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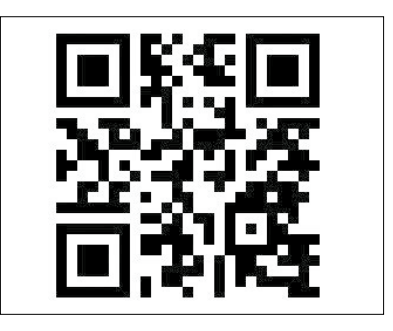
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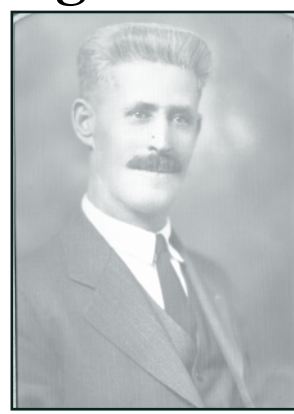
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*A moment in history*

**Part I: Celebrating a Jewish Community in Big Spring**

*Editor's Note: The Heritage Museum and the Big Spring Herald have partnered together to share pieces of community history in an effort of keeping those memories alive, and providing a way for those in the community to learn about where they live. The Heritage Museum is one of the keepers of our community's history and through these articles - while we are attempting to slow the spread - our readers are able to learn about Big Spring History while remaining safe through the pandemic. This week, the Heritage Museum recounts a piece of history as it was told by Susan Zack Lewis.*



Courtesy images

**Nick and Lena Brenner are pictured above.**

**By TAMMY SCHRECEGOST**

Heritage Museum

During the early 1920's, Lena Brenner was a beloved member of the north side

community in Big Spring. She spoke some English, some Spanish, some Yiddish and some German and usually all in the same sentence, however, no one seemed to have a problem understanding Lena. She operated the Brenner Dry Goods Store and was a favorite stop for

the salesmen. They learned quickly to come calling on Lena during the noon or dinner hour. She always prepared delicious meals and would invite the salesmen to stay and eat with her family. Lena was not only a fabulous cook, but she devoted many of her hours to helping assist mothers deliver babies by paying for doctors and delivery charges. Lena and her husband Nicholas (Nick) Brenner were from Latvia, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania had been part of the Russian Empire since the end of the 18th century, but after the Russian Revolution of 1917 they became independent states. Nick and Lena migrated to the U.S in 1905 after their marriage. A daughter, Lillian, was born in New York in 1906. Nick had a cousin in Hominy, Oklahoma, who brought the family to stay

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**Peace Poster contest winner announced**



Courtesy photo

The Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club presented the annual Peace Poster Award certificates to the winners at Big Spring Junior High recently. One of the posters will be advancing to the next level of the competition.

**By AMANDA DUFORAT**

Managing Editor

Encouraging creativity and inspiring peace across the nation is what the Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club was reaching for with this year's Peace Poster Contest. After re-

ceiving more than 200 entries, the Lion's Club has selected the winners, with one advancing to the next level of the competition. Recently, members of the Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club held a recognition ceremony at the Big Spring Junior High for the winners of the contest.

“For over three decades, Lions clubs around the globe have been sponsoring a very special art contest in schools and youth groups. Creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity,” David Stives, Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club President, said.

This year's theme was “Peace through Service”. Students from Howard County received an invitation to submit their entries to the local Lion's Club for possible advancement to the District competition. The Big Spring Junior High 7th Grade class participated in this contest. According to BSJHS Principal Rebecca

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**Taking Care of Business is doing just that!**

**By Colonel Allen M. Morris**

Special to the Herald

The new group in town recently pulled off its first success and is working on the next one. The group was founded by good people who want to

be better and who want to do better for others. If you consider yourself to be a good person and you want to be better, then perhaps this active group is for you. After some discussion, the group decided to name itself, “Taking Care of Business” because that is what it does.

The last project was a Candy Maze for Halloween and almost 2,000 people meandered through the child-friendly Labyrinth collecting candy at each one of the twelve kiosks. The next project is a Christmas Party for area tots that might not have a good Christmas otherwise.

If you would like to participate in the planning and execution of the Christmas Party, speak up! Let us know that you would like to put a smile all over the face of a local child. Okay, with the

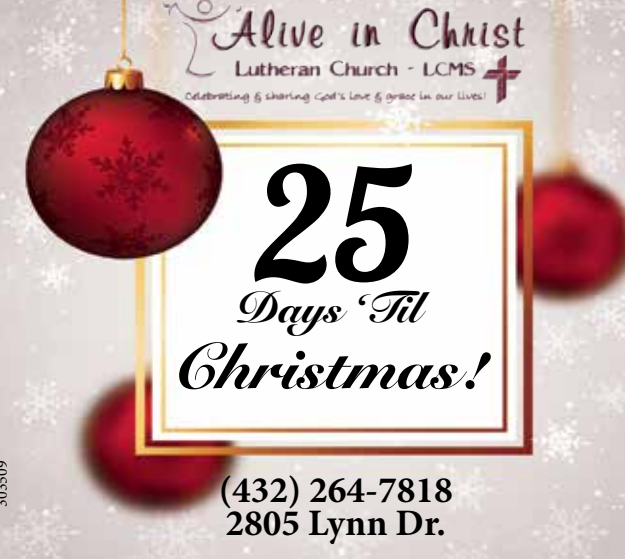
masks on you can easily see them smiling with their eyes...

Taking Care of Business meets each first and third Thursday at 219 south main or you can email for more information. Write to Colonel.Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com.

Twenty-two people helped pull off the Candy Maze that was in the rooms over some of the downtown businesses that included The Blue-Eyed Buffalo, Queens of the Dude Ranch, Sabrina Flores Photography, and Hair by Jose. The Freemasons of Howard County sponsored the event as well as they are sponsoring and funding the Christmas party too.

About the Candy Maze a few of the volunteers said, “It was a lot of fun!!! I loved the spontaneity of the event and ingenuity regarding remote candy delivery devices!” said Adriana Kocak. Area

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## Obituaries

## Dale Brian Thompson

Dale Brian Thompson, loving husband and father, was taken home by his Lord suddenly on Nov. 25, 2020.

