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Moment of silence

Community pauses to remember victims of Paris terror attacks

By JULIE BASS
Staff Writer

Monday at noon, Big Spring and Howard County community members gathered for a moment of silence to remember those lost in the Paris terrorist attacks last week.

County Judge Kathryn Wiseman met with courthouse employees, veterans, and members of the community in front of the war memorial on the east side of the Howard County Courthouse Monday just before noon.

Consistent with the moment of silence to be held by all 28 nations of the European Union on Monday, Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued a statewide call for Texans to take part and hold a minute of silence Monday to honor the memory of the victims of the Paris terrorist attacks.

"Texas' solidarity and longstanding relationship with France is well established," Abbott said. "When Texas declared its independence from Mexico, France was among the first nations to recognize that independence. We have not forgotten France's commitment to the Lone Star State and Texas will join with other states and nations tomorrow to honor the victims and condemn

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HERALD photo/Julie Bass
Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman leads members of the community in a moment of silence in front of the war memorial at the Howard County Courthouse at noon on Monday to remember the victims of the Paris terrorist attacks.

Texas balks at refugee plans

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Gov. Greg Abbott says Texas will not accept more Syrian refugees following the Paris terrorist attacks, though an immigration official counters that the governor lacks legal authority to do so.

In a letter Monday to President Barack Obama, Abbott said he directed state health officials not to participate in the resettlement of Syrians. Abbott also urged scrapping federal plans to accept more Syrian refugees anywhere in the country, saying the federal government can't perform proper security checks.

Texas officials estimate about 200 Syrian refugees have been resettled in Texas last fiscal year.

Abbott is among several governors opposing Obama's pledge to accept 10,000 more in the next year.

Lavinia Limon, head of the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigration, noted the Refugee Act of 1980, saying governors cannot block refugees.

Meanwhile, President Obama argued Monday that

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VAMC to host town hall meeting

The West Texas VA Health Care System will host a Town Hall Meeting for all area veterans tonight.

The event will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at George H. O'Brien, Jr. VA Medical Center, 300 Veterans Drive. The new Interim Director Kalautie JangDhari will be introduced.

Veterans will have an opportunity to engage with VAMC employees to express their concerns and ask questions. VAMC employees will provide general updates on VA, WTVAHCS and Big Spring programs, and assist veterans with enrollment, scheduling and other health care needs.

— Lyndel Moody

Forsan ISD OKs arming staff members

By AMANDA ELSTON
Managing Editor

Forsan Independent School District has joined a growing number of Texas schools that enable certain staff members to carry guns under The Protection of Texas Children Act.

Following a letter sent home by FISD Superintendent Randy Johnson last Thursday, the policy officially went into effect, with signs in front of both Forsan Junior/Senior High School and Forsan Elementary School posted stating, "Attention: Please be aware that the staff at Forsan ISD may be armed and will use whatever force is necessary to protect our students."

Johnson said the idea to enact the policy was brought to him and the FISD School Board by several different sources two years ago. Over the past two years, research has been done to decide if it was the right move for FISD. Last spring, the school board changed local policy in order



Johnson

to bring the act to Forsan.

"This was not a knee jerk-reaction to unrelated events such as what occurred in Paris over the weekend. Discussions about this policy started long before that," Johnson said. "We know that this is an issue with two different sides, so we wanted to proceed carefully and thoughtfully."

Faculty and teachers selected to carry concealed handguns on school grounds are referred to as "guardians," according to the letter sent out by Johnson. The guardians have met certain requirements, including having a Concealed Handgun License (CHL), passing a psychological exam, joint training with local law enforcement, passing random drug tests, qualifying annually on the gun range under the control of the sheriff's department, and being approved by the school board.



"We weren't just pulling staff members that had their CHL," Johnson said. "These are volunteers that were hand-selected and approved by the school board. Not just anyone can become a volunteer."

According to the letter sent home by Johnson, students and staff not participating in the guardian program will not be allowed to carry handguns and Johnson asks students and faculty members to "con-

tinue to be aware that any gun rumored to be on campus or seen on campus should be reported immediately."

"We have followed the sheriff's recommendations on where the concealed guns will be stored," Johnson said. "They will not be placed in areas that students can easily find them. We are not introducing guns that can be used in a negative way."

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• The Big Spring Chamber of Commerce will be accepting toy donations from Nov. 9 through Dec. 9. Please bring new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls (ages 2-18) to 215 W. 3rd St. Call 432-263-7641 for more information.

•The Feast of Sharing is looking for volunteers to help with the community wide meal that will take place Dec. 6 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Looking for Mr. and Mrs Claus, servers, greeters, entertainers, etc. Contact Debra Moreno at 432-816-6018.

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

• The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring meets at noon every Thursday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Visitors are welcome.

• Howard County Community Health Center, 1300 South Gregg St., has certified application counselors who will help you apply and enroll in the Healthcare Marketplace during open enrollment. Please call 432-517-4557 to make an appointment to enroll in health coverage or renew/change last year's coverage. The certified application counselor will help you decide what coverage options best fit your needs, as well as what financial assistance you may qualify for.

• 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.

• The largest fundraiser for the Hangar 25 Air Museum, the Silver Wings Ball will be held at the Hotel Settles, Jan. 23, 2016. Cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased from any board member. For more information, contact Hangar 25 Air Museum at 432-264-1999.

• Residents living in and around the Big Spring can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. East Fourth Baptist Church will host this community event on Nov. 19, 2015. The site is located at 401 E 4th St in Big Spring.

Screenings can check for:
The level of plaque buildup in your arteries, related to risk for heart disease, stroke and overall vascular health.
HDL and LDL Cholesterol levels
Diabetes risk
Bone density as a risk for possible osteoporosis

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When considering if the policy was right for Forsan ISD, Johnson said law enforcement response time was one of the major factors to consider.

"When looking at school shootings in the

past, it takes less than three minutes for the actual shooting to take place," Johnson said. "Out here in Forsan, it can take anywhere from 15-25 minutes for law enforcement to respond, depending on their location. We need a quick response in case of an emergency."

The decision was reached to move forward

with the policy only after discussion with other districts that have adopted the policy, such as Seagraves and Christoval ISDs, and visiting the Texas School Safety Center in San Marcos, Johnson said.

Other considerations included "consultation with the sherriff, surveying staff members, implementing a com-

mittee of parents and staff and consultation with attorneys," according to Johnson's letter.

The Protection of Texas Children Act was passed by the Texas Legislature in May 2013.

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SILENCE

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the cowardly terrorist attacks. I urge all Texans to hold a minute of silence at noon tomorrow and pray for the victims and families of the

despicable attacks that took place in Paris."

After the moment of silence, the group gathered and shared a prayer, led by Wiseman.

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STATES

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the United States needs to allow them because many are fleeing terrorism.

Some state leaders disagree with Obama's assertion the country can simultaneously welcome refugees seeking safety and ensure citizens' security. Several have called for a complete halt to resettlement, others for temporary delays and a few seek more information from federal officials on the vetting process.

The Homeland Security Department says refugees face the highest level of security screening of anybody entering the U.S., but officials will work to allay states' concerns.

Here's a look at why some states are balking, what federal officials and refugee experts are saying and how the refugee resettlement process works.

WHAT ARE THE STATES' PRIMARY CONCERNS AND WHAT ARE THEY CALLING FOR?

