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BSISD's Ferrell, 58, dies

Was assistant superintendent of school district

BY **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Big Spring ISD administration and staff are mourning the loss of one of their own today.

Daniel A. "Danny" Ferrell, the district's assistant superintendent, died Sunday night at a Martin County hospital after a short illness. Ferrell has served the district since 2009.

"Danny's loss is a tremendous shock to all of us," said George Bancroft, BSISD community relations coordinator this morning. "In addition to being a wonderful human being, he brought a wealth of knowledge and so much information from his past experiences around the state."

"He helped the district through two very tough transitions, from when Steven Saldivar became the superintendent and the transition from Steven to Chris Wigington," Bancroft added. "He

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File photo

The Big Spring High School singing group "Rhapsody" is scheduled to perform at the Texas Capitol during Howard County Day in Austin Feb. 10.

Capitol Day deadline Wednesday

Herald Staff Report

Crossroads residents who want to participate in the Howard County Day at the state Capitol have until Wednesday to order a shirt.

The specially-designed, black Howard County shirt cost \$29 and orders are being taken at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce building, 215 W. Third St.

Residents of the area descend on Austin for the biennial event — this time set for Feb. 10 — meant to honor

Howard County and also to leave an impression on the minds of the legislators who are busy creating laws and allocating funds for statewide programs such as highway and road improvements.

West Texas counties have a disadvantage when having to vie for attention from law makers against densely populated areas such as Houston which has a strong advantage in representation in the state legislature, according to Terry Wegman, executive director for the Big

Spring Economic Development.

As a way of pushing the needs of Howard County to the forefront, residents are encouraged to attend the day-long event to show support and as a chance to meet and welcome the area's representatives, Wegman said.

For those who don't want to fight the famous Austin traffic, reservations are being taken for a chartered bus heading to Austin which is be-

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Jury selection begins in bomber trial

By **DENISE LAVOIE**

AP Legal Affairs Writer

BOSTON — Potential jurors stared intently at Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev as jury selection in his federal death penalty trial began Monday under tight security.

Tsarnaev, flanked by his attorneys, sat at a table in the front of the jury assembly room. Wearing a dark sweater and khaki trousers, he looked down much of the time but occasionally glanced at the potential jurors and looked at the judge. He also picked at his shaggy beard.

When Judge George O'Toole Jr. introduced him and asked him to stand, he acknowledged the group with a slight nod.

Over the next three days, about 1,200 people will be called to federal court to be considered as potential ju-



Tsarnaev

Tsarnaev is accused of planning and carrying out the twin bombings that killed three people and injured more than 260 near the finish line of the race on April 15, 2013.

rors. The first 200 were given initial instructions Monday by O'Toole. Twelve jurors and six alternates are to be selected.

The judge said the trial will begin on Jan. 26 and will last three to four months.

O'Toole briefly outlined the 30 charges against Tsarnaev, which include using a weapon of mass destruction. He is also accused of killing an MIT police officer as he and his brother tried to flee several days after the bombings.

The judge also explained that the trial is unlike most other federal trials. In this case, the jury will be asked to decide both whether Tsarnaev is guilty and what his punishment will be if he is convicted: life in prison or

death.

The courthouse was under tight security Monday, with dozens of police officers inside and outside the building. One bombing victim, Karen Brassard, was outside the jury room waiting to observe jury selection. There were no Tsarnaev supporters outside the courthouse as there have been during pretrial hearings.

Tsarnaev is accused of planning and carrying out the twin bombings that killed three people and injured more than 260 near the finish line of the race on April 15, 2013.

Survivors and first responders are among those expected to testify.

The judge acknowledged that serving as a juror can be

"at the very least, inconvenient," but he said jurors will not automatically be excused if they have a hardship such as a demanding work schedule or if they have read extensively about the case.

The prospective jurors group began filling out lengthy questionnaires that will be used to weed out people with potential conflicts. Eventually, lawyers for the government and Tsarnaev, along with the judge, will question potential jurors individually, then choose the jury.

Heather Abbott, of Newport, Rhode Island, who lost her left leg below the knee in the attacks, said her biggest question may be an unanswerable one: "Why?"

