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Defiant French mourn 12 dead

By THOMAS ADAMSON

Associated Press

PARIS — A young woman wept while complete strangers on Paris' normally bustling subway stared at each other in solidarity at noon Thursday, as metro trains ground to a halt for one minute of haunting silence.

Muslims at the Paris Mosque fell quiet too, a day after the biggest terror attack on French soil in living memory. Catholics listened inside Notre Dame Cathedral as its gargantuan bell tolled, the sound echoing around the Ile de le Cite.

President Francois Hollande ordered flags flown at half-staff, and the Eiffel Tower will switch off its lights and shroud tourists in dark.

Thursday marked a moment for an often-divided France to come together as one nation to mourn. Twelve people were killed in the shooting on and around the premises of satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo in central Paris on Wednesday, in which the gunmen shouted "Allahu akbar!" as they fired.

Now, the French are trying to understand why.

One Algerian-born grandmother, Algida Henneche, wept.

"We're all in danger now. In the shops,

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Courtesy photo/Cindy Smith

Howard College's Rob Gray attempts a shot during the Hawks' game against Midland College earlier this basketball season. The Hawks return from Christmas break tonight when they South Plains College in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The women's game tips off at 5:45 p.m., with the men's contest beginning at 8 p.m.

A new way to leave a tip

Crime Stoppers touts app as new way to send info

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring/Howard County Crime Stoppers has launched an anonymous tip service officials describe as a proactive crime-fighting tool.

The public can now submit anonymous crime tips through the Web, a text message or from any Android or iPhone mobile device with the TipSubmit mobile app.

As of the Tuesday, the public has the ability to utilize "TipSoft," a service for citizens to anonymously submit crime-related tips.

Officials say TipSoft is successful because it uses technology that is familiar to citizens, which allows them to carry on an anonymous two-way conversation with the agency without requiring

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Ready, set, showdown

GOP, Obama prepare for their fights

By CONNIE CASS

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Not wasting any time, new Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and President Barack Obama are setting course for showdowns over health care, a big oil pipeline, immigration policy and financing of the agency that tries to protect the U.S. from terrorists.

At the same time, both insist they are eager for compromise — if only the other side would give in.

"It seems with every new day, we have a new veto threat from the president," McConnell, R-Ky., complained Wednesday, his second day as Senate leader. Republicans won control of the chamber in the November elections, and strengthened their hold on the House.

With the 114th Congress just getting underway, the White House already has announced that Obama stands ready to veto three bills that Republicans hope to rush through. One would allow construction of the Keystone XL pipeline to bring oil from Canada. Another weakens Obama's signature health care law, by increasing the definition of a full-time employee who must be offered health coverage at work

to 40 hours from the current 30. The third would alter a key provision of the 2010 Dodd-Frank overhaul of financial services regulations.

"The president is not going to set the agenda for us here in the Senate," McConnell told reporters.

Lamenting the deadly attack on a satirical newspaper in Paris, McConnell said the attack underscores that the war on terrorism is not over. He declined to say whether the attack would affect Republican plans to use the Homeland Security Department's budget as leverage against Obama's immigration policy.

"But at the end of the day, we're going to fund the department, obviously," McConnell said.

The anti-terrorism agency's budget expires in late February, and Republicans have been working on a plan to tie new funding to a measure overturning Obama's action that eased immigration rules last year and decreased deportations. McConnell said "we'll decide in February how to handle it."

Tea party-backed Sen. Ted Cruz, one of

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UBS sets blood drive for Monday

Special to the Herald

Donate blood, (possibly) win a trip to the Super Bowl.

Blood supplies are running low at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, so United Blood Services and the hospital have organized a blood drive for this coming Monday with an enticing prize for one lucky donor.

The blood drive will be held between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the UBS bloodmobile, which will be located at the hospital parking lot.

Donors get entry in a drawing for 2 tickets, airfare and accommodations to the upcoming Super Bowl (open to those 18 or older) plus a movie pass and a free cholesterol check.

Donors with appointments will be seen prior to those who walk in. To make an appointment, call Anita Cline at 268-4721 or email her at Anita_Cline@chs.net.

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Obituaries

Danny Ferrell



Danny Ferrell, 58, of Big Spring died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2015, at Martin County Hospital in Stanton. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, 2015, at Trinity Baptist Church with Steve "Watty" Watson officiating.

Danny was born July 12, 1956, in Denison, Texas to Mary and Roy Ferrell. He moved to Big Spring in 1973 when his father was stationed at Webb Air Force Base. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1975. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. He received his master's degree from Angelo State in San Angelo. He received his superintendent certification from West Texas A & M University in Canyon.

Danny married Donna Brown Dec. 18, 1981, in San Angelo.

Danny began his career in education as a coach in San Angelo, and then became principal at Paint Rock. He went to White Deer as an elementary principal, then high school principal, and then su-

perintendent. Danny returned to Big Spring in 2009 as assistant superintendent.

He was a member of the Assembly of God Church. His hobbies were 4-wheeling, hunting with his son, and he loved the family rivalry between the Cowboys and Eagles.

Danny is survived by his wife, Donna of Big Spring; one son, Brian Ferrell of San Angelo; one brother, David Ferrell and his wife Maria of Mississippi; three sisters, Debbie McCain and her husband Jimmie of Sand Springs, Diane Fulton and her husband Tim of Lubbock, and Denise Ferrell of Big Spring; several nieces, nephews and cousins; mother -and father-in-law: Bill and Martha Brown of Christoval; and his school family.

Danny was preceded in death by his parents.

The family suggests memorials to Gideon International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, P. O. Box 133, Big Spring, Texas 79720, Relay for Life, Attn: Sandy Griffin, 1217 E. 17th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, or other favorite charity.

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

Paid obituary

Leonard E. Burks



Leonard E. Burks, 82, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rick Cunningham officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, 2015, at the funeral home.

He was born Sept. 6, 1932, in Howard County and married Jimmie Ruth Shanks Dec. 21, 1952 in Howard County.

Leonard worked at Webb Air Force Base for 20

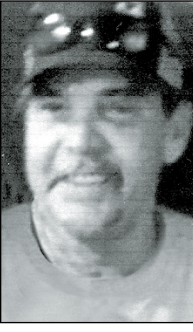
years. After retiring, he drove truck for Southwest Tool, Williams Industrial Fabrication and Gamco. He was a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ and had served in the United States Army during the Korean War.

He is survived by his wife, Jimmie Burks of Big Spring; one daughter, Elaine Shapleigh of Phoenix, Ariz.; one son, Randy Burks and wife, Laurie of Big Spring; one brother, Charles Burks of Garden City; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wilmon Dennis and Edna (Thames) Burks; and one brother, Wilmon Dexter Burks.

