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City Council accepts donations for EMS, spring project

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

In a short, sweet city council meeting Tuesday evening, council members and city staff accepted nearly \$50,000 in donations for Big Spring Emergency Medical Services and for Phase II of the Historic Spring Restoration Project. After kicking off the hour-long meeting with the national and state Pledges of Allegiance being led by Cub Scouts from Pack 305, the council recognized a \$10,000 gift from Occidental Petroleum Corporation to help purchase equipment and train-

ing for Big Spring EMS. "We're very grateful to have received this unexpected gift from Occidental Petroleum," said Big Spring Fire Chief Craig Ferguson. "It is going to be used for some EMS equipment that is much needed, to upgrade some computers and some technology. Also for some additional training for our personnel. We would like to publicly say thank you to them and the entire company." Next in line were donations to the Historic Spring Restoration Project's Phase II. "We received a total of

\$37,500, \$25,000 from Occidental Petroleum, \$10,000 from the Wayne and JoAnn Moore Charitable Foundation, and \$2,500 from the Oncor Electric Delivery Company," said Community Services Director Debbie Wegman. "These are just additional donations. We've been working on getting donations and grants for the Historic Spring Phase II project, so we're very excited to have these additional donations." Phase I of the project, including renovations to the Historic Spring, an outdoor performance stage, and pla-

za, opened to the public in November. Phase II is planned to add a pavilion and additional parking at the location. "This brings us up to about \$208,000 that we've received in grants and funds for Phase II," Wegman said. "Occidental has stated that they'll give us an additional \$25,000 this year, and we have an additional \$5,000 that will be coming from SM Energy, that was part of their original grant to us. So we'll be looking to receive those funds. I'd like to say thank you to those donors." In other business, during

his report at the close of the meeting, City Manager Todd Darden thanked city utility crews for their hard work during the recent cold weather, fixing numerous water main breaks throughout the city. "We had some bad weather, as most of you know, over the holiday season. That created some issues for us on the utilities side of the house," he said. "Over the holiday season this year, we started before Christmas when some of the bad weather hit us. As of Thursday the 28th of

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City of Big Spring issues boil water notice

Special to the Herald

The city of Big Spring is advising people affected by some of the recent water main breaks to boil water before drinking it. In a press release issued Tuesday evening, city of Big Spring officials said: "City crews repaired multiple breaks on a water line on South Wasson Road, south of the City limits. Even though all State requirements were followed, as a precautionary measure, the City of Big Spring/PWS ID

#11440001, in compliance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), is notifying affected customers of the need to boil their water prior to consumption e.g., washing hands/face, brushing teeth, drinking, etc). Children, seniors, and persons with weakened immune systems are particularly vulnerable to harmful bacteria, and all customers should follow these directions. "To ensure destruction of all harmful bacteria and other

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Honoring law enforcement



On Tuesday morning, Scenic Mountain Medical Center held a ceremony in honor of National Law Enforcement Day. The ceremony opened with a short prayer led by Pastor Sam Segundo of Family Faith Center Church followed by a breakfast prepared by the Yellow Rose Cafe in the main lobby of SMMC. Pictured above is local law enforcement, Segundo, and SMMC staff.

HERALD photo/Erin Stephens

Blood drive exceeds goals



Last week United Blood Services and Parkview Skilled Care and Rehabilitation teamed up for a blood drive. The organizations were able to collect 30 pints of blood, exceeding their 20 pint goal.

Courtesy photo

Judge blocks Trump decision to end young immigrant program

By SUDHIN THANAWALA and ANDREW DALTON
 Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal judge on Tuesday night temporarily blocked the Trump administration's decision to end a program protecting young immigrants from deportation. U.S. District Judge William Alsup granted a request by California and other plaintiffs to prevent President Donald Trump from ending the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program while their lawsuits play out in

court. Alsup said lawyers in favor of DACA clearly demonstrated that the young immigrants "were likely to suffer serious, irreparable harm" without court action. The judge also said the lawyers have a strong chance of succeeding at trial. White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said in a statement Wednesday that the ruling was "outrageous, especially in light of the President's successful bipartisan meeting with House and Senate members at the White House on the same day."

Sanders said the issue should "go through the normal legislative process" and pledged Trump "will work with members of both parties to reach a permanent solution." DACA has protected about 800,000 people who were brought to the U.S. illegally as children or came with families who overstayed visas. The program includes hundreds of thousands of

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Obituaries

Jeff Lavelle Brown



Jeff Lavelle Brown, 94, died of natural causes on Saturday Jan. 7, 2018, at the Baylor Scott & White Hospital in Lakeway, Texas. Jeff leaves his wife of 73 years, Elizabeth Sue (Denson) Brown; his son, Bob Brown; his wife Vee Brown, son-in-law Ray Daily; and Jeff's grandchildren, Robert Matthew Brown and his wife Monica Brown, Kris and Jay Brown, Amanda Huerta, Angelica Covington and her husband Kevin Covington; and six great grandchildren, including Brad Oiler, Taylor Brown, Matthew James Modesto, Jacob and Maritza Covington, and Noa Brown, and many close friends.

Jeff was adopted at 14-months of age. Among the deceased include his daughter Ginger Brown Daily; Jeff's adopted parents John and Jessie Brown; his biological parents Arthur and Marry-Ann Pritchard; brother, Jack Pritchard; sister, Mary-Alice Harrison; and half sisters, Thelma Morgan and Trella Sparks.

Born in 1923, Jeff spent his early years in the small West Texas community of Dunn, in Scurry County (near Snyder Texas). Growing up on a farm, as many did in his generation, he aspired to get an education and attended John Tarleton University in Stephenville, Texas, as a Journalism major. His college days were interrupted by World War II, and he volunteered for military service in the Army Air Corps, graduating as a pilot and Second Lieu-

tenant. Jeff served more than dozen missions on a B-24 Bomber, as part of the 15th Air Force out of Foggia Italy, until the war in Europe ended in 1945.

After World War II, Jeff spent several years with two major oil companies, Texaco and Fina. With a strong desire for entrepreneurship, he and Sue founded several businesses in the Big Spring, Texas, where they owned both commercial and residential real estate, and insurance brokerages respectively. He later served on the Texas Real Estate board and served as an appraiser for many years until he retired, holding the MAI and SRA designations.