Dale was born April 1, 1957, in Stamford, Texas. He graduated Brownfield High School in 1975 and married the love of his life, Kim, on Sept. 9, 1978.

Dale was a hardworking, unselfish family man. He cherished his marriage, his children, and dedicated four decades to his profession in the oil and gas industry. Known as Gramps by those who loved him the most, he spent his entire life serving others. He loved fishing, hunting with his son Josh, and watching his granddaughters play

## Billie Procter

On Nov. 26, 2020, Billie Joyce Procter enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast like never before. Best of all, she didn't have to cook a thing...although, we know she did some heavenly cooking over the years.

Viewing will be Monday, Nov. 30, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A private graveside service will be held later at Coahoma Cemetery.

Billie was born on May 10, 1942, and was reunited with her husband of over 60 years, James Procter, her father, John Harvey Gibbs, mother, Bonnie Foster, stepfather, Leonard Truitt Foster, bonus parents, Elza and Essie Nickell, father-in-law, Tom Procter, mother-in-law, Lucille Procter, and one sister Wilma Alley. Billie loved family reunions and we know it will take days to catch up with everyone, but that's OK, she has eternity to do so.

To know Billie was to know she loved her family, beginning with her two daughters, Tammie Paige and Karen Moore and especially her six grandchildren: K'Ja (Erik) West, Tiffani (Sunil) Nair, Tyler (Becky) Fowler, Tori (Kyle) Newton, K'Leigh (Tye) Baker, Mason Moore and six great grandchildren: Kora Newton, Gracie West, Boone Baker, Zavian Nair, Tara Newton, and Devin Nair along with her sisters Earnestine Eason and Mae Klassen and sisters-in-laws Delores Dodson and Diana Hewett... oh and she absolutely adored her two sons-in-laws, Roger and Brian.

If you were around Billie for any time at all, you experienced a lady full of love, kindness, and amazing patience. According to her grandchildren and her sons-in-laws, she didn't have a mean bone in

softball. Gramps, we will miss you dearly.

Dale is preceded in death by his parents Juanell and Howard Thompson. He is survived by wife Kim Thompson of Big Spring, son Josh Thompson of Frisco, daughter Jamie and husband Heath Bowlin of Lubbock, sister Diane and husband Mike Moore of Lubbock, sister Madeline and husband Larry Pickett of Brownfield, mother-in-law Dottie Burks of Brownfield, brother-in-law Scott McCutchen and wife Diane, and many nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind two granddaughters, Sydnee and Kynlee Bowlin.

Services for Dale Thompson will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020, at Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Steve Carter officiating. Family visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 30, 2020, at Brownfield Funeral Home.

*Paid Obituary*

her body. Both Tammie and Karen would say she was an amazing mama who showed them what unconditional love really looked like. Whether it was barely scraping by in Lingleville or Big Spring, Billie was a dedicated mother, first and foremost. She was a lady of few words, but when she spoke, they came from the heart and she never had a bad word to say about anyone. Billie never needed a castle on a hill or even a Cadillac, just give her a deer rifle, a fishing pole, or a seat on a Honda Goldwing and she was just fine. James and Billie enjoyed life to the fullest and instead of "retiring" together, they kicked into high gear and never looked back. She especially looked forward to her and James' daily cup of coffee at precisely 2 p.m.

Most people would remember Billie as the sweet and helpful new accounts lady at First National Bank where she worked and eventually retired. She was a faithful member of Trinity Baptist Church. If there was a service, she was there. If you were there, you could count on one, two, or maybe even three hugs, it just depended on how many times you saw her. Her memory could have been the reason for so many hugs, but we know better, that was just Billie. This morning, her last breath was her first in the presence of our Almighty Savior, Jesus Christ. Her tears were wiped away, her pain was removed, and her memory was restored. Billie is no longer fighting for the words to say, she knows them every one.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Trinity Baptist Mission Fund at 1701 E. FM 700 and Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas, 79720 or a charity of your choice.

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

*Paid Obituary*

## Margaret Darling

Margaret Darling, 61, of Big Spring, passed away, Friday, Nov. 27, 2020. Services are pending at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

## A. Dealon Stanley

A. Dealon Stanley, 94, of Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020, in Odessa. Services are pending at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Jack Don Merrill

Jack Don Merrill, 67, died Sunday, Nov. 29, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Cecilia Bedell

Cecilia Bedell, 73, of Big Spring, died Friday, Nov. 27, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Demetrius "Nannie" Pruitt

Demetrius "Nannie" Pruitt, 53, of Big Spring was called to her final heavenly destination on Nov. 24, 2020.

A private family memorial will be 1p.m. Saturday at the ARC officiated by Minister Tris Clemmons.

Demetrius was born Dec. 25, 1966, in Big Spring. She attended BSISD. She never married or had children of her own and yet still lived a full life. Demetrius took pleasure in babysitting as a young girl and as an adult she babysat numerous children and helped rear many of her nieces and nephews, hence the nickname "Nannie".

She was very fond of her nephews Jason and Tavaris and her niece Traosha. She especially had a soft spot for Tavaris and this was no secret to anyone in the family.

To know Demetrius was to love her. She was outspoken, sometimes to a fault. Our fondest memories are her being asked to leave not one family holiday function, but two in the same year! Oh, she meant no harm she was just ushering in her birthday.

Nannie enjoyed reading her Bible, playing dominos, cooking and being around family. She enjoyed watching TBN and listening to gospel music.

Although she strayed as we all sometimes do, she never lost her faith in God. Her favorite quote was "Peace be still."

Demetrius rededicated her life to Jesus Christ in November 2016.