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

Kevin Lee Brownfield



Kevin Lee Brownfield, 48, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, 2015, at the funeral home.

He was born Feb. 3, 1966, in Odessa and married Christy Norwood Aug. 8, 1997, in Big Spring.

Kevin enjoyed hunting, fishing, being at the lake and dancing. He was an avid Dallas Cowboys

and NASCAR fan. He loved eagles and was a great cook.

He is survived by his wife, Christy Brownfield of Big Spring; three sons, Kyle Brownfield, Dylan Register and Garrett Brownfield, all of Big Spring; two daughters, Kendra Hawkins and husband, Alan of Oklahoma and Kayla Brownfield of Big Spring; his parents, Floyd and Nancy Brownfield of Big Spring; two sisters, Janis Brownfield of Big Spring and Holli Adams and husband, James of Abilene; eight grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Bud Norwood.

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

Suzanne Hedges

Suzanne Hedges, 61, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2015. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Juan M. Martinez

Juan M. Martinez, 71, of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 5, 2015. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police/Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- JAMES MORALES JR. 35, of 1908 S. Main St., was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- DAVID M. PETERSON, 23, of 1111 E. 14th St., was arrested on a warrant for theft, more than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500.
- RANDAL KIRK KIRKHAM, 24, of 203 Terry Road was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia and on a warrant from another agency.
- JENIFER JO ROBERTS, 43, of 3211 E. Highway 350 was arrested on warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection certificate (two counts), failed to maintain financial responsibility, failed to yield right of way (private drive, alley, building), and filed to appear.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80 and in the 1200

block of Scurry St.

- ASSAULT was reported in the 600 block of W. 15th St., in the 1500 block of S. Austin St. and in the 700 block of W. Interstate 20.
- THEFT was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 68 inmates at the time of this report.
- JAMES MORALES JR., 35, was booked by the BSPD on a Media County arrant on a MRTP-credit card abuse.
- JUAN VINCENTE DELAROSA, 36, was booked

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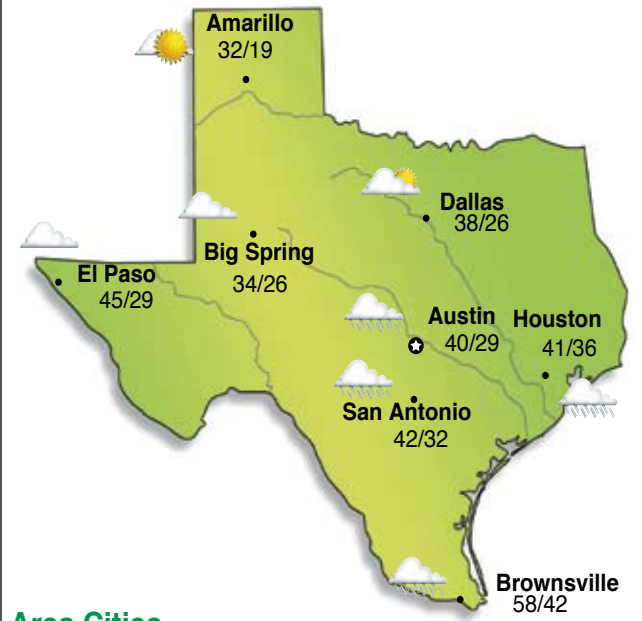
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 1/9	Sat 1/10	Sun 1/11	Mon 1/12	Tue 1/13
34/26 Cloudy. Some mixed winter precipitation possible. High 34F.	40/31 Mostly cloudy. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the low 30s.	57/37 Clouds giving way to sun. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 30s.	50/31 Considerable cloudiness. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 30s.	47/31 A wintry mix changing to rain.
Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:58 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:59 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 6:00 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 6:01 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 6:02 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	35	24	cloudy	Kingsville	45	36	rain
Amarillo	32	19	mst sunny	Livingston	39	31	rain
Austin	40	29	rain	Longview	40	26	cloudy
Beaumont	40	29	rain	Lubbock	33	22	pt sunny
Brownsville	58	42	rain	Lufkin	42	30	rain
Brownwood	33	24	mixed	Midland	32	25	cloudy
Corpus Christi	45	37	rain	Raymondville	52	37	rain
Corsicana	37	27	cloudy	Rosenberg	41	36	rain
Dallas	38	26	cloudy	San Antonio	42	32	rain
Del Rio	46	31	cloudy	San Marcos	40	31	rain
El Paso	45	29	cloudy	Sulphur Springs	36	25	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	30	24	mixed	Sweetwater	33	24	cloudy
Gainesville	33	22	pt sunny	Tyler	38	28	cloudy
Greenville	37	24	pt sunny	Weatherford	37	24	cloudy
Houston	41	36	rain	Wichita Falls	34	21	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	41	19	sunny	Minneapolis	4	-7	pt sunny
Boston	31	16	sn shower	New York	32	17	sn shower
Chicago	2	-10	pt sunny	Phoenix	70	48	mst sunny
Dallas	38	26	cloudy	San Francisco	65	50	cloudy
Denver	32	21	sunny	Seattle	52	42	pt sunny
Houston	41	36	rain	St. Louis	17	10	sunny
Los Angeles	71	54	pt sunny	Washington, DC	37	15	pt sunny
Miami	79	61	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Fri 1/9	Sat 1/10	Sun 1/11	Mon 1/12	Tue 1/13
1	2	3	2	2
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Take note

- Jury selection in 118th District Court scheduled for Monday has been cancelled. For more information, call 432-264-2223.
- Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.
- Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be hosting two public forums on re-enrollment to the Health Insurance Marketplace. Representatives will be on hand to answer any questions you might have and to set up appointments for enrollment. The first event will take place at the YMCA at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 14 and the second event will be at the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club on Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. Both events are free to attend and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided. For more information or to RSVP, call Amanda Duforat at 268-4699.
- Reservations are being taken for shirts and transportation for Howard County Day in Austin. The one-day event is meant to highlight the economic importance of Howard County to Texas lawmakers. Howard County Day in Austin is set for Feb. 10, 2015. Reservations are now being taken for a seat on a bus leaving from the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum to attend the event. The charge is \$40 per person and the deadline to register for a seat is Feb. 2. Shirt order deadline for a Howard County shirt is Jan. 7. The cost is \$29. For more information, contact Teresa Darden at the Big Spring Economic Development at 264-6032.
- A hungry child cannot learn. Food2Kids - Big Spring was created to provide nutrition for hundreds of children who do not get a substantial meal

on the weekends. F2K began last November and this volunteer program now serves more than 300 children weekly. Once the need has been identified, F2K fills a sack of food to send home each Friday during the school year. You can help. Volunteers are needed and donations can be sent to Food2Kids - Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big Spring 79721. Find us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/Food2Kids

- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Thursday 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 270-7263.
- The Cross Roads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.
- The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages. No alcohol or smoking. Our parking lot is now well lit, and we are handicapped-accessible. Cost is \$8 per person.
- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call

Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.
- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.
- Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9-11 a.m. and get two for one, plus a rehab meeting.
- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are need of help, call 888-995-HOPE.

