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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **RAMIRO TORRES HERNANDEZ**, 35, of 2005 E. Crosby Lane in Carrollton was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **MAGDALENA ALVIZO**, 20, of 400 NW 10th St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **EDMUND DUANE MEDRANO**, 49, of 2300 Camp Dr. Apt. #102 was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended or invalid license.
- **RONALD STANLEY HASELBY**, 66, of 538 Westover Rd. Apt. #124 was arrested on a charge of criminal trespassing.
- **RICARDO MARTINEZ CASTILLO**, 38, of 1503 Sycamore St. Apt. B was arrested on outstanding warrants.
- **DAVID LYNN DOW**, 33, no address given, was arrested on a charge of jaywalking.
- **CALESTON NASIER SAND-**

ERS, 34, of 206 S. Main St. Rear Apt. was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief (less than \$30,000) impairing or interrupting public service.

- **TYLAR MORGANMAREE HALE**, 18, of 1900 S. Main St. Apt. A was arrested on a charge of criminal trespassing.
- **ANDREW JONATHAN YANEZ**, 24, of 1408 Oriole was arrested on warrants for theft of property (\$100 to \$750) and possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram); and on another outstanding warrant.
- **PABLO VIERA JR.**, 31, of 1907 S. Main St. was arrested on charges of theft of property (\$100 to \$750)/shoplifting and evading arrest or detention.
- **DANIEL MONTEZ VIERA SR.**, 28, of 1907 S. Main St. was arrested on warrants for driving without being secured by a safety belt, failure to appear, and theft of property (less than \$100)/shop-

lifting.

- **CHRISTIAN ANTHONY TORRENCE**, 31, of 1404 S. Benton St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1200 block of College Avenue.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1300 block of Tucson Street.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 800 block of West Interstate 20.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky Way.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 400 block of Dallas Street, the 200 block of South Scurry, the 3600 block of West Highway 80, the 100 block of NE Broadway Street in Coahoma, and the 2000 block of South Gregg Street.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 200 block of West FM 700.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 80 inmates at the time of this report.

- **MAGDALENA ALVIZO**, 20, was booked by BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for theft of property (\$50 to \$500).
- **RICARDO MARTINEZ CASTILLO**, 38, was booked by BSPD on warrants for driving with an invalid license, speeding, and violation of promise to appear.
- **DAVID LYNN DOW**, 33, was booked by BSPD on a charge of jaywalking.
- **JOLISA LYNN GRACE**, 36, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for burglary of a habitation.
- **TYLAR MORGANMAREE HALE**, 18, was booked by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespassing.
- **RONALD STANLEY**

HASLEBY SR., 66, of 538 Westover Rd. Apt. #124 was arrested on a charge of criminal trespassing.

- **RAMIRO HERNANDEZ**, 35, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for harassment.
- **ANDREA DENISE LAND**, 44, was booked by HCSO on warrant for criminal trespassing.
- **JASON CESARIO LUERA**, 32, was booked by BSPD on a parole violation for indecency with a child/sexual contact.
- **EDMUND DUANE MEDRANO**, 49, was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving with an invalid license.
- **JACKIE DOYLE RICHEY JR.**, 54, was booked by BSPD
- **JOSE RODARTE**, 53, was booked by BSPD
- **CALESTON NASIER SANDERS**, 34, was booked by BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief (less than \$30,000) impairing or interrupting public service.
- **CHRISTIAN ANTHONY**

TORRENCE, 31, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for harassment.

- **JAMES ANTHONY TORRENCE**, 51, was booked by BSPD on charges of public intoxication and possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram).
- **DANIEL MONTEZ VIERA JR.**, 28, was booked by BSPD on warrants for driving without being secured by a safety belt, failure to appear, and theft of property (less than \$100)/shoplifting.
- **PAUL VIERA JR.**, 31, was booked by BSPD on charges of theft of property (\$100 to \$750)/shoplifting and evading arrest or detention.
- **ANDREW JONATHAN YANEZ**, 24, was booked by BSPD on warrants for theft of property (\$100 to \$750), bail jumping/failure to appear, and possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram).

Take Note

- The Salvation Army of Big Spring is seeking volunteers to ring a bell for their Red Kettle program this Christmas season. Each year, more than 25,000 Salvation Army volunteers raise money through the program to help serve more than 3 million people in need during the holiday season from Thanksgiving to Christmas. All money raised in the Red Kettle program stays in the communities where it is raised. For more information call 432-352-2005. If you don't have time to ring a bell, you can visit RedKettleReason.org to create an online kettle to raise funds for the program.

- 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 at 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.

Obituaries

Vivian Hart

Vivian Hart, 74, of Big Spring died Monday, Dec. 12, 2016, at her home. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Jean Lee

Jean Lee, 65, of Big Spring died Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016, in a local hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Richard Sorenson

Richard Sorenson, 48, of Big Spring died Friday, Dec. 9, 2016, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
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- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of Austin. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3600 block of Connally. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Simler Drive.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of NW 10th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of East 16th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Duke.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of Ridgeroad Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the intersection of 25th and Larry streets. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **DUMPSTER FIRE** was reported in the 700 block of East Second Street.
- **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 500 block of Donley.
- **TRASH FIRE** was reported in the 100 block of Owens.
- **TRASH FIRE** was reported in the 2500 block of Dow.

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City names street after community leader



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Friends, family, and community members applaud Big Spring volunteer Pat Simmons at her 90th birthday celebration at Dora Roberts Community Center Sunday evening. "I don't know of any other person that's done more for this community than Pat Simmons," said Mayor Larry McLellan (pictured center background) at the event. "She's involved in Keep Big Spring Beautiful, and just every aspect of this community, she has been involved in it. She does a lot of the little things that people don't realize, you know. Having our council meetings, she's in charge of having the ministers here that do the prayer for us each night. It's these little things throughout the community that Pat does." In her honor, the city renamed Golf Course Road, located in the Comanche Trail Park, to Pat Simmons Way. Simmons began the Festival of Lights, an event that draws thousands to Big Spring during the Christmas season.