Demetrius is survived by four sisters: Marilyn Williams (Alvin), Debra Ausbie, Cherilyn Ausbie (Marlon), Teresa Webster (RB) seven brothers: Vernon Ausbie (Isabell), Cornell Ausbie, Fred Pruitt (Susan), Gerome Pruitt, Victor Pruitt (Tonya), Tim Pruitt, Mike Phillips (Irene)

She is survived by her favorite Aunt, Carol Thomas Scaggs, Best friend, Rosa Ausbie, numerous nieces and nephews a host of cousins and friends.

Demetrius was preceded in death by her loving mother Wilma Lee Pruitt, her bonus dad, Leroy Phillips, and her brothers Dennis and James Ausbie.

The family would like to thank Big Spring Center for Skilled Care, Ms. Linda Waddill, and Home Hospice for their generous care of our loved one. In lieu of flowers the family request that you submit an act of kindness to others.

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## Take Note

• The Howard County Courthouse will only be open by appointment. All doors except the handicapped entrance located on the west side of the building will be locked. All who enter will be screened following Covid guidelines. Face masks are required for all who enter.

• After the Thanksgiving break, CISD will follow the below schedule. Nov.30-Dec.3rd In person instruction (Mon.-Thurs.); Dec.4 Remote Learning for all students (Friday); Dec. 7-10 In person instruction (Mon.-Thurs.); Dec. 11 Remote Learning for all students (Friday); Dec.14-17 In Person Instruction. Remote Friday's provide the district with the opportunity to deep clean, separate for 72 hours, and time to be intentional on student learning. Each campus administrator will provide more detailed information. On these remote learning Fridays, lunch will be available for pick up between 10 a.m. and Noon.

• City of Big Spring offices have moved to by appointment only or electronic communication only. Contact information for all departments can be found on the city website at [mybigspring.com](http://mybigspring.com).

• Christmas in Coahoma at the Park, Saturday, Dec. 12 from 3 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. There will be hayrides and caroling, Christmas art projects for kids, free coffee, hot cocoa, popcorn and cookies. There will also be a Best Decorated House Contest for houses in Coahoma City Limits. Deadline for entries is Dec. 9 at Coahoma City Hall. Both events are sponsored by the Coahoma Lions Club.

• Forsan Food Pantry will be open twice a month from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Families who are in need can pull up to the front doors of the Junior High/High School and receive a free box of pre-packed meals. If you have any questions or need to pick up a box at a different time, contact Kaci Wash at 432-457-2223 ext 821 or Jenny Sayles at [jennysales@yahoo.com](mailto:jennysales@yahoo.com).

• Cub Scouts meet Monday from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Naz Family Church, located at 1400 S. Lancaster.

• Howard County Republican Club meets the second Monday of each month at 421 Main Street. Everyone is welcome. The meeting takes place at Noon. For more information call 432-213-7628.

• A new group named Taking Care of Business has started in Howard County. It is made up of people of all ages and genders who want to be better than they are. The focus of the fledgling organization is to engage in meaningful discussions that promote personal growth. Additionally, the organization will plan and execute worthwhile activities within the community. There is no membership fee and attendance is not taken. The only requirements are that you be positive or want to be more positive than you are, consider yourself to be a good person but want to be better than you are, and that you have a desire to help others be better too. Childcare is available during the discussion time if you let us know. Topics to be avoided include Religion and Politics, though we can dance around them.

Taking Care of Business is being sponsored by the local Masons and it meets in the Masonic Lodge on the court square. It is not necessary that you have any masonic affiliation to participate in this Growth Group. All Covid-19 safety protocols will be followed as defined by local, state, and federal authorities. At this time refreshments will not be served but you are welcome to bring your own and not share. The meetings take place at 219 South Main Big Spring, Texas. For more information write to Colonel.Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com or just come to the meeting.

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### Smith, Washington in 1st after Thanksgiving win

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Alex Smith has Washington at least temporarily in first place in the NFC East after winning on Thanksgiving for the first time, two years after a planned holiday showing was wrecked by the quarterback's career-threatening leg injury.

Smith and his teammates aren't going to concern themselves with how bad their division might be.

Antonio Gibson ran for three touchdowns, Smith threw a scoring pass and Washington pulled away in the fourth quarter of a 41-16 Thanksgiving victory over the Dallas Cowboys on Thursday.

Smith was days away from a second career Thanksgiving start in a visit to Dallas two years ago when he was injured. Now he has a second straight victory in his improbable comeback.

"It's hard to put into words," said Smith, who was a modest 19 of 26 for 149 yards and got bailed out on his only interception when receiver Terry McLaurin ran down Dallas linebacker Jaylon Smith to prevent a tying touchdown before the Cowboys had to settle for a field goal.

"I never would have dreamt in a million years something like this would be happening. Just thankful for it and making the most of it every day."

Gibson's second score was a 23-yard run on the first play after an ill-advised fake punt by Dallas as Washington beat its division rival as Thanksgiving for just the second time in 10 tries. Washington has been the most frequent visitor for the Cowboys in their annual holiday home game.

Washington (4-7) slides ahead of Philadelphia (3-6-1) in the NFC East and will stay in first place on Monday night. It was the third win in five games since a five-game losing streak dropped Washington to 1-5.

The New York Giants can pull even with Washington by beating Cincinnati on Sunday, and they currently hold the tiebreaker because they went 2-0 against Washington this season.

"Our record's not the best," Gibson said. "We're still in it. That gives us hope. That's what we're pushing for is we can still make the playoffs right now. We're going to keep going."

Dallas (3-8) couldn't build on a big win at Minnesota, losing for the fifth time in six games since star quarterback Dak Prescott's season-ending ankle injury.

The Cowboys were playing a day after strength coach Markus Paul died at a hospital following a medical emergency at the team's facility. Paul was honored with a moment of silence before the game.

The Cowboys trailed 20-16 when they faced a fourth-and-10 from their

24-yard run early in the fourth quarter. Darian Thompson took the snap in front of punter Hunter Niswander and pitched to Cedrick Wilson on a reverse that was stuffed for a 1-yard loss.

On the next play, Gibson easily beat the Dallas defense to the left pylon. After another Dallas punt, Gibson capped a clock-killing drive with a 37-yard score for a 34-16 lead.

