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Forsan honors local officers, Mendoza named Sheriff's star student



Courtesy photos
 Forsan Elementary had an appreciation breakfast this morning to honor the law enforcement officers of Howard County and Big Spring. Jonathyn Mendoza was also recognized as the Sheriff's Star Student of the Month presented by Sheriff Stan Parker and Officer Frank Vidal. Local law enforcement officers stayed and gave high fives to our students and enjoyed a yummy breakfast.

Council approves water park improvements, puts fire truck purchase on hold



HERALD photo/Roger Cline
 The Big Spring City Council mulls the quarterly investment report during their first meeting of 2019 Tuesday evening. The council ultimately approved the report. During the meeting, they also gave the okay to a \$220,062.18 bid for improvements at the Russ McEwen Family Aquatic Center.

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

Big Spring will be getting upgrades and improvements to the Russ McEwen Family Aquatic Center following approval by the City Council Tuesday evening, but another bid process for a new fire truck was put on indefinite hold.

Mayor Larry McLellan, directing the course of the meeting, announced that the council would be skipping the items regarding consideration of awarding the fire truck bid to Toyne Inc./Municipal Fire Apparatus of

McAllen in the amount of \$388,227.80. The agenda noted that the amount (as was the case for all qualified bids received) was well over the \$340,000 the city had budgeted. McLellan also indicated that the item proposing increasing the budget to cover the difference would be skipped.

Following the meeting, Assistant City Manager John Medina explained the decision to postpone approval of the bid.

"The tariffs have really played havoc with the markets, so what (Municipal Fire Apparatus) have done is, they've sold that particular vehicle," said Medina. "We looked at it in October, and we were waiting for our financing to be in place before we ordered it so we wouldn't get caught where we would have to come up with that money from our General Fund coffers. In that interim, in that

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Monthly health focus kicks off 2019

By MARISSA LOFTIN
 Managing Editor

To better educate the public, the Big Spring Senior Center holds free monthly health focus groups at the Dora Roberts Center with the goal to shed some light on different topics of health to the public each month and how to go about dealing with them.

The first Monthly Health Focus topic for 2019 will be over Hypertension, which took on Tuesday at the Dora Roberts Community Center, located at 100 Whipkey Dr. Hypertension is the medical term for high blood pressure. This means that the blood applies too much force against the walls of the blood vessels. Medical guidelines define hypertension as a blood pressure higher than 130 over 80 millimeters of mercury (mmHg), according to guidelines issued by the American Heart Association (AHA) in November 2018.

The Big Spring Senior Center's Monthly Health Focus provided helpful information on how you can prevent



HERALD photo/Anna Gutierrez
 Joanna Staulcup (center) gets her blood pressure checked by Erlinda Ruiz (right), a CNA from True Lite Home Health out of Stanton, during the Monthly Health Focus Tuesday featuring Hypertension while other attendees look on as they participate in another activity.

Food2Kids totals 720 sacks of food, feeds 350 Big Spring children

By ANNA GUTIERREZ
 Staff Writer

Food2Kids, an organization that helps feed children over the weekend when they are away from school, met last night to prepare sacks of food for distribution. At this sacking event, Food2Kids volunteers were able to prepare 720 bags of food for 350 Big Spring children.

"Each bag contains enough food for two meals," said Karen Carman, operations and secretary for the organization. "The schools help us to

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HERALD photo/Anna Gutierrez
 On the left, Karen Carman (left) and Pam Steel (right) pose for a photo at Tuesday's Food2Kids food-sacking session. On the right, Volunteers fill the old Lakeview High School gym as they bag up brown sacks of food for local kids in need.

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Obituaries

Dora Elia Dunn



Dora Elia Dunn, age 77, lost her fight against Kahler's Disease on Sunday, January 6, 2019, at Scenic Mountain Medical Hospital.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, January 10, 2019, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rose Dunn officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, January 9, 2019, at the funeral home.

She was born February 26, 1941, in Abasolo, Coahuila, Mexico, to Pablo Santana Rendon and Antonia Flores Ruiz. As a young girl, Dora and her sisters would sell homemade meals to help support their family. Dora would daydream about a life in the United States, and was determined to find a way to get there. She found a name and address of an American man in the magazine "Confidencias" that interested her. After many letters, Omer Lee Dunn Sr., a retired Navy man of 30 years, traveled to Mexico to meet his foreseeable bride. On August 6, 1959, Dora and Omer were married and moved to a tiny rural community by the name of Lewisburg,

Kentucky. Eighteen years later, Omer would precede Dora in death. A little over a year later, Dora would meet her soulmate, Melvin Leon Sparkman. Their love story was cut short 32 years later when Melvin lost his fight against diabetes.

Left to honor Dora and remember her love is her daughter, Lucero Rosalinda Dunn; three grandchildren, Brodie Lee (Jessica Rios) Dunn, Cherish Crystal Rose Turner (Luis Anthony Vasquez), and Chelsae Ann Dawn Celeste Turner (Jose Luis Vasquez); four great-grandchildren, Jordan Lee Dunn, Timothy Banks, Nyssa Leilani Dunn, and Joe Anthony Nathaniel Vasquez; five sisters; four brothers; and her little pet companion, Pikkee.

Dora was also preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Carlos and David; and her beloved sister, Marcela.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Dora's name to the American Cancer Society, Vicki Stewart, #6 Coachman Circle, Big Spring, Texas, 79720; or in Melvin's name to the Diabetes Research Institute, www.diabetesresearch.org.

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

Paid obituary

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 61 inmates at the time of this report.

• **CODY WAYNE BELZ**, 34, was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving with a suspended or invalid license.

• **MICHAEL ANGELO GAR-**

ZA, 30, was booked by BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention; harassment of a public servant; resisting arrest, search or transport; and assaulting a public servant.

• **ROSA DEJESUS GARZA**, 35, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JEFFERY LAMONT KING**, 44, was booked by BSPD of 5110 W. FM 818 on warrants for no

driver's license, violation of promise to appear, and bail jumping/failure to appear.

• **BRANDY ANN MARTINEZ**, 21, was booked by BSPD on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and no driver's license.

• **RICHARD ALAN STOTTS**, 46, was booked by BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for possession of methamphetamines.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2700 block of Ann Dr. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of N. Gregg. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Oriole. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of E. 25th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2000 block of 11th Place. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **BUILDING FIRE** was reported in the 3000

block of Cactus. The fire was contained and extinguished.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of N. Lamesa Highway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3000 block of Navajo Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2800 block of Apache. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the intersection of Third St. and Aylesford. One person was treated at the scene.

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.BecomeaCASA.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.

• Maranatha Baptist Academy, 903 Johnson Big Spring, Texas 432-213-1046, Call today for educational needs. In School, High School graduation, Tutoring, homeschool. We are qualified to help you with your child's education, kindergarten through twelfth grade. Come by or give us a call. Open enrollment.

• 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 in 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. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• The Howard County Democrats will meet the second and fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 pm. at the Howard County Democratic Headquarters, 1408 Scurry, behind Prosperity Bank.

• 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.

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Police blotter

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• **BRANDY ANN MARTINEZ**, 21, of 1104 S. Austin St. was arrested on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and no driver's license.

• **RICHARD ALAN STOTTS**, 46, of 500 W. Fourth St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

• **JEFFERY LAMONT KING**, 44, of 5110 W. FM 818 was arrested on outstanding warrants.

• **CODY WAYNE BELZ**, 34, of 320 Davidson in Sulphur Springs was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended or invalid license.

• **MICHAEL ANGELO GARZA**, 30, of 804 W. Interstate 20 was arrested on charges of evading arrest or detention; harassment of a public servant; resisting arrest, search or transport; and assaulting a public servant.

• **ROSA DEJESUS GARZA**, 35, of 804 W. Interstate 20 was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported at the intersection of 23rd and Johnson streets.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80 and in the 200 block of West FM 700.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80 and in the 2600 block of Coronado Avenue.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 2600 block of Ent Drive.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 4400 block of Elder Street.

