Senior Annex Station 618 618 South Chadbourne San Angelo, Texas
Abilene Travel Show Saturday, January 7 1:00 PM First Baptist Church 1333 N. 3rd Abilene, Texas <i>Dining Hall, corner of N. 2nd & Hickory</i>	Lubbock Travel Show Thursday, January 12 2:00 PM MCM Elegante Hotel 801 Avenue Q Lubbock, Texas

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HC rally falls just short

Special to the Herald

RANGER, Texas — With 1.1 seconds left in regulation, Audrey Sutterfield tossed up a three-point bomb from the right corner of the Ron Butler Gymnasium that rattled home, pulling the Lady Hawks to within one point of Ranger College.

Unfortunately for Howard College, Sutterfield's shot sailed through the net just as the final buzzer sounded, leaving Howard College one point short in a tough 39-38 non-conference loss to Ranger Wednesday afternoon.

"Time just ran out on us," said Howard Coach Earl Diddle. "We fought back from a 5-point deficit in the fourth, but just ran out of time."

With the loss, the Lady Hawks fell to 4-10 on their current road swing, which takes them to Victoria next. Ranger College improved to 8-7.

As a team, the Lady Hawks struggled to get going early in the fourth quarter. Ranger rode the hot hands of freshman Brynae Thompson and Gianne Oates to 12 points and a seemingly comfortable 39-35 cushion with 3.4 seconds left. Thompson and Oates combined for eight of the Lady Rangers' 12 fourth quarter points.

Sutterfield made sure the Lady Hawks enjoyed the final blow. She took a pass in the corner and fired a deep ball over the head of an RC defender that pulled Howard to within one.

As a team, the Lady Hawks managed just seven points in the final frame.

Howard more than held its own early in the showdown. Camille Hoover knocked down a clutch three-pointer and Fabrianna Dixon pumped in two shots from within the paint in the second quarter and helped spearhead a 9-7 run that sent the game into the half knotted at 18-18.

Aubrie Elliott accounted for the Lady Hawks' only other points in the frame.

Ranger College had opened the affair with an 11-9 run in the first period.



Howard College women's coach Earl Diddle diagrams a play during a time out of the Hawks' game at Ranger College Wednesday afternoon.

Howard College looked as if it had taken control in the third. The Lady Hawks outscored RC by a 13-9 clip and took a slim 31-27 lead into the fourth.

Sutterfield, one of two HC starters to reach double figures in the win, pushed in five of her 10 points in the third. DeAuja Thompsom, Marie Tsoungui and Dixon also pitched in

shots in the frame.

Sophomore Kirsten Fellows helped Ranger score. The Lady Rangers' leading scorer a year ago, she pumped in seven of RC's nine third-quarter points.

Hoover finished the contest as the game's top scorer, netting 12 points. Dixon also played well, contributing eight.

Courtesy photo

Mack, Davis lead UT over OK State

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — On a team that has only two seniors, Texas coach Shaka Smart needs to lean on his three sophomores.

They came through for him on Wednesday night. Tevin Mack scored 16 of his career-best 27 points in the second half, lifting Texas to an 82-79 victory over Oklahoma State.

Eric Davis Jr. scored 16 points for Texas — 14 in the second half. Kerwin Roach Jr. added 11 points, six assists and impressive defense.

"This is the first time (this season) where all three sophomores really played at a high level," Smart said. "We needed that."

Jeffrey Carroll led Oklahoma State (10-4, 0-2 Big 12) with a career-best 24 points. Jawun Evans added 19.

Mack made four 3-pointers. He scored eight points during a 15-0 push that gave Texas (7-7, 1-1) a 61-50 lead with 11:32 remaining in the game.

Evans brought Oklahoma State back with a 3-pointer and three free throws, leav-

ing the Cowboys trailing by only four.

Then Davis went to work, making a driving shot and two 3-pointers for a 10-point lead with 3:21 left.

Davis made three free throws in the final 16 seconds for a six-point lead, making Oklahoma State guard Brandon Averette's 3-pointer just before the final buzzer irrelevant.

Oklahoma State led only 39-37 at halftime despite outshooting Texas 46.9 to 35.7 percent. Texas compensated for its poor accuracy

from the field by taking advantage of Oklahoma State's foul difficulty. The Cowboys were called for 14 fouls in the half, and Texas converted 14 of 17 free throws, an 82.4 percent mark that is much better than its 66.1 for the season.