Washington made it a blowout when Montez Sweat tipped and intercepted a pass right in the face of Andy Dalton and was free to run 15 yards for a TD.

Gibson, who already was the rookie leader in touchdowns rushing and now has 11, finished with 115 yards on 20 carries.

And two-time rushing champion Ezekiel Elliott of Dallas had just 32 yards while losing his fifth fumble of the season, by far the most of his five-year career.

McLaurin had the defensive play of the game, tackling Smith at the Washington 4 after Smith's interception in the open field near the 50. The Cowboys went 6 yards in the wrong direction and had to settle for a short field goal and a 20-16 deficit late in the third quarter.

"I was just trying to make a play," said McLaurin, who led Washington with seven catches for 92 yards. "But when our defense got that stop, that's when I kind of felt like, 'Wow, that was a big play.' You never give up on any plays because you never know what's going to happen."

Dallas' last lead was 10-7 in the second quarter after Dalton's 54-yard touchdown pass to Amari Cooper, who had 112 yards on six catches.

#### PASS AND TOUCHDOWN

Smith's touchdown pass was a 5-yarder to tight end Logan Thomas, the former college quarterback who chunked the ball into the second deck of seats not long after his 28-yard pass to McLaurin on a trick play set up Gibson's first TD.

"I told him he's got a pretty good QB rating right now," Smith said. "Gadget plays are a part of football, and what better day to run it on than Thanksgiving? Obviously we do multiple things with Logan. He's a talented guy."

#### INJURIES

A Dallas offensive line that has been in flux all season lost both starting tackles to injuries on the opening drive, which ended in a field goal. And that's with the original starting tackles already out for the season with injuries.

Zack Martin, a four-time All-Pro at right guard making a second straight start at right tackle, injured his left calf in the first half.

### Deshaun Watson's 4 TDs lift Texans to 41-25 win over Lions

DETROIT (AP) — Deshaun Watson dropped back in a protected pocket at midfield and perfectly lofted one of his four touchdown passes, connecting with Will Fuller in stride just before he reached the end zone.

Houston's star quarterback made it look easy, and the Detroit Lions did their part to not put up much of a fight.

Watson had a pair of go-ahead touchdown passes in the first half and threw for two more scores in the fourth quarter to help Houston pull away and beat Detroit 41-25 Thursday.

And still, he wasn't satisfied. "It was definitely good, but I missed two touchdowns," Watson said.

The dynamic quarterback finished 17 of 25 for 318 yards with four touchdowns and no interceptions. He has thrown 15 touchdown passes without getting picked off once in the past six games.

"You've got to give some credit to the guys up front," interim coach Romeo Crennel said. "If they give him time, he's able to make plays. Guys can get open and he can hit them. He has that kind of accuracy."

Texans star defensive end J.J. Watt had an early pick-6 and Fuller had six receptions for 171 yards and two touchdowns, including a 40-yard touchdown catch in which it looked like he and Watson were all alone on a practice field.

The Texans (4-7) have won two straight for the first time this season and three of their past four games with Crennel.

"That's good, but we haven't won enough," Crennel said. "The Texans haven't, either, and it might cost at least one man his job."

Detroit (4-7) might end the season with interim leaders after losing consecutive games for the third time this season, dropping coach Matt Patricia's record to 13-29-1 and general manager Bob Quinn's mark to 12 games under .500 over five seasons.

Patricia was peppered with questions about his job being in jeopardy, and evaded each query.

"My focus every day is on the guys in that locker room and working as hard as I can to help them be successful," he said.

The Lions retained Patricia and Quinn for this season and ownership said there was an expectation they contend for the playoffs by playing in meaningful games in December. And, that seems highly unlikely.

Detroit quarterback Matthew Stafford said the scrutiny on Patricia has not appeared to affect him.

"He's the same guy every day," Stafford said. "The guy comes to work,

grinds, and wants to win like all of us. He's a passionate coach, who loves the game. I've had a lot of respect with how he's continued to come to work."

Detroit, which was coming off its first shutout loss since 2009, scored first before collapsing with turnovers on two straight snaps and three consecutive possessions in the first half. Houston's defense entered the game with an NFL-low five forced turnovers.

Watt put his hands up on a rush just in time to pick off Stafford's pass and returned it 19 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter.

"I saw he was going to throw quickly so I stopped rushing and jumped up," Watt recalled. "It hit me square in the hands."

On Detroit's next snap, Jonathan Williams fumbled and Houston took advantage with Watson's second touchdown pass to C.J. Prosise to go ahead 13-6.

"Three turnovers early in the game killed the momentum," Stafford said.

Watson's 33-yard touchdown pass to Duke Johnson gave the Texans a 20-10 lead early in the second quarter.

Watson's first touchdown pass to Fuller early in the fourth put Houston ahead 34-17. He connected again with Fuller, who was wide open, with a 34-yard touchdown on a trick play after handing the ball off and getting it back on a lateral.

Stafford was 28 of 42 for 295 yards with a 14-yard touchdown pass to Mohamed Sanu in the fourth and an interception that Watt returned for a score. Detroit's Adrian Peterson had a pair of 1-yard touchdown runs in the first half — and tried to take some blame off Patricia for the latest loss.

"It has nothing to do with the head coach," Peterson said.

#### BROTHERLY LOVE

Detroit defensive back C.J. Moore and Houston defensive back A.J. Moore, identical twins, embraced before the game and played against each other for the first time.

#### ELITE COMPANY

Watt became the third NFL player to have at least 100 sacks and six touchdowns in a career. The others are Jason Taylor and Julius Peppers.

#### TRUMP'S TAKE

Watson and Stafford were among a handful of players on both teams that took a knee during the national anthem, a social justice statement that didn't sit well with President Donald Trump.

"No thanks!" Trump tweeted.

#### INJURY REPORT

Texans: FB Cullen Gillaspia (back) and WR Kenny Stills (quadricep) were inactive.