"I don't know whether I'll ever get any answer to that question, but I guess I want to understand what the thought process was," said Abbott, who plans to attend some of the proceedings. "Why he

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Local 5-Day Forecast

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55/32 Sunny skies. High around 55F. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph.	54/27 Mix of sun and clouds. High in the mid 50s and low in the upper 20s.	31/18 Partly cloudy and windy. High in the low 30s and low in the upper teens.	41/26 A few clouds. High in the low 40s and low in the mid 20s.	39/29 Mostly cloudy. High in the upper 30s and low in the upper 20s.
Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:55 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:56 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:56 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:57 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:58 PM

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Texas At A Glance

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Amarillo	45	25	windy
Big Spring	55	32	pt sunny
Dallas	46	33	mst sunny
Austin	52	35	pt sunny
Houston	51	39	pt sunny
San Antonio	53	34	pt sunny
Brownsville	54	46	cloudy

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	50	34	mst sunny	Kingsville	52	41	cloudy
Amarillo	45	25	windy	Livingston	50	35	pt sunny
Austin	52	35	pt sunny	Longview	46	32	mst sunny
Beaumont	51	34	pt sunny	Lubbock	44	28	mst sunny
Brownsville	54	46	cloudy	Lufkin	51	33	pt sunny
Brownwood	51	32	mst sunny	Midland	54	33	sunny
Corpus Christi	51	41	pt sunny	Raymondville	53	45	cloudy
Corsicana	46	34	mst sunny	Rosenberg	51	36	pt sunny
Dallas	46	33	mst sunny	San Antonio	53	34	pt sunny
Del Rio	52	35	pt sunny	San Marcos	51	36	pt sunny
El Paso	54	31	sunny	Sulphur Springs	45	33	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	58	38	mst sunny	Sweetwater	53	36	sunny
Gainesville	43	29	sunny	Tyler	47	34	pt sunny
Greenville	45	31	mst sunny	Weatherford	47	33	mst sunny
Houston	51	39	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	46	29	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	47	30	mst sunny	Minneapolis	8	-2	cloudy
Boston	34	15	windy	New York	36	23	windy
Chicago	9	7	pt sunny	Phoenix	71	47	sunny
Dallas	46	33	mst sunny	San Francisco	64	47	mst sunny

Obituaries

Edward 'Eddie' Barber



Edward "Eddie" Barber, 75, of Big Spring, died Friday, Jan. 2, 2015 in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015, at the Gilstrap Cemetery in Big Spring with the Rev. Elwin Collom officiating. The family will gather at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and proceed to the cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5, at the funeral home.

Eddie was born Oct. 24, 1939, in Dallas, Texas and married Margaret Gilstrap, Feb. 20, 1998, in Brownwood. He had worked much of his younger life in the oilfields of Texas, California and offshore. He later became an auctioneer and was co-owner of

Little Valley Auctions and The Treasure Chest.

Eddie is survived by his wife, Margaret Barber of Big Spring; three daughters, Juanita LaRoe and Leslie Marks of Metairie, La., and Michelle Verdine and husband, Vinny of Harahan, La.; two stepdaughters, Tonya Gilstrap and Natasha Bailey and husband, Bryan all of Big Spring; and stepson, Noel Gilstrap and wife, Faith of Oregon City, Ore.; and 14 grandchildren, Megan LaRoe, Victoria and Nicolette Marks, Nicholas and Jacob Bearden, Kayla and Justin Lincoln, Zachary, Patrick and Benjamin Bailey, Jenna Diaz, Logan, Tanner and Grayson Gilstrap.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and LaVern (Wright) Barber.

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

Nancy Huntoon Gonzalez



Nancy Huntoon Gonzalez, 82, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2014, in a local nursing home. Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2015, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

She was born Aug. 7, 1932 in East Andover, N.H. and married William Gonzalez Aug. 31, 1952, in Seguin, Texas.

Nancy served in the United States Air Force. She moved to Big Spring in 1965 from New Hampshire and had worked as a clerk at the U. S. Postal service from 1967 until retiring

in 1992. She was a member of the American Legion Post No. 22 in Lebanon, N.H.

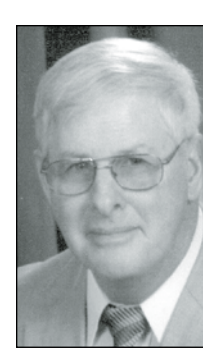
Survivors include her husband, William Gonzalez; one son, Carlos Gonzalez; one daughter, Diana Gonzalez and husband, William Bohanon Jr.; two grandchildren; and three great-granddaughters.

She was preceded in death by a son, William Gonzalez, Jr.; and two granddaughters.

The family suggests memorials to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, 4400 N. Big Spring Street, Suite C-32, Midland, Texas 79705.

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

Fred Hendrickson



Fred Hendrickson, 68, of Big Spring died Friday, Jan. 2, 2015, at Baylor Medical Center in McKinney. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Aug. 31, 1946, in

New York, N.Y. He came to Big Spring in 1963, while stationed at Webb Air Force Base.

