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HC Theater Department performs 'A Christmas Carol' at Luminaria

By **CINDY PINCH**
 Staff Writer

Howard College hosted their annual event, Luminaria on Thursday, Nov. 21 in the Hall Center for the Arts. The event allowed children the opportunity to write letters to and take photos with Santa. The cheerleaders were among the students who helped with the event. In conjunction with Luminaria, the theater department performed Charles' Dickens' A Christmas Carol. Theater director, Dan Evers, introduced the show as a gift to the community. And what a gift it was.



HERALD photo/Cindy Pinch
The Howard College Theater Dept. performed 'A Christmas Carol' at this year's Luminaria - the college's gift to the community.

The audience was greeted by a quartet singing Christmas carols. Two students

from the music department also accompanied the carolers with their instruments. The seats were arranged to

allow for actors to utilize the aisles during the play. This gave the audience a feel as if they were a part of the performance.

The performance was filled with good humor and music. From dancing a jig with Fezziwig or scaring Ebenezer with Jacob Marley, the cast didn't miss a beat. The students had performed the play for elementary students earlier in the day before performing at Luminaria. Despite multiple performances, the cast had high energy that was felt by the audience.

A Christmas Carol is a timeless story that has been performed countless times in the last 176 years since it

December has arrived, the year is almost over

By **ANNA GUTIERREZ**
 Staff Writer

December is the first month of winter and the last month of the year. Whether you say, "Merry Christmas," or "Happy Holidays," December is definitely a time of celebration. Although Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa are some of the major holidays in December, did you know there are many other events taking place during the month? Let's take a look at some of what's happening.

Although not a celebration, December 1 is World AIDS Awareness Day and also kicks off World AIDS Month. This day began in 1988 as a way to bring awareness to the HIV epidemic and to speak out against the stigma of having HIV. Since 1981, more than 700,000 Americans have lost their lives to HIV and AIDS. Today, more than 1.1 million Americans are living with HIV, and there are about 40,000 Americans with new diagnoses every year. Although this is a great decline of the spread of the disease from its peak, without intervention and education, that number will tend to increase. New medications and therapies have made living with HIV not be the death sentence it once

was, but much more research and testing is needed to eradicate this disease.

December is the month in which we recognize Bingo's Birthday. The popularity of Bingo has decreased over the years, especially with the invention of electronic video games. Bingo was invented probably as early as the 1500s in Italy. It moved to France in the 1700s, and arrived in North America around 1929. The game became popular among Catholic churches when a priest thought it would be a good way to raise money for the church. Today, Bingo is still played in Bingo halls across the country.

December is the month in which basic human rights are recognized, not just in the United States, but around the globe, with National Human Rights Month and Universal Human Rights Month. This is a time where everyone, all over

the world, is encouraged to stand up for equality, justice and dignity of all human beings. In 1948, the United Nations drafted and proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a common standard of achievement for everyone around the world to establish

fundamental human rights. This declaration has been translated into over 500 languages and can be found on the United Nations website.

From December 1 through 24, we recognize Operation Santa Paws. Shelters and rescue organizations are over-run with animals. For many of us, our pets become members of our families, but for many, pets are disposable. Here in

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Big Spring Herald's Christmas Countdown

Piper says "Only 23 Days 'til Christmas!"
 (Piper Moore, Daughter of Vanna Gaston)

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Smith captures inspiration, beauty in churchouse

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor



Courtesy photo/Bruce Schooler
Kay Smith poses with her painting of the San Patricio Catholic Church, while it was on display at the most recent art show at Hoawrd College.

When looking for inspiration an artist doesn't have to look very hard when traveling through New Mexico. Local Big Spring Artist Kay Smith, found her inspiration in the San Patricio Catholic Church.

While the original painting was the result of an assignment, the inspiration she has received from that little church house continues years later.

"The lighting in New Mexico is unlike that of any other state," Kay Smith said. "The color contrasts are breathtaking."

The initial visit was part of a painting workshop Smith was attending in Ruidoso, and the visit to the church was part of their excursion. While visiting the church and searching for her spot to set up her painting supplies, she ventured inside the church.

"There was a plaque inside on the floor saying that it was the oldest Catholic

Church. You can feel the history in the building, from the worn pews to the yellow blossoms that surrounded the windows," Smith said.

Since her original visit a few years ago, Kay Smith has ventured back a couple of times. While the church house is still standing, its presence is hidden.

"You used to be able to see it from the roadway, but with the new road being built, if you don't know where you are going, you won't notice the church is even there," she said. "The beauty is still there."

While Smith has captured the beauty of the one room church house through her artwork, she has also captured a few photos which reflect the beauty just as much as her paintings.

"The nostalgia of the building is something I wanted to capture. I wanted to make sure people knew about this little church, the history of it," Smith said.

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Obituaries

Mary Kathryn Hammon



Mary Kathryn Hammon passed away on Nov. 25, 2019, in Port Arthur, Texas. She was born in Denison, Texas, in 1933, to Sam and Sylvia Frazier. Mary had an older brother, Carl Raymond Frazier (deceased) and a younger brother, Don Frazier (deceased). Mary and her brothers had a wonderful childhood and were well-loved. Mary had many lifelong friends, and she lived most of her life in Big Spring, Texas. She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church for decades.