GOP

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the loudest voices against Obama's immigration policy, said there was no reason to pull back from stopping

the president's "abuse of power and his unconstitutional actions." It's Obama who should worry about the security risks if he considers a veto that would shut down the Homeland Security Department, said

Cruz, R-Texas. Even as McConnell and Obama skirmished from afar, both maintained there is some hope for bipartisan cooperation. Obama, who meets with Republican con-

gressional leaders next week, said he expects "some pitched political battles" but is hopeful for a "productive 2015." In his first big speech as majority leader, McConnell talked of working with Obama on trade

agreements, infrastructure improvements and rewriting tax laws. He even raised the prospect of tackling some big issues that have bedeviled Congress for years, such as shoring up Medicare

and Social Security, balancing the budget and whittling away the national debt. "But bipartisan reform can only be achieved if President Obama is interested in it," McConnell said.

FRENCH

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in the bus. I've brought up seven children here. France is multicultural - we welcome all countries. Now for my grandchildren, what will happen?" asked the 69-year old. Magali de Raphelles, a 22-year-old student, shed a tear as she observed the silence on No. 13 subway line.

"I'm still in shock. A minute of silence is important to remember and to process - even on the metro. I've found it hard to do anything since yesterday," she said. Others were more defiant. "How is this possible in the nation of human rights?" asked Liliane Graine, a 58-year-old local councilor in the southern suburb of Montrouge.

"What we mustn't do now is put Muslims and jihadis in the same bag. We must be on alert, and make sure this terrorism doesn't lead to increased racism," she added. The rector of the Paris Mosque, Dalil Boubakeur, has been vigilant and called on Muslims country-wide to observe the moment of silence and honor vic-

tims of this "exceptional violence." Boubakeur also called on all French imams to firmly condemn the tragedy - and address it in their Friday prayers. One sandwich-maker, Ben Ammar, who identified himself as a Muslim, shrugged. "Of course, I keep working - I have a business to run. Why should this concern me?"

I've seen it on TV. I'm not afraid," he said. In the National Assembly and the Senate, lawmakers on all sides stopped bickering to observe the silence requested by Hollande. What followed, at one minute past noon, couldn't have been predicted. Politicians reached out to each other in song, breaking out together into a rousing

rendition of the French national anthem, the Marseillaise. Then and now, it's seen as a call against intolerance, for the country to unite.

POLICE

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on Reagan County warrants for sentence-driving while intoxicated, third or more. • MARCUS LAMON COLE, 28, was booked by the HCSO on a Howard County warrant for sentence - deliver of marijuana. • RANDALL KIRK KIRKHAM, 24, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of drug paraphernalia and on a Gaza

County warrant for MTR community supervision non-payment child support. • JENNIFER ROBERTS, 43, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection (two counts), failed to maintain financial responsibility and failed to yield right of way. • SERRIE ANN THOMPSON, 33, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous conviction, suspension.

TIP

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them to speak directly to an officer. TipSoft is proven to help stop and solve crimes, officials claim. To date, the TipSoft system, used across the country, has received more than 2 million tips, resulting in 145,000 arrests, 55,000 fugitives caught and more than

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bile app. TipSoft can be used to submit information on crimes, missing children, fugitives, and other non-emergency situations. Tips can also be submitted by visiting Crime Stoppers' Facebook page.

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Daniel A. "Danny" Ferrell, 58, died Sunday. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Trinity Baptist Church. Richard Cantwell, 73, died Saturday. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 10, 2015 at Myers & Smith Chapel. Juan M. Martinez, 71, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Opinion

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—FIRST AMENDMENT

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DAILY PRAYER

May we remain diligent about reading Your word, Lord, for our life.

Amen

The revisionists vs. Reagan

My daughter asked me my opinion on an article she read in Vanity Fair attempting to debunk the presidential record of Ronald Reagan. I happily responded.

The writer of the piece is veteran liberal commentator Michael Kinsley, who used to be a regular on William F. Buckley Jr.'s "Firing Line" and CNN's "Crossfire." It's not as though he appeared out of nowhere, studied the evidence anew and shared a novel theory. He's been dissing Reaganomics for decades along with other Democrats and liberals, whose only recourse is to distort the Gipper's phenomenal record.

Why is this even relevant, you ask? Well, according to Kinsley, "every serious G.O.P. presidential aspirant invokes the glorious era of Ronald Reagan, to which the country must return. Ignore the fact that, for the likes of Paul Ryan and Rand Paul, Reagan's actual record — from increased bureaucracy to higher deficits — should be seen as a complete failure."

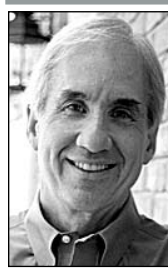
Ever since Reagan's two terms in office, Democrats have been trying to recast those years of remarkable peacetime growth without inflation as a time of abject greed, when the rich got richer and the poor got poorer. But the facts have never corroborated their propaganda.

To really understand Reagan's record — and thus mainstream conservatism still today — you must remember just how bleak things were during the Carter years. At the end of Jimmy Carter's term, unemployment was 7.4 percent and galloping toward double figures; inflation was already in double digits; and interest rates were a staggering 21.5 percent. There was no end in sight.

Indeed, I remember the general malaise that gripped the nation at that time — the attitude of despair, fatalism and resignation. America's best years, according to Carter's apologists, were behind her, and it wasn't his fault that things were so abysmally bleak.

Reagan, against all naysayers, promised that the proper policies could unleash the sleeping

Though Democrats preached that under Reagan, the rich got richer and the poor got poorer, in fact the plight of all income groups improved.



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economic giant again and that we could return to sustained, robust growth and prosperity. Once elected, despite strong opposition from Democrats in Congress, he fulfilled his promise.

Reagan inherited a steep recession but, unlike President Obama today, did not keep using it as an excuse well into his presidency. Reagan didn't need excuses, because his policies began to produce results very quickly.

Reagan had pushed for a 30 percent across-the-board cut in marginal income tax rates, but Democrats in Congress forced a reduction to 25 percent and delayed its implementation. But once the bill passed and kicked in, the results were dramatic.

Along with Reagan's policy of deregulation, his tax cuts produced an economic boom that continued for almost eight full years — from November 1982 to July 1990 — with not a scintilla of a recession.

Reagan's policies led to the largest period of economic growth to date in the history of the nation.