He worked at Sid Richardson Carbon for 28 years, retiring in 2007. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda of Big Spring; one daughter, Heather Sanderson and her husband Brian of Austin; one son, Heath Hendrickson and his wife Melissa of McKinney; and three grandchildren.

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

Richard Cantwell

Richard Cantwell, 73, of Big Spring died Saturday, Jan. 3, 2015, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Daniel A. 'Danny' Ferrell

Daniel A. "Danny" Ferrell, 58, of Big Spring died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2015. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police/Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- KALEY MIKENA HOOD, 20, of 603 Washington Place was arrested Saturday on a charge of theft, more than \$50 but less than \$500 - shoplifting.
- MICHAEL EDWARD BELL, 49, of 17045 Passage Ave 46, Bellflower, Calif, was arrested Saturday on a charge of assault-family violence, threat or offensive touch.
- CANDICE DRINKARD, 19, of 2304 Marshall was arrested Saturday on a charge of theft, more than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500 - shoplifting.
- FEDERICKA MARIE DEAN, 30, of 224 E. 25th St. Apt. A, Long Beach, Calif, was arrested Saturday on a charge of assault-family violence, threat or offensive touch.

assault-family violence, threat or offensive touch.

- ROBERT DVORAK, 32, of 1340 Lancaster Drive Apt 2, Reading Pa., was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ALFREDO HINOJOS HARPER, 25, of 501 NE 8th St., was arrested Saturday on a charge of criminal trespass-property/building/aircraft/vehicle.
- JAZZMIN DOMINGUEZ, 17, of 1206 N. 4th St., was arrested Saturday on a charge of theft, more than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500 - shoplifting.
- SONIA SANCHEZ, 28, of 408 S. Ave G, Lamesa, was arrested on a charge of theft, more than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500 - shoplifting.
- VICTORIA DIANE MENDEZ, 23, of 1511 Johnson St., was arrested on a charge of theft, more than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500 - shoplifting.
- JOE ANTHONY BUSTAMANTE, 26, of 2515 Fairchild was arrested on a charge of theft, more than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500 - shoplifting.
- SOPHIA RIOS JUAREZ, 43, of 635 State was arrested Sunday on warrants for failure to display driver's license and bail jumping/failure to appear.
- WILLIE JOSEPH COLEMAN, 31, of 2600 Barksdale was arrested Sunday on a warrant from another agency.
- TIMOTHY ALAN DRIBBLE, 53, of 8101 W. FM 846 was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated, third or more.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported

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in the 600 block of Aylesford.

- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 600 block of Abrams St.
- **ABANDON VEHICLE** was reported in the 400 block of Sgt. Paradez St.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700, in the 900 block of Willa St. and in the 400 block of S. Birdwell.
- **DOMESTIC DISTUBANCE** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road and the 300 block of E. Third St.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700 and in the 1400 block of E. 14th.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of 18th and Runnels streets and northbound on Highway 87 and FM 700.
- **CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE** was reported in the 900 block of E. I-20.

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 62 inmates at the time of this report.
- **MARK MATTHEW LINDEM**, 37, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for bailman off bond (BOB) — possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram; FTA — possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram; FTA — theft of property, less than \$1,500, previous conviction, second or more; BOB theft of property, less than \$1,500, previous conviction, second or more (two counts).
- **BRAD WAYNE DUGAN JR.**, 31, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of burglary of a habitation.
- **ANTHONY CRAIG HUNZIKER**, 21, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JOSEPH ANGELO ORTGA**, 19, was booked on a warrant for burglary of a habitation.
- **KHRISTINA FAYE HOULIHAN**, 31, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of purchase/furnish alcohol to a minor.
- **JESSE LEE MODINE**, 26, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of purchase/furnish alcohol to a minor.
- **LEE MICHAEL MODINE**, 19, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of consumption of alcohol/beverage by a minor.
- **SALVADOR GUITEREZ PEREZ**, 43, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.
- **ESTHER GUTIERREZ**, 23, was booked on warrants for sentence/hindering apprehension or prosecution and sentence/possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.
- **ANDREA CROFT**, 30, was booked by the HCSO on sentence/theft, more than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500.
- **FRANKIE JUAREZ**, 45 was booked on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury of a family member.
- **ROSALYN DENISE YOUNG**, 43, was booked on a warrant for MTRP/manufacturing/delivering a controlled substance, more than or equal to 1 gram but less than 4 grams.
- **KALEY MIKENA HOOD**, 20, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property, more than \$50 but less than \$500.
- **CANDICE DRINKARD**, 19, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property, more than \$50 but less than \$500.
- **FREDERICKA MARIE DEAN**, 30, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of assault-family violence.
- **MICHAEL EDWARD BELL**, 40, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of assault-family violence, threat or offensive touch.
- **ALFREDO HINOJOS HARPER**, 25, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.
- **VICTORIA DIANE MENDEZ**, 23, was booked on warrants of bail jumping and failure to appear, no driver's license and on a charge of theft of property, more than \$50 but less than \$500.