Mary met Loyd, her husband of 64 years, who predeceased her in 2014, at L&H Drugstore in Odessa. They were married on June 4, 1950.

Mary touched many lives as a daughter, sibling, friend, wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

Mary worked in the office of Cosden Oil Company both at the plant and at the downtown office. Her next job was at the Big Spring Education Employee Federal Credit Union, and her last employ-

ment was working for Howard County at the Department of Public Safety.

She loved to travel and read. Mary became so interested in ceramics; she bought her own kiln. She was also very interested in making porcelain dolls and enjoyed her hobby with her friend, Alice Bentley. Mary loved to bake and cook; I'm sure many folks think of Mom at Thanksgiving and Christmas because of her candies and pumpkin logs.

Survivors include her son, Sammy Hammon and wife, Mary, of Port Arthur; two daughters, Glorya Garcia of Lubbock, and Carolyn Johnson and husband, Pat, of Austin; seven grandchildren, Jason Johnson, Ben Johnson and wife, Brenna, Adam Johnson and wife, Amanda, Sara Newton and husband, Nik, John Hammon, Viana Hammon, Jeff Garcia and wife, Lisa; nine great-grandchildren, Emma, Hunter, Adrina, Trysta, Emilie, Gracie, Benji, Jack, and James Henry; and sister-in-law Shirley Frazier of Albuquerque; and numerous nephews and nieces.

We will miss our beautiful mother and will think of her often.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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

Paid Obituary

Chris "Chapo" Chavez



Chris "Chapo" Chavez, 47, of Big Spring died Monday, Nov. 25, 2019. Vigil service was at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Chris was born May 9, 1972, in Big Spring, to Monica Rodriguez Chavez and Andres Chavez. He was a lifetime resident of Big

Spring and was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Chris is survived by his wife, Sandra Silva of Big Spring; one son, Christopher Andrew Chavez II, of Big Spring; father, Andres Chavez of Big Spring; and two sisters, Stacey Chavez of Big Spring, and Belinda Chavez of Austin.

Chris was preceded in death by his mother, Monica Chavez; and one brother, Rupert Ray Chavez.

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

Ramon C. Franco



Ramon C. Franco, 63, died Friday, Nov. 29, 2019. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Ramon was born Jan. 26, 1956, in Big Spring, to Beatrice Chavez Franco and Ramon Contreasas Franco. He was a lifetime resident

of Big Spring. He married Rita Molina in 1973.

Ramon is survived by his wife, Rita Molina Franco of Big Spring; two sons, J. J. Lopez and wife, Michelle of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Eddie Lopez and wife, Claudia of Seagoville; one daughter, Maria Lopez of Dallas; mother, Beatrice of Big Spring; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **ASHLEY NICOLE GARZA**, 24, of 603 S. Ayelsford St., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JANET DARLENE LUJAN**, 62, of 1407 S. Nolan St., Apt. A., was arrested on warrants for failure to appear and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• **IGNASIO SAMUEL CAMACHO**, 42, of 5109 Dawson Rd., was arrested on warrants for evading arrest or detention, and failure to

identify-fugitive giving false information.

• **TREVOR NEAL MCCLUSKEY**, 36, of 803 Atlantic, Coahoma, Texas, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750).

• **STEVE DUANE HECTOR**, 55, of 2107 Williams Rd., was arrested on charges of violating protective order-goes to or near residence, employment or school, and resisting arrest, search or transport.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 600 block of Dallas

St.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 100 block of E. 15th St.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1000 block of S. Scurry St., 1600 block of Lark St., and the 200 block of N.E. 10th St.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 600 block of S. Aylesford St.

• **MISSING ADULT** was reported in the 600 block of N. Runnels St.

Take Note

• Anthony Rivas, local musician, is collecting food for Isaiah 58 Food Pantry. If you would like to donate, please contact Rivas at 432-935-0779, and he will arrange a time to drop off the donations at the food pantry. The food will then be distributed to the less fortunate in our area on Tuesday, Nov. 26. Burgers and hot dogs will be provided that day, and a DJ will be on site for entertainment. Thank you Anthony for doing this for our community.

• Christmas in Coahoma at the Park will take place this year on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 3 to 6:30 p.m. There will be hayrides and caroling, Christmas art projects for kids, free coffee, cocoa, popcorn and cookies. There will also be a special visit from Santa from 3 to 5 p.m. If you would like to enter your house into the Best Decorated House contest, you can pick up an application at City Hall or at the Office of the Justice of the Peace and return

by December 11. The winner will be announced at the park and will receive a yard sign and stocking of goodies.

• VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.

• A fund has been set up in order to assist Brent Fowlkes with medical expenses. Brent is the husband of Ashley Martin Fowl-

kes, CEO of Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union. If you would like more information or would like to make a donation, please stop by the credit union located at 1110 Benton, or call 432-263-8393. Please see the tellers to make a donation. Thank you to everyone for your kindness and support during this difficult time.