During his business years, Jeff was very active in civic and trade affairs, and traveled worldwide with his wife Sue. Having also served as a Mason for more than 70 years Jeff had the distinguished honor of becoming a 32-degree Mason. Furthermore, Jeff was very active in the church, including serving on the committee in the late 80s to build the First United Methodist Church in Marble Falls, Texas.

There will be a viewing at Clements-Wilcox Funeral Home in Marble Falls on Friday Jan. 12th from 5 p.m. to 7pm. The funeral service will be Saturday Jan. 13th at 10 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in Marble Falls, followed with the burial service at Lakeland Hills Memorial Park in Burnet, Texas.

Online condolences may be made at: www.clements-wilcoxfuneralhome.com.

Paid obituary

Billy Hallford

Billy Hallford, 73 of Big Spring died Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Rickey Earl Hokes, Jr.

Rickey Earl Hokes, Jr., 4 day old infant, son of Brianna Graham and Robert Earl Hokes, Sr., died Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Marjorie Geurin Mauldin Schulze

Marjorie Geurin Mauldin Schulze, 92, of Big Spring died Monday, Jan. 1, 2018, at her residence. Memorial services will be 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018, at the Midway Baptist Church.

She was born April 15, 1925, in Colorado City, Texas.

Survivors include two daughters, Annette Coker and Carolyn Bingham both of Big Spring; 20 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Russ Mauldin and Tommy Mauldin; two sisters, Lurlene Lawson and Frances Herron; and one brother, Perry Geuri.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 71 inmates at the time of this report.

- **JAMESON LEE BILLINGSLEY**, 42, was arrested by GLASSCOCK on a warrant of engaging in organized criminal activity.

- **MARK ANTHONY CHAVERA**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of criminal mischief less than or equal to \$100 to \$750, on no seat belt, driver, failure to maintain financial responsibility, parked in handicapped zone, and drove without light when required.

- **DAVID LOGAN CHURCHILL**, 26, was arrested by DPS on a warrant of aggravated assault causes serious bodily harm or injury.

- **CHRISTI GRANT HARRISON**, 48, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

- **LUPE HINOJOS**, 44, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of expired driver's license, and failure to appear.

- **MICHAEL STEVEN MARQUEZ**, 35, was arrested by BSPD on warrant of failure to report change of address.

- **ELIZABETH PEREZ**, 40, was arrested by BSPD on warrants on four counts of parent contributing to non attendance, and violate promise to appear.

- **CHRISTOPHER ROLLEN RIOS**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of revoke of proba-

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **BERTHA RUBIO**, 47, of 1503 Johnson St., was arrested on a warrant of another agency.

- **CHRISTI GRANT HARRISON**, 48, of 5621 E Midway St., was arrested on a warrant of another agency.

- **MARK ANTHONY CHAVERA**, 29, of 1108 W 6th St., was arrested on warrants of criminal mischief less than or equal to \$100 to \$750, on no seat belt, driver, failure to maintain financial responsibility, parked in handicapped zone, and drove without light when required.

- **CHRISTOPHER ROLLEN RIOS**, 20, of 1302 Sycamore St., was arrested on warrants of revoke of probation, front yard parking.

- **ELIZABETH PEREZ**, 40, of 700 W I 20, was ar-

rested on warrants on four counts of parent contributing to non attendance, and violate promise to appear.

- **GUADALUPE HINJOS**, 44, of 100 NW 3rd St., was arrested on a warrant of expired driver's license, and failure to appear.

- **MICHAEL STEVEN MARQUEZ**, 35, of 1214 Lindbergh St., was arrested on warrant of failure to report change of address.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1000 block of Lloyd Ave.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 100 block of N Main St.

- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the of 400 block of Circle Dr.

- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 1200 block of S Monticello St.

Take Note

- Cross stitch squares are now ready for the 2018 Howard County Fair quilt. Theme for this year's quilt is "The Love of Dogs." Anyone able to help by stitching a square may pick one up at the Heritage Museum during regular hours Tuesday through Saturday. For questions or for more information, please contact Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

- The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

- Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

- Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work

is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

- Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

- Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

- The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

- Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club meets twice a month at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. They meet on the first Tuesday of the month at noon and the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

- The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

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

- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the

third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

- Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 ½ Main St. All Masons are welcome.

- Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary Group is looking to expand. Positions are available for the Auxiliary group and the Teen Volunteer program. Must be 15 years of age to take part in the teen volunteer program. If you would like to volunteer please contact Heath White at 268-4850.

- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us

- Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to visit patients. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

- GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Weekly 10/5/17 through 01/11/18; 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

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December, we had 24 main breaks going at one time. By 5 o'clock, we had 35 main breaks going at one time. Mind you, this is the time of the season when our employees are taking their last vacation days that they have to get off the books or some comp time that can't be carried over. So we were short-crewed. All together, we responded to over 90 main breaks since Dec. 28."

With the large number of breaks, the crews had a challenge keeping water flowing.

"I think the crews did a fabulous job to help keep the water going," Darden said. "We did have some areas of town where we struggled and struggled to keep water. Every time we'd get a leg up, we'd have a main break and go two steps back. I think the utility bunch did a great job, along with our contractor Boler Construction. They assisted us, they came in last Tuesday with three crews. We worked almost 50 percent of the leaks in-house, but they assisted with the other 50 percent and helped us keep up. Without that I don't think we'd be having water to some places today. I just thank the public for their patience, and I thank especially the utility bunch for all their hard work."

Utility crews weren't the only ones

who had a busy time due to the weather.

"We had other departments helping as well: Fire, EMS, Police, during this time responded to numerous accidents around our community as a result of the bad weather," Darden said. "They took 21 patients to the hospital from some of the accidents they served. So everyone had a busy holiday as it related to water or emergency services. Not everybody was happy, but I think most people understood what we were trying to do."

The council also:

- Approved a measure reappropriating budgeted funds left over in the Airpark Fund from fiscal year 2015-2016;
- Awarded a bid on roof repairs at the Dora Roberts Community Center in the amount of \$16,900 to Prime Source Construction, and also approved increasing the Motel Tax Fund budget to pay for the job;
- Tabled an item to approve an airpark lease agreement with Global Energy Partners LLC, indicating that the item would be addressed at the next council meeting;
- Adopted measures limiting use of the donations accepted at the meeting to the EMS and Spring Restoration Projects they were intended for;
- Approved a joint election agreement with Big Spring Independent School District for the upcoming May 5, 2018, election.