Mack did not disagree about the impact of Oklahoma State's early foul problems.

"It was huge," Mack said. "We knew from that point on that we could go and be really aggressive, not settle for 3s and just attack."

Oswailer's second chance comes in playoffs against Oakland

HOUSTON (AP) — Brock Osweiler is getting a second chance to start for the Houston Texans.

With Tom Savage out with a concussion, the Texans will look to their \$72 million man to lead them in their wild-card playoff game against Oakland on Saturday.

Oswailer joined the Texans in the offseason on that huge contract after spending his first four seasons in Denver. He started the first 14 games this season before being benched in the second quarter against Jacksonville on Dec. 18 after throwing interceptions on consecutive drives to give him 16 for the season. Savage took over and rallied the Texans to the victory and started Houston's last two games.

concussion early in the second quarter Sunday in a loss to the Titans, and Osweiler took over and threw for 253 yards and a touchdown and ran for another score.

It will be Osweiler's first career playoff start after he was benched for Peyton Manning before the start of the postseason in Denver last season.

"It's a dream come true ... I couldn't be more excited," Osweiler said. "I can't wait for Saturday to be here. I wish it was here today. But I'll definitely be here to go."

With Savage out Saturday, Brandon Weeden, who hasn't played since last season, will back up Osweiler.

Oswailer's coaches and receivers all thought he played more freely on Sunday than he had in the past and the

quarterback explained what he thinks brought about the change.

"I told myself: 'If you get an opportunity to go back in, just go have fun. Get back to the joy of football,'" he said.

Oswailer set that tone the second he took the field on Sunday, gathering the offensive linemen telling a quick joke before getting down to business.

"Everyone had a good little laugh," Osweiler said.

But details of that joke will be left in the category of what happens on the field stays on the field.

"I'm going to keep that one between me and the linemen," Osweiler said with a sly smile.

Oswailer and star receiver DeAndre Hopkins had some trouble connecting this season

with the quarterback often trying to force balls to Hopkins that were intercepted.

Things were different on Sunday when Osweiler and Hopkins linked up repeatedly, and he ended with a season-high 123 yards receiving. It was the most yards he'd had since finishing with 113 in a win over Kansas City on Sept. 18.

"He did a great job coming in, being a leader and stepping in, forgetting about everything that's happened," Hopkins said. "He's been doing a great job at practice on leading everybody, being the same guy that he was when he was first in there. Nobody's seen a change in the way he's been acting ... so I expect him to continue his play from last week."

Tech-KU matchup tops Big 12 weekend

The Associated Press

A look at things to watch this week in the Big 12:

GAME OF THE WEEKEND: Texas Tech plays at No. 3 Kansas Saturday in the Big 12's marquee matchup. The Red Raiders, who dominated the State on the road for 30 minutes before collapsing last weekend, showed the league they just might be for real in upsetting seventh-ranked West Virginia 77-76 in OT on Tuesday. The Jayhawks got lucky when Svi Mykhailiuk knocked down the game-winning layup to beat Kansas State on Tuesday despite not dribbling within the 3-point line. Expect Kansas to be raring to go Saturday — though Tech is an experienced group that might not be intimidated by Phog Allen Fieldhouse.

LOOKING AHEAD: The Mountaineers will look to bounce back against TCU at home on Saturday. The TCU Frogs rallied to beat Oklahoma at home 60-57 on Tuesday. The Sooners are 6-7 heading into the weekend, just nine months after making the Final Four. They'll play at K-State. Texas, which has struggled as much as Oklahoma, will play at Iowa State on Saturday. Baylor, ranked second in the country, will host Oklahoma State.

INSIDE THE NUMBERS: Oklahoma State's Juwan Evans leads the league with 19.8 points per game, followed by Kansas's Frank Mason III (19.5) and Oklahoma's Jordan Woodward. But Baylor's Johnathan Motley (16.3 points, 9.1 rebounds per game) has been the best overall threat so far. Mason is shooting 51 percent on 3s, while Iowa State point guard Monte Morris has a league-best assist-to-turnover ratio of 4.6-to-1. Mason and Morris are tied for the league lead with 5.8 assists per game.