Boy Scouts hold annual Santa Paws event



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

The local Boy Scouts held a food and toy drive for the Happy Day Humane Society at Tractor Supply Saturday. More donations can be taken to Happy Days Humane Society located at 5710 W. Interstate 20. The shelter always needs food, toys, and blankets.

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The Bankhead Highway was eventually built adjacent to the rail line and ultimately became the route of Interstate 20.

The project will use construction materials featuring native stone and CCC (Civilian Conservation Corp) style architecture that will blend with the construction used in the park area. It will be fully handicapped accessible and will include a new plaza area with seating capability

for 1,000 plus with full electrical hookups and performance stage.

A widened trail for access will be added along with additional lighting and security cameras as well as emergency vehicle access. New low-maintenance planting areas will be included as well as thinning in some areas for visibility, appeal and safety. New observation deck overlooking the spring will be added with artificial outflows to create 2 areas of waterfalls.

Eight large (5 ft. x 10 ft.) story boards made of engraved corten metal with a limestone block

background will be displayed in the plaza area. These story boards will depict the significant historical periods of Big Spring History and will be surrounded by native plants.

There will be a walking area devoted to the Native American history of the area and a replica of a ranch dug-out will also be added to represent the importance of the area's ranching heritage.

The Historic Spring is located inside the Comanche Trail Park. The groundbreaking will be held at the spring.

Fantasia on Greensleeves, Sleigh Ride, and Caribbean and Brazilian Sleigh Bells. Two Christmas sing-alongs are on the program.

Tickets are 20 dollars for adults, 15 dollars for seniors. Students through college age are admitted free, however an adult must accompany children under 15.

Tickets are available at Blum's Jewelers, HEB, Heritage Museum, Chamber of Commerce and CVB Office. They will be for sale at the door. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 17 in the Municipal Auditorium.



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Salvation Army Corps Officer Lt. Josh McKain rings a bell at Mighty Wash, 1000 Scurry St., as part of the group's Kountry Kettle campaign. Mighty Wash donated 10 percent of its sales Saturday to the Salvation Army.

Top GOP leader: Senate to probe reports of Russia hacking

NEW YORK (AP) — The top Senate Republican said Monday that Congress will investigate a CIA assessment that Russia interfered in the November election on behalf of Donald Trump, an intelligence conclusion in chief has called "ridiculous."

Majority Leader Mitch McConnell told reporters that an inquiry would be conducted by the Senate intelligence panel. Two key Senate Republicans — John McCain of Arizona and Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, a leading Trump critic — have joined with two Democrats in seeking a bipartisan investigation into the Kremlin's activities during the election.

"Obviously any foreign breach of our cybersecurity measures is disturbing, and I strongly condemn any such efforts," McConnell said.

Unlike Trump, who has expressed admiration for Russian leader Vladimir Putin, McConnell said flatly, "The Russians are not our friends."

The CIA recently concluded with "high confidence" that Russia sought to influence the U.S. election on behalf of Trump, raising red flags among lawmakers concerned about the sanctity of the U.S. voting system and potentially straining relations at the start of Trump's administration.

Trump said Sunday the recent CIA assertion that Russian hacking had sought to help his candidacy was "ridiculous," and he praised Exxon-Mobil CEO Rex Tillerson, who has emerged as the leading contender to lead the State Department.

Russia expects to figure prominently at the start of a week in which Trump is expected to name more members of his Cabinet, which also has vacancies in the departments of Energy, Agriculture and Veterans Affairs.

Trump's transition team announced Monday that his choice to head the Department of Homeland Security is, as expected, Gen. John Kelly. Kelly is a former commander of U.S. Southern Command with "unique insight into some of the

challenges the United States faces at its southern border," the announcement said.

"It's a matter of concern to me that he has such a close personal relationship with Vladimir Putin," McCain said of Tillerson. "And obviously they've done enormous deals together." In an interview with CBS' "Face the Nation," McCain said, "That would color his approach to Vladimir Putin and the Russian threat."

Russia expects to figure prominently at the start of a week in which Trump is expected to name more members of his Cabinet, which also has vacancies in the departments of Energy, Agriculture and Veterans Affairs. During his campaign, Trump weathered turbulent relations with fellow Republicans but has since forged a more united front with GOP lawmakers since his November victory over Hillary Clinton.

In a wide-ranging interview with "Fox News Sunday," Trump dismissed those concerns as little more than partisan griping. "I think the Democrats are putting it out because they suffered one of the greatest defeats in the history of politics in this country. And frankly, I think they're putting it out. And it's ridiculous," Trump said. The incoming president said he did not necessarily oppose calls from President Barack Obama for an inquiry into the 2016 campaign hacking but said it should not be solely focused on a single culprit.

"If you're gonna to do that, I think you should not just say 'Russia.' You should say other countries also, and maybe other individuals," he said. The White House has said the probe would focus on any breaches by other countries along with hacking committed in previous elections.

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News in brief

Defense wants Charleston church survivor's testimony struck

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Attorneys for the man charged with killing nine people during a Bible study in a Charleston church are again arguing prosecutors' first witness tainted the case against their client.

The defense team for Dylann Roof argues in court papers filed Monday comments made by one of the survivors of the Emanuel AME Church shooting could influence other witnesses who were in the courtroom at the time.

Felicia Sanders testified last week Roof belonged in "the pit of hell." Defense attorneys requested a mistrial, saying her testimony was suggestive he should get the death penalty.

U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel denied that motion and allowed Sanders' testimony to remain in the record. In their new filing, Roof's defense team asks the judge to reconsider that decision and also to instruct further witnesses to leave their opinions on potential sentences out of their testimony.

