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## Election season is coming

City council expected to designate May 7 as Election Day when they meet Tuesday

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Political season is approaching, and the city is about to get into the act.

When it meets at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, the Big Spring City Council is expected to pass a resolution officially designating May 7 as Election Day for the upcoming municipal races.

City voters will elect a mayor and District 5 council member this year. Neither Mayor Larry McClellan or Councilman Raul Benevides – the incumbents in those respective positions – have declared whether they will seek re-election. Both men are completing their first terms in office.

The election will be held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 7 in the East Room of Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, with early voting held from April 25 to May 3 in the Howard County Elections Administrator's office at the county courthouse.

Persons interested in running for either position can file their candidacy papers during normal office hours in the city secretary's office between March 7 and April 7. Candidates for either office have been Big Spring residents for at least one year prior to filing for the position, although there is no requirement for the District 5 representative to live within that district.

The Big Spring municipal elections will be held jointly with voting for Big Spring Independent School District trustees.

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## 4-H to kick off Clothing & Textile program

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

An informational meeting on the Howard County 4-H Clothing and Textile program will be open to area youths interested in the fashion industry.

"This is just a big kick off for our clothing and textile program, so youths interested in fashion are welcome to come check us out," said Melissa Deeter, Howard County Extension Agent for Family Consumer Science.

The event will be held at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2 at the G.C. Broughton Ag Complex located on the Howard College campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

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## An evening of elegance



HERALD Photo/Julie Bass

The Hotel Settles was loud with music and laughter Saturday night during the Hanger 25 Museum's Silver Wing Ball Fundraiser. There was champagne, fancy dresses, shined cowboy boots, auctions, a jazz band, and good food.

## Slippery start to the week for East Coast commuters



(Jeff Taylor/The Winchester Star via AP)

Residents of W. Leicester St. in Winchester, Va. join forces to shovel out on Sunday, Jan. 24, 2016, after an historic snowstorm dumped more than 30 inches of snow on the city Friday night and Saturday.

By **MICHAEL R. SISAK**

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — East Coast residents clobbered by the weekend blizzard trudged into the work-week Monday amid slippery roads, spotty transit service and mounds of snow that buried cars and blocked sidewalks after some cities got an entire winter's snow in two days.

In Brooklyn, one teacher at the Bedford-Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter School called out, despite more than two feet of snow across New York City.

"A lot of teachers are taking the train instead of driving," said Wanda Morales, director of operations at the school, standing

outside while maintenance workers spread salt and parents dropped off their children.

In Arlington, Virginia, just across the Potomac River from Washington, there were signs of normalcy; shops were open, and main roadways were mostly cleared, dotted with large piles of snow. Matthew Mason, 29, was riding the train into Washington to go to his job at a hotel. The part-time law student said he figured he should be there, though things would likely be a little slower.

"I've sat in my house too much already," he said.

Dave Lenowitz was perched on a snowbank in Philadelphia near what's normally the stop for the bus that takes him to his job as the director of a nonprofit.

"Normally I bicycle, but it's a little too slippery," he said.

"There's not enough snow, otherwise I'd ski. It's only seven miles."

For others, the weekend extended into Monday because of closed schools and government offices. The storm dropped snow from the Gulf Coast to New England, with near-record snowfalls tallied from Washington, D.C. to New York City. At least 31 people died as a result of the storm; the deaths occurred in car accidents, from carbon monoxide poisoning, and from heart attacks while shoveling snow.

Flying remained particularly messy after airlines canceled nearly 12,000 weekend flights and hundreds more Monday. Airports resumed limited service in New York City, Baltimore, and Philadelphia. In the Washington area, Reagan National Airport saw its first flights Monday, and Dulles International Airport expected to resume flights late in the day. But delays reverberated around the country.

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin was on a rescheduled pre-dawn flight from Springfield, Illinois, to Chicago while on the way to Washington on Monday morning. The Illinois Democrat said he's been through this before.

"Most of us who spend part of our lives in Washington know to expect the worst when it comes to snow," he said. "I knew the forecast was enough to cause a problem."

Tom Aloï, who works in construction management, was at Chicago O'Hare trying to get back to New York City after a business trip to Germany.

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# Obituaries

## Elbert L. Strickland

Elbert L. Strickland, 85, of Big Spring, died Friday, Jan. 22, 2016 in Odessa. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Rocky Alexander officiating. Graveside services will be 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Old Runnels Cemetery in Ballinger, Texas.

The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born Nov. 9, 1930 in Ballinger, Texas. Elbert served in the United States Army from 1951 to 1953. He learned the art of welding from his father and worked as a welder in the oil field from 1959 until retiring in 1988. He then worked as the care taker at Camp Inspiration in Eastland for five years.

Elbert served on the school board for Forsan ISD from 1969 to 1981. He traveled many miles to attend his children and grandchildren's activities. He loved hunting and fishing. He was a member of the First Church of God in Big Spring.

Survivors include two sons, Ernie Strickland and wife, Laura of Big Spring and Bruce Strickland and wife, Jennifer of San Angelo; five daughters, Rebecca Caldwell and husband, Larry of Tye, Letha Smith and husband, Bob of Irving, Beverly Helferich and husband, Mark of Odessa, Amy Montgomery and

husband, Kevin of Camden, Ohio and Aaren Big-ham and husband, Doug of Lubbock; three sisters, Virginia Stanton of Dallas, Jannette Cunningham and husband, Larry of Lubbock and Marie Miller and husband, Larry of Midland; one brother Eddie Strickland and wife, Linda of Odessa; 14 grandchildren including, Wade Williams, Jarred Smith, Bradley Smith, Ashley Johnson, Lindsay Helferich, Ross Berry, Kimberly Teeters, Kaela Strickland, Robert Strickland and Sterling Strickland; 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elbert and Myrtle Wiley Strickland; three sisters, Edith Strickland, Elizabeth Staley and Evelyn Morgan; and one brother, Eugene Strickland.

The family would like to thank the staff at Parkview Nursing and Rehab and Glory Catchings and her staff for the excellent care they gave Elbert.

Pallbearers will be his grandsons, Wade Williams, Ross Berry, Robert Strickland, Jarred Smith, Sterling Strickland and Bradley Smith. Honorary pallbearers will be Toby Green and Danny Tilley.

The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 111 E. 7th St., Suite A, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or to Star Hospice, 620 N. Grant Ave., Suite 100, Odessa, Texas 79761.

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*

## James "B-Kid" Conaway

James "B-Kid" Conaway, 51, of Ackerly, formerly of Big Spring, passed away Saturday, January 23, 2016 at Martin County Hospital. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. at Dickens Cemetery.

James was born June 24, 1964 at Hale Center, Texas to JoAnn Geer (Conaway) and Donald Joe Conaway. He has been a lifetime Texan except for 10 years in Missouri. His business was JC Heavy Equipment Repair. He married Kimberly White on June 4, 2001 in Howard County.

He is survived by his wife Kimberly Conaway of the home; three daughters, Chrystal Conaway of Marble Falls, Lorena Conaway and Emily Conaway, both of Ackerly; two sons, Dustin Saucedo and wife Courtney of Diamond, Mo. and Jonathan Saucedo and wife Julie of Midland; six grandchildren; two brothers, Donald Joe Conaway Jr. and wife Kim of Yantis, Texas and Jackie Eugene Conaway of Spur, Texas; two nephews, father-in-law Ben White of Crossett, Ark.; mother-in-law Gloria Alexander of Scottsboro, Ala.

