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## Cold front nears

**By LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer  
 A slight chance of snow may be in store for New Years Eve as a second winter front is expected to roll in today, bringing a slight drop in temperatures, but nothing close to the heavy snowfall dropped by Winter Storm Goliath earlier this week.

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## Protect your pets tonight

**By LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer  
 Tonight, many people will celebrate the beginning of a new year with friends, family and even with some fireworks exploding throughout the night. However, pet owners are advised to take some proactive

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**Up it goes**  
 HERALD photo/Steve Reagan  
 This crew was busy Wednesday afternoon installing a new sign-board at Kwik Kash on South Gregg Street.

## 'Affluenza' mom sent back to U.S.

**By MARK J. TERRILL**  
 Associated Press  
 LOS ANGELES — The mother of fugitive Texas teen Ethan Couch, known for using an "affluenza" defense in a fatal drunken-driving accident, has been returned to the U.S. from Mexico minus her son, whose own deportation was delayed by a Mexican judge. Tonya Couch arrived at Los Angeles International Airport on a flight from Mexico in the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service and was taken in handcuffs through the terminal to an unmarked Dodge Char-

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## How others mark turn of calendar

**By JULIE BASS**  
 Staff Writer  
 New Year's Eve is a time to say goodbye to the mistakes of the past year, celebrate the accomplishments of the last year and dream big for the year to come. In a country that combines so many different ethnic backgrounds, there is no "right way" to ring in the new year. In China, the creator of the firework, it is customary to set off fireworks. They use lots of bright, loud fireworks to welcome the year ahead. They also wear bright red clothes and give children their allowance money in red envelopes. Irish decendants eat cabbage and black-eyed peas for wealth, prosperity and health in the year ahead.

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## Too much celebrating? Call AAA

Service offering 'Topsy Tow' for New Year's Eve revelers

**By AMANDA ELSTON**  
 Managing Editor

While 2015 draws to a close, the 2016 party is just beginning. And while New Year's Eve is a time to celebrate with family and friends, it is also a time to celebrate safely.

Tonight on New Year's Eve, AAA's Topsy Tow service will provide free rides and vehicle tows for those who have consumed too much alcohol so they will not drive themselves home.

"It's an effort to help remove drunken drivers from the road," the AAA website reads. "Motorists, bartenders, restaurant managers, party hosts, or passengers of a drinking driver may call 1-800-222-4357 for a free tow home."

According to AAA, callers just need to tell the operator they are "in need of a Topsy Tow" and they will receive a free tow and ride home. AAA



will transport both the driver and the vehicle. The service excludes ride for passengers, does not accept reservations, and is restricted to a one-way, one-time ride for the driver to his or her residence.

While Topsy Tow is an option, AAA also encourages party-goers to plan ahead for a sober ride or use a designated driver if attending a party or event tonight.

"Drivers should be aware of the high crash risk from

drinking and driving associated with holidays, and we encourage them not to get behind the wheel if they've been drinking," AAA Manager of Community Affairs Anita Lorz Villagrana said. AAA advises that motorists can keep themselves and others safe and avoid DUI/DWI arrests by following a few safety tips.

• Always have a designated driver before heading out to a party

- Never serve alcohol to those underage.
- Take the initiative to designate non-drinking drivers for others who may not have one at social events
- Never ride in a car driven by someone who has consumed alcohol, even one drink
- Take car keys away from friends and relatives who have had too much to drink
- If you encounter an impaired driver on the road, keep a safe distance and ask a passenger to call 911 (or pull over to a safe location and make the call yourself).

"It only takes one of two drinks to slow physical and mental skills that affect vision, steering, braking judgement, and reaction time," said Villagrana.

Find more tips on how to be safe around alcohol tonight at [www.texas.AAA.com](http://www.texas.AAA.com).

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## Obituaries

### James McKenzie



James McKenzie, 64, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2015. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

He was born Sept. 29, 1951, at Rio Arriba, N.M. to Lenora Lea McKenzie and Floyd McKenzie. He served two enlistments in the U. S. Army. He lived most of his life in New Mexico and Colorado, moving to Big Spring 20 years ago. He was raised in the Church of Jesus Christ

of Latter Day Saints. He worked in the oil field and also as a carpenter.

He is survived by five sisters, Cherry Bolkenstylene and her husband, Pete, of Llano, Elizabeth Castillo and her husband, Robert, of Odessa, Edith Bryant and her husband, Sheridan, of Mangus, N.M., Elaine Clark of Big Spring and Lora Spivey and her husband, Edward, of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Benjamin, Robert and Floyd McKenzie; and two sisters, Betty Brown and Judy Sarensen.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

### Clarence Myers

Clarence Myers, 94, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2015. Graveside memorial services will be at a later date in Shreveport, La. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

### Emma Leeson

Emma L. Leeson, 66, of Big Spring died, Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015 at her residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

### Melissa 'Missy' Loveless



Melissa Ann "Missy" Loveless, 43, of Midland, Texas, passed away Sunday, Dec. 27, 2015, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, 2016, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring, Texas, with Pastor Brian Loveless of Calvary Baptist Church in Grand Prairie, Texas, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park

in Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until the 3 p.m. service time Saturday, Jan. 2, 2016, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Melissa was born April 26, 1972, and raised in Big

Spring, Texas. She graduated from Big Spring High School and attended Howard College in Big Spring, Texas, followed by Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Okla. She was an administrative specialist at Kohl's department store.

She married Steve Loveless Feb. 14, 2015, in Grand Prairie, Texas,

Survivors include her husband, Steve Loveless, of Midland, Texas; one son, Taylor Webster of Camp Pendleton, Calif.; her step-father, Wayne Bartlett of Big Spring; and a step-daughter, Stephanie Anchondo of Big Spring

She was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Ellen Camp Bartlett.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **DADRAN RAYMOND MORGAN**, 34, of 1105 State St. was arrested on warrants for driving while license invalid and failure to appear.

• **JEREMY JOHNATHAN DAVIS**, 23, of 505 S. Aylesford St. was arrested on warrants for bail jumping/failure to appear, failure to maintain financial responsibility and operation of a vehicle with the wrong license plates.

• **MITHCELL MARK ORR**, 61, of 4204 Cardinal Lane, Midland was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated - 2<sup>nd</sup> offense.

• **HOLLEY DENISE JENNINGS**, 30, of 13360 Old Colorady City Hwy, Coahoma, was arrested on three warrants from other agencies.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 900 block of Highland Dr.

• **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 2300 block of S. Monticello.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 500 block of E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., the 1800 block of S. Gregg St. and the 1200 block of E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place.

• **D O M E S T I C DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 8000 block of Old Colorado City Hwy.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 54 inmates at the time of this report.

• **JESSE ALVARADO**, 19, was booked by the GCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, more than 4 grams but less than 200 grams; booked by the HCSO on warrants for bail jumping and failure to appear and bondsman off bond - manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance, more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams.

• **JEREMY JOHNATHAN DAVIS**, 23, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, display expired license plate and violate promise to appear.

• **HOLLEY DENISE JENNINGS**, 30, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for driving while license invalid, accident involving damage to vehicle and theft of property, more than \$50 but less than \$500.

• **DANIEL JESSE LEMON**, 47, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication, assault by contact and criminal mischief, more than \$100 but less than \$750.

