

Obituaries

Clara M. York



Clara M. York, 96, of Coahoma, died Saturday, Dec. 24, 2016 in a local hospital. Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2016 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Clara was born Oct. 15, 1920 in Lucca, Italy to Sam and Fanny Gregori.

She married W. A. York, a serviceman stationed there during World War II, June 6, 1949 in Fort Benton, Montana. They lived several places around the world including Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring, Texas, while W.A. was in the Air Force. When he retired, they moved back to Big Spring and lived between Texas and Montana for the rest of their days. He preceded her in death February 25, 2001.

She was a faithful member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish and volunteered for the Hospital in Great Falls, Montana.

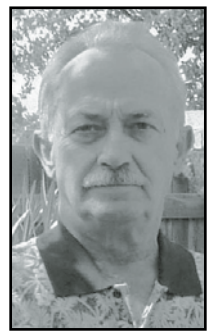
Clara is survived by two daughters, Joyce Baumann and husband, Jeff of Big Spring, and Carla Brant of Coahoma; two granddaughters, Janis Bushman and husband, Gavin of Montana, and Maggie Pietsek and husband, Caleb of Odessa; and five great grandchildren, Gregg Bushman, Riley Thompson, Raven Taylor, Jade Taylor, and Keylee Pietsek.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a grandson, John Thompson; one sister, Inez Slonaker; and two brothers, Lando Gregori, and Fr. Anthony Gregori.

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

Paid obituary

Larry R. Miller



Larry R. Miller, 69, of Midland, died Saturday, Dec. 24, 2016 in a Big Spring nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2016 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with Dr. Randy Cotton officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

He was born August 15, 1947 in Big Spring, and married Marie Strickland May 28, 1968 in Big Spring.

Larry graduated from Big Spring High School in 1965 and from Howard College in 1967. He received his Bachelor of Pharmacy degree in 1970 from Southwestern State University in Weatherford, Oklahoma. He returned to Big Spring in 1970

and became a partner in Carver's Pharmacy, and in 1974 he and Vic Keys became the owners. Larry served on the Big Spring City Council from 1979 to 1986 and also served as a reserve police officer for a number of years. In 1996 he sold the pharmacy and moved to Midland. He worked at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa for 14 years, retiring in 2009. He enjoyed playing golf, and hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Marie Miller of Midland; two daughters, Carol Jeter and husband, Steve and Meredith Burgess and husband, Tommy all of Midland; one son, Shane Miller of Big Spring; and five grandchildren, Presley Miller, Danielle Jeter, Jensen Jeter, Breeana Jeter and Tyler Burgess.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roger and Ellen Miller.

The family suggests memorials to a charity of your choice.

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Helen (McMaw) Eggleston



Helen (McMaw) Eggleston, 83, of Big Spring, Texas died on Dec. 26, 2016. The family will be accepting guests from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. Friday followed by funeral services at Myers and Smith Funeral Home at 2 p.m.

Helen was born in Dodd City, Texas on March 26, 1933 to Carl and Lois (Peggy) Young. During her youth, Helen lived in Dodd City, TX, Bonham, Texas, and San Angelo, Texas before settling in Big Spring, Texas. Helen married Wendell (Leo) Eggleston in Lovington, New Mexico, on Dec. 17, 1954. Helen was a member of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Leo Eggleston. She was also preceded in death by

one brother Carl (Sonny) Young and two sisters Jan Statham and June Tucker, and one son, Jim Eggleston.

Helen is survived by three sons and daughter in laws William (Skip) and Joni Eggleston of Houston, Mike and Connie Eggleston of Big Spring, and Robert and Kari Eggleston of Midland. Also surviving are two sisters Doris and husband Hervy McPeck of Marble Falls, Texas, and Wanda (Joy) Johnson of Big Spring, Texas. Also surviving are daughters Ann Peacock and husband Larry of North Richland Hills, Texas, and Dianna Stanford and husband Joe of North Richland Hills, Texas. Also surviving are numerous grandchildren and many great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorials be made to Hospice of Midland, 911 West Texas Avenue, Midland, TX 79701. Arrangements are under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home in Big Spring, TX.

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. 2 and 3 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 ½ 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.

Doris Atkinson Hitch

Doris Atkinson Hitch, 70, of Big Spring died Saturday, Dec. 24, 2016.

Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **JOE AGUILAR TORRES**, 35, of 2601 Barksdale Drive was arrested on warrants for interfering with emergency request for assistance and resisting arrest, search, or transport.

• **LISA NICOLE GOMEZ**, 28, of 212 N Johnson Street was arrested on warrants for disregarding a stop sign, two counts of failure to appear, failure to maintain financial responsibility, two counts of driving with invalid license, and no driver's license when unlicensed.

• **TRACY LEE PATTERSON**, 54, of 3801 County 2 Road was arrested on a charge of criminal trespassing.

• **STEVEN ALLEN SAVELL**, 31, was arrested on five warrants from other agencies.

• **THEFT OF FIREARM** was reported in the 3600 block of W Hwy 80.

• **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 5400 block of Opal Lane.

Support Groups

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.

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

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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Rescuers find flight recorder from Black Sea plane crash

SOCHI, Russia (AP) — Rescue workers on Tuesday found a flight recorder from the Russian plane that crashed into the Black Sea over the weekend, the defense ministry said.

All 92 people aboard the Russian military's Tu-154 plane are believed to have died Sunday morning when it crashed two minutes after taking off from the southern Russian city of Sochi. The 84 passengers included dozens of singers from Russia's world-famous military choir who were going to the Russian Air Force base in Syria to perform at a New Year's concert.

The defense ministry said in a statement that one of the flight recorders was found early Tuesday morning about a mile away from the shore.

State television showed footage of rescue workers on an inflatable boat carrying a container with a bright orange object submerged in water. The ministry said the "black box" would be immediately flown to Moscow. It did not mention whether the flight recorder had sustained any damage.

Officials: US, Russian military talks quietly proving useful

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S.-Russian talks on their

separate fights against the Islamic State group are improving and becoming more frequent, American officials said, with each side trading information in real time and even outlining some of their strategic objectives in the months ahead. The progress dispels the notion that ties between the former Cold War foes are "frozen."

In the discussions, Russia has made clear its counterterrorism priority in Syria is retaking the ancient city of Palmyra, officials said. The U.S. is determined to pressure IS' headquarters in Raqqa.

The closer contacts have developed despite the former Cold War foes' bitter accusations against one another over the devastation in Aleppo and Moscow's claim that

relations are now "frozen on all practical levels."

The confidential military discussions aren't focusing on the two countries' opposing positions in Syria's civil war, where Russia is fighting alongside the government and the United States has backed rebel groups, officials said.

But U.S. officials with knowledge of the ongoing conversations are crediting both sides with putting aside much of the public animosity, which has included Washington's accusations of Russian war crimes in Aleppo and Moscow's charges of American support for terrorist groups such as al-Qaida.

'It was a deception.'

Ex-Somali refugees regret coming home

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — "I was betrayed," lamented Madino Dhurow of her return to Somalia from the world's largest refugee camp, Dadaab, where she lived for 12 years. She said she was assured safety and support back home but she found those promises to be empty.

She is among thousands of Somalis who left the sprawling camp of some 260,000 in neighboring Kenya, sometimes under pressure, after the Nairobi government announced it would close Dadaab, calling it a recruiting ground for Somalia's al-Shabab Islamic extremists and a base for launching attacks.

HISTORIC

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For Abe, it's an act of symbolic reciprocity, coming six months after Obama became the first sitting U.S. president to visit Hiroshima in Japan, where the U.S. dropped an atomic bomb in hopes of ending the war it entered after Pearl Harbor.

"This visit, and the president's visit to Hiroshima earlier this year, would not have been possible eight years ago," said Daniel Kritenbrink, Obama's top Asia adviser in the White House. "That we are here today is the result of years of efforts at all levels of our government and societies, which has allowed us to jointly and directly deal with even the most sensitive aspects of our shared history."

More than 2,300 Americans died on Dec. 7, 1941, when more than 300 Japanese fighter planes and bombers attacked. More than 1,000 others were wounded. In the ensuing years, the U.S. incarcerated roughly 120,000 Japanese-Americans in internment camps before dropping atomic bombs in 1945 that killed some 140,000 people in Hiroshima and 70,000 in Nagasaki.

Abe will not apologize for Pearl Harbor, his government has said. Nor did Obama apologize at Hiroshima in May, a visit that he and Abe used to emphasize their elusive aspirations for a nuclear-free future.

No apology needed, said 96-year-old Alfred Rodrigues, a U.S. Navy veteran who survived what President Franklin D. Roosevelt called a "date which will live in infamy."

"War is war," Rodrigues said as he looked at old photos of his military service. "They were doing

what they were supposed to do, and we were doing what we were supposed to do."

After a formal meeting in the morning, Obama and Abe planned to lay a wreath aboard the USS Arizona Memorial, which is accessible only by boat. Then they'll go to nearby Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, where both leaders will speak.

Abe's visit is not without political risk given the Japanese people's long, emotional reckoning with their nation's aggression in the war. Though the history books have largely deemed Pearl Harbor a surprise attack, Japan's government insisted as recently as this month that it had intended to give the U.S. prior notice that it was declaring war and failed only because of "bureaucratic bungling."

"There's this sense of guilt, if you like, among Japanese, this 'Pearl Harbor syndrome,' that we did something very unfair," said Tamaki Tsukada, a minister in the Embassy of Japan in Washington. "I think the prime minister's visit will in a sense absolve that kind of complex that Japanese people have."

Since the war, the U.S. and Japan have built a powerful alliance that both sides say has grown during Obama's tenure, including strengthened military ties. Both Obama and Abe were driving forces behind the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a sweeping free trade deal now on hold due to staunch opposition by Congress and President-elect Donald Trump.

Moving beyond the painful legacy of the war has been easier for Japan and the U.S. than for Japan and its other former foes, such as South Korea and China. As Abe arrived in Hawaii, Beijing dismissed as "wishful thinking" the notion that Japan could "liquidate the history of World War II" by visiting Pearl Harbor.

"Japan can never turn this page over without reconciliation from China and other victimized countries in Asia," said Hua Chunying, a Chinese foreign ministry spokeswoman.

As Obama's presidency ends, there are questions about how U.S.-Japan ties will fare under Trump.

During the campaign, Trump suggested that Japan and South Korea should obtain nuclear weapons so the U.S. would no longer be burdened with the costs of defending them, a disquieting notion in many Asian capitals. But after Trump's election, Abe became the first foreign leader to meet with him, sitting down in Trump Tower with the business mogul and Trump's daughter Ivanka.

Though no Japanese prime minister has visited the USS Arizona Memorial, former Japanese leader Shigeru Yoshida visited Pearl Harbor in 1951, six years after Japan surrendered. He stopped there on his way home from signing the San Francisco peace treaty with the U.S. and others, and paid a courtesy visit to the office of Adm. Arthur W.R. Radford.

Other prime ministers have since visited Pearl Harbor and the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, known as Punchbowl.