James was preceded in death by his parents. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

## Gwendolyn (Gwen) Smith

Gwendolyn (Gwen) Smith, 73, of Big Spring, died Friday, Jan. 22, 2016 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2016 at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Coahoma Cemetery with Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born Jan. 22, 1943 in Washington, D.C. to Evelyn Estelle (Freeman) Crump and Robert M. Crump. She came to Texas in

the 1980s attending Howard College and obtaining her Registered Nurse degree.

She is survived by her three daughters, Laura Smith and Tammy McJunkin, both of Big Spring and Sandra Smith of Fort Hood; five grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her life partner, Nadine Lambright on Sept. 16, 2004.

The family suggests memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 1000, Dept 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908 or American Cancer Society, PO Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

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

## Aniceto "Ernest" Aguinaga

Aniceto "Ernest" Aguinaga, 67, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Jan. 23, 2016 in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

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

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- 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.

# Support Groups

**MONDAY**

- Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

**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.

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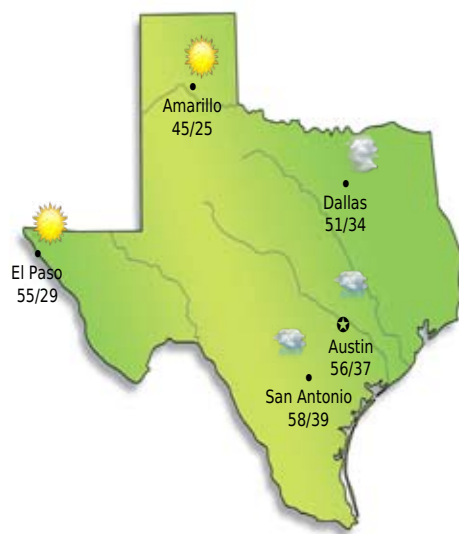
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Tue 1/26	Wed 1/27	Thu 1/28	Fri 1/29	Sat 1/30
45/27	53/29	64/34	69/39	75/45
Cloudy with occasional rain showers. High near 45F. Winds NE at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 50%.	Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the upper 20s.	Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	Sunshine. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	Sunshine. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 40s.
Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 6:13 PM	Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 6:14 PM	Sunrise: 7:42 AM Sunset: 6:15 PM	Sunrise: 7:42 AM Sunset: 6:16 PM	Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 6:17 PM

### Texas at a Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	63	36	Sunny	Kingsville	77	57	Cloudy
Amarillo	53	29	Sunny	Livingston	69	48	Cloudy
Austin	73	44	Cloudy	Longview	67	39	Cloudy
Beaumont	70	54	M Cloudy	Lubbock	59	33	Sunny
Brownsville	75	61	M Sunny	Lufkin	68	44	P Cloudy
Brownwood	67	37	Sunny	Midland	66	39	Sunny
Corpus Christi	72	57	P Cloudy	Raymondville	82	60	P Cloudy
Corsicana	67	40	Cloudy	Rosenberg	73	52	Cloudy
Dallas	64	39	Sunny	San Antonio	74	50	Foggy
Del Rio	76	47	Sunny	San Marcos	74	44	Cloudy
El Paso	61	34	Clear	Sulphur Springs	65	39	Cloudy
Fort Stockton	66	39	Sunny	Sweetwater	63	35	Sunny
Gainesville	59	35	Sunny	Tyler	67	39	Cloudy
Greenville	64	37	P Cloudy	Weatherford	63	37	Sunny
Houston	73	52	M Cloudy	Wichita Falls	62	35	Sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	54	42	M Cloudy	Miami	70	66	P Cloudy
Boston	34	28	Sunny	Minneapolis	30	22	Cloudy
Chicago	39	32	Cloudy	New York	36	32	P Cloudy
Dallas	64	39	Sunny	Phoenix	68	44	M Cloudy
Denver	41	20	Cloudy	San Francisco	60	49	Cloudy
Houston	50	27	Cloudy	Seattle	55	43	Cloudy
Los Angeles	71	47	Clear	Saint Louis	47	29	Sunny

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Tue 1/26	Wed 1/27	Thu 1/28	Fri 1/29	Sat 1/30
2	4	4	4	4
Low	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

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**Take Note**

**Come dancing**

The Mitchell County Senior Dance will be held Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Colorado City Civic Center, 157 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Colorado City. Live music by Travis and Kevin. Snacks to share are welcome. No drinking and smoking allowed.

**Cook-off**

• Chili Cook Off. The Fraternal Order of the Eagles is hosting its 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook off on Saturday, Jan. 30. Cook teams of 1-3 people need to register at the Eagles Lodge at 8 a.m. with supplies to cook a minimum of 5 pounds of Chili. Chili must be cooked onsite. Judging will take

place at 11:30. If interested in judging, please contact David Pope at 432-816-8462. All-you-can-eat-chili will be available to the public for \$10 from 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. The Eagles Lodge is located at 703 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Proceeds will go to benefit the Big Spring Crossroads Young Marines and the West Texas Centers for MHMR.

• Big Spring Little League will be holding signups for the upcoming season each Saturday on Jan. 16, Jan. 23, Jan. 30, and Feb. 6 at the Springtown Plaza right next to the movie theater from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also Monday - Friday, Feb. 1 to Feb. 5 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$90 per child, ages 4 - 16

and you must provide a birth certificate.

**Meetings**

• The Big Spring Art Association meets every third Tuesday, September through May at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library. Everyone is welcome to attend. Memberships are available. The annual dues are \$20.

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

• The Kiwanis Club of Big

Spring meets at noon every Thursday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Visitors are welcome.

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

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

**Volunteer opportunities**

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Kim Plew at 263-4016 or 213-7960.

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

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In other business, council will consider:

• A public hearing and possible action on awarding a contract for non-emergency ambulance service to Heart of Texas EMS, Inc.;

Awarding bids for a sound system at the municipal auditorium, refuse containers and demolition of substandard structures;

Big Spring Police Department's 2015 contact report;

A meet and confer agreement between the city and the Big Spring Professional Firefighters Association.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 432-263-7331, ext. 235, or by email at reporter@bigspringherald.com

**4-H**

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"We are asking everyone to bring an item of clothing as part of our community service project, so we can donate to the Chalet (retail store) or the Salvation Army," Deeter said.

The program, which continues to April, touches on various aspects of the fashion industry, Deeter said, from hands-on sewing classes and lessons on how to shop for fashion to a one-day story boarding workshop.

"Story boarding is where you are inspired to create a necklace and you present it in detail on how you would go about creating that necklace," Deeter said.

Sewing machines will be available but students will need to bring their own material for the sewing classes which meets on Tuesdays, Deeter said. Also, students interested in the program have a chance to showcase their work in county and district competitions. High school age students also have a chance to earn a shot at state competition, she added.

Howard County 4-H programs are open to students who are in third grade through their senior year in high school and cost \$25 for the year. Along with clothing and textiles, the program offers classes in photography, stock show competition, and more.