### Athletic Support: "Questionable coach promoted to athletic director"

By ELI CRANOR

Special to the Herald

Dear Athletic Support: A coach in my hometown just got "promoted" to athletic director. This guy was the head coach of the football team for as long as I can remember. The last ten years of his career were brutal. We never won more games than we lost, and we rarely made the playoffs. How, then, does it make sense that this guy gets promoted to athletic director? Now he's going to be in charge of every single sport in our whole school district. Surely there is another spot this old coach could've filled. I know we need some bus drivers! My hometown isn't known for being a powerhouse in any particular sport, and I can't help but



ELI CRANOR

think it's decisions like this that are keeping us from being winners. Thoughts?

—You're Fired!

Dear Fired: Firing a coach is easier said than done. As a matter of act, firing any public-school employee is a chore. But before you get all worked up, hear me out. Because this deal cuts both ways.

Imagine any time a parent had an issue with a teacher or a coach the end result was that employee being fired. How would that turn out? With teacher strikes and COVID, we barely have enough warm bodies to fill all the open positions these days.

Which leads me back to your coach and his surprising promotion. Don't

quote me on this, but I think there's some sort of law against docking a public-school employee's salary. In other words, once a teacher or coach has moved up to a certain level on the pay scale, he/she can't go back down.

Maybe this is why your coach was promoted to athletic director. It wouldn't make much sense to pay a bus driver 70, 80, or even 90 thousand bucks a year.

I understand your concern in regard to the wellbeing of your athletic program as a whole. But maybe this guy will take his new job seriously. Maybe it will motivate him. Who knows, maybe he'll be better at fundraising than he was motivating a team of high school boys.

The athletic director's job is very different from that of the head coach's. It's an administrator's position. Re-

gardless of his record as a football coach, this guy has experience dealing with and managing people. The head football coach generally has to handle more players and assistants than any other coach in the district.

In the end, there's nothing you can do about a situation like this. If I were you, I'd give him a chance to prove himself before jumping to any conclusions. If a few years go by and the entire athletic program seems to be worse off than before, then maybe it'll be time to break out the pitchforks and storm the school board meeting.

Eli Cranor is a former professional quarterback and coach turned award-winning author of the BOOKS MAKE BRAINZ TASTE THE BAD series. Send questions for "Athletic Support" to eli.cranor@gmail.com

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♥ Q 7 4  
♦ K 9 7 6 4 3 2  
♣ 9

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

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

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K 9 4  
♥ A J 10  
♦ A J 10  
♣ K J 5

The bidding:  
South West North East  
2 NT Pass 3♦ Pass  
3 NT

Opening lead — three of clubs.  
You have to have a good sense of what's going on when you're a defender, or you may discover too late that you've been had.  
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Declarer went up with the king, cashed the ace of diamonds and then played the jack of clubs! West took the jack with the queen and returned the queen of diamonds!!  
As a result of this play, South had

to go down one. But if Szwarc had made the mistake of cashing his clubs after taking the queen, South would have made the contract. Declarer would have disposed of his ten of diamonds on the fourth club lead and would then have been able to run dummy's diamonds.  
Once Szwarc returned the diamond queen instead, declarer was dead. He could not afford to duck the queen, because Szwarc would then cash his clubs to defeat the contract.  
And when, in the actual case, South took the queen with dummy's king, the diamond suit remained blocked so that it could not be run. Declarer did as well as he could at this point by leading the queen of hearts and taking a finesse, but West won with the king and took his clubs to score a one-trick set.  
Obviously, Szwarc viewed the jack-of-clubs lead as a Greek gift. He reasoned that the only logical explanation for South's play was that the diamonds were blocked, so he refused to cooperate with South's plan by cashing his clubs.  
Strangely enough, the hand turned out to be a draw. At the other table, Szwarc's teammates bid six diamonds and also went down one, losing a heart and a club. Unfortunately, the tied result detracted somewhat from the high-level battle of wits that had taken place at the first table.

Tomorrow: Sophisticated defense.  
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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Boldness comes in many forms, sometimes even in the form of eyes filled with

### Full Moon and Lunar Eclipse

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** The time to do the thing you want to do is right now, while you still want it, while it's on your radar and within your reach, while it's ripe with potential. Grab and go.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You know very well that you don't have to be deeply in love with what you're doing to be successful at it. You'll dig in and make something happen with nothing more than a sense of duty and a handful of private reasons.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You think you have an accurate view of someone, but until you can build a case by witnessing actual patterns of behavior, you just don't know. Be patient, and collect the data.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Winning that little contest is a rush, but not as fortifying as the long-term stability you get from showing up your purpose day after day with the intention of doing what needs to be done.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You can use what you are learning in more ways than you currently are. Think of how you might apply your skill in a different but related field, genre or location. Opportunities crop up once you open your mind in this way.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You don't

like the feeling of being controlled by others, and you will resist subtle nudges that suggest you are being managed instead of fully experienced in the way you should be.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You're on a journey. The timing may get interrupted by setbacks and unexpected stops that cause delays but in no way change the destination. Stick to this road and you can expect to get there -- eventually.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You have a level of attunement into the patterns of others that can only be considered a gift. From the historical evidence, you can make a most potent and accurate prediction. It's right there for you if you want to see it.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** It's a good time to indulge in fantasies about who you are or could be. It should be a stretch; that is the whole point about fantasizing. How boring would it be if even your fantasies had to have strict rules?

tears. Showing feelings and working through them may represent the very definition of courage.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You're perfectly equipped to handle the task at hand -- until you're not, and at that point, you'll improvise, showing your clever, resourceful side.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** At any given moment of the day, you are somewhere between the reality of who you are and your aspiration for yourself. The way you reach is uncomfortable, beautiful and inspiring.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 30).** You've a wonderful gift of choosing people: of knowing who is good for you and drawing close those whose lives and values fit well with yours. You're above superficiality that others fall prey to, because your focus on character keeps you refining your own and filling your life with good relationships. Aries and Taurus adore you. Your lucky num-

bers are: 8, 5, 7, 20 and 18.