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Crystal Nichole Ramirez Muniz, 30, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A fund has been set up at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to help the family with funeral expenses.

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According to GasBuddy historical data, gasoline prices on December 27 in Texas have ranged widely over the last five years: \$1.76/g in 2015, \$2.06/g in 2014, \$3.07/g in 2013, \$3.06/g in 2012 and \$3.04/g in 2011.

Areas near Texas and their current gas price climate: Midland

Odessa, \$2.11/g, up 1.9 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.09/g; San Antonio, \$2.01/g, up 3.5 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.97/g; Austin, \$2.05/g, up 3.7 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.01/g.

"While the benchmark West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude closed last week near \$53 per barrel, it's doubtful that we'll see any momentum this week since trading

is generally low volume between Christmas and New Year's Day. Similarly, expect the aggressive escalation that we saw for retail gasoline prices through much of December to stall out in the final week of the year," said Gregg Laskoski, senior petroleum analyst for GasBuddy.

"Overall, the national average price of gas is 28 cents higher than where it was a year ago on this

day and prices in most metros and states across the country are higher too; with the remarkable exception being California whose statewide average today is 13 cents lower than last year and the Los Angeles' average, believe it or not, is 27 cents less than a year ago," Laskoski noted.

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reach my permanent duty station which will not be for another year and a half. It'll be tough to be apart for so long but it's all for the good purpose of serving our country."

Mize and his wife Crystal are eagerly awaiting the arrival of their first child, Ellis.

Organizer of the Big Spring Veterans Families Fund, J. Gale Kilgore,

makes sure a local veteran gets a check more than a handful times out of the year.

"This check from the local American people is another 'thank you' for the veterans and their families for their sacrifices during their service to out country," said Kilgore. "Thank you Big Spring area for giving the money. You know the veterans' families appreciate the check. So again, I thank you people for your donations."

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13-year-old car passenger in San Antonio shot

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio police say a 13-year-old boy riding in the back seat of a car was wounded after being shot by someone in a passing vehicle.

Capt. Michael Starnes tells the San Antonio Express-News that the boy was hit in the neck late Monday night.

Police say the boy, whose name was not released, was listed in stable condition after being taken to a hospital. It was unclear why the people in the other vehicle started shooting. Police say those in the vehicle with the 13-year-old didn't shoot at the other vehicle. Starnes says investigators were not able to recover shell casings because the shooting was from car to car.

Man arrested in knife attack on off-duty Port Arthur officer

PORT ARTHUR, Texas (AP) — Port Arthur police say a man has been arrested after an off-duty officer was attacked with a knife at his home last week.

The Port Arthur News reports police Maj. John Owens said the 41-year-old was arrested Monday and charged with aggravated assault on a public servant.

Police aren't revealing a motive or if the officer knew the suspect. Owens says they're "still gathering evidence and putting it together."

Police say a man knocked on the officer's door Dec. 22 to show him a machete he said was left by the officer's vehicle. Later a second man came to the door and said the machete was his, then attacked the officer with a knife. The officer's hands and arms were wounded.

Texas Rangers investigate death of man in county jail

WEATHERFORD, Texas (AP) — Texas Rangers are investigating the death of a 38-year-old man who died in custody in a county jail 30 miles west of Fort Worth.

Parker County Sheriff Larry Fowler said in a statement Monday that Jesse Andrew Debusk died Saturday after a violent confrontation with guards.

Authorities say that Debusk was booked Friday on outstanding warrants. The statement says that Debusk cursed and became physically violent with guards when they attempted to move him into another cell on Saturday.

The statement says that after Debusk calmed down, officers removed his constraints and left him alone in a cell. Moments later, he was found unresponsive. An ambulance transported Debusk to Weatherford Regional Medical Center where he was pronounced dead.

3 dead after truck collides with bus outside San Antonio

SEGUIN, Texas (AP) — Cibolo Police say three people died early Saturday when a pickup truck collided with a passenger bus near Seguin, about 35 miles east of San Antonio.

The San Antonio Express-News reports that 43-year-old Gloria Gonzales and 34-year-old Matthew Williams, of Seguin, and 26-year-old John Gonzales, of San Antonio, died at the scene of the accident about 4:25 a.m. Saturday.

Police say the three were in the truck heading east on Interstate 10, when it crossed the median and collided with a bus travelling west. Police have not released details of who was driving the truck. All three were ejected from the truck when the crash happened.

Communities work to become age-friendly for residents



A group of people walk along a paved pathway in Bethel, Maine, including John Holliday, fourth from left wearing a red shirt. Bethel is among communities across the United States working to become more age-friendly. Experts said that community efforts to become more age-friendly are gaining momentum, especially as the number of people 65 and older is expected to nearly double by 2050.

DALLAS (AP) — Hundreds of communities around the world — both big and small — are working to make sure people can live there from birth to old age.

Take John Holliday, a 71-year-old rural Maine resident who walks for his health. He uses a paved pathway in Bethel, population 2,600, in the summer. But the winter's cold and ice is a challenge for Holliday, who uses forearm crutches, so he does laps at a private school gym, recently made available for seniors.

Bethel is one of the more than 130 towns, cities and counties across the U.S. that have joined the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities since the program was launched almost five years ago. To join, communities must commit to planning ways to enrich life for their older residents, who are a growing population in the U.S.; the number of people 65 and older is expected to nearly double by 2050.

"We think there are a lot of opportunities to focus on the needs of older adults and in the process make the community better for everyone," said Jana Lynott of the AARP Public Policy Institute.

Such changes often include better infrastructure, such as more accessible sidewalks or transportation options for seniors who don't drive anymore, as well as things to keep seniors socially active, like technology classes.

The Fort Worth City Council approved an age-friendly plan this month. Mayor Betsy Price, who has long focused on fitness, said it was important for her city of about 850,000 get the label.

"I'm 67, I want to be active and be engaged," she said, adding, "Part of aging in place is that people don't get isolated."

A walkability study led to additional sidewalks and ramps in a neighborhood near downtown Fort Worth, which in turn brought out all kinds of people milling about and go-

ing to parks — including mothers with strollers and people in motorized wheelchairs.

"I talk to the neighbors more," said Eva Bonilla, 67, who was inspired to become an AARP volunteer after helping with the study.

In addition to being part of the AARP network, Washington, D.C., has dozens of neighborhoods that are part of the 360-village-plus Village to Village Network, which helps people form support systems to age in place. Those range from neighbors helping each other by running errands or pet-sitting to organizing activities like book clubs and museum visits.

Even people who aren't yet retirement age are thinking ahead and considering such concepts, said the network's executive director, Natalie Galucia.

"I think we're seeing that culture shift a little bit," she said.

The city's programs include one that gives grants to make improvements that will allow people to stay in their homes as they grow older, the city's AARP age-friendly coordinator Gail Kohn said.

In the Macon-Bibb County, Georgia, a community of about 155,000, the revitalization of a park — including restoring a fountain, installing better lighting and benches and putting in traffic roundabouts to slow down drivers — helped make it a place all ages would feel comfortable spending time, said Myrtle S. Habersham, AARP's lead area volunteer. Joining AARP's network means with automatic membership in the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities, which has about 350 cities and communities.

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News in brief

Bills for abortion restrictions pre-filed for 2017 session

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — In the 2017 session, Texas lawmakers plan to bring to the floor several bills that would restrict abortions despite this year's U.S. Supreme Court ruling that found two provisions of state law unconstitutional.

"States like Texas are going to try to continue to push the envelope," Southern Methodist University political science professor Matthew Wilson told the Dallas Morning News (<http://bit.ly/2hnQgZB>). "I don't think legislatures are going to be dissuaded from passing abortion decisions based on existing decisions."

Earlier this month, a federal judge blocked the state's rules mandating burial or cremation of fetal remains from abortions or miscarriages until at least January. A lawsuit filed by the Center for Reproductive Rights and other national advocacy groups argues that the rules serve no medical purpose and are meant to shame women who seek abortions and make it harder for doctors to provide them.

Republican state lawmakers have pre-filed bills ahead of the session, which convenes Jan. 10, that would put similar fetal remains rules into state law, ban a type of late-term abortion that is already illegal under federal law and implement stronger requirements for electronic reporting of abortions by clinics.

John Seago, legislative director for Texas Right to Life, said the anti-abortion group will focus on advocating for bills that save lives, such as a ban on a second-trimester abortion method called dilation and extraction that abortion opponents call "dismemberment abortions."

Rep. Stephanie Klick, a Republican from Fort Worth, says the second-trimester bill is meant to "protect women."

Texas health officials told Planned Parenthood last week that they will boot the organization from the state's Medicaid program come January, fulfilling a promise Gov. Greg Abbott made last year after an anti-abortion group released secretly recorded videos that it claimed showed Planned Parenthood officials profiting from sales of fetal tissue for medical research. Investigations by 13 states concluded without charges of wrongdoing, although a congressional panel is still investigating.

No public funding in Texas is used for abortion. Medicaid reimbursements cover services that include well-women exams, screenings for sexually transmitted diseases and birth control. Planned Parenthood has said it plans to ask a federal court to block the \$4 million defunding effort.

Winter storm weakens but thousands still without power

CHICAGO (AP) — The furious winter storm that swept into the northern Great Plains on Christmas Day weakened Tuesday, but thousands remained without power in the Dakotas and Michigan.

High winds and drifting snow continued to make travel hazardous in the Dakotas, even as vast stretches of highways that had been closed reopened to traffic. The no-travel warnings issued Christmas Day for much of North Dakota had largely expired by Tuesday, although the National Weather Service warned that drifting snow still blocked some roads.

Interstate 94, which had been closed for days in North Dakota, reopened Tuesday, as did Interstate 90 in South Dakota.

The Minot International Airport, which was closed Monday due to whiteout conditions, reopened Tuesday and was expecting its first flights — incoming and outgoing — late morning.

Winds gusting 40 mph to 50 mph also led to delays and cancellations at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport on Monday, but the airport returned to full operations the next day, reporting just a handful of delays.

The South Dakota Rural Electric Association said roughly 13,700 of its customers were without power early Tuesday, and it could take several days to restore service.

High winds knocked out power to thousands of customers in Michigan on Monday.

Consumers Energy spokesman Brian Wheeler told WOOD-TV that more than 20,000 customers in the state were without power Monday evening. The Traverse City Record Eagle reported that cus-



Madori Griffin, who said her car was snowed in, climbs over a snowbank to get to Sanford Hospital early Monday, Dec. 26, 2016, in Bismarck, N.D. The combination of freezing rain, snow and high winds that forced the shutdown Sunday of vast stretches of highways in the Dakotas continued into Monday morning, and authorities issued no-travel warnings for much of North Dakota.

AP photo

tomers of several utilities in northern Michigan were without power Monday afternoon.

ping malls around the country that disrupted post-Christmas shopping.

Large disturbance, fights prompt evacuation of Colorado mall

AURORA, Colo. (AP) — Police evacuated a suburban Denver mall Monday after an arrest led to hundreds of young people converging on the site, with several fights breaking out, authorities said.