PLAYER TO WATCH: K-State senior Wesley Iwundu had 17 points, seven rebounds, four assists and three steals against Kansas. Iwundu has already made a career-high 36 3s and has hit 36 percent of them while cutting down on turnovers and increasing his free throws to 78 percent.

ON THE WOMEN'S SIDE: Baylor (13-1, 2-0 Big 12) is ranked second in the country behind unbeaten Connecticut, which beat the Bears 72-61 in November. Oklahoma and Texas also started 2-0 in league play. The Sooners might even push Baylor for the league crown if 6-foot-9 freshman center Nancy Mulkey keeps improving. She blocked 13 shots in her first two Big 12 games while shooting 71.4 percent from the field.

Raiders tab rookie QB for playoff start

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) — For the first 15 games of the season, rookie Connor Cook was inactive each week, making his biggest contribution as a scout team quarterback who would sometimes dress up like Cam Newton or Philip Rivers before Oakland faced those stars to lighten the mood at practice.

Now with the Raiders set to play their first playoff game in 14 years, Cook has been thrust into a much more significant role. He will become the first quarterback in the Super Bowl era to make his first career start in a playoff game when Oakland (12-4) visits Houston (9-7) on Saturday in a wild-card matchup.

Cook moved up to the backup spot last week after starter Derek Carr broke his right leg in the second-to-last game of the regular season. He then got his first real action last Sunday in Denver after Matt McGloin was knocked out with a left shoulder injury.

With Carr still sidelined and McGloin slowed by the injury, coach Jack Del Rio called the decision to turn to Cook an easy one.

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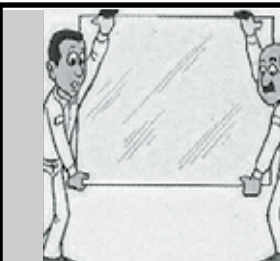
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Venus Musings

This Venus journey in the sign of empathy starts out by reminding us that life isn't fair. Some struggle to put food on the table; others struggle with deciding how to spend their millions. You can bet that when you breathe, relax and try for an attitude that's 10 percent more empowering, you'll contribute significantly to reducing the struggles of the world.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Some experience commitment as the loss of options, and certainly that's part of it. But sacrificing an endless array of options for something narrow and concentrated, oddly, will only make your life and options larger.

TAURUS (April

20-May 20). Walking, running, flying -- it's essentially the same principle. To move forward requires strength, balance and constant adjustment. Be honest, feel where the weakness is, and adjust to correct yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What's important is sometimes quite dull. You already know every cobble of the road you're on today, but there is a magnificent reason for traversing it over and over. In a way, this is heroism.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Don't hesitate, vacillate, agonize or dwell. Make quick work of it and get on with something decadent, like treating yourself to something sweet or delightful or intoxicating. Bonus points for doing it without guilt!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're fanciful and imaginative. You can paint a vivid picture for others with your words and the way you say them. Use this to your advantage. The right subject matter is key.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Alas, childhood's limitless

Tomorrow's Horoscope

possibility must come to an end at some point. And yet today, a youthful opportunity you thought was closed to you forever will open up once more.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're not trying to juggle three or four different balls in the air at once. That's for amateurs! You've 10 to 20 that need to stay afloat. If a few drop, don't even give it a second thought. Just keep moving.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be a kind of champion today, although a quiet one. The fact that you don't want to be noticed and lauded for your efforts makes them all the more valiant.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are times you want to be your most attractive self, but not always. Invisibility has its benefits. You need time to yourself. Play it low-key and you'll slip happily under the radar for a spell of much-needed solitude.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The insecure and impressionable peo-

ple around you need someone to mentor and protect them. You're the natural fit. With what you know and who you are, you will teach and inspire.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your joy won't be found in the world of glamour and thrills today. The less conventionally exciting a labor appears to be, the greater its potential as an arena for doing meaningful, fulfilling work in the world.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're ready to speak, but are they ready to listen? Prime them for it first: Grab their attention; then give them a moment to settle into the reality that you're about to say something important. Finally, deliver from the heart. Score!