Roof faces 33 federal charges including hate crimes. He faces a possible death sentence.

State judges in Travis County criticize bail terms for some

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — State district court judges based in Travis County have notified municipal judges and justices of the peace that they remain disappointed in decisions to allow dangerous suspects or flight risks to be released from jail without bail.

The state judges said in a Dec. 5 memo that they're troubled by a number of issues, including that some judges are more lenient than others.

The Austin American-Statesman reports (<http://atxne.ws/2hEBkuf>) the concerns have prompted changes that include prohibiting magistrates from modifying release conditions if a defendant has been indicted.

The state judges say in the memo that they've repeatedly attempted to address the concerns in the past but that "the problem persists."

County authorities previously expressed alarm when a stalking suspect gained his release and then killed himself after breaking into his ex-girlfriend's home.

2 Georgia police officers shot, wounded serving warrant

Two central Georgia police officers were shot and wounded early Monday while serving a search warrant in Crawford County, an investigator said.

Georgia Bureau of Investigation Special Agent in Charge J.T. Ricketson said a multi-jurisdiction drug task force went around 2:30 a.m. Monday to a home on state Highway 42. Byron officers knocked on the door and announced themselves, but no one answered.

"They knocked on the back door and announced their presence and that they were performing a search warrant," Ricketson said.

"No one responded so they gained entry by going through the back door. As the officers were entering inside the residence an occupant inside the residence fired at least one round. It may be more," he said.

The officers returned fire, and the suspect was killed, he said.

"These officers returned fire after they were fired upon. I don't know how many rounds they fired. We will be determining that," he said. "One subject was struck and he is actually deceased."

The two officers, who both work at the Byron police department, were taken to a hospital in Macon, he said. One was treated and released and the other was in surgery Monday morning, Ricketson said. He described the injuries as "serious but not life threatening."

Ricketson described the suspect who was killed as a 35-year-old white man, who is believed to have been the subject of the search warrant. The man's girlfriend and an infant about one month old were also in the house at the time of the shooting but neither was harmed, he said.

GBI agents have locked down the scene and were securing search warrants. The names of the suspect and the officers were not released.

Ricketson said the officers are part of the Peach County Drug Task Force that includes officers from Peach and Crawford Counties, Byron and Fort Valley.

The shooting comes at what has been a dangerous time for law enforcement officers in Georgia. At least seven Georgia law enforcement officers have been killed by gunmen in the line of duty this year.

Most recently, two police officers were shot responding to a domestic dispute call at an apartment in rural Americus last weekend. Americus Officer Nicholas Smarr died Wednesday and fellow officer and lifelong friend Jody Smith died the following day. The suspected gunman was found later — apparently of a self-inflicted gunshot wound — inside a home where he was hiding.



Georgia Bureau of Investigation responds to a shooting involving multiple officers while serving a search warrant at a home in Crawford County, Ga., Monday, Dec. 12, 2016. Authorities said the suspect in the shooting at the home has died.

Flight attendant who ditched cocaine at LAX to plead guilty

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A former JetBlue flight attendant accused of trying to sneak a suitcase full of cocaine through Los Angeles International Airport and making a dramatic dash to escape is set to plead guilty in the case in federal court on Monday.

Marsha Gay Reynolds is expected to plead guilty to conspiracy to possess and distribute cocaine in federal court, according to court documents. A conviction on that charge carries a mandatory minimum of 10 years in prison.

Reynolds, a U.S. citizen and resident of Queens, New York, is a former Jamaican beauty queen and New York University track athlete.

Authorities said they found 70 pounds of cocaine in her luggage at LAX on March 18 after she was flagged for a random security screening, flung off her high heels and bolted barefoot down an upward-moving escalator. They said she ran out of the terminal and made her way to New York.

Reynolds, 31 at the time, surrendered in New York days later.

An attorney for Reynolds at the time said she might not have been sure what was in her bag.

A court document filed by prosecutors on Friday said for the first time that Reynolds was getting paid thousands of dollars to help smuggle drugs and money through airport security at LAX and John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York.

An unindicted and unnamed co-conspirator illegally in the U.S. would give Reynolds the cocaine and money, and she would use her "known crew member badge" to get them through security, after which she would give them back to the co-conspirator, according to the document.

The co-conspirator fled to Jamaica, according to the document.

US agency completes work at site of Oakland warehouse blaze

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Investigators with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives have their completed work at the scene of a fatal warehouse fire that broke out during a dance party, killing 36 people.

ATF spokeswoman Alexandria Corneiro said Sunday the agency's team has left the site but that the scene in Oakland is still being secured. The deadliest building fire in the U.S. in more than a decade ripped through the warehouse during a dance party on the night of Dec. 2.

Corneiro says in a statement that ATF special agent Jill Snyder, who leads the bureau's San Francisco field division, and representatives from partner agencies will hold a news conference on Tuesday to talk about the investigation.

Snyder said Friday investigators had ruled out a refrigerator as the source of the fire, but they were still looking at electrical systems as potential causes.

Also on Sunday, funeral services were held for two victims of the warehouse fire.

Separate funerals were held in the San Francisco Bay Area for video artist Jonathan Bernbaum and the youngest victim, 17-year-old Draven McGill, The San Francisco Chronicle reported.

Relatives and loved ones described Bernbaum, a 34-year-old Berkeley native and Oakland resident, a smart man who loved all things media, had a penchant for arguing and was a loyal friend and son who kept in touch, the newspaper said.

Services were also held for McGill, the youngest person to die in the blaze. The private services, held at a Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Hayward, included a perfor-

mance by the Pacific Boychoir Academy, to McGill belonged, the Chronicle reported. His father is Alameda County sheriff's Deputy Phil McGill.

Texas to launch massive youth-athlete concussion study

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — This week, Texas will launch what state officials say is the nation's largest effort to track brain injuries among young athletes.