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Cub Scouts of Big Spring's Pack 305 led the national and Texas Pledges of Allegiance at Tuesday evening's Big Spring City Council meeting. Shown, from left to right, are Adrian DeLeon, Marc Trinidad, Braedon Kennedy, James DeLeon, and Maximilian DeLeon.

DACA

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college-age students. U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced in September that the program would be phased out, saying former President Barack Obama had exceeded his authority when he implemented it in 2012.

On Tuesday, the Department of Justice said the judge's decision doesn't change the fact that the program was an illegal circumvention of Congress, and it is within the agency's power to end it.

"The Justice Department will continue to vigorously defend this position, and looks forward to vindicating its position in further litigation," department spokesman Devin O'Malley said in a statement.

Sessions' move to phase out DACA sparked a flurry of lawsuits nationwide.

Alsop considered five separate lawsuits filed in Northern California, including one by the California and three other states, and another by the governing board of the University of California school system.

"DACA covers a class of immigrants whose presence, seemingly all agree, pose the least, if any, threat and allows them to sign up for honest labor on the condi-

tion of continued good behavior," Alsop wrote in his decision. "This has become an important program for DACA recipients and their families, for the employers who hire them, for our tax treasuries, and for our economy."

That echoed the judge's comments from a court hearing on Dec. 20, when he grilled an attorney for the Department of Justice over the government's justification for ending DACA, saying many people had come to rely on it and faced a "real" and "palpable" hardship from its loss.

Alsop also questioned whether the administration had conducted a thorough review before ending the program.

Brad Rosenberg, a Justice Department attorney, said the administration considered the effects of ending DACA and decided to phase it out over time instead of cutting it immediately.

DACA recipients will be allowed to stay in the U.S. for the remainder of their two-year authorizations. Any recipient whose status was due to expire within six months also got a month to apply for another two-year term.

The Justice Department said in court documents that DACA was facing the possibility of an abrupt end by court order, but Alsop was critical of that argument.

People took out loans,

enrolled in school and even made decisions about whether to get married and start families on the basis of DACA and now face "horrific" consequences from the loss of the program, said Jeffrey Davidson, an attorney for the University of California governing board.

"The government considered none of this at all when they decided to rescind DACA," he said at the hearing.

The University of California said in a statement after the decision that "UC's DACA students represent the very best of our country and are a key part of California and our nation's future." The statement says the UC system will persist in legal challenges to the end of the program and will seek permanent protection for the young immigrants. DACA recipients are commonly referred to as "dreamers," based on never-passed proposals in Congress called the DREAM Act that would have provided similar protections for young immigrants. "Dreamers lives were thrown into chaos when the Trump administration tried to terminate the DACA program without obeying the law," California Attorney General Becerra said in a statement after Tuesday's decision. "Tonight's ruling is a huge step in the right direction."

BOIL

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microbes, water for drinking, cooking, and ice should be boiled and cooled prior to use. The water should be brought to a vigorous boil and then boiled for two minutes. In lieu of boiling, you may purchase bottled water or obtain water from

some other suitable source.

"When it is no longer necessary to boil the water, the water system officials will notify you that the water is safe for consumption. Instructions to discontinue boiling will be issued in the same manner as this notice.

"If you have questions concerning this matter, you may contact the public works director at 432-264-2501."

The New York Times cancels public event with James Franco

NEW YORK (AP) — Facing accusations by an actress and a filmmaker over alleged sexual misconduct, James Franco said on CBS' "The Late Show" on Tuesday the things he's heard aren't accurate but he supports people coming out "because they didn't have a voice for so long."

Francisco's appearance came hours after The New York Times canceled a public event scheduled Wednesday that was intended to feature "The Disaster Artist" director and star and his brother and co-star, Dave Franco, discussing the film with a Times reporter.

The Times said in a statement that it had canceled the event "given the controversy surrounding recent allegations."

After he won a best-actor Golden Globe on Sunday night, actress Violet Paley

accused Franco on Twitter of sexual misconduct. Filmmaker Sarah Tither-Kaplan questioned Franco wearing a "Times Up" pin during the awards ceremony in a tweet about him having her do a nude scene for \$100 per day.

Francisco said he supports the "Times Up" movement against sexual harassment and for gender equality. He said that "if there's restitution to be made, I will make it."

"I pride myself on taking responsibility for things that I have done," Franco

told "Late Show" host Stephen Colbert. "The things that I heard that were on Twitter are not accurate, but I completely support people coming out and being able to have a voice because they didn't have a voice for so long, so I don't want to shut them down in any way. I think that it's a good thing and I support it."

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I have three more mystery books to tell you about. In "The Good Daughter" by Karin Slaughter (M SLA K), Charlotte and Samantha Quinn's happy small-town family life was torn apart by a terrifying attack on their family home twenty-eight years ago. It left their mother dead, their father devastated, and the family fractured beyond repair, consumed by secrets from that terrible night. Charlie has followed in her father's footsteps to become a lawyer, but when violence hits their town again, Charlie is plunged into a nightmare. Not only is she the first witness on the scene, but it's a case that unleashes the terrible memories she's spent years trying to suppress. The shocking truth about the crime that destroyed her family nearly thirty years ago won't stay buried forever.

Another book from Karin Slaughter is "The Kept Woman" (M SLA K).

With the discovery of a murder at an abandoned construction site, Will Trent of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation is brought in on a case that becomes much more dangerous when the dead man is identified as an ex-cop. Sara Linton, the FBI's newest medical examiner and Will's lover, realizes that the extensive blood loss didn't belong to the corpse. Bloody footprints leading away from the scene indicate there is another victim who has vanished and will die



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soon if not found. Because the site belongs to the city's most popular citizen who has escaped Will's exhaustive efforts to put him away, Will is already compromised.

The worst is yet to come when evidence soon links Will's troubled past to the case. The consequences will tear through his life with the force of a tornado, wreaking havoc for him and everyone around him.

"Nothing Stays Buried" by P. J. Tracy (M TRA P) is a Monkeewrench Novel. When homicide detectives Leo Magozzi and Gino Rolseth are called to a crime scene in a heavily wooded city park, everything about the setting is all too familiar.