Governors in many states, mainly Republicans, are responding to heightened concerns terrorists might use the refugees as cover to sneak across borders. Authorities said a Syrian passport was found near one of the attackers in Friday's deadly attacks, and the Paris prosecutors' office says fingerprints from the attacker match those of someone who passed through Greece in October.

The governors of several states are calling for the temporary suspension of accepting new refugees. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott ordered Texas' refugee resettlement program not to accept any more Syrians and in a letter to Obama, the Republican also urged scrapping federal plans to accept more Syrian refugees into the country as a whole. He said the federal government can't perform "proper security checks" on Syrians.

Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey called for an immediate halt and wrote he was "invoking our state's right... to receive immediate consultation by federal authorities"

to address the state's concerns. Iowa GOP Gov. Terry Branstad acknowledged governors might lack authority but added he wants more information about refugee placement and the vetting process.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations, a Muslim civil rights group, called the governors' comments and recommendations "un-American," adding that rejecting refugees projects "our fears to the world."

WHAT DO REFUGEE EXPERTS SAY?

Lavinia Limon, president and CEO of the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigration, said under the Refugee Act of 1980 governors cannot legally block refugees. Each state has a refugee coordinator, a post created as part of that law, she said. Funded by the federal government, the post coordinates resettlement efforts with agencies such as hers and directs federal funds for refugees.

Westy Egmont, director of Boston College's Immigrant Integration Lab, said the law previously withstood state

challenges partly because the federal government has worked to equally distribute refugees being resettled. Some states have worked with resettlement agencies to limit new refugee arrivals to those with family ties to the community while families or individuals with no ties to a specific state have been sent to other locations with better prospects for jobs, housing and integration programs.

WHAT EXACTLY HAS OBAMA PROPOSED AND HOW DOES THE REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM WORK?

The Obama administration has pledged to accept about 10,000 Syrian refugees in the next 12 months. The State Department said the refugees would be spread nationwide, though many go on to places where they have family or cultural connections, such as Detroit, New York, Chicago or Los Angeles.

According to government statistics, the U.S. has taken about 2,150 Syrians since Oct. 1, 2011 — most in the last year.

Obama said Monday the U.S. needs to continue to accept refugees from Syria because

many are fleeing terrorism: "Our nations can welcome refugees who are desperately seeking safety and ensure our own security. We can and must do both."

Refugees are generally invited to move to the United States after being referred to a State Department Resettlement Support Center by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. In some cases they can be referred by a U.S. embassy or non-governmental agency.

In other cases, potential refugees who are close relatives of people granted asylum in the U.S. or other refugees already in the country can apply directly with the U.S. government. The average wait time for a refugee to be cleared to enter the U.S. is about two years, but often longer for people from Syria and elsewhere.

The Homeland Security Department said refugees being accept-

ed into the United States are subject to the highest level of security screening of anyone coming to the U.S. It added officials will continue to consult with states to allay concerns they have about security.

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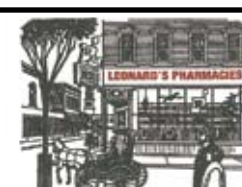
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Sandra McCutchan, 69, died Thursday. Graveside service will be at 10:30 AM Tuesday at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

Linda Cunningham Beckwith, 71, died Friday. Funeral service will be at 2:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Guadalupe "Chino" Hilario, 64, died Sunday. Vigil service will be at 7:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Eddie Mann, 88, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



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Mental Calculators

Are you good at calculating numbers? Some people are so good they are called mental calculators. They can solve difficult math problems quickly and easily.

Many mental calculators show their talents at a young age, some as early as age 3 and 4. Imagine being able to multiply 653 by 396 in your head in seconds at the age of 4!

Some young mental calculators go on to use their special skills as mathematicians and scientists. Others choose jobs that have nothing to do with math.

What Rhymes with...



List 10 words that rhyme with "add."

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Some answers: bad, dad, fad, had, iad, mad, pad, sad, tad

Name That Mathematician

Mathematicians spend a lot of time studying math. Fill in the blanks to name some famous mathematicians.

- 1 IS ___ C NE ___ TON
- 2 ___ Y ___ AGORAS
- 3 ROB ___ RT H ___ KE
- 4 E ___ CL ___ D
- 5 NICOL ___ US
CO ___ ERNI ___ US
- 6 ARC ___ I ___ E ___ ES
- 7 R ___ NE
DE ___ CA ___ TES

Answers: 1) Isaac Newton, 2) Pythagoras, 3) Robert Hooke, 4) Euclid, 5) Nicolaus Copernicus, 6) Archimedes, 7) Rene Descartes

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Fact or Fiction?

Numbers Challenge

Math is all about numbers. Here are some questions about numbers. How many can you answer correctly?

- 1) Zero is also known as nil.
Fact or Fiction?
- 2) Quintillion comes before trillion.
Fact or Fiction?
- 3) Decillion comes after nonillion.
Fact or Fiction?
- 4) Undecillion comes after decillion.
Fact or Fiction?
- 5) Pi has something to do with squares.
Fact or Fiction?
- 6) Googol is 1 plus a million zeros.
Fact or Fiction?
- 7) Googolplex is 1 plus a googol zeros.
Fact or Fiction?
- 8) $11111111 \times 11111111 = 12345678987654321$.
Fact or Fiction?
- 9) $12 + 3 - 4 + 5 + 67 + 8 + 9 = 100$.
Fact or Fiction?
- 10) Infinity goes on forever.
Fact or Fiction?



Answers: 1) Fact, 2) Fiction, quintillion comes after trillion and quadrillion, 3) Fact, 4) Fact, 5) Fiction, pi deals with circles, 6) Googol is 1 plus 100 zeros, 7) Fact, 8) Fact, 9) Fact, 10) Fact

Jokes and Riddles

Q: What did the zero say to the eight?

A: Nice belt!

Q: What is a math teacher's favorite dessert?

A: Pi!



Forsan football players honored with postseason awards

By Taylor Ellis
Sports Editor

After an impressive 8-2 season, their most wins since the late 1980's, Forsan received notice that a handful of players were honored as All-District 3AA D1 selections. Senior quarterback Jesse Cervantes was selected as District MVP. He finished his 2015 campaign with 27 total touchdowns and rushed for 1373 yards on 176 carries for an average of 7.8 yards per rush. Senior defensive end Ian Park was named Defensive MVP. Park had 46

total tackles, including 15 for a loss and 10 sacks. Senior running back Walker Park was selected to the First Team All-District for his explosiveness out of the backfield. He had 10 rushing touchdowns and 813 yards in nine games this season. Sophomore wide receiver Garrett Evans and junior Blaze Yeater were both selected to the First Team All-District. Yeater and Evans each led the team with 16 receptions, while Yeater had a team-high six receiving touchdowns. Seniors offensive lineman Braden

East, Taylor Morin, and sophomore Brycson Pineda were all named to First Team All-District. Those three were integral parts of an offensive line that manhandled opponents for most of the year, and helped the Buffaloes to an average of 344.8 yards per game. Rounding out the selections for First Team All-District were senior lineman Akkey McVae, sophomore defensive end Ehren Hillger, junior inside linebacker Tearell McVae, senior defensive back Hayden Tubb, and junior kicker Lane Schaffer. On the Second Team All-District

were Buffaloes Tearell McVae at running back, sophomore receiver Austin Darden, tight end Akkey McVae, senior offensive lineman Ben Mikeas, junior defensive lineman Tyler Westbrook, defensive end Walker Park, inside linebacker Schafer, sophomore defensive back Bryce Hergert, and defensive back Yeater. This impressive list of Buffaloes shows how much the program has improved in the past couple years, and also that there is a stockpile of talent that have not played their best football yet for Forsan.

