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It's time for Empty Bowls



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While these styrofoam bowls were filled with delectable soup at a previous year's United Way "Empty Bowls" event, many people in our community and around the world don't have food to fill their bowls. Through the event, scheduled this Thursday, the United Way is raising money to fill bowls for many people by supporting local charities. In addition to bowls of delicious soup, those in attendance will have the opportunity to select a hand-crafted porcelain bowl to take home.

By AMBER MANSFIELD
 Staff Writer

Empty Bowls is this month, an annual fundraiser put on by The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County, the non-profit organization that helps other local non-profit organizations do their work.

Scheduled for Nov. 15, the program raises money by selling tickets to the frontrunner for the "Tastiest Fundraiser of the Year" title.

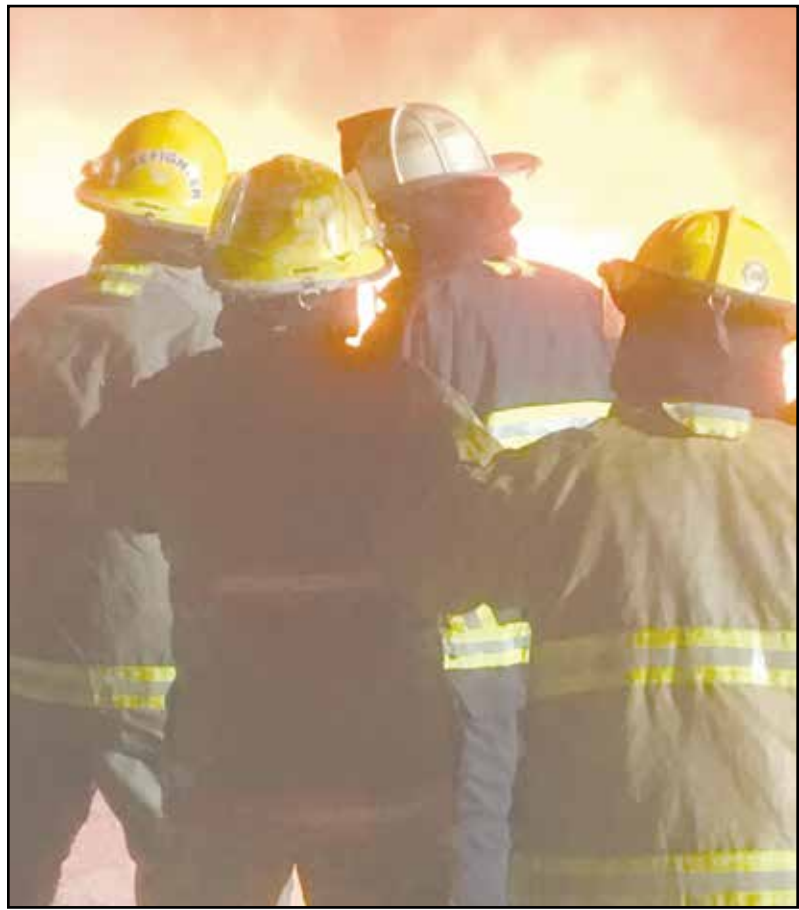
Local restaurants and organizations make and serve up batches of their best soup to ticket holders, who crowd Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, to partake in the hearty treats. Those in attendance also get to pick out a porcelain bowl to take home, hand-crafted by volunteers over the previous weeks.

Twenty-nine chefs, countless volunteers, and hundreds of hungry mouths each year is what makes Empty Bowls a success. The program is one of the most popular fundraisers that the local United Way puts on to help benefit the 15 local partnering agencies that they help support.

"Buy a ticket and come join us, and enjoy a simple meal prepared by local chefs and community members, plus more," said Christian Fair, Executive Director of United Way of Big Spring and Howard County. "Also when you purchase a ticket, it includes with it a hand-crafted bowl made by local art students and community volunteers while supplies last, so be sure to get here early." Doors open at the Coliseum at 11:30 a.m.

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Commissioners to consider bunker gear purchase



HERALD file photo

In this photo from April 2017, Howard County volunteer firefighters wear bunker gear as they battle a blaze at an oil well in Northern Howard County. HCVFD Chief Mitchell Hooper has requested funds from Howard County to pay for new bunker gear for the volunteers, and the item will be discussed at the Howard County Commissioners Court meeting at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday.

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

The allocation of funds for new firefighting gear is on the agenda for Howard County commissioners to discuss at their meeting Wednesday. The commissioners will meet at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the third-floor courtroom of the Howard County Courthouse, 300 S. Main St.

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Gingerbread winner



By AMBER MANSFIELD
 Staff Writer

All gingerbread house makers and builders, bust out the gumdrops and icing, as the Big Spring Heritage Museum helps the community get in the Christmas spirit as they hosting their annual gingerbread contest for the Howard County public.

"This is just something

See **GINGERBREAD**, Page 3

HERALD file photo

In this Dec. 2017 photo, Jessica Rivera poses with her grand prize winning gingerbread house. Sign up for this year's annual Big Spring Heritage Museum

Gingerbread House Contest is required by Nov. 2; all entries are due by Dec. 4.

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Coffee, cake, and Christmas



HERALD photo/Amber Mansfield
 Sunday, Nov. 11, the Heritage Museum of Big Spring opened its doors to let local artist Terry Chaney host "Coffee, Cake, and Canvas," a paint-and-sip Christmas event for those who signed up. Guest to the event were able to enjoy refreshments and listen to Christmas music, while getting instruction from Chaney on creating a painting of a snowman to take home or give it as a gift if they choose. This Saturday, Chaney will host an ornament making event at the museum, where guests will each craft two ornaments to take home. For more information or to sign up, call the Big Spring Heritage Museum at 432-267-8255.

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Obituaries

Bonnie "GRAN" Stiehl



Bonnie "GRAN" Stiehl, 91, of Big Spring, passed away Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. following the visitation. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Bonnie was born March 1, 1927, in Coleman County, Texas, to Lizzie Belle Vandyke Slate and James Monroe Slate. She married J. D. Stiehl on Feb. 2, 1947, in Big Spring, Texas. He preceded her in death on Dec. 27, 2002. She was a homemaker

and a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

She is survived by one son, Freddie Stiehl and wife Mariana of Venezuela; one daughter, Jimmie Stiehl of Big Spring; one brother, Edward Slate and wife Jean of Big Spring; seven grandchildren, Amber Gutierrez, Amy Stiehl, James Stiehl, Brandi Gutierrez, April Gutierrez, Stephanie Stiehl and Bryan Stiehl; seven great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Pauline Kizer and Ruth Brock and two brothers: James Slate and Freddie Slate.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Paid Obituary

Mary Alice Christian



Mary Alice Christian, 70, passed away on Nov. 8, 2018, at her residence in Big Spring, Texas. Memorial Service will be at 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018, at Myers & Smith Chapel.

A lifelong resident of Texas, she was born on July 4, 1948, to Claud E., and Ruby Lee (Langley) Collins in Knox City, Texas. She attended schools in Knox City and O'Brien and was a lifelong member of the Knox City Four Square Church. She met Raymond Wesley Christian while working as a waitress in Knox City. The couple married on Aug. 19, 1967, in Pecos, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Claud E. and Ruby Lee Collins; her husband, Raymond Wesley Christian in 2016; four sisters, Etta Louise Burt, Betty Ann Runnels, Diane Calvert and Janice Elaine Clark; two brothers, Jerry Bob Johnson and Phillip Michael Collins.

She is survived by her three sisters; Nancy and the late Darrell Ashley of Big Spring, Claudie (Robby) Anderson of Haskell, Texas, Cynthia (Calvin) Cole of West Columbia, Texas and one brother, Sonny (Susie) Adams of Lubbock; daughters, Patricia (Tommy) Wells of Homer, Alaska; Amanda Christian and her partner, David Fort, of Big Spring, Cynthia (Ruby) Christian, Merri Etta (Junior) Rodriguez; and a son, Claud (Maggie) Christian. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren, including Whitney (Jeremy) Rios of Big Spring, Tommy Wells Jr. of Ranger, Texas, Kayme Brooke (Tanner) Fountain of Big Spring, Bobby Wells of Big Spring, Jennifer Lopez, Jennie Lopez and Gilbert Lopez Jr., all of Big Spring, Andrea Silva of Houston, Destiny Christian of Odessa, Texas, Courtney Christian of Springfield, Missouri, Des'Rae (Dizzy) Christian, Zyneka Christian and Veronica Christian, all of Big Spring, and Taylor Christian and Marissa Rodriguez, both of Big Spring, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and lifelong friends.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **GABRIEL LEE MARTINEZ**, 29, of 1401 N Hwy 87 Apartments, was arrested on a warrant of theft of property in between \$750 and \$2,500.

- **ADRAIN RICARDO DE-**

HOYOS, 26, was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

- **BURGLARY OF BUILDING** was reported in the 2100 block of S Scurry St., in the 300 block of N 2nd St.

- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1300 block of E 4th

St.

- **FOLLOW UP REPORT** was reported in the 3600 block of W Hwy 80, in the 1100 block of Lloyd Ave.

- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1900 block of N Hwy 80.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 84 inmates at the time of this report.

- **PRESTON KEITH ALEXANDER**, 20, was arrested by HCSO on warrants of assault of causes bodily injury, graffiti pecuniary loss.

- **ADALBERTO LOZANO CALIXTO**, 27, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of bail jumping and failure to appear, assault causes bodily injury, driving while license invalid, and on a charge of failure to identify.

- **ADRAIN RICARDO DEHOYOS**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

- **ABEL YHARTE GOMEZ**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of possession of controlled substance in between 4 to 200 grams.

- **JACK PATRICK GRAHMANN**, 23, was arrested by HCSO on charges of possession of marijuana less than two ounces, and aggravated with deadly weapon.

- **JAMES DEWAYNE HEADRICK**, 46, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of bail jumping and failure to appear.

- **MARCUS A HERNANDEZ**, 17, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of controlled substance 3 to 28 grams.

- **PARTICK TERRALL KESLER**, 39, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of parole violation.

- **EDWARD LOPEZ**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of parole violation.

- **GABRIEL LEE MARTINEZ**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of theft of property in between \$750 and \$2,500.

- **TANYA MARIE REGAN**, 34, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of aggravated sexual assault child.

- **PHILLIP CHRISTOPHER RIOS**, 19, was arrested by BSPD on charges of criminal trespass, and possession of controlled substance less than one gram.