When they discover a playing card on the victim's body, their worst fears are confirmed—there is a serial killer operating in the city for the

first time in years. Across town, Grace MacBride and her unconventional partners find themselves at both personal and career crossroads. Weary of the darker side of their computer work for law enforcement, they agree to take on a private missing-persons case. As the violence accelerates, Magozzi and Rolseth soon realize their killer is planning to complete the deck, and they enlist Monkeewrench to help stop the rampage. As a baffling tangle of evidence accumulates, the cops and Monkeewrench make the unlikely connections between a farmer's missing daughter, a serial killer, and a decades-old stabbing that brings them face-to-face with pure evil.

That's all the time I have this week so until next week here's a quote from Peggy Toney Horton: "Each New

Year, we have before us a brand new book containing 365 blank pages.

Let us fill them with all the forgotten things from last year—the words we forgot to say, the love we forgot to show, and the charity we forgot to offer."

I forgot to mention that the library will be closed Monday, January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

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New York man condemned for Texas slayings loses court appeal

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal appeals court has rejected an appeal from a 54-year-old man condemned for killing two teenagers near Austin during a 2007 crime binge that left six people dead.

Paul Devoe argued unsuccessfully to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that lawyers at his 2009 trial were deficient and that a state prison expert gave false and misleading testimony.

The decision Tuesday moves Devoe a step closer to execution.

Devoe was convicted of killing 15-year-old Haylie Faulkner and 17-year-old Danielle Hensley in Jonestown, northwest of Austin. Faulkner's mother and Devoe's ex-girlfriend also was killed, along with her boyfriend.

Prosecutors also tied Devoe to the slayings of a Central Texas bartender and an 81-year-old Pennsylvania woman whose car Devoe stole. Devoe was captured in his native Long Island, New York.

Mom, 27, aunt arrested over dead baby at Texas gas station

GREENVILLE, Texas (AP) — Police have arrested the mother and aunt of a weeks-old baby after the infant's body was found at a North Texas gas station.

Hunt County jail records show 27-year-old Stephanie Leanne Flynn and 20-year-old Shawn Elise Flynn, both of Greenville, were being held Tuesday on evidence tampering charges. Bond was \$50,000 apiece.

Greenville police Sgt. Adam Phillips says Stephanie Flynn is the mother of the girl whose body was discovered Monday at the gas station. Investigators say the baby may have died at the mother's home and the corpse was moved.

No cause of death was immediately released. Phillips says autopsy results are pending on the girl born in November. He didn't immediately provide a birth date.

Phillips had no information on attorneys to speak for the siblings.

Ex-CEO pleads guilty in Texas case involving state senator

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The former chief executive of a failed oil field services company has pleaded guilty to securities fraud and other charges in a federal case that includes a Texas state senator as a defendant.

Stan Bates, who was CEO of defunct FourWinds Logistics, entered his plea Monday in federal court in San Antonio. He's scheduled to be sentenced in April and faces decades in prison.

Bates, Democratic state Sen. Carlos Uresti and a third man were arrested in May on a variety of charges related to their work with FourWinds.

The San Antonio Express-News reports that the three are accused of defrauding investors in FourWinds, which bought and sold sand used in fracking to extract oil and gas. Uresti has pleaded not guilty. His trial is scheduled to begin later this month.

Plane believed to be thousands of feet below Gulf surface

By DAVID WARREN

Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — A small plane piloted by an Oklahoma doctor who disappeared while flying to collect a disabled dog in Texas is believed to have settled thousands of feet below the Gulf of Mexico, the U.S. Coast Guard said a day after announcing it had ended its search.

Authorities lost sight of Dr. Bill Kinsinger Jan. 3 as his plane moved toward the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico. Coast Guard air and seacraft and two Mexican naval ships searched for the 55-year-old pilot for five days, covering about 23,000 square miles (59,570 square kilometers), the Coast Guard said in a statement late Monday.

"Ending a search is a difficult decision that we put the utmost thought and consideration into," Guard Capt. David Cooper said.

It's believed the plane went down in an area of the Gulf where the depth is about 3,900 feet (1,188 meters), Guard Petty Officer Brandon Giles said Tuesday.

Kinsinger, of Edmond, Oklahoma, had been flying his Cirrus SR22T to Georgetown, Texas, to collect the disabled Husky that was destined for a foster home in Oklahoma. But he never landed at the suburban Austin airport and overshot his destination by hundreds of miles. Authorities believe he may have lost consciousness due to hypoxia, a lack of adequate oxygen.

Jacob Kinsinger said Tuesday that his father "went out a hero."

"My dad was the greatest guy I've ever met and he died doing exactly what he loved, saving dogs and flying his airplane," said Kinsinger, 22.

North American Aerospace Defense Command, or NORAD, dispatched fighter jets to try to steer Bill Kinsinger back



AP photo

In this undated photo provided by Rachele Hurd, Dr. Bill Kinsinger is pictured at the Russellville Arkansas airport in Little Rock, Arkansas. Kinsinger who volunteering for a dog rescue operation failed to land his small plane at an airport in Central Texas as planned and was later tracked by fighter jets flying over the Gulf of Mexico appeared unresponsive and may have been suffering from a lack of oxygen, officials said Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018.

on course, but to no avail. Two F-16 fighters flew in front of the five-seater plane, dropped flares and performed other military maneuvers, but Kinsinger, who was the only person on board, appeared to be unresponsive, NORAD spokesman Michael Kucharek said at the time.

When the F-16s became low on fuel, they were replaced by two F-15 fighters that stayed with Kinsinger for a while but eventually had to return to base because of darkness and their proximity to Mexican air space.

Kucharek said NORAD coordinated with the Coast Guard to take over monitoring the plane. The Guard, which was relying

on the FlightAware website, lost track of the plane when it stopped transmitting a signal, a Guard spokesman said earlier. Guard officials generally use a variety of resources when participating in search-and-rescue operations, such as air-traffic controllers and the U.S. Air Force Rescue Coordination Center, Giles explained Tuesday.

Kinsinger, an anesthesiologist, had been flying a rescue mission for the nonprofit Pilots N Paws. Organizers said he generally flew two volunteer missions a week, and that he had been considering buying a larger plane so he could fly longer routes and transport more dogs.

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A teacher in handcuffs has a school board under scrutiny

By KEVIN MCGILL
Associated Press
NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A Louisiana teacher was removed from a school board meeting, forcibly handcuffed and jailed after questioning pay policies during a public comment period. The teacher's union and the ACLU are investigating and two board members are complaining that the board treats women unfairly.

