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Age: _____
Date of Birth: _____

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18 dead, 254 injured as SA train ploughs into truck

JOHANNESBURG, DEC 5 - A passenger train smashed into a truck at a level crossing in South Africa on Thursday, killing at least 18 people, injuring 180 and throwing several carriages off the rails. Flames ripped through the twisted wreckage and choking black smoke rose into the air as desperate passengers clambered out of the train to escape the inferno.

Rescuers rushed to the scene to search for survivors and treat the injured. Officials warned the toll could rise as operations continued to clear the crash site. "Police are investigating. The truck driver was taking chances... that cost lots of lives," Transport Minister Joe Maswanganyi told reporters at the scene. "The truck driver has been taken to hospital where we are going to do a blood test to verify if he was sober or not, or what was the problem." The Shosholoz

Meyl rail company, which operates long-distance trains in South Africa, said the train travelling from Port Elizabeth to Johannesburg collided with the truck at about 09:00 am (07:00 GMT). It said in a statement that the truck had made an "untimely" crossing of the tracks when it was hit by a train at high speed, between the towns of Henneman and Kroonstad, 200 kilometres (125 miles) southwest of Johannesburg. One of the derailed carriages was the power generator - the car, sitting behind the locomotive, that provides power to the rest of the train. The car caught fire and the flames spread rapidly.

Shosholoz Meyl said there were 429 passengers on board, though Maswanganyi put the number at 730. "The death toll has increased to 14," provincial government health spokesman Mondli Mvambi told AFP.

adding that at least 180 people had been injured - two of them critically. "It is feared that they could find more bodies as the search, recovery and rescue work is ongoing." The number of injury reports also varied widely in the immediate aftermath of the crash. "We still have to lift the carriages to see to whether there are any other people that are still trapped there or not. We still don't know what is underneath," said one railway official at the accident site, promising a full investigation. Some victims were treated on a strip of grass beside the railway line while others were taken to hospital. Uninjured passengers waited on a nearby road, some of them carrying their luggage. The New Year is a busy period for transport in South Africa, with railways and roads carrying passengers returning to work after the holidays. (AFP)

N Korea's ballistic missile accidentally hits own city: Report

PYONGYANG, DEC 5 - He may have a nuclear button on his desk at all times but North Korean leader Kim Jong Un may not have complete control over his ballistic missiles. One such missile reportedly hit one of North Korean cities minutes after it was launched. A report in The Independent quoted US officials as saying that the Hwasong-12 ballistic missile landed in Tokchon - about 160 kilometers from Pyongyang - after being launched on April 28 of last year. Initially, reports had suggested that the missile was a ballistic missile (IRBM) had exploded into pieces in mid-flight but new evidence suggests that it in fact crashed into the city of 200,000. It has been reported that the missile was completely and caused extensive damage to industrial and/or agricultural buildings where it crashed. Because of the secretive nature of functioning in North Korea, many say it is not possible to completely authenticate the report but that there is evidence to show that the IRBM caused destruction in a civilian area. The suspected crash would be a big blow to a country which is ramping up its arsenal of missiles and has made provocative statements targeting the US. Kim Jong Un even claimed that he has a nuclear button on his desk at all times - prompting US President Donald Trump to hit back saying his nuclear button is bigger than the flurry of aggressive words and even more aggressive posturing from both leaders is being widely seen as a threat to world peace.

Russia says US 'looking for reasons' to pressure Iran

MOSCOW, DEC 5 - Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov today said Washington is "looking for reasons" to pressure Iran on its nuclear programme. Ryabkov was responding to US Vice President Mike Pence who this week said Washington will "not remain silent on Iran" and called for a replacement to the 2015 Iran nuclear agreement. "If (the US) is looking for reasons to increase pressure on Iran that have nothing to do with the (nuclear) deal, and that's how it looks like from what we see, then this is an unworthy method that should not be used by a great power," Ryabkov said.

The 2015 Iran deal gave Iran sanctions relief in exchange for curbs on its nuclear programme. "We see no reason whatsoever to change the deal," he added. The United States imposed sanctions on five Iranian companies it alleges are working on part of the Islamic republic's illegal ballistic missile programme. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin linked the measure to recent anti-government protests, arguing that Iran ought to spend more on public welfare than on banned weapons. Protests over economic problems broke out in Iran's second largest city Mashhad on December 28 and quickly spread across the country, turning against the regime as a whole. Tens of thousands of Iranians took to the streets in several cities on Wednesday for pro-regime rallies. (AFP)

Trump denounces Wolff's book as 'full of lies'

WASHINGTON, DEC 5 - US President Donald Trump today dismissed as "full of lies" a new explosive book about his administration that has taken the White House by storm after his lawyers failed to block its release.

Trump tweeted that he gave author Michael Wolff "zero access" to the White House (actually turned him down many times) for author of phony book "Full of Lies, Misrepresentations and Sources that Don't Exist." Trump tweeted, "Look at this guy's past and watch what happens to him and Stuppy Steve!" Trump wrote, apparently referring to his

former chief strategist Steve Bannon, who is quoted extensively in the book. The book which is sending shock waves to the Trump administration is releasing today two days ahead of the schedule after Trump's lawyers made a move to stop its release. American journalist and author Wolff tweeted: Here we go. You can buy it (and read it) tomorrow. Thank you, Mr President.