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.

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.

• **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.

• **Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder** support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

• **Bring Everyone Into The Zone**, or **BEITZ Support Group**, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. t 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.

• **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). Meetings are weekly, every Thursday, at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

FRIDAY

• **Reformers Unanimous International** is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• **AA open discussion** meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• **Alcoholics Anonymous** open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

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10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press
Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

1. TRUMP LINKS DRUGS, CRIME TO LACK OF BORDER WALL

In a televised plea from the Oval Office, the president urges congressional Democrats to fund his border wall, but Democrats accused the Republican of appealing to "fear, not facts."

2. AUSTRALIA WILL ASSESS RUNAWAY SAUDI WOMAN FOR SETTLEMENT

The move comes as 18-year-old Rahaf Mohammed Alqunun was deemed a refugee by the United Nations.

3. KIM JONG UN HEADS HOME FROM BEIJING

The North Korean leader's trip to China — his fourth in the past 10 months — was believed to be an effort to coordinate with his only major ally ahead of a possible second summit with Trump.

4. WHERE A STRIKE SEEMS INEVITABLE

Teachers in Los Angeles, the nation's second-largest school district, are ready to walk out over a contract dispute.

5. WHAT TRUMP SAID WENT 'VERY WELL'

Financial markets rally as U.S. and Chinese envoys wrap up three days of talks designed to end a protracted tariff war.

6. CHINA ALLOWING ETHNIC KAZAKHS TO LEAVE XINJIANG

The move is a sign that Beijing may be starting to feel a backlash against its sweeping crackdown on Muslims in the far west region.

7. AUSTRALIA POLICE EXAMINING PACKAGES LEFT AT CONSULATES

Several foreign missions are evacuated in Melbourne and Canberra after they received suspicious packages.

8. KURDS' AMBITIONS CAUGHT IN POWER GAMES

The ethnic group has gotten close to setting up their own state or autonomous regions on several occasions only to have their dreams shattered by world powers, and now Turkey is bearing down on them in northern Syria where the U.S. allies helped rout the Islamic State group.

9. SEATTLE BRACES FOR HISTORIC TRAFFIC SQUEEZE

A major thoroughfare for commuters along the downtown waterfront is shutting down for good, ushering in a painful traffic period for the booming Pacific Northwest city.

10. NETWORKS FACT-CHECK TRUMP SPEECH

TV pundits move swiftly to correct or challenge Trump following his Oval Office speech on the proposed border wall.

Problem of captured IS fighters grows as US plans Syria exit

By DEB RIECHMANN and SUSANNAH GEORGE

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hundreds of foreign Islamic State fighters have been captured in Syria, and what to do with them has become a problem for the Trump administration as it prepares to pull American troops from the country.

An administration official said determining the fate of these prisoners, who include Europeans and some U.S. citizens, is a priority as the U.S. lays the groundwork with allies to comply with President Donald Trump's order to withdraw the 2,000 American troops from Syria. Those troops have worked alongside the U.S.-backed Syrian Defense Forces to fight IS since 2015.

The official, who was not authorized to publicly discuss private deliberations about policy and spoke on condition of anonymity, said Tuesday that releasing the fighters would be "unacceptable" because of concerns that they could rejoin IS militants in Syria or elsewhere.

"This matters because SDF holds hundreds of IS fighters, including many European citizens, and they might go free if no solution is found," said Bobby Chesney, a national security law expert at the University of Texas.

European nations have been reluctant to take back citizens with ties to IS, not wanting the legal challenge of prosecuting them or the potential security risk if they are released.

Moving former fighters to the United States poses some of the same challenges that Washington has faced with men detained at the military base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Among the issues are whether it's feasible to prosecute militants captured on the battlefields of northern Syria, according to experts.

"It's one thing for the government to be very confident that an individual joined or tried to join ISIS. And sometimes it's still another thing for the government to be able to mount confidently a criminal prosecution against that individual," said Joshua Geltzer, a senior counterterrorism official under President Barack Obama.

A Syrian Kurdish militia said Wednesday it had captured eight IS fighters, including a 16-year-old American, a German, and a Russian. On Sunday, the SDF announced the capture of five fighters, including two U.S. citizens.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo is visiting the Mideast to discuss the withdrawal of the American



AP photo

In this July 21, 2017, file photo, Kurdish soldiers from the Anti-Terrorism Units, carry a blindfolded Indonesian man suspected of Islamic State membership, at a security center, in Kobani, Syria.

troops from Syria. National security adviser John Bolton returned Tuesday from a meeting in Turkey, where he sought a guarantee of safety for the U.S.-allied Kurdish fighters in Syria.

There are fears that the U.S. withdrawal will leave a door open for Turkey to assault the SDF fighters. Turkey views them as part of a terrorist group linked to an insurgency within its own borders. SDF commanders have warned that they will be unable to hold the 700 prisoners if Turkish forces invade Syria following a U.S. withdrawal.

Administration officials so far do not have a plan for what to do with the prisoners, according to a second U.S. official, who said that few countries have been willing to accept any of their captured citizens. This official was not authorized to disclose the information publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

In a recent case of an American suspected of IS membership, U.S. officials wrestled for more than a year, never charged him and then ultimately released him in Bahrain.

The problem has been further complicated by conflicting reports of Trump's timeline for recalling the U.S. troops from Syria.

One of the foreign fighters recently captured is Warren Christopher Clark, a former substitute schoolteacher from Houston, who was first identified by George Washington University's Program on Extremism. Researchers spent months investigating to confirm his identity through multiple sources. The program has identified more than 73 Americans, by their legal names, who are known to have joined jihadist groups.

"Clark is one of several dozen Americans to join the Islamic State out of the around 295 whom intelligence officials claim have traveled or attempted to travel to Syria and Iraq to join the terrorist group," according to Seamus Hughes, deputy director of the Program on Extremism.

HEALTH

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Hypertension, as well as tips and how to keep a healthy and productive life style. Be sure to attend this free event if you would like free knowledge and advice on different medical conditions that are featured monthly. Nothing is more important than a healthy you!

Next month, the topic for the monthly health focus will be on understanding osteoporosis and will take place Thursday, February 14, as all future meetings will take place on the third Thursday of each month. If you would like additional information regarding this free public service or have questions regarding future monthly health focus groups, please call Gina Valencia, the Senior Services Program Manager at the Big Spring Senior Center, at 432-267-1628.

COUNCIL

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span of time, they sold that particular vehicle. Now, anything new, if we ordered one today, it would be ready for next November, and it would be more."

Medina said the council plans to assess the situation.

"Now that's where we are. We're back in a holding pattern, we're going to re-assess the whole project and see where we go from here," he said. "But right now the prices are just outrageous."

The council did approve the bid in the amount of \$220,062.18 from Progressive Commercial Aquatics Inc. of Manor, Texas, for improvements to the Aquatic Center.

According to the quote from Progressive, the bid includes a full strip of the facility including chipping away the plaster down to the pool's shell, acid washing and pressure washing the shell, replastering, and acid washing and scrubbing the surface of the new plaster; and refinishing the park's slides and other features.

Medina told the City Council that the project had come in about \$8,000 below budget, which might mean a new feature at the water park.

"It is approximately \$8,000 below budget, so that allows us to do some other things with a splash pad, which, hopefully, we'll have something for the council to look at and approve at the next meeting," Medina said.

The council approved the measure unanimously.

In other business, the council:

- Recognized and accepted a donation of \$10,000 from Occidental Petroleum Corporation (Oxy) for bunker gear and cardiac monitors for the Fire Department;

- Increased the McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark budget by \$79,738.50 to purchase property for the safety runway area at the airport; and by \$67,000 to purchase a utility tractor for the Airpark;

- Increased the Convention and Visitors Bureau budget by \$50,000 to help pay for CVB events such as the premiere of "The Iron Orchard," the trial run for the 2020 Pan American Hang Gliding Championships, the second annual Song Swap at the Spring, a Texas Trail Plains Conference that will be held in Big Spring, as well as others.