A video posted by KATC-TV shows middle-school English teacher Deyshia Hargrave complying with a city marshal's orders to leave Monday night's Vermilion Parish School Board meeting in Abbeville, west of New Orleans. Next, she is seen on the hallway floor, screaming as the marshal handcuffs her behind her back.

"Stop resisting," the marshal says, hustling Hargrave toward an exit after lifting

her to her feet. "I am not, you just pushed me to the floor," Hargrave responds. Hargrave later bonded out of the Abbeville jail on charges of "remaining after being forbidden" and resisting an officer, according to KATC. The station reported that board president Anthony Fontana had ruled Hargrave out of order for asking questions during a time reserved for public comment. Later in the same meeting, she spoke again in response to a question from the board, and was confronted by the marshal despite objections from the audience. "She was recognized!" several people said. "This is the most disgraceful and distasteful thing I have ever seen," another audience member said as Hargrave made her way out. Women have several times been told to leave meetings,

while men who speak out have not been removed, board member Laura LeBeouf told The Associated Press in a telephone interview on Tuesday. "When she realized she had to get out, she picked up her purse and walked out," LeBeouf said. "Women in this parish are not getting the same treatment." The board's other woman member expressed similar sentiments. "No reason for anyone to be treated this way. So far in 3 years, only women have been removed from board room meetings," Sara Duplechain wrote in an emailed response to AP's questions. It remains unclear why Hargrave was handcuffed. In a longer video posted on YouTube by a reporter for the Abbeville Meridional, the officer is heard telling Hargrave outside the building that he

had given her "many lawful orders to leave." "And that's exactly what I was doing," Hargrave insists. Neither the board president nor Superintendent Jerome Puyau returned phone calls or emails seeking comment. Puyau told media in southwest Louisiana that the school system would not seek to have Hargrave prosecuted. Longstanding divisions on the eight-member school board preceded the meeting, according to LeBeouf and board member Kibbie Pillette, both of whom said that a new contract for Puyau give him the opportunity to earn as much as \$38,000 more per year, while the board hasn't raised teacher salaries in more than a decade. Pillette said he wouldn't be surprised if teachers decide to walk out to protest Hargrave's treatment, although they were at work Tuesday.

Other board members either declined comment or didn't respond to queries Tuesday. The Louisiana Association of Educators has a lawyer supporting Hargrave. "As an organization that advocates for the dedicated school employees of Louisiana, we firmly denounce the mistreatment of Ms. Hargrave, a loving parent and dedicated teacher serving the students of Vermilion Parish," the union's statement said. The American Civil Liberties Union of Louisiana said it was investigating as well. "Deyshia Hargrave's expulsion from a public meeting and subsequent arrest are unacceptable and raise serious constitutional concerns," the organization said in an emailed news release.

6 killed as mud sweeps away homes in California burn areas

By CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press
LOS ANGELES (AP) — At least six people were killed and homes were swept from their foundations Tuesday as heavy rain sent mud and boulders sliding down hills stripped of vegetation by a gigantic wildfire that raged in Southern California last month.

Rescue crews used helicopters to lift people to safety because of blocked roads, and firefighters slogged through waist-high mud to pull a muck-covered 14-year-old girl out of the ruins of a home in Montecito, northwest of Los Angeles, where she had been trapped for hours. She was taken away on a stretcher.

Six deaths were confirmed, Santa Barbara County Fire Department Capt. Dave Zaniboni said. Several houses were destroyed, and residents were unaccounted for in neighborhoods hard to reach because of downed trees and power lines, he said. The mud was reported to be 5 feet (1.5 meters) deep in places.

"We're performing multiple rescues. There will be more," Zaniboni said, adding that some of those brought to safety were buried in mud. There was a backlog of scores of callers requesting help.

Sally Brooks said a "boulder slide" occurred outside her home in nearby Carpinteria in the dead of night.

"We were laying in bed listening to the rain, and out of nowhere our bed just started shaking, and we could hear just this, like, thunder," she told KTLA-TV.

Photos posted on social

media showed upside-down cars along debris-clogged roads and mud waist-deep in living rooms. Forecasters said the maximum rainfall occurred in a 15-minute span starting at 3:30 a.m. near the Montecito, Summerland and Carpinteria areas of Santa Barbara County. Montecito got more than a half-inch in five minutes, while Carpinteria received 0.86 inches in 15 minutes. The communities are on foothills below the burn scar of a wildfire that erupted Dec. 4 and became the largest ever recorded in California. It spread over more than 440 square miles (1,140 square kilometers) and destroyed 1,063 homes and other structures. It continues to smolder deep in the wilderness.

Crews worked to clear debris from roads across the Los Angeles metropolitan area, including a key stretch of U.S. 101 that was brought to a standstill along the border of Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. Nearly 30 miles of the highway were shut down at one point.

The storm walloped much of the state with damaging winds and thunderstorms. Downtown San Francisco got a record 3.15 inches (8 centimeters) of rain on Monday, smashing the old mark of 2.36 inches (6 centimeters) set in 1872.

Kansas lawmaker quits posts after remarks about blacks

By JOHN HANNA
Associated Press
TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — A white Kansas lawmaker who suggested at a public forum that blacks were predisposed to abusing drugs resigned from two legislative committee leadership jobs on Tuesday but did not give up his seat in the Legislature.

Republican Rep. Steve Alford, from the western Kansas town of Ulysses, faced calls on social media to leave office altogether from critics who saw his remarks as racist. And a black House member said Alford should resign from the Legislature.

Alford stepped down as chairman of the House Children and Seniors Committee and as vice chairman of a joint legislative task force on child welfare. He won't keep a seat on either panel but will retain other committee assignments.

"We came to a mutual understanding," House Speaker Ron Ryckman Jr., a Kansas City-area Republican, told reporters after meeting Tuesday with Alford. "His remarks were a disappointment and unfortunate."

But Rep. Valdenia Winn, a black Kansas City, Kansas, Democrat, said

Tuesday that Alford should leave the Legislature. She said giving up committee leadership jobs is "insignificant." "Until he resigns from the Legislature, there is no difference," Winn said. "You owe that to your constituents and the state of Kansas."

Alford declined to comment Tuesday after issuing a statement saying he was giving up the two jobs and attending the day's House session.

During the public meeting Saturday in Garden City, Alford discussed his opposition to legalizing any use of marijuana and referenced a time in the 1930s when it was outlawed.