For more questions, contact Deeter at 432-364-2236.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **JOSEPH RILEY KNOWELS**, 18, of 2506 Seminole Dr. was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **CARL DALE REID**, 42, of 7901 E. Hwy 350 was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **ULYSSES STEVE HAWKINS**, 45, of 1019 Lamar St., Liberty, Texas was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **GRACIE LOU AGUILAR**, 50, of 1101 E. 12<sup>th</sup> St. was arrested on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid - no insurance and a warrant for driving while license invalid.

• **FRANK ODELL SANDERS**, 35, of 580 Reeves, Milam, Texas was arrested on two warrants from another agency.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1200 block of N. Birdwell Lane and the 3200 block of Ave. C.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 15000 block of Oriole St. and the 400 block of N. Gregg St.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1000 block of Wood St.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson Rd.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 67 inmates at the time of this report.

• **GRACIE LOU AGUILAR**, 50, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous convictions/suspensions and a warrant for driving while license invalid.

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• **ALLEN WADE ALTMAN**, 34, was booked by the HCSO on charge of driving while intoxicated and a warrant for disregard stop sign.

• **MISTY MICHELLE BAKER**, 34, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.

• **JOHN SCOTT BRICKER**, 41, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for criminal mischief, more than \$500 but less than \$1,500 and bondsman off bond - assault on family/house member, impeding breathing and circulation.

• **QUANTAL ALEX BROWN**, 21, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for motion to revoke probation - failure to identify as fugitive, giving false/fictitious name; no driver's license and three counts of failure to appear.

• **VICTORIA NICOLE CANALES**, 33, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for failure to appear - theft.

• **ALEJANDRO CARRASCO**, 20, was booked by the DPS on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram.

• **BRANDEE LEANN CASTILLO**, 18, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for theft of property, less than \$100 and failure to appear.

• **ALFREDO HINOJOS HARPER**, 26, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for driving while license invalid.

• **ULYSSES STEV HAWKINS**, 45, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ANSELMO HILARIO JR.**, 30, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for possession of marijuana.

• **ESTEBAN JUAREZ III**, 36, was booked by the HCSO on a

warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.

• **TONIA LAVONNE KIRKLAND**, 46, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for parent contributing to non-attendance.

• **JOSEPH RILEY KNOWELS**, 18, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **FIDEL MARTINEZ JR.**, 40, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for motion to revoke probation - possession of a dangerous drug, driving while license invalid and theft of property, more than \$50 but less than \$500.

• **JEFFERY RAY MEEKS**, 26, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for motion to revoke probation - possession of a controlled substance, more than 3 grams but less than 28 grams.

• **ROSALYN ANGELINE NEAL**, 46, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **STEPHEN FORREST OYLER**, 68, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of prohibited weapon.

• **JESUS RAMIREZ**, 55, was booked by the DPS on a warrant for driving while intoxicated - 3<sup>rd</sup> or more offense and a charge of driving while license invoked with previous convictions/suspensions.

• **CARL DALE REID**, 42, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **EDWARD MARCELO SAENZ**, 22, was booked by the DPS on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram.

• **FRANK ODELL SANDERS**, 35, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for motion to revoke probation and - possession of marijuana and capias - failure to appear.

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His rescheduled fight to Newark Liberty was already delayed several hours.

"Yes, we are frustrated. We are aggravated," Aloï said. "It's a ripple effect. It affects the whole world."

Amtrak operated a reduced number of trains on all routes, serving many people who couldn't get around otherwise, spokesman Marc Magliari said. But bus and rail service was expected to be limited around the region into Monday.

The snow began Friday, and the last flakes fell just before midnight Saturday. In its aftermath, crews raced all day Sunday to clear streets and sidewalks devoid of their usual bustle.

Sunday's brilliant sunshine and gently rising temperatures that had snow and ice falling off skyscrapers in New York City as melting began, provided a respite from the blizzard that dropped a

record 29.2 inches on Baltimore. It was just right for a huge snowball fight there, where more than 600 people responded to organizer Aaron Brazell's invite on Facebook.

But one day of sun wasn't enough to clear many roads. Cars parked in neighborhoods around the region were encased in snow, some of it pushed from the streets by plows.

New York Mayor Bill de Blasio encouraged people to leave their plowed-in cars all week. Some didn't have a choice.

"I cleaned this two or three times and they keep blocking me in," Peter Quamina, 51, said as he shoveled out the front of his driveway in Brooklyn. "This storm was bad as we get."

Federal offices were closed Monday, and Virginia's state workers were told to stay home. Schools from Washington to the Jersey Shore gave students Monday off; In the D.C. suburbs, classes also were canceled for Tuesday. Schools were

open in New York City.

New York's transit authority said partial service on the Long Island Rail Road was restored on three of its 12 branches and diesel train service was operating on three other branches. New York City subways, buses and Metro-North Railroad service were operating on a normal schedule.

Broadway reopened after going dark at the last minute during the snowstorm, but museums remained closed in Washington, and the House of Representatives postponed votes until February, citing the storm's impact on travel.

Overall snowfall of 26.8 inches in Central Park made it New York's second biggest winter storm since records began in 1869, and Saturday's 26.6 inches made for a single-day record in the city.

Some of the blizzard's heaviest snow bands wound up over New York City and Long Island, sending snow totals spiking higher

than the 12-18 inches forecasters predicted Thursday.

Washington's records were less clear. The official three-day total of 17.8 inches measured at Reagan National Airport was impossibly short of accumulations recorded elsewhere in the city. An official total of 22.4 inches landed at the National Zoo, for example.

The zoo remained closed through Monday but a video of its giant panda Tian Tian making snow angels got more than 48 million views. Joining the fun, Jeffrey Perez, of Millersville, Maryland, climbed into a panda suit and rolled around in the snow, snagging more than half a million views of his own.

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# We will never destroy ISIS without a declaration of war

Speaker Paul Ryan's statesmanship may just get the job done.

The speed of the news cycle and the media obsession with the presidential horseraces have crowded out a crucial development in the war on ISIS and related Islamic jihadist groups.

House Speaker Paul Ryan has been appealing to colleagues for a new Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF). The current AUMF, which was written in 2001 and targeted groups connected to 9/11, has not been renewed. Believe it or not.

Bravo for Paul Ryan's statesmanship. But a new AUMF must be accompanied by a clear U.S. declaration of war against ISIS. We will never destroy them without a full-blown war declaration.

Now, there are important details regarding the AUMF. Ryan is correctly opposed to the Obama White House ISIS strategy, which would bar widespread use of U.S. combat troops in Syria and Iraq and would place limits on the length of military options. Sound familiar? It's Iraq and Afghanistan all over again. The new speaker won't stand for it. Good for him.

The White House wants to forbid "boots on the ground" and wishes to prohibit "enduring offensive ground combat operations." The use of special forces would be allowed, but that would expire after three years. In other words, Team Obama would tie the hands of the U.S. military and send all the wrong signals to our enemies.

But if the Republicans in the House and Senate show some backbone, they can get an AUMF without all the Obama prohibitions. Heaven forbid the Joint Chiefs be able to run a war.