The economy was nearly a third larger at the conclusion of the Reagan years than at the beginning, and real median family income grew by \$4,000, as opposed to almost no growth during the Ford-Carter years.

Like President John F. Kennedy, Reagan demonstrated that reducing marginal income tax rates could increase revenues. Revenues almost doubled during the Reagan years, and even after adjusting for inflation, they increased by some 28 percent. Reaganomics also shattered the long-established economic textbook axiom that there is a trade-off between unemployment and inflation. Despite nearly 20 million new jobs, there was barely any upward pressure on prices.

Though Democrats preached

that under Reagan, the rich got richer and the poor got poorer, in fact the plight of all income groups improved. Not only that but upward mobility, which received its last rites under Carter, made a dramatic comeback, as a Treasury Department study revealed that 86 percent of the people in the lowest 20 percent of income in 1979 graduated into higher categories during the '80s. More people in every income group moved up than down except — ironically — the top 1 percent of earners.

Moreover, the real Reagan record puts the lie to the liberal manta that the rich didn't pay their "fair share." In the first place, average effective income tax rates were cut more for lower-income groups than for higher-income groups. In 1991, after the Reagan cuts had been in place for almost a decade, the top 1 percent of income earners paid 25 percent of income taxes; the top 5 percent paid 43 percent; and the bottom half paid only 5 percent. How is that for fairness?

Unfortunately, Reagan didn't achieve the spending reductions he'd envisioned, though some misinformation exists here, too. Military spending constituted much of the increase — by design and by necessity after Carter's gutting of our vital defenses. But the rate of domestic spending grew more slowly under Reagan than under his immediate predecessors and would have been reduced far more but for recalcitrant big-spending Democratic congressmen.

The military spending, coupled with Reagan's coherent peace-through-strength foreign policy, yielded immeasurable dividends, as the Soviet Union soon disintegrated. And no, my revisionist liberal friends, this was not because of a willing, enlightened Mikhail Gorbachev.

President Reagan is still the model for conservative presidential aspirants — and for very good reasons that will not be erased, no matter how earnestly liberals try.

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Cuomo: A genuine heavyweight

There is a shorthand people around politics use when measuring potential presidents: Is this candidate really a "heavyweight" — meaning an individual of seriousness, intelligence and gravity — or is he, heaven forbid, a "lightweight" so unreflective and superficial that he could tap-dance on a soufflé? By every measurable standard, Mario Cuomo, the former three-time governor of New York who died on New Year's Day at 82, was a genuine heavyweight.

The late Jack Germond, one of the nation's great political reporters, told a revealing incident from 1977, when Cuomo was running, unsuccessfully, for mayor of New York. Cuomo was holding a news conference on changes needed to reform the abuses in ambulance services in the city. After handing out a fact sheet on the subject, Cuomo answered questions from reporters for 20 minutes before the TV crews began packing up to leave and the reporters put away their notebooks.

But as Germond wrote, "one young radio reporter, a student from Columbia, asked if she could pose a few more questions. Cuomo agreed and then

realized from the questions that this young woman had studied the ambulance service problem and probably knew more about it than he did." What did Cuomo do? He sat there for 45 minutes answering questions, all the time learning. No sound bites on the evening news, just an intellectually curious and honest public man willing to go way beyond talking points. A heavyweight.



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Oliver Wendell Holmes once said of another New York governor, Franklin D. Roosevelt, who would become America's greatest 20th-century president, that he possessed "a second-rate intellect but a first-rate temperament." Mario Cuomo — the son of parents who were both Italian immigrants — who did not himself learn to speak English until he began public school in Queens and who would become for an entire generation of Democrats their party's poetic, public voice, possessed a first-rate intellect.

Who could forget that eloquence? His fundamental premise about what a proper government should be: "the idea of family, mutuality, the sharing of benefits and burdens for the good of all, feeling one another's pain, sharing one another's blessings."

That was in the speech that made him famous, his keynote to the 1984 Democratic National Convention in San Francisco, in which he taught that "while sur-

vival of the fittest may be a good working description of the process of evolution, a government of humans should elevate itself to a higher order" and that "we would rather have laws written by the patron of this great city, the man called 'the world's most sincere Democrat' — St. Francis of Assisi — than laws written by Darwin."

Unlike his predecessors in Albany — including Nelson Rockefeller, FDR, Averell Harriman, Al Smith and Thomas E. Dewey — Cuomo chose, when he was the clear front-runner for the Democratic nomination, not to seek the presidency. Vicious, baseless rumors that this proud Italian-American might have some damaging "connection" were contradicted by the vast sums spent by Republicans in negative research against him, which never came up with anything. It was garbage. The question we should ask is not why someone does not run but rather why someone does run.

Because he was a genuine heavyweight, candidate Mario Cuomo would have commanded the nation's attention and, perhaps, changed the nation's direction. But he should be remembered as a serious and significant leader who reminded us well and passionately of what we all owe to one another and to our country.

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Steer Pride Corner

Submitted by Georeg Bancroft, BSISD community relations coordinator

Washington Ele. has 100 make perfect attendance list

Call it a perfect 100. Washington Elementary School had 100 students, or — about 20 percent of its student population — did not miss a class in the first semester. Each student had a chance to win prizes and the Greater Big Spring Rotary presented two bikes.



Shelby Mayhew
Second Grade



Kennedy Osborne
Fourth Grade



Rayne Kelley
Second Grade



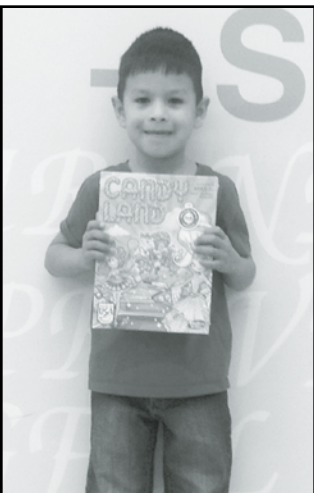
Deandra Aragon
Second Grade



Andre Rushin
First Grade



Zoe DeLeon
Kindergarten



Israel DeLeon
Kindergarten



Evelyn Sanchez
Fourth Grade



Jha'Niah Johnson
Fifth Grade

Please note: Individual photos of Eathen Garcia, second grade; and Kayen Johnson, fourth grade, were not available by press time



courtesy photo/BSISD

Members of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club present the Washington Elementary perfect attendance winners their bikes shown above Eathen Garcia, left, and Evelyn Sanchez. Also pictured are Rotary member Debbie ValVerde, left, Jim Clements, Donna Wright, Adrian Calivo and Washington Elementary Principal Charlie Crisp



Prize winners for the Washington Elementary perfect attendance for the first semester contest take a group photo.