TJ Yates, Texans knock off previously unbeaten Bengals 10-6

CINCINNATI (AP) — Texans cornerback Charles James stopped in a corner of the tiger-striped end zone and cupped a hand to his right ear, seeing what the crowd had to say about this outcome. Not much. They'd seen it before.

T.J. Yates came off the bench in the second half and rallied the Houston to a 10-6 victory on Monday night that knocked the Bengals from the ranks of unbeaten and added to the Texans' legacy of tormenting the team from Cincinnati.

"Yes, it was a little nostalgic," said Yates, who threw a 22-yard pass to DeAndre Hopkins in the fourth quarter for the game's only touchdown. Nostalgic for the Texans (4-6). Miserable for the Bengals (8-1), who struggled on offense all game and then let a chance to pull it out slip away in the end.

Andy Dalton had another game against J.J. Watt and a Texans defense that has often made him look bad. He completed 22 of 38 for 197 yards with an interception and three

sacks, including one by Watt. The Bengals had pulled out three games in the fourth quarter to stay unbeaten, and got a chance to win this one at the end, too. Dalton completed a pass to A.J. Green for what would have been a first down at the Texans 23-yard line with 40 seconds left, but safety Quintin Demps stripped him of the ball and recovered the fumble.

"I had both hands on the ball and I took one off to break my fall and he ripped it out," Green said. "I was trying to break my fall. We'll be all right. It's tough to lose. Not everything is going to be pretty."

Some things to take away from the Texans' high-profile win: **TEXANS HAVE DALTON'S NUMBER:** Dalton's hometown team made him look very bad while beating the Bengals in first-round playoff games in the 2011 and 2012 seasons. He finally beat them last season, but looked bad again on Monday night. Dalton repeatedly sailed

his long throws out of bounds and missed open receivers.

"They did a good job of taking throws away down the field," Dalton said. "And in the end, we didn't make enough plays. We had a lot of opportunities."

FINALLY A CLUNKER: After playing well overall for eight weeks, the Bengals had their worst game all-around. The offense managed a season-low 256 yards. They had nine penalties for 70 yards. Punter Kevin Huber had one kick travel only 22 yards. Tight end Tyler Eifert dropped two passes. Green fumbled it away. And on and on ...

"We just didn't play well," Eifert said. "I played awful. It was embarrassing."

HOYER'S STATUS: Hoyer was sent to the locker room to be examined for a concussion after the second series of the second half. It's unclear whether he'll be able to play at home against the Jets next Sunday.

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Forsan Lady Buffs start season with tournament play, go 2-3 up north

By Taylor Ellis
Sports Editor

The Forsan Varsity girls basketball team traveled to Smyer last week to play in a tournament to open their season.

They opened the tournament against #10 ranked Smyer at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday morning. Smyer came out on top winning 50-34. Senior Kaylee Kemper led all scorers with eight points. Junior Kendall Phillips added seven.

The next game was against #23 ranked Sudan, which Forsan lost 53-37. Phillips had 16 points, including five 3 point field goals, while sophomore Chasidy Grantham added 9.

The third game was against Lubbock Trinity JV. Forsan won that contest 61-30. Freshman Macey Evans and Kemper each posted 11 points that game, and Phillips poured in 10.

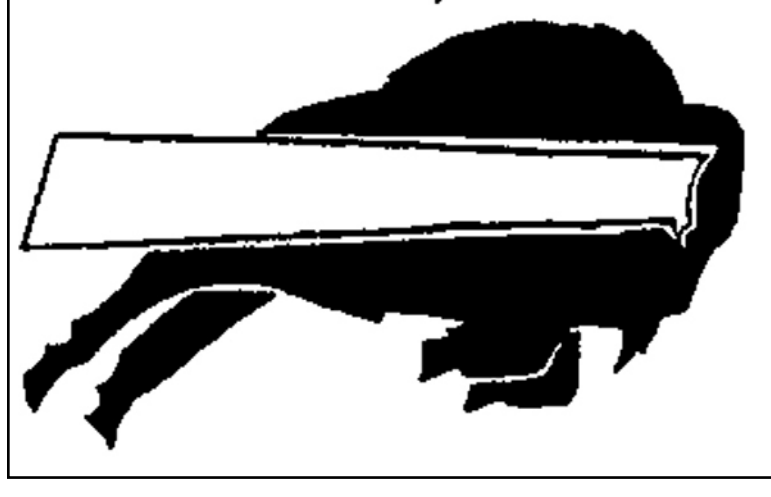
The fourth game was against Seagraves, with the Lady Buffs coming out on top in a close game 56-53. Kemper had a game-high 17 points and sophomore Jenna Evans added 15. Phillips added 9 and Bailey Wright 8.

The final game of the tournament found Forsan playing a good-shooting White Deer team from the Panhandle. The Lady Buffs dropped that contest 53-42. Kemper had 14 and Evans and Wright each

added 8 points. "We knew this was going to be a tough tournament to be our young season," head coach Lindsey Schmidt said. "Any time you go up north, you can expect to see some solid basketball. We played without starting senior point guard Madi Roman, who was battling the flu and sophomore starter, Chasidy Grantham. It was impressive to see the others fill in and get some valuable minutes. We shot the ball well, rebounded well, and did a lot of things right defensively. Considering the lack of sleep, amount of ball games, and people having to take on roles they were not expecting, the girls played really

well and got some valuable experience for this time during the season," Schmidt said.

The Forsan girls basketball team will travel to Seagraves to play tonight with the JV game starting at 5:00 and varsity to follow.



All girls flag football team head to youth bowl game in Nov.

By Taylor Ellis
Sports Editor

Barriers and preconceptions are being broken by some of the cutest little warriors in Howard County. The Big Spring Seachicks, a team of seven and under girls, will play in the Permian Basin Youth Football League six and under Super Bowl Nov. 21. "My girls may look pretty in bows and pink wear,

but they are tough," coach Luis Lopez said. "The girls get down just like the boys and scored touchdowns, scrap, and play hard."

The team has caught criticism for playing seven year olds in a six and under division at the beginning of the season, but the Permian Basin Youth Football League board decided the age difference would not be an issue.

According to CBS 7 news, the Permian Basin Youth Football League has decided to host both a

girls and a boys SuperBowl. During their regular season, the Seachicks have played boy teams all season and have a winning record.

"Girls can do anything that boys can do," Seachicks quarterback Emma Rodriguez told CBS 7 news.