- Approved establishment of revised tax abatement guidelines for the city's participation in the Tax Abatement Committee, formed by local government entities.

- Approved the Investment Report for the quarter ending Sept. 2018.

- Approved the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation's plan to provide a \$5,000 grant to the Coahoma Independent School District to fund a robotics program.

- Approved an amendment to the BSEDC's budget of \$473,700 for repairs and improvements to rail infrastructure.

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

FOOD

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distribute the food, so every Thursday or Friday, the teachers will hand out the bags to the children so they can have food for the weekend. All of these bags are distributed to children in Big Spring schools."

Although the venue was packed with volunteers in last night's sacking session, Food2Kids isn't always as abundant with help and always appreciates when and where they can get it.

"Food2Kids is always looking for more volunteers," says Pam Steel, president of Food2Kids. "We also would like to say thank you to all the individuals and organi-

zations that make monetary donations. That is what allows us to purchase the food to feed these kids," says Steel.

Food2Kids meets on the first Monday and Tuesday of every month.

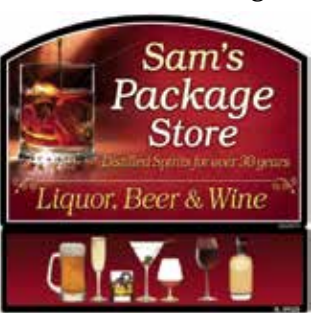
"We didn't think we would have to sack after March this year, but we've taken on more children, so we've added more dates," says Carman.

If you would like to volunteer, you can contact either Carman or Steel at the numbers listed below. Carman also says that you are more than welcome to just show up for any scheduled food sacking days. Food2Kids meets at the old Lakeview High School gym, and the dates they will be meeting to sack up

food for the kids are as follows: February 4 & 5, March 4 & 5, April 1 & 2, and May 6 & 7.

For any questions or more information, please contact Karen Carman at 432-213-2181 or Pam Steel at 432-935-0713.

Contact Staff Writer Anna Gutierrez at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at citydesk@bigspringherald.com.



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Jesus "Jesse" Ortiz, 82, died Sunday. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Roger Sparks, 75, died Friday, December 21, 2018. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, January 14, 2019, at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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Representative Tom Craddick's 50th year with the Texas Legislature

Representative Craddick was sworn into office on January 8th, 2019, celebrating his 50th year in the Texas House of Representatives



Courtesy photo

In the photo above, the Texas House's most senior member, Representative Tom Craddick, swears into office on Tuesday, January 8, 2019.

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN - Representative Tom Craddick, the Texas House's most senior member, will commemorate his 50th year in office this session. Craddick, who has served District 82 in six different decades, is the longest serving member in the history of the Texas Legislature.

When he was first elected in 1968, Craddick was only one of nine Republicans in the 150-seat House. In 2003, after 34 years in the House, Craddick was Texas' first Republican speaker of the House in 130 years.

"It is my pleasure to have had the unique privilege of serving the people of District 82 for the past 50 years," Craddick said. "I am truly honored to have earned the votes of my constituents at home time and time again. So long as I am called on to serve my community, I will dutifully execute my responsibilities to the very best of my ability."

When Craddick served as speaker from January 2003 to January 2009, Texas went from a \$10 billion budget shortfall to a \$10 billion budget surplus. Craddick, a consummate advocate for diversity and bipartisanship, also appointed an unprecedented number of women and minorities as chairmen, 12 of whom were Democrats.

Trump pleads on TV for wall money; Dems say he 'stokes fear'

By CATHERINE LUCEY, JILL COLVIN and LISA MASCARO

Associated Press
WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump urged congressional Democrats to fund his long-promised border wall Tuesday night in a somber televised address that was heavy with dark immigration rhetoric but offered little in the way of concessions or new ideas to break the standoff that has left large swaths of the government shuttered for 18 days.

Speaking to the nation from the Oval Office for the first time, Trump argued the wall was needed to resolve a security and humanitarian "crisis," blaming illegal immigration for what he said was a scourge of drugs and violence in the U.S. and asking: "How much more American blood must we shed before Congress does its job?"

Democrats in response accused Trump appealing to "fear, not facts" and manufacturing a border crisis for political gain.

Using the formal trappings of the White House, Trump hoped to gain the upper hand in the standoff over his demand for \$5.7 billion to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. He plans a visit to the border Thursday as he continues to pitch what was a signature promise of his 2016 presidential campaign.

He addressed the nation as the shutdown stretched through its third week, with hundreds of thousands of federal workers going without pay and some congressional Republicans growing increasingly jittery about the spreading impact of the impasse. Trump will visit the Capitol on Wednesday to meet with Senate Republicans, and has invited Democratic and Republican congressional leaders to return to the White House to meet with him later that day.

He claimed the standoff could be resolved in "45 minutes" if Democrats would just negotiate, but previous meetings have led to no agreement.

For now, Trump sees this as winning politics. TV networks had been reticent about providing him airtime to make what some feared would be a purely political speech. And that concern was heightened by the decision Tuesday by Trump's re-election campaign to send out fundraising emails and text messages to supporters trying to raise money off the speech. Their goal: A half-million dollars in a single day.

"I just addressed the nation on Border Security. Now need you to stand with me," read one message sent out after his remarks.

In their own televised remarks, Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer accused Trump of misrepresenting the situation on the border as they urged him to reopen closed government departments and turn loose paychecks for hundreds of thousands of workers.

Negotiations on wall funding could proceed in the meantime, they said. Schumer said Trump



AP photo

President Donald Trump speaks from the Oval Office of the White House as he gives a prime-time address about border security Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2018, in Washington.

"just used the backdrop of the Oval Office to manufacture a crisis, stoke fear and divert attention from the turmoil in his administration."

In his dire address, Trump ticked off a string of statistics and claims to make his case that there is a crisis at the border, but a number of his statements were misleading, such as saying the new trade deal with Mexico would pay for the wall, or suggesting through gruesome examples that immigrants are more likely to commit crime.

Trump, who has long railed against illegal immigration at the border, has recently seized on humanitarian concerns to argue there is a broader crisis that can only be solved with a wall. But critics say the security risks are overblown and the administration is at least partly to blame for the humanitarian situation.

Trump used emotional language, referring to Americans who were killed by people in the country illegally, saying: "I've met with dozens of families whose loved ones were stolen by illegal immigration. I've held the hands of the weeping mothers and embraced the grief-stricken fathers. So sad. So terrible."

The president often highlights such incidents, though studies over several years have found immigrants are less likely to commit crimes than people born in the United States.

Trump has been discussing the idea of declaring a national emergency to allow him to move forward with the wall without getting congressional approval for the billions he's requested. But he did not mention that Tuesday night.

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Lady Steer even district record at 1-1 with big 68-38 win over Lake View

By JORDAN PARR
Sports Editor

The Lady Steers hosted the San Angelo Lake View Maidens Tuesday night at Steer gym for their second district game of the year. Both teams came into the game with an 0-1 district record looking to get back to even as the move forward in district play. From the tip off it was clear that Big Spring out matched the Maidens as they quickly jumped out to a big lead despite missing one of their key players in Kayleigh Penny, who was out with an injury. Penny Terrazas suited up in place of Penny and did a great job filling in as a freshman.

In the first quarter, the Lady Steers jumped out to a quick 6-0 lead and continued to keep the pressure on Lake View playing lockdown defense and dominating the boards on both sides of the court. With Logan Terrazas leading the way on defense and Alexis Starr pushing the pace and getting easy baskets on offense, Big Spring ended the first period with a 15-8 lead and all the momentum on their side.