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 5). Given the choice between being somebody and doing something, you'll choose the latter. Accolades are nice, but they feel hollow in comparison to the high you get from mastering the task, killing the mission, being in flow. You'll deepen your commitment to your

life's work and loves for your most successful year yet. Leo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 20, 5, 14 and 18.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "I'm a Libra with that classic problem of not being able to make a decision quickly, and this has recently put me in a bad financial position. I couldn't decide whether or not to take an offer on my house, and my hesitation lost the sale. It has been two months, and I have not received another offer. Do you have any advice for Libras who need to be quicker on the up-take?"

Selling a house certainly seems like one of the larger decisions of life, but were you to make it to 100 years old, would you look back and kick yourself for selling in July instead April? Unlikely. So don't agonize. Be lighter. Think: levity. Decide not to make every pro and con into a gigantic stress-fest, and your decision-making process will get short. Minimize the amount of personal upset associated with

making the wrong choice. These are not life-threatening matters; some choices lead to doing what they were intended to do, others lead to an education, send you on an adventure, give you a funny story or align you with a destiny you wouldn't have considered. There are many categories beyond the so-called "right" choice. Pick the one you find interesting instead of the one you think is correct.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Capricorn Bradley Cooper has the resume of an intellectual, an adventurer and a philanthropist. He's a Georgetown University graduate who has traveled the globe and taught classes to inner city students -- all accomplishments that contribute to his special charisma. His moon in Libra indicates a love of elegance and a desire to charm everyone he meets.

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Elusive Sleep

Dear Annie: I used to get by on six hours of sleep a night, but as I've gotten older, I really like to sleep for a full eight or nine hours every night. But the problem is that it is not always easy to sleep that long, especially if I am snoring a lot.

I snore so loudly that my wife sometimes asks me to sleep on the couch, or she will sleep there herself. But even if I am alone, my snoring is so bad that some-

times it wakes me up. I know that sounds funny, but it's true.

I am really looking for any suggestions you have for more restful sleep. I do know that when I try to get by on less than eight hours of sleep, I am much more susceptible to colds and the flu. When I manage to sleep eight or nine hours a night, I always feel much better and almost never get sick.

My wife would also appreciate your help with this. She knows I can't control the snor-

ing, but her patience is wearing thin. -- Snoring in Slumberland

Dear Snoring: Everyone has a favorite "stop snoring" remedy. Ask around and you're likely to hear dozens: Take a hot shower before bedtime; use a saline rinse to clear the nasal passages; don't drink alcohol; lose weight; tape tennis balls to your back so you sleep on your side, etc.

All of those are worth trying, but the best thing for you to do is visit your doctor. He or she can review your symptoms and refer you to a sleep specialist for evaluation, as it's possible you're suffering from sleep apnea. Sleep apnea not only deprives you of those wonderful full-slumber nights but also is

incredibly dangerous if left untreated. For your health and the health of your marriage, it's important to put this problem to bed as soon as possible.

Dear Annie: After reading the letter from "Confused Young Life in California," the young man who is incarcerated, I am begging you to please stop telling millennials, "You can still be whoever you want." This is how we parents have messed up our children. We have told them all their lives that they can do whatever they want to do in life if they simply work hard enough. It is just not true, and intellectually, you know that. We all do.

This is particularly true for someone coming out of prison.

Such a person has the deck stacked against him because he is a former criminal. Period.

This young man needs to hear the unvarnished truth. He can still become a contributing member of society. But because of his actions, he most likely will not be able to be whoever he wants to be.

Words of encouragement are powerful, but they need to be used in a realistic way. Before this young man can achieve a meaningful life, he needs to have an arsenal of truth. -- DBS

Dear DBS: Notice that I said this young man can be "whoever," not "whatever," he wants -- a matter of heart, not aptitude.

Every morning, we open our eyes and get

to decide what type of person we want to be that day. What I want is for this young man to see that there's a light within him just waiting to shine.

But to your point: Yes, it's important to have realistic goals. But it's just as important to have improbable, idealistic, get-laughed-out-of-the-room goals. Planning for the worst doesn't mean you have to stop hoping for the best.

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Annie's Mailbox

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Delicate trump management

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

The bidding:
South 1♣
West Pass
North 1NT
East Pass

Opening lead — king of spades.
On many deals, the defense's best tactic is to force declarer to ruff in the hope that he will eventually run out of trumps and lose control of the play. When this threat exists, declarer might have to exercise special care to survive the onslaught.
Here is a good example of the battle for trump control. After South ruffs West's spade continuation at trick two, how should he continue?
Declarer has no problem if the

missing trumps are divided 3-3. In that case, he can draw trumps in three rounds, concede a trick to the ace of clubs and breeze home with an overtrick.