FERRELL

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touched every level at the district from the campuses to the divisions. This is a tremendous loss for us."

Ferrell graduated Big Spring High School in the mid-1970s. When accepting the position at BSISD, Farrell still had family living in the town — his mother and sister.

After graduating from the University of New Mexico in 1980, he began his career in education as a coach at Lee Junior High School in San

Angelo. After six years there, he gravitated toward administration.

After earning his mid-management certification from Angelo State University in 1986, he was hired as principal of the K-12 campus at Paint Rock, where he also served as athletic director and coached football, basketball and track.

He moved to White Deer in 1992 to become elementary principal, then moved up the ranks and was hired as superintendent in 2000.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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News in brief

Recharged after Hawaii vacation, Obama tests his sway in 2015 against GOP-run Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama this week will test whether he still has the sway to keep Washington focused on his own priorities, even as a new Republican-run Congress descends on the Capitol eager to take him on.

Fresh off a two-week vacation, Obama immediately began ramping up for his State of the Union address — his best chance to set the agenda for 2015 on his own terms. Obama will roll out new executive steps and proposals for Congress this week on home ownership, higher education and manufacturing jobs — a similar menu to the one Obama has offered in years past.

Republicans have an entirely different blueprint for the start of the year. In full control of Congress for the first time of Obama's presidency, they planned an all-out offensive against his policies on immigration, foreign policy and the environment.

In a sign of their divergent paths, just as lawmakers arrive in Washington to start the new Congress this week, Obama was heading out of town. He planned to spend most of the week in Michigan, Arizona and Tennessee showcasing how his own economic policies are fueling the economic recovery.

The State of the Union comes early this year, on Jan. 20, and it is Obama's first with Republicans in control of both House and Senate.

Indonesia's aviation safety practices under fire after AirAsia crash, still no sign of plane

PANGKALAN BUN, Indonesia (AP) — Highlighting the depth of Indonesia's air safety problems, the transportation ministry revealed harsh measures Monday against everyone who allowed AirAsia Flight 8501 to take off without proper permits — including the suspension of the airport's operator and officials in the control tower.

The licenses and schedules of all airlines flying in the country also will be examined to see if they are violating the rules, said Djoko Murjatmodjo, acting

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would want to do this to people ... it's really hard to understand."

The trial is perhaps the most scrutinized case of its kind since Timothy McVeigh was convicted and executed for the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing.

Tsarnaev's lawyers tried for months to get the trial moved, arguing the Boston jury pool was

tainted because of the number of locals with connections to the race. They drew parallels to the McVeigh case, which was moved to Denver for similar reasons. But U.S. District Judge George O'Toole Jr., who is presiding over the case, refused.

Jury selection is expected to be a lengthy process because of extensive media coverage and the thousands of runners, spectators and others in the area affected by the bombings.

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ing provided courtesy of Howard College. The cost to reserve a seat is \$40.

A full day of activities are planned for the Austin trip. The bus will leave at 4:30 a.m. from the east parking lot of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. At 10 a.m., a

resolution will be read on the floor of the representatives making Feb. 10, 2015 Howard County Day at the Capitol. A second resolution is expected to be read at 11 a.m. on the floor of the senate.

Also scheduled for the day includes a group photo in the Rotunda of the state Capitol at noon, a performance by the Big Spring High School

director general of air transportation.

The crackdown comes as searchers continue to fight bad weather while combing the Java Sea for bodies and wreckage of the Airbus A320 that crashed Dec. 28, killing all 162 on board.

The plane was traveling between Surabaya, Indonesia's second-largest city, and Singapore on a Sunday. Officials have since said its permit for the popular route was only for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, and that AirAsia quietly switched three of those days. Officials in Singapore, however, have said the plane was authorized to fly on Sundays from its end.

While the airline is being investigated, Indonesia announced on Saturday that it banned all AirAsia flights between Surabaya and Singapore.

Analysis: Mexico scandals taint all levels of government, which offer only more of the same

MEXICO CITY (AP) — As he heads to Washington on Monday to meet with Barack Obama, Enrique Pena Nieto leaves behind a year that was hardly what he had envisioned.