- **FREDRICK RUBIO JR.**, 29, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of assault causes bodily injury family.

- **ASHLEY SAIZ**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property in between \$100 to \$750.

- **ALANA DIANE SANCHEZ**, 41, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of criminal trespass.

- **STEPHANIE ANN STERLING**, 40, was arrested by HCSO on warrants of theft of property in between \$1,500 and \$20,000, and theft of property by check.

- **ROCKY ZARRAGE**, 37, was arrested by BSPD on charges on two counts of evading arrested detention, and on reckless driving.

Take Note

The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

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- Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you. Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more. To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

- The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit

dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

- The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors

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Support Groups

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- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

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

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

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

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

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.

THURSDAY

- 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.

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BOWLS

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Nov. 15, and serving continues until 1 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

The event was first organized and brought to Big Spring by Rev. Ken McIntosh, former Howard College art professor Stacy Slaten, and former Big Spring High School art instructor Judith Tereletsy.

The concept of Empty Bowls, an international project, is that by guests choosing and keeping a handcrafted bowl before being served up soups and and chilis, they will be reminded of all of the many empty bowls around

the world and choose to donate to help feed others.

"Empty Bowls is a great cause and a great way to showcase what United Way is all about," said Fair. "Without United Way, there would be so many empty bowls."

"It's a great community thing to come to," said Lindsey Green, a 2017 empty bowls attendee. "There are some really amazing soups and some really talented bowls that are made by locals. It's a lot of fun, and it just shows how United Way serves our community well."

The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County benefits the American Red Cross, the Boy Scouts, CASA,

Dora Roberts Rehab Center, the Emergency Service Chaplain Corps, the Girl Scouts, Isaiah 58, Mobile Meals, Northside Community Center, Spring of Siloam, The Salvation Army, The Boys and Girls Club, Victim Services, Westside Community Day Care, and the YMCA.

"We unite people and resources to build a stronger community, and work with our community to raise awareness and funds for our partner agencies though several different efforts," said Fair. "The fundraising goal for the 2019 year is \$300,000. We work with our community to raise awareness and funds for our partner agencies though several different ef-

forts, like the Empty Bowls."

United Way's goal is to create long-lasting changes by addressing the causes of these problems. "Living United" means being a part of the change. It takes everyone in the community working together to create a brighter future.

The local United Way offices are located at the Chamber of Commerce, 215 W 3rd St. For more information about United Way or Empty Bowls email uway@bigspringtx.com, or call 432-267-5201.

Contact Staff Writer Amber Mansfield at 432-263-7331 ext. 234, or by email at life@bigspringherald.com.

GINGERBREAD

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for the community to get together to enjoy, and bring the Christmas season out in them," said Museum Director Tammy Schrecengost. "You don't have to make anything fancy, but certainly can if you want."

Tammy suggests the pre-made gingerbread kits at Wal-Mart and H-E-B to help get you started, and if you want to expand from there, you may do so.

"Registrations forms are due by Dec. 2 and people

can pick up the forms either at the Heritage, the or print one off our Facebook," said Schrecengost. "Entries must be delivered to the Museum between noon and 4 p.m. on Dec. 4, 2017."

Gingerbread creations will remain on display at the Museum from Dec. 5 through Dec. 21, 2017.

"The winner will be chosen by a People's Choice Vote and announced on Dec. 20. The Grand Prize Winner will receive \$100.00," said Schrecengost. "Remember to please call, email, or drop off the registration form by Dec. 2, 2018."

"Just remember to have fun with this, and let your inner Christmas spirt shine." Said Tammy.

"This sort of event is meant to bring families together to have a good time, and to bring out your inner child."

Even if you don't feel like entering this year, be sure to come see all the gingerbread homes that will be put together at the Big Spring Heritage Museum located at 510 Scurry.

Contact Staff Writer Amber Mansfield at 432-263-7331 ext. 234, or by email at life@bigspringherald.com.

COUNTY

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The item is in response to a request from Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief Mitchell Hooper for funds to purchase bunker gear for the county's volunteer fire department. Bunker gear is the suit of protective clothing, boots, helmet, gloves, etc. worn by firefighters while extinguishing fires in the course of their duties. The agenda item doesn't clarify how many suits of bunker gear are being requested for purchase.

In other business, the commissioners will:

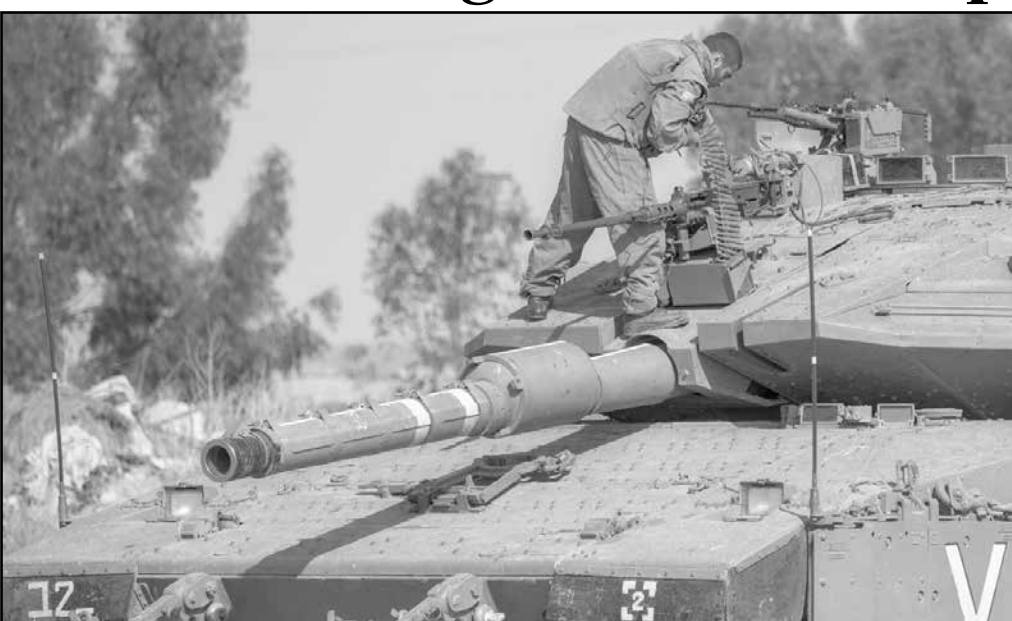
- Discuss a possible zoning change from single-family dwelling (SF-2) to multi-family (MF) zoning designation.
- Consider and possibly approve invoices, purchase requests, and budget amendments.
- Consider and possibly approve payroll and personnel considerations.
- Consider and possibly take action on the Road and Bridge Department's Drug/Alcohol and Accident Reporting policies.
- Consider and possibly take action on a requested pipeline right-of-way at the old Howard County Airport land by Delek US refinery.
- Consider taking action on roadway maintenance updates.

Hear a presentation of the County Clerk's monthly report.

If you would like to address the commissioners during the meeting, plan to arrive a few minutes early to fill out a brief form alerting them of your intent to speak. Contact Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman at 432-264-2202 for more information.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235, or by email at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

Rocket barrages from Gaza prompt more Israeli airstrikes



An Israeli soldier stands on a tank near the Israel Gaza border, Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2018.

Haniyeh meanwhile signaled a readiness to halt the latest round of fighting, saying the Islamic militant group would stop its rocket fire if Israel halts its airstrikes.

The heavy exchange of fire, which was triggered by a botched Israeli undercover raid into Hamas-ruled Gaza late Sunday, marked the most serious escalation since an Israel-Hamas war in 2014.

International mediators appealed for restraint, hoping to avert another war.

The Israeli military said some 400 rockets and mortars have been launched from Gaza since Monday afternoon, with about 100 of them intercepted by Israel's Iron Dome defense system.

Israel said it has struck more than 100 targets it says are linked to militants in Gaza, including a strike that destroyed Hamas' TV station. Three other buildings believed to be connected to Hamas were destroyed, it said.

On Tuesday, Gaza's Health Ministry said three Palestinians in their 20s were killed in separate airstrikes, raising the number killed since the Israeli offensive began to seven, including five mili-

tants. At least 25 people have been wounded.

Israeli medical officials said a 48-year-old man was found early Tuesday under the rubble of a building hit by a rocket in the southern city of Ashkelon.

Relatives in the West Bank town of Halhoul identified the man as Mahmoud Abu Asbeh, a Palestinian laborer who had been working in Israel. He left a wife and six children behind.

"Everyone in town is sad. It's God's will and there's nothing we can do about it," said his cousin, Jihad Abu Asbeh.

Nearly 30 people have been wounded in Israel, three critically, according to medical officials.

The military said jets struck several "key strategic" Hamas targets, including military compounds, rocket launching posts and part of its vast underground tunnel network. Also targeted was a Gaza

City building serving Hamas' military and intelligence forces that houses a munitions warehouse.

It was unclear whether Netanyahu was prepared to escalate the offensive. Earlier this week, he said he was trying to avoid an unnecessary war.

Israel has fought three wars with Hamas since the Islamic militant group seized control of Gaza in 2007.

By ARON HELLER and FARES AKRAM

Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Gaza militants fired dozens of rockets at southern Israel on Tuesday, killing a man in a strike on a residential building and vowing to further escalate their attacks if Israel keeps bombing the Palestinian territory.

As fighting raged throughout the day, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met with his Security Cabinet for six hours. The Cabinet ordered the military to "continue operations as needed."

Hamas leader Ismail

Lift every voice and sing



HERALD photo/Jordan Parr

The newly formed Big Spring Community Chorale performs Sunday afternoon at First United Methodist Church in Big Spring. Sunday's performance was the first ever public appearance of the choir. The concert included songs by American composers and arrangers, and a salute to Veterans. A reception was held in the church's Dorothy Garrett Fellowship Hall following the show.

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Jack "Pee Wee" Taylor, 63, died Thursday. Services are pending.

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Winter storm dumps snow in Texas, western Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — An early season winter storm has dumped up to 7 inches of snow in the Texas Panhandle and lesser amounts in the western half of Oklahoma as it moves toward Arkansas.

Meteorologist John Cockrell with the National Weather Service in Amarillo said Monday that the heaviest snowfall was reported around Amarillo.

No injuries or significant damage are reported as the system moved across the region. The weather service says are snow-packed, but no road closings are reported.

Snow accumulation of 2½ inches were recorded in Boise City and 2 inches in Guymon, both in the Oklahoma Panhandle, with 1-2 inches reported in western Oklahoma.