The University Interscholastic League, Texas' governing body for public high school sports, is partnering with the O'Donnell Brain Institute at UT Southwestern Medical Center for the project, from which they hope to gauge whether rules or equipment changes are improving player safety and what more can be done to protect athletes.

A state as large as Texas, which has more than 800,000 public high school athletes, would be a key step in developing a national database of brain injuries in youths, officials say. Already, the federal Centers of Disease Control and Prevention is seeking federal funding for such a database.

"Until we understand what the frequency of concussions is across the state, or a region of the state, we can't determine when rule changes, equipment changes or things like recovery programs are really being effective," said Dr. Munro Cullum, a professor of psychiatry, neurology and neurotherapeutics who will lead the study.



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Area B-Ball roundup

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

COLORADO CITY – The Coahoma Bulldogs had little go right their way Saturday as they dropped a 50-16 decision to the Sweetwater Lady Mustangs in the third place game of the Hooptown Classic.

Playing a very physical brand of defense, Sweetwater took Coahoma completely out of its normal style of play on offense. So suffocating was the Lady Mustangs' defense that Coahoma was limited to a single point in the first quarter and didn't score its first field goal of the game until 2:11 remained in the first half.

"I don't think we came out ready to play basketball," CHS Coach Byron Seal said. "The officiating kind of let it get out of hand, and we lost our minds a little bit. We had a lot of turnovers and didn't make a lot of shots we usually make. It just wasn't a very good game for us today."

Cassie Grant scored 8 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Bri Moriel led all scorers with 10 points for Sweetwater.

However, if the results weren't to Coahoma's liking, Seal could not find fault with his team's effort.

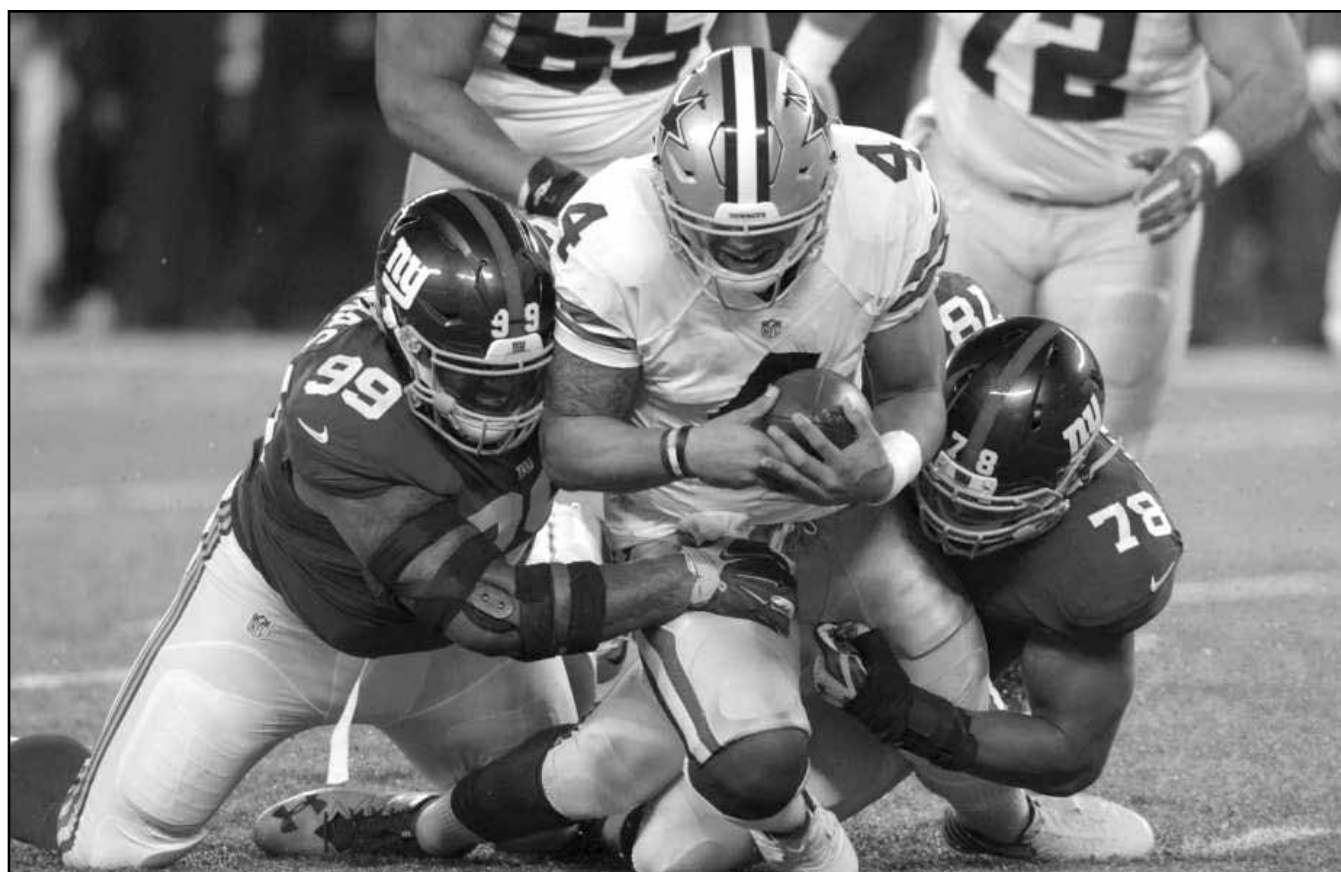
"We came out and played with a lot of heart. We showed that even if you get down, you can still get back into the basketball game. We never gave up and fought until the very end, and that's what made me proud. We're getting better every day, but when you're a young basketball team like we are, you'll have games where everything goes your way, and games where everything goes their way."