• **DADRAN MORGAN**, 34, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for driving while license invalid and failure to appear.

• **MITCHELL MARK ORR**, 61, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated - 2<sup>nd</sup> offense.

• **WILLIAM SOUTHWELL**,

34, was booked by the RSO on a charge of judgement/display altered registration.

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL/TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on Hwy 87. No transport.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of 6<sup>th</sup> St.. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Bucknell. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of I-20. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of Hwy 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

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• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. No transport.

• **ARCING / SHORTED ELECTRICAL** was reported in the 3000 block of Hwy 80. Investigated.

• **SYSTEM MALFUNCTION** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster St. Investigated.

### FRIDAY

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### SATURDAY

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

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping

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This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942


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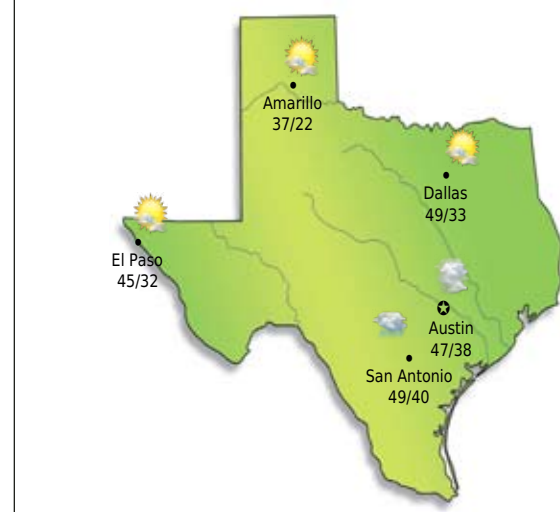


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### Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 1/1	Sat 1/2	Sun 1/3	Mon 1/4	Tue 1/5
 <b>36/27</b> Cloudy skies. High 36F. Winds NE at 10 to 15 mph.	 <b>45/29</b> Morning clouds followed by afternoon sun. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the upper 20s.	 <b>53/27</b> Sunny. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the upper 20s.	 <b>54/32</b> More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 30s.	 <b>47/36</b> Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 5:52 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 5:52 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 5:53 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 5:54 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:55 PM

### Texas at a Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	45	32	Foggy	Kingsville	56	50	Cloudy
Amarillo	34	22	Foggy	Livingston	55	43	P Cloudy
Austin	54	41	M Sunny	Longview	55	39	Sunny
Beaumont	54	45	Cloudy	Lubbock	37	26	M Cloudy
Brownsville	62	55	Cloudy	Lufkin	54	40	M Sunny
Brownwood	52	35	M Cloudy	Midland	46	32	M Cloudy
Corpus Christi	57	48	Cloudy	Raymondville	58	51	Cloudy
Corsicana	55	39	Sunny	Rosenberg	55	47	Cloudy
Dallas	54	37	P Cloudy	San Antonio	57	45	Cloudy
Del Rio	59	45	Cloudy	San Marcos	56	41	P Cloudy
El Paso	54	35	P Cloudy	Sulphur Springs	54	38	M Cloudy
Fort Stockton	53	34	Cloudy	Sweetwater	42	32	Foggy
Gainesville	50	33	Sunny	Tyler	55	40	P Cloudy
Greenville	52	35	P Cloudy	Weatherford	49	34	Cloudy
Houston	55	47	Cloudy	Wichita Falls	46	32	Cloudy

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	58	41	Cloudy	Miami	83	74	M Sunny
Boston	43	31	M Cloudy	Minneapolis	15	11	P Cloudy
Chicago	31	19	Cloudy	New York	49	37	P Cloudy
Dallas	54	37	P Cloudy	Phoenix	65	40	Clear
Denver	28	6	P Cloudy	San Francisco	52	37	Clear
Houston	40	22	M Cloudy	Seattle	43	30	Clear
Los Angeles	66	40	Clear	Saint Louis	36	26	M Cloudy


### Moon Phases

			
<b>First</b> Dec 18	<b>Full</b> Dec 25	<b>Last</b> Jan 2	<b>New</b> Jan 10

### UV Index

Fri 1/1	Sat 1/2	Sun 1/3	Mon 1/4	Tue 1/5
2	3	3	3	3
Low	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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In Brazil they wear all white to ward off evil spirits. Another tradition for them is to jump over seven ocean waves (one for each day of the week) and throw flowers into the sea.

Cubans pack up suitcases and circle their house at midnight to bring travel opportunities in the year ahead.

In Greece, children sing New Year Carols to receive money from family and neighbors. When the countdown begins, the families turn off the lights so they can begin the new year with fresh eyes.

In Spain and many other Spanish speaking countries, it is common to eat 12 grapes at midnight to bring good luck in the year ahead. (The trick is that you have to eat one grape each time the bell tolls.)

With the United States consisting of so many different cultural backgrounds, there will be many different forms of celebrations to say goodbye to Old Father Time and hello to the Baby New Year.

The common factor in celebrating the new year, is sharing the time with family and friends.

Information for this article were gathered from mic.com/articles/15-ways-to-celebrate-new-year-s-eve-around-the-world.

Contact Staff Writer Julie Bass at 263-7331 ext 232 or email life@big-springherald.com

Jury Cancellation

• The Howard County Court is canceling the Jury Panel called for Wednesday, Jan. 6 at 9 a.m.

MLK Walk

A march to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan 18 on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. The march will commence at the corner of Gregg St. and Martin Luther King Boulevard. Youth organization and other groups

Take note

are welcome. Please bring your favorite lightening devices to light your path.

Meetings

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

• Howard College will host several

“update meetings” throughout Howard County for interested citizens to gather more facts and information about Howard College as they prepare for the tax rate rollback election to be held in January 2016. Those dates are: Tuesday, Jan. 5, 12:30 p.m. Hall Center for the Arts Auditorium, Howard College Campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane, (sign language interpretation provided); and Tuesday, Jan. 5, 6:30 p.m. Hall Center for the Arts Auditorium, Howard College campus.

PETS

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precautions with their pets from the loud noises to the bountiful holiday feast.

“Probably lots of people will be out popping fireworks. It really best to leave your pets inside because they can become very scared of the noise,” said Shelbi Whitehead, office manager for Sierra Animal Clinic. “If you do leave them out, make sure you have a secure, fenced yard. Also you may want to put your dog on a leash and secure it to the house because they really get scared with all the noise.”

Lost animals can seriously put your pets at risk,

Whitehead cautioned.

“When pets run away, they can get lost. They are already scared to death,” Whitehead said. “We had one dog come in that ran away and was lost for a few days. This dog was covered in fleas. It was a really serious health issue. And there are some dangerous people out there who could hurt your pet.”

With a second winter storm front expected to move into the area Thursday, Whitehead recommends pet owners to keep their animals inside for the next few days as a precaution against not only the New Year’s noise but also against freezing temperatures.

According to the Na-

tional Weather Service in Midland, temperatures are expected to drop into the 30s on Thursday during the day with a possible low of 28 degrees Thursday night. Forecasts call for a 20 percent chance of snow on Thursday night turning into a 20 percent chance of rain Friday.

Other tips for pet safety from around the web include:

- Create a safe environment. Holiday parties can be fun and exciting but not so to pets who are not used to the noise. If you are having a party, find a secure area for the pet. This will keep both your pets and guests safe.
- Exercise. Vigorously exercise your pets during the

day and they may just sleep through the party noise and fireworks.