The Mexican president and his team started 2014 carrying out a slew of newly passed reforms, from breaking up telecommunications monopolies to opening the nation's energy sector, earning him international plaudits, including a Time magazine cover with his image above the caption "Saving Mexico."

Then came a 1-2-3 punch of scandals: Soldiers killing 22 civilians in a questionable "shootout"; the abduction and presumed murder of 43 college students, allegedly at the hands of local officials and police in league with a drug cartel; and revelations that Pena Nieto and his treasury secretary live in luxury homes built and financed by a favorite government contractor.

Tens of thousands have taken to the streets since the 43 college students disappeared Sept. 26. Even institutions normally cautious about criticizing the government have spoken out, and a Mexican protester even disrupted the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony in Oslo, Norway.

The process also could be slowed if potential jurors express objections to the death penalty.

Prosecutors say 21-year-old Dzhokhar and his brother, Tamerlan Tsarnaev — ethnic Chechens who had lived in the United States for about a decade — carried out the bombings as retaliation for U.S. actions in Muslim countries.

Tamerlan, 26, died after a firefight with police several days after the bombings.

choral group, "Rhapsody at 12:15 p.m., also in the Rotunda, and a late lunch at Opie's Barbecue around 2 p.m. The bus is expected to arrive back in Big Spring at 7 p.m.

For more information or to make reservations, contact the Big Spring Economic Development at 264-6032 or the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 263-7641.

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Milton "Sonny" Anderson, 73, died Saturday. Memorial service is at 10 a.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Carmen Morin, 63, died Wednesday. The family will receive friends Tuesday from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Vigil Service and Memorial Service will be at 7 p.m. following visitation at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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Annie's Mailbox

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). The day will seem, at first, compromised. Then you'll understand what the delay is all about -- not the central action, but something else entirely. This is good...

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Beware: People will talk of being trustworthy, sensitive or generous. They may be stating the exact opposite of their values and qualities. It's a good day to do your own thing and depend on no one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). People will tell you who they are by declaring to possess the opposite qualities. Take note. Tonight's message: Most children like to play, and few like to clean up.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Get back to a comfy, cozy place. This cannot be sorted out by making a purchase. The domestic puzzle can be solved with some kind of rearranging of your schedule, boundaries or furniture.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The matter that ails you will turn around in the

weeks to come. A small change is all it will take to get a good result, as long as you make that small change every day.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). After intense planning, a domestic project will blast off. Travel or temporary moves offer the challenge you crave. Your personal life will hit a mellow groove, allowing for whatever you want to do.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's growing respect for all you do. A serene home life will give you the support you need to develop your talents. There's money to be made from the layers of knowledge and skill you now add to your arsenal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Life is cyclical. Believe that you're not going to be any one way for very long. It will shift, for better or worse, but mostly for better. Someone in your life will man the shift today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The choices you've made to declare and accentuate your individuality will pay off. Your confidence will be built on the things you do, wear and say that are "so you."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your diligence will make a difference, though not in one day. Commit to doing the same action for three weeks, and you'll be amazed at where you wind up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People will get territorial, and rightly so. Be sensitive to the boundaries of others, and draw some of your own. You will feel protective, recognizing how fragile we all are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your conscientiousness will extend to people you don't know. Instead of being reactive and critical, you'll be active and creative, bringing all of your knowledge to bear on the situation.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 5). You'll receive more of what you crave: love, respect, tenderness and attention. This month shows you a source of great joy. Your

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KATHY MITCHELL
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Dear Annie: I lost my grandmother to suicide when I was 7. The day before Grandma died, she made comments to me about going away where I could not go with her and "going to be with her mother," who had died. I did not understand what she was saying.

Several weeks after the funeral, I told my mother what my grandmother said to me. For years after, it felt as though my mother blamed me for her mother's death. I grew up feeling this way.

Two years ago, I overheard my mother tell a friend on the phone that she did, in fact, blame me for my grandmother's death. I cannot tell you how much this hurt me. I am now in my 30s, and my mother and I have had other issues in the past, but never as hurtful as this. Since my grandmother's death, I have been in counseling for depression, my own suicide attempts and the unbearable guilt that I feel.