Tablet apps let cats catch critters in cyberspace

BY SUE MANNING
Associated Press

When Laura Fritz's felines play with her iPad, her fat cat loses the urge to eat, her scaredy-cat loses his fear and her youngest just loses interest.

If you've had enough time to play with the tablet you got for the holidays, try turning the device over to your tech-savvy cat. Every cat app, no matter the maker, has something for felines to electronically track, stalk or hunt, such as mice, bugs or laser dots.

"Cats are attracted to things that move, and that is the 'magic' for most of the apps," said Dr. Bonnie Beaver, a professor at Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine and executive director

of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists.

"The motion in most apps is jerky and quick, much like an insect," she said, adding that any sound component would quickly be eclipsed by the draw of movement.

Every cat is different, but if they are like two of Fritz's, they will love pawing the screen to catch critters, which breaks anxious Maxie out of his shell and gives hefty Mr. Brutus a way to exercise, said Fritz of Waltham, Massachusetts. But they may be like her youngest, Pansy Rose, who couldn't care less.

Maxie and Brutus work together on the app "Paint for Cats," chasing a mouse and leaving a trail of splattered paint where they have pawed, rubbed, jumped or made other marks with their movements. Many cat owners see the results as art worthy of sharing on social media, so the app allows people to email the creations.

It is among three popular apps created by T.J. Fuller and Nate Murray's Los Angeles company Hiccup. The company also features a mouse chasing game called "Game for Cats" and monster crushing game dubbed "Catzilla."

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Sudoku Answer on Page 9

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.

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Detective Work Works Well

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 10 7 3
♥ Q
♦ K 10 6 5
♣ 10 9 8 4

WEST
♠ K Q 8 2
♥ A K 10 8 5 3
♦ 4
♣ 7 2

EAST
♠ J 9 6 5
♥ J 9 7 4 2
♦ Q 8 3
♣ 5

SOUTH
♠ 4
♥ 6
♦ A J 9 7 2
♣ A K Q J 6 3

The bidding:
South 1♣ West 1♥ North 4♥ East 5♣
Pass 6♣

Opening lead — king of hearts.

The bridge table provides a lot of opportunity for detective work. For example, consider this deal from a team-of-four match where at both tables the contract was six clubs and declarer had to guess the diamond position to make the slam.

At the first table, where the bidding went as shown (North's double was of the "negative" variety), West led the king of hearts and shifted to the king of spades.

Declarer won with the ace, and in order to learn how the spades were divided — which in turn might help him decide how to play the diamonds — he ruffed a spade high at trick three, led a low trump to the eight, ruffed another spade high, led a low trump to the nine and ruffed dummy's last spade.

These exploratory moves proved very helpful. Declarer learned that West had started with four spades, two clubs and — judging from the bidding — either six hearts and one diamond or five hearts and two diamonds.

How to play the diamonds therefore became a question of which of these two hands West was more likely to hold originally:
♠ KQ82 ♥ AK???? ♦ 4 ♣ 72
♠ KQ82 ♥ AK??? ♦ Q4 ♣ 72

Declarer decided that West was more likely to have the first hand, because with the second hand, West might have doubled one club rather than bid one heart. So South led a low diamond to the king and finessed the nine on the way back to bring home the slam.

At the second table, the bidding and play followed exactly the same course, proving that diligent detective work and sound judgment are far more dependable than resorting to guesswork.

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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Wishing You A Happy New Year!

Rodgers sits out Packers practice, expected to start

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Aaron Rodgers didn't practice Wednesday because of a lingering left calf injury. The quarterback left no doubt about his plans for Sunday when the Green Bay Packers host the Dallas Cowboys.

"No, I'm going Sunday," Rodgers said. "Just a matter of how."

Missing practice was part of the plan for Rodgers, who has dealt with the injury for about three weeks. While the frigid Hutson Center training facility, Rodgers stayed exclusively in the training room for treatment.

He hopes that occasional acupuncturist will also help, along with the valuable rest that the Packers received for earning a bye for the opening round of the playoffs. It's possible Rodgers could also wear a wrap to further protect his lower left leg.

There is progress, though "it's never enough for Aaron," coach Mike McCarthy said. "But I think the training staff feels good about it and we feel confident in the direction we're going."

Rodgers at less than 100

percent health is still better than most other quarterbacks. Two weeks ago against Detroit, Rodgers had to be carted to the locker room after aggravating the calf injury.

He limped back on to the field in the middle of the third quarter, throwing for one score and tumbling in from 1 yard for another to help lead the Packers to victory and a fourth straight NFC North crown.

Rodgers is such a stickler for preparation that no one in the locker room doubts the team's leader can play well without practice.

"We would definitely love to be able to have that preparation, but health is the most important thing for him at this time. You've got to trust the system," receiver Randall Cobb said.

The injury, though, has limited Rodgers' mobility the last two weeks, which in turn has affected his trademark ability to extend plays. That mobility has bailed out the Packers in potentially troublesome situations time and again in Rodgers' seven years as starter.

FSU's Winston plans to enter NFL draft

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida State quarterback Jameis Winston has decided to enter the NFL draft. He announced his decision on the same day the woman who accused him of sexual assault filed a lawsuit against the school's board of trustees.

The 2013 Heisman Trophy winner said Wednesday he had decided to forgo his final two years of eligibility "after careful consideration and long thought." Winston's statement was released to ESPN.

Winston was the most successful quarterback

in college football during the last two seasons, but also faced lengthy sexual assault investigations.

In a lawsuit filed against the school's board of trustees, the woman who accused him of sexual assault claimed the board had an unreasonable response to her accusations and created a hostile educational environment for her. The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages, including reimbursement for tuition, damages for emotional pain and suffering and loss of past and present earning and earning capacity.



Photo Courtesy Cindy Smith/Howard College

The Howard College men's and women's basketball teams will return to WJCAC play for the first time in more than a month tonight when they host South Plains College in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Games will begin at 5:45 p.m.

Hawks, Lady Hawks return to WJCAC action tonight vs. SPC

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Finally!
The Howard College men's and women's basketball teams will return to Western Junior College Athletic Conference action for the first time in more than a month tonight when they host South Plains College in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The games are scheduled to tip off at 5:45 p.m. with the women's matchup.

The Howard College women, who are coming off a 1-2 performance during a trip to Arizona on Dec. 29-31, head into tonight's showdown looking to claw its way to .500 in the WJCAC standings. The Lady Hawks are 5-10 for the season and 0-1 in conference play following a loss to Midland College on Dec. 3.