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Support Groups

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's 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 be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at 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.

• Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

• Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible?

There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. The next session begins Sept. 3, 2019. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

WEDNESDAY

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

• Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-860

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.

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

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtc-mhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.

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Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 39. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 71. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north in the afternoon.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 38. North wind around 5 mph becoming calm after midnight.

Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 64. Calm wind becoming south around 5 mph in the morning.
Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 71.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 40.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 59.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 37.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 64.
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 44.

(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via forecast.weather.gov)

DECEMBER

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Howard County, we see the results of lack of enforcement of local pet ordinances, and our streets are full of stray cats and dogs. Our local rescue organizations and shelters do as much as they can, but they rely on donations in order to keep their operations running. During these days in December, everyone is encouraged to contact animal shelters and pet rescue operations to make a donation, whether it be food, treats or blankets, or a few dollars out of your wallet. Remember...Adopt! Don't shop!

Some of the foods celebrated during December include National Pear Month and Root Vegetables and Exotic Fruits Month. The U.S. Department of Agriculture proclaimed December as National Pear Month in 2004. You

can celebrate the day by trying a new variety of pears or preparing them in a new way. Pears can be poached in either red or white wine, baked in puff pastry, or just simply fresh paired with wine and cheese. It is uncertain how Root Vegetable and Exotic Fruit Month began, but you should enjoy some of your favorites. Many root vegetables, including potatoes, sweet potatoes and turnips, provide complex carbohydrates, they are high in fiber, and contain lots of vitamins and minerals. Many exotic fruits contain large amounts of antioxidants, vitamins and iron but can be hard to find in the United States. If you're out shopping in a larger city, try finding jackfruit or dragonfruit to recognize this special month.

In addition to these month-long events, the first week of December is also National Influenza week, which is a good time to get

that flu shot, Older Driver Safety Awareness Week, and National Hand Washing Awareness Week. National Pet Suffocation Awareness Week also occurs during this first week in December, and it is a good time to remember the dangers of food packaging. Remember, any type of plastic bag or wrapping is a danger to not only our pets, but also to children.

During the craziness of the Holiday Season, don't forget these other special days that occur during December. It's a good way to get your mind off the hustle and bustle.

Do you have a special day you'd like to share with our readers? Send an email to citydesk@bigspringherald.com, and we'll celebrate with you!

Contact Staff Writer Anna Gutierrez at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

SMITH

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"New Mexico is an often overlooked state, but it holds so much beauty."

She continued, "When I took the pictures of it on that initial trip, I knew I would paint it again some-

day. The church house is just so appealing."

During the most recent Membership Art Show, Smith's painting earned the Memorial Award.

Amanda Duforat is the Managing Editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, email editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

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• Food2Kids will again be providing sack lunches to children in the Big Spring area who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It takes just a couple of hours of your time, and the work is very rewarding. The next sacking event of

this 2019-2020 school year will be Monday, Dec. 2 and Tuesday Dec. 3, and they will continue throughout the year on the first Monday and Tuesday of the month. To volunteer, just show up at Lakeview High School located at 1107 N.W. 7th St., at 5:30 p.m. You can follow their Facebook page for additional information <https://www.facebook.com/food2kids/>.

• O'Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Norman Witcher at 432-413-6663.

• Senior and/or mature adults are invited to come to a dance every first and third Friday each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center, located at 100 Whipkey Drive. Come two-step the evening away, or just mingle with old friends and make new friends. Dances are from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live entertainment. No alcohol or smoking permitted. Cost is \$5 per person.

• Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located

at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month. We meet at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you.

• 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.

• 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 a 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.

• 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.

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CAROL

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was written. There is something about the humbling message of putting others before yourself that will always resound with those who experience the story. The Howard College Theater Department put on an outstanding performance that embodied the heart of the story. It truly was a gift for all those who were able to attend.

Cindy Pinch is a staff writer at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, email reporter@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

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Howard goes 2-0 at Thanksgiving Classic



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Pictured above left: Forward Makayla Thomas shoots a three-pointer against Lamar CC. Pictured above right: Center Tye Perryman shoots a floater in contest against Coastal Bend.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

The Howard Lady Hawks (4-10) had an outstanding showing this past weekend at the Howard Thanksgiving Classic.

On Friday night at the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, Howard was able to come out on top of Lamar Community College 56-52. They followed that performance up on Saturday afternoon with a 64-48 drubbing of the Coastal Bend Lady Cougars at the same location.

"I think when we value the ball, we play a lot better," Lady Hawks head coach Earl Diddle said. "We have a lot more energy, our confidence is a lot better. I was really proud of these last two days. I thought our energy was really good considering the circumstances with electricity being out. Them coming out here and practicing, doing the laundry in our houses... I thought there was a lot of distractions and I thought we overcame a lot."

Since the return of starting center Tye Perryman, the Lady Hawks have found a new groove. The team is rebounding the ball better and gaining control of more offensive possessions.

How does Diddle feel about the return of his starting front-court leader?