This brings me back to the key point. In his pursuit of a new AUMF, Speaker Ryan must seek a formal U.S. declaration of war against ISIS. It is extraordinary

that this has yet to be done. It should have happened 15 months ago, or surely after the horrific terrorist events in Paris.

I cannot understand why the president has yet to call an emergency NATO meeting to declare war on the Islamic State — which, by the way, has declared war on us.

But our president wants no part of that. Remember the Obama re-election-campaign narrative? Terrorism has been defeated and is no longer a problem. So how can you declare war on something that is not a problem?



LAWRENCE KUDLOW

*Bravo for Paul Ryan's statesmanship. But a new AUMF must be accompanied by a clear U.S. declaration of war against ISIS. We will never destroy them without a full blown war declaration.*

Michael Flynn, recent head of the Defense Intelligence Agency and a retired four-star general, said, "I don't think enough people in our country see ISIS for what it is, and I think part of that is because our leadership has really denied the fact of who this is that we are facing.

... I think they failed to tell the truth."

The fact is this is the greatest national security problem of our time. Attacks from Europe to California have tragically proved that again and again.

So, how can it be that the Washington leadership has not produced a war declaration, which would surely rally the American people? A war declaration adds urgency, energy and immediacy to the war.

What's more, a war declaration would be a forcing device, outlining the American strategy with respect to the Islamic State and terrorism in general. What

is it we want? How will we know when we get it? How does the war end? How long do we stay? What are our postwar intentions?

These are a few of the questions that must be asked and answered so that the American people will know what the American government intends to do. In this way, a war resolution will not only underscore the importance of this conflict, it also will help rally Americans to the cause.

It's a question of leadership, really. It's a question of commander-in-chief.

It's a question of congressional responsibility.

And it's a question for the presidential candidates in both parties. Answer it, please.

The White House and Congress must be truthful with the American people. No more pulling punches. A war will be a war, with the availability of all of our resources on land and in the air, and with the unfortunate reality of collateral damage in Syria, Iraq, and elsewhere. The great American military understands that costs must be suffered if American freedom is to be protected.

As retired four-star general and former Army vice chief Jack Keane recently told Congress, "There is no substitute for an effective ground force supported by air power. Air power is an enabler, not a defeat mechanism."

So we must do whatever it takes to destroy ISIS. Right now, it's not clear that the U.S. is winning.

This is both national security and homeland security. But we will not win this war unless we take the battle — in full force and without limits — to ISIS in Iraq and Syria. The best way to protect the homeland is to utterly destroy our enemies where they live.

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With You, Lord, in mind we can come up with awesome new ideas.

Amen

# Hillary-ites go nuts

It would be funny to watch were it not so fruitless and political. ("Other than that, Mrs. Lincoln, how was the play?")

"It" is the latest round of Hillary Clinton "insiders" using the front page of The New York Times to attack those even more inside — who supposedly were foolish to not start attacking Bernie Sanders earlier. Oy.

First of all, if these people really were insiders and wanted to communicate with Clinton, they could use that amazing instrument that allows for far more privacy than The New York Times: I'm referring, of course, to the telephone. I'm always pretty appalled when people take out full-page ads to convey their "message" to someone they could call. With friends like these ...

Second, it's preposterous anyway. Of this I am sure: Since he was a tiny blip on the polls, someone inside the Clinton operation has been saying, "We better take down Bernie" — maybe numerous someones. Meanwhile, others were no doubt arguing that she shouldn't stoop to his level. It's not like either of these positions are incredibly difficult to figure out. Attack or don't attack? Engage or don't engage? People sit around the table, looking at data, making arguments. And then someone decides which advice to follow.

That someone is the candidate. It's a "candidate call." If Clinton should have attacked Sen. Sanders sooner than she did, Clinton is to blame.

But frankly, I don't think that's the problem. Bernie Sanders isn't gaining on Clinton because she hasn't put up enough smarmy ads trying to turn a man who is a decent and principled senator into — what? You want to talk about a tactic that's likely to backfire, try that.

*You would think, after all these years of waiting, there would be real excitement about the prospect of the first woman president. There isn't. Young women, many of them, resent the expectation that they will be for Clinton just because of her gender.*

But I'm sure there are people within the Clinton campaign suggesting it.

For my money, this is not about Bernie, and it's not about Clinton's aides. It's about Clinton herself.

You would think, after all these years of waiting, there would be real excitement about the prospect of the first woman president. There isn't. Young women, many of them, resent the expectation that they will be for Clinton just because of

her gender. This is nothing like the moment Geraldine Ferraro was announced. That was truly exciting.

I did my own little informal survey of women who are Clinton supporters. I asked them what they thought Clinton's most memorable line — or most important proposal, or most anything — was, and my little focus groups looked at me with lost expressions. Think of a moment, I would prod, and they might mention that they had seen one of the debates. The great "Saturday Night Live" sketch with the two Hillary impersonators got more "hits" than anything the real Hillary has said or done.

Maybe it's because we've had a black president and, frankly, race relations aren't so great that many women see no improvement for them if Hillary Clinton gets to make history. Being a woman is not going to be enough. Hillary Clinton is the best-qualified candidate in the race, male or female. She needs to translate that ability into ideas that connect her to voters on the issues they care most about. "Is she really an ice princess?" a friend asked me. She isn't, but that's not what you want voters to be wondering.

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## NFC Championship



AP Photo

Panthers' Cam Newton celebrates his touchdown run during the first half the NFL football NFC Championship game against the Cardinals on Jan. 24, 2016, in Charlotte, N.C.

# Panthers rout Cardinals, 49-15

By BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — For all his charisma and dabbling and Superman persona, Cam Newton quickly reminds everyone that football is all about team.

And his Carolina Panthers are headed for the big game.

"For everyone who wears the blue and black, it has been a long time coming," Newton said after another virtuoso performance Sunday with two touchdown passes and another two TD leaps — minus the Superman card — in a 49-15 destruction of the Arizona Cardinals for the NFC championship. "It's a question you got to ask: Why not us?"

"We've been dreaming about this moment since Day 1. Our pen has a lot more ink left."

The Panthers (17-1) have written quite a story so far. They manhandled two prominent defenses in the playoffs, Seattle (at least for a half) and then Arizona (14-4). They led the league in points (500) during the regular season, and against the Cardinals' top-ranked offense they forced six turnovers by Carson Palmer.

So now it's on to the Bay Area to face Peyton Manning and the Denver Broncos (14-4) in Super Bowl 50. Manning, a five-time league MVP, will play in his fourth Super Bowl and Denver in a record-tying eighth. Carolina, a loser 12 years ago to New England, gets its second trip.

"When I was growing up," said All-Pro linebacker Luke Kuechly, who had a 22-yard interception return touchdown to give Carolina the most points in an NFC championship, "it was Peyton Manning and the Colts putting up big numbers. He was the guy and still is the guy that everyone looks at. It's going to be a lot of fun."

Some memorable things from the Panthers' romp:

**CAM OF STEEL:** Newton's superhero image was enhanced by yet another fabulous performance. On both of his TD runs, he laid out the ball or himself to get into the end zone.

And one of his TD passes was an 86-yard catch-and-run by Philly Brown, helped by Rashad Johnson's botched tackle.

Newton set an NFL mark with 45 touchdowns: 35 passes and 10 runs. On Sunday, all of those talents were on display.