In South Plains, the Lady Hawks will be facing another team that is looking to find an identity. The Lady Texans roll into the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum sporting a 4-9 record in WJCAC play, however, taking a 62-

Western Junior College Athletic Conference

Women		
Team	Season W-L	Conf. W-L
Odessa	16-2	2-0
Midland	11-6	2-0
New Mexico JC	11-4	1-0
South Plains	4-9	1-0
Western Texas	8-6	0-1
Howard	5-10	0-1
Frank Phillips	12-3	0-2
Clarendon	9-6	0-2

Tonight's Games - South Plains at Howard College; Midland College at Frank Phillips; Western Texas at New Mexico JC; Odessa and Clarendon are open

Men		
Team	Season W-L	Conf. W-L
Odessa	14-1	2-0
South Plains	11-3	1-0
Howard	10-4	1-0
Frank Phillips	12-4	1-1
Western Texas	10-4	1-1
Midland	11-5	1-1
NMMI	7-5	1-1
New Mexico JC	11-4	0-2
Clarendon	3-12	0-2

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CAC play, however, taking a 62-56 win over Western Texas in

double overtime on Dec. 6.

Odessa College, 16-2 overall, and Midland College, 11-6, sit atop the women's conference standings with 2-0 marks.

The Howard College and South Plains men's teams have had little trouble proving they are still among the WJCAC elite this season. The Hawks roll into tonight's game tied with SPC for second in the conference standings with a 1-0 mark.

The Hawks, 10-4 overall, notched a win over Midland in their WJCAC opener last month. South Plains, which is off to an 11-3 start to the season, opened its WJCAC slate with a 65-46 win over Western Texas.

Odessa, 14-1, leads the conference with a 2-0 mark.

Following their games against South Plains, the HC men and women will play two of their next three games on toe road, traveling to Clarendon on Jan. 10 and to Odessa College on Jan. 15. Howard College's next home game will be on Jan. 12 when they host Frank Phillips College.

Scoreboard

FOOTBALL				
NFL PLAYOFF GLANCE				
Divisional Playoffs				
Saturday, Jan. 10				
Baltimore at New England, 4:35 p.m. (NBC)				
Carolina at Seattle, 8:15 p.m. (FOX)				
Sunday, Jan. 11				
Dallas at Green Bay, 1:05 p.m. (FOX)				
Indianapolis at Denver, 4:40 p.m. (CBS)				
Conference Championships				
Sunday, Jan. 18				
AFC, 3:05 p.m. (FOX)				
NFC, 6:40 p.m. (CBS)				
Super Bowl				
Sunday, Feb. 1				
At Glendale, Ariz.				
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6:30 p.m. (NBC)				

BASKETBALL				
National Basketball Association				
Eastern Conference				
Atlantic Division				
Toronto	24	10	.706	—
Brooklyn	16	19	.457	8½
Boston	12	21	.364	11½
Philadelphia	5	29	.147	19
New York	5	33	.132	21
Southeast Division				
Atlanta	27	8	.771	—
Washington	24	11	.686	3
Miami	15	20	.429	12
Charlotte	13	24	.351	15
Orlando	13	25	.342	15½
Central Division				
Chicago	25	11	.694	—
Cleveland	19	17	.528	6
Milwaukee	19	18	.514	6½
Indiana	14	23	.378	11½
Detroit	12	23	.343	12½

Western Conference				
Southwest Division				
Memphis	25	10	.714	—
Dallas	26	11	.703	—
Houston	24	11	.686	1
San Antonio	21	15	.583	4½

HOCKEY				
National Hockey League				
Atlantic Division				
Tampa Bay	26	12	4	56
Montreal	26	12	5	54
Detroit	22	10	9	53
Boston	20	15	6	46
Toronto	21	17	3	45
Florida	17	11	9	43
Ottawa	16	15	8	40
Buffalo	14	24	3	31
Metropolitan Division				
Pittsburgh	24	10	6	54
N.Y. Islanders	26	13	1	53
Washington	21	11	7	49
N.Y. Rangers	22	11	4	48
Columbus	18	17	3	39
Philadelphia	15	18	7	37
New Jersey	15	20	7	37
Carolina	12	24	4	28
Central Division				
Nashville	26	9	4	56
Chicago	26	12	5	54
St. Louis	24	13	3	51
Winnipeg	20	13	7	47
Dallas	18	15	6	42
Minnesota	18	15	5	41
Colorado	16	18	5	40
Pacific Division				
Anaheim	26	10	6	58
Vancouver	23	12	3	49
San Jose	22	14	5	49
Los Angeles	19	12	4	47
Calgary	21	17	3	45
Arizona	15	20	4	34
Edmonton	9	23	9	27

COLLEGE BASKETBALL				
Big 12 Conference				
W. Virginia	2	0	1.000	14
Oklahoma	2	0	1.000	11
Kansas	1	0	1.000	12
Kansas St.	1	0	1.000	11
Texas	1	1	.500	12
Oklahoma St.	1	1	.500	11
Kansas St.	1	1	.500	8
TCU	0	2	.000	13
Baylor	0	2	.000	11
Texas Tech	0	2	.000	10
Wednesday's Games				
Kansas 56, Baylor 55				
Kansas St. 58, TCU 53				
Thursday's Games				
No games scheduled				

FOOTBALL				
National Football League				
AFL Division				
Atlanta Falcons				
Carolina Panthers				
Chicago Bears				
Baltimore Ravens				
LA Galaxy				
New York Red Bulls				
Chicago Bulls				
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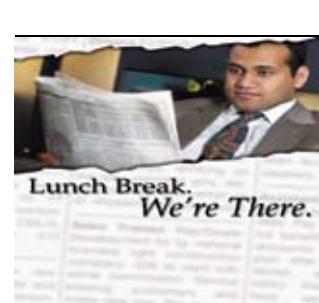
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Dear Annie: Twelve years ago, I married my best friend, lover and the woman I believed to be my partner for life. Before we married, my wife and I were physically active: hiking, biking, skiing, rollerblading, you name it. We enjoyed movies, plays, board games and talking for hours. We also had a fantastic sex life.



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Seven years ago, all of that began to change. She lost interest in outdoor activities and board games. Hours of talking have been replaced with hours in front of the TV or staring into our cellphones and computers. Our sex life became nearly nonexistent. We've both put on a little weight, but for me, it's 10 pounds, and for my wife, it's 40. I still think she's incredibly sexy and tell her so. I have maintained a regular fitness regimen and a few years ago started competing in triathlons. My wife views this as encroaching on our social life.

I love my wife, but I'm no longer in love with her the way I once was. Not long ago, we had a heart-to-heart, and I said I no longer wanted to be married to her and told her why. She responded by telling me she recognized that I had been pulling away and understood why. She said she wished things could be different, but she would move forward.

Since "the talk," my wife has been extremely

clingy and insecure, wanting to know my whereabouts and activities at all times. Where I suffered sexual frustration in silence for years, my wife is now quite vocal about having her sexual needs met.