**LUNAR-ECLIPSE SHENANIGANS:** It has happened throughout history that clever people have used their knowledge of a lunar eclipse to trick their enemies, prove their own power or gain advantage in battle. In antiquity, Greek witches claimed the ability to extinguish the light of the moon. Christopher Columbus used this trick on the natives of the Americas, threatening that his god would take away the moon if they didn't start behaving to his satisfaction. There have been several fictional variations on the theme as well, including a plot twist in Mark Twain's "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court."

It is easy to see why lunar and solar eclipses would be the source of many an ominous ancient forecast -- a dragon eating the sun, a turtle god -- a warning that what's given can always be taken away. It's the cosmic version of object constancy, a heavenly game of peekaboo that humans had to learn didn't mean the end of everything. May we take the omen as an opportunity to stay aware of the contrast of light and dark, of gifts and loss, so that we may be more grateful for the constants of life that might normally be easy to take for granted.

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

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### Annie's Mailbox

#### You're Worthy of Commitment

**Dear Annie:** I've been seeing this man since we met in 2017. He hasn't introduced me to any family members or friends. When I ask him why, he always says there's never a chance to. I'm thinking to myself that there have been plenty of chances, but he just doesn't take them. This is especially true during the holidays, when he goes to see them.

I've asked him if he's ashamed to be seen with me, and he says no. I have asked him why he won't commit to me, and he says that would be a major commitment. I've already

told him that if he wants to date other women, then he should leave me be. -- Broken Heart

#### Dear Broken Heart:

The only way to put your heart back together is to get as far away from this man as possible. Three years is a long time for someone not to introduce you to his friends or family. I smell a rat. Maybe he has a wife or serious girlfriend. You deserve much better than this man. Like ripping off a Band-Aid, it will sting when you first leave him. However, in the long run, you will be much better off with a connected and compassionate partner who wants you to be a part of his whole life.

#### Dear Annie:

I am sibling No. 3 out of four. I am estranged from Nos. 2 and 4. This was my choice, and a wise decision. They are manipulative bullies, and after years of trying to have a relationship with them, I finally gave up. My younger sibling tried to manipulate me with a fake suicide threat because I would not give in to her demands. My older brother is an emotionally unavailable bully who has taken advantage of my father by using his credit cards and then not paying him back. I have tried to address these issues, but they always turn the table and tell me that I am the problem.

#### Dad turns 90 next

summer, and my oldest sibling wants us to fly home (COVID-19 permitting) to have a dinner celebration at a restaurant. Annie, I don't want to go. I cannot bring myself to sit across the table from these two. I refuse to fake it or pretend that everything is fine.

If I do this, I will be resentful toward myself. I am not willing, not even for Dad. I am planning to fly later in the month to take Dad and my stepmother out to dinner. We get along really well. They are aware of the estrangement and have remained neutral, which is good. Do you have any other sugges-

#### Sibling 3 Has Left the Building

#### Dear Sibling 3:

It sounds like there's a great deal of hurt, anger and miscommunication here. A suicide threat is never something to dismiss as just being manipulative. It is often a cry for help (which I'm hoping she received from a professional). As far as your older brother being emotionally unavailable and taking advantage of your father, he can't be a very happy person.

But on your point that every conversation ends with the tables being turned on you, this might be an indication of things you have to

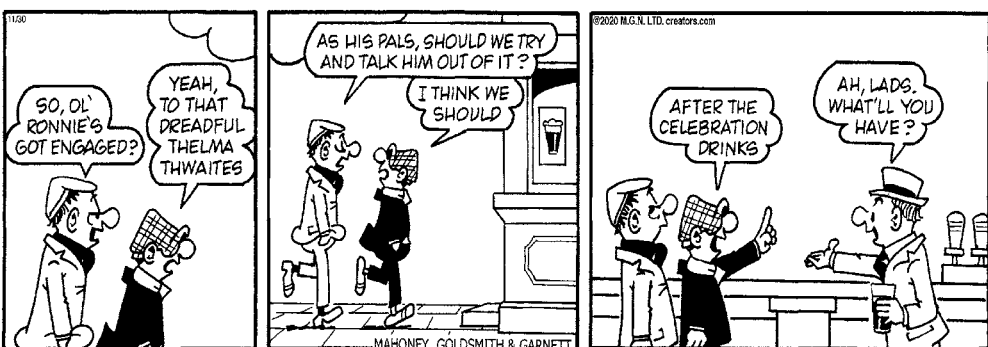
work on as well. Relationships are two-way streets, and rarely is one person completely at fault. Be introspective and see if you can find forgiveness in your heart for them, at least so you can go to your dad's 90th birthday.