The system extended as far east as Oklahoma City where 1-2 inches of snow is possible before the system moves into northwest Arkansas where amounts of up to 2 inches are forecast.

Experts raise concerns about Texas Ike Dike proposal

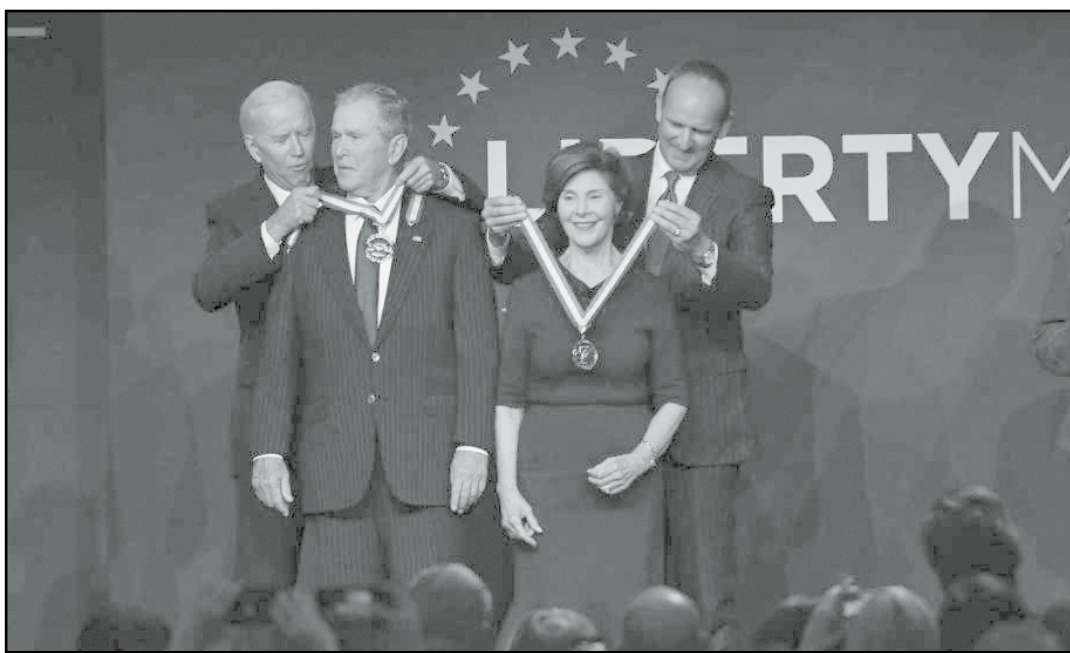
HOUSTON (AP) — Rice University researchers are raising concerns about the Army Corps of Engineers and the Texas General Land Office's \$31 billion proposal to protect the Houston-Galveston region from devastating storm surge with levees and sea gates.

The Houston Chronicle reports that Rice professors plan to raise questions about the proposed coastal protection project known as the "Ike Dike" during the public comment period. The project is being studied before the agencies send the proposal to Congress to consider funding.

Plans for the complex 70-mile system running from High Island to the San Luis Pass are still at least a decade away from being finished.

Rice professor Jim Blackburn says the Corps' initial study was incomplete and didn't account for more powerful storms that've swept through the Gulf Coast and the Caribbean in recent years.

George W. Bush, Laura Bush honored for work with veterans



Former U.S. Vice President Joe Biden, from left, bestows a medal on former U.S. President George W. Bush as former first lady Laura Bush has the same bestowed by Doug DeVos, executive committee chairman for the National Constitution Center, at the National Constitution Center, Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018 in Philadelphia. Both received the 30th annual Liberty Medal, an honor given to those who are committed to freedom and human rights globally.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Former U.S. military veterans since leaving President George W. Bush and former first lady Laura Bush were awarded the National Constitution Center's Liberty Medal for their work with

U.S. military veterans since leaving the White House.

Former Vice President Joe Biden presented the award to the couple at the Philadelphia history museum on

AP photo

Sunday, Veterans Day. Outside the center, a group of several protesters from the group Veterans Against The War protested the award, WCBS-TV reported.

Laura Bush spoke of support for military spouses and caregivers, advocating to recognizing them for their efforts and asked government and non-governmental programs working with veterans to consider their needs.

The former president said he was honored to receive the award that he was proud to follow in his father's footsteps "once again."

Former President George H.W. Bush, alongside former President Bill Clinton, were both awarded the medal in 2006.

This is the second year that Biden has taken part in the Liberty Medal ceremony. Last year, he presented the award to the late U.S. Sen. John McCain, who died in August.

Before the medal was awarded, Biden gifted the Texas-native Bushes with a pair of Philadelphia Eagles jerseys, ahead of the team's home game against the Dallas Cowboys. Bush was in attendance at the game later Sunday and performed the coin flip.

Migrant caravan moving to western Mexico city of Guadalajara

IRAPUATO, Mexico (AP) — Several thousand Central American migrants marked a month on the road Monday as they hitched rides to the western Mexico city of Guadalajara and toward the U.S. border.

Most appear intent on taking the Pacific coast route northward to the border city of Tijuana, which is still about 1,550 miles (2,500 kilometers) away. The migrants have come about 1,200 miles (1,900 kilometers) since they started out in Honduras around Oct. 13.

But whereas they previously suffered from the heat



Central American migrants, part of the caravan hoping to reach the U.S. border, get a ride on trucks, in Celaya, Mexico, Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018.

on their journey through Honduras, Guatemala and southern Mexico, they now trek to highways wrapped in blankets to fend off the morning chill.

Karen Martinez of Copan, Honduras and her three children were bundled up with jackets, scarves and a blanket.

"Sometimes we go along laughing, sometimes crying, but we keep on going," she said.

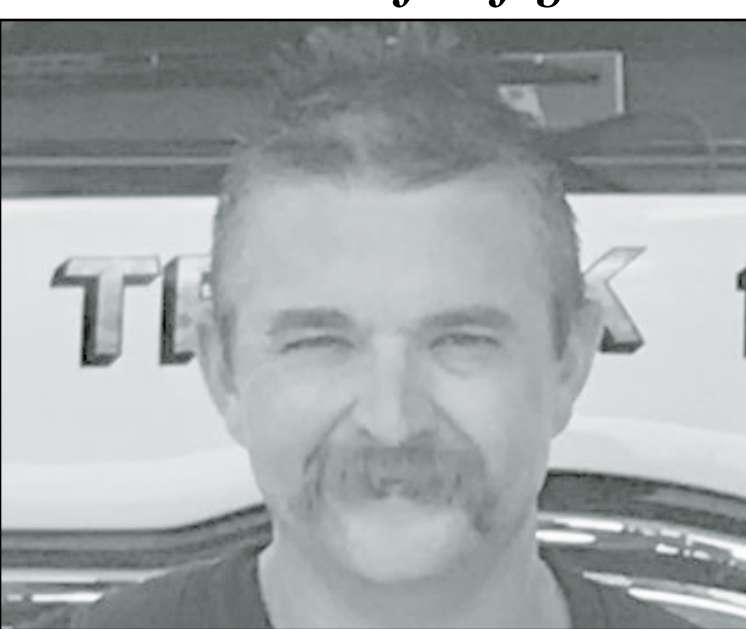
While the caravan previously averaged only about 30 miles (50 kilometers) per day, they are also now covering daily distances of 185 miles (300 kilometers) or more, partly because they are relying on hitchhiking rather than walking.

On Monday morning, migrants gathered on a

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Houston-area firefighter killed during argument



AP photo

This file photo provided by The Woodlands Fire Department shows firefighter Nicholas Daniel.

MONTGOMERY, Texas (AP) — Investigators say a Houston-area homeowner has fatally shot an off-duty firefighter after both attended a party and later got into a physical fight.

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office says Nicholas Daniel was shot during an altercation Sunday in Montgomery. The shooting will be referred to a grand jury.

A statement Monday on behalf of The Woodlands Fire Department says the 38-year-old Daniel

was hired in 2015 and wasn't on duty when shot.

Sheriff's Lt. Scott Spencer says Daniel and another man attended a party Saturday night and the dispute allegedly involved text messages.

The shooting happened later at the second man's residence. Spencer says the homeowner reported he felt threatened when Daniel drove up, opened the door of the home and they fought.

The homeowner contacted deputies after the shooting.

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Issues galore, resources limited for typical US Olympic org

By EDDIE PELLIS

AP National Writer
Soon after he accepted the thankless task of trying to rebuild the sprawling, fractured operation at USA Track and Field, Doug Logan received a one-line text from the NBA commissioner at the time, David Stern: "You only take the easy ones."

Logan laughed. Deep down, the former commissioner of Major League Soccer knew if he did what was necessary, he'd make enemies and be gone in a few years.

He lasted 26 months — not very surprising given the world of Olympic-style politics, infighting, limited resources and multilayered demands he walked into.

"There's the old cliché of 'low risk, high reward,'" Logan said. "Taking a job like that, it's 'high risk, low reward.'"

As the new CEO of the U.S. Olympic Committee, Sarah Hirshland, or any of the three recently ousted leaders of USA Gymnastics can attest to, the task of running an organization in the U.S. Olympic world looks like a job description from hell:



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In this Feb. 21, 2014 file photo women's slalom gold medal winner Mikaela Shiffrin of the United States poses for photographers with the U.S. flag at the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics in Krasnaya Polyana, Russia.

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Ultimately, neither the USA Gymnastics board of directors nor the two leaders it chose to reboot the federation

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Questions and answers about Trump's new immigration ban



AP photo

President Donald Trump talks to the media before boarding Marine One on the South Lawn of the White House, Friday, Nov. 9, 2018, in Washington.

By ELLIOT SPAGAT

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — President Donald Trump ordered Friday that anyone who enters the U.S. illegally from Mexico by going around official border crossings is ineligible for asylum.

His edict takes aim at the cherished principle of asylum, which grants haven to people who flee persecution on grounds of race, religion, nationality, political opinion and other factors.

Illegal border crossings are low compared to the 1980s, 1990s and 2000s but there's no question the asylum system is under severe strain.

Here are questions and answers about the new rules:

WHAT DOES THE NEW BAN DO?

The president is denying asylum to people who enter the country from Mexico without going through official border crossings, effective Saturday.

That means people can keep claiming asylum if they present themselves to U.S. authorities at any of the 26 border crossings with Mexico. But it's now banned anywhere else along the border.