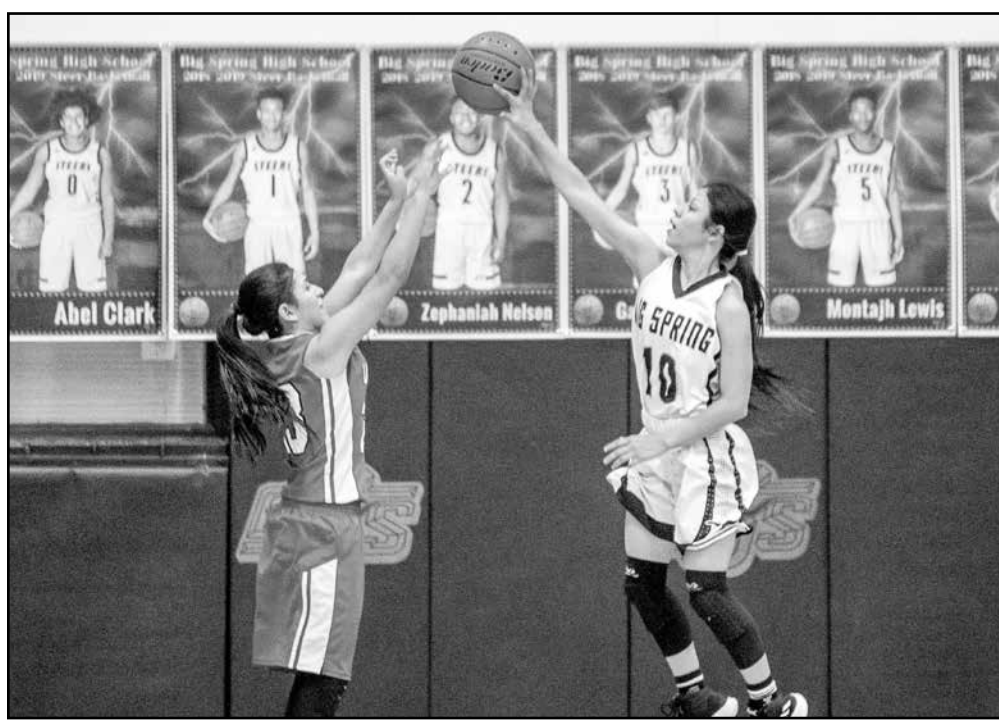
In the second quarter, the Lady Steers really came alive hitting five three pointers by five different players and holding the Maidens to just

6 points in the quarter. Big Spring continued to play great team defense and control the glass while increasing their scoring output dramatically to finish out the half with a big 41-14 lead.

Coming out of the half, the Lady Steers really put the game away for good once again holding Lake View to just 6 points in the quarter. With their defense controlling the game and taking away any second chance opportunities from the Maidens, Big Springs offense pushed the lead to 55-20 by the end of the third quarter and put the game on ice.

In the final period, Big Spring got their substitutions in the game and got some valuable minutes for their underclassmen as they continued to play well even with the backups running the show. With multiple freshman on the floor it was impressive to see that the team continued to play well as a unit and despite some mistakes held the lead to 30 points and came away with the big time 68-38 district win.

Alexis Starr led all scorers with 21 points and also contributed 6 steals and 3 rebounds from the point. Logan Terrazas was an absolute force in the paint, Terrazas collected 8 rebounds



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Alexis Starr blocks a shot during the Lady Steer's 68-38 win in district action over San Angelo Lakeview at home on Tuesday, January 8, 2019.

(5 of them offensive), scored 8 points, had 7 steals and grabbed 4 minutes in the game despite limited minutes. Amber Martinez added 13 points, 7 rebounds and 3 assists in the big win

as well. The Lady Steers move to 1-1 in district and will square off against Sweetwater next Tuesday at Steer gym with a chance to get their second district win.

Steers struggle from deep and fall to 6A Midland High 82-60



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Big Spring's Abel Clark goes up strong for a shot during the Steer's 82-60 loss to Midland High at home on Tuesday, January 8, 2019.

By JORDAN PARR
Sports Editor

The Steers welcomed the very talented 6A Midland Bulldogs to Steer Gym Tuesday night for their last pre-district game of the season. Big Spring definitely chose a formidable opponent to end their tuning up stage of the season. Midland brought size and athleticism that the Steers are likely not to see in district play but that should prepare the Steers for some of the teams they may face later in the playoffs.

In the first quarter the Bulldogs jumped out to a quick 14-3 lead holding the Steers from getting a field goal in the first 6 minutes of play. But the Steers adjusted and found their footing a bit and made a late first quarter push to make the game competitive

at 28-14 heading into the second quarter.

In the second quarter, despite playing much better defense once again Big Spring struggled offensively scoring just 11 points in the period. With the only consistent scoring coming from Jeremiah Cooley and Abel Clark down low, Midland packed in their defense and dared the Steers to shoot outside. Unfortunately, Big Springs backcourt couldn't find the range and their shooting struggles really hurt the Steers down the stretch. With shots not falling and the Bulldogs scoring easy baskets in transition, Midland increased their lead to 44-25 heading into the half.

Coming out of the break, the Steers once again struggled to put up any points. Big Spring scored just 9

points in the third quarter while giving up 22 on defense. As the frustration of their scoring woes got to the Steers their transition defense completely fell apart allowing the Bulldogs to get multiple uncontested layups on the break after a miss. Cooley was the only consistent offensive presence in the third quarter and even he had to scrap for every point.

In the fourth, the Steers did step it up on both sides of the ball showing their hear and fight, but it was too little too late as Big Spring fell to Midland 82-60 in convincing fashion. It was clear that the size and athleticism of the 6A Bulldogs really caused problems for the Steers especially in their backcourt who turned the ball over 13 times and shot an abys-

mal 2 for 15 from behind the arc. That said, the fight and determination of the Steers to hang in the game despite being down by so much so early is a good sign for a team that will likely not face another team with that type of size and athleticism till they get deep in the playoffs.

Cooley led the Steers in scoring and rebounding and pulled off another double-double with 15 points, 10 rebounds and 3 blocks. Clark added 10 points and 8 rebounds with Kyler Seymore also scoring in double figures with 10 points and 4 steals in the game. Zephaniah Nelson and Mikal Banks each added 6 points as well.

Big Spring will host Sweetwater next Tuesday to start district play and will look to show everybody why they are the Showtime Steers.

Bulldogs bring down Tigers 64-48



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody

Gage Clark-Burdell, No. 23, reaches for the basket during Coahoma Bulldogs/Anson Tigers game held Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019, in Coahoma. Clark-Burdell had a game high of 23 points for the night.

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — Gage Clark-Burdell had a game high of 23 points to help lead the Bulldogs to a 64-48 win over Anson Tuesday night.

Within the first few seconds of the game, the Bulldogs were quick to take control of the game. After Clark-

Burdell nudge the ball toward Coahoma's side in the tip off, it eventually landed into the hands of Joe Manning who raced to the post and dumped the ball in lightning quick to claim the first 2 points of the game.

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Bulldogettes fall to Lady Tigers



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody

Madison Rodgers, No. 23, shoots for the basket while being guarded by some Lady Tigers during the Coahoma Bulldogettes/Anson Lady Tigers game held Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019, in Coahoma. Rodgers had a game high of 13 points for Coahoma.

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — Madison Rodgers kicked off a 16-point scoring drive in the fourth quarter for the Bulldogettes Tuesday night, but the last minute push wasn't enough and Coahoma lost 43-26 to the Anson Lady Tigers in 5-3A District action.

After Coahoma was held to just 10 points over three quarters, Rodgers,

a freshman playing in her first varsity game, nailed a 3-point shot with 5:46 left in the game. That action ignited a fire under Coahoma.