South's primary concern should be the more likely 4-2 trump division. In that case, if he draws all the missing trumps, he can next cash four diamond tricks, but when he then tries for his 10th trick by leading a club, the defenders will take the ace and cash their remaining spades for a one-trick set. As the cards lie, even if declarer draws only three rounds of trumps and then plays clubs, he cannot prevail against best defense.

To cater to a possible 4-2 trump break, declarer's best plan is to delay drawing trumps and instead lead a low club toward dummy at trick three. If the jack wins, South can then extract trumps and cash his diamonds to score 10 tricks.
If the defender who holds the ace of clubs — West in this instance — is shrewd enough to take the ace immediately and return a spade, declarer must be careful not to ruff. Instead, he should discard either a diamond or a club winner in order to maintain control of the trump suit. If the defenders then lead still another spade, South can ruff in dummy without shortening his own trumps and easily score the rest of the tricks.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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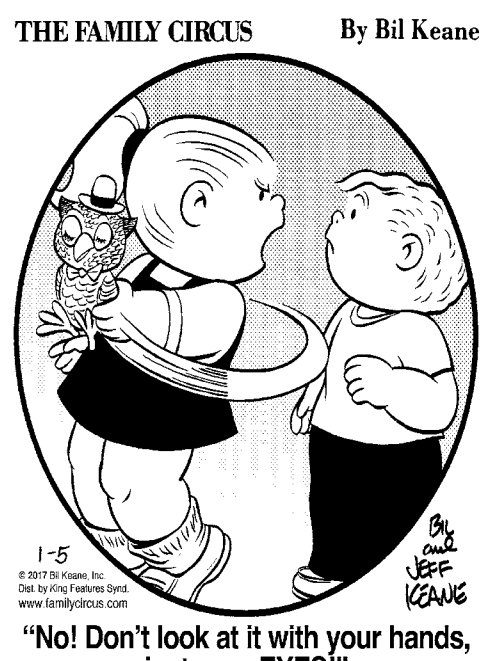
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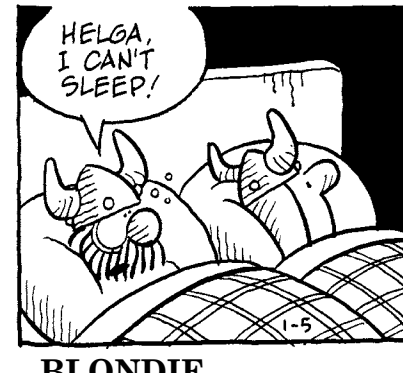
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"RUFF CHASES HIS TAIL BECAUSE HE'S TRYING TO MAKE ENDS MEET."



"No! Don't look at it with your hands, just your EYES!"



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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Jan. 5, the fifth day of 2017. There are 360 days left in the year.

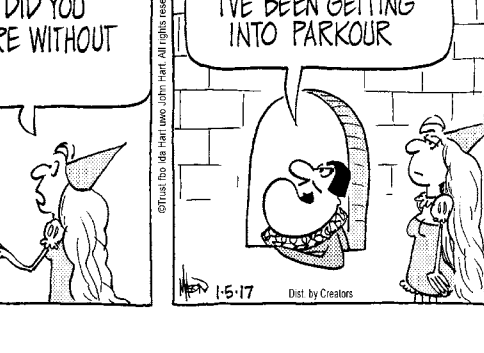
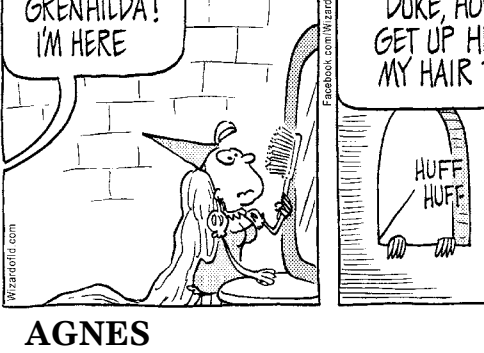
Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 5, 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower proposed assistance to countries to help them resist Communist aggression in what became known as the Eisenhower Doctrine.