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Saturday's Games L.A. Clippers 101, Detroit 96 Washington 108, Orlando 99 Dallas 110, Houston 98 San Antonio 92, Philadelphia 83 Milwaukee 108, Cleveland 105, Denver 81 Phoenix 105, Golden State 107, Brooklyn 99, OT Sunday's Games New York 95, New Orleans 87 Memphis 114, Minnesota 106 Charlotte 106, Portland 94 Utah 97, Atlanta 96 Boston 100, Oklahoma City 85 Sacramento 107, Toronto 101 L.A. Lakers 97, Detroit 85 Monday's Games Dallas 92, Philadelphia 86 Chicago 96, Indiana 95 Memphis 122, Oklahoma City 114 Boston 111, Houston 95 San Antonio 93, Portland 80 Phoenix 120, L.A. Lakers 101 Tuesday's Games Milwaukee at Washington, 7 p.m. Minnesota at Miami, 7:30 p.m. Atlanta at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m. Cleveland at Detroit, 7:30 p.m. Charlotte at New York, 7:30 p.m.	Anaheim 4, Carolina 1 Montreal 4, Vancouver 3, OT Detroit 4, Ottawa 3, OT Florida 1, Tampa Bay 0 St. Louis 3, Winnipeg 2 Tuesday's Games San Jose at Boston, 7 p.m. Dallas at Buffalo, 7 p.m. Los Angeles at Philadelphia, 7 p.m. St. Louis at Columbus, 7 p.m. Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m. Colorado at Toronto, 7:30 p.m. Anaheim at Nashville, 8 p.m. New Jersey at Calgary, 9 p.m. Wednesday's Games Vancouver at Winnipeg, 7:30 p.m. Washington at Detroit, 8 p.m. Chicago at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m. TRANSNATIONS BASEBALL Major League Baseball OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF BASEBALL — Suspended San Francisco minor league SS Travius Relaford (Augusta-SAL) 50 games following a second positive test for a drug of abuse in violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program. American League BOSTON RED SOX — Named Kiyoshi Momose strength and conditioning coach and Mike Roose assistant strength and conditioning coach. KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Announced a two-year extension of their player development contract with Omaha (PCL), through 2018. NEW YORK YANKEES — Named Mike Harkey bullpen coach. SEATTLE MARINERS — Acquired OF Leonys Martin and RHP Anthony Bass from Texas for RHP Tom Wilhelmssen and OF James Jones and a player to be named. National League ATLANTA BRAVES — Named Chuck Hernandez minor league pitching coordinator. WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with LHP Sean Burnett and OF Reed Johnson on minor league contracts. Atlantic League SUGAR LAND SKEETERS — Announced the resignation of general manager Chris Jones. Can-Am League SUSSEX COUNTY MARINERS — Signed OF Carl Thomore and LHP Stone Speer. BASKETBALL National Basketball Association HOUSTON ROCKETS — Recalled G-F K.J. McDaniels from Rio Grande Valley (NBADL). NBA Development League LOS ANGELES D-FENDERS — Signed F Justin Harpber. Waived C Kentrell Gransberry.	FOOTBALL National Football League NFL — Suspended Washington LB Junior Galette two games by the NFL for violating the league's personal conduct policy. DALLAS COWBOYS — Waived LB Keith Smith. INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Activated CB D'Joun Smith from the injured reserve return list. NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Fired Rob Ryan, defensive coordinator. Announced defensive assistant Dennis Allen will assume Ryan's duties. NEW YORK JETS — Signed WR Titus Davis to the practice squad. Released WR Shane Wynn from the practice squad. SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed T Donald Hawkins and TE Brian Leonhardt to their practice squad. SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Released DT David King. Claimed DT A.J. Francis off waivers from Miami. Arena Football League ORLANDO PREDATORS — Agreed to terms with DL Padric Scott. HOCKEY National Hockey League CALGARY FLAMES — Assigned F Derek Grant to Stockton (AHL). DALLAS STARS — Reassigned F Curtis McKenzie to Texas (AHL). DETROIT RED WINGS — Signed D Xavier Ouellet to a one-year contract extension.	WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Recalled F Stanislav Galiev from Hershey (AHL). American Hockey League AHL — Suspended Utica D Andrey Pedan one game for an illegal check to the head of an opponent during a Nov. 13 game at Springfield. Suspended Syracuse D Joey Mormina one for an illegal check to the head of an opponent during a Nov. 13 game against Binghamton. Suspended Lake Erie LW Trent Vogelhuber two games for an illegal check to the head of an opponent and LW Brett Gallant one game for his actions during a Nov. 14 game against Grand Rapids. HARTFORD WOLF PACK — Recalled F Jack Combs from Greenville (ECHL). Loaned F Richard Nejezchleb to Greenville. SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Announced F Garrett Meurs was reassigned to the team from Fort Wayne (ECHL). COLLEGE BIG TEN CONFERENCE — Suspended Ohio State hockey player Josh Healey one game for an incident that occurred during a Nov. 14 game against Canisius. FLORIDA A&M — Placed itself on three years probation for self-reported NCAA violations. TEXAS A&M — Announced sophomore G Alex Robinson is leaving the basketball team and plans to transfer.

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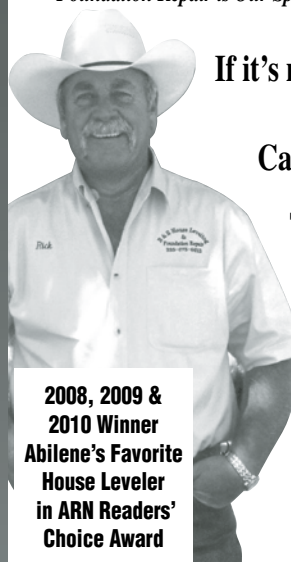
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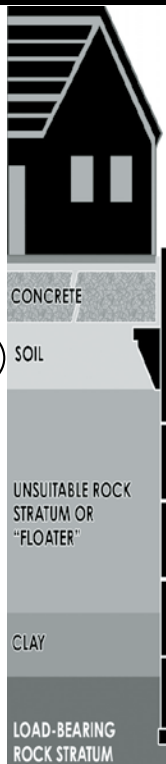
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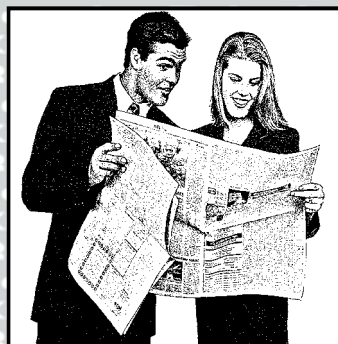
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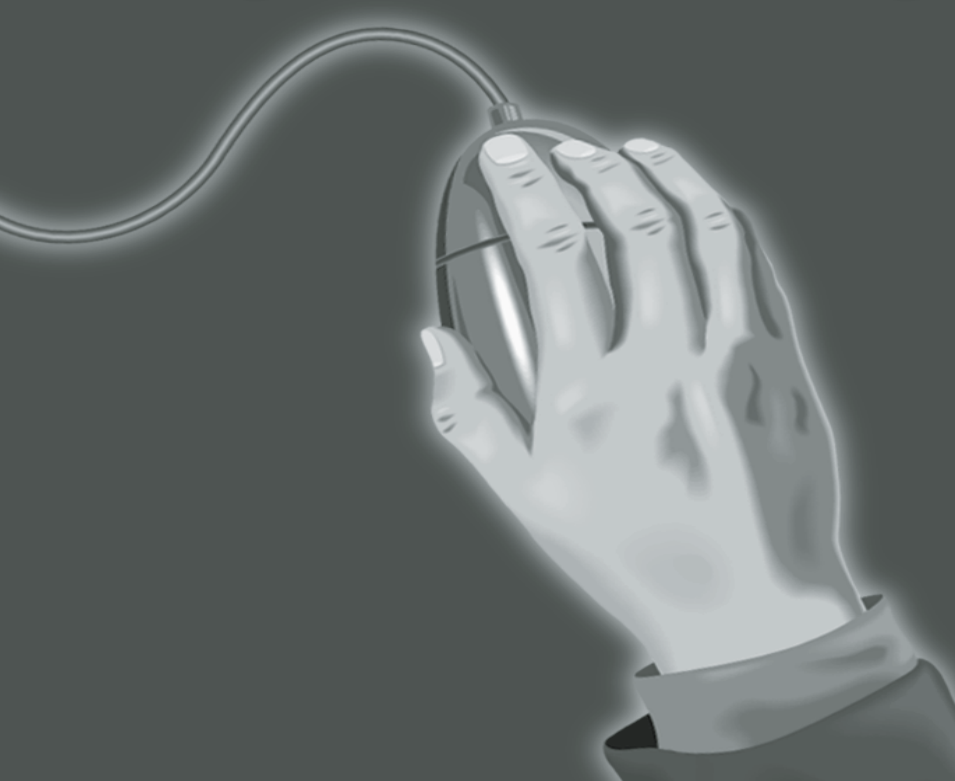
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Tomorrow's Horoscope