For example, tens of thousands of immigrants in recent years have been showing up in the Arizona desert or crossing the Rio Grande in Texas and then turning themselves in to border agents and seeking asylum. Under the new rules, those immigrants will now face steep barriers to getting in the country — and deportation in many cases.

The government says about 70,000 people who went around official crossings in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30 sought asylum. Another 24,000 presented themselves to U.S. inspectors.

WHY DOES THE ADMINISTRATION SAY THE ASYLUM SYSTEM IS IN CRISIS?

The United States fielded 331,700 asylum claims last year, nearly double from two years earlier and surpassing Germany as highest in the world, according to the UN Refugee Agency. Many are families and young children fleeing gangs and poverty in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador.

The surge has contributed to an enormous backlog in immigration courts, which is where asylum cases must be decided if the applicant passes an initial screening. The backlog has more than doubled to 1.1 million cases in about two years, Syracuse University's Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse reported this week.

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Comic book genius Stan Lee, Spider-Man creator, dies at 95

By LINDSEY BAHR

AP Film Writer

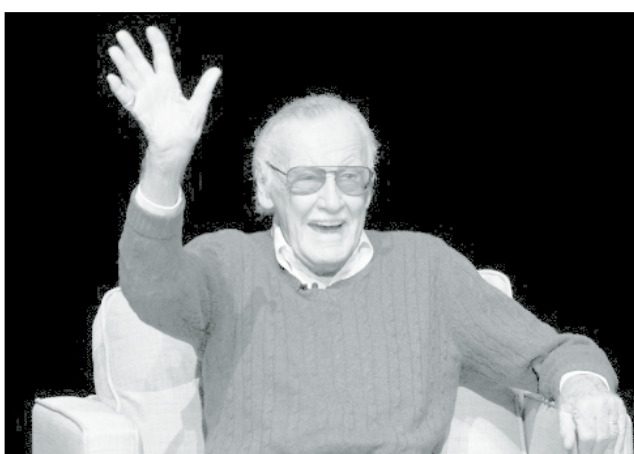
LOS ANGELES — Stan Lee, the creative dynamo who revolutionized the comic book and helped make billions for Hollywood by introducing human frailties in superheroes such as Spider-Man, the Fantastic Four and the Incredible Hulk, died Monday. He was 95.

Lee was declared dead at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, according to Kirk Schenck, an attorney for Lee's daughter, J.C. Lee.

As the top writer at Marvel Comics and later as its publisher, Lee was widely considered the architect of the contemporary comic book. He revived the industry in the 1960s by offering the costumes and action craved by younger readers while insisting on sophisticated plots, college-

level dialogue, satire, science fiction, even philosophy.

Millions responded to the unlikely mix of realistic fantasy, and many of his characters, including Spider-Man, the Hulk and X-Men went on to become stars of blockbuster films. Recent projects he helped make possible range from the films "Avengers: Infinity War," "Black Panther" and "Guardians of the Galaxy" to such TV series as "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D." and "Daredevil." Lee was recognizable to



AP photo

In this Aug. 22, 2017, file photo, comic book writer Stan Lee waves to the audience after being introduced onstage at the "Extraordinary: Stan Lee" tribute event at the Saban Theatre in Beverly Hills, Calif.

his fans — he had cameos in Marvel films and TV projects — his

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highway leading out of the central city of Irapuato looking for rides to Guadalajara about 150 miles (242 kilometers) away.

"Now the route is less complicated," Martinez said.

Indeed, migrants have hopped aboard so many different kinds of trucks that they are no longer surprised by anything. Some have stacked themselves four levels high on a truck intended for pigs. Others have boarded a truck carrying a shipment of coffins.

Many, especially men, travel on open platform trailers used to transport steel and cars, or get in the freight containers of 18-wheelers and ride with one of the back doors open to provide air flow.

But the practice is not without dangers.

Earlier, a Honduran man in the caravan died when he fell from a platform truck in the Mexican state of Chiapas.

Jose Alejandro Caray, 17, of Yoro, Honduras, fell a week ago and injured his knee.

"I can't bend it," Caray said, as he watched other migrants swarm aboard tractor-trailers. "Now I'm afraid to get on," he said. "I prefer to wait for a pickup truck."

After several groups got lost after clambering on semitrailers, caravan coordinators began encouraging migrants to ask drivers first or have someone ride in the cab so they could tell the driver where to turn off.

Over the weekend, the central state of Queretaro reported 6,531 migrants moving through the state, although another caravan was further behind and expected to arrive in Mexico City on Mon-

day. The caravan became a campaign issue in U.S. midterm elections and U.S. President Donald Trump has ordered the deployment of over 5,000 military troops to the border to fend off the migrants. Trump has insinuated without proof that there are criminals or even terrorists in the group.

Many say they are fleeing rampant poverty, gang violence and political instability primarily in the Central American countries of Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador and Nicaragua.

Mexico has offered refuge, asylum or work visas, and its government said 2,697 temporary visas had been issued to individuals and families to cover them during the 45-day application process for more permanent status.

But most migrants vow to continue to the United States.

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Asylum seekers are often released, many with ankle monitors, while their cases wind through court for years. The Trump administration calls it "catch and release" and notes that, while about 8 of 10 asylum seekers pass the initial screening, known as a "credible fear" interview, most are ultimately unsuccessful in court.

There are many reasons why the courts are broken. Immigrant advocates point to a shortage of judges.

WILL IT WORK?

Almost immediately, the American Civil Liberties Union sued over the president's order in federal court in San Francisco, seeking to declare it invalid and stop it from going into effect while litigation is pending.

Trump is invoking the same extraordinary powers he used to ban travel to the U.S. from several predominantly Muslim countries, which was upheld by the Supreme Court in June. Under a section of federal immigration law, the president may deny entry to "any class of aliens" whose presence is deemed "detrimental to the interests of the United States."

But under the Immigration and Nationality Act, anyone can apply for asylum no matter how or where they enter the country. And the 1951 United Nations Refugee Convention, of which the U.S. is a signatory, says people may apply for asylum even if they enter a country illegally.

Administration officials argue that U.S. law already has some bars on asylum — being part of a terrorist organization or having committed a serious crime, for example — and that "withholding of removal" and protection under the U.N. Convention Against Torture.

The administration also emphasizes that people can still seek asylum at official crossings instead of entering the country illegally by going around them, but that poses logistical challenges. Asylum seekers currently wait in Mexican border cities — up to five weeks in Tijuana — because inspectors at U.S. crossings say they don't have the capacity to process their claims.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE IMMIGRANTS?

Under the new rule, immigrants caught crossing the border and seeking asylum will be transported to a nearby port of entry and denied asylum if they seek it.

They will be allowed to seek other, more limited forms of protection but the initial screening, known as a "reasonable fear" interview, is much harder to pass. And these variations of asylum — "withholding of removal" and protection under the U.N. Convention Against Torture — don't offer a path to a green card or allow for family members to come.

If they don't clear this step, immigrants will be detained and put into deportation proceedings.

But this creates other issues. There is limited jail space to detain immigrants, along with several hurdles to deport immigrants back to Central America. In addition, child immigrants seeking asylum have different sets of protections that will complicate the process even more.

And it's too early to tell if the ban will affect caravans of Central American immigrants that have drawn the wrath of the president as they slow make their way to the U.S. If they opt to show up at a port of entry like previous caravans did, then the new rules won't restrict them from seeking asylum here.

LEE

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hair gray and his glasses slightly tinted.

"I think everybody loves things that are bigger than life. ... I think of them as fairy tales for grown-ups," he told The Associated Press in a 2006 interview. "We all grew up with giants and ogres and witches. Well, you get a little bit older and you're too old to read fairy tales. But I don't think you ever outgrow your love for those kind of things, things that are bigger than life and magical and very imaginative."

Lee considered the comic-book medium an art form and he was prolific: By some accounts, he came up with a new comic book every day for 10 years.

"I wrote so many I don't even know. I wrote either hundreds or thousands of them," he told the AP in 2006.

He hit his stride in the 1960s when he brought the Fantastic Four, the Hulk, Spider-Man, Iron Man and numerous others to life.

"It was like there was something in the air. I couldn't do anything wrong," he recalled.

His heroes, meanwhile, were a far cry from virtuous dogooders such as rival DC Comics' Superman.

The Fantastic Four fought with each other. Spider-Man was goaded into superhero work by his alter ego, Peter Parker, who suffered from unrequited crushes, money problems and dandruff. The Silver Surfer, an alien doomed to wander Earth's atmosphere, waxed about the woe of nature of man. The Hulk was marked by self-loathing. Daredevil was blind and Iron Man had a weak heart.

"The beauty of Stan Lee's characters is that they were characters first and superheroes next," Jeff Kline, executive producer of the "Men in Black" animated television series, told The Blade of Toledo, Ohio, in 1998.

Some of Lee's creations became symbols of social change — the inner turmoil

of Spider-Man represented '60s America, for example, while The Black Panther and The Savage She-Hulk mirrored the travails of minorities and women.

Lee scripted most of Marvel's superhero comics himself during the '60s, including the Avengers and the X-Men, two of the most enduring. In 1972, he became Marvel's publisher and editorial director; four years later, 72 million copies of Spider-Man were sold.

"He's become our Mickey Mouse," he once said of the masked, web-crawling crusader.

Lee also published several books, including "The Superhero Women" in 1977 and "How to Draw Comics the Marvel Way" the following year, when he was named publisher of the year by the Periodical and Book Association of America.

CBS turned the Hulk into a successful TV series, with Bill Bixby and Lou Ferrigno portraying the doomed scientist from 1978-82. A Spider-Man series ran briefly in 1978. Both characters were featured in animated TV series as well.

The first big-budget movie based on Lee's characters, "X-Men," was a smash in 2000, earning more than \$130 million at North American theaters. "Spider-Man" did even better, taking in more than \$400 million in 2002. A Marvel movie empire would emerge after that, one of the most lucrative mega-franchises in cinema history, with the recent "Avengers: Infinity War" grossing more than \$2 billion worldwide. In 10 years, the Marvel Cinematic Universe film shave netted over \$17.6 billion in worldwide grosses.

Lee's wife and partner in nearly everything, Joan Lee, died on July 6, 2017, leaving a void that made her husband, by then in mental and physical decline, vulnerable to hangers-on who began to surround him. Lawsuits, court fights and an elder abuse investigation all emerged in the fight over who spoke for the elderly Lee.

Lee is survived by his daughter, Joanie, and a younger brother who also worked in comics, Larry Lieber.