On this date: In 1781, a British naval expedition led by Benedict Arnold burned Richmond, Virginia. In 1895, French Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, convicted of treason, was publicly stripped of his rank. (He was ultimately vindicated.) In 1905, the National Association of Audubon Societies for the Protection of Wild Birds and Animals was incorporated in New York State. In 1925, Democrat Nellie Tayloe Ross of Wyoming took office as America's first female governor, succeeding her late husband, William, following a special election. In 1933, the 30th president of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, died in Northampton, Massachusetts, at age 60. Construction began on the

Golden Gate Bridge. (Work was completed four years later.) In 1949, in his State of the Union address, President Harry S. Truman labeled his administration the Fair Deal. In 1953, the Samuel Beckett play "Waiting for Godot" premiered in Paris. In 1964, during a visit to the Holy Land, Pope Paul VI met with Patriarch Athenagoras I of Constantinople in Jerusalem. In 1970, Joseph A. Yablonski, an unsuccessful candidate for the presidency of the United Mine Workers of America, was found murdered with his wife and daughter at their Clarksville, Pennsylvania, home. (UMWA President Tony Boyle and seven others were convicted of, or pleaded guilty to, the killings.) "All My Children" premiered on ABC-TV. In 1972, President Richard Nixon announced that he had ordered development of the space shuttle. In 1983, President Ronald Reagan announced he was nominating Elizabeth Dole to succeed Drew Lewis as secretary of transportation; Dole became the first woman to head a Cabinet department in Reagan's administration, and the first to head the DOT. In 1994, Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, former speaker of the House of Representatives, died in Boston at age 81.

Ten years ago: The White House announced a shuffling of U.S. military leaders in the Iraq war. Adm. William Fallon ended up replacing Gen. John Abizaid (AB'-ih-zayd) as top U.S. commander in the Middle East; Army Lt. Gen. David Petraeus (peh-TRAY'-uhs) succeeded Gen. George Casey as top American general in Iraq; Casey replaced retiring Gen. Peter Schoomaker (SKOO'-may-kur) as Army chief of staff. Five years ago: Speaking at the Pentagon, President Barack Obama launched a reshaping and shrinking of the military, vowing to preserve U.S. pre-eminence even as the Army and Marine Corps shed troops and the administration considered reducing its arsenal of nuclear weapons.

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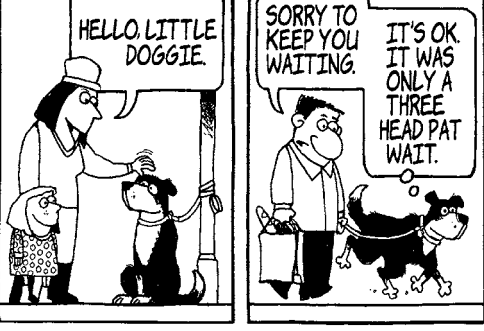
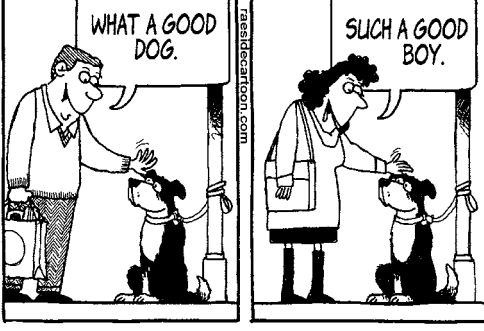
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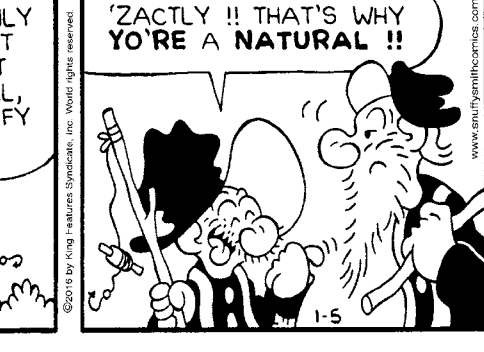
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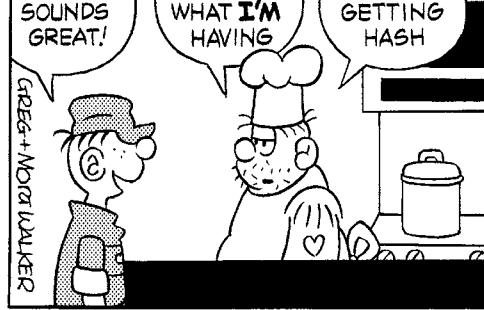
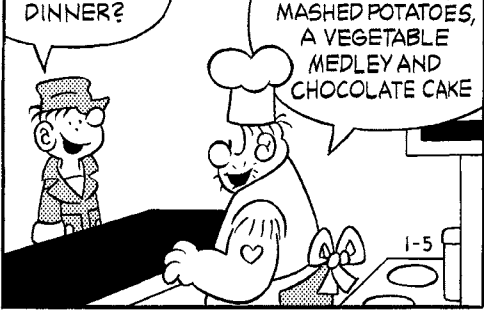
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Parent's Corner: Spilled milk