• Watch what they eat. You may want your pet to take part in the celebration but be careful of the food your dog or cat eats. Too much unfamiliar food can upset their stomachs and you might have to make a quick trip to the vet.

• Update your pets microchip information. Micro chips information implanted under a pet’s skin have been a very good way for pets to be reunited with their family. It would be a good idea to contact the micro chip company to make sure the information it has on file — address, owner’s name, phone number — is up to date.

MOM

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ger early Thursday morning. She was wearing blue street clothes and looked away from cameras as she walked, flanked by two marshals.

It was unclear why she was brought to Los Angeles instead of Texas,

where she and her son live and where he was on probation for the 2013 drunken-driving crash. U.S. Marshals Service spokesman Eugene Hwang said he could not reveal any details about her trip through California or say how long she might remain here, citing security concerns in transporting someone in custody.

Richard Hunter, chief deputy for the U.S. Marshals Service in South Texas, said during a news conference in Houston on Wednesday that a three-day court injunction granted in Mexico to Ethan Couch will likely take at least two weeks to resolve.

But the injunction did not apply to Tonya Couch, who was deported immediately and put on a plane, an official with Mexico’s National Immigration Institute told The Associated Press.

Ethan Couch was transported late Wednesday from a detention facility in Guadalajara to one in Mexico City, the official said. The decision to move Couch was made because the Mexico City facility for detaining migrants is larger and better equipped to hold someone for days or weeks.

Authorities believe the 18-year-old Ethan

Couch, who was sentenced only to probation for the 2013 wreck in Texas, fled to Mexico with his mother in November as prosecutors investigated whether he had violated his probation. Both were taken into custody Monday after authorities said a phone call for pizza led to their capture in the resort city of Puerto Vallarta.

The ruling earlier Wednesday by the Mexican court gives a judge three days to decide whether the younger Couch has grounds to challenge his deportation based on arguments that kicking him out of the country would violate his rights.

Hunter said the legal maneuver basically takes the decision out of an immigration agent’s hands and asks a higher authority to make the deportation decision. He said such cases can often take anywhere

from two weeks to several months, depending on the priorities of the local courts.

“It also depends on the fact the Couches have legal counsel. And it seems to me, if they wanted to, they could pay them as much money as they want to drag this thing out,” Hunter said.

During the sentencing phase of Ethan Couch’s trial, a defense expert argued that his wealthy parents coddled him into a sense of irresponsibility — a condition the expert termed “affluenza.” The condition is not recognized as a medical diagnosis by the American Psychiatric Association, and its invocation during the legal proceedings drew ridicule.

“Couch continues to make a mockery of the system,” said Fort Worth attorney Bill Berenson, who represented one of the victims.

COLD

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According to Andrew Arnold, meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Midland, a cold front is expected to roll in to the Permian Basin today dropping temperatures slightly colder than Wednesday. A chance of snow — 20 percent — is possible tonight as the temperature is expected to go below freezing with a possible low of around 28 degrees. By Friday, a slight chance of rain is forecasted as temperatures go above the freezing mark. Both days are expected to have cloudy

skies. Northeast winds are forecasted to reach 10 to 15 miles per hour during the two days.

“We don’t expect the cold front to stay too long,” Arnold said. “The temperature is expected to stay in the 30s for the next couple of days through Saturday.”

The skies are expected to remain partly cloudy on Saturday with temperatures projected to reach in the early 40s but dipping down to around a low of 28.

The sun is expected to make its return by Sunday with temperatures likely to reach as high as 49 degrees, according to the National Weather Service website.

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Patricia Richardson, 51, died Thursday, December 24, 2015. The family will receive friends from 12 noon until 1:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 1:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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# Dominant defense propels Steers to 68-45 win

By TAYLOR ELLIS

Sports Editor

MONAHANS — The Big Spring Steers varsity boys basketball team won undoubtedly Wednesday afternoon 68-45 over Presidio High School in the second day of the Sandhills Tournament.

The Steers took an early 9-0 advantage the first two minutes into the contest. The Steers defense gave the Blue Devil's ball handlers trouble in the backcourt, forcing 20 steals. The Steers stifling defense gave them many fast-break opportunities off of Presidio turnovers.

"It's easier to play as a team when you're playing hard on defense, because you're getting more buckets in transition," head coach Nicholas Tyerman said. "The harder you work the more points you score it made it a lot easier for them."

Unfortunately their high level of defense wavered in the second quarter. After holding a 26-9 advantage through the first quarter, Big Spring allowed a 6-2 run in fa-

vor of the Blue Devils for the first 6:17 minutes of the second quarter.

As the defense struggled so did the offense, as the Steers went almost a full four minutes without scoring a point. Along with several in-and-out shots, the offense lacked the same aggression they played with in the first quarter.

"First and fourth quarters were good, but second and third were just awful. We weren't playing good defense at all and too much selfish offense, especially in that second quarter," Tyerman said.

The Steers entered the locker room leading 34-19. The lead shrunk to as little as 10 in the third quarter.

The offense played with more generosity in the third as the Steers ball movement improved. Unfortunately, shots continued to lip out of the rim and the defense was still not at the same level as they had opened the game with.

Presidio out-scored the Steers 16-14 in the third quarter. The Steers netted 10 of their third-quarter points in the final 2:49 of the quarter,

the final three coming from a buzzer-beater by Chase Williams on the left corner. Williams finished the contest with eight points.

The Steers broke out their hustle going into the fourth quarter with "unity" and that took the cheer to heart. The Steers played as a unit on both ends of the court, forcing turnovers and sharing the ball unselfishly on the other end. The Steers rattled off a 16-0 run over 3:34 minutes to put the contest out of reach. The run was helped by tremendous on ball pressure by Lorenzo Jones and John Ibanez, who both play the "chaser" position in coach Tyerman's 1-3-1 zone.

"They've [Jones and Ibanez] bought into that role and they're doing a great job with it. They're working as a team helping each other out," Tyerman said.

Along with Jones and Ibanez, other members of the team are beginning to fit into different roles of the team, which is also helping the Steers compete.

"That what's helping us more on defense. People are

settling into specific spots and there are certain people who sub in for them. That way it's easier to buy into their role and do it as best they can," Tyerman said.

The Steers won the game 68-45 and improved to 2-1 in the Sandhills Tournament. The Steers play two final games tomorrow Canyon Randall and the host Monahans. The Steers will continue to use the games as practice to gear up for district play.

"Mostly on defense is what we are looking at improving on. The better we play on defense the more our offense is going to come. We didn't get much practice over the break so I'm calling over the break so we can get more reps in before district," Tyerman said.