The book, which is highly critical of Trump and his family claims that president was "beduffed" by his election win, did not enjoy his inauguration and was scared of the White House. Wolff says his work is based on more than 200 interviews and that he took up "something like a semi-permanent seat on a couch in the West Wing" following the president's inauguration for a close-up insight into the

fledgling administration. Trump's attorney has sent a cease and desist letter to former White House Chief Strategist Bannon for making liable comments against the president and the first family. The White House has attacked the book, with press secretary Sarah Sanders calling it "complete fantasy" and full of tabloid gossip. Sanders during her daily news conference said that the president absolutely believes in the First Amendment.

But the President also believes in making sure that information is accurate before pushing it out as fact when it certainly and clearly is not. "There are numerous mistakes, but I'm not going to waste my time or the country's time going page by page, talking about a book that's complete fantasy and just full of

tabloid gossip, because it's sad, pathetic, and our administration's focus is going to be on moving the country forward, Sanders said. Sanders said there are numerous examples of falsehoods in the book.

The fact that there was a claim that the president did not know who John Boehner was is pretty ridiculous considering the majority of you have seen photos and, frankly, some of you have even tweeted out that the president not only knows him but has played golf with him, tweeted about him, she told reporters. "I mean, that's pretty simple and pretty basic," she asserted.

The White House, however, refused to respond to questions related to Trump's attorney. She took strong objection to the question that Trump, according to the book, did not want to win.

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ARIES
You are likely to give in to the demands of your children today. Ganesh says it is for times like this that you labour so hard. You will finish the tasks that you have been postponing for a long time. It is a good day for people in the medical field and in the public sector.

TAURUS
Today, you will be as creative and

competent as you can get. Your work style, the deft way you handle things will awe and amaze your colleagues and sponsors. Your subordinates will be highly impressed and motivated. They will be eager and compliant and will support and assist you to the utmost. The projects you are working will progress speedily. This will turn out to be an exceptionally fruitful day, says Ganesh.

GEMINI
You will listen to your heart and cover your head, swept away as you are in a flood of emotions today. This could mean that you will

be unable to distinguish between good and bad. However, looking back upon your day in the evening, you are unlikely to regret any of the decisions you make, says Ganesh.

CANCER
You will begin the day with a definite plan for a bright future. You will resolutely implement plans that you have made thoughtfully. Such methodical decisions will save you a lot of time in the future. Ganesh says that you will succeed in every endeavour today.

LEO
Your natural self-confidence and

capability will help you attain a position of strength today. As a result, all your tasks will be completed easily and you will reap rewards greater than your expectations, says Ganesh.

VIRGO
Financial doldrums are headed your way today. In order to seek what you desire, expect shelling out a hefty price. You might just net these short-term gains in the evening. Ganesh foretells large and important business deals will end the day on a high note.

LIBRA
Ganesh says you will have a good time with your family members and will have fun with them. You will also be able to organize a picnic or party for your family members and enjoy the day with them. Ganesh says you will go out for a trip to a religious place or temple, which will enhance your mind and ideas.

SCORPIO
Today promises to be a joy ride for your hidden go-getter. Relish what you eat, and thank God for the good luck. Career wise, however, you may find yourself standing at a crossroads.

SAGITTARIUS
Suddenly, you become ambitious and undertake a multi task today, says Ganesh. Your instincts will guide you today; trust them and move ahead. You may come across few challenges. But, anyway, who wants an easy way out, right?

CAPRICORN
You have projected yourself as a confused individual. You may have a tendency to remain in a double mind. But, today you'll come up with a very specific plan that will surprise many of the people around you. Be clear about what you want to do in life, how you want your life to be and make sincere efforts to achieve it, guides Ganesh. Rest assured, success shall be with you!

AQUARIUS
Spiritually is your new passion and Calvin Klein wears less today! Mysticium attracts you, says Ganesh. This may lead you to seek solace in holy books and religious places. If going to take some time for you is understood that spiritual attainment can be had in the flesh-and-blood worlds.

PISCES
You have been neglecting your health of late, a fact which is hampering your fitting trousers today! So, while you ignore the advice of a friend, being better than care, you could still make a stitch in time to save nine! Head for the gym, and watch those calories, says Ganesh.

GOOD LUCK

KIDS CORNER

WordWheel
No. 82

S T O I
? A T R I

Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or anticlockwise. Solution No. 81: HUMOROUS

5x5
Insert the missing letters to complete ten words - five across the grid and five down.

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C	C	B	L	
R	M	N	T	
R	L	S	T	

OUR SOLUTION TO PUZZLE No. 81 (Other combinations may occasionally be possible.)

Reference: C.O.D. 1995

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WAIT A SECOND... HOW CAN WE BE SURE YOU'RE NOT AN UNDERCOVER POLICE DOG?

Daisy gets made.

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WORD-BUILDER
82

R T B
A O

How many words of three or more letters, including plurals, can you make from the five letters, using each letter only once? No foreign words or ones beginning with a capital are allowed. There's at least one five-letter word.

TODAY'S GOALS:
Good - 11 Excellent - 14 Amazing - 22
SOLUTION 81: ate, ave, eat, eats, eta, sat, save, sea, seat, set, seta, stave, tea, teas, vas, vase, vast, vat, vats, vest, veta, vet, vets