No one was seriously injured but five juveniles were arrested during the disturbance at the Town Center at Aurora, police spokesman Sgt. Chris Amsler said.

Trouble started during the arrest of a person suspected of fighting and an unruly crowd surrounded the scene, the Aurora officer said.

"As the officer was attempting to escort the arrestee to the Aurora Police Substation inside of the Town Center the crowd continued to advance on the officer and several other fights broke out," he said.

Police said they suspect that postings on social media drew more people to the site.

"The crowd grew in size to approximately 500 people (mostly juveniles)," Amsler said.

Authorities shut down the mall as dozens of police converged on the scene and worked to restore order.

Amsler said fights continued as the crowd moved into the parking lot area.

The charges against the five people arrested included disorderly conduct, obstruction and resisting arrest.

The disturbance was one of several at shop-

Thieves steal \$1M in fur coats from upscale Manhattan store

NEW YORK (AP) — Police are searching for three thieves with a taste for designer clothing who stole more than \$1 million dollars' worth of fur from a store on Manhattan's upscale Madison Avenue.

The theft occurred on Christmas Eve after one of the suspects threw a brick through the window of the Dennis Basso Inc. store just before 5 a.m.

Owner Dennis Basso says the thieves made off with several Russian sable coats, some of which were valued as high as \$200,000.

Achilleas Georgiades, a store executive, says he can't believe something like this happened on the "civilized" Madison Avenue.

Surveillance video captured one of the suspects being struck in the head by a metal beam after climbing through the shattered window.

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Dallas Cowboys' Ezekiel Elliott (21) evades pressure from Detroit Lions' Don Carey (26) and Nevin Lawson (24) as Elliott sprints to the end zone for a touchdown in the second half of their NFL football game Monday in Arlington, Texas.

Cowboys double up Lions for 13th win

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Dez Bryant and the Dallas Cowboys got to have some prime-time fun Monday night.

The star wide receiver caught a pair of touchdown passes, and in a thrilling reverse, threw for one, too.

Dallas (13-2), which had already wrapped up the NFC's top seed and home-field advantage throughout the playoffs, beat playoff-chasing Detroit 42-21. The Cowboys won their seventh consecu-

tive home game since losing the season opener 3 1/2 months ago, and when they play there again in three weeks, it will be in the playoffs.

After Bryant took a pitch from Dak Prescott on an apparent reverse run late in the third quarter, the receiver initially tucked the ball before slowing and putting it in his left hand. He then lobbed a 10-yard TD pass to Jason Witten, a play that didn't work the last time they ran it in prac-

tice.

"I was really nervous. When we executed the play, I was like, 'Yes. That's what I'm talking about.' I hit them with the stealth carry," said Bryant, who said his last pass in a game was also a TD in high school. "I threw the ball, I kind of looked and turned it around and I knew it was complete."

Witten crossed his arms in an "X" and soon the veteran tight end was being mirrored in the end zone by the receiver who

threw his first NFL pass and has made that gesture his standard celebration for scoring.

"That was one of the best feelings because I look up to Wit. I got to complete a pass to him — that's a Hall of Famer," Bryant said. "That is one of those moments that will always be with me."

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said he did a double take when he saw the playing developing on the

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Texans stick with Savage QB to start vs. Titans

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans are sticking with Tom Savage at quarterback on Sunday against the Tennessee Titans.

Savage made his first career start in place of Brock Osweiler on Saturday night in a 12-10 win over the Bengals that allowed the Texans to clinch the AFC South.

Osweiler was benched in the second quarter two weeks ago against Jacksonville and Savage took over to help the Texans rally for a 21-20 victory.

Coach Bill O'Brien said early last week that Osweiler would remain on the bench, but wouldn't say then if Savage would start the rest of the season.

On Monday he said that Savage would start in the regular-season finale against Tennessee, but didn't say anything about Houston's playoff game.

Savage struggled in the first half against the Bengals, but picked it up in the second half to finish with 176 yards passing and help the Texans to the victory.

"He got into a rhythm in the second half and he was much better," O'Brien said. "I think everybody could see that. What did we learn from that? I don't know, we're still talking about that right now."

Savage has not had a turnover in his two appearances this season after Osweiler threw 16 interceptions with just 14 touchdowns before he was benched.

"He's done a good job of taking care of the ball ... that's the big thing. We have to continue to have 100 percent ball security," O'Brien said.

"That's going to be the key going forward. Especially in this time of year and in the playoffs."

With the division title wrapped up, O'Brien was asked how much his starters will play against the Titans.

"We're not even talking about that," O'Brien said. "We're playing to win. We've got a chance to win 10 games. I don't know how many double-digit win seasons the Texans have had, but I think that's important."

Baylor prepares for bowl

PHOENIX (AP) — Baylor went through a difficult season. Key injuries. A long losing streak. The lingering shadow of scandal.

The Bears battled their way through it, earning a spot in the Cactus Bowl. Beating Boise State on Tuesday night won't erase all that's happened, but it could be something to build on.

"We've certainly had some challenges this year, but we've got a wonderful group of young men that I've been very fortunate to have the opportunity to work with," Baylor interim coach Jim Grobe said.

Baylor entered the season reeling from the sexual assault scandal that led to the firing of coach Art Briles in May.

Grobe, a veteran of four decades in college football, took over this season. The Bears got off to a strong start, winning their first six games behind prolific quarterback Seth Russell.

The season turned with a close loss to Texas on Oct. 29. The Bears were blown out the next week by TCU and spiraled downward. Russell sustained a season-ending broken ankle against Oklahoma and Baylor closed the season with six straight losses.

The Bears (6-6) won't have it any easier against Boise State.

The Broncos (10-2) won their first seven games and were nine points from being undefeated. Boise State has a potent passing attack behind quarterback Brett Rypien and one of the nation's best

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AP photo

Dallas Mavericks guard Deron Williams (8) shoots over New Orleans Pelicans forward Anthony Davis (23) in the second half of their NBA basketball game in New Orleans Monday. The Pelicans won 111-104.

Davis leads New Orleans past Mavericks, 111-104

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Anthony Davis and the New Orleans Pelicans are giving themselves hope of becoming relevant in the Western Conference playoff picture by doing something they couldn't in numerous narrow losses early this season — close out games.

Davis scored 28 points — including six in the final 2:12 — and grabbed 16 rebounds, and New Orleans beat the Dallas Mavericks 111-104 on Monday night for the Pelicans' third victory in four games.

"Our season's on the line," said Davis, whose team has won just 12 of its first 33 games but sits three games behind Sacramento for the last playoff spot in the West.

"We've got a lot of games coming up, but we've got to win them at home."

Pelicans reserve guard Langston Galloway made all five of his 3-point shots, hitting a couple with quick, decisive releases from 26 feet, and finished with 17 points.

"As soon as I cross past half court, I feel like that's my range and I'm shooting from wherever," Galloway said, grinning but perhaps only partly joking as teammate Solomon Hill mocked him playfully from a

neighboring locker.

Davis finished his scoring with four important free throws and a 19-foot jumper. He also got one of his two blocks when Harrison Barnes attempted a layup with 22 seconds left.

"Davis is going to get his 28 points. ... We did a decent job on him," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said. "The guy that beat us tonight is Galloway. He made five 3s and we never got close enough to him to even contest them."

Deron Williams scored 24 points for Dallas, while Wesley Matthews scored 17 and Seth Curry 16.

NOWITZKI'S NIGHT

Dirk Nowitzki, who's been nursing a sore right Achilles tendon, scored 10 points in 17 minutes. As the Mavs have done lately, they gave Nowitzki all of his playing time in the first half. Nowitzki is optimistic the Mavs can start winning more during a January schedule that should give the club more rest.

"We'll fight through it and somehow find a way to win some and get healthier and get going," Nowitzki said.

Carlisle said he wasn't sure whether Nowitzki would play Tuesday night.

Harden scores 32, Rockets cruise past Suns

HOUSTON (AP) — Ask most anyone associated with the Rockets about Montrezl Harrell, and inevitably, they'll talk about his energy.

Now that Harrell is starting, Houston is starting to see more of how that vigor can help the team.

James Harden had 32 points and 12 assists in three quarters. Harrell added 14

points and the Rockets never trailed in a 131-115 win over the Phoenix Suns on Monday night.

It was the third double-digit scoring game in a row for Harrell while filling in at center for Clint Capela, who is out for at least a month with a small fracture on his left fibula. Nene started the first game after Capela was

injured before coach Mike D'Antoni decided to go with Harrell, a second-year player out of Louisville.

"He's playing great — just his energy," D'Antoni said. "His defense is really good, we can switch a lot and we can do different things. He covers up for a lot of people, he takes charges. I think he's been playing terrific."

Harrell said his mindset didn't change when he was moved into the starting lineup.

"Just playing the game, that's all I got to do," he said. "Come in with a lot of energy and try to bring that spark to my team every night. My team feeds off it great and I

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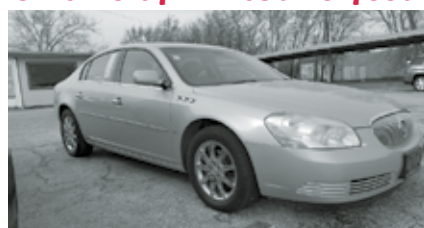


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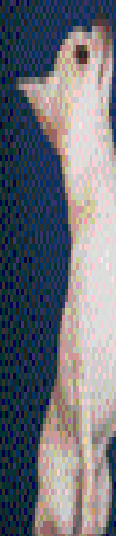
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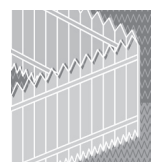
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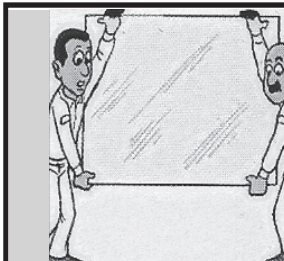
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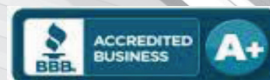
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New-Moon Prep

The night before the new moon is an opportunity. The night before the Capricorn new moon is a (SET ITAL) powerful (END ITAL) opportunity. Much of life is handled through practicalities and structured systems. Light a candle; channel your belief in all that is practical. The patron saints of this new moon: Suze Orman, Tim Gunn, Jamie Oliver and Julie Morgenstern.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Like a pair of vintage shoes that perfectly completes an ensemble, your past makes the you-of-the-moment more interesting, authentic and comfortably worn-in.