### TEAM STATS

Field Goal Percentage- 46  
3 Point Percentage- 38  
Free Throw Percentage- 71  
Fastbreak Points- 31  
Points of Turnovers- 38  
Second Chance Points- 9  
Offensive Rebounds- 15  
Defensive Rebounds- 19  
Steals- 22  
Blocks- 3

Turnovers- 20

### SCORING LEADERS

Israel O'guin- 11  
Kolton Knudson- 10  
Eric Ortega- 8  
Lorenzo Jones- 8  
Jeremiah Rushing- 8  
Chase Williams- 8  
Jakob Scott- 5  
Kameron Cooper- 4  
John Ibanez- 4  
Jaiden- 2

### REBOUNDING LEADERS

Eric Ortega- 6  
Lorenzo Jones- 5  
Kolton Knudson- 4  
Jaiden- 3

### ASSISTS LEADERS

Israel O'guin- 4  
John Ibanez- 2  
Lorenzo Jones- 2  
Chase Williams- 2

### STEALS LEADERS

Israel O'guin- 5  
Jakob Scott- 4  
Lorenzo Jones- 3  
Kolton Knudson- 2

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# Curry-less Warriors blown out by Barea, Mavs 114-91

DALLAS (AP) — Even if Klay Thompson had been making shots with Stephen Curry sidelined by a leg injury, the other half of the Splash Brothers knew Golden State would have a hard time winning.

With Thompson not hitting, the Warriors got blown out in just their second loss of the season.

J.J. Barea scored 23 points in another big game filling in for injured point guard Deron Williams, and the Dallas Mavericks rolled to a 114-91 victory over a Golden State team missing the NBA's leading scorer and reigning MVP.

"That's 30 points and a lot of playmaking, so we've just got to collectively try and chip in," said Thompson, who had 10 points while matching Draymond Green with 4-of-15 shooting, with Green scoring

11. "We had great looks. It was just one of those nights."

Curry has a bruised lower left leg and might sit again Thursday at Houston. But the Warriors (29-2) still have the best 31-game start in NBA history — a game better than four teams — after their record 24-0 start.

"They were a little short-handed tonight. Might have made a little difference," Dallas guard Devin Harris said. "The attention that he brings in shot-making and the way the offense flows with him out there, obviously was a little bit different tonight."

Zaza Pachulia had 14 points and 15 rebounds for the Mavericks, who won their fourth straight game without Williams. Dirk Nowitzki added 18 points and eight boards.

The Warriors looked

out of sorts almost from the beginning with their sharpshooting star watching from the bench in jeans and a black sport coat.

Marreese Speights threw a pass into the first row in the first half, drawing a rebuke from Ian Clark, the intended target who led Golden State with 21 points.

And Brandon Rush didn't play much defense against Nowitzki. First, he let the 7-foot, 37-year-old German go by him for a rare two-handed dunk, and soon after left him alone at the 3-point line for a 75-49 Dallas lead midway through the third quarter.

The 23-point margin was Golden State's worst defeat since a 31-point loss to Houston in 2013, according to STATS. The worst loss during the title run last season was 15.

For the Mavericks went

up by 30 at 83-53 on a 3-pointer by Wesley Matthews, who had 13 points. The Warriors, who fell behind for good with 8 minutes left in the first quarter, didn't get closer than 17 after that.

Thompson didn't play in the fourth quarter, and interim coach Luke Walton went with reserves for the last five minutes in Golden State's third straight loss without Curry. The first two were last season.

"He's one of those rare players in this league that affects the entire game just by being on the court," Walton said. "Obviously without him the spacing won't be as good."

### RED-HOT BAREA

Barea, who has been starting while Williams sits with a left hamstring strain, had at least 23 points for the third time in four games. He is 17

of 22 from 3-point range in those games after going 5 of 7 against the Warriors.

"J.J.'s been great, shooting the ball incredibly well but taking good shots," Harris said.

### CURRY'S NOT THE ONLY ONE

The Warriors also were without center Festus Ezeli (toe injury), while guard Leandro Barbosa (left shoulder sprain) and forward Harrison Barnes (sprained left ankle) didn't make the quick Texas trip.

"I think people forget we've got like four guys out," said Andre Iguodala, who had 12 points. "We've been playing at such a high level, that gets overlooked sometimes."

### COUNT IT, OR DON'T

The Warriors matched a season high by allowing 14 3-pointers on 52 percent shooting. It was almost 15. Harris, who scored 13, banked in a

half-court shot at the third-quarter buzzer, but the ruling that it was after the horn was quickly confirmed by a replay review.

### TRIP-INS

Warriors: Coach Steve Kerr, out all season after complications from back surgery, made the trip to see how his back would hold up.

He made a trip to Los Angeles in November. Walton said there was still no timetable for Kerr's return.

Mavericks: Pachulia had his 17th double-double — two more than all of last season in Milwaukee — when he grabbed his 10th rebound with 2:30 remaining in the first half. He already had his 12 first-half points by then.

### UP NEXT

Warriors: At Houston on Thursday.

Mavericks: At Miami on Friday.

## Scoreboard

NBA Sunday's Games	Thursday's Games	OT	National League	Canadian Football League	Arena Football League	National Hockey League
Memphis 112, L.A. Lakers 96 Oklahoma City 122, Denver 112 Boston 100, New York 91 Portland 98, Sacramento 94	Milwaukee at Indiana, 6 p.m. Minnesota at Detroit, 6 p.m. Golden State at Houston, 7 p.m. L.A. Clippers at New Orleans, 8 p.m. Phoenix at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m. Portland at Utah, 9 p.m.	Winnipeg 4, Detroit 1 Anaheim 1, Calgary 0 Los Angeles 5, Edmonton 2 Chicago 7, Arizona 5	LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Agreed to terms with LHP Scott Kazmir on a three-year contract. FARGO-MOORHEAD RED-HAWKS — Signed INF Ryan Hodge. GARY SOUTHWEST RAILCATS — Signed LHP Stetson Nelson. LAREDO LEMURS — Claimed C Ryan Babineau off waivers from Winnipeg.	SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Signed S Brandian Ross and CB Cassius Vaughn. SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Claimed TE Je'Ron Hamm off waivers from Washington. Placed RB Shaun Draughn on injured reserve. TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Placed WR Vincent Jackson and S Major Wright on injured reserve. Promoted S Kimario McFadden and TE Terwin Westbrook from the practice squad.	ORLANDO PREDATORS — Agreed to terms with OL Chad Anderson.	NHL — Suspended Boston F Brad Marchand for three games, without pay, for clipping Ottawa D Mark Borowiecki during their game on Dec. 29. CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Assigned D David Rundblad to Rockford (AHL). DALLAS STARS — Recalled C Radek Faka from Texas (AHL). Placed RW Ales Hemsky on injured reserve, retroactive to Dec. 29. DETROIT RED WINGS — Assigned LW Eric Tangradi to Grand Rapids (AHL). NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Placed F Jacob Josefson on injured reserve, retroactive to
Indiana 93, Atlanta 87 Orlando 104, New Orleans 89 L.A. Clippers 108, Washington 91 Charlotte 108, L.A. Lakers 98 Brooklyn 111, Miami 105 Chicago 104, Toronto 97 San Antonio 101, Minnesota 95 Dallas 103, Milwaukee 93 Utah 95, Philadelphia 91 Cleveland 101, Phoenix 97 Golden State 122, Sacramento 103	Orlando at Washington, 7 p.m. Charlotte at Toronto, 7:30 p.m. Dallas at Miami, 7:30 p.m. New York at Chicago, 8 p.m. Philadelphia at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.	Washington 5, Buffalo 2 New Jersey 3, Ottawa 0 N.Y. Rangers 5, Tampa Bay 2 San Jose 4, Philadelphia 2	ATLANTA FALCONS — Signed LB Xzavier Dickson to the practice squad. BUFFALO BILLS — Signed CB Bud Noel and CB Sammy Seamster to the practice squad. CHICAGO BEARS — Signed DL Greg Scruggs and DL Terry Williams. Placed DL Eddie Goldman and WR Alshon Jeffery on injured reserve. CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed RB Daryl Richardson to the practice squad. DENVER BRONCOS — Claimed G Robert Myers off Baltimore's practice squad. Waived S Shaun Prater. INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed TE Erik Swoope from the practice squad. Placed TE Dwayne Allen on injured reserve. NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Re-signed DL Ishmael Iy Kitchen. Released CB Troy Hill. Re-signed RB Joey Iosefa to the practice squad. OAKLAND RAIDERS — Signed CB SaQwan Edwards	WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Released OL Dominic Picard.	Placed RB Shaun Draughn on injured reserve.	Placed RB Shaun Draughn on injured reserve.
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Dec. 26. Recalled F Mike Sisol from Albany (AHL). Signed G Mackenzie Blackwood to a three-year entry-level contract.