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were up to these tasks. That led Hirshland to call for the dismantling of the national governing body (NGB) torn apart by a sex-abuse scandal it couldn't prevent, recognize or rebuild from. Hirshland's own future will be decided in part by what the USOC does to replace the agency it seeks to tear apart.

USA Gymnastics is only one of 50 national governing bodies — all with differing sizes, agendas, budgets and staffs — but with this common thread:

"You have to not only look for ways to grow your sport, but also for ways to support your sport at the highest level," said Rich Bender, the CEO of USA Wrestling. "At times, you can get conflicted. One of the realities is, those NGBs that have found success have been able to marry the two."

When Congress adopted the Ted Stevens Amateur Sports Act in 1978, its main motivation was to wrest control of the individual sports from the grip of the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU), which regulated most Olympic sports and often adopted rules that didn't allow them to function well at the highest levels.

The law, likely to be revisited and tweaked in the wake of the sex-abuse scandal, established the modern-day USOC and gave it authority to choose which organizations would oversee the dozens of sports on the Olympic program.

Those organizations, the annual revenues of which fall in the range of anywhere from \$750,000 (USA Badminton) to \$35 million (USA Track and Field, US Ski and Snowboard), are in control of much more than producing gold-medal Olympians, however.

"A lot of these NGBs have an executive, and he or she is doing press releases, folding towels and making sure they have a place to stay at the Olympics," said Bob Condon, a longtime Olympic insider who worked at the USOC. "A lot don't have the resources to do what they're supposed to do."

Jim Scherr, the former CEO of the USOC, ticked off no fewer than a dozen roles a typical NGB has to fulfill.

Among them: managing youth sports; developing athlete pipelines; liaising with the NCAA, which is a key part of that pipeline in the United States; marketing, promoting and delivering local programs and services; event management, both local and national; fundraising; sponsorship; media; ticketing; licensing; managing hundreds of volunteers whose only compensation are recognition and occasional access to events.

Board members that oversee the staff and set the direction of the organization are volunteers — usually not well versed in most, if not all, of these areas.

"There's a cycle," Scherr said. "Boards will focus for a while on athletic performance and hire someone who's an expert there. Then, they'll say, 'We've lost sight of the bottom line,' and the sports person will get replaced with someone they think can steward those resources. Then, that will get solidified and they'll want someone who can drive media rights."

"Then, eventually, the focus shifts back to sports."

Until, that is, the cycle is interrupted by an unexpected crisis, which is where USA Gymnastics and, to some extent, the USOC, now find themselves.

Sex abuse has, for now, replaced doping as the crisis that most Olympic organizations were not built to deal with. As the dig-out begins, Hirshland will have to find a leader for gymnastics who, first and foremost, understands the need to shift the focus to athlete safety — with some concrete actions to put behind the words. It is, even in this fraught time, not an area of expertise for most sports executives.

The last time this big an NGB was in this sort of peril came when Logan was hired, not long after the USOC threatened to cut off funding or decertify a federation it deemed to be poorly run by an unwieldy board of directors.

Logan cleaned house and tried to get a grip on a volunteer operation that many felt had gotten out of control. He also created a panel to assess why the team won a paltry 23 medals in track and field at the Beijing Olympics.

In the end, he was gone, and replaced by Max Siegel, a marketing veteran with NASCAR ties who has received equal doses of love and hate for his signature business accomplishment while at the helm — a 23-year extension on the sponsorship deal with Nike worth more than \$450 million.

The U.S. team has won 29 (2012) and 32 (2016) Olympic medals under his watch.

But he has no illusions that these jobs are easy — or forever.

"When people approach it by saying, 'It's a (not-for-profit),' the implication is that it's a charitable organization," Siegel said. "But that's not the case, and running a public entity that has commercial objectives are not missions that go hand-in-hand. It's a constant challenge and it is a built-in tension."

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Cowboys look for win streak after saving season in Philly

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Pro Football Writer

FRISCO, Texas — Dak Prescott and Ezekiel Elliott played off each other in a season-saving win over Philadelphia much the same way they did during their remarkable rookie year together in 2016.

Now the star quarterback and running back of the Dallas Cowboys need a winning streak, although it won't have to be as long as the franchise-record run two years ago, the last time they made the playoffs.

"I don't go back and look and try to compare now to then," Prescott said after throwing for a touchdown and running for one in a 27-20 win. "This is the team we have and this is when everything is clicking and we're playing the way we need to be playing. This is what we're capable of."

The Cowboys (4-5) were in a desperate spot visiting the defending champion Eagles because of an up-and-down season notable for its struggles on offense. Now that they have their first road win, they have to do it again Sunday at Atlanta (4-5).

Dallas and Philadelphia trail NFC East-leading Washington by two games with seven remaining. The Cowboys have one more game against each rival, having lost to the Redskins on the road.

"We needed this just as bad as we need every win going forward," defensive tackle Tyrone Crawford said. "I call it a movement because that's the only thing we can do now is get 'dubs.' We can't take no 'L's.'"

Against Philadelphia, coach Jason



AP photo

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott (4) celebrates after scoring on a sneak during the first half of an NFL football game against the Philadelphia Eagles, Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018, in Philadelphia.

Garrett dumped a conservative approach that was costly in a couple of losses by planning to go for it on fourth down in Dallas territory on the first play of the second quarter before a false start aborted that bold move.

The Cowboys faked a punt later in the quarter, which led to Elliott almost cleanly hurdling Tre Sullivan before a stumble on a clear path to the end zone. At the time, it sort of symbolized the season for an inconsistent offense.

Still, Elliott had 151 yards rushing and a touchdown, with another 36

yards receiving and a score. Prescott's line looked similar to 2016 as well: 270 yards passing, no turnovers and a 100-plus rating.

The 2016 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year led two 75-yard drives to touchdowns in the fourth quarter, both of them answers to tying TDs from the Eagles. Elliott finished off each of them after big plays to several receivers along the way.

"It just showed the attitude of this team going into this game," said Elliott, who surged two spots to second in the NFL in rushing behind MVP contender Todd Gurley of the Rams.

"We knew we had to win. I'm proud of these guys."

The Cowboys ran off 11 straight wins when Prescott and Elliott were rookies on the way to an NFC-best 13 wins. Dallas slipped to 9-7 and out of the playoffs last season with a deteriorating performance from the offense.

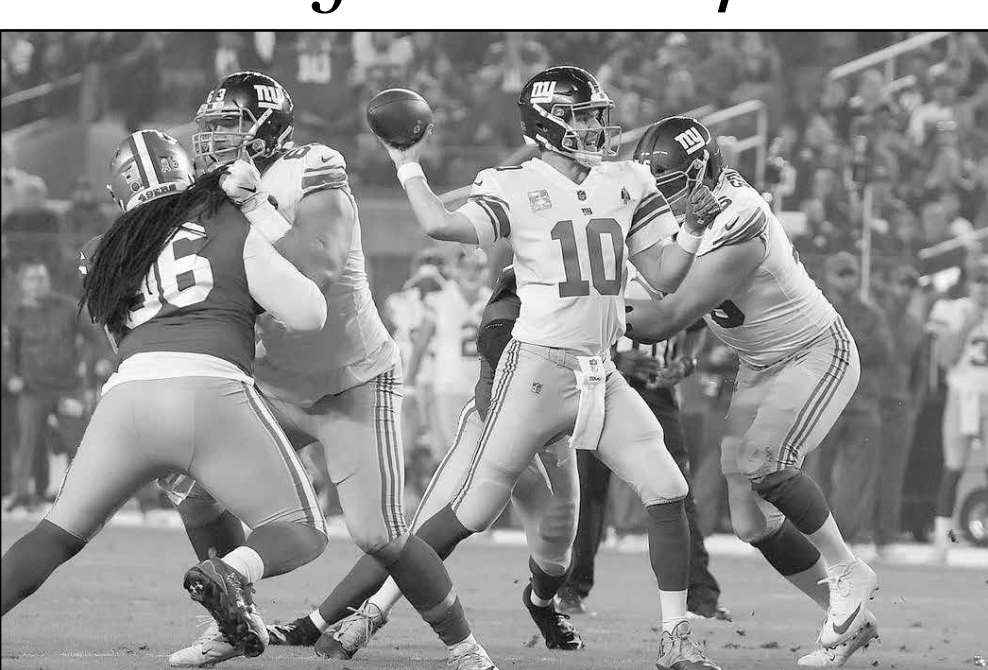
The receivers have struggled without Dez Bryant, released in the offseason, but appear to be benefiting from the trade for Amari Cooper, acquired from Oakland for a first-round pick.

Injuries and mistakes in an offensive line that has been one of the NFL's best in recent years have at times made things difficult for Elliott and contributed to Prescott already matching last year's career high of 32 sacks barely more than halfway through the season. But that line stood out against the Eagles.

"This is a winning team and it's great when you go on the road and win," Prescott said. "It's important to us just to feel that energy in the locker room and to make sure we don't forget that. That's what we're trying to do every time that we go on the road, or every game."

FAVORABLE REPORT said he received a "favorable report" on RG Zack Martin, who missed part of the Philadelphia game when he aggravated the left knee injury he's been battling since hyperextending the knee in the preseason. ... LG Xavier Su'a-Filo has a pre-season filling in for injured rookie Connor Williams, who had arthroscopic knee surgery last week. Garrett said the team hasn't made any determinations on who would start when Williams is ready to return.

Manning's late TD pass leads Giants past 49ers 27-23



AP photo

New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning (10) passes against the San Francisco 49ers during the first half of an NFL football game in Santa Clara, Calif., Monday, Nov. 12, 2018.

By JOSH DUBOW

AP Pro Football Writer

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Eli Manning threw a 3-yard touchdown pass to Sterling Shepard with 53 seconds left and the New York Giants snapped a five-game losing streak by beating the San Francisco 49ers 27-23 on Monday night.

"It means a lot," Manning said. "That's what I told the guys this week. We've worked too hard not to be rewarded with wins. ... We just weren't able to get some of the outcomes or

make the plays we needed to win. Today we were able to do that."

Manning threw two TD passes to Odell Beckham Jr. and then engineered the late game-winning drive with help from a pair of third-down penalties against Malcolm Smith and Ahkello Witherspoon.

Saquon Barkley then had a 23-yard catch to get the ball into the red zone and Manning connected with Shepard on third down to give the Giants (2-7) the win.