TAURUS (April

20-May 20). There are compromises to be made, and you won't be a lesser person for making them, much to the contrary: You'll be (SET ITAL) more (END ITAL) of a person. More empathetic, wise, experienced -- and wealthier, too.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're a unique individual. The more you realize your quirks, figure out your preferences and honor your dislikes, too, the happier you'll be. The thing to do is to stop seeking societal rewards and replace them with personal rewards.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Take pride in your progress. Maybe you still don't know what you want, but you know what you don't want, and that's even more important at this point. You'll use this information to make a new plan.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The obvious route is too easy for you. Besides, people are starting to expect you to do something different. Also, you'll probably find that the main road is blocked.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Everything is aligned to get you to take the road less traveled.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're so relaxed today that you're practically unexcitable, which makes you a rock for your loved ones. That doesn't mean you lack enthusiasm. It just means that you administer it in measured doses.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's a thrill in being a beginner -- starting at the very bottom and working your way through each stage. Use the distinct advantages of the starting line. It is a place where everything is still possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You don't have to be in an elite group to feel special. You purposely distance yourself from involvement in cliques who enjoy judging others from a "superior" position.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't seek trouble. But if it culminates above your head, you won't run from it, either. Adversity, when faced head-on, is pre-

cisely what will make you strong.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Deconstruct a situation to understand it better. Cause problems on purpose to test your skill at fixing them. Like a child learning the world, you are naturally inclined to experiment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're in charge of you. Others might be bossy today, because you've attracted people want to be a part of your next move. Get distance from the crowd. Let your next move be all you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Here's one thing certain about your future: You can and will rise to the occasion. Part of the reason is that you're practicing for it: You are practicing for it, aren't you? If not, this is a fine time to start.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 27). This year represents a clear "before-and-after" scenario. Your year will be the bass note of the chord of your life. In the future, you'll reverberate against it, resonate

with the memories, speculate on the implied trajectories. Love is the focus of the first quarter. Business is the focus of the next. When in doubt, go with less. Leo and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 3, 28, 44 and 6.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "I just got a new job. I had one week to learn my job, and then 10 days vacation -- a pre-planned trip the boss agreed I should go ahead and take. The first week went well. But when I came back from vacation, so much work had piled up that it made me nervous. I forgot how to do the tasks I learned before vacation. The boss was over my shoulder, which made it worse. I felt like running out on the job because of the pressure. I had a panic attack right there in front of my new boss. I'm humiliated and worried that I'll get fired, that my boss thinks I'm a freak or a problem and, most of all, I'm worried that it will happen again. What should I do? I'm a Cancer."

Lighten up. You're

putting this pressure on yourself. No one else is doing it. So, you need to relearn some of the tasks at your new position -- big deal. It usually takes several weeks in a row for a new position to be comfortable, and since you're a sensitive Cancer it may take even longer to make your new job part of your routine. Stop psyching yourself out.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Paramore singer Hayley Williams knew who she was as an artist even as a teenager. When record labels wanted her to be a solo pop artist, she suggested she stick with her alternative-rock band, and the rest is history. With her sun, Mercury, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune all in Capricorn, Williams is grounded, driven and focused. Blame her wild-colored "mane" on an entertaining Leo moon.

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Annie's Mailbox

Differing Tastes

Dear Annie: I've been seeing this woman, "Becky," for six months or so. We met through a mentorship program for underprivileged teens. She's a lawyer and incredibly smart. I write for a music magazine. We have a great time together.

But -- and I know this is going to make me sound like a jerk -- I can't get over her terrible taste in movies, music and TV shows. I don't own a television, and I only

dedicate precious free time to critically acclaimed shows. She watches, you guessed it, reality TV.

We have tried taking turns picking out movies to watch, but I'm miserable watching rom-coms, and she's miserable watching the heavy films I pick out. It doesn't seem like a good time for either of us.

I collect vinyl and enjoy discovering new music from independent artists (which is part of my job, after all). She listens to pop stuff that might as well be nails on a chalk-

board to me.

Annie, what do you think? Can we ever make this work? -- Dinner and Definitely Not a Movie

Dear Not a Movie: Opposites attract for good reason. Sure, you might drive each other a little nuts -- but would you really want to date someone exactly like you? Taste is fleeting. The important thing is that you hold similar values. It sounds as if you two share common ground there, where it counts.

Keep an open mind (no snobbery), and encourage her to do the same. Who knows? You might find something profoundly liberating about shaking it off to some Taylor Swift, and your girlfriend might love crying her heart out to a Sundance selection. You can learn from each other. And a bo-

nus: You'll never have to worry about her stealing your records.

Dear Annie: I just wanted to reply to "Still Crying," whose nephew adopted his wife's son and then had the child taken from him by the wife when she left him for another man: Never give up. If the nephew wants to have time with his son, he should fight for it. He shouldn't give up just because the mother lied; that is not his fault. If he tries hard enough, he will get visitations with his son.

Kids do have rights. He should ask for a family case study. He should not listen when people tell him that he has no chance. Trust me; I know from firsthand experience that it is possible.

When I married my husband, I be-

came stepmother to his two children. My stepson was 12 1/2 months old, and my stepdaughter was almost 3. Their father and I were together for five years. When we got divorced, he took off with the kids.

I went to a lawyer, who told me that he would take the case but I would most likely lose. But I did not. I got my visitations that I wanted. Then I filed for custody. My lawyer asked for a family case study, which was granted, and the kids were given a lawyer of their own. The kids' lawyer spoke with them alone; no parents allowed. And to everyone's shock, including mine, I won full custody of my two stepchildren.

My son, the youngest, just turned 40. I am always so glad I fought. What that mother "Still Crying" described is doing

to her child is a rotten thing to do to any child. So if the nephew loves that child, he should try again. He should tell the court he adopted his son in good faith and fell in love with him. And he should make sure he does not play the mother's game. He should never say anything bad about her in front of the little guy.

-- Judy R.

Dear Judy: Thank you for sharing your story. I think it will provide hope to many parents who are in the same sad situation you were once in.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A little worry never hurts

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J 10 5
♥ A 8 6 4 3
♦ Q 10 7
♣ 6 3

WEST
♠ 4
♥ K J 9 2
♦ 6 5 3
♣ A K Q 10 5

EAST
♠ A 7 6 2
♥ 10 7
♦ 9 4
♣ J 9 8 7 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q 9 8 3
♥ Q 5
♦ A K J 8 2
♣ 4

The bidding:
South 1♠ West 2♠ North 2♠ East 3♠
4♠

Opening lead — king of clubs.

To be a good declarer, you have to be a worrier. Consider this deal where South, a carefree soul, went down in a contract he should have made.

West led the K-A of clubs. South ruffed the ace and played the king of spades at trick three. East ducked and ducked again when South next led a trump to the ten.

Declarer was now in a hopeless position. He had to go down, whatever he did next. East had the A-7 of trumps left, dummy the singleton jack, and South the Q-9.

If declarer led another trump, East would take the ace and force him to use his last trump by returning a club. So South started to run his diamonds. East ruffed the third diamond with the seven and cashed the trump ace, and West later scored a heart trick to defeat the contract.

Had South been a worrier, he would have made four spades. He would have allowed for the possibility that the trumps might be divided 4-1, and he would have tried to guard against that possibility.

All he had to do to protect the 10 tricks he had started with was to discard a heart on the ace of clubs at trick two! The heart could be viewed as a loser in any event, so allowing West to win two club tricks instead of a club and a heart amounted to trading an eventual heart loser for an immediate club loser.

West would have been stymied by this maneuver. Whatever he did next, South could not lose more than two clubs and a trump.

sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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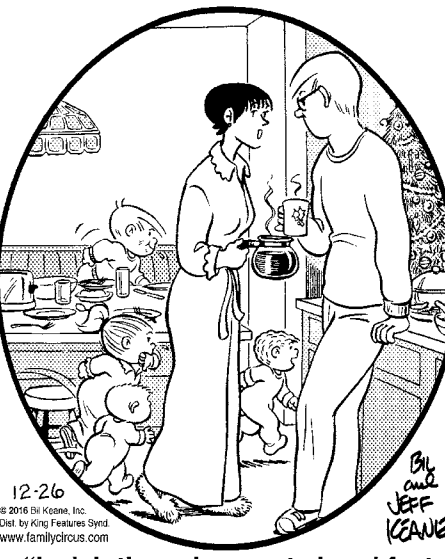


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"HE'S NOT PANTING. HE'S STICKIN' HIS TONGUE OUT AT YOU!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"I wish they always ate breakfast as fast as they do the day after Christmas."

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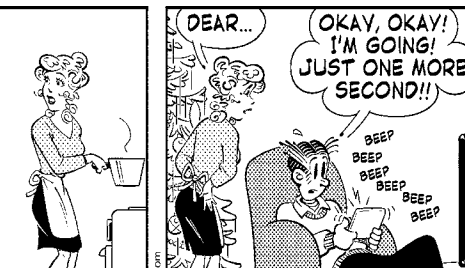
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OKAY, OKAY! I'M GOING! JUST ONE MORE SECOND!!

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LOOKS GOOD.



THANKS. I'D HATE TO LOOK LIKE AN IDIOT.

WIZARD OF ID



I GOT A VISIT FROM SANTA LAST NIGHT--THE JOLLY OLD ELF HIMSELF!

'ELF,' MY FOOT!



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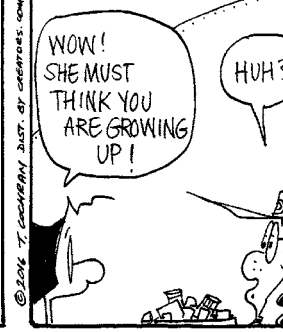
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AGNES



WHAT DID YOUR MOM GET YOU FOR CHRISTMAS, TROUT?

SHE GAVE ME ALL OF HER OLD MAKEUP!



WOW! SHE MUST THINK YOU ARE GROWING UP!

HUH?



MAKEUP IS A GROWN-UP THING.

HA! I'M GOING TO PAINT PICTURES OF PIZZA AND STEW!

HI AND LOIS



BEFORE CHRISTMAS, WE HAD THE WHOLE PLACE ALL SPIFFED UP FOR SANTA.



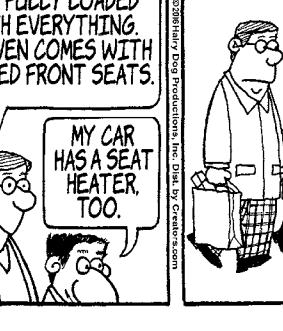
I HOPE HE DOESN'T HAVE TO COME BACK FOR ANYTHING!

THE OTHER COAST

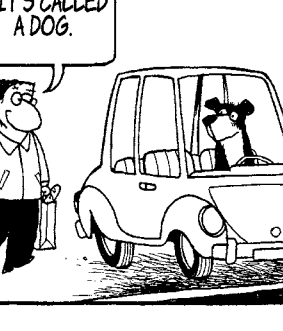


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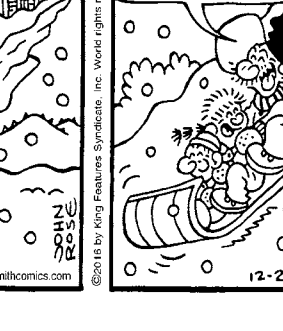


IT'S CALLED A DOG.

SNUFFY SMITH



WHY 'AM HECK WOULD ENNYONE WANNA LIVE WAY UP THAR ?!