"We knew from the get-go when he first got here," said center Ryan Kalil,

like Newton an All-Pro, "we had something special. Watching him grow each and every year, it's been incredible, and this has been a big year for him?"

You think?

But it's not enough, the fifth-year quarterback admitted.

"Yeah, we are going to the Super Bowl. We are not going just to take pictures," Newton said. "We are trying to finish this thing off."

**BIG-PLAY DEFENSE:** Denver is practically overwhelming defensively in edging the Patriots 18-16 for the AFC crown. Carolina WAS overwhelming against Arizona.

Palmer threw four interceptions and lost two fumbles; a seventh Carolina takeaway came on special teams.

Kurt Coleman, who had an NFC-best seven picks during the season, grabbed two. Tre Boston had one and Kuechly got the capper.

There were also three sacks. Kawann Short forced one on his, and so did Charles Johnson. Kyle Love had the other sack.

"They can do it all," Palmer said. "It's a very solid group. They have a lot of young guys and then a lot of experience, too."

**GINNED UP:** Ted Ginn Jr. spent a very unproductive 2014 with the Cardinals, who quickly released him after that season. He hooked back up with Carolina, where Ginn spent 2013.

Ginn has had his best year, and against Arizona he had one of his best games. His 32-yard punt return set up his darting, weaving 22-yard TD run. He had 52 yards in receptions, and he tracked down All-Pro cornerback Patrick Peterson to prevent a touchdown on an interception return.

Man, that felt good.

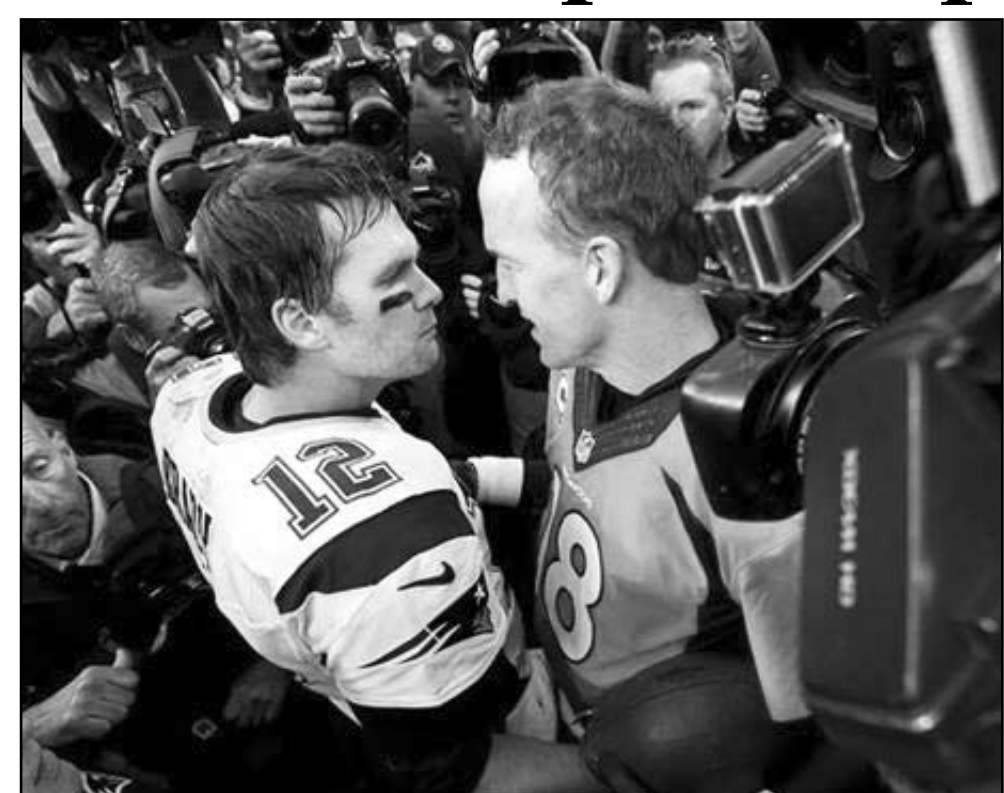
"I felt like deep down inside they felt like I couldn't do it," Ginn said of the Cardinals. "They sent me back out to the wolves."

"Yes, it was personal," Ginn said. "My team knew it was personal."

**DISTRESSING POSTSEASON:** After going 13-3 and looking like the league's most balanced team, the Cardinals played inconsistently in outlasting the Packers in overtime in the divisional round. They were awful on the final step toward the Super Bowl.

"This is as low as you can feel," Palmer said. "You put so much in and you come in here with such high expectations. To leave the way we're leaving, it just hurts."

## AFC Championship



AP Photo/David Zalubowski

New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (12) and Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning speak to one another following the NFL football AFC Championship game between the Denver Broncos and the New England Patriots, Sunday, Jan. 24, 2016, in Denver. The Broncos defeated the Patriots 20-18 to advance to the Super Bowl.

## Denver's defense key to win

DENVER (AP) — Peyton Manning is glad he doesn't have to face Denver's dizzying defense. Tom Brady wasn't so lucky.

The Broncos bashed Brady throughout a 20-18 dethroning of the New England Patriots in the AFC championship Sunday that sent Denver to a record-tying eighth Super Bowl.

Von Miller's monster performance led the way for a dominant defense that hit Brady 23 times and forced him into 29 incompletions, two fourth-down flops and two costly interceptions, one of them on a failed 2-point try that would have tied it with 12 seconds left.

"Von played phenomenal today," safety T.J. Ward said. "I have never seen a performance like that from one player."

Miller had 2 1/2 sacks, four quarterback hits, a pass breakup and a takeaway that turned into a touchdown.

"I tell you, I can do it all," Miller said with a wry smile. "I'm just playing."

But he wasn't kidding.

Denver's defense is no joke.

"Defense wins championships," Chris Harris Jr. said, repeating the mantra in case anybody still doubts Denver.

DeMarcus Ware added seven hits on Brady, including a sandwich sack with Miller, and Derek Wolfe set the early rattle with a huge, jaw-rattling hit, a batted down pass and a sack.

"He was rattled," said Aqib Talib, whose deflected pass on Brady's 2-point try settled into Bradley Roby's hands. "I don't think I've ever seen anybody put that much pressure on Tom — ever. So, I think we did a hell of a job getting that pressure on him. That's why we're going to the 'ship.'"

Along with Manning, who was hit just four times and threw two TD passes to tight end Owen Daniels.

Manning is seeking his second ring and his third for his boss, John Elway.

"Me, personally, I think he still has it, although the critics say he doesn't have it," receiver Emmanuel Sanders said. "You want to talk about a guy that

started the season off 7-0 and is now he is going to the Super Bowl. At age 39 or 40 or 70 or how ever old he is, no matter what, he gets the job done."

Two months shy of 40, he's also trying to supplant Elway as the oldest QB ever to win a Lombardi Trophy.

Standing in their way is Cam Newton and the Carolina Panthers (17-1), who throttled the Arizona Cardinals 49-15 to reach their first Super Bowl.

"I've enjoyed playing on the same team as that defense," Manning said of his teammates. "I'm glad I haven't had to face them this season, I'll say that. They've been challenging to go against in practice."