BRIDGEPORT HOCKEY LEAGUE — Announced D Kyle Burroughs was reassigned to the team from Missouri (ECHL) and D Loic Leduc was reassigned to Missouri.  
HARTFORD WOLF PACK — Reassigned G Mackenzie Skapski to Greenville (ECHL).

READING ROYALS — Signed F Andrew Ammon.

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WASHINGTON SPIRIT — Signed F Katie Stengel.

### COLLEGE

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BINGHAMTON — Named Neel Bhattacharjee women's soccer coach.

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CLEMSON — Suspended WR Deon Cain, K Ammon Lullup and TE Jay McCallough the remainder of the season for violating team rules.

INDIANA — Announced DT Darius Latham will enter the NFL draft.

MEMPHIS — Dismissed senior DB Reggie Ball from the football program after a post-game incident at the Birmingham Bowl.

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By Steve Becker

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♠ 3 2  
♥ Q 6 3  
♦ Q 3 2  
♣ K Q J 10 6

**WEST**  
♠ 6 5  
♥ 9 8 7  
♦ 10 9 8 7  
♣ 5 4 3 2

**EAST**  
♠ J 4  
♥ K J 10 2  
♦ K J 6  
♣ A 9 8 7

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K Q 10 9 8 7  
♥ A 5 4  
♦ A 5 4  
♣ —

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**Now, my friend John,** an inveterate pinochle player who never had a kind word to say about bridge though he understood the game — was at the club one day, and there weren't enough players for a pinochle game. So he consented to play bridge just for kicks.

**On the very first deal,** he picked up the South hand and got to six spades. John is a pretty good card-player and saw right away that he couldn't make 12 tricks even though he got a club lead and ruffed East's ace. There simply was no entry to dummy to cash the clubs.

**But John thought** that if he ran all his trumps, the defenders might blunder and let him make the contract. So he cashed the ace of spades, continued with the ten and was about to play the king when East rudely interrupted and said, "It's my lead." You see, John had forgotten he was playing bridge, not pinochle, and that the ten was not second in rank to the ace.

**But his inadvertent mistake** proved to be just what the doctor ordered. After winning the ten with the jack, East was forced to return a club or lead from one of his kings, so John wound up making the slam.

**Nowadays,** John doesn't play much pinochle anymore. You just can't tear him away from the bridge table!

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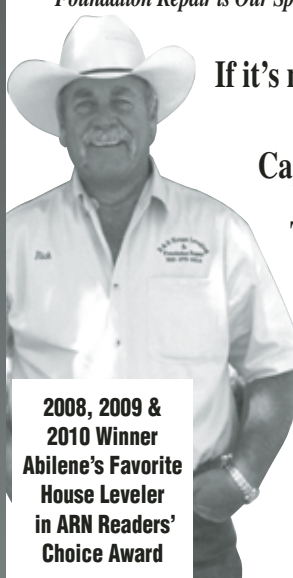
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Tomorrow's Horoscope



Lunar Forecast for the Last Day of 2015

The HOLIDAY MATHIS last day of 2015 features a rather conservative Virgo moon, indicating responsible choices will also happen to be appealing ones. A harmonious lunar trine with chatty Mercury in confident Capricorn suggests that party talk may get competitive and status-oriented. The late night is ruled by an amorous Libra lunar influence.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You're honored to follow an excellent leader, but often the leader isn't excellent and you have to follow anyway. Lead yourself with the structure and discipline you expect from others and you'll soon take the top position.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You're good at managing money today, no matter whose it is. You'll be conservative with other people's funds

and daring when it comes to your own. Risk more and win more!

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Nervous energy has the potential to turn neutral information into negative conclusions and overwhelm you with internal chatter. Do what you can to calm down and good things will start happening for you.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Just in case you're tempted to settle for an option you're not excited about because it seems to be the safe choice, the stars align to let you know there really is no safer choice than to follow your heart.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). The pursuit of status isn't as shallow as it sounds now, because you won't be able to influence the group from a low position. Besides, you're not caught up in the chase: You're coolheaded, just playing the game.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will be as lucky as you are aware. It's not always easy to dis-

tinguish good luck from bad, but staying alert to opportunity and responding quickly to everything that comes up will keep you in fortune's grace.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). As for forgetting those old acquaintances, usually you'd protest those lyrics, but, as it turns out, there are a few old acquaintances you'd be healthier to move on from. The drift apart starts now.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You crave experience, and the cusp of this new year fills you with hope for future adventures. You'll have the most fun where there's a mix of generations and cultures in one place, celebrating together.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Looking fabulous is important to you and your efforts in this regard will pay off. Still, the best thing you'll wear is your mega-watt smile. It's truly the match that lights up the party.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your infectious attitude

will earn you many followers, something you'll have mixed feelings about by the end of the night. With power comes responsibility!

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It takes courage to lay your heart on the line. Then again, the potential gains you could get from telling someone how you really feel may overwhelm your desire for any other option.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). When opportunity meets you for coffee, you don't let it pay. You'll show initiative, style and the kind of smiling attention that charms opportunity into coming around more often.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Dec. 31). Love has your soul singing. With strong enthusiasm and unwavering optimism your year gets off to a brilliant start. The life improvements you want for 2016 won't happen alone. Enlist qualified help and together a transformation is not only possible; it's as good as done. You'll buy,

sell and make a profit in August. Leo and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 5, 34, 32 and 19.

**FIRST KISS OF 2016:** If you already have a set of lips designated for the event, disregard this advice. But for those adventurous singles who still haven't decided on the issue of whether or who to kiss, here's an astrological suggestion. **ARIES:** Pisces provides a soulful moment through parted lips! **TAURUS:** Lock lips with Libra and your heart will sing. **GEMINI:** Scorpio will show you a way of thinking about the world that has you going into the new year with a sense of wonder. **CANCER:** You'll be surprised by cool Capricorn's hot kiss. **LEO:** Aquarius is just your brand of fun tonight. **VIRGO:** Aries will bring fire and intense adoration. **LIBRA:** Cancer will send a message from your lips to your heart. **SCORPIO:** Gemini will charm you, make you laugh and leave you want-

ing more. **SAGITTARIUS:** A fiery Leo will match your intensity and then some! **CAPRICORN:** Virgo is the guest of the hour, so expect competition for this coveted kiss. **AQUARIUS:** Taurus has the kiss that inspires a hunger for more. **PISCES:** Electricity flies when you kiss a Sagittarius.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Global superstar Psy had more views of his video for "Gangnam Style" than YouTube was prepared to count. But can the trend continue? Psy's recent video "Daddy" got over 6 million views in the first 24 hours. Capricorn's best competition is himself and his last success. Psy has his natal sun and Venus in Capricorn, the sign of ambition and business savvy. Mars is in Leo, the entertainer.