Sun and Mercury Conjunction

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A conjunction of the sun and Mercury will bring attention to things that don't want any attention. Secrets, scandals, sore feelings -- if it's uncomfortable, this Scorpio alignment is interested. While you follow your curiosity, expect that others will be doing the same. If there's something you'd like to hide, the best place will be in plain sight.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be contemplating a purchase today. Here's something to consider: Experiences will make you happier than physical items. Things bring clutter to your life that experiences do not.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When you have something to prove, you'll stand independently. But what do you have to prove right now? Likely, it's more important that you

work harmoniously with others. Together, you'll get things done.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your talent for flattery will get you everywhere today. You'll lay it on like a baker puts icing on the cupcake -- just thick enough to add some sweetness to the main event without overpowering it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Today's scene could trigger your shy tendencies. This is appropriate for the situation. Scientific studies suggest that socially anxious individuals are often also highly intelligent.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your realistic view may contrast with someone's airy-fairy ideas. This will provide the kind of conflict that could either result in continued disharmony or in a brilliant and workable plan.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). One of your favorite ways to express admiration is silently. The perfect moment to do this will arise, and however quiet your praise may

be, it will be felt on many levels.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Someone going through a moment of low self-esteem will require your compassion. Someone with an overblown sense of self will require your compassion. Your compassion is required all around.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The ancient Greeks believed that the number of people invited to a dinner party should exceed three and stop at nine. This wisdom will apply to an event you are planning.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Emotions are volatile now and won't take long to go from lukewarm to overheated. When things get intense, take three deep breaths and then take on the world with a softer approach.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You recently witnessed someone around you making a mistake. This really does warrant discreet mention, as it can be

easily righted, which will benefit all.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You know what the other person wants; you're just not sure if you're willing to provide it. The price tag may be more emotional than financial and this makes it costly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Disagreements that seem to be about money are actually about power. Knowing the source of the problem will help you solve it. Tonight brings laughter with a true friend.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 17). The year will answer your prayers. A guide will emerge over the next six weeks, perhaps in the form of a teacher or course. What you learn will carry you through January's intense challenges, and you'll come out stronger and able to make improvements. March through May will bring beauty into your world. Leo and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 3, 38, 22 and 19.

ASTROLOGI-

CAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Scorpio born 10/25/83 I will be 32 in a couple weeks. I'm the mother of six children, and I want (need) to know what I can do to be financially stable. I've struggled for so long and never given up, but I feel really bad for my kids because I can't afford things for them that my friends can get for their children. They do have fewer kids than I do, though. I'm so sick of living in low-income housing and living on food stamps. I daydream about living in a big beautiful house where my kids have their own rooms and own beds and toys and they are so happy, but I do it so much I feel like its real. My question is: Am I wrong for daydreaming and getting my hopes up too high, or will something happen to change our lives?"

First: In a house where there is love, compassion and kindness, siblings are far more valuable than a big room with lots of things in it. Consider that

your children may already have more advantages than you think. Also: The nature of Scorpio energy is to transform. What will happen to change your lives is (SET ITAL) you (END ITAL). Your daydreams have real power. Follow through and make a plan.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Rachel McAdams stars with Mark Ruffalo in "Scandal," a film based on the true story of the Boston Globe's uncovering of a scandal within the Catholic Church. This role seems custom made for a Scorpio, the sign that specializes in rooting out the truth. McAdams was born when the sun, Venus and Uranus were all in magnetic Scorpio. Her natal Jupiter is in Leo, the sign of entertainment.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: While my mother was still alive, she gave a substantial amount of money to my oldest son, "Rick." Everyone but Mother knew she was supporting his drug habit (which he has since overcome). When she died, her will gave equal amounts of money to both of my sons. My younger son, "Chris," was hurt by his grandmother's lopsided generosity to his brother, and it may be part of the reason my adult sons aren't close today.

Rick's father, my first husband, will be leaving him his entire estate, so he will be financially set. My current husband and I recently completed our will, leaving most of our assets to Chris.

Based upon what my mother did, I'm concerned that Rick will be hurt if he finds out that his stepfather and I didn't leave him an equal share. But I don't believe my husband is obligated to leave the same amount to his biological son. What do you think? -- Trying to Avoid Hurt Feelings

Dear Trying: Did your husband help raise Rick? Can your assets be separated from your husband's so that his entire estate goes to Chris,

but yours is split in half? Would Rick be understanding if you discussed these issues in advance? Unequal bequests create problems because it appears that the parent loved one child more than the other. If you explain your reasoning, it's possible your sons will understand and not be surprised and hurt later.

Dear Annie: My oldest brother, "Richard," is fading from this world. I live 3,000 miles away and flew home to see him and say my goodbyes. Richard and I have always been close and have loved each other dearly. Now he is in a locked mental hospital and I don't know why.

Richard can have visitors only on weekends at certain times. The drive to the hospital is nearly three hours. My sister and I were allowed to go to his room for 20 minutes, but not by ourselves. His wife and two children were present the entire time. It was as if we had watchdogs sitting there making sure we had little contact. The next day, we were told at the desk that his wife said we are not permitted to see him. I think the wife's behavior is despicable.

We went to see the facility director

and my sister called the caseworker and explained the situation. He agreed that this was patient abuse. The doctor was called, and he said we could see our brother.

Richard was in such good spirits and we laughed, hugged and kissed and told each other how much we loved each other. The purpose of this letter to let everyone know that even though you may have a spiteful sister-in-law or other family member, the law says no one can arbitrarily keep you from seeing your sibling.

God answered my prayers and my soul is at rest. -- Loving Sister

Dear Sister: We

are glad you were able to have a good visit with your brother, but sometimes there are restrictions on visitors for a reason. It is always a good idea to phone first and check.

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By Steve Becker

It's So Easy to Go Wrong

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ K 9
♥ 10 7 5 4
♦ A J 8 3 2
♣ A 6

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

SOUTH
♠ A Q 10 8 7 2
♥ Q 3
♦ 6
♣ K J 7 4

The bidding:
North East South West
1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass
1NT Pass 4♣

Opening lead — king of hearts.
A fine declarer relies more on consistently sound technique than on fancy or complicated plays. Most deals require merely ordinary care to be successful, and it is in the handling of these run-of-the-mill hands that a player is most likely to prove his worth.