Brady praised not only Denver's front seven, but its star-studded secondary.

"It was just tough for us to ever get in a rhythm," said Brady, who fell to 11-6 in his storied rivalry with Manning, including 1-3 in conference championships.

Other takeaways from Denver's second AFC title in three years:

**NOT SO** **AVAILABLE:** Stephen Gostkowski missed a rare extra point early in the game, one that haunted the Patriots the rest of the way.

He took it hard after the game, too.

"You want to help the team win. You don't want to be the reason you lose," said Gostkowski, who had made an NFL-record 523 consecutive PATs before sending fluttering one wide right in the first quarter. "It's not a good feeling. I deserve all the blame that I get and I'll try to hold my head up high."

Gostkowski's teammates refused to blame him for failing to get Brady and Bill Belichick their 23rd playoff win.

"No one is perfect. That's just life. We're all going to make mistakes," cornerback Malcolm Butler said. "We're in this together."

**GRONK CRAMPS UP:** In the second half, with the Patriots trying to mount a comeback, Rob Gronkowski was on the sideline, face-down, while a trainer mas-

saged his legs.

The best tight end in the game had fallen victim to the mile-high air and a bad case of the cramps. He came back and made more than his share of plays — most notably the 40-yard catch down the seam on fourth-and-10 during New England's late scoring drive, then the 4-yard grab for a touchdown that gave the Patriots a chance to tie the game.

Eight catches for 144 yards is nothing to apologize for. Still, the loss — and those cramps — will hurt Gronk for a while.

"As an athlete, you just don't want that to happen," he said.

**KEO'S K.O.** — Street free agent Shiloh KEO has more than made up for surrendering the game-winning TD in a 15-12 loss to Oakland five days after joining Denver's defense when an injury epidemic took out several of their safeties.

First, his interception of Philip Rivers in the waning minutes of the season finale set up Ronnie Hillman's game-winning touchdown run in Denver's 27-20 victory that secured the AFC's No. 1 seed.

On Sunday, the Patriots still had a shot at the win following Roby's interception of Brady's 2-point attempt. Recover the onside kick and maybe Gostkowski gets a shot at redemption and the victory.

However, it was KEO who recovered the kick. "When I think about it, I get emotional," KEO said, thanking both God and the Broncos.

"They believed in me, that's why they brought me here," KEO said. "They trust everybody in this locker room. I just hope I can continue to come through and bring home a Super Bowl."

**DOWN & OUT:** Belichick gambled twice in the fourth quarter by going for it on fourth down even though the Patriots were in field goal range. It backfired both times and they turned the ball over on downs.

"No," Belichick replied when asked if he had regrets. "It was the score and situation in the game."

## Ten BSHS swimmers advance to Regionals

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This weekend the BSHS Swim Team traveled to Andrews to compete in the District Championships. All ten BSHS swim team members placed in the top six and will advance on to the Regional Championships in two weeks also in held in Andrews. Regional qualifiers are as follows:

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### NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the JPM EOC OPERATING, INC., [RRC Operator No. 448014] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 40, Bk. 32 T1N, T&P RR CO/READ, H C Survey, A-1589, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 2.3 miles NE direction from BIG SPRING, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the in-

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PAPAGIORGIO 40-33 A  
Lease/Unit Well No. : 11WA  
Lease/Unit Acres : 640.45  
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0  
Lease 254.0 F SOUTH L,  
1016.0 WEST  
Survey 254.0 F SOUTH L,  
1695.0 EAST

Wellbore Profile(s) :  
Horizontal

Lateral: TH1  
Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines:  
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Terminus Location  
BH County: HOWARD  
Section: 33 Block: 32 T1N  
Abstract: 144  
Survey: T&P RR CO  
Lease Lines:  
50.0 F NORTH L  
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SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) :  
Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.  
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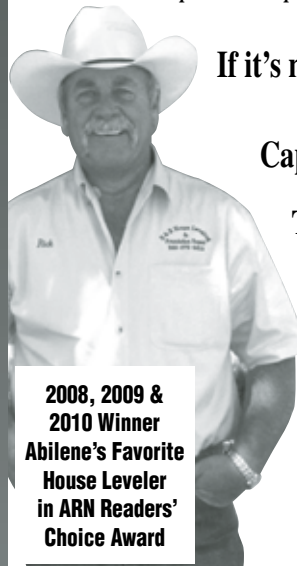
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Tomorrow's Horoscope



Mercury Goes Direct

The direct status of Mercury signals the return of business as usual. Now don't worry if you're not exactly fond of the "usual" state of your "business." At least you should know that you're not alone. With the current lineup you will find connecting and commiserating to be an easy process that gets even easier as the week progresses.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Follow sensible advice wherever it comes from, and it just might come from some very unexpected places. Hint: The ones with the most intelligence aren't always the ones with the most sense.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Resist the impulse to read too much into the circumstances. Face value will be the best one for most things. Use whatever comes your way as a resource.

You're very creative now, so this won't be a problem.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). It's about the meaning, not the money. So when you find the financial implications upsetting, back it up some. Try to figure out what's really bothering you. It has nothing to do with a dollar amount.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Your network has more value than you are currently utilizing, which is how it should be. Would it surprise you to know that someone else is using your name as a kind of magic key?

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). When they hear certain words, your name is the first to come to mind. Do you know what this is regarding? Do you have an accurate understanding of people's associations regarding you? This will be the topic of the day.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). So, you are slightly underequipped for the task at hand. That's what they call "cute," and as long as you're not overly aware of it, you'll win in this category today, whether you like it or not.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Share that vision your mind is spinning into the ether. It's beautiful. The dreams are unreasonable. Foolish perhaps. But at least they are your dreams. That's what the others will love most about them!

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have wisdom to impart to your loved ones, and they will see you as a respected leader. In the next three weeks you'll receive news that favorably affects your family. June is your chance to use your talent and shine.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's easy to let the healthy routine slip away from you, if ever it was there in the first place. Good news: You can get it back. This is the perfect day to set up a habit you'll be proud to keep.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're easily amused, and that's a good thing. Curiosity is a sign of intelligence. Your loved

ones, colleagues and a few perfect strangers will be honored by your interest in them.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're comfortable with who you are. This is why others have an easy time being with you, too. Afternoon features a perfect compromise. It all begins with your fresh willingness to get along.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Context is power. People will struggle to place a context around you, so help them out with this (especially when meeting someone for the first time). Decide what you want them to know about you and serve it up.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Jan. 25). The next six weeks will treat you to a lot of your kind of fun. Just know your definition of that will change with felicitous developments in March. February's focus on fitness and feeling happy will attract like-partners. You'll love what May does to your professional sector, though it will take some getting used to as well.

Cancer and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 17, 8, 33, 25 and 48.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I'm thinking of hiring a Gemini at my toy company. Can you tell me about this sign's work ethic?"

Gemini can commit and hang in there until the job is done, so long as Gemini thinks it's a fun job. And what Gemini thinks is fun might surprise others. Sweeping the floor can be a real riot to this open-minded, upbeat sign. And Gemini can enjoy running the coffee pot as much as he or she enjoys running the company. Gemini is always looking for the amusements of work and therefore always finds them. For example, if there is a funny monkey website that allows a chimp in a wig to say, "The board meeting has been changed to 3 o'clock," Gemini is all over it. But when the work ceases to be fun, Gemini is the first one out the door. So what is Gemini's superpower at work? Salesmanship.