Paige Atkins followed by sinking the ball for 2 while being fouled. The Coahoma senior then successfully converted the the free throw to add one more point.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A challenging situation

North dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A 8
♥ 7 4
♦ A J 10 9 6 2
♣ Q J 8

EAST

♠ 9 7 4 3 2
♥ 9 6 5 3
♦ K Q 7
♣ 4

WEST

♠ K Q J 10 5
♥ A Q J
♦ 5 3
♣ 6 5 2

SOUTH

♠ 6
♥ K 10 8 2
♦ 8 4
♣ A K 10 9 7 3

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	2♣	2♠
3♣	3♠	5♣	

Opening lead — king of spades.

The most interesting hands to play are those where the outcome is in doubt. Contracts that are laydown are not particularly exciting, nor are those where defeat is certain.

The hands of real interest are like this one, where declarer sees at once that there's a battle ahead. His first reaction should be that he must lose a diamond trick as well as one, two or even three heart tricks, depending on which defender has the ace.

South's next reaction should be to seek the line of play that offers the

best chance of success. In so doing, he gives heavy weight to the probability that West has the ace of hearts for his vulnerable two-spade overcall.

This should focus declarer's attention on the need to establish dummy's diamonds for discards. But since East is likely to gain the lead in diamonds and shift to a heart before the diamonds can be established, this method of play is rather unappealing.

Along about this time it should occur to declarer that there is an excellent chance the diamonds can be established without allowing East to gain the lead. It is only then that the best line of play emerges.

Accordingly, declarer plays low from dummy on West's king-of-spades lead at trick one! This allows the diamonds to be established without losing a trick to East, and does so without costing South a trick, since it merely exchanges his diamond loser for a spade loser.

Let's say West continues with another spade (his play doesn't really matter). South discards a diamond, cashes the ace of diamonds and ruffs a diamond. He then crosses to dummy with a trump, ruffs another diamond, draws trumps ending in dummy and discards three hearts on the established diamonds to make the contract.

Tomorrow: Two different approaches.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Moon of Maturing Dreams

"Keep true to the dreams of thy youth," mused the poet Friedrich von Schiller. Yet, were we to follow the dictum, many of us would live in pillow forts on diets of ice cream and there would be a disproportionate number of astronauts and veterinarians in the world. The moon advances to Pisces, favoring dreams rewritten in the light of maturity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you want to know something, you ask. Many are too afraid to admit what they don't know. They'd rather continue to be ignorant than risk appearing foolish. To be a good teacher, provide more information than is asked for.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There are those who lend their endorsements to products and services in exchange for financial gain. You make recommendations for more integral reasons -- to help others and to promote the good things in life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It will feel like you are doing almost nothing, though you're getting plenty accomplished. It's as though some other force is doing the work through you. This is the freedom of letting go.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It is said that if you treat people as though they are great, they will be. This has sometimes worked for you, but not always. You've also been burned by giving others the ben-

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



efit of the doubt, which is why you're a bit cautious today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). This thing you're trying to do isn't that easy. If it were, you'd have done it ages ago. Take a step back and ask, "How can I cater to myself better?" Be selfish, or it's not going to work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your role will go far beyond your job description. It's more like you're playing the composite of many roles: coach, parent, psychologist, partner, cheerleader and more.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Sophisticated sensibility is often just outside the boundary of what's expected and appropriate, while within the boundary of the law. In other words, "Epater la bourgeoisie."

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). For the integrity of your work you'll be recognized, maybe not with praise or awards but with lives touched by your life, goodness rippling out in unexpected ways.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Every breathing soul gets

technically older with each tick of the clock. Meanwhile, your state of mind gets younger with every new thing you learn.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). While budgeting may strike you as boring, a loose financial plan will serve you well. And no matter how much you know about money, it behooves you to check out what other savvy folks are doing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can think what you like and you can say what you think, though you'd be wise to use careful judgement on the matter of when, where and how you do it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When someone says, "Don't even get me started," it usually means, "Do ask! I'm dying to talk about it." But you knew that already. This kind of social intelligence is why you have so many friends.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 9). Leadership is your destiny in 2019. You're not overly concerned with being popular; you're just trying to do the right thing, which is usually the loving thing. For this reason and many others you'll be promoted, befriended and cherished. More highlights of the solar year include a new professional chapter, a domestic upgrade and communion with distant family for a happy occasion. Aries and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 47, 21, 8, 16 and 9.

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Annie's Mailbox

A Gift Wasted?

Dear Annie: Without trying to sound arrogant, I am smarter than the average bear. Not quite a genius but certainly up there. I won all kinds of academic awards in school and hold three degrees. But my problem is this: I am now 48, the mother of two children with special needs. I have spent most of my life being their caregiver (for which I do not blame them at all because they needed help and I'm their mother) and a full-time homemaker. I feel disappointed somehow, as though I wasted my talent. I don't know how to describe it. I feel as though I was given this talent and I didn't use it to the fullest. Do I have a responsibility to use my gifts? Did I let myself and/or others down because I didn't really? Do I need to set a goal for myself, and if so, what? -- Really Not Conceited

Dear Really Not Conceited: No, you haven't let anyone down. You've raised two kids and made a loving home. So please stop beating yourself up for not having pursued all of your dreams yet. You are only 48 years young.

There is still plenty of time. Many famous writers and artists got started after 40 -- though this isn't about chasing after fame. It's about honoring the part of yourself that wants to shine more light onto the world. I can't tell you what your specific goal should be, as I don't know what's in your heart. But you should make it a priority to carve time out of your day for creativity, by journaling, drawing, taking a class -- doing anything that nurtures the part of yourself that you feel heretofore has been underfed. You won't be satisfied until you do.

Dear Annie: I'd never had trouble with my eyesight until recently. My job involves staring at a computer screen for eight hours a day. That's a lot of blue light! My distance vision is still great, but my close-up vision is suffering. Would wearing prescription lenses while I work on the computer help? I want to be proactive about this so that I can prevent further loss of eyesight. -- Blindsided by Blue

Dear Blindsided by Blue: You're wise to be vigilant about your vision. For many of us, good

eyesight was one of those things we didn't know that we had until it was gone. First and foremost, you should see an optometrist. Generally, computer use causes myopia, or nearsightedness, so it's significant that you're experiencing farsightedness. Aside from seeing an eye doctor, here are some tips: When you're working, be sure to look away from your monitor and at something in the distance for about 20 seconds and blink rapidly. Do this preferably every 10 minutes but at least every 20 minutes. There are web browser plug-ins that will remind you to take these breaks. Keep your monitor at least 20 inches from your face. Adjust the monitor brightness so it's close to the brightness of your surroundings. Adjust the color temperature of your monitor so that it's warmer-toned, which will cause less strain. Continue to pay attention to any changes in your vision. Your peepers are precious.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