Consider this deal where declarer failed to make four spades. West led the K-A and another heart. South ruffed the third round. Declarer saw that he had two potential club losers and correctly decided that the best way to try to avoid them was to ruff

two clubs in dummy.
And so, instead of drawing trumps, he cashed the A-K of clubs and led a third club, ruffing with dummy's nine. Unfortunately, East overruffed with the jack and returned a trump, stranding South with the jack of clubs. Eventually, declarer lost the jack to West's queen and finished down one.

It is certainly true that South ran into an unlucky lie of the opposing clubs, and he was doubly unlucky that East had the jack of spades. Nevertheless, the fact remains that he could — and should — have made the contract. All he had to do was to exercise a little extra care.

Instead of trumping the third round of clubs with the nine, South should have ruffed with the king. He could then have re-entered his hand by trumping a diamond and ruffed his last club with the nine. True, East would have overruffed with the jack, but that would have been the third and last trick for the defense.

The principle that emerges is that declarer's primary obligation is to make the contract, if possible, and that he should avoid making any plays that might jeopardize it. Ruffing the third club with dummy's nine placed the contract in at least mild jeopardy, while ruffing with the king would have assured the contract beyond the shadow of a doubt.

Tomorrow: Grand-slam bidding.
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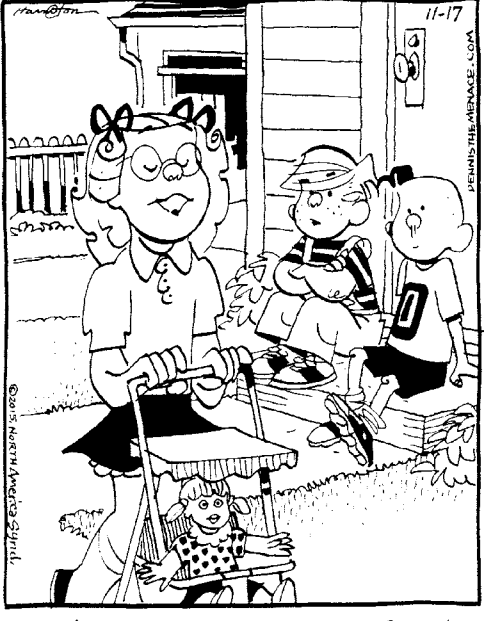
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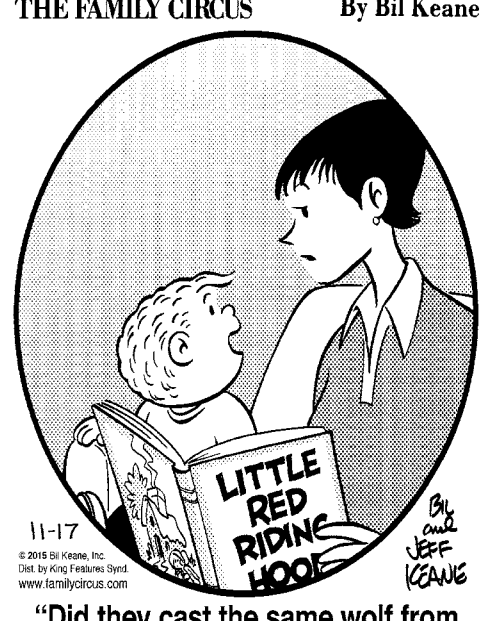
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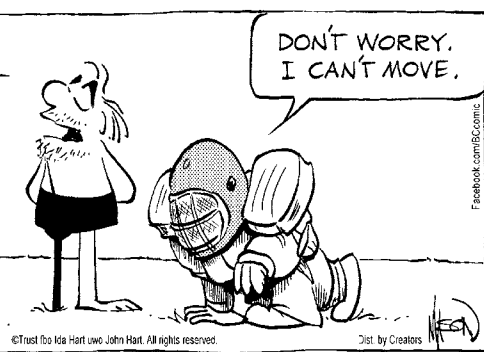
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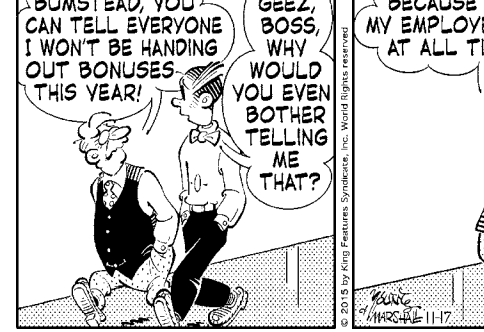
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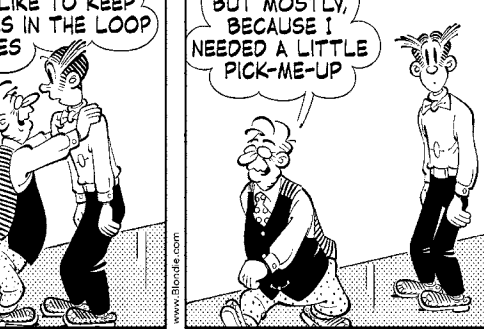
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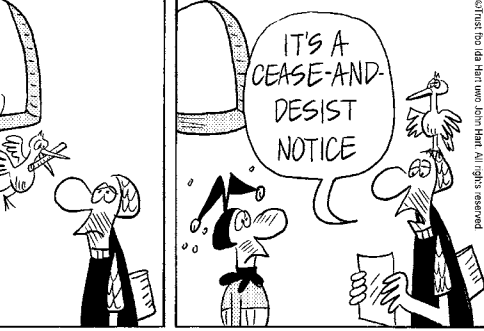
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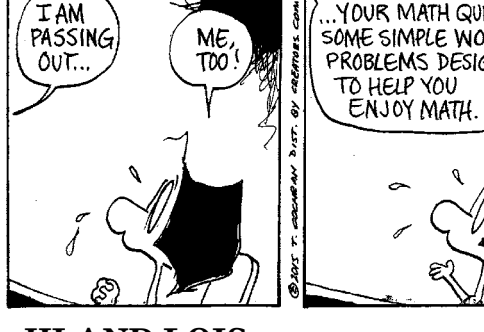
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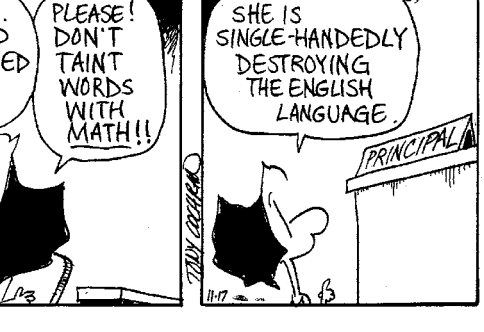
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 17, the 321st day of 2015. There are 44 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