Business is about sales and sales are about communication, which is Gemini's specialty. With focused training, Gemini can be a sales-superstar, with the added benefit of not having to run everything in order to feel fulfilled. In many companies, the top earners are the salespeople and not the CEOs.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** One of the many special causes that Alicia Keys has brought awareness and funding to is the need for criminal justice reform. It is estimated that 2.7 million American children have at least one incarcerated parent. In typical Aquarian fashion, Keys uses her music and the popularity of her website to lead change. The sun, Mercury and Mars were all in philanthropic Aquarius when Keys was born.

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Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** A friend of mine has Type 2 diabetes and an eating disorder. Recently, she visited the doctor and her blood pressure and blood sugar levels were extremely high. The doctor spoke to her about the consequences of her diet, and after the visit, she spoke to his nurse. She was told that if she keeps her blood sugar under 200, she doesn't need to worry and the doctor won't be mad at her.

She came away from the visit with a determination to do a better job with her diet. But within a week, she went back to eating the "banned" food items. She tests herself and thinks that levels in the 190s are OK.

I have been trying to work with her on her diet. I have introduced her to better food choices. I listen to her and give advice when the opportunity comes up. I have made the decision to keep the lines of communication open by not criticizing her choices. Is there anything I ought to be doing? -- The Listener

**Dear Listener:** Not really. You are being supportive without enabling. You might ask her to join you in an exercise class

or a morning walk. Physical activity can help enormously. And you can suggest that she contact a dietician for help with her nutrition, and the American Diabetes Association ([diabetes.org](http://diabetes.org)) for information, resources and support. The rest is up to her.

**Dear Annie:** My wife and I have been married for 46 years and have been happy for most of it.

We recently traveled to North Carolina to celebrate the holidays with family and friends. It was also my 71st birthday, so it was especially lovely, and I received some nice gifts. My wife gave me a \$50 debit card, which I greatly appreciated.

However, when we were driving home after the turkey dinners, golf, shopping, visiting, etc., it was time to fill up the car. My wife insisted that I pay for the \$29 in gas with my birthday debit card.

Do you think that was a reasonable thing for her to do? My wife earns twice what I do. I always buy her beautiful and expensive gifts for her special occasions. -- Still in Love

**Dear Still:** Your wife made the unilateral decision that the gift card was for both

of you and should be spent on joint needs. This makes it less of a gift than you anticipated, and we agree that it was unfair. It has nothing to do with who earns more money. Had you paid for the gas without using the debit card, you would have been out the same \$29, but that is beside the point. Spending it on gas should have been your choice, not hers.

Does your wife do this sort of thing often? Speak up and let her know it bothered you. Tell her that it is not a gift if someone else determines when it is spent and for what. Thank her again for being so generous and ask

her to please not do this again.

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

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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.

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
Famous Hand

North dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 10 2  
♥ Q 6 4  
♦ K 10  
♣ A 9 6 4 3 2

**WEST**  
♠ J 8 7 6 4  
♥ K J 10 7  
♦ 9 5 3  
♣ 5

**EAST**  
♠ 5 3  
♥ 8 5 2  
♦ Q J 8 6 2  
♣ Q J 8

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K Q 9  
♥ A 9 3  
♦ A 7 4  
♣ K 10 7

The bidding:  
North East South West  
Pass Pass 1♣ Pass  
2♣ Pass 6♣

Opening lead — three of diamonds.  
This deal occurred in the match between Australia and the United States in the 1968 World Bridge Olympiad. When Dick Cummings and Tim Seres were North-South for Australia, they got to six clubs as shown. In their methods, Cummings' two-club bid was constructive and showed about the same strength as a raise to three clubs would in many other systems.

Despite his three-card trump holding, Seres leaped directly to six, which proved to be an excellent contract even though the 3-1 trump break meant that South had only 11 ready-made winners.

Had the American West led either a spade or a heart, he would have handed declarer his 12th trick. West's diamond lead, though, gave nothing away. Seres won with the ace and cashed the K-A of trumps. When West showed out, Seres played a third trump to pave the way for a possible squeeze.

East won and shifted to a heart. Seres rose with the ace, crossed to the king of diamonds and played two more rounds of trumps, producing this position:

North  
♠ 10 2  
♥ Q 6  
♦ 4

West East  
♠ J 8 7 6 ♠ 5  
♥ K ♥ 8 5  
♦ Q 8

South  
♠ A K Q 9  
♦ 7

Seres now led dummy's last trump, discarding a diamond, and West had no answer. He elected to discard a spade, and Seres then scored the last four tricks with the A-K-Q-9 of spades.

Tomorrow: Two shots are better than one.

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	KMID (3) Midland	UNI (4) Spanish	KPEJ (5) Odessa	KOSA (7) Odessa	KTLE (8) Telemundo	KWES (9) Midland	KMLM (12) Odessa	KPBT (13) Odessa	KWWT (14) Odessa	KWES2 (15) Midland	WTBS (33) Atlanta	TNT (34) Atlanta	ESPN (35) Sports	ESPN2 (36) Sports	FSN (38) Sports	USA (55) New York	A&E (58) New York	DISC (60) Discovery
5:PM	News	Hotel	Big Bang	News	Tele	News	Uri Harel	Over	Mama's	American	American	Joe Pesci	SportsCenter	Around	LSU	NCIS (DVS)	The First 48	Fast N' Loud
6:PM	ABC	Notic.	Cleveland	CBS	Noticiero	News	D Stringer	Business	Mama's	American	American		College Basketball: Duke at Miami.	Women's College Basketball	Bear Bryant	NCIS (DVS)	War & Peace	Fast N' Loud
7:PM	Jeopardy!	Wheel	Muchacha Italiana	Mod Fam	News	Caso Cerado	News	McDonald Dr.	M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy			Pevs	WWE Monday Night RAW			Fast N' Loud
8:PM	The Bachelor	Antes Muerta que	The X-Files	Supergirl	Celia (SS)	Super Telenov	Discovery	Antiques Roadshow	Griffith	Crazy Ex-Girlfriend	American	Movie: Gangster Squad, Nick Nolte (DVS)	College Basketball: Kansas at Iowa State.	2016 Australian Open Tennis: Men's and Women's Quarterfinals.	Calgary Flames at Dallas Stars.			
9:PM	(01) Bachelor Live	El Hotel de los	TMZ	NCIS: Los Angeles	La Querida			Independent Lens	Heroes	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Movie: The Da Vinci Code, Ian McKellen (DVS)	SportsCenter	Star Post.	(05) Colony	(02) War & Peace	(02) Fast N' Loud	
10:PM	News	Impacto	Mod Fam	News	Tele	News	House		C. Burnett	Cougar	Conan		SportsCenter	Champ Spotlight	(05) Movie: Surrogates (DVS)		(03) Diesel Brothers	
11:PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Contacto	How I Met	James Corden	Bajo el Mismo Cielo	News	1st Fruits		King	Cougar			SportsCenter	Sportsday	NHL Hockey: Flames at Stars			(04) Fast N' Loud
12:AM	Extra	Corona de lágrimas	Middle	Insider	Insider	Insider	Insider		King	Cougar			SportsCenter	NFL Live				
1:AM	Paid	Alma	Law Order: CI	ET	ET	ET	ET		King	Cougar		Law & Order	SportsCenter	NFL Live				
	Paid	Hotel	CI	ET	ET	ET	ET		King	Cougar		Movie:						

### DENNIS THE MENACE

1-25

"SEE, WE'RE HERE, SO IF WE START DIGGIN', THERE'S NO WAY WE'LL END UP IN CHINA."