"Oh," Diddle exclaimed. "Oh, she helps a lot! I'd be a better coach, with a better record. I thought she really battled and she's a presence in there."

ter and 4 points in the third.

The Lady Hawks followed up their strong second frame with an impressive group showing to begin the second half. By the beginning of the final quarter, Howard was on cruise control on the way to their third win in their past four games.

Following an extremely slow start to the season, Diddle seems to have made adjustments to his rotation and game-plans that should continue to help the Lady Hawks level of play in the future.

With a head-to-head matchup with No. 2-ranked South Plains College (10-0) coming up this week, the Lady Hawks will have a solid barometer to see just how much they have improved over the course of the season.

"South Plains is probably the best team in the country," Diddle said.

The Lady Hawks will continue to improve and see how they fare against a top-tier opponent for their toughest game of the season to date.

UP NEXT: Howard will play host to undefeated South Plains on Wednesday at 5:45 P.M.

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Watson throws 3 TDs, catches another; Texans top Pats 28-22

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Deshaun Watson has long admired Tom Brady for his talent and resilience.

He beat him Sunday night by not only throwing touchdown passes, but by catching one, too.

"I told them I'm an athlete ... the longer you play in this league," he said. "So I can do it all."

Watson threw three touchdown passes and had the first TD reception of his career, and the Houston Texans frustrated Brady in a 28-22 victory over the New England Patriots.

Texans coach and former Patriots assistant Bill O'Brien got his first win in six tries against New England coach Bill Belichick. It was Houston's second win over the Patriots and first since Jan. 3, 2010.

Watson had 234 yards passing and threw touchdown passes of 14, 13, and 35 yards as Houston (8-4) built a 21-3 lead against New England's vaunted defense.

"This is pretty big just because it's Brady," Watson said. "I was 0-2 against him and who knows when he's going to hang it up. That's my role model, a guy that's been doing it forever, over 20 years ... so it's pretty awesome to finally get one."

Brady completed two of his three TD passes in the final 4 minutes to pull within six. A Patriots (10-2) player got a hand on Jake Bailey's onside kick attempt with 50 seconds remaining, but the ball bounced out of bounds.

"There's really not a whole lot to say here," Belichick said. "The Texans did a good job tonight, across the board, in every area. They were just better than we were."

James White had a 12-yard reception for New England's first touchdown late in the third quarter, but Watson grabbed the first reception of his career on a flip from DeAndre Hopkins on a trick play with about 10 minutes left to make it 28-9. Watson took the snap and handed off to Duke Johnson,

and he gave the ball to Hopkins on a reverse to the right. Hopkins tossed to Watson on an option near the sideline, and Watson dove into the end zone for a 6-yard score.

The Patriots entered needing a win to be the first AFC team to clinch a playoff spot after Oakland's loss to Kansas City earlier in the day. Instead, they struggled to sustain drives, and Brady often looked upset on a night he was 24 of 47. He threw an interception and was sacked three times, hit on 12 other occasions and was seen yelling at his receivers on the sideline after a drive with several incompletions in the first half. He finished with 326 yards.

"Execution," Brady said. "Just got to do a better job, and it's tough to get behind and come back. Just put ourselves in a pretty deep hole and you can't do that on the road."

New England dealt with a flu bug this week that swamped the locker room and left two players inactive Sunday.

Brady connected with White again with about four minutes left, but the 2-point conversion failed to leave New England down 28-15. The Patriots attempted an onside kick after that and Houston recovered but couldn't move the ball and had to punt.

Brady threw a 20-yard pass to Julian Edelman that cut the lead to six with 50 seconds left. But the Patriots couldn't recover a second onside kick and Houston ran out the clock.

There were about seven minutes left in the third quarter when the Patriots went for it on fourth-and-1 and Johnathan Joseph broke up a pass intended for Mohamed Sanu.

On the next drive, Houston had a touchdown reception by Will Fuller called back after a review. It didn't matter much as the Texans got a 35-yard TD on a nearly identical route by Kenny Stills on the next play to push the lead to 21-3.

New England was able to sustain a drive for the first time since its opening possession when White grabbed his 12-yard TD from Brady late in the third. Kai Forbath missed the extra point to leave the Pa-

trials down 21-9. Forbath was signed on Friday to replace Nick Folk, who was released after having an emergency appendectomy.

The Patriots led 3-0 after a field goal on their first drive. The Texans had to punt on their first possession but got the ball back three plays later when Bradley Roby jumped a route and intercepted Brady. Roby, who also had a sack, returned after missing the last five games with a hamstring injury.

Houston cashed in on the miscue when Watson connected with Johnson on a 14-yard TD pass to make it 7-3 late in the first quarter. It is Watson's fifth game this season with at least three touchdown passes, which is tied for most in the NFL.

The Texans padded the lead when they capped a 13-play, 88-yard drive with a 13-yard touchdown reception by Darren Fells.

INJURIES

PATRIOTS: OL Marcus Cannon left in the third quarter with an illness. ... C Ted Karras injured his knee in the third quarter and didn't return.