The therapists have told me that Grandma's death was not my fault, but how can I believe them when my own mother blames me? How do I explain to her that I was only 7 and didn't

understand what Grandma was telling me? I have crying spells and am hurting inside. Please help. -- Abandoned

Dear Abandoned: You know your grandmother's death was not your fault. You understand that at the age of 7, you could not possibly be held responsible for her suicide. Your mother wants to blame you because it is less painful than blaming herself for not noticing how unhappy her mother was. But frankly, there is no reason to blame anyone. The depression you suffer from (and that Grandma apparently suffered from) is likely a form of inherited mental illness. Please discuss this with your counselor, and ask about having your mother come with you. It sounds as though she never fully processed what happened. She could use some help, too.

Dear Annie: My wife can't stop interrupting me while I'm talking. She either finishes my thought for me, or she just moves on to the next thing she wants to say without waiting for me to finish speaking.

My wife is aware that there is a problem, and she feels bad when I point it out, but she evidently can't do anything about it. She doesn't even realize she's doing it unless I tell her, "You interrupted me again." There are times when I don't feel like talking to her because I know she's just going to cut me off. What can either of us do? -- Cut Short

Dear Cut: If your wife truly wants to stop and you are willing to make the effort, you can train

each other. First check your own speech habits. Do you drone on and on? Do you restate the obvious? Do you repeat yourself? Work on shorter sentences, and then help your wife learn to wait until you are finished before speaking. This will require that she make a genuine effort, and you will need to remind her, gently, each time she interrupts.

Dear Annie: I am moved to respond to "Unhappy Mother of a Son." I have been living that life. After getting professional help, I finally came to realize the fault is not mine. My daughter-in-law quite simply does not, for whatever reason, want to share my son's life with me. And I have to recognize that my son has no appreciation for me or is too lacking in character to stand up for me.

If there are grandchildren, I would suggest "Unhappy" cultivate a relationship with them in whatever way possible. They have the right to make their own judgments. The hurt never goes away, but life is more than being a mother. -- Sad but Wiser

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Trips With Pets

Dog's Head Out the Car Window - A Dangerous Habit

For most pups, the best part of a car ride is feeling the breeze in their furry faces as they stick their head out the window. Despite the feel good nature of this pleasurable experience, it's actually a very dangerous habit.

In the early days of automobiles, most cars did not have windshields and their top speed was approximately 45 mph. Given those conditions, drivers wore goggles to protect their eyes. Now that we have windshields to protect

us, you wouldn't consider sticking your unprotected head out the window at 45 mph. Then why let your dog?

Allowing your dog to let it stick its head out the window is a very dangerous habit. Their eyes are exposed to dirt, rocks, dust and other debris. These materials can easily puncture and scratch your dog's eyes. A line of pet goggles have come out which are to help prevent these types of injuries. However, even if you can train your dog not to paw them off his head, there are still many other dangers when your dog's head is out the window while driving.

Damage to the ears is another big concern. When the dog's ears flap in the wind, his soft ear flaps (pinnae) can easily become irritated, swell and become very tender. The constant and rapid flapping of the pinnae against your dog's head from high-speed winds causes trauma to the ear and results in swelling. Repeated trauma such as this can cause lifelong problems for your pup.

Allowing your dog to stick its head out the window can also lead to more severe outcomes, such as falling out of the car or getting his head stuck in the window opening. Taking a turn a bit too fast, traveling over bumpy terrain or an overly excited pup can cause your dog to lose balance and easily fall out of the window. These types of incidents occur more frequently

than one might imagine and can cause severe injury or death to dogs.

It should go without saying; but another very dangerous idea is to allow your dog to ride in the bed of a pickup truck. All of the dangers of sticking its head out the window from inside the car are increased, since the bed of a pickup offers little or no protection from wind, debris, or falls. In addition, a pickup's metal bed can reach dangerously high temperatures on hot days, which can cause damage to the soft tissue on a dog's paws.

The best place for your dog to ride is in the back seat or cargo area of your vehicle, properly restrained of course. Utilizing a pet safety belt, car seat, vehicle pet barrier, or a travel crate is the best ways to ensure that your pup's travels are happy and safe. Sure, crack the window, but no heads out!

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ANSWERS

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



By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A K J
♥ Q 9 3
♦ 9 8 7 4 3
♣ K 9

WEST
♠ Q 7 6 5
♥ 2
♦ —
♣ Q J 8 7 6 5 3 2

EAST
♠ 9 8 4 3 2
♥ K 8 7 6 5
♦ A 10
♣ 10

SOUTH
♠ 10
♥ A J 10 4
♦ K Q J 6 5 2
♣ A 4

The bidding:
1♦ South 3♦ West 4NT! East 5♦ South 6♣ West Pass East Pass 7♦ South ? East ? 7NT South Pass East Pass
Opening lead — five of spades.

itating whether to bid seven spades as a sacrifice, East doubled out of turn — and promptly led the ace of trumps to confirm the soundness of his double!