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

1-25

"Don't worry, Jeffy. Mommy doesn't need a teddy bear to hug. That's what Daddy's for."

### HAGAR

1-25

WHAT DID TODAY'S EXAM TELL YOU, DOCTOR?

YOU HAVE THE REFLEXES OF A 21-YEAR-OLD MAN!

AND THE GIRTH OF A 200-YEAR-OLD OAK!

### BC

1-25/16

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU, PHIL?

I PULLED A CLAVICLE TENDON WHILE REACHING FOR A LEAF.

HURT MUCH?

NOT REALLY.

SO WHAT'S WITH THE BRACE?

IT MAKES MY ATTORNEY MORE COMFORTABLE.

### WIZARD OF ID

1-25/16

LUCK FAVORS THE PREPARED

CRASH!

### BLONDIE

1-25

OMIGOODNESS! HERE'S AN ARTICLE ABOUT A DIAMOND NECKLACE THAT COST THREE MILLION DOLLARS

I DON'T THINK I'D EVER GET A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP KNOWING THAT I OWNED A NECKLACE THAT EXPENSIVE!

SLEEP TIGHT, LIL' DARLIN'

### AGNES

1-25

I HAVE CREATED AN UNCONQUERABLE SNOW FORT.

FWUP!

HOW DID YOU DEFEAT MY DEFENSES?

THE WALL IS A FOOT TALL... LOOKS MORE LIKE A CURB.

### HI AND LOIS

1-25

WE ALREADY HAD "THE STORM OF THE CENTURY."

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO CALL THIS ONE?

"THE FLAKE-OUT OF THE WEEK."

### This Date In History

Today is Monday, Jan. 25, the 25th day of 2016. There are 341 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 25, 1915, America's first official transcontinental telephone call took place as Alexander Graham Bell, who was in New York, spoke to his former assistant, Thomas Watson, who was in San Francisco, over a line set up by American Telephone & Telegraph.

On this date:

In 1890, reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochran) of the New York World completed a round-the-world journey in 72 days, 6 hours and 11 minutes. The United Mine Workers of America was founded in Columbus, Ohio.

In 1915, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Coppage v. Kansas*, upheld the right of employers to bar employees from belonging to labor unions by making them sign a "yellow dog contract."

In 1924, the first Winter Olympic Games opened in Chamonix (shah-moh-NEE'), France.

In 1945, the World War II Battle of the Bulge ended as German forces were pushed back to their original positions. Grand Rapids, Michigan, became the first community to add fluoride to its public water supply.

In 1947, American gangster Al Capone died in Miami Beach, Florida, at age 48.

In 1955, the Soviet Union formally ended its state of war with Germany.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy held the first presidential news conference to be carried live on radio and television.

In 1971, Charles Manson and three women followers were convicted in Los Angeles of murder and conspiracy in the 1969 slayings of seven people, including actress Sharon Tate.

In 1981, the 52 Americans held hostage by Iran for 444 days arrived in the United States.

In 1990, an Avianca Boeing 707 ran out of fuel and crashed in Cove Neck, Long Island, New York; 73 of the 158 people aboard were killed. Actress Ava Gardner died in London at age 67.

In 1995, the U.S. and Norway launched a Black Brant rocket carrying equipment to study the aurora borealis, startling Russian officials who wondered at first if the rocket was an incoming Trident missile.

(Russian President Boris Yeltsin reportedly was given his "nuclear briefcase" for possible retaliation before realizing there was no threat.)

In 2005, A videotape showed Roy Hallums, an American kidnapped in Baghdad, pleading for his life. (Hallums was rescued by coalition troops on Sept. 7, 2005.) A stampede during a Hindu festival in western India killed some 300 people. Architect Philip Johnson died in New Canaan, Connecticut, at age 98.

Thought for Today:  
"A first-rate organizer is never in a hurry. He is never late. He always keeps up his sleeve a margin for the unexpected."  
Arnold Bennett, English poet, author and critic (1867-1931)

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### THE OTHER COAST

1-25

THERE USED TO BE LOTS OF MARSHES WE COULD STOP OFF AT WHEN WE WERE MIGRATING...

BUT THEY'RE DISAPPEARING UNDER CONDOS AND CONCRETE, LEAVING US WITH FEW OPTIONS...

SURE, IT'S WARM, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, HUMILIATING.

### SNUFFY SMITH

1-25

AN' NOW TH' WEATHER...

SORRY 'BOUT THAT, FOLKS !! GONNA BE SUCH A NICE DAY EVEN TH' WEATHERMAN TOOK IT OFF T'GO FISHIN'...

### BEEBLE BAILEY

1-25

BEEBLE! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE CLEANING YOUR RIFLE!

IT'S AS CLEAN AS IT'S EVER GOING TO BE

HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?

I LOST IT CROSSING THE RIVER

### Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- Southern Calif. cops
- Dutch cheese
- Literary twist
- Shade trees
- Grades K-6: Abbr.
- Uses needle and thread
- Prepare dinner
- Heartbeat
- Dole (out)
- Wander around
- Dental (tooth-cleaning thread)
- Start a poker pot
- Totally wreck
- Leaving before the workday is over
- Car fuel
- Method
- Rectangular shape
- Wild animal's home
- American espionage org.
- Mark, as exams
- Separate into stacks
- Gelatin shaper
- Reprimanding severely
- Very long time
- Twosomes
- Run out, as a subscription
- Highways: Abbr.
- Unruly crowds
- Chabate
- Chatroom chuckle
- Fraction of a min.
- Making someone cry
- Molecule part
- Postal delivery area
- Of farm life
- Waterproof covering

DOWN

- Remarkable thing
- Frequently
- Soft "Hey!"
- Fashion show creator
- Online periodicals
- Jay who hosted *The Tonight Show*
- Caesar's rebuke
- Encounter at a conference
- Impressive assortment
- Rain hard
- Wickedness
- Declare to be false
- Army one-striper: Abbr.
- Pester
- Corn portion
- One who stares
- Group of hatchlings
- Homeowners' grassy spaces
- Poems of praise
- Corporate symbols
- and crafts
- Homes for hens
- "You win"
- Guys who write slogans
- Rudely ignore
- Finely degs.
- Holds in high esteem
- Powered by plugging in
- Soft-soled shoe, for short
- Zodiac cat
- Sugar cubes
- Flower stalks
- Evaluate
- List shortening abbr.
- College student's housing
- Connecting point
- Chew like a mouse
- Money in Italy
- Cowboy's ending for "buck"
- and file (employee group)
- Devious

### DISCOUNT PRICING

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Answer to previous puzzle

S	P	I	C	E	R	A	C	K	F	O	R	T	E	
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