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

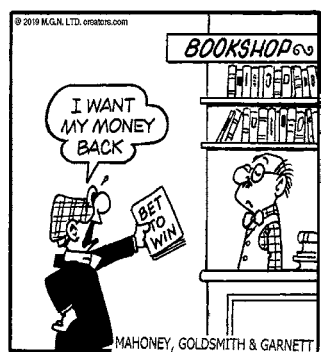
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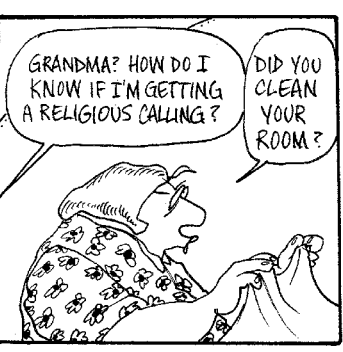
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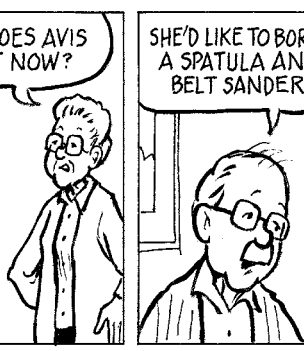
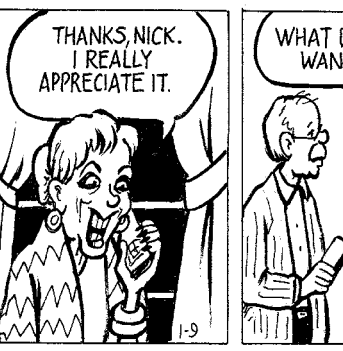
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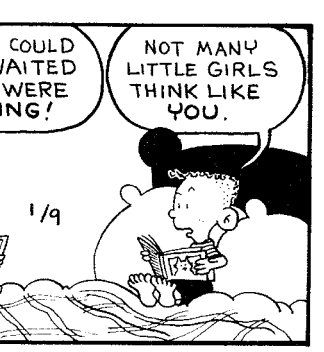
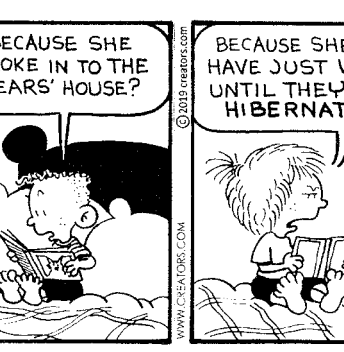
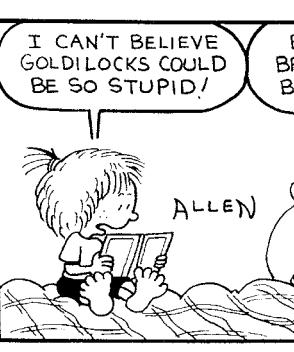
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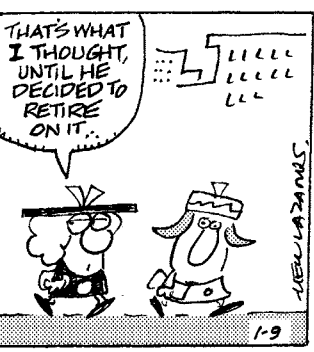
ONE BIG HAPPY



NEST HEAD



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This Date In History

On Jan. 9, 1861, Mississippi became the second state to secede from the Union, the same day the Star of the West, a merchant vessel bringing reinforcements and supplies to Federal troops at Fort Sumter, South Carolina, retreated because of artillery fire. On this date: In 1788, Connecticut became the fifth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution. In 1908, French philosopher and feminist Simone de Beauvoir was born in Paris. In 1913, Richard Milhous Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, was born in Yorba Linda, California. In 1914, the County of Los Angeles opened the country's first public defender's office. In 1916, the World War I Battle of Gallipoli ended after eight months with an Ottoman Empire victory as Allied forces withdrew. In 1931, Bobbi Trout and Edna May Cooper broke an endurance record for female aviators as they returned to Mines Field in Los Angeles after flying a Curtiss Robin monoplane continuously for 122 hours and 50 minutes. In 1945, during World War II, American forces began landing on the shores of Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines as the Battle of Luzon got underway, resulting in an Allied victory over Imperial Japanese forces. In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, in his State of the Union address to Congress, warned of the threat of Communist imperialism. In 1972, reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes, speaking by telephone from the Bahamas to reporters in Hollywood, said a purported autobiography of him by Clifford Irving was a fake. In 1987, the White House released a January 1986 memorandum prepared for President Ronald Reagan by Lt. Col. Oliver L. North showing a link between U.S. arms sales to Iran and the release of American hostages in Lebanon. In 1997, a Comair commuter plane crashed 18 miles short of the Detroit Metropolitan Airport, killing all 29 people on board. In 2001, Linda Chavez withdrew her bid to be President-elect George W. Bush's Secretary of Labor because of controversy over an immigrant in the U.S. illegally who'd once lived with her. Ten years ago: The Illinois House voted 114-1 to impeach Gov. Rod Blagojevich (blah-

GOY'-uh-vich), who defiantly insisted again that he had committed no crime. (The Illinois Senate unanimously voted to remove Blagojevich from office 20 days later.) President-elect Barack Obama announced he had picked retired Adm. Dennis Blair to be the national intelligence director and Leon Panetta to head the CIA. A Saudi supertanker, the Sirius Star, and its crew of 25 were released at the end of a two-month standoff in the Gulf of Aden after pirates were reportedly paid \$3 million in ransom. (Five pirates were said to have drowned with their share of the money when their boat overturned.) Five years ago: New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie fired one of his top aides, Deputy Chief of Staff Bridget Anne Kelly, and apologized repeatedly for his staff's "stupid" behavior, insisting during a news conference that he had no idea anyone around him had engineered traffic jams as part of a political vendetta against a Democratic mayor. A chemical plant spill into West Virginia's Elk River contaminated the water supply for Charleston, forcing more than 300,000 water customers in nine counties to stop using tap water. Activist poet-playwright Amiri Baraka, 79, died at a hospital in Newark, New Jersey. One year ago: Downpours sent mud and boulders roaring down Southern California hillsides that had been stripped of vegetation by a gigantic wildfire; more than 20 people died and hundreds of homes were damaged or destroyed. Breitbart News Network announced that Steve Bannon was stepping down as chairman after his public break with President Donald Trump. Former Arizona sheriff Joe Arpaio (ahr-PY'-oh) announced that he would run for the Senate seat being vacated by fellow Republican Jeff Flake; Arpaio had been spared a possible jail sentence when Trump pardoned him for disobeying a judge. (Arpaio finished third in an August primary won by Rep. Martha McSally.) Today's Birthdays: Author Judith Krantz is 91. Football

Hall of Famer Bart Starr is 85. Actress K. Callan is 83. Folk singer Joan Baez is 78. Rockabilly singer Roy Head is 78. Rock musician Jimmy Page (Led Zeppelin) is 75. Actor John Doman is 74. Singer David Johansen (aka Buster Poindexter) is 69. Singer Crystal Gayle is 68. Actor J.K. Simmons is 64. Actress Imelda Staunton is 63. Nobel Peace laureate Rigoberto Menchu is 60. Rock

musician Eric Erlandson is 56. Actress Joely Richardson is 54. Rock musician Carl Bell (Fuel) is 52. Actor David Costabile is 52. Rock singer Steve Harwell (Smash Mouth) is 52. Rock singer-musician Dave Matthews is 52. Actress-director Joey Lauren Adams is 51. Comedian/actor Deon Cole is 48. Actress Angela Bettis is 46. Actor Omari Hardwick is 45. Roots singer-songwriter

Hayes Carll is 43. Singer A.J. McLean (Backstreet Boys) is 41. Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, is 37. Pop-rock musician Drew Brown (OneRepublic) is 35. Rock-soul singer Paolo Nutini is 32. Actress Nina Dobrev is 30. Actor Basil Eidenbenz is 26. Actress Kerris Dorsey is 21. Actor Tyree Brown is 15.