YEEEE-HAW !!

AH !! GOT IT !!

BEEBLE BAYLEY



SARGE!

DON'T BOTHER ME WHEN I'M DOING MY @!#!#! PUZZLE!!



THEY REALLY ARE CROSS WORD PUZZLES WHEN SARGE DOES THEM

This Date In History

Today is Monday, Dec. 26, the 361st day of 2016. There are five days left in the year. The seven-day African-American holiday Kwanzaa begins today. This is Boxing Day.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 26, 1941, during World War II, Winston Churchill became the first British prime minister to address a joint meeting of the U.S. Congress. Churchill grimly warned that "many disappointments and unpleasant surprises await us," but also expressed faith that "the British and American peoples will, for their own safety and for the good of all, walk together in majesty, in justice and in peace."

On this date: In 1776, British forces suffered a major defeat in the Battle of Trenton during the Revolutionary War. In 1799, former President George Washington was eulogized by Col. Henry Lee as "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen." In 1865, James H. Nason of Franklin, Massachusetts, received a patent for "an improved coffee percolator."

In 1908, Jack Johnson became the first African-American boxer to win the world heavyweight championship as he defeated Canadian Tommy Burns in Sydney, Australia.

In 1944, during the World War II Battle of the Bulge, the embattled U.S. 101st Airborne Division in Bastogne, Belgium, was relieved by units of the 4th Armored Division. Tennessee Williams' play "The Glass Menagerie" was first performed at the Civic Theatre in Chicago.

In 1966, Kwanzaa was first celebrated.

In 1967, "Magical Mystery Tour," the Beatles' poorly received TV special, was broadcast (in black and white) on BBC1.

In 1972, the 33rd president of the United States, Harry S. Truman, died in Kansas City, Missouri, at age 88.

In 1980, Iranian television footage was broadcast in the United States, showing a dozen of the American hostages sending messages to their families.

In 1990, Nancy Cruzan, the young woman in an irreversible vegetative state whose case led to a U.S. Supreme Court decision on the right to die, died at a Missouri hospital.

In 1996, 6-year-old beauty queen JonBenet Ramsey was found beaten and strangled in the basement of her family's home in Boulder, Colorado. (To

date, the slaying remains unsolved.)

In 2004, more than 230,000 people, mostly in southern Asia, were killed by a 100-foot-high tsunami triggered by a 9.1-magnitude earthquake beneath the Indian Ocean.

Ten years ago: Former President Gerald R. Ford died in Rancho Mirage, California, at age 93. Iraq's highest court rejected Saddam Hussein's appeal of his conviction and death sentence and said the former president should be hanged within 30 days. (Saddam was executed on Dec. 30, 2006, Iraq time.)

Five years ago: A heart surgeon from a Mayo Clinic in Florida flying across the northern corner of the state to retrieve a heart for transplant was killed with two other people when their helicopter crashed.

Newsday Crossword

JUST SKIDDING by Billie Truitt
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ACROSS

1 Declares frankly

6 Bit of mistletoe

11 Uncooked

14 Mountain in Exodus

15 Old-fashioned "Cool!"

16 Nation north of Mex.

17 Treaties

18 Sharpshooter Oakley

19 Huge

20 Be inattentive

23 "Electric" fish

24 Champagne and Chablis

25 Dispel the doubts of

29 ___ Antoinette (French queen)

32 Large family

33 Blossom piece

34 Owns

37 "Understand me?"

41 Network with an eye logo

42 Heats in the microwave

43 Memo's "regarding"

44 Later than

45 Highest-quality

47 Gig for a soprano

50 ___ down (write quickly)

51 Student's field-trip form

58 Also

59 Providence, ___ Island

60 Residences

62 Finish up

63 Of humble status

64 Being chilled, as 24 Across

65 Salon coloring

66 Positive replies

67 On edge

DOWN

1 Cleopatra's snake

2 Perfume bottle

3 "___ upon a time . . ."

4 Light-bulb measure

5 Female sibling

6 Slow-moving creature in a shell

7 Actor Sean

8 Used a doorbell

9 That's the way ___

10 Runs amok

11 Apply, as lotion

12 "All kidding ___ . . ."

13 Payments to workers

21 ___-haw (donkey's sound)

22 Be deceitful

25 Electrical adapter letters

26 Messy one

27 Puts into words

28 Most important "numero"

29 Cab-fare calculator

30 24-hr. cash dispensers

31 Sunbeam

33 Small dog, for short

34 Clue

35 Spherical hairdo

36 Staircase part

38 In a biased way

39 Belly

40 Sleeper Van Winkle

44 Jacket sleeve

45 2,000 pounds

46 "Turn up the air conditioning!"

47 ___ for (chose)

48 Showy flower

49 Wear away

50 Baby kangaroos

52 Loafer or sneaker

53 Female pigs

54 Inactive

55 The ___ Ranger (Western hero)

56 "Sign me up!"

57 Chest muscles, for short

61 Glance at

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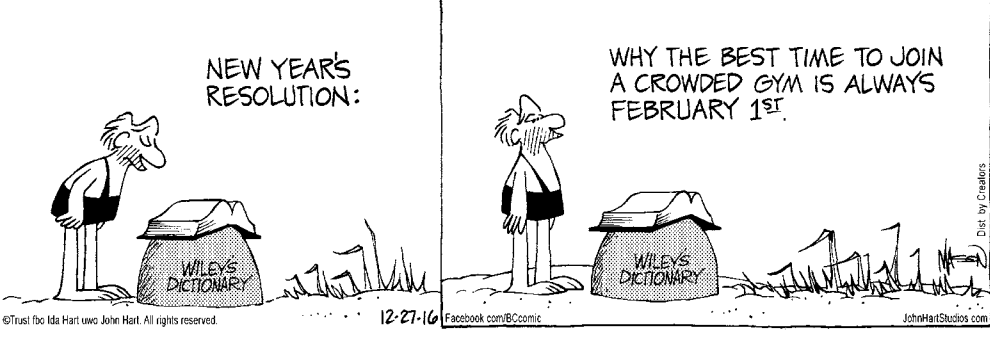
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6 :PM	ABC	Notic.	Mod Fam	CBS	Noticiero	News	Called	Business	Mama's	American	Detour							
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8 :PM	Wheel	Guadalupe	Big Bang	ET	News	HaYesod	News	Search	M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy	Search							
9 :PM	Middle House	Despertar Contigo	Brooklyn New Girl	NCIS (DVS)	Silvana Sin Lana	The Wall	M:25	American Masters	Griffith	The Flash	Search	Good Behavior	College Basketball: Rutgers at Wisconsin.	College Basketball	UFC Sportsday Mavs Pre. NBA Basketball: Rockets at Mavericks	WWE SmackDown!	Intervention	Moonshiners: Outlaw
10 :PM	Fresh-O'Neals	Vino el Amor	Bones (DVS)	The 39th Annual Kennedy Center Honors	La Doña (SS)	This Is Us	Light of the Southwest	Frontline	MacGyver	No Tomorrow	Search							
11 :PM	O'Neals	El color de la pasión	News TMZ		El Chema (SS)	Chicago Fire			Heroes	Seinfeld	Search							
12 :PM	Local 2	Impacto	Mod Fam	News	Tele	News	With Schol-ars	Charlie Rose	C. Burnett	King	Search							
1 :PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Noticiero	Two Men	Late Show-Colbert	Titulares	Tonight Show	Ministerios Vida	Newsline	Perry Mason	King	Search	The Last Ship	The Last Ship	SportsCenter	Mavs Cowboys	Law & Order: SVU	Leah Remini	Moonshiners
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3 :PM	Extra	La Mujer del	Middle	Insider	El Chema (SS)	News	Chevalme		Alfred Hitch-cock Jr.	Raising	People of							
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"MR. WILSON SAID HIS PATIENCE IS WEARING THIN. IS THERE ANY WAY WE CAN **FATTEN** IT UP?"

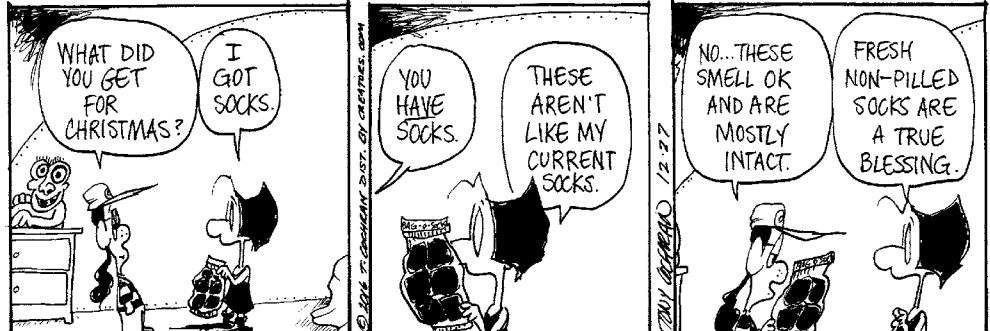
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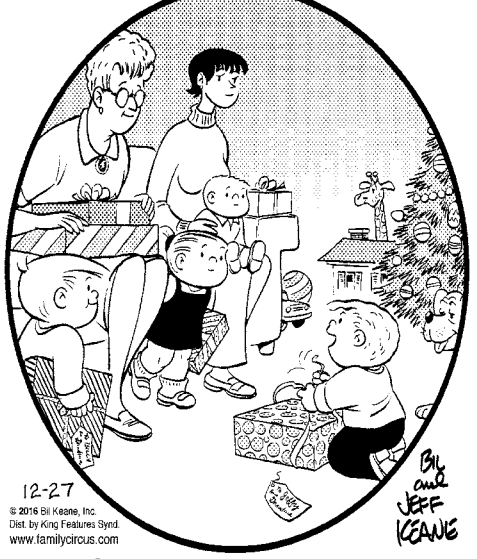


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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Boy, Grandma! Aren't you glad you have all of us to give presents to?"

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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 27, the 362nd day of 2016. There are four days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 27, 1904, James Barrie's play "Peter Pan: The Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up" opened at the Duke of York's Theater in London.

On this date:

In 1831, naturalist Charles Darwin set out on a round-the-world voyage aboard the HMS Beagle.

In 1927, the musical play "Show Boat," with music by Jerome Kern and libretto by Oscar Hammerstein II, opened at the Ziegfeld Theater in New York.

In 1932, New York City's Radio City Music Hall first opened.

In 1945, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund were formally established.

In 1947, the original version of the puppet character Howdy Doody made his TV debut on NBC's "Puppet Playhouse."

In 1949, Queen Juliana of the Netherlands signed an act recognizing Indonesia's sovereignty after more than three centuries of Dutch rule.

In 1968, Apollo 8 and its three

astronauts made a safe, night-time splashdown in the Pacific.

In 1970, the musical play "Hello, Dolly!" closed on Broadway after a run of 2,844 performances.

In 1979, Soviet forces seized control of Afghanistan.

President Hafizullah Amin (hah-FEE'-zoo-lah ah-MEEN'), who was overthrown and executed, was replaced by Babrak Karmal.