Annie, I can't manufacture feelings for her, sexual or otherwise, and I am still leaning toward the exit. I feel staying is dishonest, but leaving means I'm not giving our relationship a chance. What do I do? -- Crossroads in California

Dear Crossroads: Your wife doesn't want you to leave. That is why she is clingy, insecure and demanding more sex. In the past seven years, you have gradually become disillusioned with your married life, but you only told your wife about it recently. You haven't given her the time to work on it. Instead of looking for a justification to leave, please get into counseling with your wife. See whether you can find the "best friend" and "partner for life" you married. It's not too late.

Dear Annie: I am a 67-year-old widow. My husband died six years ago. We enjoyed a good sex life, and I miss it very much. I would like to relieve myself (masturbation), but I don't know how the Catholic Church feels about it, and I don't want to ask my priest. Is it a mortal or venial sin? Or are they more lenient these days? Can you

please, please help me? -- Frustrated

Dear Frustrated: According to the New Catholic Encyclopedia, masturbation is still a mortal sin. However, there are "conditions of anxiety or other psychological or social factors that lessen or even extenuate moral culpability," making it a venial sin. We know the Church's position matters to you, but our position is that masturbation is a perfectly reasonable alternative for someone who is widowed. Please consider talking to your priest about this. He has undoubtedly heard it before.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "California Patient," who complained about the long waits at the doctor's office.

I would suggest "California" talk directly with the physician regarding the long wait times. When I experienced this same problem with my kids' pediatrician, I discovered the doctor was not aware of the problem. It was his staff that scheduled the appointments too close together. The pediatrician thanked me for letting him know, and the wait times decreased substantially after that. -- Been There

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

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CANCER (June 22-July 22). Before you get busy, consider the possibility of doing absolutely nothing. Stillness can be deceptively productive. It is possible that you'll attract all you need through stillness.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You make better choices when a certain someone is there to encourage and support you. The love in your heart warms you from head to toe like hot chicken broth on a cold day.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be asked to make a sacrifice in the name of love. It's probably a small concession, but it will set the tone for the future, so go carefully into this.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Think about all you've overcome. Things that used to bother you

don't anymore. What used to scare you has no emotional charge to it whatsoever. Love has made you immune in some way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't waste your time dwelling on past mistakes. If you disappointed yourself, chalk it up to experience. You probably did the best you could under the circumstances, and next time you'll do better.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you have a feeling that the world is about to contradict your best expectations and validate your worst one instead, it's time to get rid of those expectations altogether.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are self-sacrificing, but only for those few special people who have your heart. There is nothing you won't do to make them smile, and when they are happy, you are happy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Avoid those who seem unapproachable or standoffish. It's not your job to warm everyone up today, and your time will be better spent on the genuinely nice people.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll determine which sacrifices were worthwhile and which ones not to make again. Tonight, you really don't need anything from your romantic counterpart, and that is what makes the situation so appealing for both parties.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 8). Your humor lights up the world for someone special this month. You produce a sensational piece of work in February. Invest your earnings in getting more certifications or training. Your personal life sparkles with new friendships in June. Family business will benefit all in July. Sagittarius and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 24, 4, 29, 48 and 33.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm haunted by a news story I read about a woman who attended an evening work party on a boat and somehow perished in the lake. Nobody realized she was gone until the party was over several hours

later and the woman's abandoned purse was found. No one missed her or looked for her the entire time. I think about this story all the time. I'm considering getting hypnotized so I can stop. Will it work? Why can't I let it go? I'm a Scorpio with a Virgo moon, Virgo rising."

Scorpios are more comfortable in the realm of the subconscious than most and can definitely benefit from the right hypnosis. Before you take that step, look at what this story means to you metaphorically. Do you identify with the lone woman? Do you fear that you don't make a strong enough impression on the people around you? Are you disappointed with the quality of attention you get from your loved ones? Perhaps your obsession with the story is a kind of gift, urging you to find the antidote to the fear of being unseen. Maybe it's an invitation to bring more of your personality and daring to your interactions.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Actress Noah Cyrus will break out in a bigger way this year, with her protective older sister, Miley, keeping close tabs. Noah was born when the sun and Mercury were in Capricorn and the moon was in philanthropic Aquarius. Aquarius moon people often love technology, and Noah will utilize many social media platforms to win new fans and draw support for the causes she holds dear.

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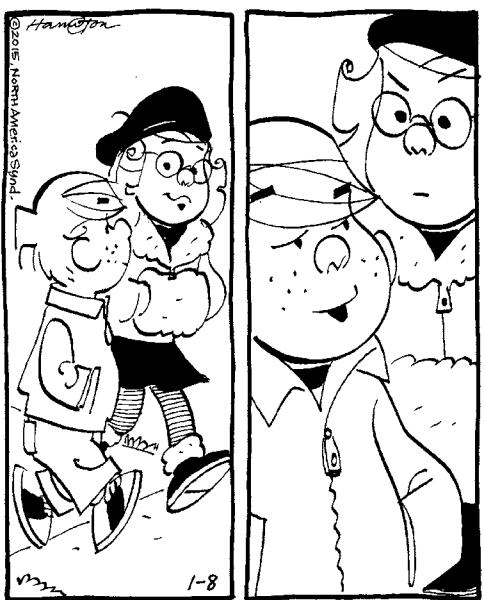
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"I'M GETTING MY OWN PHONE FOR MY BIRTHDAY."
"NOW ALL YOU NEED IS SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO TALK TO YOU."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Call the tooth fairy, Mommy! I've got a job for her tonight!"

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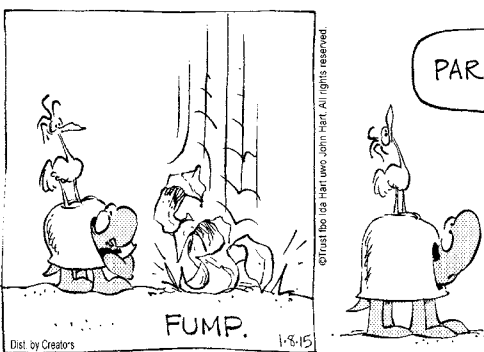
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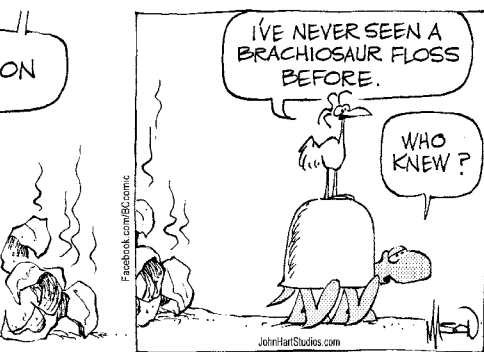
WE WANT OUR WEDDING RECEPTION TO HAVE A FUN ATMOSPHERE... PAPER CLIPS AND PAPER PLATES! STUFF LIKE THAT!... PAPER DECORATIONS! PAPER NAPKINS! PAPER TABLECLOTHS!... AND WILL YOU BE PAYING WITH PAPER OR PLASTIC?... ARE YOU MOCKING US? IT SURE SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE MOCKING US! PLASTIC IT IS!