Kansas is one of the few remaining states that haven't legalized some form of medical marijuana, including low-THC marijuana derivatives that can't get a user high. But the legalization question has been percolating in Kansas in recent years.

The 75-year-old Alford said marijuana and other drugs were prohibited partly because blacks responded "the worst" to the drugs "because of their charac-

ter makeup — their genetics and that." None of the roughly 60 people in the crowd was black. One NAACP leader later called Alford "an idiot" over the remarks. Rep. Willie Dove, a black Kansas City-area Republican, said Tuesday that he found Alford's comments "unbelievable" and previously, "There were no signs he felt that way."

Dove said Alford's comments represented "a statement of total ignorance," adding, "I think racism is total ignorance." The Garden City Telegram first reported on the statement Monday and posted a video of it to YouTube. Alford apologized later that day, saying: "I was wrong, I regret my comments, and I sincerely apologize to anyone whom I have hurt."

Alford, a farmer, was first elected to the House in 2010 and became chairman of its Children and Seniors Committee in January 2017. He also was chairman of the child welfare task force last year; its top post rotated to the Senate this year. It's not clear whether Alford will face further disciplinary action. House Majority Leader Don Hineman, also a western Kansas Republican, said he believes Alford leaving his committee leadership jobs should end the matter.

But under the House rules, if a member or members files a formal complaint, Ryckman must appoint an investigating committee to make recommendations on whether a member should be censured or removed. However, no lawmaker has talked publicly so far of filing a complaint against Alford.

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Turnovers costly in Lady Steers' 70-37 loss to Wylie



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring's Aissa Cervantez fights for the ball against a Wylie defender in their district basketball game against the Lady Bulldogs on Tuesday, January 9, 2018.

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers' loss on Tuesday night to the Lady Bulldogs of Wylie was definitely not a pretty one. Turnovers plagued Big Spring for the majority of the game and the girls just could not get their offense going.

The opening quarter of the game seemed promising. While the Lady Steers did start the game with five straight turnovers on

their first five possessions, and ended up with a total of nine turnovers for the quarter, they still managed to stay within two points of Wylie by the end of the first. With made shots by Kayleigh Penny, Logan Terrazas, Trinity Galloway and Aissa Cervantes, Big Spring trailed 11-9 heading into the second.

Things started to get messy later in the half. The Lady Steers could not take care of the ball and strug-

gled to make it out of defensive half court without turning the ball over against Wylie's tough in-your-face defense. Big Spring went on a seven-straight turnover stretch in seven consecutive possessions, and totaled 11 turnovers for the period, making their grand total for the first half 21.

Wylie took advantage as they put up 20 points in the second

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8th grade basketball update



Special to the Herald

On Monday night the 8th grade B team Big Spring took on the Tigers. The game was a highly contested in what was a back-and-forth affair, with neither team leading by more than 3 points. In overtime, the Steers fell to the Tigers 34-33.

The offensive game was spearheaded by Roman Perez, who went 7-11 on free-throws and totaled 5 points from the floor to bring his total to 12, followed by Malachi Renteria, who contributed 5 points.

On defense, the Steers were led by Malachi Renteria who stole the ball 4 times. Quetavian Lewis frustrated whomever he had to guard all night and made them commit many turnovers as well.

The 8th grade A team played a tough back-and-forth game against the Tigers. There were multiple lead changes, and neither team trailed by more than 5 points. The Tigers would ultimately get a 51-46 win over the Steers.

Offensive standouts for the Steers were Javarious Ford and Kaegen Mitchell, both with 14 points each and Sa'Quan Fizer with 7 points.

Defensive standouts were Sa'Quan Fizer, Jonathan Carrillo, and Seth Olsen.

The Steers will return to action on Monday, January 15 in Sweetwater.

Mavericks beat Magic 114-99, stop 3-game slide



AP photo

Dallas Mavericks' Harrison Barnes (40) defends as Orlando Magic Mario Hezonja (8) of Croatia moves to the first half of an NBA basketball game, Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018, in Dallas.

By **SEAN SHAPIRO**
Associated Press

DALLAS — Dennis Smith Jr. and Yogi Ferrell helped set the pace for the Dallas Mavericks in their 114-99 win over the Orlando Magic on Tuesday night.

It started with rebounding.

The 6-foot Ferrell led the team with eight boards, the 6-3 Smith had seven and the Mavericks used that spark to get offense going the other way.

"Me and Yogi run (after rebounding)," Smith said. "We find each other on the break pretty well, and when we can get into the paint it opens up the floor for everybody."

Ferrell said it was a result of the rest of the team boxing out, and he just benefited by grabbing the ball.

"Those guys do the hard part. We do the easy part and get boards," Ferrell said. "When we do that it gets our break started a lot quicker."

It also led to a balanced scoring output for Dallas.

Dirk Nowitzki and Dikr Smith each scored 20 points as the Mavericks stopped a three-game slide. Wesley Matthews had 16 points for Dallas, which got its first win since Dec. 31 against Oklahoma City.

Harrison Barnes and Ferrell scored 15 apiece, while J.J. Barea had 12

assists and eight points. "Yogi came in and really changed the game," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. "His impact on the offensive and defensive ends — his energy was great. In the first half, he was the one guy who was really battling on the boards for us, the shortest guy out there."

Carlisle earned his 708th career win, moving past John MacLeod for 17th in NBA history. Next up is Gene Shue with 784.

Aaron Gordon scored 19 points for Orlando, which has lost five in a row. D.J. Augustin had 18 points, and Marreese Speights finished

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Young's 27 lift No. 9 Oklahoma over No. 8 Texas Tech 75-65



AP photo

Texas Tech's Tommy Hamilton IV (0) shoots the ball over Oklahoma's Khadeem Lattin (3) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in Norman, Okla., Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018.

By **CLIFF BRUNT**

AP Sports Writer

NORMAN, Okla. — Texas Tech's normative defense made Trae Young look like a typical freshman in the first half.

Young was back to being his dynamic self in the second. The national scoring leader had 22 of his 27 points after the break to help No. 9 Oklahoma beat No. 8 Texas Tech 75-65 on Tuesday night.

Young, who also leads the country in assists, made just 1 of 12 shots in the first half. He drained 6 of 11 in the second to help the Sooners bounce back from a loss to No. 2 West Virginia on Saturday.

The Red Raiders simply couldn't keep up with Young for 40 minutes.