In 1985, Palestinian guerrillas opened fire inside the Rome and Vienna airports; 19 victims were killed, plus four attackers who were slain by police and security personnel.

American naturalist Dian Fossey, 53, who had studied gorillas in the wild in Rwanda, was found hacked to death.

In 1995, Israeli jeeps sped out of the West Bank town of Ramallah, capping a seven-week pullout giving Yasser Arafat control over 90 percent of the West Bank's one million Palestinian residents and one-third of its land.

In 2007, opposition leader Benazir Bhutto (BEN'-uh-zeer BOO'-toh) was assassinated during a suicide bomb attack in Pakistan during a campaign rally.

Ten years ago: Saddam Hussein urged Iraqis to embrace "brotherly coexistence" and not to hate U.S.-led foreign troops in a goodbye letter posted on a website a day

after Iraq's highest court upheld his death sentence.

Former Democratic vice presidential nominee John Edwards jumped into the presidential race a day earlier than he'd planned after his campaign accidentally went live with his election website a day before his scheduled announcement.

Five years ago: Tens of thousands of defiant Syrian protesters thronged the streets of Homs, calling for the execution of President Bashar Assad shortly after his army pulled its tanks back and allowed Arab League monitors in for the first time to the city at the heart of the anti-government uprising.

Sen. Ben Nelson of Nebraska, a conservative Democrat, said he would retire from the Senate rather than seek a third term.

Abstract expressionist painter

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

LEADING QUARTET by Sandy Fein

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ACROSS

1 Begin to wake up
5 Places to pitch tents
10 Out of harm's way
14 Small inlet
15 Cognizant (of)
16 __ Grey tea
17 Apple's music player
18 Ben Affleck's pal Matt
19 Study hard
20 Earliest version of a speech
22 __ for (selects)
23 Frost-covered
24 Lend a hand
25 ONE WAY or STOP
27 Right from the garden
29 Gently prods
33 Earliest 007 film foe

DOWN

1 Futuristic novel genre
2 Subject for discussion
3 Tusk material
4 Scarlet and crimson
5 Golf-bag toters
6 Oscars or Grammys telecast
7 Baby's first word, often

66 "Not guilty," for example
67 Higher than
68 Wooden strip
69 Crystal-ball user
70 Painter often confused with Monet
71 Barnyard cacklers

8 College teachers, for short
9 Mailed, as a contest entry
10 Late burst of energy
11 Group for people 50+
12 College club
13 Shade trees
21 Driveway goo
26 Sudden breeze
27 College seniors' period
28 Luau dances
30 Chromosome carrier
31 Slight advantage
32 Bit of bird food
33 Pull with difficulty
34 Change the decor of
35 Sgts. and cpls.
37 Tried out, at a car dealer

40 Package of paper
45 Part of a desk phone
48 __ City (Batman's home)
50 Short snooze
52 Queen of __ (Old Testament ruler)
54 Tree source of syrup
55 Atlantic or Pacific
56 Nuisances
57 Mischievous ones
58 Fingernail smoother
59 Make an escape
61 Metal that can rust
62 Place for mascara

36 Tightly closed
38 Stockholm native
39 Happen again
41 Bullfight cheer
42 Trace of color
43 Like a lot
44 Load of laundry
46 Have to have
47 Attend without an escort
49 Arise from one's seat
51 Medical insurance grps.
53 Genetic ID
54 Floor-cleaning tool
57 Uncertain
60 Bronze medalist's finish
63 Odometer measure
64 Submarine sandwiches
65 Chimps and gorillas

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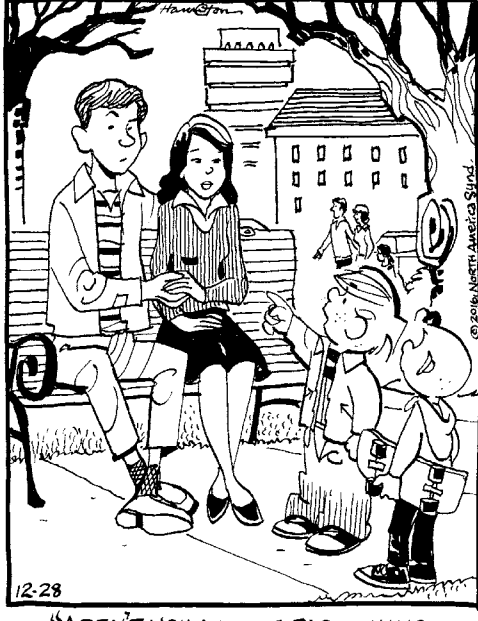
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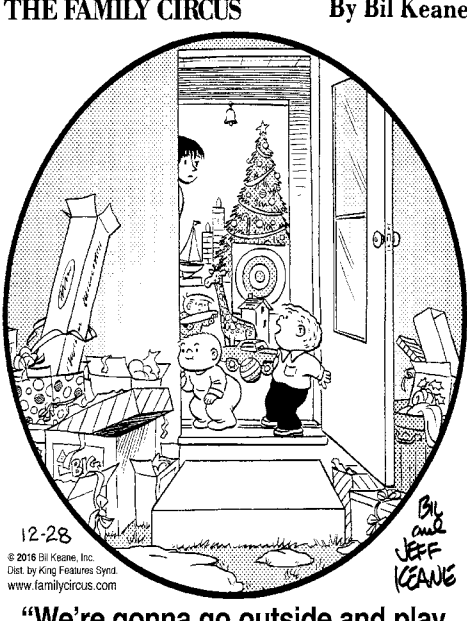
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5 :PM	Local 2 ABC	Hotel Notic.	The List	News CBS	Tele Noticias	News News	With Scholars	Scully Business	Mama's Mama's	American American	Search Search	Animal Kingdom	Football: Russell Athletic Bowl -- West Virginia vs. Miami.		C'boys Cowboys	NCIS (DVS)	The First 48	Alaskan Bush
6 :30	Jeopardy!	Rosa de Guadalupe	Big Bang	News ET	Caso Cerrado	News News	Mani House	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy	Search Search	Animal Kingdom		College Basketball: Virginia at Louisville.	College Basketball: Providence at Xavier.	NCIS (DVS)	Duck D.	Alaskan Bush
7 :30	Gold Speech	Despertar Contigo	Pregame College	Undercover Boss	Silvana Sin Lana	Law & Order: SVU	Upd Dollars	Nature (DVS)	Griffith Griffith	Fam. Guy Arrow	People of People of	Animal Kingdom				NCIS (DVS)	Duck D.	Alaskan Bush
8 :30	Mod Fam blackish	Vino el Amor	Football: Foster Farms Bowl -- Indiana vs. Utah.	MacGyver	La Doña (SS)	Law & Order: SVU	Light of the Southwest	NOVA	MacGyver	Supergirl	People of People of	Animal Kingdom	College Football: AdvocaCare V100 Texas Bowl	College Basketball: UCLA at Oregon.	High School Football	NCIS (DVS)	Duck D.	Alaskan Bush
9 :30	Match Game	El color de la pasión		Criminal Minds	El Chema (SS)	Chicago P.D.		Egypt's Treasure	Heroes Heroes	Seinfeld Seinfeld	People of People of	Animal Kingdom				NCIS (DVS)	Wahlburg Leah Remini	Legend
10 :30	Local 2	Impacto		News	Tele	News	HaYesod	Charlie Rose	C. Burnett	King	People of People of	(:01) Arrow		SportsCenter		Mod Fam	Duck D.	Alaskan Bush
11 :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Noticiero Contacto Deportivo	Cleveland	Late Show- Colbert	Titulares La Doña (SS)	Tonight Show	M.25 Chevalme	Newsline	Perry Mason	King	Rules Wrecked	(:01) Arrow			Under	Mod Fam	Duck D.	Alaskan Bush
12 :30	Extra	La Mujer del	How I Met	James Corden	El Chema (SS)	Seth Meyers	McDonald	T. Smiley	Twi. Zone	Rules Wrecked	Rules Wrecked	Arrow	SportsCenter	Sport Sci.	Cotton	Mod Fam	Duck D.	Alaskan Bush
1 :AM	Paid	A Que No Me Dejas	Middle	Insider		News	Zola Lev.	(Off Air)	Alfred Hitchcock Hr.	Raising Cheaters	Wrecked			Sport Sci. Shorts	College Basketball: Providence at Xavier.	NCIS (DVS)	Duck D.	Alaskan Bush
2 :AM	Paid		Law Order: CI	ET	Paid	(:08) Today	Light of the Southwest		Kojak	Cheaters	Wrecked	Arrow	SportsCenter	College Football		Law Order: CI	Wahlburg Leah Remini	Alaskan Bush

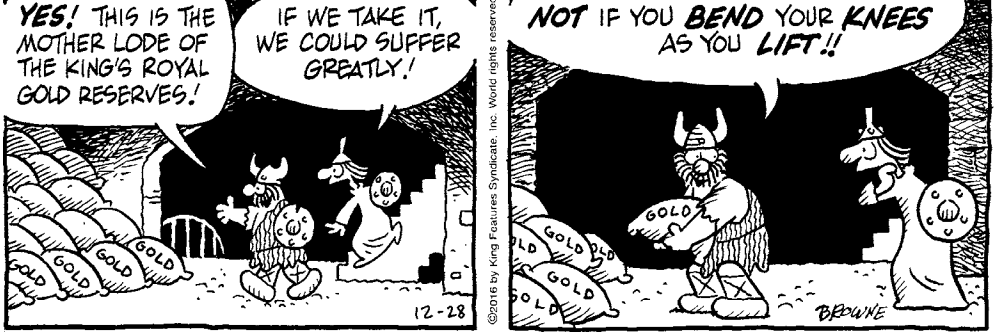
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 28, the 363rd day of 2016. There are three days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 28, 1846, Iowa became the 29th state to be admitted to the Union.

On this date:

In 1612, Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei observed the planet Neptune, but mistook it for a star. (Neptune wasn't officially discovered until 1846 by Johann Gottfried Galle.)

In 1832, John C. Calhoun became the first vice president of the United States to resign, stepping down because of differences with President Andrew Jackson.

In 1856, the 28th president of the United States, Thomas Woodrow Wilson, was born in Staunton (STAN'-tun), Virginia.

In 1895, the Lumiere brothers, Auguste and Louis, held the first public showing of their movies in Paris.

In 1917, the New York Evening Mail published "A Neglected Anniversary," a facetious essay by H.L. Mencken supposedly recounting the history of bathtubs in America.

In 1937, composer Maurice Ravel died in Paris at age 62.

In 1945, Congress officially recognized the Pledge of Allegiance.

In 1961, the Tennessee Williams play "Night of the Iguana" opened on Broadway. Former first lady Edith Bolling Galt Wilson, the second wife of President Woodrow Wilson, died in Washington at age 89.

In 1973, the book "Gulag Archipelago," Alexander Solzhenitsyn's expose (eks-poh-SAY) of the Soviet prison system, was first published in Paris.