TEXANS: RB Taiwan Jones left in the third quarter with a hamstring injury and didn't return.

HOPKINS THE QB

Hopkins had previously attempted two passes in his career — an interception and an incompleting. He was feeling pretty good about himself after his TD toss to Watson and had this to say when asked to rate himself as a QB.

"I would give myself a 10, 11, maybe, because I took a hit just to get it to him," Hopkins said with a smile.

WATSON IN PRIME TIME

Watson has 21 touchdowns and just three interceptions in eight night games in his career.

"He's come up big in important games throughout his life: high school, Clemson, Houston," O'Brien said. "He's a great guy to coach. He's got great poise."

UP NEXT

Patriots: Host Kansas City next Sunday.

Texans: Host Denver next Sunday.

Heisman winner, former coach Pat Sullivan dies at 69

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Pat Sullivan, the 1971 Heisman Trophy winner at Auburn who went on coach TCU and Samford, has died. He was 69.

Sullivan's family released a statement saying he "died peacefully at home" Sunday morning, surrounded by relatives. The former quarterback was diagnosed with throat cancer in 2003 and the statement said he "fought a long and difficult battle as a result of his treatments."

Sullivan was a College Football Hall of Famer who played four seasons with the NFL's Atlanta Falcons, wrapping up his playing career in 1976 with the Washington Redskins and San Francisco 49ers.

He was on the search committee when Auburn hired coach Gus Malzahn.

"We are deeply saddened by the passing of Pat Sullivan, one of Auburn's all-time greats on and off the field," Malzahn said. "I will forever be indebted to

Coach Sullivan for helping bring me back to Auburn to serve as the head football coach.

"He was a friend, mentor and a man of great character who was beloved by many generations of Auburn fans."

Sullivan began coaching at Samford in 2007 and stepped down in December 2014, citing health issues.

He went on to serve as special advisor to the president for campus and community development.

"Coaching is a grind. Right now I need more balance in my life," Sullivan said in announcing his resignation. "I need to pay more attention to my health and I want to spend more time with (wife) Jean, my children and grandchildren. I owe that to them. But I'm not done working and I'm not leaving Samford."

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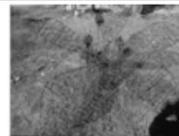
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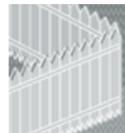
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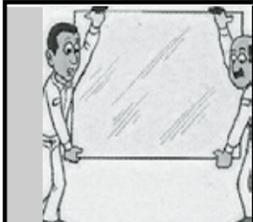
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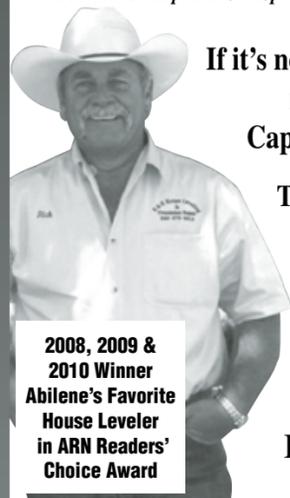
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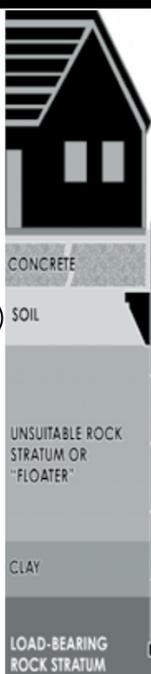
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My doctor says that I'm in much better shape than I was when I was smoking cigarettes. My husband says that he and our children are extremely grateful that I managed to quit. I have way more energy, and I no longer cough in my sleep, which I used to do all the time when I smoked cigarettes.

However, now I'm hearing that vaping is causing health problems, and I am really scared. In fact, I have been thinking about going back to cigarettes.

Because of the news, I have been reading a great deal about vaping, and my understanding is that the vaping itself is not the problem, since it has been popular for a number of years and legions of smokers from around the world have been vaping without problems. From what I can tell, the people who have suffered lung ailments and other health issues from

vaping were victims of black-market liquids for either nicotine or marijuana.

I really don't want to take up cigarettes again. But our state is considering banning vaping, and I feel like they will force me back to cigarettes. If the illnesses were caused by black-market products, and if vaping is made illegal, won't we have even more black-market products?

I am turning to you for advice, but please don't tell me to stay away from cigarettes if I don't have the alternative of vaping. Why can't vaping be legal but regulated? -- Quitting Cigarettes

Dear Quitting Cigarettes: First, congratulations on quitting smoking cigarettes. You should be commended for sticking with it. Second, some states have banned the sale of flavored vaping products but not vaping itself. These states are doing this to combat the growing number of teenagers who have been attracted to vaping.

Vaping is being studied very carefully because of the illnesses, and deaths, that have been attributed to it -- whether it is the vaping itself or contaminated liquids. As this is such a new development, there is a lot of misinformation out there. Have a frank conversation

with your doctor about your concerns before taking any drastic actions. Focus on your feet rather than your fear.