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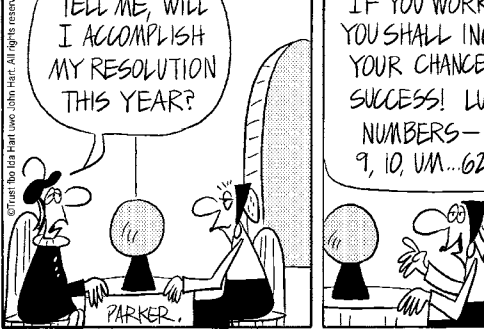
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PARDON... I'VE NEVER SEEN A BRACHIOSAUR FLOSS BEFORE. WHO KNEW?

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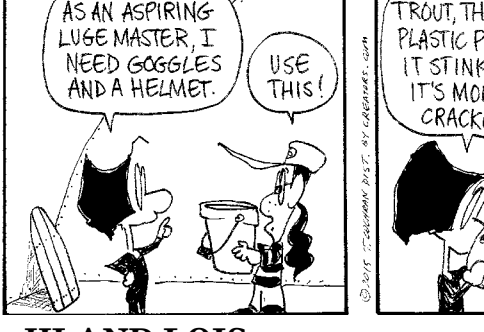
TELL ME, WILL I ACCOMPLISH MY RESOLUTION THIS YEAR? IF YOU WORK HARD, YOU SHALL INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF SUCCESS! LUCKY NUMBERS - 7, 8, 9, 10, UM... 620!!!!... OK... THAT WILL BE \$100... MINE WAS TO DECREASE WORKLOAD

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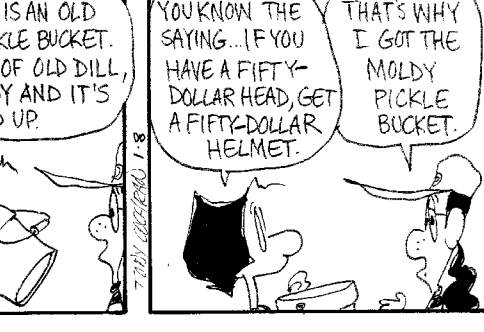
AS AN ASPIRING LUGE MASTER, I NEED GOGGLES AND A HELMET. USE THIS!... TROUT, THIS IS AN OLD PLASTIC PICKLE BUCKET. IT STINKS OF OLD DILL, IT'S MOLDY AND IT'S CRACKED UP... YOU KNOW THE SAYING... IF YOU HAVE A FIFTY-DOLLAR HEAD, GET A FIFTY-DOLLAR HELMET... THAT'S WHY I GOT THE MOLDY PICKLE BUCKET.

THE OTHER COAST



DOT, YOUR DOLL'S ARM IS BROKEN. IF SOMETHING IS BROKEN IT'S PROBABLY MY BROTHER'S FAULT. WHY DO YOU SAY THAT? MY MOTHER EVEN SAID GOD BROKE THE MOLD WHEN HE MADE HIM.

SNUFFY SMITH



"... AND NEXT UP IN THE TERRIER CATEGORY, JIMMY LUCKY SOCKS."... JIMMY IS A TWO-TIME STATE-LEVEL WINNER. HELLO?... THERE'S A FLEA ON HIS EAR!... THAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH HDV. YOU CAN SEE EVERYTHING.

BEETLE BAILEY



FORWARD! WHEN WILL YOU TELL HIM HE'S GOING THE WRONG WAY? AFTER HE FALLS IN THE LAKE

This Date In History

On this date:
 In 1642, astronomer Galileo Galilei died in Arcetri, Italy.
 In 1790, President George Washington delivered his first State of the Union address to Congress in New York.
 In 1863, America's First Transcontinental Railroad had its beginnings as California Gov. Leland Stanford broke ground for the Central Pacific Railroad in Sacramento. (The transcontinental railroad was completed in Promontory, Utah, in May 1869.)
 In 1912, the African National Congress was founded in Bloemfontein, South Africa.
 In 1935, rock-and-roll legend Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Mississippi.
 In 1959, Charles de Gaulle was inaugurated as president of France's Fifth Republic.
 In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson, in his State of the Union address, declared an "unconditional war on poverty in America."

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
 1 A as in Athens
 6 Narc's agcy.
 9 Swimming stroke
 14 Danger
 15 Lee who directed Hulk
 16 Half of A/V
 17 Most common blood type
 19 Sound of derision
 20 Steps (up)
 21 Injustices
 23 Four-footed friend
 24 Jefferson's bill
 25 Disbeliever's comment
 27 Swimming practice
 29 Animal park
 30 Spanish marinade
 32 Law of the movies
 35 Sudden foray
 39 Light-dawning remark
 42 Gazed at
 43 Sundance Festival locale
 44 What turtle-necks hide
 45 Go astray
 47 Prehistoric predator, for short
 48 Cagney imitator's line
 54 Box-score abbr.
 57 B&B
 58 Russian council of yore
 59 School on the Thames
 60 Family Circus cartoonist
 62 Get into the game
 64 Hard to restrain
 65 Tolkien creature
 66 Set things right
 67 Narrow apertures
 68 NFL stats
 69 Piano technician
 70 Poetic postscript
- DOWN
 1 Helm heading
 2 Looney Tunes skunk
 3 Italian hero ingredient
 4 Express displeasure
 5 Aladdin prince
 6 Home for Holsteins
 7 Poetic shout
 8 Emissary
 9 Othello assistant
 10 Appear in print
 11 Accept formally
 12 Metal strings
 13 Numbers game
 18 Poetic contraction
 22 Looks through a telescope
 25 Recognize invader
 26 11th-century
 28 Went along with
 30 Star pitcher
 31 Dracula's downtime
 32 Deep black
 33 Ryder Cup team
 34 Homer Simpson shout
 36 Distribute pro rata
 37 Suffix for project
 38 Moines
 40 Mexican donkey
 41 Still competitive
 46 Stage platforms
 47 Info accumulation
 48 "This is terrible!"
 49 Shaq's surname
 50 Eels, at sushi bars
 51 Den appliance
 52 Triangular sign
 53 Underwater hazards
 55 Legendary trailblazer
 56 Below the surface
 59 Shakespearean accusation
 61 Final amount
 63 Bird watcher, perhaps

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Sign us up for the Best Loser Challenge!

Team Name (Be Creative) _____
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Team Member 2: _____ phone: _____

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