The Bulldogs (2-9) return to action Tuesday at Hermleigh. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

OTHER SATURDAY SCORES:

Girls
Big Spring 37, Kermit 27
Colorado City 47, Stanton 29
Garden City 68, Eldorado 28
Garden City 43, Irion C. 34 (OT)

Boys
Water Valley 41, Coahoma 36
Colorado City 43, Stanton 36



AP Photo/Bill Kostroun

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott (4) is sacked by New York Giants' Robert Thomas (99) and Romeo Okwara (78) during the first half of an NFL football game Sunday, Dec. 11, 2016, in East Rutherford, N.J.

Giants beat Cowboys again, end Dallas' 11-game win streak

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The New York Giants won two Super Bowls under Tom Coughlin by being able to pressure the opposing quarterback and getting just enough big plays from Eli Manning and the offense to pull out a lot of close games.

In coach Ben McAdoo's first season since taking over for Coughlin, the Giants (9-4) are using the same formula in a bid to end a four-year playoff drought.

It's a formula that also has put the only two blemishes on the Dallas Cowboys' record (11-2) this season.

The Giants' defense befuddled rookie quarterback Dak Prescott on a cold, damp night, and Manning overcame a miserable performance to hook up with Odell Beckham Jr. on a go-ahead, 61-yard catch-and-run late in the third quarter as New York ended the Cowboys' 11-game winning streak with a 10-7 victory Sunday.

"I think that everything is in front of us," Giants linebacker Jonathan Casillas said. "I think that we can be as good as we want

to be. As long as we keep our head down and keep grinding away — it is still a long season. We have some games left and I am planning on playing in January. That is the goal right now, to get through December and play in January."

If the defense plays the way it did against Dallas, the Giants are going back to the playoffs for the first time since winning the Super Bowl in February 2012 against the Patriots.

Steve Spagnuolo's unit limited Dallas to a season-low 260 yards, held the Cowboys to 1 of 15 on third down and didn't allow Ezekiel Elliott to bust a big run despite gaining 107 yards rushing.

New York cornerback Janoris Jenkins blanketed star receiver Dez Bryant for the second straight game, limiting him to one catch late and forcing a fumble on the same play. Bryant had two catches in two games against the Giants this season as the Cowboys scored a total of 26 points. They were scoring almost 28 per game this season entering

Sunday night.

While saying they didn't execute well, veteran Cowboys tight end Jason Witten gave credit to the Giants in a game they played without star defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul. He is out for the rest of the regular season because of a sports hernia.

"They were pressuring us," Witten said. "They were bringing some heat and we weren't able to capitalize on it. I tell you what, our defense kept us in the game. I thought they did a heck of a job. Giving us a chance, we didn't play good enough."

Beckham, who turned a short slant into a touchdown with an incredible burst of speed, felt the same way about the Giants' offense.

"To me personally when you are not on the field and seeing what that defense does, that makes all the difference in the world," he said. "The quote I've heard for a long time is offense wins games, defense wins championships, and this is a championship defense."

Texans take control of AFC South



AP Photo/Darron Cummings

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Houston Texans are heading home with a lot more than a second straight victory at Indianapolis.

They're atop the AFC South, again, and in control of their own postseason fate, again, if they keep finding ways to win games.

What they did Sunday to snap a three-game losing streak and position themselves for a second straight AFC South title was rely on a proven old-school formula — run efficiently, force turnovers and let the defense close it out.

"We have a mindset — every game is a playoff game," Lamar Miller said after rushing for 107 yards in the 22-17 victory. "When we came in (to practice) Monday, you could tell by the energy in the locker room."

Right now, everything seems lined up for Houston even though

they're tied for the AFC South lead with Tennessee. Of the three division teams still in contention, Houston has the easiest schedule remaining. It also has a season sweep over the Titans and now its first season sweep of the Colts (6-7). Houston has won nine straight against division foes, tied with Kansas City for the longest active streak in the league.

But after snapping a three-game losing streak by winning its second straight on Indy's home turf, the Texans know there's still not a lot of margin for error.

"It's what we talked about, coming here and winning the game," Jadeveon Clowney said after his strip-sack of Andrew Luck on third-and-goal from the 3-yard line snuffed out a scoring chance late in the third quarter. "We now control our own destiny."

The Colts, meanwhile, must rely on help after Luck was picked off twice, lost the fumble and couldn't put enough points on the board on a frustrating day that left players battered and their playoff hopes severely

bruised.

"It is not what we all anticipated and what we were working for but it didn't work out," Colts coach Chuck Pagano said. "Sometimes that is just how life goes. You dust yourself off, you pick yourself up and you keep moving forward."

Here are some other things we learned from Sunday's game:

GOLDEN OLDIES

Colts kicker Adam Vinatieri extended his NFL record of 100-point seasons to 19 and set a franchise record with his ninth 100-point season since joining the Colts in 2006. Indy running back Frank Gore ran for 41 yards and had 33 yards receiving, including an 18-yard TD catch, passing Terrell Owens (16,185) for No. 11 on the NFL's career list for yards from scrimmage. Gore has 16,217 yards.

Houston linebacker Brian Cushing had six tackles to give him 639 in his career, three more than previous franchise record-holder DeMeco Ryans. Texans punter Shane Lechler also surpassed former Colts and Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning with his 267th game played.

GROUND AND POUND

The city that once featured the high-octane run-and-shoot offense may go more frequently with the ground-and-pound style to win their second straight division crown.

Houston rushed for 185 yards against the Colts and it could be the playbook of the future.

Moore comes off bench to help Miami beat Cards

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — Idle for most of the past five seasons, backup quarterback Matt Moore came through on the final series Sunday for the Miami Dolphins.

And his work is just beginning.

With Ryan Tannehill sidelined by a knee injury that will likely end his season, the Dolphins turned to Moore, who directed the drive that led to a field goal on the final play to beat the Arizona Cardinals 26-23.