You don't have to sit at their table, and remember, it's not a birthday about you; it's for your father, and my guess is that nothing would make him happier than having all of his children in attendance.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com).  
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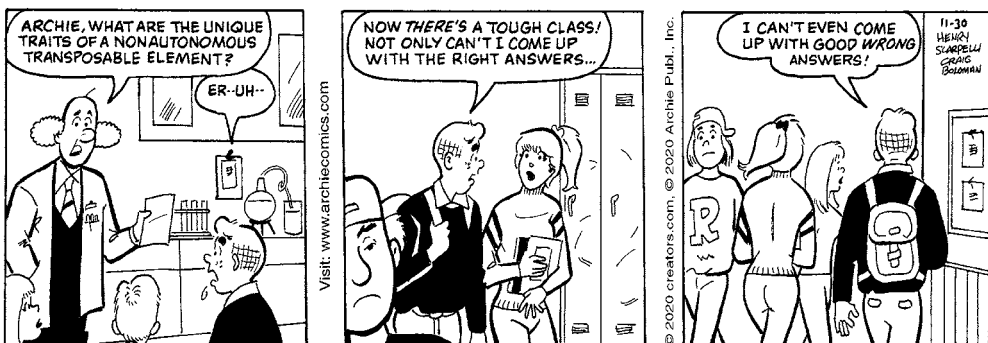
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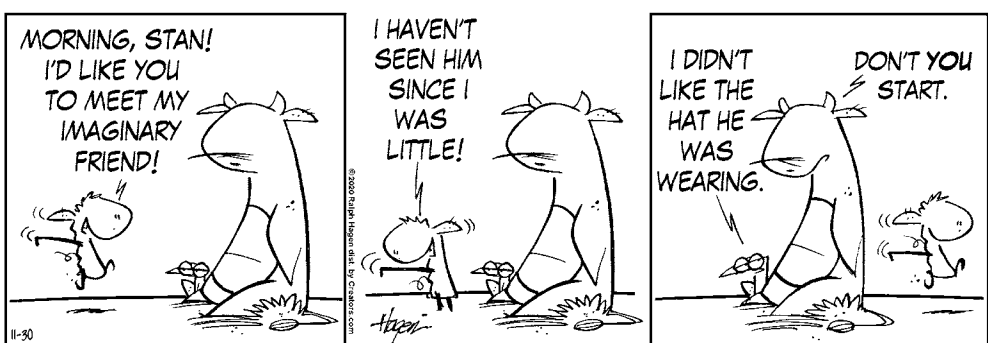
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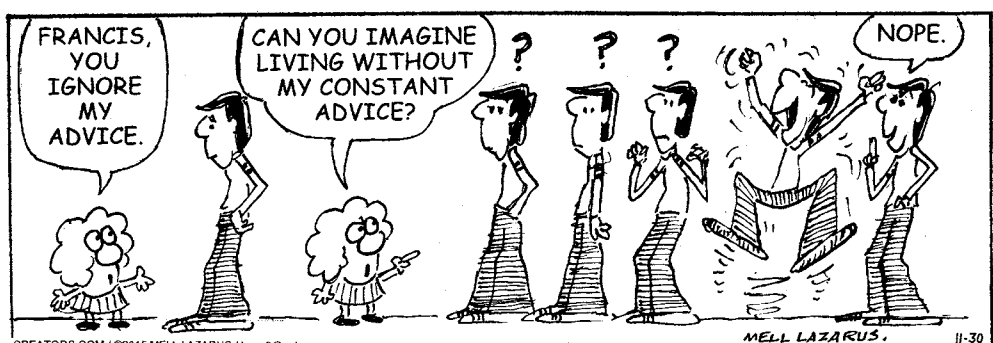
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Monday, Nov. 30, the 335th day of 2020. There are 31 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 30, 2000, Al Gore's lawyers battled for his political survival in the Florida and U.S. Supreme Courts; meanwhile, GOP lawmakers in Tallahassee moved to award the presidency to George W. Bush in case the courts did not by appointing their own slate of electors. On this date: In 1782, the United States and Britain signed preliminary peace articles in Paris for ending the Revolutionary War; the Treaty of Paris was signed in September 1783. In 1803, Spain completed the process of ceding Louisiana to France, which had sold it to the United States. In 1835, Samuel Langhorne Clemens — better known as Mark Twain — was born in Florida, Missouri. In 1874, British statesman Sir Winston Churchill was born at Blenheim Palace. In 1900, Irish writer Oscar Wilde died in Paris at age 46. In 1936, London's famed Crystal Palace, constructed for the Great Exhibition of 1851, was destroyed in a fire. In 1940, Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz were married at the Byram River Beagle Club in Greenwich, Connecticut. (The marriage ended in divorce in 1960.) In 1960, the last DeSoto was built by Chrysler, which had decided to retire the brand after 32 years. In 1981, the United States and the Soviet Union opened negotiations in Geneva aimed at reducing nuclear weapons in Europe. In 1987, American author James Baldwin died in Saint Paul de Vence, France, at age 63. In 1993, President Bill Clinton signed the Brady Bill, which required a five-day waiting period for handgun purchases and background checks of prospective buyers. In 2018, former President George H.W. Bush, a

World War II hero who rose through the political ranks to the nation's highest office, died at his Houston home at the age of 94; his wife of more than 70 years, Barbara Bush, had died in April. On the sidelines of the G20 Summit in Buenos Aires, President Donald Trump and the leaders of Canada and Mexico signed a revised North American trade pact. Ten years ago: Pentagon leaders called for scrapping the 17-year-old "don't ask, don't tell" ban on openly gay military service after releasing a survey about the prospect of openly gay troops. (The policy was rescinded in 2011.) The Obama administration announced that all 197 airlines that flew to the U.S. had begun collecting names, genders and birth dates of passengers so the government could check them against terror watch lists before they boarded flights. Five years ago: Jury selection began in Baltimore in the trial of Officer William Porter, the first of six policemen to face charges in the death of Freddie Gray, a 25-year-old Black man who died of a severe spinal injury while in police custody. (All charges against Porter were dropped after a mistrial; three other officers were acquitted; all remaining charges were later dropped.) One year ago: Nine members of an extended Idaho family died and three others were injured in the crash of a small plane after taking off from the airport in Chamberlain, South Dakota; investigators found that the pilot and a passenger had spent three hours clearing snow and ice from the plane before departure. Wintery weather plagued Thanksgiving weekend travelers across the country, as a powerful and dangerous storm moved eastward, dumping heavy snow from parts of California to the

northern Midwest. Amid mounting pressure from mass anti-government protests, Iraqi Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi submitted his resignation to parliament. Today's Birthdays: G. Gordon Liddy is 90. Country singer-recording executive Jimmy Bowen is 83. Movie director Ridley Scott is 83.

Screenwriter Geoffrey C. Ward is 80. Movie writer-director Terrence Malick is 77. Rock musician Roger Glover (Deep Purple) is 75. Playwright David Mamet (MA'-meht) is 73. Actor Mandy Patinkin is 68. Musician Shuggie Otis is 67. Country singer Jeannie Kendall is 66. Singer Billy Idol is 65. Historian Mi-

chael Beschloss is 65. Rock musician John Ashton (The Psychedelic Furs) is 63. Comedian Colin Mochrie is 63. Former football and baseball player Bo Jackson is 58. Rapper Jalil (Whodini) is 57. Actor-director Ben Stiller is 55. Rock musician Mike Stone is 51. Music producer Steve Aoki is 43. Singer Clay Aiken is 42.