"I just saw man-to-man coverage," Shepard said. "That's something

we've been practicing. I was able to capture the outside edge and Eli put that ball in a perfect place."

Matt Breida ran for 101 yards and scored two touchdowns for the 49ers (2-8), who were unable to win consecutive games under third-string quarterback Nick Mullens. Breida's 23-yard run helped set up a 30-yard field goal by Robbie Gould that gave the Niners a 23-20 lead with 2:46 to play.

But the 49ers allowed the go-ahead score and couldn't pull it out at the end as Mullens' pass from the Giants 20 sailed out of the end zone on the final play.

Mullens wasn't nearly as sharp as he was in his NFL debut against the Raiders on Nov. 1 when he joined Hall of Famers Jim Kelly and Fran Tarkenton as the only players with at least 250 yards passing, three touchdown passes and no interceptions in the first career game.

Mullens threw for 250 yards and had an 11-yard TD pass to Breida that made it 20-10 early in the third quarter. But Mullens also threw two interceptions with the first setting up a 10-yard TD pass from Manning to Beckham.

Those two connected again on a 20-yard score in the third quarter as New York rallied from 10 points down to tie the game in the second half.

HARD HIT

Niners receiver Marquise Goodwin was hit in the helmet by Alec Ogletree on a catch late in the third quarter and briefly left the game. On his first play back in to start the fourth quar-

ter, a pass from Mullens deflected off Goodwin's hands for the second interception of the game by B.J. Goodson. Goodwin was slow to get up after that play and went back into the medical tent for observation. Goodwin returned to the game later in the fourth quarter.

MISSED OPPORTUNITY

The Giants entered the game converting just 40 percent of their red zone trips into TDs. They missed a golden opportunity for one late in the first half. On a third down from the 3, the 49ers left Beckham unguarded in the slot but Manning stuck with a run play to Barkley that gained only 1 yard. New York settled for a field goal that tied the game at 10.

The Niners then drove down for a late field goal to take the lead at the break as the Giants trailed at the half for the eighth time this season.

PLAYING FOR PARADISE

Niners' GM John Lynch welcomed the high school football team from Paradise, a town destroyed by the wildfires in Butte County, about 175 miles north. Players and cheerleaders from the school were on the field for the national anthem. The air quality for the game was at an unhealthy level because of the fires.

The Air Quality Index was at 161 at kickoff, which is in the unhealthy zone, and smoke could be smelled throughout the stadium. The NFL had monitored the situation but the AQI never got near 200, the level where the game would have needed to be moved.

Big 12 down to final 4 teams to determine 2 title game spots

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

Sixth-ranked Oklahoma or No. 7 West Virginia will play in the Big 12 championship game. They might be facing each other, too.

The Sooners, Mountaineers, No. 13 Texas and No. 18 Iowa State are the final four teams still in contention for the two spots in the Big 12 title game Dec. 1. There are also two big head-to-head matchups the last two weekends of the regular season before then.

Three-time defending Big 12 champion Oklahoma (9-1, 6-1 Big 12) or the Mountaineers (8-1, 6-1) advance by winning their last two games. Since they play each other in the regular-season finale, it is impossible for both to finish 8-1 in conference play, but they could also still face each other two weeks in a row — the day after Thanksgiving in Morgantown and then for the Big 12 title in the home of the NFL's Dallas Cowboys.

"We've got a lot of big goals and our goals are kind of predicated on us playing our best ball here at the end

of year," Sooners coach Lincoln Riley said Monday.

Every Big 12 team plays each other in the round-robin conference schedule that sets up one rematch for a guaranteed spot in the New Year's Six bowl game. And if Oklahoma or West Virginia win out, they could possibly make it into the College Football Playoff.

"That means there's going to be really important games coming down the stretch run," Iowa State coach Matt Campbell said. "That's what makes this time of year really special, especially in this conference."

Iowa State (6-3, 5-2) plays Saturday at Texas (7-3, 5-2) in what will be their only meeting this season. There is no possible scenario that could create a championship game rematch between the teams currently tied for third place.

The Cyclones have won five Big 12 games in a row for the first time in school history.

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AP photo

Texas head coach Tom Herman before an NCAA college football game, in Ames, Iowa. No. 6 Oklahoma or No. 7 West Virginia can get into the Big 12 championship game by winning their last two games. No. 13 Texas (7-3, 5-2) and No. 18 Iowa State (6-3, 5-2) — the only other teams still in contention for one of the two spots in the Big 12 championship game — play this week in Austin.

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CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS
By: Larry McLellan, Mayor
Date: November 6, 2018

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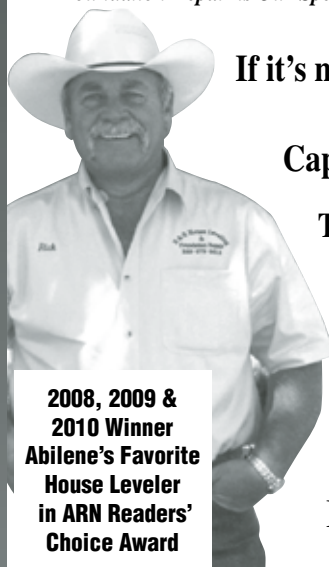
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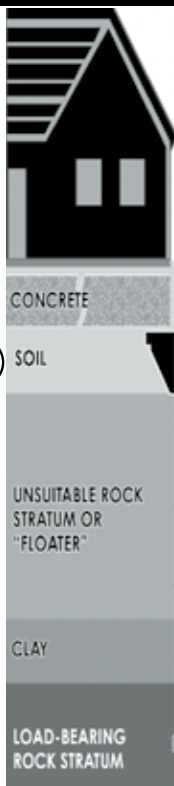
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



that it feels right to you and that you're not too worried about who else agrees.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

No one can tell a wildflower where to grow. It can pop right through pavement if it wants. Something in you is similarly unstoppable. It may not be the season yet, but it's curled up, gathering strength, waiting for the right time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You've seen too much of life to have a strictly sunny outlook. You know the shadow is there, and you're not afraid to peer into the dark. But you don't let the darkness seduce you either. You'll train your mind to move toward the light.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). This thing pitting you against you has to last a lifetime. As with any long-term relationship, sometimes it will be a real slog. Drop the adversarial stance and commit to being a better more forgiving and supportive friend to yourself.

business that's called gambling is the odds. Today, all the business you do will come with some degree of risk, but not all of it will qualify as a gamble.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are questions you thought you answered years ago that have somehow re-seeded themselves and sprouted into a harder variety. You can't come to terms with this in a day, but start digging and eventually you'll root it out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Whether your opinion happens to be in line with the majority or the minority doesn't really matter. What matters is

the bond to set. People are like this, too. They bond in the still, silent pauses.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). For one as sensitive as you, it's hard to imagine how some people have zero empathy. Whether you want to or not, you vividly sense the feelings of others. In fact, today you won't know where theirs end and yours begin.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your message is genuine. You may decide to use different words to be better understood. The wise use their education of language to communicate well, while the foolish use their literary education to alienate and impress.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Read the room. If this isn't a good audience for you, find a different one. It's harder to feel good about what you have to offer when you're around people who don't know enough to give it the value it deserves.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The main difference between the gambling that's called business, and the

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 13).

This big project to which you've devoted yourself will never be finished; it has a life of its own now. But it will pay out big dividends time and again this year, and this allows you to help your loved ones and create a lot of fun, too. Also of note: a certificate you earn, romance in hot summer nights and a family addition. Capricorn and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 34, 7, 18, 3 and 45.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "How can I have more self-discipline? I'm a Taurus, and very stuck in my ways. There's something I'm doing now that I really have to break myself of."

Current science supports the idea that people have a fixed amount of self-discipline at their disposal. Stress and environmental factors can wear away at a person's reserves of self-discipline, weakening the resolve to accomplish goals and change habits. Here's the good news: Once a habit has been established, a person no longer needs to dip into the willpower reserves to maintain the action. It becomes automatic, therefore requir-

ing no self-discipline at all. In other words, once you turn an action into a habit, it will be easier for you to do your new habit than to not do it. Many say 21 days makes a habit. And while the science behind that is debatable, it's certainly enough time that you don't have to think about the healthier behavior so much. Personally, I like to establish new habits on the new moon and hope that by the next new moon the habit will be ingrained. Best wishes; I know you can do it!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: From "Sex and the City," to "The Good Wife" to his recent series "Gone," Chris Noth enralls with the brooding, magnetic presence Scorpio is famous for.

Noth is the owner of a swanky Manhattan bar cleverly called The Cutting Room, though his own days of acting in scenes that end up on the cutting room floor are long gone. Incidentally, Scorpio is the sign of cutting and surgery.

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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

ANSWER:

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Better safe than sorry

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

- ♠ A J 7 2
- ♥ A J 8
- ♦ 8 5 4
- ♣ K J 5

WEST

- ♠ 5 3
- ♥ 4 2
- ♦ K Q 10 9
- ♣ 10 7 6 3 2

EAST

- ♠ 8 6
- ♥ K 9 7 6 5
- ♦ 7 3 2
- ♣ A 9 4

SOUTH

- ♠ K Q 10 9 4
- ♥ Q 10 3
- ♦ A J 6
- ♣ Q 8

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Most hands offer declarer several options, and how he decides to handle them often determines the outcome of the contract.

Consider this deal where South got to four spades and West led the diamond king. Declarer now had to make his first decision — whether or not to win the trick with the ace. In the actual case, South chose to play the six at trick one, hoping West would continue with a diamond.

But West, having noticed his partner's discouraging deuce, shifted to

the four of hearts at trick two. Again declarer had a choice: He could win the trick with the ace or finesse instead.

Declarer elected to finesse, and as a result, he went down one. East won the heart with the king and returned a diamond, and the defense eventually scored four tricks consisting of two diamonds, a heart and a club.

Certainly, if one focuses only on the heart combination shown here, declarer's best play by far is to attempt the heart finesse, since it offers a 50-50 chance of winning three tricks in the suit instead of two.

But, given the circumstances of this particular deal, while it was clearly right for South to duck the opening diamond lead, it was clearly wrong for him to take the heart finesse at trick two.

He could have virtually guaranteed the contract by going up with the ace, drawing trumps and then conceding a trick to the ace of clubs. Had South done that, his only losers would have been a heart, a diamond and a club, with his second diamond loser being deposited on one of dummy's club winners.

As always, declarer's first priority should have been to make the contract. The heart finesse, though tempting, was an option he should have rejected, since it risked the contract.