Naturally, the tournament director was summoned. He ruled that North-South could continue bidding in turn and, furthermore, that the ace of diamonds was a penalty card. (If a defender improperly exposes a card, it becomes a penalty card, which must be played at the first legal opportunity.)

With seven diamonds clearly hopeless, South now ran to seven notrump! He was hoping to find some way to make that contract with the aid of the exposed card.

West led a spade. Declarer finessed dummy's jack and then scored four heart tricks by taking repeated finesses against East's king. South had been hoping that East would show out of hearts and be forced to discard the ace of diamonds, but he had no such luck.

Declarer next led a club to dummy's king and cashed the A-K of spades as East continued to follow suit. Finally, South played a club to the ace, prepared to concede down four, but at this point East's luck ran out. Having no more clubs, he had no choice but to discard the ace of diamonds, and the grand slam came rolling home!

Tomorrow: All's fair in love and war.

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

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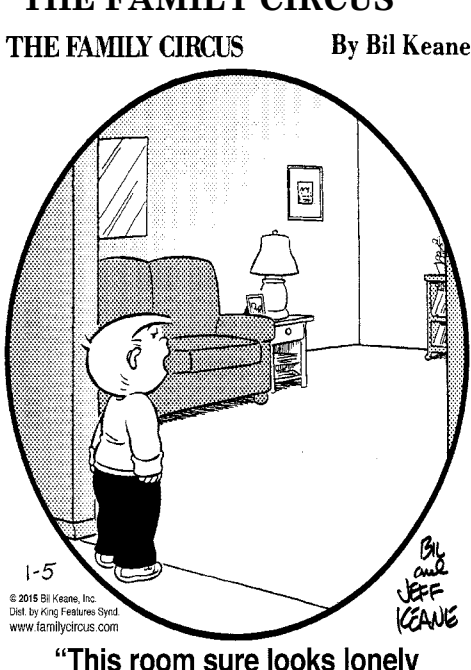
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DENNIS THE MENACE



"I'M JUST A LITTLE BOY, BUT I'M VERY GOOD AT IT."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"This room sure looks lonely without our Christmas tree."

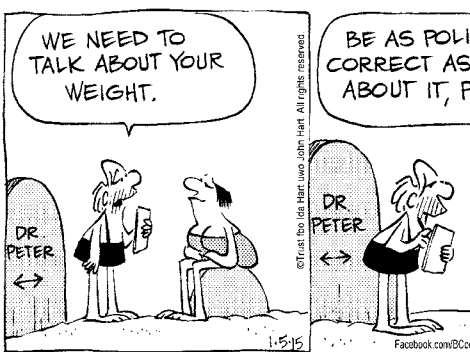
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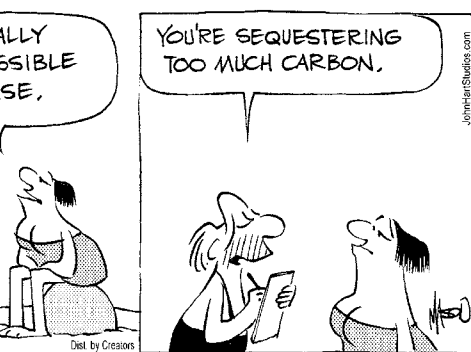
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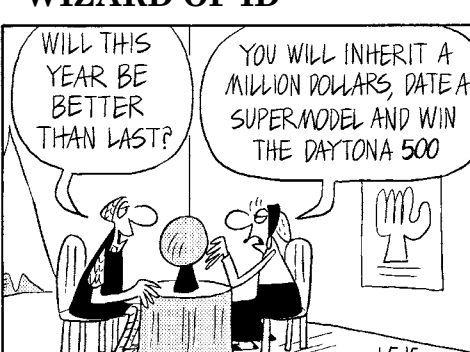
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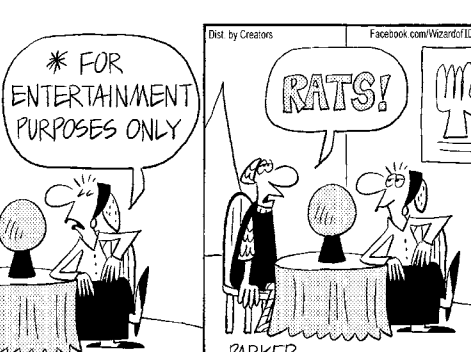
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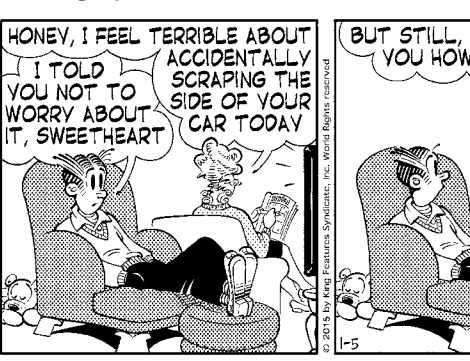
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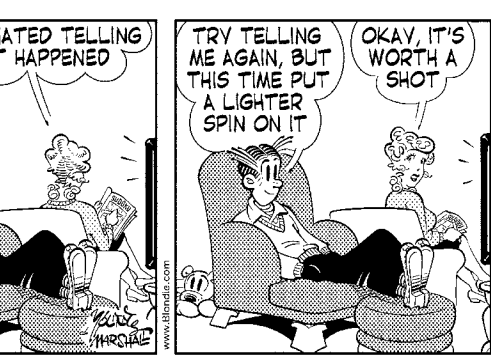
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Jan. 5, the fifth day of 2015. There are 360 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 5, 1925, Democrat Nellie Tayloe Ross of Wyoming took office as America's first female governor, succeeding her late husband, William, following a special election. On this date: In 1781, a British naval expedition led by Benedict Arnold burned Richmond, Virginia. In 1895, French Capt.