Actor Billy Lush is 39. Actor Elisha Cuthbert is 38. Actor Kaley Cuoco (KWOH'-koh) is 35. Model Chrissy Teigen (TY'-gihn) is 35. Actor Christel Khalil is 33. Actor Rebecca Rittenhouse is 32. Actor Adelaide Clemens is 31. Actor Tyla Harris is 20.

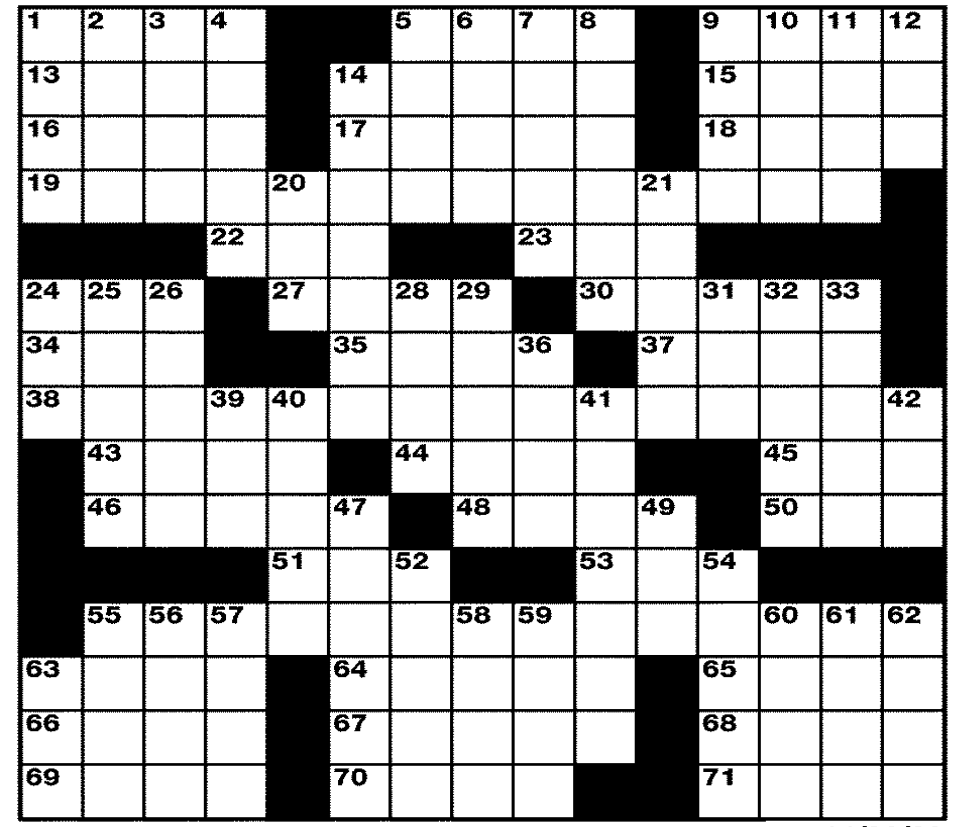
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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS 1 When trains are due in: Abbr. 5 "Scat!" 9 Curved part of the foot 13 Become drained of color 14 Kangaroo's pocket 15 Hawaiian feast 16 "\_\_\_ hardly wait!" 17 Regulations 18 Grow weary 19 Star groups like the Big Dipper 22 Have a meal 23 Signal "yes" with your head 24 Super Bowl org. 27 Interoffice note 30 Nuisances 34 Tax-deferred nest egg, for short 35 Coin in France 37 Per item, informally 38 Jets carrying many people 43 Cross paths 44 Fly high 45 Space between teeth 46 Standing up straight 48 Food for pigs 50 Where to observe the three longest answers 51 Beanie or beret 53 Large-scale conflict 55 Flying vehicles with people in baskets 63 Disappear gradually 64 Opposite of "everybody" 65 Very slightly 66 \_\_\_ vera (burn-soothing plant)

- 67 Photocopier powder 68 Ready to take out of the oven 69 College housing 70 Gush like a volcano 71 Flow in slowly DOWN 1 Larger-than-life story 2 Filled-and-folded tortilla 3 Actor Alda 4 Taste, sight or hearing 5 Nary a \_\_\_ (opposite of "everybody") 6 Ship's framework 7 Atlantic or Pacific 8 "Enough of your silliness!" 9 Woman's choir voice 10 Damage beyond repair 11 Coupes and convertibles 12 Variety of a color 14 11- or 12-year-old 20 Cap of Scotland 21 As perfect as possible 24 Slight chill in the air 25 Wooden holder of a painting 26 Sci-fi "beam" weapon 28 Beer steins 29 Black-and-white cookies 31 Resort with whirlpools and saunas 32 Ice cube-grabbing tool 33 Say something 36 Of the mouth 39 Take a glance at 40 \_\_\_-Sketch (kid's drawing toy) 41 Sneaking burglar 42 Secret agent 47 Tarnishes, as a reputation 49 Buddy 52 Group of Boy Scouts 54 Boulevards and avenues 55 Angelic light 56 Aroma 57 Be abundant (with) 58 Elongated dog-biscuit shape 59 All over again 60 Woodwind instrument 61 Highest digit for phone numbers 62 Place for your feet on an escalator 63 Short-lived craze



Answer to previous puzzle: I C A N C H A N G E A T O P N O V E L E T T E S T H R U T H I S O R T H A T T A I L O A T S R A C I N O S T E E P A D T A C K L E T W I G U K E E R A S E D M O O G L I E S T O C O N S U L T P A L M W A X T E A B O X E A R L M A D R I D O R E M R I S E R O I C A B E S T O F A R A P A H O A E R I C N E I L L A S P A D R I L L E I S L E A L I F O R E M A N E T S Y D O N T S A S S M E