Dear Annie: I would like to thank you for responding to my recent letter about my husband's "wandering eye." By expressing my frustrations on paper, it helped me realize that my concerns should not be so worrisome. I am trying not to be that green-eyed monster. And your wise comments affirming my sentiments gave me the confidence to calmly and rationally confront my husband, "Craig," about the main issue, and to put it into perspective because he took my comments seriously. -- Formerly Aggravated

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Opening lead — nine of hearts.

China won its first Venice Cup in Sao Paulo in 2009, comfortably defeating an American team for the world title in the 96-deal final. The margin for the Chinese women was 72 IMPs, including a 16-IMP carry-over from their win over the U.S. team in an earlier round-robin match during the qualifying stage.

In the final, the victorious Chinese displayed superior judgment in many key situations. Today's deal, which occurred just past the midway point of the final, produced a big gain for the new world champions.

Both Easts opened four hearts, and both Souths ended up in five spades. In the auction shown, Beth Palmer, West for the U.S., doubled and led the nine of hearts. Wang Wenfei won with dummy's ace, led a spade to her ace and conceded a trick to the king. When the diamond finesse succeeded shortly thereafter, declarer had her doubled contract for +650.

At the other table, where Irina Levitina's five-spade contract was not doubled, Wang Hongli elected to lead the ace of clubs. Given that she had seven clubs and her partner had indicated a seven or eight-card suit for her four-heart bid, it was not unreasonable to hope that East had a singleton or void in clubs.

After leading the ace, she continued with a second club, ruffed by East. West still had to score the spade king, so South was down one, giving the Chinese a total pickup of 700 points, or 12 IMPs, on the deal.

Tomorrow: Eliminating the luck factor.

SUDOKU

3		8	7		6			
4	1							
		1	9					2
1	3	6				2	7	
7	8		5				4	
9								3
5			3					8
6				8	7			9
	9			6	3	5		

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

4	9	8	9	1	7	8	6	2
6	2	7	8	5	4	3	1	9
8	1	9	6	2	8	7	7	9
3	8	1	2	7	9	5	4	6
9	7	6	1	8	9	2	8	7
9	7	2	7	8	6	9	3	1
2	8	7	9	6	1	7	9	8
2	6	8	6	9	2	1	9	7
1	9	5	8	7	4	8	6	3

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Jupiter Changes Suit

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your days are always evolving to reflect your values and concerns and vice versa. Take a mindful moment to consider how well your current situation is working to both satisfy and challenge you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). All achievements have a price. Often it's in the ballpark of the anticipated price, though the currencies can be difficult to predict. You can have a thing only if and when you give what it takes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You seek conversations that facilitate understanding. You don't wish to talk out of a need to be heard or acknowledged. Instead, you share to open the way for the other person to do the same so that you might learn a little more.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Even though you think it might be a bit of a hassle having a human interaction, do not choose the computerized nonhuman option if you can help it. Those little exchanges and niceties are key to your well-being.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Whether you're sorting

Tomorrow's Horoscope

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through an intellectual conundrum or getting into the nit-gritty hands-on of discovery, curiosity and interest will be the true motivation for your work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The way you feel about a past situation is having a negative impact on your current life. Letting it go is not about the other person; it's about you having a better life because you're no longer hung up on this.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have the power to change, in that you have the raw fuel for it. However, it takes more than energy to evolve in the direction you'd like to. You need a plan. What obstacles are likely to block you, and how will you surmount them?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Readiness will

have to do with feeling good about your choice and also with having an idea about what other options are available. Give some thought to how you might quickly switch it up if you need to.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Think of today like a city bus ride. It may take a while to get there. You may not be able to choose your company. There will be plenty of stops. And you can be reasonably certain that you will all get where you're going.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). With a big lucky planet rushing into your realm, it feels like you need to clear out some space to make way for what's to come. Move such things as clutter, money and habits, and spiritual energy will move in.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Stay focused on doing your best with this day and limit the amount of time you allow yourself to think about other days to only as long as it takes to make a brief and broad strokes plan.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Balance always depends on the right combination of strength and fluidity. The principle is reflected in your schedule today, with immobile pillars you keep sacred offset by hours that flow with the moment's demands.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 2). There's a rhythm to being you, and it's about to get just a little crisper as excitement stirs around one of your favorite activities. Making time to do more of what you love gives more intentionality to the rest because you must be more efficient and purposeful to accommodate the influx of new people and activities. Capricorn and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 10, 3, 33 and 27.