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Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** I can't believe your response to the letter from "Between a Golf Ball and a Hard Place," saying that golf balls shouldn't be cleaned in the kitchen sink.

We routinely wash fruits and vegetables in the kitchen sink, and they have dirt and chemicals on them. Fighting over which sink to wash them in is like fighting over which way to hang the toilet paper. Get over it! -- EMT

**Dear EMT:** We were surprised at the volume of mail this letter elicited. A lot of golfers must read our column. (And let's not get into the toilet paper.) Here are a few more comments:

**From I'm Not Fooled:** I've played

golf for 50 years and everyone uses the ball washers at each tee or wets a towel and wipes them. Unless a ball is lost or damaged, golfers play with one ball for 18 holes. How hard is it to wash one ball at the end of a round?

**Practical Guy:** I fail to see the problem. Cabbage and potatoes are exposed to the same environment as golf balls, and I am sure the wife has no problem washing those things in the kitchen sink. The problem seems more territorial than practical. My wife and I both wash paintbrushes and scrub buckets in the kitchen sink. On many occasions, I've washed dog poop from the soles of our shoes in

that sink. Just clean the sink when you're done, and forget about it.

**D:** Please tell that Golf (goof) Ball never to wash those disgusting things in the kitchen sink. When he washes the car, he can have an extra pail with hot water, soap and maybe a little bleach and throw in the balls. By the time he's finished with his car, those balls will be pretty clean. His wife should give him information on E. coli and show pictures of necrotizing fasciitis. I would disinfect the kitchen and tell him I'd never make him another meal unless this stops. (He should take off his shoes before entering the house, too.)

**The Villages:** There should not be a big issue with cleaning golf balls. Take a wet towel and clean them after you play.

**California:** We put a lot of stuff in our kitchen sink that is disgusting, but nobody thinks twice about it -- mostly fruits and vegetables from our garden that are covered in dirt and fertilizer. We simply clean the sink thoroughly with bleach and that's the end of it. I think she doesn't want her husband to play golf.

**S. Spring:** As a health educator and a pesticide reform activist since the '80s, it is unfortunate that some folks are still not aware of the toxicity of pesticides

that are used on nearly all American golf courses. Golf balls are contaminated from contact with pesticides on the grass, and most certainly ought not be washed at home, except in a designated pail. Shoes and gloves used for golfing would best never be taken inside the home, and instead left in the garage or a golf locker. Pesticides are designed to adhere to surfaces, even during rain, and are highly toxic. Their half-lives are decades long. An online search of "pesticide and golf course" will give your readers some education. Thank you.

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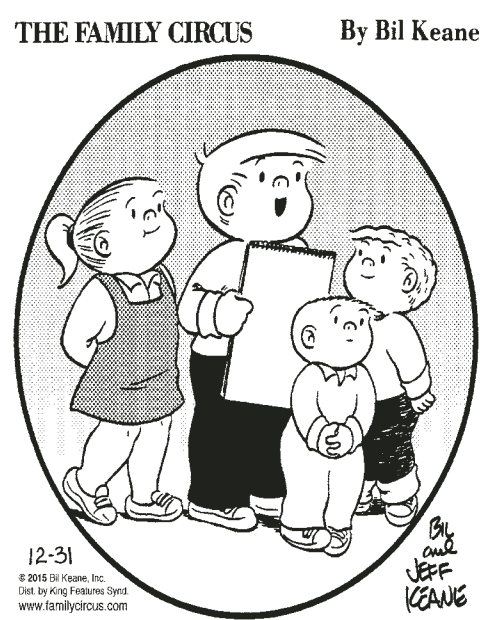
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9:PM	Dick Clark		TMZ	Elementary		NYE Game Night	Salute	Feinstein-Year	Heroes	Seinfeld	Broke Girl			SportsCenter	Mod Fam	(:01) The First 48	Fast N' Loud	
10:PM	News		Mod Fam	News	Tele	News	McGee	Charlie Rose	C. Burnett	Cougar	Conan			SportsCenter	Stars Live	Mod Fam	(:02) The First 48	Fast N' Loud
11:PM	Dick Clark's New Year's		Friends	Late Show-Colbert	Titulares	To Be Announced	D Stringer	World	Raising	Cougar	Conan		Postgame	SportsCenter	Champ Spotlight	NCIS (DVS)	(:01) The First 48	Fast N' Loud
12:AM	Dick Clark's		Pitbull's New Year's Revolution	James Corden	Latin American Music Awards (SS)	New Year's	Israel	T. Smiley (Off Air)	Commun	Commun			SportsCenter	SportsNation	NHL Hockey: Predators at Stars	NCIS (DVS)	(:12:01) The First 48	Fast N' Loud
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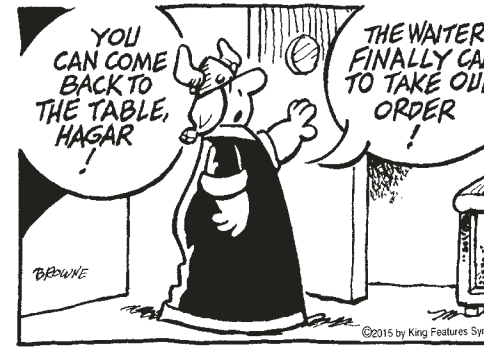
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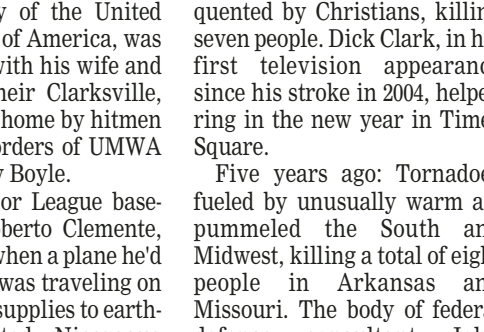
"SHE WAS DAD'S SISTER TILL I WAS BORN, THEN SHE BECAME MY AUNT."

"Guess what, Mommy! It's only 87 days till Easter!"