"We had a couple lapses, but that's basketball," Texas Tech coach Chris Beard said. "I just think what he does is that he exposes your lapse every time. There are mistakes all over in every game, but there are only certain players like Trae that can put the ball wherever he wants."

Young also had nine assists and four steals for Oklahoma (13-2, 3-1

Big 12), which won its 11th straight at home.

It was a special night for Young, whose father, Rayford, averaged 14.1 points for Texas Tech from 1996 to 2000.

"I had a lot of emotions and I let that get to me," Trae Young said. "I just settled down the second half. Got more spacing and found my teammates in the second half."

Oklahoma shot 56 percent in the second half. Texas Tech entered the night ranked fourth in the nation in scoring defense, allowing 59 points per game.

Christian James had 15 points and Khadeem Lattin added 11 points, eight rebounds and seven blocks for the Sooners.

Lattin anchored a strong defensive effort for a team that is better known for lighting up the scoreboard.

Keenan Evans scored 19 points for Texas Tech (14-2, 3-1). He was the only Red Raider to reach double figures. Tech shot 37 percent overall.

"We didn't give them many easy looks," Oklahoma coach Lon Kruger

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By Steve Becker
Preparing for the unexpected

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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♠AKJ82		♥94	
♥83		♦Q75	
♦A6		♣10852	
♣Q753		♠K1094	

SOUTH		WEST	
♠Q7		♥10653	
♥AK4		♦J10962	
♦KQ3		♣J974	
♣AJ862		♠—	

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♣ Pass
4 ♣ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
5 ♠ Pass 6 ♣

Opening lead — jack of hearts.
There is no time clock that compels declarer to rush headlong into the play of a hand. Speed has its rewards in some games, but bridge is not one of them.

South went down quickly on this deal, where he lost a slam he could have made by playing more slowly. He won the heart lead, played a diamond to the ace, returned a low trump and finessed the jack. The finesse succeeded, but West showed out. Since East still had the K-10-9,

South had to lose two trump tricks and go down one.

The hand demonstrates an important principle of play. South's attitude from the start should have been one of confidence tempered with caution. He should realize immediately that making the slam is a virtual certainty if the trumps are divided 2-2 or 3-1. But he should then ask himself what, if anything, he could do to guard against a 4-0 trump division, a 10 percent possibility.

South should conclude that the slam is unlikely to be made if West has all four trumps, but that it can be made if East has them. Accordingly, South should lead a low trump toward dummy at trick two! After West shows out, dummy's queen loses to the king, but declarer later has no trouble finessing East out of his 10-9-4.

The principle that applies here is a fundamental one. Declarer shapes his play to cater to the normal 2-2 or 3-1 divisions, but at the same time makes allowance for the abnormal 4-0 division.

It is true that declarer will sometimes cost himself a trick by guarding against a bad break, but he will gain many more points in the long run by taking whatever steps he can to improve the likelihood of making his contract.

Tomorrow: Evasive tactics pay off.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mercury Changes Under Scorpio Moon

While Mercury transits Capricorn, we'll want the pertinent information and only that. Edits are appreciated. Small talk is good; miniature talk is better. The Scorpio moon aids in the effort to preserve the sanctity of private things. As George Orwell said in his futuristic classic "1984," "If you want to keep a secret, you must also hide it from yourself."

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're not always in control, and that's part of what makes your life so magical. In your highest hopes you wouldn't have come up with some of these great twists and turns.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). How are you taking care of yourself now? If you were to take 10 percent better care of yourself, what would that look like? Ten percent may not seem like much, but it's more than enough to land you in a completely better circumstance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). With your powers of visualization augmented by the cosmic climate, imagining the best for yourself opens doors in your psyche. You also currently have access to far greater wisdom than you ever knew was inside of you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Responsibilities won't be assigned, and responsible people don't need them to be. They step in and handle what needs to be done like a boss, knowing that the dutiful are also the ones with the most influence.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you're going to measure yourself, you'll use your own standards of excellence for the comparison. You're relatively unconcerned with the competition, which is one of the secrets to your success.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). History is written by the winners. Losing the battle is often also losing your chance to tell the story your way. Knowing this, you'll look back and wonder what else there is to learn. The concept will apply both personally and globally.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've been

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



through hard times, and it's why you're so compassionate with those who are going through it now. It's also why you're so frustrated with those who harden their hearts and turn away from need.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). At the end of the day you will owe your success to a flexible manner of thinking. It won't go according to plan, but it will go, because you had a plan and a goal that you kept moving toward.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Even when you're subject to the will of others and immutable laws of nature you're still perfectly aware of what can be used to your advantage. This keen consciousness will benefit all around you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Strong choices are definitive. They cut you off from the other options. There's beauty in this if you accept it. A decision will be required of you. Once you make your choice, own it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Writing matters. Writing can reveal the message of your heart you didn't even know. One way to galvanize your inner forces is to channel them through the ink of a pen and let them bleed purposefully onto the paper.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your time is too valuable to waste on trying to figure out things that have long been perfected by others. Pony up for the expert work so you can spend your hours taking projects you care about to the next level.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 10). Unseen powers conspire to delight you all year long. Your heart will be light. Someone younger will lift, inspire and motivate you. Unexpected cash will solve a problem before March. The obstacle in May is lucky! You'll find a much

better way. Summer brings education and mind-expanding travel. Virgo and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 2, 11, 40 and 26.

COSMICALLY CURIOUS ABOUT... EMPATHS: People with sensitivities need to leave the house with more than the standard key, wallet and glasses. Yesterday we discussed what an empath shouldn't leave the house without. Here's another item for the list. Before venturing out, an empath really needs:

Tool 2: The full plan.

People think you're this free spirit and that you can just play it by ear and follow your whimsy, but unless that's your full plan -- to make this an exercise in whimsy -- you're much better off outlining an (SET ITAL) actual(END ITAL) plan.

Here's an example of the kind of plan I'm talking about. You've been in this situation: You leave for a party with a group of friends, and you figure you're all going to have fun and come home, end of story. That is not a plan. A plan is: You leave with a group of friends, and you make sure you have a ride-hailing app or an alternative ride home in case your friends have a different idea about the party exit strategy than you do.

As an empath, boundaries and structures allow you to relax and enjoy yourself more than you would otherwise when you don't quite know how long you're going to be in any given environment.