On Saturday at the New York Jets, Moore will likely make his first start since 2011, the year before Tannehill was drafted. And the Dolphins (8-5) will be in the thick of the race for their first playoff berth in eight years.

The Cardinals (5-7-1) are almost certain to spend the postseason at home after another ugly road loss.

Here are things to know about both teams:

SUPER SUB: Moore made 12 starts for the Dolphins in 2011, but has thrown only 35 passes since then, with

Tannehill starting every game the past five years.

That's about to change. Tannehill limped off with a left knee injury in the third quarter after he was hit around the legs by defensive tackle Calais Campbell, and the Dolphins fear their quarterback tore his ACL. He'll undergo further testing Monday.

Miami failed to pick up a first down in Moore's first three series, but he threw completions of 12 and 29 yards to Kenny Stills in the last minute to set up Andrew Franks' game-winning 21-yard field goal.

"When Matt came in, he brought energy and enthusiasm," tackle Ja'Wuan James said. "He's a leader. We're confident in Matt."

PLAYOFF RACE: Miami pulled into a tie with Denver in the race for the final AFC wildcard spot. The Broncos lost to Tennessee 13-10.

The Dolphins finish the regular season with games against their three AFC East rivals.

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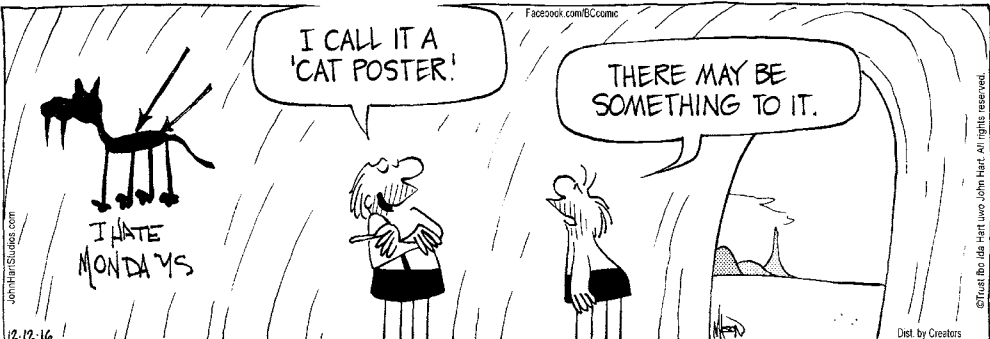
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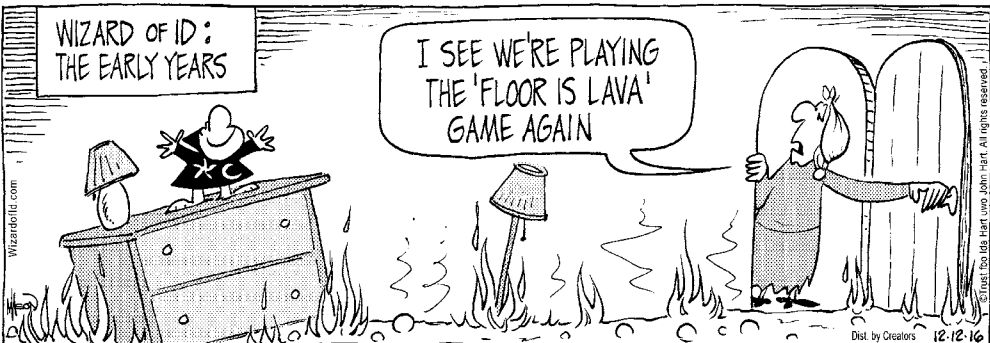
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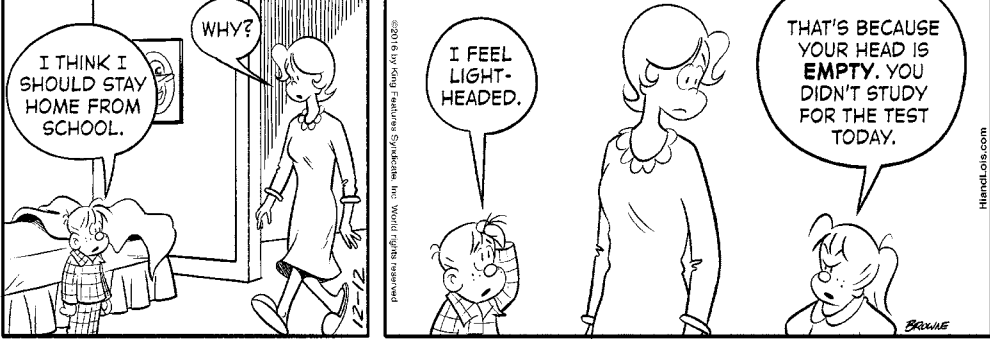
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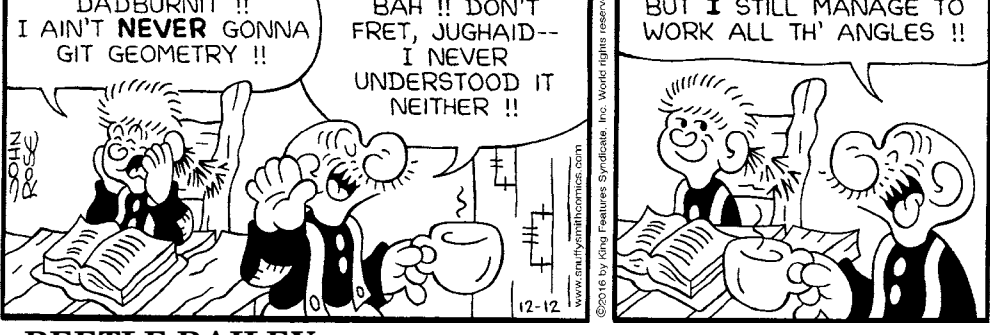
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Dec. 12, the 347th day of 2016. There are 19 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 12, 1946, a United Nations committee voted to accept a six-block tract of Manhattan real estate offered as a gift by John D. Rockefeller Jr. to be the site of the U.N.'s headquarters.