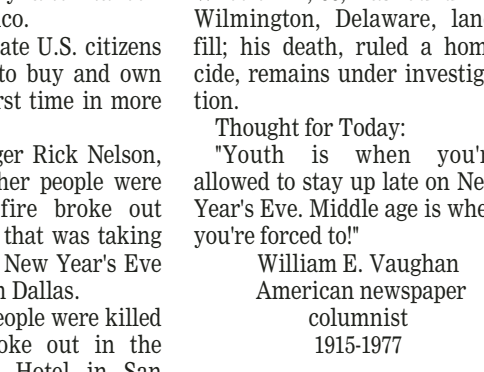
**This Date In History**

Today is Thursday, Dec. 31, the 365th and final day of 2015. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 31, 1879, Thomas Edison first publicly demonstrated his electric incandescent light in Menlo Park, New Jersey. On this date: In 1775, during the Revolutionary War, the British repulsed an attack by Continental Army generals Richard Montgomery and Benedict Arnold at Quebec; Montgomery was killed. In 1904, New York's Times Square saw its first New Year's Eve celebration, with an estimated 200,000 people in attendance. In 1909, the Manhattan Bridge, spanning the East River between Manhattan and Brooklyn, was officially opened to vehicular traffic. In 1946, President Harry S. Truman officially proclaimed the end of hostilities in World War II. In 1951, the Marshall Plan expired after distributing more than \$12 billion in foreign aid. In 1969, Joseph A. Yablonski, an unsuccessful candidate for the presidency of the United Mine Workers of America, was shot to death with his wife and daughter in their Clarksville, Pennsylvania, home by hitmen acting at the orders of UMWA president Tony Boyle. In 1972, Major League baseball player Roberto Clemente, 38, was killed when a plane he'd chartered and was traveling on to bring relief supplies to earthquake-devastated Nicaragua crashed shortly after takeoff from Puerto Rico. In 1974, private U.S. citizens were allowed to buy and own gold for the first time in more than 40 years. In 1985, singer Rick Nelson, 45, and six other people were killed when fire broke out aboard a DC-3 that was taking the group to a New Year's Eve performance in Dallas. In 1986, 97 people were killed when fire broke out in the Dupont Plaza Hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico. (Three hotel workers later pleaded guilty in connection with the blaze.) In 1995, the syndicated comic strip "Calvin and Hobbes," created by Bill Watterson, came to an end after a 10-year run. In 1999, Russian President Boris Yeltsin announced his resignation (he was succeeded by Vladimir Putin). Ten years ago: In central Indonesia, suspected Islamic militants set off a powerful bomb at a busy market frequented by Christians, killing seven people. Dick Clark, in his first television appearance since his stroke in 2004, helped ring in the new year in Times Square. Five years ago: Tornadoes fueled by unusually warm air pummeled the South and Midwest, killing a total of eight people in Arkansas and Missouri. The body of federal defense consultant John Wheeler III, 66, was found in a Wilmington, Delaware, landfill; his death, ruled a homicide, remains under investigation. Thought for Today: "Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to!" William E. Vaughan American newspaper columnist 1915-1977 © 2015 The Associated Press.

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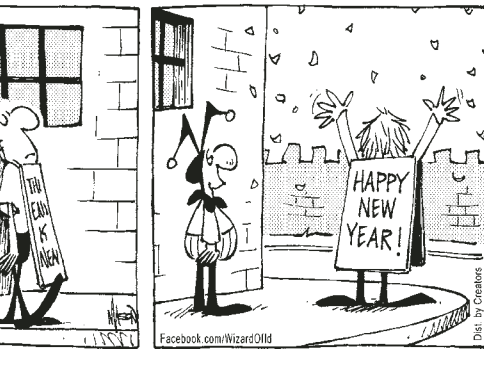
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**Newsday Crossword**

**GREETINGS** by Andy Ellis Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 Wear away, in a way
  - 5 Sci-fi knight
  - 9 "If only it could be"
  - 14 Ben-Hur setting
  - 15 Harbinger
  - 16 Unequivocal refusal
  - 17 Pedestal figure
  - 18 Stringed star of '50s TV
  - 20 Comment at length
  - 22 Hugs, in a letter
  - 23 Family guys
  - 24 Had stock in
  - 26 Arles appellation
  - 28 In a neat manner
  - 31 '80s Russian leader
  - 36 Zips by
  - 37 Ersatz swing support
  - 38 Portrayal
  - 39 First grandfather
  - 40 Fraud
  - 41 Dickens girl
  - 42 Call from a nursery
  - 43 Was deceitful
  - 44 Indecisive
  - 45 Twisty treats
  - 47 Twilight time
  - 48 Census datum
  - 49 Nasal tone
  - 51 CFO, often
  - 54 Camcorder button
  - 56 Art studio
  - 60 Streisand musical film
  - 63 "The Valley \_\_\_" (Maui nickname)
- DOWN**
- 1 Crisscross pattern
  - 2 Junction point
  - 3 "Famous" cookie guy
  - 4 Underfoot accessories
  - 5 Pirate Jack, in four films
  - 6 Overplay it
  - 7 Lawn coating
  - 8 \_\_\_-European languages
  - 9 Suitable for rainy days
  - 10 Try to win over
  - 11 Denny's rival
  - 12 Bar mixer
  - 13 Limited-access rds.
  - 19 Way over there
  - 21 Saddler's tools
  - 25 Most murky
  - 27 Early racing-form odds
  - 28 Chaplin persona
  - 29 Storm tracker
  - 30 Start of Caesar's boast
  - 32 Requisite
  - 33 Some epic works
  - 34 Skateboarder's jump
  - 35 African grassland
  - 37 Follow secretly
  - 40 Bent
  - 44 Musical number
  - 46 Nonentities
  - 47 Woodland deities
  - 50 Part of the United Kingdom
  - 51 Small talk
  - 52 Alpaca's habitat
  - 53 Many times
  - 55 Perp pursuers
  - 57 "Gotcha"
  - 58 Mideast airline
  - 59 Sales force, for short
  - 61 Pelican State sch.
  - 62 Meadowland

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# Tips to keep your child with diabetes safe at school



Diabetes is one of the most common chronic diseases in children, according to Griffin P. Rodgers, MD, MACP, director of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Keeping children with diabetes safe during the school day and during school-sponsored activi-

ties requires communication and cooperation between the student, their parents or caregivers, the student's health care team and school staff.

"Nobody knows your child's day-to-day needs and how to respond to a diabetes emergency better than you," Rodgers says. "That's why it is so

important to maintain open communication with school staff throughout the school year."

Parents and school personnel can learn about effective ways to help keep children with diabetes safe by reviewing the National Diabetes Education Program's (NDEP) Helping the Student with Diabetes Succeed: A Guide for School Personnel. The NDEP is a program of the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The NDEP encourages parents of children with diabetes to follow these tips from the School Guide throughout the year.

- Take action. Notify the school immediately when your child is diagnosed with diabetes. Share your child's medical information with school staff and provide up-to-date emergency contact numbers.

- Work with your child's health care team to develop a Diabetes Medical Management Plan. This plan contains the medical orders for your child. It should be signed by your child's health care team and submitted to the school nurse at the start of

each school year. An updated plan is needed if there are changes in your child's diabetes care plan during the year. A sample plan is included in NDEP's School Guide.

- Meet with the school nurse to review your child's school health care plans. The school nurse will use the medical orders to prepare your child's routine and emergency diabetes care plans at school. You can find samples of these plans in the School Guide. You should also meet with the school nurse and staff to familiarize them with any specialized diabetes equipment that your child uses, such as an insulin (IN-suh-lin) pump and/or continuous glucose monitor (CGM). Remember to provide written instructions about the use of the equipment and troubleshooting guidelines.

- Provide the school with all supplies, medicines, and items needed to carry out your child's health care and emergency plans. These supplies may include blood sugar (glucose) testing items, supplies for taking insulin, urine and blood ketone testing, snacks, quick-acting

# How to create the next generation of scientists

It's never too early to introduce children to science. In fact, research from the University of Pennsylvania shows that an early childhood filled with mental stimulation from educational tools results in more highly developed cognitive skills by the child's teen years.