As we enter a new year, we recall many of the memories of days and years past, and most of them are good memories. Some are stories that have happened in our own lives and some are those we have read and enjoy remembering.

I remembered a revision of a story by Leo Tolstoy. The message of this story is still vivid and inspiring even though the Russian flavor has been removed. The original title is: The Grandfather and the Grandson.

The revised story is called: The Wooden Bowl. It goes like this:

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year old grandson. The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered.

The family ate together each night at the dinner table, but the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Certain foods, like peas or corn rolled off his spoon onto the floor and when he

grasped his glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth. The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess.

"We must do something about father," said the son. "I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor."

So the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner. Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl. When the family glanced in Grandfather's direction, sometimes he had a tear in his eye as he sat there, all alone.

Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food. The four-year-old watched it all in silence. One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor.

He asked the child sweetly, "What are you making?" Just as sweetly, the boy responded, "Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food in when I grow up." The four-year-old smiled and went back to work.

The words so struck the parents

so that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done. That evening the husband took Grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table.

For the remainder of his days he ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.

I know that this is just a story, but it certainly has a message; no matter what happens, how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow. I've learned that I can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles four things: a rainy day, the elderly, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights. I've learned that, regardless of our relationship with our parents, we'll miss them when they're gone from our life.

I've learned that making a 'living' is not the same thing as making a 'life. I've learned that life sometimes



gives you a second chance. I've learned that I shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; I need to be able to throw something back. I've learned that if I pursue happiness, it will elude me, but if I focus on family, friends, the needs of others, my work and doing the very best I can, happiness will find me.

I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision. I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one. I've learned that every day, I should reach out and touch someone; people love that human touch — holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back. I've also learned that I still have a lot to learn.

Darrell Ryan is the Big Spring ISD director of school safety



DARRELL RYAN

Teacher improves education at home and abroad

By MARY NEWPORT

The Facts

ANGLETON, TX — A swarm of eager second-graders pressed together in front of the television in Sabrina Montelongo's room in Central Elementary, waving and smiling. From the other side of the Atlantic, first-grade teacher Jodie Moore waved back.

Moore was on a mission trip to Bulgaria, an experience she wanted to share with students, which she did through the Dec. 16 video chat.

"The December 2016 trip was three-fold for me. First, I went to help distribute Operation Christmas Child boxes from Samaritan's Purse," she said. "Second, I spoke to and consulted with teachers and administrators concerning their current and future needs integrating special needs students into public and private education."

The third step was Skyping first-, second-, fourth- and fifth-grade classes at Central Elementary to share her experiences with them. As she shared information about the climate and culture around her, students were encouraged to ask questions about Bulgaria and share their observations about what they saw through Moore's Skype feed. Teachers also integrated the experience into their lesson plans.

"The teachers pulled up the world map on the Chromebooks

and discussed how far Bulgaria is from us in miles/hours and looked up the various places I went to discover traditions, climate, landforms and everyday customs," Moore said. "The teachers also will be using this experience in the future for writing prompts, science investigations and social studies research."

The call sparked a lot of enthusiasm, especially when Moore asked two passersby to talk to the class. They said hello and taught the kids how to say a few phrases in Bulgarian. The interaction turned out to be a hit with the class.

"We learned how to speak in Bulgarian and see snow that they showed us," 7-year-old Zyadrian Cooks said.

The snow, along with Moore's frosty breath, astonished the students. Moore said most of the Texas kids have never experienced how cold it gets in a place like Bulgaria, so the abundance of winter gear and snowfall fascinated them.