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5:30 PM	Big 2 ABC	Noticiero	Broke Girl Mom	CBS 7	Tele Noticias	News	Christ	Over Business	Flintstone	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Monday Night Countdown	SportsCenter	Texans	Texans	(4:59) Chicago P.D.		Street Out-laws: Full
6:30 PM	News	Amor eterno	Big Bang	CBS 7	Caso cerrado (SS)	News	Families	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	NFL Football: Minnesota Vikings at Seattle Seahawks.	College Basketball: Miami at Illinois.	College Football: Oklahoma at Oklahoma State.	WWE Monday Night RAW	Chicago P.D.		Street Out-laws: Full
7:30 PM	The Great Christmas Light Fight	Ringo	9-1-1 (DVS)	Rudolph, Red-Nosed	El suñán (SS)	The Voice	News	Aretha Franklin Remembered	Andy G.	All American	Fam. Guy	Movie: Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 (DVS)	College Basketball					Diesel Brothers
8:30 PM	The Good Doctor	El dragón	FOX 24 News at 9	Bull	El Señor de los	(:01) Making It	Light of Southwest	Heroes	Seinfeld	American								Street Out-laws
9:30 PM	Big 2	Noticiero	TMZ	CBS 7	Tele	News	News	Amanpour-Co	C. Burnett	black-ish	Conan	Movie: Battleship, Rihanna (DVS)	SportsCenter W/Van Pelt	Football Final	Cowboys	Mod Fam	(:04) Garth Brooks: The Road I'm On	Diesel Brothers
10:30 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Contacto	Mod Fam	Late Show-Colbert	Titulares	Tonight Show	Words of House	Antiques Roadshow	Perry Mason	black-ish	Seinfeld			Who's In?	Fight Sports: Boxing	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Street Out-laws
11:30 PM	Nightline	Deportivo	Funny	James Corden	El Señor de los	Seth Meyers	Zion	Antiques Roadshow	Hitchock	Live PD	Misery		NFL Rewind	SportsCenter		Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Street Out-laws
12:30 AM	Extra	Destilando amor	Two Men	Holly	Late-Lilly	Creation	Light of Southwest	Independent Lens	Mannix	Cops	Jokers	Movie: Mission: Impossible II, Thandie		CFB 150	Women's College Basketball	NCIS: Los Angeles	(:04) Garth Brooks: The Road I'm On	Diesel Brothers
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ONE BIG HAPPY



NEST HEAD



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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Monday, Dec. 2, the 336th day of 2019. There are 29 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 2, 1859, militant abolitionist John Brown was hanged for his raid on Harpers Ferry the previous October.

On this date:

In 1816, the first savings bank in the United States, the Philadelphia Savings Fund Society, opened for business.

In 1823, President James Monroe outlined his doctrine opposing European expansion in the Western Hemisphere.

In 1942, an artificially created, self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction was demonstrated for the first time at the University of Chicago.

In 1954, the U.S. Senate passed, 67-22, a resolution condemning Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., saying he had "acted contrary to senatorial ethics and tended to bring the Senate into dishonor and disrepute."

In 1957, the Shippingport Atomic Power Station in Pennsylvania, the first full-scale commercial nuclear facility in the U.S., began operations. (The reactor ceased operating in 1982.)

In 1969, the Boeing 747 jumbo jet got its first public preview as 191 people, most of them reporters and photographers, flew from Seattle to New York City.

In 1970, the newly created Environmental Protection Agency opened its doors under its first director, William D. Ruckelshaus.

In 1980, four American churchwomen were raped and murdered in El Salvador. (Five national guardsmen were convicted in the killings.)

In 1982, in the first operation of its kind, doctors at the University of Utah Medical Center implanted a permanent artificial heart in the chest of retired dentist Dr. Barney Clark, who lived 112 days with the device.

In 1990, composer Aaron

Copland died in North Tarrytown, New York, at age 90.

Actor Bob Cummings died in Woodland Hills, California, at age 80.

In 1993, Colombian drug lord Pablo Escobar was shot to death by security forces in Medellin (meh-deh-YEEN').

In 2015, a couple loyal to Islamic State opened fire at a holiday banquet for public employees in San Bernardino, California, killing 14 people and wounding 21 others before dying in a shootout with police.

Ten years ago: A day after President Barack Obama announced plans to deploy 30,000 more troops in Afghanistan, leading congressional Democrats said they had serious misgivings but would not try to stop the deployments. Republicans said they supported the force increase even as they questioned Obama's July 2011 deadline to start bringing troops home.

Tiger Woods issued a statement saying he'd let his family down with "transgressions" that he regretted "with all of my heart," and that he would deal with his personal life behind closed doors.

Five years ago: Israel's divided government fell apart as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu fired two rebellious Cabinet ministers and called for a new election more than two years ahead of schedule. Islamic militants killed 36 quarry workers in northern Kenya who they believed were non-Muslims.

One year ago: Israeli police recommended indicting Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on bribery charges, adding to a growing collection of legal troubles for the longtime leader.