In 1981, Elizabeth Jordan Carr, the first American "test-tube" baby, was born in Norfolk, Virginia.

In 1989, Alexander Dubcek (DOOB'-chek), the former Czechoslovak Communist leader who was deposed in a Soviet-led Warsaw Pact invasion in 1968, was named president of the country's parliament.

In 1991, nine people died in a crush of people trying to get into a rap celebrity basketball game at City College in New York.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush, at his Texas ranch, worked on designing a new U.S. policy in Iraq. Saddam Hussein's lawyer made a last-ditch effort to impede his client's execution. In Somalia, troops of the U.N.-backed interim government rolled into Mogadishu unopposed, putting an end to six months of domi-

nation of the capital by a radical Islamic movement.

Five years ago: North Korea's new leader, Kim Jong Un, escorted his father's hearse in an elaborate state funeral, bowing somberly and saluting in front of tens of thousands of citizens who waited and stamped their feet in grief for Kim Jong Il. Turkish warplanes mistakenly killed 35 smugglers and other villagers in an operation targeting Kurdish rebels in Iraq. Kaye Stevens, a singer and actress who performed with the Rat Pack and was a frequent guest on Johnny Carson's "The Tonight Show," died in The Villages, Florida, at age 79.

One year ago: A grand jury in Cleveland declined to indict a white rookie police officer in the killing of 12-year-old Tamir Rice, a black youngster who was shot while playing with a pellet gun.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Part of Miss Muffet's meal

6 Faces the pitcher

10 Sausage ingredient

14 Ahead by a point

15 Cannonballs, for short

16 Actor Alda

17 Drive briefly

19 Starch in sushi

20 Currier's partner

21 Sandbox scooper

23 Placed in a schedule

27 On one's toes

28 More fashionable

29 Rip to shreds

32 Blissful places

33 The Louvre's locale

34 Alphabetizer's omission

37 Quiche-like

38 Old saying

39 Graceful waterbird

40 Zodiac feline

41 Made public

42 Circus clown's prop

43 Made the first bet

45 Muss, as hair

46 Guys, so to speak

48 Noisy piglet

49 Fancy home

51 Hit with a palm

52 See 58 Down

53 Weightlifter's exercise

59 Folklore fiend

60 Auth. unknown

61 Certain navel

62 See after

63 Betray boredom

64 Can't do without

DOWN

1 Gear tooth

2 Numero ____ (first-rate)

3 Penalty caller

4 Small singing group

5 Elves and pixies

6 Headquartered

7 Rock guitarists' plug-ins

8 Texter's "I've heard enough!"

9 Steinway & ____ (piano company)

10 Conditional release

11 Dickens lad

12 Indy participant

13 Prepared to be knighted

18 Assert as fact

22 Fezzes and fedoras

23 Girder material

24 Elks' meeting place

25 Initial favor, in a saying

26 With 31 Down, Dickens lad

29 Placed a levy on

30 Dry as dust

31 See 26 Down

33 Remove the peel from

35 Oscar actress

36 Berry inside

38 Guy

39 Bowl over

41 Top-ranked

42 "Time to eat!"

44 Rang loudly

45 Melodrama predicament

46 Bus station

47 Common practice

48 First American in orbit

50 Online bidding center

51 Trash hauler

54 ____ manner of speaking

55 Stage signal

56 Beehive State collegian

57 Get ____ of (discard)

58 With 52 Across, electric-guitar pioneer

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5 :30	ABC	Notic.	Mod Fam	CBS	Noticiero	News	Messiah	Business	Mama's	American	People of	Bones			Texans		The First 48	
6 :30	Wheel	Big Bang	Big Bang	ET	News	Rocks		PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy	People of			Sportsday				
7 :30	Baking Show	Hell's Kitchen (DVS)	Big Bang	Big Bang Great In	Super	Good	1st Fruits	Arts in Exile	M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy	Wrecked	NBA Basketball: Celtics at Cavaliers	College Basketball	Stars Pre. NHL Hockey: Colorado Avalanche at Dallas Stars.		Movie: The Dark Knight, Aaron Eckhart	The First 48	Street Out-laws
8 :30	House	Latin Grammy 2016		Life in	La Doña (SS)	America's Got Talent	Light of the Southwest	Call the Mid-wife Holiday	Griffith	DC's Legends	Wrecked							
9 :30	Speech		News	Scorpion	El Chema (SS)			Western	MacGyver	Supernatural	Wrecked			SportsCenter				
10 :30	Local 2	Impacto	Mod Fam	News	Tele	News	J. McGee	Charlie Rose	Heroes	Seinfeld	Wrecked	NBA Basketball: Mavericks at Lakers			Postgame			
11 :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Noticiero	Two Men	Late Show- Colbert	Titulares	Tonight Show	D Stringer	Newsline	Heroes	Seinfeld	Wrecked				Cotton	Movie: Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest	(:03) The First 48	Street Out-laws
12 :30	Nightline	Contacto	Cleveland	James Corden	La Doña (SS)	Seth Meyers	Israel	T. Smiley	Rules	King	Angle			SportsCenter	Two/Title Sport Sci.		(:03) The First 48	Street Out-laws
12 :30	Extra	Deportivo	How I Met	James Corden	La Doña (SS)	Seth Meyers	Israel	Alfred Hitch-cock Hr.	Rules	King	Angle				Sport Sci.		(:12:03) The First 48	Street Out-laws
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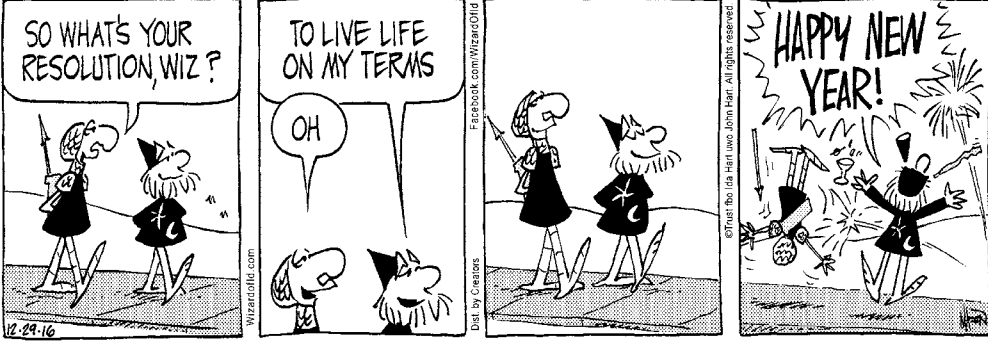


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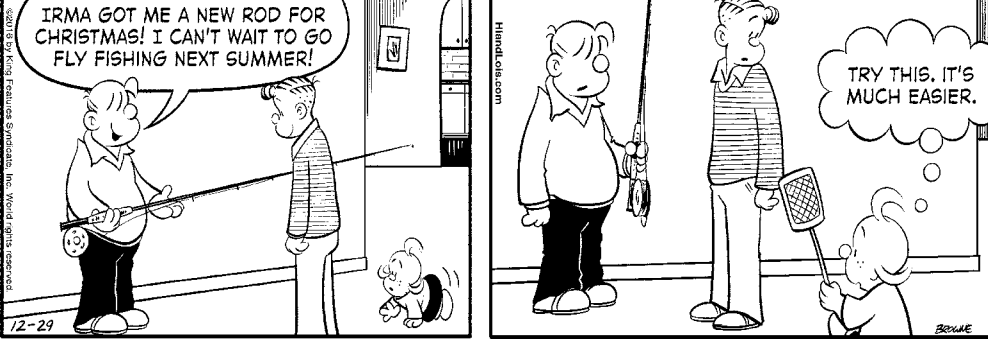
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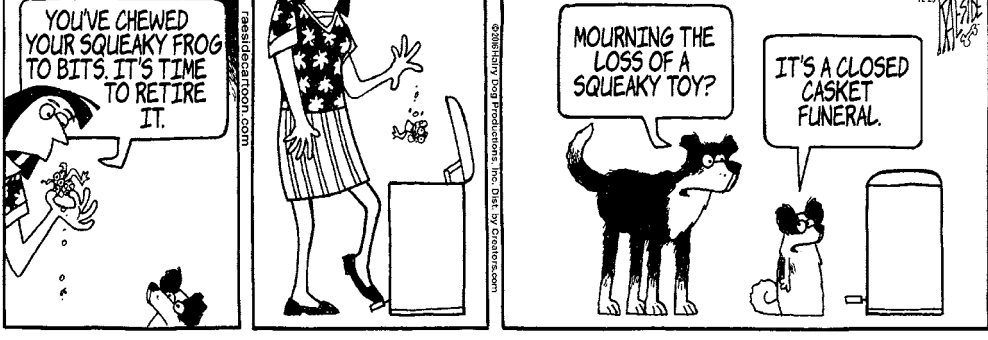
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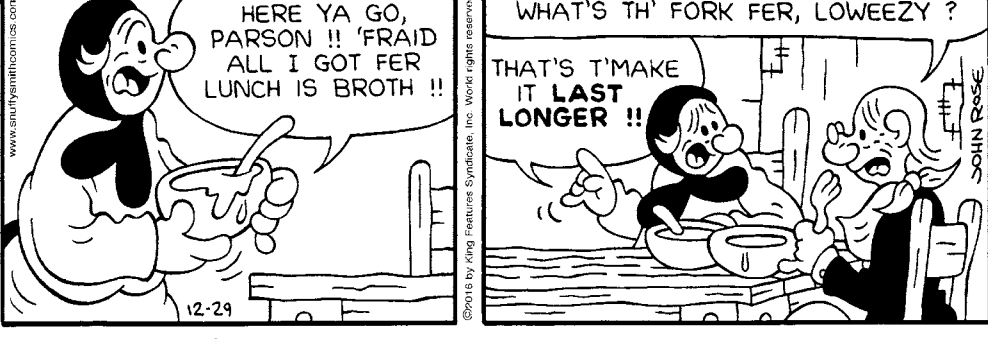
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THE OTHER COAST



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BETLE BAILEY



THE FAMILY CIRCUS



Oh no! One of our ornaments just died.

By Bil Keane

HAGAR



BLONDIE



This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Dec. 29, the 364th day of 2016. There are two days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 29, 1916, James Joyce's first novel, "A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man," was first published in book form in New York after being serialized in London.

On this date: In 1170, Thomas Becket, the Archbishop of Canterbury, was slain in Canterbury Cathedral by knights loyal to King Henry II.

In 1808, the 17th president of the United States, Andrew Johnson, was born in Raleigh, North Carolina.

In 1812, during the War of 1812, the American frigate USS Constitution engaged and severely damaged the British frigate HMS Java off Brazil.

In 1845, Texas was admitted as the 28th state.

In 1890, the Wounded Knee massacre took place in South Dakota as an estimated 300 Sioux Indians were killed by U.S. troops sent to disarm them.

In 1934, Japan formally renounced the Washington Naval Treaty of 1922.

In 1940, during World War II,

Germany dropped incendiary bombs on London, setting off what came to be known as "The Second Great Fire of London."