Thought for Today:
 "One's lifework, I have learned, grows with the working and the living. Do it as if your life depended on it, and first thing you know, you'll have made a life out of it. A good life, too."
 Theresa Helburn
 American theatrical producer
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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
 1 Women
 5 Setters and spaniels
 9 Takes care of, with "to"
 14 Sacred
 15 Milky-white gem
 16 T.S. of literature
 17 Author unknown: Abbr.
 18 Infamous Roman emperor
 19 Thick heads of hair
 20 Hit song
 23 Poet's "before"
 24 Salt Lake state
 25 ACLU concerns
 26 Spelling contest
 27 Not known by
 31 Palm tree berry
 34 Become preoccupied with
 36 Historical time
 37 Hit novel
 41 401, to 18 Across
 42 Midleg joints
 43 Hill-building bugs
 44 Beach resort locale
 46 One gathering intel
 48 NYSE debut
 49 Bread with a pocket
 51 Defer, with "off"
 54 Hit movie
 58 December tune
 59 Hibernation place
 60 Tennis great Arthur
 61 Silly
 62 Novelist Rice
 63 Line on a list
 64 Stares at

- 65 Canceled, at NASA
 66 Be bold
DOWN
 1 Physical condition
 2 Pay tribute to
 3 Get wed on the run
 4 In ___ (harmonious)
 5 Give to a cause
 6 "Grand" musical production
 7 Brooks of country music
 8 Mail-drop opening
 9 Designed to entice
 10 Go by, as time
 11 Highest digit in sudoku
 12 Active person
 13 Many urban rds.
 21 Slice of the spectrum
 22 Early synthetic fabric
 26 Morsel
 27 Line of rotation
 28 Gas in store-window signs
 29 Jogging pace
 30 Acorn producers
 31 Basic principles
 32 Relinquish, as territory
 33 Land east of Europe
 34 Escape in a hurry
 35 Suffix for percent
 38 Sticks for the slopes
 39 "At the ___ the day . . ."
 40 Small gulf
 45 Rather tall
 46 Two-speaker system
 47 Faux ___ (minor mistake)
 49 Keyboard instrument
 50 Cupcake topper
 51 Rigatoni or ravioli
 52 Wedding party member
 53 Motif
 54 Slammed door sound
 55 Face-to-face exam
 56 Custard dessert
 57 Hotel employee
 58 AFL-___

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Answer to previous puzzle

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RAISE	SEAL	EYEBROW
CURSE	SEAL	AURA
ADMIT	YWCA	MEET
PESTS	ASHY	ASSIT

No. 8 Texas Tech rallies for 66-59 win over 23rd-ranked OU

Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — Whenever Texas Tech needed a big play against Oklahoma, Jarrett Culver had plenty to offer.

Culver scored 23 points, grabbed a career-high 13 rebounds and scored seven straight Texas Tech points to break a tie late in the second half, leading the No. 8 Red Raiders to a 66-59 win over 23rd-ranked Oklahoma on Tuesday night.

The sophomore put his hometown Red Raiders (14-1, 3-0 Big 12) ahead for good with a layup for a 53-51 lead with 4:22 remaining, then converted a three-point play to push the lead to five.

After Aaron Calixte hit a 3-pointer to get the Sooners back within two, Culver muscled through a crowd to rebound his own miss of a short bank shot and powered up over two defenders for a bucket and a 58-53 lead.

"Culver picks and chooses his spots," Texas Tech coach Chris Beard said. "He's playing against game plans and great defenders."

Christian James scored 14 points for the Sooners (12-3, 1-2) and Brady Manek added 13, but Oklahoma shot 30 percent in the second half with 10 of its 14 turnovers in a second Big 12 loss against a Top 10 opponent.

"Guys on both teams fought like crazy," Sooners coach Lon Kruger said. "Right there at the critical stages, we didn't get critical stops we needed. We turned it over, we didn't take care of the ball and we had a couple of breakaways we didn't finish in transition."



Texas Tech's Jarrett Culver (23) shoots in front of Oklahoma's Jamuni McNeace (4) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019, in Lubbock, Texas.

AP photo

The Sooners were up 40-33 after Manek hit a 3-pointer with 17:23 to play, but Brandone Francis sparked a 12-4 run by Texas Tech with a 3.

Matt Mooney's layup put Texas Tech in front before Manek hit another 3 to get Oklahoma even at 51-all. Culver took over from there, finishing 8 of 13 from the field while scoring nine of Texas Tech's final 15 points. It was his first double-double of the season and second of his career.

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"He can do so many things," Kruger said. "He can score from 3, he can drive and kick, he followed his own shot. He's just a really good all-around player."

Tariq Owens blocked four shots, Francis hit a pair of timely 3-pointers after making just two of 22 attempts over the previous seven games and Davide Moretti had 12 points, three steals and three assists.

BIG PICTURE
Oklahoma: The Sooners dropped their second Big 12 game in the first three, but it's hard to argue anybody has played a tougher early schedule. They still need more of an inside presence to get back on track.

Texas Tech: The Red Raiders just keep winning because they make life miserable for opponents on the offensive end. Oklahoma shot 32 percent, right at Texas Tech's nation-leading average for field goal defense.

CLINCHING FREE THROWS
The Red Raiders led by three with 21 seconds left when Moretti made two three throws, followed by a pair from Culver as the Red Raiders made all 17 from the line, including six in the final 45 seconds. Culver was 7 of 7 from the line.

UP NEXT
Oklahoma: No. 25 TCU at home Saturday.
Texas Tech: At Texas on Saturday.

No. 18 Kentucky rallies to pull away from Texas A&M 85-74

By GARY B. GRAVES

AP Sports Writer

LEXINGTON, Ky. — After an awful start, Kentucky coach John Calipari was happy to see his team finish off Texas A&M.

Tyler Herro had 21 points, Ashton Hagans scored a career-high 18 and No. 18 Kentucky overcame a 10-0 deficit before holding off Texas A&M for an 85-74 victory on Tuesday night.

"The whole season is about building," the coach said. "We won a game. We won a league game. We won our first league game. Good start."

The Wildcats (11-3, 1-1 Southeastern Conference) definitely had room for improvement after Saturday's 77-75 loss at Alabama, disappointment that translated into an early hangover against the Aggies.

Kentucky started badly on both ends with four missed shots, turnovers and defensive breakdowns the Aggies seized upon for a pair of 10-point leads. Kentucky quickly regrouped with a 19-6 run over 5:21. Hagans had a pair of steals during the spurt in which everything clicked.

The Wildcats led 46-34 at the break before having to withstand a second-half comeback by the Aggies (6-7, 0-2), who got within 66-64 with 7:55 left. Immanuel Quickley answered with a 3-pointer and PJ Washington eventually followed with a three-point play for an 11-point cushion that held up.

"We started pretty slow and eventually we got it going a little bit," said Herro, who was 7 of 14 from the field with three from long range for his second 20-point effort in three games.

"Second half, we played a little bit better. Overall, we have to start games quicker and better."

Hagans made 10 of 11 free throws along with shooting 4 of 6 as the Wildcats made 15 of 27 (56 percent) after halftime to finish 52 percent overall.

"The Alabama game was tough," Quickley said, "but we bounced back. It felt extremely good."

The Aggies meanwhile were left with another game they played close but came up just short.

Jay Jay Chandler and TJ Starks each had 18 points for Texas A&M, which shot above 50 percent for much of the game. The Aggies cooled off late and finished 48 percent.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Kentucky should remain ranked as long as it follows up against Vanderbilt on Saturday.



Kentucky's Ashton Hagans (2) chases a loose ball between Texas A&M's Wendell Mitchell (11) and Savion Flagg (1) during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game in Lexington, Ky., Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019. Kentucky won 85-74.

AP photo

tried to speed the game up and I feel like that was in their advantage on the defensive end."

Kentucky: Shaky as the Wildcats initially looked, they settled down and soon led after 10 minutes. Though outshot much of the night by the Aggies, handling the paint 42-32 and outscoring their bench 23-9 helped them gain the edge and a strong bounce-back from Saturday's loss against the Crimson Tide. Redshirt freshman guard Jemarl Baker had four critical points along with three assists.

"Jemarl Baker went in and was just playing basketball," Calipari said. "He wasn't playing for himself, trying to get his (points). If a guy was open, he threw it to him. It changed the whole complexion of the game."

UP NEXT
Texas A&M visits Alabama on Saturday, seeking its third win in the past five meetings.

Kentucky hosts Vanderbilt on Saturday in search of its fifth consecutive win against the Commodores.

TECHNICALLY SPEAKING

A hard foul against Hagans led to a first-half scrum resulting in technical fouls for both teams. Christian Mekowulu and John Walker were whistled for the Aggies, while Washington was called for Kentucky.

Hagans made four free throws to make it 33-21.