On this date:

In 1787, Pennsylvania became the second state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1870, Joseph H. Rainey of South Carolina became the first black lawmaker sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt nominated Oscar Straus to be Secretary of Commerce and Labor; Straus became the first Jewish Cabinet member.

In 1915, singer-actor Frank Sinatra was born Francis Albert Sinatra in Hoboken, New Jersey.

In 1917, Father Edward Flanagan founded Boys Town outside Omaha, Nebraska.

In 1925, the first motel — the Motel Inn — opened in San Luis Obispo, California.

In 1937, Japanese aircraft sank the U.S. gunboat Panay on China's Yangtze River. (Japan apologized, and paid \$2.2 million in reparations.)

In 1947, the United Mine Workers union disaffiliated from the American Federation of Labor.

In 1963, Kenya became independent of Britain.

In 1975, Sara Jane Moore asked a federal court in San Francisco to allow her to plead guilty to trying to kill President Gerald R. Ford. (After the judge ruled Moore competent to change her plea, she was sentenced to life. Moore was released on parole on New Year's Eve 2007 after serving 32 years behind bars.)

In 1985, 248 American soldiers and eight crew members were killed when an Arrow Air charter crashed after takeoff from Gander, Newfoundland.

In 2000, George W. Bush became president-elect as a divided U.S. Supreme Court reversed a state court decision for recounts in Florida's contested election.

Ten years ago: A two-day conference questioning the existence of the Nazi Holocaust ended in Tehran. Actor Peter Boyle died in New York at age 71.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama met at the White House with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki (NOO'-ree ahl-MAHL'-ih-kee); afterward, the president declared that U.S. troops were leaving Iraq "with honor and with their heads held high."

Bert Schneider, 78, a producer credited with inspiring a "New Hollywood" band of independent filmmakers in the 1970s and 1980s, died in Los Angeles.

One year ago: Nearly 200 nations meeting in Paris adopted the first global pact to fight climate change, calling on the world to collectively cut and then eliminate greenhouse gas pollution but imposing no sanctions on countries that didn't do so. Women across Saudi Arabia marked a historic milestone, both voting and running as candidates in government elections for the first time; voters elected 20 women for local government seats. Fire at a Russian home for mentally ill patients killed 23 men.

Answer to previous puzzle

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ON THE SIDE by Gail Grabowski
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1 Begin

6 Break sharply

10 Add ice cubes to

14 Stun gun

15 Center of an apple

16 "___ upon a time ..."

17 Speak one's mind

18 Harness strap

19 Is the right size

20 Chilled spaghetti side dish

22 Opponents

23 Helpful hint

24 "You ___ kidding!"

26 Infants

30 Think about

32 Emmy or Oscar

33 Narrow cuts

34 Passports, for instance: Abbr.

37 Leaf-gathering tool

38 Faces of watches

39 Chew like a mouse

40 Hurricane center

41 Tearful

42 ___ cum laude (honor below "summa")

43 Honeybunch

45 Dark brown potato

46 Subside

47 Feeling blue

48 Help with, as a crime

49 Spiral-potatoes side dish

56 Sheep sounds

57 Factual

58 Soup-serving utensil

59 Annapolis sch.

60 Stare at

61 Scent

62 Midterm, for one

63 Smell bad

64 Mexican coins

DOWN

1 Call a halt to

2 Spanish appetizer

3 Having no warranty

4 Tenant's expense

5 Picked up the tab

6 Paper fragment

7 December song

8 Opera solo

9 Necklace ornaments

10 Tea alternative

11 Circle-shaped fried sides

12 Eight-piece band

13 Not as expensive

21 Bro's sibling

25 Highways: Abbr.

26 Undecorated

27 Out of town

28 "Boston" side dish

29 Anger

30 Piece of dinnerware

31 Greasy

33 Mexican's emphatic assent

35 Copenhagen citizen

36 Strike, as at a mosquito

38 Film-set boss

39 Auto fuel

41 Small rug

42 Auto splash guard

44 Patronizes, as a restaurant

45 Bit of sunshine

46 Disparage

47 Smooth and stylish

48 Share a border with

50 Sudden impulse

51 Regulation

52 Highly uncommon

53 Wedding vows

54 Ticklish

Sesame Street Muppet

55 Salty bodies of water

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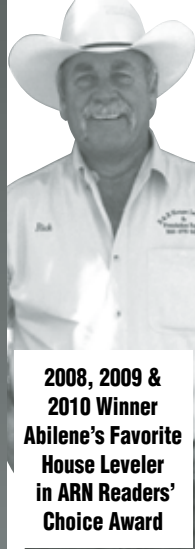
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Pre-Supermoon Thought

Pre-supermoon thought: There are sacred moments just after you wake up and before the world has come into focus in which the possibilities of who you are and what you want to do with that are still limitless. Don't ruin this early magic by flipping on the TV or poring over a Twitter feed.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). "Better late than never," the saying goes, but if you can help it, don't be late. In fact, today there's a wonderful prize (beyond making a stellar impression) for showing up early.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If it has a beginning, it has an

end. This will work to your advantage today. An unpleasant circumstance will meet its logical conclusion, and you'll finally be able to move forward.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you pursue the conflict, there will be winners and losers, and they'll be one and the same. Choose peace instead and you won't have to worry about this anymore.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Though it will be important to challenge the statement that seems false, it is even more important to question the statement that seems true. Thorough investigation will yield powerful results.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Hard jobs will bring out the best in some and the worst in others. Then there are those who won't even show up, and that about says it all. You, on the other hand, welcome the chance to show your true grit.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your inner life needs a voice. Writing it out will be good for your health, even if what you write