Alfred Dreyfus, convicted of treason, was publicly stripped of his rank. (He was ultimately vindicated.) In 1905, the National Association of Audubon Societies for the Protection of Wild Birds and Animals was incorporated in New York State. In 1914, auto industrialist Henry Ford announced he was going to pay workers \$5 for an 8-hour day, as opposed to \$2.34 for a 9-hour day. (Employees still worked six days a week; the 5-day work week was instituted in 1926.) In 1933, the 30th president of the

United States, Calvin Coolidge, died in Northampton, Massachusetts, at age 60. Construction began on the Golden Gate Bridge. (Work was completed four years later.) In 1949, in his State of the Union address, President Harry S. Truman labeled his administration the Fair Deal.

Answer to previous puzzle

AMSTERDAM	VISA
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TAMMY	BEE
ELOISE	MAR
SASSY	UMPS
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BROTH	OPINING
CORONET	MILES
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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS
- 1 Matured
- 5 Actors who overdo it
- 9 Former international airline, for short
- 14 Give a dam
- 15 On the summit of
- 16 Gives off
- 17 Diabolical
- 18 Tug-of-war cord
- 19 Numeral
- 20 View differently
- 23 Preowned
- 24 Self-image
- 25 Flying-saucer crew
- 29 Cookie container
- 30 Air safety org.
- 33 Lunch around
- 34 The ones here
- 36 Recede gradually
- 37 Ignore wrongdoing
- 41 Letter before tee
- 42 Steps on a ladder
- 43 Wagers
- 44 So far
- 45 Call a halt to
- 46 Church towers
- 48 End of many big co. names
- 49 Back of the neck
- 51 Guard attentively
- 58 Wetland
- 59 Land measure
- 60 Get the creases out of
- 61 Illegal activity
- 62 Not barefoot
- 63 Flooring square
- 64 Yields, as territory
- 65 Group in a coop
- 66 Out of harm's way
- DOWN
- 1 High cards in poker
- 2 Donated
- 3 One of the Great Lakes
- 4 Sandwich shop
- 5 Bother repeatedly
- 6 Make amends
- 7 Sulked
- 8 Gush forth
- 9 Dog's family tree
- 10 Friend, in Spanish
- 11 Close by, in poems
- 12 Keep __ (persist)
- 13 Denver clock setting: Abbr.
- 21 Convent resident
- 22 Dog's restraint
- 25 Back street
- 26 Running free
- 27 Admission of defeat
- 28 Antlered animal
- 29 Fast planes
- 30 Not as many
- 31 Taper off
- 32 Bottomless pit
- 34 Take care of
- 35 Refuse to share
- 38 Battlefield ditches
- 39 Gut feeling
- 40 Batter's stat, for short
- 46 Drives too fast
- 47 Split __ soup
- 48 "Who's there?" response
- 49 Cozy corner
- 50 Ohio tire city
- 51 Suffix for hard meaning "merchandise"
- 52 Dry as a desert
- 53 Eyelid hair
- 54 Chart-topping songs
- 55 Opera solo
- 56 Three Little Pigs' foe
- 57 Joint above the shin
- 58 1200, in Roman numerals

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Team Member 2: _____ phone: _____

Team Member 3: _____ phone: _____

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