While young children receive science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education in school, it's up to parents to enhance their exposure to these subjects outside the classroom. Whether they are creating bridges with plastic bendy straws or conducting messy science projects involving baking soda and a plastic bag, here are some

resources parents can turn toward to help cultivate a new generation of scientific thinkers:

Look to Your Community. Find local after-school programs or clubs that focus on STEM education. Many of these extracurricular programs are led by qualified instructors and offer hands-on experience in several STEM fields, such as computer programming, biology or chemistry.

Additionally, after-school programs are excellent opportunities for children to socialize with others and make friends with similar interests.

Turn to Technology. Spark imaginative learning by integrating technology into your

child's education.

Tablets and other smart devices offer thousands of gaming applications that repurpose information in a fun and engaging way, captivating children with quizzes, puzzles, 3-D gaming and more - all in the name of science.

Television shows, such as "Bill Nye the Science Guy" and others featured on educational children's networks, can also open your child's eyes to the many fascinating and remarkable areas of STEM subjects.

Create Your Own Science Lab. Get creative and browse Pinterest for crafty do-it-yourself STEM projects for kids. Incorporate

one of your child's favorite activities into a project that you can work on together, like creating a scientific model of their favorite animal.

Additionally, these moments spent together will allow you to learn alongside your children, ultimately creating a bonding experience as you help them expand their minds.

Enter Into a Science Competition. Encourage your child to enter a local or national science fair, such as the Toshiba/National Science Teachers Association ExploraVision program, the only STEM-related competition of its kind



that allows kids to create ideas for new technological innovations in response to current real-world issues. Sponsored by Toshiba and administered by the National Science Teachers Association, the hands-on, creative learning experience helps K-12 students

grow their problem-solving, creativity, critical thinking and collaboration skills. To enter into this year's competition and learn more about the program, visit [exploravision.org](http://exploravision.org).

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# Parent's Corner: What will you trade for in the next year?

You have all heard the saying, "Every day is a new beginning." Since we are at the beginning of a new year I would like to change those words to say, "Every year is a new beginning."

The things of the past are definitely the things of the past! We cannot change what has happened, but we can change our attitude for the future.

Two-thousand-and-sixteen is upon us. Doesn't seem possible, does it? But as we enter a new year we are

starting a new beginning.

There is an old Indian legend that I have heard that fits our lives. If anyone desires a wish to come true, they must first capture a butterfly and whisper that wish to it then release it. Since a butterfly can make no sound, the butterfly cannot reveal the wish to anyone but the Great Spirit who hears and sees all. In gratitude for giving the beautiful butterfly its freedom, the Great Spirit always grants the wish. So, according to legend, by

*This is the beginning of a new year. I have been given this year to use it as I will. I can waste it, or use it for good. But what I do is important, because I am exchanging a year of my life for it! When the next year comes, this year will be gone forever, leaving in its place something that I've traded for it. I want it to be gain, and not loss; good and not evil; success and not failure, in order that I won't regret the price that I've paid for it. — Darrell Ryan*

I read something that I would like to share with you, but I would like to change some of it to reflect this thought.

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that I won't regret the price that I've paid for it.

I will continue to try, for I can never fail until I stop trying. Or in the words of a poem by Jacqueline Leslie: Every ending is a new beginning, a hope for things to come. We can only hope tomorrow, will bring the things we long. Every ending is a new beginning, a promise of things reborn. A new day and much happier, than the life that we had known. Every ending is a new beginning, with a hope of friendship true; of love that's never ending, and happy days with you. Happy New Year!

*Darrell Ryan is the BSISD director of school safety.*



DARRELL RYAN

## Tips for winning a scholarship

Winning a scholarship can be as competitive as gaining entrance to the college of your choice. While academic performance, extracurricular activities and character all matter, your success often boils down to discovering scholarships that fit your credentials and properly promoting your accomplishments.

These tips will help you prepare scholarship applications that get you noticed - and could get you some extra cash to help pay for school.

- Leverage relationships and seek nontraditional opportunities. There are a lot of scholarships out there, and the wider you cast your net the greater your chances are of winning. In addition to traditional avenues such as your basic online search and checking the bulletin board outside the financial aid office, reach out to your network. Ask family and friends about scholarships offered by the companies they work for and organizations they belong to. You may be surprised by all the organizations that offer assistance to deserving students.

For example, Foresters, an international financial services provider, offers the Foresters Competitive Scholarship to its members and their immediate family members, which awards up to 250 tuition scholarships worth up to \$8,000 each to students who demonstrate a commitment to community service and have a strong GPA. Learn more about



Foresters scholarship opportunities at foresters.com.

Other unexpected sources of scholarship funds may include cultural or religious groups, civic and philanthropic groups in your community, and professional groups or businesses in the field you plan to study. Many banks also handle special trusts or funds with scholarship provisions.

- Showcase your passion, talent and potential. A compelling essay gives scholarship judges insight into what makes you special and unique. If you and another candidate are tied in objective criteria, such as grades, a well-written narrative can set you apart. Not all essays are the same, though; exercise caution to ensure that you are answering the question posed and demonstrating your knowledge of the sponsor, not just copying and pasting from another application. The essay is your opportunity to let your personality shine through in ways your transcript can't.

Showcase your passions and motivations, and be sure to reference volunteer work, extracurricular activities and other evidence that demonstrates your leadership skills.

- Prepare a checklist and gather materials ahead of time. Winning a scholarship often comes down to organization; you can't win if you don't complete the application by the deadline. Although each application will have its nuances, there are some standard details that nearly every scholarship requires. Gathering and assembling these materials ahead of time will make the tedious task of preparing each application easier, and it will help you avoid overlooking something important when a submission deadline is looming.

Be sure to obtain extra copies of items such as transcripts that take time to process, and reach out early to request references and documents such as volunteer work affidavits.

## Steer Pride Corner



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Members of the Big Spring Intermediate Parent Advisory Committee provided the BSI teachers with donuts and coffee donated by Meraki Salon recently. Pictured from left are: Jackie Moore, parent of Kortney Moore; Kelly Owens, parent of Arin Owens; and Gwen Dominguez, parent of Kelby Olivarez.

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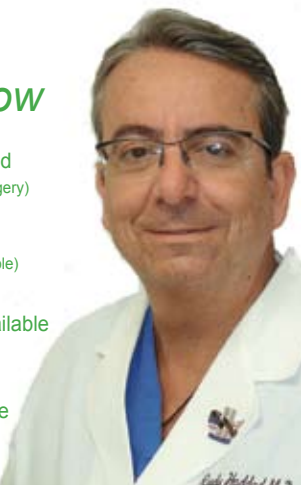
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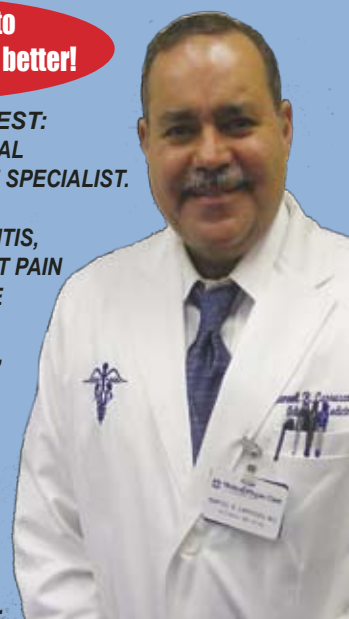
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