- On Nov. 17, 1558, Elizabeth I acceded to the English throne upon the death of her half-sister, Queen Mary, beginning a 44-year reign.
- On this date: In 1800, Congress held its first session in Washington in the partially completed Capitol building.
- In 1869, the Suez Canal opened in Egypt.
- In 1889, the Union Pacific Railroad Co. began direct, daily railroad service between Chicago and Portland, Oregon, as well as Chicago and San Francisco.
- In 1917, French sculptor Auguste Rodin (roh-DAN) died in Meudon at age 77.
- In 1925, actor Rock Hudson was born Roy Harold Scherer Jr. in Winnetka, Illinois.
- In 1934, Lyndon Baines Johnson married Claudia Alta Taylor, better known as Lady Bird, in San Antonio, Texas.
- In 1947, President Harry S. Truman, in an address to a special session of Congress, called for emergency aid to Austria, Italy and France. (The aid was approved the following month.)
- In 1968, NBC outraged football fans by cutting away from the closing minutes of a New York Jets-Oakland Raiders game to begin the TV special "Heidi" on schedule. (After being taken off the air, the Raiders came from behind to beat the Jets, 43-32.)
- In 1973, President Richard Nixon told Associated Press managing editors in Orlando, Florida: "People have got to know whether or not their president is a crook. Well, I'm not a crook."
- In 1979, Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini ordered the release of 13 black and/or female American hostages being held at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.
- In 1987, a federal jury in Denver convicted two white supremacists of civil rights violations in the 1984 slaying of radio talk show host Alan Berg. (Both men later died in prison.)
- In 1994, the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical "Sunset Boulevard" opened on Broadway with Glenn Close as faded movie star Norma Desmond.
- Ten years ago: U.S. Rep. John Murtha of Pennsylvania, considered one of Congress' most hawkish Democrats, called for an immediate U.S. withdrawal from Iraq. A jury in Sarasota, Florida, convicted auto mechanic Joseph Smith of kidnapping, raping and strangling 11-year-old Charlie Brucia (BROO'-shuh), whose abduction had been captured by a car-wash security camera. (Smith remains on death row.)
- Five years ago: House Democrats elected Nancy Pelosi to remain as their leader despite massive party losses in midterm elections. Republicans voted to keep John Boehner as their top House leader, making him speaker in the new Congress.

Thought for Today: "Since others have to tolerate my weaknesses, it is only fair that I should tolerate theirs." William Allen White American journalist (1868-1944).

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

HERE'S THE SKINNY by Billie Truitt Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Now!" in a memo
- 5 Castaway's place
- 9 Made inquiries
- 14 Heap
- 15 Potato covering
- 16 Fern seed
- 17 Quartet minus one
- 18 Had in one's hands
- 19 Rabbit relatives
- 20 Tilt in the direction of
- 23 Magazine holder
- 24 Answer to "Who, me?"
- 25 Swift streams
- 27 Pampering, for short
- 29 Free of clutter
- 30 "Maybe tomorrow"
- 35 Rotates
- 39 Dull as dishwater
- 40 Cot or crib
- 42 Cheer (for)
- 43 Floating aimlessly
- 46 Heavy downpours
- 49 Sparrow's home
- 51 Corp. boss
- 52 Greek salad discard
- 56 Emphasize
- 61 Nevada city
- 62 Low probability
- 64 One more time
- 66 Creative thought
- 67 "Now it makes sense"
- 68 Jousting's weapon
- 69 Countrywide: Abbr.
- 70 Dip a donut
- 71 Frozen rain
- 72 Merriment
- 73 Stage backgrounds
- DOWN**
- 1 In a suitable way
- 2 "Yes __, Bob!"
- 3 Pseudonym
- 4 Showy spring bloom
- 5 "Ought to do that..."
- 6 Distort
- 7 Lavender flower
- 8 Evasive football maneuver
- 9 Campfire residue
- 10 Item in a car trunk
- 11 Muslim's holy book
- 12 Standing upright
- 13 Cubicle fixtures
- 21 Dog in Oz
- 22 Sketched
- 26 Stadium shout
- 28 Taxi
- 30 Hoops group: Abbr.
- 31 Antiquated
- 32 Road coating
- 33 Singer's lack of volume
- 34 As of now
- 36 Director __ Howard
- 37 Building site
- 38 Ave. crossers
- 41 Physician's nickname
- 44 Service charge
- 45 Recipe amts.
- 47 Alter the dimensions of
- 48 Type of IRA plan
- 50 Floor installer's job
- 52 Face-to-face exams
- 53 Allowed by law
- 54 Nonsensical
- 55 Of ocean motions
- 57 Surprise attacks
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- 59 Aroma
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- 65 Butterfly catcher

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TEXANS

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"It's probably a concussion," coach Bill O'Brien said. "I asked him on the sideline and he just said, 'Look, there's just something a little off with me right now,' and that's not like him to be like that. And that's when we made the decision with our medical staff to go with T.J."

YATES MAKES THE MOST OF IT: Yates was signed on Oct. 28 to replace Ryan Mallett. Even though he had only a couple of weeks to learn the offense, a lot of it was familiar from his earlier years in Houston. As a rookie in 2011, he took over because of injuries and led the Texans to a win in Cincinnati and then that win over the Bengals in the playoffs, the franchise's first in the

postseason.

"I've had a lot of good memories in Cincinnati," said Yates, who was 5 of 11 for 69 yards.

WATT GETS IN DALTON'S HEAD: Watt's sack gave him 66 1/2 in his career. That moved him ahead of Hall of Famer Derrick Thomas into second place for the most sacks during a player's first five seasons since it became an official stat in 1982. He also got into Dalton's head by joking postgame that the Texans wanted to turn Dalton — dubbed the "Red Rifle" — into a "Red Ryder B.B. Gun."

"There are a lot of kids and people who look up to him," Dalton said. "And for him to make comments like that, he's just showing that it's acceptable to say that kind of stuff. It's disappointing for one of the best players in this league to come out and say something like that."

Nowitzki, Mavericks send 76ers to 11th loss to start season

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — It was no surprise to see Dirk Nowitzki come up big late in the game for the Dallas Mavericks.

Nowitzki scored 21 points, including seven during a pivotal stretch late in the fourth quarter, to lead Dallas to a 92-86 victory over the winless Philadelphia 76ers on Monday night.

Jahlil Okafor had 19 points and 11 rebounds for the 76ers, who have lost all 11 games this season and 21 in a row dating back to last season. Philadelphia's last win was March 25 at Denver, and the 76ers are within five defeats of matching the franchise's all-time record for consecutive losses.

Chandler Parsons added 20 points — all in the first half — for the Mavericks, who needed a late push to hold off Philadelphia.

The 76ers trailed by as many as 19 points in the first half but battled back to take an 82-81 lead with 4 minutes, 23 seconds remaining on a free throw by Nerlens Noel before Nowitzki took over.

The 13-time All-Star had seven of nine Dallas points during a 9-2 Mavericks run over the next 2:36, ending with a 3-pointer that made it 90-84 with 1:47 left.

"That was the killer shot for the game," Mavs coach Rick Carlisle said. "It was huge. Hey look, he's been doing that for almost two decades. You're never shocked when it happens."

The six-point margin was too much for Philadelphia to overcome.

Nowitzki returned to the lineup after sitting out, along with fellow starters Wesley Matthews and Parsons, to rest during the Mavericks' 110-98 victory at Houston on Saturday night. Matthews had seven points.

"They kept staying in the game, clawing and scratching and they're obviously desperate to get their first win," Nowitzki said. "We had to dig deep and grind it out."

Noel had 12 points and 12 rebounds for Philadelphia.

Philadelphia's 0-11 start is six losses shy of tying the franchise mark, set last season, for most defeats to start a season.