"We can see where she is and how cold it is," said Kirstyn Worman, 8. "We got to see how Bulgaria people speak and how cold it is."

Ethan Do said the Skype session made him want to travel, just like Moore. The 8-year-old moved to Angleton from Vietnam, so he's done a fair bit of globe-trotting

already, but he said seeing other people travel makes him want to go again.

"I probably want to go to Japan," he said. "I saw in TV they said that it's a lot of fun."

Moore's journey was fun, but it also served an important purpose. The trip was arranged by the Gulf Coast Baptist Association, an organization of churches working together on missions. Donald Hintze, executive director of missions, organizes mission trips to Bulgaria and other places based on local needs. This time that meant sending instructors with experience in special needs education.

"What we try to do is exchange information on what works and what doesn't work, and they are doing a really good job," Hintze said. "(Moore) talks about classroom techniques and how to help parents cope with special needs children. They gobble up everything we have and ask all kinds of questions. Some places are in very good shape, but it's not uniform across the region. Some places need more help."

Volunteers such as Moore are willing to give that help, and if they inspire a few kids from home along the way, that's exactly the kind of side effect they like.

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Meal prices to increase at BSISD

The Big Spring Independent School District will be increasing the price of a student lunch from \$2.70 per meal to \$2.80 cents per meal.

The increase is in response to a Texas Department of Agriculture mandated minimum student lunch price of \$2.78. The minimum price was rounded up to \$2.80 to simplify change making and thereby expedite lunch delivery procedures. The \$2.80 student lunch price will begin on Monday.

HSWCD poster contest

The Howard Soil & Water Conservation District is sponsoring its annual poster and essay contests.

This year's contest theme is "We All Need Trees".

Winners are invited to a banquet in their honor. The top two winners will be sent on to area and state competitions.

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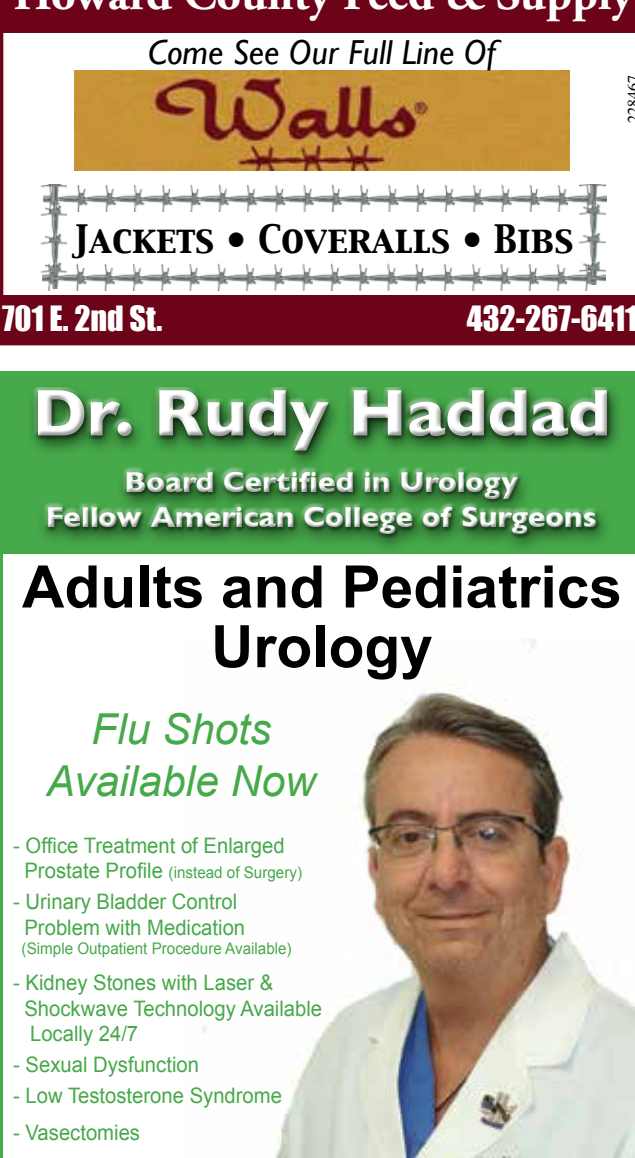
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