Tomorrow's Horoscope

isn't exactly positive. You'll realize what's at the root of your trouble and begin to solve the problem.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). One size does not fit all. The shoe that fits you perfectly would pinch your friend, but that doesn't mean you can't have a wonderful relationship. Don't let differences in lifestyle or worldview deter you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You recognize your influence over another person, and it's not a responsibility you take lightly. There's honor in your choices and even more so in the way you readily accept the consequences of your actions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The way people behave can be truly perplexing. It will be most beneficial to extend as much empathy as you can muster -- to really try to understand where this mystifying person is coming from.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are some jobs you like to do and other jobs you like

to have done. Don't waste the better part of your day on anything that falls into the latter category.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Expecting to be happy pushes happiness away from you. So instead of anticipating great joy, commit to bringing your full attention to an interesting challenge. That's when happiness might just alight on your shoulder.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're glad for the peaceful days, and you'll certainly take as many of them as you can get. But when the complications start to pile up, that's a good time, too. Greatness is forged in times of strife.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 12). Your optimism drives the action these last days of the year, and you'll bring fresh hope to others, too. A home makeover or move will happen in February. Bigger amounts will be exchanged in March. One relationship opens the door to more money and interesting social developments in the summer. Pisces and Gemini

adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 10, 4, 33 and 7.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "I'm an Aquarius who has been in sales for years, and I've just been laid off for the third time in two years. I can't get motivated. I feel as if I don't know where to look for a job. I've also studied voice, and in my younger days, I wanted to act, but I need income. I'm so behind in my bills. Help!"

I see your talents as mischievous children who, tired of weeping in the corner of your life, have conspired to overturn your work environment so you will give them attention and make them the stars of your world once again. You've spent years subverting your desires in order to help someone else get rich -- a logical choice, but now you're ready for something different. You could still make money in sales -- more money than you ever have in the past. But as an altruistic and creative Aquarius, you have to believe that what you are selling really

helps people. And you have to believe that you, because of your unique assets and talents, are the only one who can sell it the way you do. Finding a job situation in which both of these things are true will require you to stop denying yourself. Get back into singing and more. Indulge those "talent children" and they will point you toward your unique contribution to the world.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Among some of the most popular holiday music of all time are classics such as "Jingle Bells," "White Christmas" and "Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town" as sung by swing-era crooner king Frank Sinatra. Born this time of year, the Sagittarius received his solar return each year at the right time to add special charisma to those legendarily smooth vocals and spread cheer to the hearts of millions.

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The Other Side of the Law

Dear Annie: I bet you're surprised right now, and I don't blame you. I know it is not an everyday type of thing to receive mail from an inmate. I read your section of the newspaper every week and have to admit that it's pretty interesting. I'm a 19-year-old man currently residing in this lovely facility, facing four years and eight months for robbery and possession

of a controlled substance for sale, with a gang enhancement and a bail enhancement. I stress about my case often. That has nothing to do with the amount of time I'm serving, because I can do that standing up; all I've got to do is count my blessings and tell myself that there are people in here who aren't ever going home. But sadly, there's a possibility of my joining them because I've taken two strikes at such a young age.

I know I have to change my ways, and

I wouldn't have to worry about anything if I did, but I'll be honest: I won't change. I chose this lifestyle, and it's all I know. I don't want to change, either. I just want to know one thing: Do you think I'm wrong? I'm so confused. I think you should put this in the newspaper and show people some real stress and some real advice. I see you throwing light into dark situations with the flick of your tongue and would appreciate some help. -- Confused Young Life in California

Dear Confused: You are so young, and I promise you that the world is so much bigger than it seems right now. You can still be whoever you want. And I think that deep down, a part of you does want to change,

writing me.

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Readers: If you have been in a similar position and turned things around, I would love to hear from you.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Mrs. in Minnesota," who is offended by her daughter's friends calling her by her first name -- even though

adults.

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One funny example: A man in town was "Mr. Jim." Mr. Jim had a son we called

"Little Jim." Mr. Jim is now dead, but his son is still "Little Jim" to everyone. In the local restaurant recently, a waitress was calling him to the telephone and called him "Mr. Little Jim"!

I just finished up serving 40 years in our local government. I served as mayor for the final few years, but I was still addressed by everyone in town as "Mrs. Linda." When people called me "Mayor Smith," I knew they were from out of this area. -- Affable in Alabama

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

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♠ 6 4
♥ 4 2
♦ J 7 5
♣ A K J 8 7 5

WEST
♠ 3
♥ 8 7
♦ Q 10 9 8 6 4 2
♣ 10 9 6

EAST
♠ K Q J 10 8 7 5
♥ 9 6 3
♦ —
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SOUTH
♠ A 9 2
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2♥ Pass 3♣ 4♠
6♥

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East's original distribution thus became an open book — he had started with seven spades, three hearts and no diamonds, and there-

fore had to have exactly three clubs. The good news was that dummy's clubs could be established by playing the A-K and ruffing a club; the bad news was that there was no visible entry to dummy to cash the clubs once they were established.

One possible approach to the play was for South to cash all his trumps and the king of diamonds, forcing East to come down to four cards. If East discarded down to one spade and three clubs, the rest would be easy. A spade would put him on lead, and his club return into the A-K-J would hand declarer the contract.

The trouble with this was that if East came down to two clubs and two spades, South would have to guess whether to play the A-K of clubs to drop the queen (if East had it), or to finesse the jack (if West had the queen).

Spier solved the problem in brilliant fashion, finding a sure way to produce 12 tricks. At trick six, he led a club to the ace, then cashed the king and discarded the king of diamonds on it! A club ruff established the suit, and the diamond three was then led toward dummy's J-7.

West took the queen, but since he had only diamonds left, he had to return one to dummy's jack. This allowed Spier to dispose of his two spade losers on dummy's minor-suit winners, and the slam was home.

Tomorrow: Looking far into the future.

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