Tomorrow: Beware of Greeks bearing gifts.

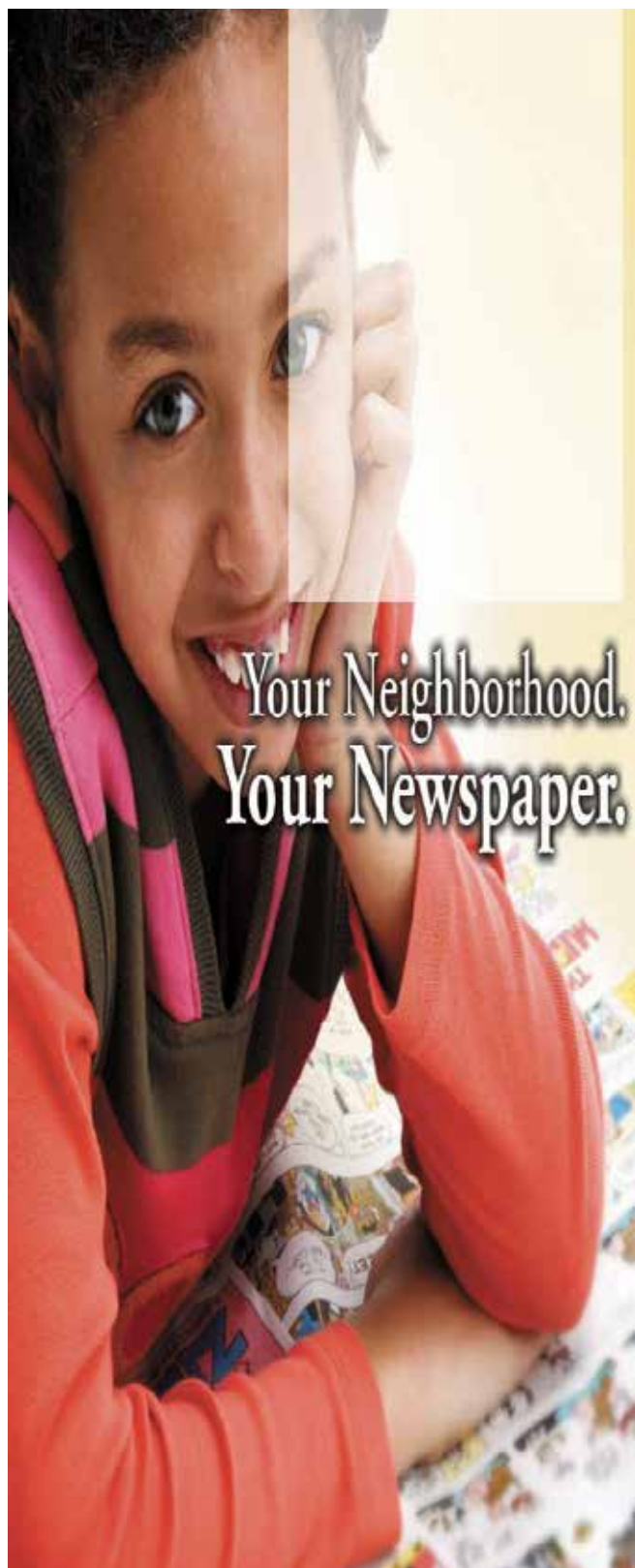
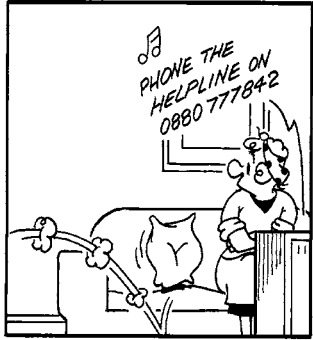


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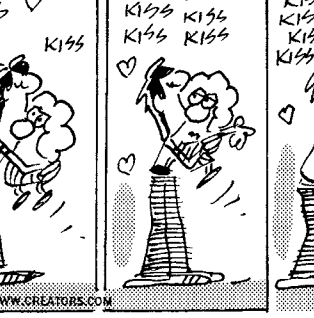
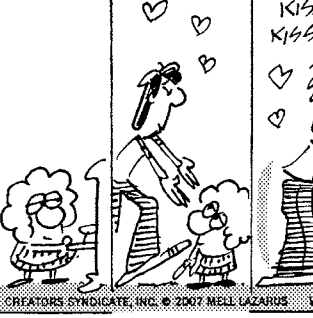
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 13, the 317th day of 2018. There are 48 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 13, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a measure lowering the minimum draft age from 21 to 18.

On this date: In 1775, during the American Revolution, the Continental Army captured Montreal.

In 1789, Benjamin Franklin wrote in a letter to a friend, Jean-Baptiste Leroy: "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."

In 1909, 259 men and boys were killed when fire erupted inside a coal mine in Cherry, Illinois.

In 1956, the Supreme Court struck down laws calling for racial segregation on public buses.

In 1969, speaking in Des Moines, Iowa, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew accused network television news departments of bias and distortion, and urged viewers to lodge complaints.

In 1974, Karen Silkwood, a 28-year-old technician and union activist at the Kerr-McGee Cimarron plutonium plant near Crescent, Oklahoma, died in a car crash while on her way to meet a reporter.

In 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

In 1985, some 23,000 residents of Armero, Colombia, died when a volcanic mudslide buried the city.

In 1994, Sweden voted in a non-binding referendum to join the European Union, which it did the following year.

In 2000, lawyers for George W. Bush failed to win a court order barring manual recounts of ballots in Florida. Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris announced she would end the recounting at 5 p.m. Eastern time the next day - prompting an immediate appeal by lawyers for Al Gore.

In 2001, President George W. Bush approved the use of a special military tribunal that could put accused terrorists on trial faster and in greater secrecy than an ordinary criminal court. President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin met at the White House, where they pledged to slash Cold War-era nuclear arsenals by two-thirds.

In 2015, Islamic State militants carried out a set of coordinated attacks in Paris on the national stadium, restaurants

and streets, and a crowded concert hall, killing 130 people in the worst attack on French soil since World War II.

Ten years ago: A wind-driven fire erupted in Southern California; the blaze destroyed more than 200 homes in Santa Barbara and neighboring Montecito. Investors did an abrupt turnaround on Wall Street, muscling the Dow Jones industrial average up more than 550 points after three straight days of selling. Colombian rocker Juanes (WAH'-neh) won five awards, including record of the year and album of the year, at the Latin Grammys in Houston. Cleveland's Cliff Lee won the American League Cy Young Award.

Five years ago: The Obama administration revealed that just 26,794 people had enrolled for health insurance during the first, flawed month of operations for the federal "Obamacare" website. (More than 79,000 others had signed up in the 14 states with their own websites.) Toronto Mayor Rob Ford admitted during a heated City Council meeting that he'd bought illegal drugs while in office, but he adamantly refused calls from councilors to step down and seek help. Clayton Kershaw of the Los Angeles Dodgers and Max Scherzer of the Detroit Tigers won baseball's Cy Young Awards. Former Raiders tight end Todd Christensen died during liver transplant surgery in Utah; he was 57.

One year ago: A second woman accused Alabama Republican Senate candidate Roy Moore of sexually assaulting her as a teenager in the late 1970s; Moore described the charge as "absolutely false" and a "political maneuver." Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said Moore should drop out of the race. (Moore went on to lose a special election to Democrat Doug Jones.) A North Korean soldier was shot several times by his comrades as he fled over the border to the South; he underwent surgery and recovered at a South Korean hospital. The Oakland Raiders broke ground on a 65,000-seat domed stadium in Las Vegas. The Food and Drug Administration approved the

first drug with a sensor that alerts doctors when the medication has been taken. President Donald Trump picked former pharmaceutical executive Alex Azar to be his health secretary.

Today's Birthdays: Journalist-author Peter Arnett is 84. Actor Jimmy Hawkins is 77. Country singer-songwriter Ray Wylie Hubbard is 72. Actor Joe Mantegna is 71. Actress

Sheila Frazier is 70. Musician Andrew Ranken (The Pogues) is 65. Actress Tracy Scoggins is 65. Actor Chris Noth (nonth) is 64. Actress-comedian Whoopi Goldberg is 63. Actor Rex Linn is 62. Actress Caroline Goodall is 59. Actor Neil Flynn is 58. Former NFL quarterback and College Football Hall of Famer Vinny Testaverde is 55. Rock musician Walter Kibby (Fishbone) is 54. Comedian and

talk show host Jimmy Kimmel is 51. Actor Steve Zahn is 51. Actor Gerard Butler is 49. Writer-activist Ayaan Hirsi Ali is 49. Actor Jordan Bridges is 45. Actress Aisha Hinds is 43. Rock musician Nikolai Fraiture is 40. Former NBA All-Star Metta World Peace (formerly Ron Artest) is 39. Actress Monique Coleman is 38. Actor Rahul Kohli is 33. Actor Devon Bostick is 27.

Thought for Today:

"If we like a man's dream, we call him a reformer; if we don't like his dream, we call him a crank."

William Dean Howells American author (1837-1920)

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Newsday Crossword

DEBATE DUOS by Billie Truitt Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS
1 Archer on Valentine's cards
6 Oil cartel
10 "Hey you!"
14 Dwelling place
15 Noon to 1 pm, for example
16 Novelist ___ Mae Brown
17 Fit for a monarch
18 Roll call response
19 Big name in elevators
20 Forbidden
22 Camper's shelter
23 Mexican cheer
24 Hotel at a snowy resort
26 Peculiar
29 Upper limb
31 Take a crack ___ (try)
32 Freeloaders
35 Folk-rock singer Bob
39 Enthusiastic about
40 Small jeweled crown
43 Fishing rod
44 Itsy-bitsy
46 Dime's value
48 Had a hunch
51 Pigpen
52 Obtained
53 Custodial staff
57 Ft. Wayne's state
59 Secondhand
60 Sense of right and wrong

- DOWN
1 Find fault
2 Lyft's ride-sharing rival
3 ___ stick (bouncing toy)
4 "Famous Potatoes" state
5 Samson's barber
6 Casual greeting
7 Verse writers
8 "I've got it!"
9 Cash alternative
10 Experimental working model
11 Positioned
12 Bee's attack
13 Sample of food
21 French cap
25 Coffee cup cover
26 Leave out
27 Over with
28 Shower attention (on)
30 Hosp. test scan
33 Sure of oneself
34 Plopped down
36 "To make a ___ story short..."
37 Female choir voice
38 Home for hatchlings

- 41 Second notes of a scale
42 Playful prank
45 As of now
47 Distrustful
49 Scene of a event
50 Gardener's small shovel
53 Mint ___ (bourbon drink)
54 "All kidding ___..."
55 Not at any time
56 Go on tiptoe
58 River mouth formation
61 Payroll IDs
62 Cozy corner
63 Walking stick
64 Scrapes by, with "out"

Crossword grid with numbered squares for clues.