BIG PICTURE

Texas A&M: The Aggies stayed close with good shooting and even edged Kentucky 29-28 on the glass. They just didn't have enough answers down the stretch to overtake the Wildcats and were hurt by 19 turnovers leading to 22 points.

"We started giving the ball away and their defense revved up," coach Billy Kennedy said. "They

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Mason scores 25 points as Baylor beats No. 20 Iowa State 73-70

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Basketball Writer

WACO, Texas — Makai Mason is getting more aggressive on the floor for Baylor, wanting to take shots and chasing after loose balls.

Mason scored a season-high 25 points, including five free throws in the final 38 seconds, and the Bears held on for a 73-70 victory over No. 20 Iowa State on Tuesday night.

"Yeah, it's definitely been a process," said Mason, the first graduate transfer ever to play at Baylor. "But, every game, I've felt like I've been a little more comfortable. Just learning our system as well."

Iowa State (12-3, 2-1 Big 12) was coming off a 17-point home win over then-No. 5 Kansas three days earlier. The Cyclones had won five in a row and entered the AP Top 25 on Monday for the first time since the end of the 2016-17 season.

"It was a tough loss, this is a loss that should bother us a lot," Iowa State coach Steve Prohm said.

"We just wanted to build off what we did on Saturday and kind of getting off to a good start in the league," Cyclones forward Michael Jacobson said. "Yeah, it's just disappointing for that reason."

Mason played only one game the past two seasons at Yale because of foot issues, and missed his first three games at Baylor with a sprained right ankle. His 25 points are still shy of his career-high 31, scored for Yale against Baylor in the 2016 NCAA Tournament.

"I'm fine with whatever he does, point-wise, this year," Baylor coach Scott Drew said with a smile.

Devonte Bando made two free throws with five seconds left for Baylor (9-5, 1-1), and Iowa State had one more shot to tie the game but Nick Weiler-Babb's defended 3-pointer from about 30 feet along the right sideline wasn't even close.

Tristan Clark added 16 points for Baylor while Bando had 13.

Marial Shayok had 19 points to lead Iowa State. Lindell Wigginton and Jacobson had 11 each.

Mason made a tough short jumper with 1:48 left to tie the game at 66. After his tiebreaking free throw before missing another with 38 seconds left, King McClure grabbed the offensive rebound. That set up two more free throws by Mason.

There was also Mason's 8-0 run earlier in the second half. He made a 3 with 9:29 left for a 54-52 lead, then after an Iowa State miss made a long 3 and stood with his right arm still in the air while watching the shot go in the basket. Mason then had a long rebound and fastbreak shot, though it only counted two points since his toe was on the line.

BIG PICTURE

Iowa St.: After their most lopsided win over Kansas in 46 years, this was a tough loss for the Cyclones. Iowa State wiped out an eight-point half-time deficit with a 15-5 run to start the second half in which Shayok had eight points. But the Cyclones never led by more than two points after halftime.

Baylor: Bando had eight points, including two 3s, as Baylor closed the first half with a 22-7 run to turn a seven-point deficit into a 38-30 lead. ... The Bears have won the last six times Iowa State has visited Waco.

IN A BOOT

Iowa State was finally healthy as a team going into the Big 12 play. But the Cyclones know have another injury to deal with. Cameron Lard sprained his right ankle and sat on the bench after halftime with a protective boot on his foot. Prohm said he didn't know enough yet to comment on the status of the 6-foot-9 forward.

BULLDOGETTES

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Rodgers struck next burying a second 3-point basket followed by two more field goals. Cassie Grant ended the night for Coahoma by dropping in the last basket from behind the arc.

Rodgers had a game high of 13 points for the night.

Next: The Coahoma squad travels to Colorado City to take on the Lady Wolves in district action Friday.

ANSON 43, COAHOMA 26

Anson: 15, 9, 12, 7 -- 43

Coahoma: 3, 2, 5, 16 -- 26

Anson — Hannah Jones 6, Trista McIntire 14, Gracie Fagin 15, Valerie Fells 6, McKynsee Nash 2.

Coahoma — Caitlyn Corley 4, Paige Atkins 3, Madison Rodgers 13, Abbie Lopez 2, Cassie Grant 4.

Free Throws — Anson 5-8, Coahoma 7-13 ; Three-Point Goals — Anson 6 (Fagin 3, McIntire 2, Jones), Coahoma 3 (Rodgers 2, Grant); Total Fouls — Anson 12, Coahoma 12.

Bulldogettes JV falls to Lady Tigers

COAHOMA — The Bulldogettes JV team fell to Anson Tuesday night 28-14.

Layla Salinas and Katlyn Johnson both netted 5 points each to lead the Coahoma squad in scoring. Salinas also sank a 3-point shot in the third quarter.

Next: The JV squad heads east to take on the Lady Wolves Friday in Colorado City.

ANSON 28, COAHOMA 14

Anson: 3, 10, 5, 10 -- 28

Coahoma: 4, 2, 4, 4 -- 14

Anson — Burke 6, Rodriguez 2, Hagler 5, Hernandez 4, Maldonado 2, Mitchell 2, Wilburn 4, Gallentine 2, Lomas 1.

Coahoma — Layla Salinas 5, Katlyn Johnson 5, Kaylie Kaczyk 4.

Free Throws — Anson 4-12, Coahoma 1-10 ; Three-Point Goals — Coahoma 1 (Salinas); Total Fouls — Anson 13, Coahoma 8.

BULLDOGS

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Bryson Cline, Zack Schneider and Clark-Burdell all lended a hand to help the Bulldogs end the first quarter 15-7. Then the momentum switched to the Tigers who drove in 17 points in the next 8 minutes of play while keeping Coahoma to just 8. The Bulldogs had a tough time getting their offense going but managed to leave for the locker room down by one 1 point, 23-24.

However, the game dramatically turned around once more after the Bulldogs scored 24 points in the third.

Gage-Burdell was a huge part of the Coahoma turnaround. After scoring only 4 points in the first half, Clark-Burdell racked up 16 in the third quarter alone. Manning, who had 15 points for the game, added 8 to give the Bulldogs a 47-34 advantage by the end of the third. The Bulldogs continued to take that energy into the fourth adding another 17 points before the final buzzer sounded.

Next: Coahoma will face off against the Colorado City Wolves for the second time this season in a 5-3A District match up set for Friday.

ANSON 48, COAHOMA 64

Anson: 7, 17, 10, 14 -- 48

Coahoma: 15, 8 24, 17 -- 64

Anson — D. Pyle 8, J. Garcia 8, M. Hagler 12, D. Thomson 12, K. Villegas

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Coahoma — Brice Martin 5, Joe Manning 15, Zack Schneider 9, Gage Hill 2, Bryson Cline 8, Kolt Redden 2, Gage Clark-Burdell 23.

Free Throws — Anson 11-18, Coahoma 8-21; Three-Point Goals — Anson 1 (Garcia); Total Fouls — Anson 16, Coahoma 22.

Coahoma JV

ANSON, COAHOMA 31

COAHOMA — In a close fought game, the Anson Tigers were able to stop a Coahoma JV White team drive in the fourth quarter to take the match 36-31 Tuesday night.

Isaiah Martin had a game high of 17 points to lead the Bulldog team in scoring. Tony Hagins nailed the only 3-point shot of the game for both teams.

Next: The JV Red team will play in the Forsan Tournament set for Thursday through Saturday. Both JV White and Red will head to Colorado City Friday to take on the Wolves.

Anson: 8, 5, 13, 10 -- 36

Coahoma: 9, 4, 11, 7 -- 31

Anson — M. Hagler 5, G. Williams 10, C. Dollar 5, R. Pippin 15, C. Guernsey 1

Coahoma — L. Saverence 6, Kobe Cervantes 3, Isaiah Martin 17, Tony Hagins 5.

Free Throws — Anson 4-15, Coahoma 4-9; Three-Point Goals — Coahoma 1 (Hagins); Total Fouls — Anson 12, Coahoma 13.



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