In 1957, singers Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme were married in Las Vegas.

In 1972, Eastern Air Lines Flight 401, a Lockheed L-1011 Tristar, crashed into the Florida Everglades near Miami International Airport, killing 101 of the 176 people aboard.

In 1975, a bomb exploded in the main terminal of New York's LaGuardia Airport, killing 11 people (it's never been determined who was responsible).

In 1986, former British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan died in Sussex, England, at age 92.

In 1996, guerrilla and government leaders in Guatemala signed an accord ending 36 years of civil conflict. North Korea issued an unprecedented apology for sending a spy submarine into South Korean waters.

Ten years ago: Word reached the United States of the execution of former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein (because of the time difference, it was the morning of Dec. 30 in Iraq when the hanging took place). In a statement, President George W. Bush called Saddam's execution an important milestone on Iraq's road to democracy. Gerald R. Ford's

flag-draped casket was carried into a church in Palm Desert, California, for a public viewing that marked the start of six days of mourning for the former president. More than 400 people died when a crowded Indonesian ferry sank in the Java Sea.

Five years ago: Fed-up voters in Jamaica threw out the ruling party and delivered a landslide triumph to the opposition People's National Party and its leader, former Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller. The No. 15 Baylor Bears, led by Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III, pulled out an incredible Alamo Bowl victory in the highest-scoring regulation bowl game in history, beating the Washington Huskies 67-56 at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- [Uncorrected by me]
- Skittish
- Totally wreck
- Browser's bookmark
- Honshu port
- "Anybody home?"
- Plymouth (1620)
- What some inboxes hold
- Nullified
- Org. offering pocket
- Constitutions
- Security threat
- Polish dumplings
- Cowpoke's polite assent
- Far from polite
- Duke University locale
- "...that something?"
- Barn neighbor, perhaps
- Peak performance
- Paris (1927)
- Erstwhile
- Atlantic crosser
- Glittery piece in Pueblo pottery
- Henry Ford contemporary
- Audio interference
- Unvanishing
- Delineate deeply
- Family Circle rival
- Jolt with volts
- Rush order
- Hawaiian peak
- Pile on praise for
- Mars (1997)
- Woman in Dilbert

DOWN

- Put in a nutshell
- Turk neighbor
- Glasgow's river
- Betrayed to Mom, perhaps
- "Equal" starter
- Yawning chasm
- Chain selling
- Swedish meatballs
- Pride and Prejudice guy
- Unchanging order
- Large crustacean
- State-certified auditor
- Imparts
- Hemmed with hands
- State-certified rescuer
- Sleep-cycle acronym
- Old-school lament
- Receipt
- Worthy of worship
- Superlative
- Took the initiative
- General meaning
- Nonliteral expression
- Hershey's peanut product
- Spritelike
- Heist's collection
- Ringed by
- Sorry state
- Across offerers, for short
- Small scrape
- Lander of 1492
- Dorian's creator
- Does an impression of
- Point of view, so to speak
- Medicine measures
- Tenzing's partner in climbing
- Glate closers
- Light weight
- 1300
- Goldsmith's measure
- High enthusiasm
- Shopping cart part
- Annoying inconvenience
- Ruminate (over)
- Type of TV display
- Vise gripper
- Be liable

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SUNS

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just try to keep it going. I'm not doing nothing special.”

It was the 12th 30-point game this season for Harden, who made 12 of 15 free throws, and he had at least 30 points and 10 assists for the ninth time this season.

“They are a great all-around offensive team,” Phoenix’s Eric Bledsoe said. “James pretty much controls everything out there. There’s really nothing we can do about it now.”

Houston led by at least 20 points for most of the night and was up by 27 entering the fourth quarter. Harden didn’t play after that, and D’Antoni had the rest of his starters on the bench by the middle of the fourth quarter.

Bledsoe led the Suns with 24 points, and Brandon Knight added 21 off the bench.

The Rockets led by 26 at half-time and opened the third quarter with a 12-4 spurt to extend their advantage to 81-47. Patrick Beverley got things going with a 3-pointer, and Harden added a 3.

“GRANNY” STYLE HITS THE NBA

Rockets rookie Chinanu Onuaku made his NBA debut in the fourth quarter and hit a pair of free throws underhanded late. Onuaku has been using the “Granny” style at the free-throw line at least since he was in college at Louisville.

He finished with six points and three rebounds.

TIP-INS

Suns: Bledsoe received a technical foul in the third quarter. ... Devin Booker fouled out with 7.9 seconds left in the third quarter. He finished with 16 points. ... Dragan Bender had 11 points and 13 rebounds.

Rockets: The Rockets have won 12 games this month, which is their most ever in December. ... The Rockets had 69 points in the first half to give them at least 60 points before halftime for the 17th time this season. ... Trevor Ariza tied a season high with 10 rebounds. ... Beverley left the game in the fourth quarter with a bruised left thigh, and D’Antoni said he might have to sit out Tuesday.

GETTING A BREAK

Harden hasn’t missed a game since the 2014-15 season when he had to sit one out because of a suspension. For a player who logs so many minutes, a game like this one where he could take the fourth quarter off was a nice break on the front end of a back-to-back.

“It’s good,” he said. “I’ve had several of those this season and I don’t remember the last time I had (so many). So it feels good, guys are playing well. We’re confident in each other and another test for us tomorrow.”

UP NEXT

Suns: Visit San Antonio on Wednesday night.

Rockets: Visit Dallas on Tuesday night.

NC State wins Independence Bowl

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — North Carolina State quarterback Ryan Finley has a simple philosophy when it comes to getting do-everything threat Jaylen Samuels involved with the offense.

The method of choice on Monday was by air, and Finley found Samuels for three touchdowns passes in North Carolina State’s 41-17 win over Vanderbilt in the Independence Bowl

Monday.

North Carolina State (7-6) won three of its final four games to finish with a winning record. The Wolfpack built a 28-3 lead by midway through the third quarter — largely thanks to Samuels’ touchdown catches of 9, 55 and 17 yards — and then held off a brief Vanderbilt rally.

Samuels was named the game’s Most Valuable Player on offense and his three

touchdown catches were an Independence Bowl record.

North Carolina State coach Dave Doeren said Samuels’ big night wasn’t necessarily planned, but when Vanderbilt loaded the defense to stop the run, he was the man who was open.

The 5-foot-11, 223-pound junior often has had an unorthodox role on the offense and is listed as a tight end and fullback.

BEARS

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running backs in Jeremy McNichols, who rushed for 1,661 yards and 23 touchdowns.

The Broncos also love playing in the desert.

Boise State burst onto the national scene at the 2007 Fiesta Bowl, trick-playing its way past Oklahoma, and knocked off TCU three years later. The Broncos also outlasted Arizona at the 2014 Fiesta Bowl.

“I think it’s a game people want to see,” Boise State coach Bryan Harsin said. “It’s certainly a game that’s very interesting in college football.”

A few more things to

watch:

LINWOOD OUT: Baylor will be without its one of its running backs. Shock Linwood is preparing for the NFL, following the lead of LSU’s Leonard Fournette and Stanford’s Christian McCaffrey. Linwood ran for over 1,200 yards each of the previous two seasons, but wasn’t quite as effective this season. The senior was suspended for the Oklahoma game for disciplinary reasons and was limited to 47 yards on 14 carries in Baylor’s final two games, finishing with 751 yards and two TDs. Terence Williams is Baylor’s leading rusher with 945 yards and 11 TDs.

PASSING BRONCOS: Boise State had a stellar season through the air,

averaging 297.8 yards per game. Rypien was the catalyst, throwing for 3,341 yards and 23 TDs with six interceptions. Boise State also had a pair of 1,000-yard receivers for the first time in school history, with Thomas Sperbeck finishing with 1,191 and Cedrick Wilson with 1,041. Baylor was 63rd nationally against the pass and will have its hands full with the Broncos.

GROBE FINALE: Grobe will be coaching his final game with the Bears. Baylor hired Temple coach Matt Rhule on Dec. 6, though Grobe will still coach the team in the Cactus Bowl. But this will not be the end of Grobe’s coaching career — at least he hopes.

DALLAS

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field.

“When he raised up I thought, ‘This could happen.’ He can throw that ball,” Jones said.

The Cowboys finish the regular season next Sunday at Philadelphia, then get a break on wild-card playoff weekend. While that finale is meaningless for

them in terms of playoff positioning, they can still win 14 games in the regular season for the first time in franchise history.

With his two touchdown catches, Bryant moved past one Hall of Famer and within reach of another.

He passed Michael Irvin for second on the team’s career list and within four of the franchise record of 71 held by Bob Hayes.

After reaching around with one hand to start a juggling 25-yard scoring catch while being interfered with late in the first half, Bryant made a leaping two-handed grab in front of a defender for a 19-yard TD in the fourth quarter to cap the scoring. And, of course, he flashed the “X” both times.

Bryant became the first Cowboys player with a TD pass and TD catch in the same game

since Danny White against the Cleveland Browns in 1985.

Even rookie Ezekiel Elliott got in on the fun. The NFL rushing leader punctuating his 55-yard touchdown run in the first quarter by combining the celebratory moves of Bryant and other teammates after his final leap into the end zone.

And one of the biggest hits of the night came when punter Chris

Jones leveled returner Andre Roberts near the Cowboys sideline late in the game. Jones delivered the blow and stood

tall, then got plenty of pats from pumped-up teammates.

Yep, all the Cowboys were having fun.

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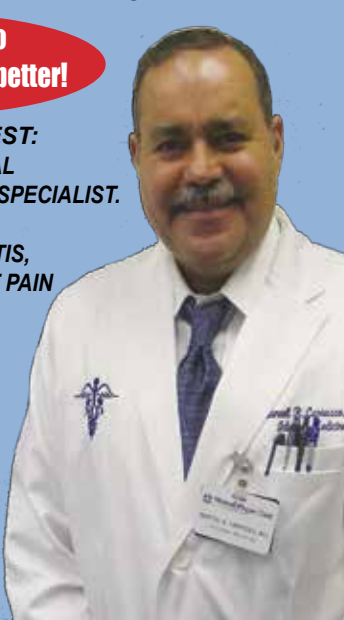
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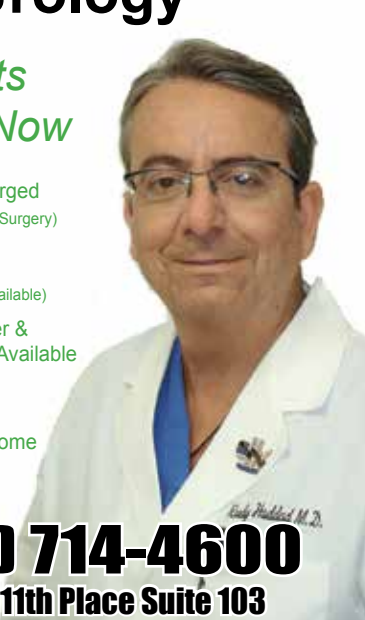
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