Answer to previous puzzle: LPS, PASS, PALER, NOAH, OMIT, ALINE, ASIA, ISLE, PANDA, SERVENTICE, GOD, ASSERT, NARROWS, MITT, TOOT, ABODE, POUR, COLD, WATERON, SUGAR, LAIR, SEED, MESSAGE, BEAUTS, ATE, MIX, THINGSUP, PLATE, AREA, RATA, LATER, MEAN, EGOS, ESSAY, SETS, EER

NFL Standings

American Football Conference

AFC East	W	L	T	PF	PA
Patriots	7	3	0	280	236
Dolphins	5	5	0	199	256
Bills	3	7	0	137	251
Jets	3	7	0	208	254
AFC West	W	L	T	PF	PA
Chief	9	1	0	353	240
Chargers	7	2	0	240	186
Broncos	3	6	0	205	213
Raiders	1	8	0	147	272
AFC North	W	L	T	PF	PA
Steelers	6	2	1	279	209
Bengals	5	4	0	235	288
Ravens	4	5	0	213	160
Browns	3	6	1	218	263
AFC South	W	L	T	PF	PA
Texans	6	3	0	216	184
Titans	5	4	0	168	151
Colts	4	5	0	260	239
Jaguars	3	6	0	160	199

NFL players are reprising some old, costly celebrations



Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes (15) watches as wide receiver Tyreek Hill (10) climbs behind a television camera following his touchdown, during the first half of an NFL football game against the Arizona Cardinals in Kansas City, Mo., Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018. Hill drew a penalty on his celebration.

By **ARNIE STAPLETON**
AP Pro Football Writer

NFL players seem to have run out of creative ways to celebrate. Either that, or they've decided to pay homage to the players they grew up watching, even if it costs them some funds for injecting fun into the game.

Chiefs receiver Tyreek Hill was the latest to go old school when he commemorated his second touchdown in Week 10 by commandeering the CBS camera like Cincinnati's Chad Ochocinco once did.

AP photo

in 2000. Saints tight end Ben Watson added a little twist to his celebration when he stuffed the football under his jersey to signal his wife's pregnancy just like ... Ben Watson did, back in 2009.

When Watson, 37, scored against the Rams last Sunday, he let the world know he and his wife, Kristen, are expecting twins by stuffing the ball under the front of his jersey and holding up five fingers on one hand as he often does to honor his five children.

"The celebration just came into my head," said Hill, whose actions netted an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty and a coach Andy Reid's ire. "That was too much," Reid said.

The NFL, which has relaxed celebration rules, might agree.

Hill's stunt came days after Saints receiver Michael Thomas was fined \$30,000 for using a phone as a prop, a la Joe Horn, and Titans safety Kevin Byard was dinged \$10,026 for celebrating an end zone interception on the Cowboys' midfield star logo, just like Terrell Owens did

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National Football Conference

NFC East	W	L	T	PF	PA
Redskins	6	3	0	176	175
Cowboys	4	5	0	181	171
Eagles	4	5	0	198	183
Giants	2	7	0	177	228
NFC West	W	L	T	PF	PA
Rams	9	1	0	335	231
Seahawks	4	5	0	219	192
Cardinals	2	7	0	124	225
49ers	2	8	0	230	266
NFC North	W	L	T	PF	PA
Bears	6	3	0	269	175
Vikings	5	3	1	221	204
Packers	4	4	1	223	216
Lions	3	6	0	202	244
NFC South	W	L	T	PF	PA
Saints	8	1	0	330	232
Panthers	6	3	0	241	232
Falcons	4	5	0	244	254
Buccaneers	3	6	0	232	291

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NFL

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Then he held up two more fingers on his other hand in honor of the twins on the way.

Nine years ago, Watson similarly stuffed the ball under his jersey after scoring as Kristen was close to full term with their first child, Grace. He was fined shortly thereafter for using the ball as a prop.

"So the cool thing is I will be able to say (to his twins) that, 'When I did it for Grace, I had to pay. When I did it for you all, the league had changed,'" Watson said. "What a difference nine years make."

Not for everyone.

Hill was flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct in Kansas City for taking over the TV camera, just as Thomas was for pulling a flip phone out from under the goal post padding after his fourth-quarter score against L.A.

"Where did he get a flip phone?" Watson said. "I said (to Thomas), 'Do you even know who Joe Horn is?' You must have been in elementary school back then." But that was pretty good. I've got to give him props on that one."

No pun intended, of course.

Byard said Friday his \$10,026 fine was worth it because his interception denied the Cowboys a touchdown and sparked a 28-7 run in Tennessee's 28-14 win in Dallas on Monday night.

Byard said he expected the Cowboys to take offense when he sprinted to the 50-yard line to pose on the star, then began a sort of Irish jig when teammates joined him at midfield.

"I was actually expecting someone to knock my head off," Byard said. "I was like, if we get enough guys to the 50, we are just going to start dancing on the star."

Cowboys running back Byron Jones quickly shoved Byard away, playing the part of George Teague, who blasted Owens when he did the same



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady watches from the sideline after leaving the game in the second half of the Patriots' 34-10 loss to the Tennessee Titans in an NFL football game Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018, in Nashville, Tenn.

AP photo

thing while with the 49ers 18 years ago.

"You don't do that," Jones said.

Byard met with his coach, Mike Vrabel, who had a big problem with his DB's actions.

Vrabel said he wants players to celebrate with each other and not stand up an opponent.

"It's not what we want to do," Vrabel said.

Byard said his over-the-top celebrations are history.

Other takeaways from Week 10 included a stumbling, bumbling Tom Brady, a shoutout from the Rams to Halle Berry and Sean McVay's decision to train at altitude in preparation for Monday night's showdown between the Rams and Chiefs, who are both 9-1.

ALTITUDE ACCLIMATION: Last year, Bill Belichick decided to stay in Colorado after a win at Denver to acclimate to the altitude of Mexico City's Azteca Stadium (elevation 7,200 feet) by practicing

ing at the Air Force Academy (6,621 feet).

It paid off in a 31-8 drubbing of the Oakland Raiders, who stayed home and prepped at sea level.

McVay said the trade-off is scrubbing the team's routine, but the wildfires and mass shooting in Thousand Oaks has made training in Southern California anything but normal anyway.

The Rams will train in the Rocky Mountains on Thursday through Saturday before flying to Mexico, and McVay said a second charter with family members will fly out from L.A. to Colorado later in the week.

"I think it really served us well last year when we went to Jacksonville before we played in London," McVay said. "Staying out there, kind of a way to connect with the team. Getting away a little bit. This instance definitely provides a little bit different approach where your families are so important right now."

HAIL HALLE: Jarod Goff was glad it was quiet enough for fans to hear his "Halle Berry" play call Sunday.

Even the actress heard it, tweeting

him for an explanation.

Goff couldn't reveal secrets of the audible, which resulted in an 8-yard pass to tight end Tyler Higbee.

All he'd tweet back was, "It's my favorite play ever."

On Monday, McVay said, "It's one of my favorite plays, too, Halle."

BRADY'S BUNGLER: A lot is made of Brady's arm at age 41 and how he was just 21 of 41 Sunday in a 34-10 loss at Tennessee, where he was held without a TD pass for the second time in three weeks.

But what about his stumble and tumble on a trick play in which he caught the pass only to trip over himself and plop down a yard short of the first-down marker?

Tennessee QB Marcus Mariota later caught a pass on the Titans' own trick play.

"I wanted to see if ours looked any better than theirs," deadpanned Vrabel.

BIG 12

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That has come since opening conference play with losses to Oklahoma and TCU, the teams that played in last year's Big 12 title game after both lost to Iowa State in the 2017 regular season.

Since a 37-27 win at Iowa State in mid-September, Oklahoma has scored at least 45 points in each of its last six conference games. But the Sooners lost 48-45 to Texas, a setback that would keep them out of the Big 12 title game if it came down to a head-to-head tiebreaker between the Red River rivals.

West Virginia's only loss was a month ago at Iowa State, but the Mountaineers won 42-41 at Texas when quarterback Will Grier ran for a 2-point conversion in the final minute.

That means opposite tiebreaker scenarios against the current co-leaders for the Longhorns and Cyclones: Texas over Oklahoma; and Iowa State over West Virginia.

Kansas (3-7, 1-6), the only Big 12 team so far that can't get bowl eligible, is also the only team that will finish the regular season against two of the title-contending teams. The Jayhawks are at Oklahoma on Saturday, and host Texas in their finale Nov. 23.

"We just lost our opportunity to become bowl eligible, so obviously our goals will shift from here," outgoing Kansas coach David Beaty said. "We love those opportunities, and when it comes down to the situation, it would be spoiler for others. But for us, it's about our seniors and it's about our team being able to provide as many victories for our university, these seniors and really for the future of Kansas football."

Oklahoma has won 13 consecutive games against the Jayhawks by an average margin of 31 points, and its last home loss in the series was 1996, the first Big 12 season. Kansas is 1-14 against Texas in the Big 12, though the Longhorns

lost in their last visit to Lawrence two years ago.

The closing schedules for the four contending teams, and results against other contenders:

— Oklahoma (6-1 conference record)
Home vs. Kansas, Saturday; at West Virginia, Nov. 23.
Beat Iowa State 37-27 on Sept. 15;

Lost to Texas 48-45 on Oct. 6.

— West Virginia (6-1)

At Oklahoma State, Saturday; home vs. Oklahoma, Nov. 23.

Lost to Iowa State 30-14 on Oct. 13;

Beat Texas 42-41 on Nov. 3.

— Texas (5-2)

Home vs. Iowa State, Saturday; at Kansas, Nov. 23.

Beat Oklahoma 48-45 on Oct. 6; Lost

to West Virginia 42-41 on Nov. 3.

— Iowa State (5-2)

At Texas, Saturday; Home vs. Kansas State, Nov. 24.

Lost to Oklahoma 37-27 on Sept. 15;

Beat West Virginia 30-14 on Oct. 13.

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