"We've got to do a better job executing down the stretch to close out a game," Philadelphia coach Brett Brown said. "That's part of growing up."

Philadelphia bumbled its way to 15 points in a forgettable first quarter that ended with the Mavericks up 28-15. The typically small crowd rained down boos on the home team during one sequence midway through the period following consecutive

turnovers by Nik Stauskas and Jerami Grant. The 76ers ended the quarter with eight turnovers, which led to 11 Dallas points.

They finished with 27 turnovers for the game. "You're not going to win any basketball games with 27 turnovers," Brown said.

The 76ers were down by as many as 19 points in the second quarter before reeling off 25 of the final 36 first-half points to enter the locker room down just five, 49-44.

MORE MINUTES PLEASE

Parsons had his best game of the season, Carlisle said, while continuing to face restricted minutes following off-season knee surgery.

"It's frustrating, especially in a close game like that when I have it going," he said of watching from the bench. "You definitely want to play more. At the same time, they know what they're doing and it's a process."

PHYSICAL TEAM While praising the 76ers for their effort, Carlisle said Philadelphia is a team that gets rough with opponents.

"They're playing on a go-hard basis," he said. "If guys aren't playing hard, they sit down. They have young, motivated guys on small contracts. They try to rat up the game and try to get you to retaliate. Our guys did a great job with their composure in the second half."

TIP-INS

Mavericks: Dallas has won six straight and nine of 10 against Philadelphia. ... Nowitzki picked up a technical foul from the bench with four minutes left in the first half.

76ers: G Phil Pressey (stomach virus) didn't play. ... In light of the terrorist attacks in France, the 76ers observed a moment of silence prior to the game before playing the French national anthem. In a statement, the 76ers also said there

was increased security at the Wells Fargo Center. . Robert Covington (sprained knee) returned to the rotation after playing just 22

minutes all season. Covington had seven points and five rebounds.

UP NEXT Philadelphia hosts the Pacers on Wednesday

night. The Mavericks conclude their three-game road trip at Boston on Wednesday night.

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Gay Paree as a memory

Since Friday, many have been watching the news about the terrorist attacks in Paris.

My heart clenched, my stomach turned, and my breath caught as I learned more about these horrendous attacks.

Thoughts and memories have been flooding my head and making my head swim. Memories of the 9/11 attacks on America, memories of walking with my friends in Paris and climbing the Eiffel Tower, thoughts of what should be done to terrorists.

My time in Paris was brief, but absolutely unforgettable. My best friend, Zana, and I saved up for two years to go with a group of kids from our high school and two teachers that would be chaperoning us.

I had just graduated from high school and we headed to Europe for two weeks of traveling and shopping in June of 1998.

Zana and I were giddy and full of teenage girl anticipation of being on vacation together, without parents, to see foreign countries and travel the world.

Our first stop in France was Paris. We visited the Louvre Museum and saw the Mona Lisa, the Venus de

Milo, Winged Victory of Samothrace, the Coronation of Napoleon, and many other famous artwork. There were so much artwork to look at it seemed like the rooms would never end. Bright, vibrant colors graced the paintings on the walls, carefully chiseled sculptures lined the halls and the museum was so crowded as everyone tried to rush about to see the most famous pieces by artists such as Michelangelo and Leonardo De Vinci.

We visited the Arc de Triomphe de l'Etoile and marveled at its size. The monument was built to honor the soldiers who fought and died for France in the French Revolutionary and the Napoleonic Wars. It stands 164 feet tall. I had heard of it, but I didn't realize the sheer size of the building.

When we got to the Eiffel Tower, it was early afternoon. I took pictures as I walked up the seemingly endless stairs when I had to pause for people in line ahead of me. By the time Zana and I got to the top, at which point her fear of heights had more than enough time to develop to full on terror, it was dark out and my pictures from the top were mainly of the city lights. It was more than beautiful. The city stretched out before me with the sounds of laughter, lights twinkling as far as I could see, and the electricity of being 18 and visiting the city of love. I only had my best friend to share this experience with,

but she was enough.

We visited the parks, sat in cafes, and shopped and acted like the teenage girls that we were. We even braved a disco-tech, for all of about 30 minutes.

Paris was so much different than our little hometown. I had been to cities before, but always under the close protection and supervision of my dad, Paris was a new experience on so many levels and gave me many memories that I enjoy thinking back on periodically.

Now, this beautiful city has suffered a loss that few can comprehend or understand. I suppose the people in New York City can sympathize better than anyone else at this moment. But my lack of personal experience doesn't keep my compassion from coming through.

As a mother, I have a need to protect people, as many people as possible. I am constantly trying to help someone, guide someone, and wish to protect others from the pain and hurt that life can cause.

So what do I do now? I will share



JULIE BASS



Photo by Julie Bass

my photos and my memories of my trip with friends, my daughters, and my husband. I will speak fondly of my trips through the countryside and the streets of Paris with my friend Zana. I will continue to pray for Paris and for France.

Julie Bass is a Missouri transplant who covers lifestyles for the Big Spring Herald.

Paris returns to work with defiance, determination and worry

BY JILL LAWLESS

Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — After a week-end of horror, Paris returned to the routines of the work week Monday with determination, defiance — and worry.

Rush-hour subway trains were full, shops were open, and office workers lined up for sandwiches or ate lunch on cafe terraces.

But this is also now a city dotted with makeshift shrines: carpets of flowers and candles, photos of lost loved ones and handwritten notes near the spots where gunmen and suicide bombers killed 129 people enjoying a fall Friday evening in the city.

Parisians stopped by throughout the day to honor the dead, many vowing that their city would remain its incomparable self — the sensual, tolerant, life-loving metropolis of the world's imagination.

"I am afraid, but not enough to stay at home, not moving," said Stephanie Cohen, a bank employee from suburban

Paris. "We have just to pray and say we are going to live — more and more and more."

Others worried that the attacks would change Paris forever.

"I was there (in New York) when 9/11 happened, and to tell you the truth it did change my life," said Gary Berrios, a student originally from New York. "It changed everyone's life. We don't see the world the same way anymore."

At the Placedela Republique in the heart of the city, a monument to France stood surrounded by flowers, candles and notes.

Handwritten cards had been left in French and English, Polish and Vietnamese — a reminder that Paris is a city that the world has taken to its heart.

"Love will conquer," said more than one sign — a vow, or maybe a

wish, from the City of Love.

Outside the Bataclan theater, where 89 people died when attackers gunned down young concertgoers, a banner vowed: "Freedom is an indestructible monument."

There and outside the bars and restaurants where dozens more died, residents paused to lay flowers, light candles or simply stand quietly. Even as the bustle of everyday life reasserted itself, Paris was a city of thousands of silent prayers — and, with

emotions running close to the surface, hundreds of heated arguments.

The attacks have unleashed a torrent of debate about France's essential values and its self-image.

Near the Bataclan, Parisians of all ages and races argued Monday about the role of religion and the limits of tolerance. "Muslim killers!" yelled one man, who was largely ignored. An imam from a Paris mosque arrived to pay his respects, saying Muslims, too, are among the

victims of the Islamic State group.

A man cycled by, pulling a baby grand piano. When he stopped to play John Lennon's "Imagine," the arguments broke up.

Paris this week is a febrile place, easily moved to tears, compassion or panic. Late Sunday, the crowds in Place de la Republique scattered in panic, scared by fireworks that sounded like gunshots.

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