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

ANSWER:





Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)
Big Spring's Kayleigh Penny jumps for the ball at tip off to start their district basketball game against the Lady Bulldogs on Tuesday, January 9, 2018.

Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)
Big Spring's Logan Terrazas puts up a shot in their district basketball game against the Lady Bulldogs on Tuesday, January 9, 2018.

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quarter, compared to Big Spring's five, and sat at a 31-14 lead at halftime.

"The turnover scenario is killing us right now. We are going to get there, I absolutely know it, we just need a little bit more confidence. Our kids know that we can dribble and penetrate against anybody, we just really need to focus on that the next few days," said head girls basketball coach Katie Voss. "I told them at halftime not to go back in and think 'Man we played a great first quarter.' We have been talking, especially after Friday night, that we have got to play for 32 minutes. End of story. We can't play eight minutes here or there like we have been. That first eight minutes was great and our third quarter was great, but they know they have to play the full 32 minutes. Once we learn to put those spurts together and play the whole time like that, we are going to be unstoppable. We really are, we just have to get that mental edge over people where we can play that 32 minutes."

Things went much better for the Lady Steers in the third, but unfortunately they had already dug themselves into too deep of a hole to get themselves out of. Both teams scored 13 points each in the third, and

Big Spring only turned the ball over one time. Big Spring's Penny controlled the boards and scored nine of the team's 13 third quarter points.

The final quarter of the game went something like the second quarter. The Lady Bulldogs outscored the Lady Steers 26-10. Big Spring couldn't seem to refrain from sending Wylie players to the free throw line where they sank the majority of them, giving them an advantage on the scoreboard.

Big Spring's turnover issues resurfaced as they committed seven within the last six and a half minutes of the game. With the final score at a hefty 70-37 Wylie lead as time expired, the Lady Bulldogs grabbed their Wth district win to keep them undefeated.

With the loss, Big Spring sits at an 8-10 record on the season, and falls to 0-2 in district play.

Up next, the Lady Steers will make their way to Sweetwater on Friday, January 12 for their district matchup against the Lady Mustangs. Tip off is scheduled for 6:15 p.m.

"It's going to come. We worked on some things

this week that we saw them do well out there. We also worked on some things that we didn't do well, but we will come in tomorrow and work on that. Friday is not going to be a walk in the park. Yes, Sweetwater is down this year, but that doesn't mean anything. They are going to show up, they're going to compete and play hard," said Voss. "We just have to show up and compete against them. Hopefully we can come in and really capitalize on the good things that we are doing within these next couple of days, kind of get rid of the bad. At least improve on that. We aren't going to get rid of it this week, but hopefully within the next couple of days we can point out and talk about the things we need to improve on that hurt us tonight."

TECH

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said. "A lot of them were contested. They had six assists the whole game so we did a pretty good job of defending shooters and making them earn their points."

Tech led 31-29 at halftime after holding the Sooners, the nation's top scoring team, to 31 percent shooting. Young still made his mark with six assists and four steals in the first half.

Young hit his first 3-pointer nearly three minutes into the second half to give the Sooners a 36-31 lead. He followed that with two more to push the advantage to 11.

Tech later closed the gap to four, but the Sooners bounced back again. Young's 3-pointer on a scramble with just under five minutes left made it 68-59. He found James for a 3-pointer with about two minutes remaining to bump the lead to 13.

BIG PICTURE

Texas Tech: Tech was one of the few teams to really bother Oklahoma's offense for an extended pe-

riod, but the Red Raiders struggled to create open shots and couldn't take advantage on the other end. The Red Raiders also committed 15 turnovers, which helped the Sooners get their fast break going and eventually helped them find their rhythm.

Oklahoma: The Sooners didn't want to lose two games so early in league play in a season where the conference race looks wide open. It was a good experience for Young, who adjusted well against a tough defensive team.

QUOTABLE

Beard on Young: "We had multiple ideas. You can't have just a one layer game plan to play against him because he is just too good."

INJURY UPDATE

Forward Zach Smith was out with a foot injury. The preseason first-team All-Big 12 selection has averaged just 6.5 points per game, but Beard said the Red Raiders missed him.

UP NEXT

Texas Tech: Hosts No. 2 West Virginia on Saturday.

Oklahoma: Hosts No. 16 TCU on Saturday.

MAVS

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with 13 points and 10 rebounds.

The Magic have allowed at least 100 points in four of their last five games and have lost 14 of 15.

"They've just got to do better," coach Frank Vogel said. "We've got to figure that out."

The Magic led 48-43 at halftime, but Nowitzki and Smith helped the Mavericks rally with 15 points apiece in the second half.

With his team leading 66-64 and 4:04 remaining in the third quarter, Ferrell made a pull-up jumper and Barnes followed with another jump shot. The Mavs carried an 82-75 lead into the fourth.

"We didn't stick with the same energy that we had in the first half," Augustin said. "We didn't come out and execute like we were supposed to, like we did in the first half, and it kind of fell apart at the end."

The Magic pulled within four in the final period before the Mavericks closed the game with a 14-3 run over the final four min-

utes.

Dallas shot 51.8 percent from the floor. Orlando shot 45.6 percent and had 13 turnovers in a sloppy offensive performance.

OFF THE BENCH

Gordon didn't start after he violated team rules. Vogel didn't elaborate on what rule, but Gordon indicated it had to do with being late to a team function.

"Obviously, it hurts. I want to be on the floor as much as I can and starting," Gordon said. "I understand that time management is crucial. Being punctual is part of character. Having a high character leads into winning. It's the little things that matter, so I understand why they did it."

THE LOGO

Nowitzki went 7 for 7 from the free throw line and is tied with Jerry West for the sixth-most free throws in NBA history at 7,160. Michael Jordan ranks fifth with 7,327.

UP NEXT

Magic: Visit the Milwaukee Bucks on Wednesday.

Mavericks: Visit the Charlotte Hornets on Wednesday.

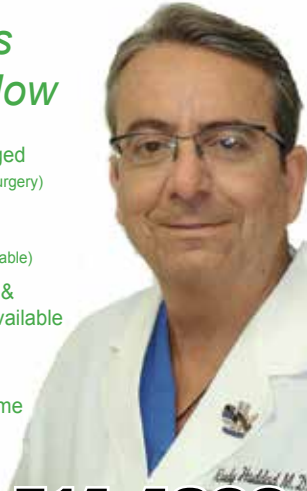
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