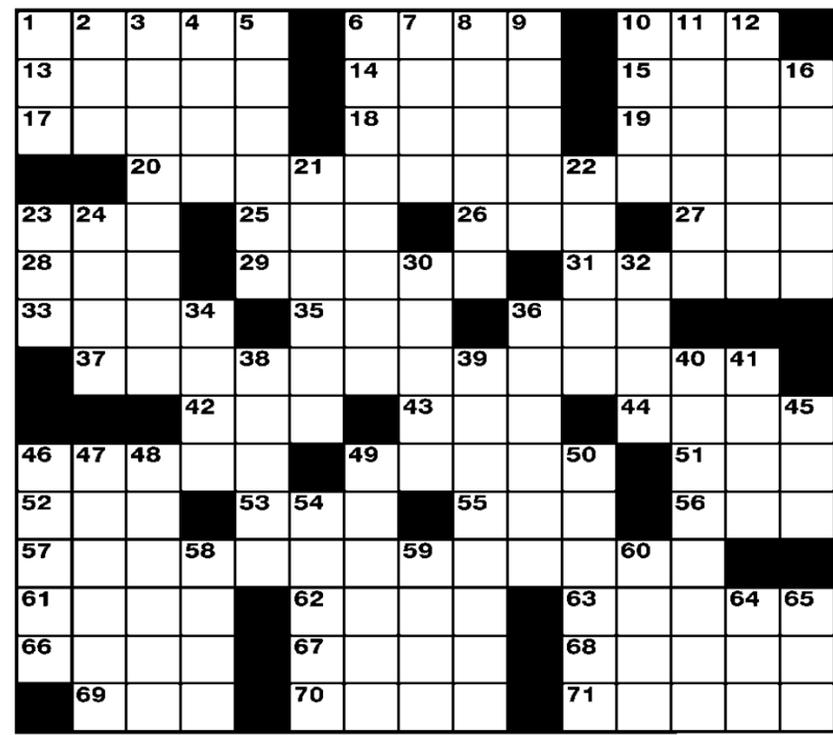
Today's Birthdays: Former Attorney General Edwin Meese III is 88. Former Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., is 80.

Actress Cathy Lee Crosby is 75. Movie director Penelope Spheeris is 74. Actor Ron Raines is 70. Country singer John Wesley Ryles is 69. Actor Keith Szarabjka is 67. Actor Dan Butler is 65. Broadcast journalist Stone Phillips is 65. Actor Dennis Christopher is 64. Actor Steven Bauer is 63.

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Lowest face cards in poker
 - 6 "Polka" clothing designs
 - 10 Speedometer measure: Abbr.
 - 13 Up ___ (cornered)
 - 14 ___ of measure (pound or quart)
 - 15 Nest-egg savings plans: Abbr.
 - 17 Intended
 - 18 "Simple Simon ___ pieman . . ."
 - 19 Actor Robert De ___
 - 20 Where a quarterback works
 - 23 Toward the rear, on a ship
 - 25 Minor untruth
 - 26 "Electric" fish
 - 27 Briny body of water
 - 28 ___ Baba and the Forty Thieves
 - 29 Has the opinion
 - 31 Legal advisors: Abbr.
 - 33 Back part of a sock
 - 35 Clever like a fox
 - 36 What's in an auto tire
 - 37 Where a tag-team match takes place
 - 42 Prefix meaning "recent"
 - 43 Partner of neither
 - 44 Dinner or breakfast
 - 46 Stone artisan
 - 49 Long-legged marsh bird
 - 51 Pub beverage
 - 52 "___ we there yet?"
 - 53 Dad's lad
 - 55 "Do ___ favor, please . . ."

- 56 Color of rare steak
 - 57 Where a kicked-ball goal is scored
 - 61 Ballet skirt
 - 62 Two-purpose
 - 63 Judge's written commands
 - 66 Snooty person
 - 67 Guitarist Clapton
 - 68 Any thing of value
 - 69 Physicians: Abbr.
 - 70 Depend (on)
 - 71 Twangy in speech
- DOWN**
- 1 Traffic tie-up
 - 2 Consumed
 - 3 Comparatively cunning
 - 4 Casino number-picking game
 - 5 Ignite, as an explosion
 - 6 Gym weight made of iron
 - 7 ___-day (common vitamin dose)
 - 8 Books' names
 - 9 No longer fresh, as bread
 - 10 Short skirt
 - 11 Sermon deliverer
 - 12 Davidson's motorcycle partner
 - 16 Any carbonated beverages
 - 21 Connects with
 - 22 Stylish manner
 - 23 Ooh and ___
 - 24 Traveled in a plane
 - 30 Being deceitful
 - 32 Quick haircut
 - 34 Jay once of *The Tonight Show*
 - 36 Saw eye to eye
 - 38 Touch or hearing
 - 39 Usual situation
 - 40 Barely avoided accident
 - 41 High wind
 - 45 Was first on a trail
 - 46 Ship's poles
 - 47 Just ___ the corner (close by)
 - 48 Military zone
 - 49 Make certain of
 - 50 Republic of China
 - 54 Make a request of a waiter
 - 58 Baby bears
 - 59 Tip of a kite
 - 60 ___ Major (bear constellation)
 - 64 Beverage brewed from bags
 - 65 Arch city in Mo.



Answer to previous puzzle
WITCHCRAFT ACTS
ONECALORIE TOOT
ODDSMAKERS BUDA
EID SUE ETHANOL
DAYS DRDOLITTLE
TAE IPAD RIM
MISER SLAB PISA
INEED TEL BRETT
AGAR TOMS MASSE
MES FARM KIM
INNERPEACE SETH
DEADAIR ABE FAA
ARID NONPAREILS
DALI TOURBILLION
ELSE OMNISCIENT