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Skiles named KBSB President for 2019



Courtesy photo
 Eric Escamilla (right), longtime member and outgoing President of Keep Big Spring Beautiful (KBSB) for 2018, shakes hands with Peggy Skiles (left) who has been with the organization for many years and is now the incoming president of KBSB for 2019. Escamilla will continue his service to KBSB as the Vice President. "I hope that I was able to bring some change to this community, and I look forward to working with Peggy in the future!" Congratulations, Peggy!

County to require landowners' permission for seismology studies

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Companies conducting seismology studies on Howard County roadways will have to get permission from landowners in the area first. That's the decision reached by Howard County Commissioners at their meeting Wednesday afternoon.

"The concern is that, if a landowner does not want a seismograph done on his property, and we know that the majority of our roads, the ownership goes to the center of the road, then that property is still his. It's our road and our right of way, but he still fundamentally owns it outside of our easement to be on top of it," said County Road Administrator Brian Klinksiek. "Therefore, we should not give permission to a seismograph company that we do not have. I feel like our current multi-use permit, under the section for above-ground facilities would cover the seismograph company wanting to use the road, but the



HERALD photo/Roger Cline
 Howard County Clerk Brent Zitterkopf, right, confers with County Judge Kathryn Wiseman as the commissioners return to their places following a closed executive session during their meeting Wednesday. Following the session, commissioners approved 80 hours of paid sick leave for a county employee.

certification on the second paragraph of the front page, in yellow, states that they have to have land owners' permission. So moving forward, if we are agreeable to allow the seismograph company to work on our roads, they'll have to meet ownership requirements from the land owners, and prove that, and they're certifying to us

that they have it." Seismology is the study of earthquakes and naturally and artificially produced vibrations of the earth. The science is often used to gauge the effect of traffic on structures, roadways or bridges. Previously, the county has allowed companies to conduct

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City to conduct cemetery clean up

Special to the Herald

The City of Big Spring, Mount Olive Cemetery, will begin a cemetery clean up on Monday, January 14, 2019. All items not allowed on the lots or in the cemetery will be removed. If you have items you wish to keep, please be sure you pick them up prior to the clean up. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have questions or concerns regarding the clean up, please contact the City of Big Spring at 432-264-2501.

Kindred Coffee Hour ready to kick off 2019

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**
 Managing Editor

In preparation for a brand new year of coffee breaks and health checks, those who host Kindred Coffee Hour would like to hear from the public regarding the topics that attendees would like to see covered this year, and also how event coordinators can build upon the program to better serve its goers. To give your suggestions and ideas, attend the first meeting of 2019 this Friday, January 11 at 9 a.m. at the Yellow Rose Cafe located inside Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC).

According to SMMC Marketing Manager, Amanda Duforat, this first meeting will not feature a guest speaker

er as their main priority is to gather ideas for the Fridays to come.

"There will not be a speaker this time. This week's Coffee Hour will focus on getting ideas on what those attending would like to see covered so that we can make it relevant throughout the year and provide a resource to the community," she said. "More information is to come for how the year will go after this Coffee Hour. This one will allow us to plan for the year."

If you aren't familiar with Kindred Coffee Hour or have yet to attend this free, educational event put on by Kindred



Amanda Duforat

at Home and SMMC, here is a little information about it:

- Kindred Coffee Hour is a weekly event that takes place every Friday, is always free to the public and takes place at the Yellow Rose Cafe inside Scenic Mountain Medical Center, located at 1601 W.

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Fourth annual Sweetwater Float Fest this weekend

Special to the Herald

The fourth annual Sweetwater Float Fest is a small hot air balloon rally held in Sweetwater, Texas. This event will be welcoming five balloon pilots from West Texas, New Mexico, and Missouri, and will have sponsored flights, a tether balloon, and vendors (food and craft) on site. This will be a weekend community event designed for family fun.

Balloon flights are scheduled to launch shortly after sunrise (8 a.m.) on both Saturday, January 12, and Sunday, January 13. These flights are strictly for paid sponsors. There will be a



tether balloon set up for the public to go up in a tied-off balloon for a small donation per person. Flights and tether will be weather permitting and at the pilot's discretion. The tether will be set up for as long as the wind will allow on Saturday and Sunday.

At 9:30 a.m. on both days, the Team Chip Demo Team will be performing. There will be a handful of vendors on site both days. On Saturday evening, there will also be a Fire Concert in the Park. Shortly after sunset, the pilots will bring out their

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Clarification:

In Wednesday's edition of the Herald, the headline "Council approves water park improvements, puts fire truck purchase on hold" was misinterpreted by some readers to mean the council prioritized the Russ McEwen Family Aquatic Center improvements over the purchase

of a new fire truck. This was not the case. The intent of the headline was to say the council took the two separate actions of approving the water park improvements and putting the fire truck purchase on hold, without implying the two decisions were linked in any way.

As the story went on to explain,

the fire truck purchase was put on hold because the truck in question had been sold while the city was arranging financing, a condition which could not have been altered by delaying or canceling the water park improvements. The Herald apologizes for any confusion regarding the headline.

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Obituaries

Jesus "Jesse" Ortiz



Jesus "Jesse" Ortiz, 82, of Big Spring died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019. Vigil services 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.

Jesse was born May 25, 1936, in Laredo, Texas, to Ursula Yruegas Ortiz and Florencio Ortiz. He married Guadalupe "Lupe" Garcia on Feb. 13, 1963. She preceded him in death on Dec. 12, 2017. He had worked for the Big Spring Independent School District, Big Spring Herald,

Bealls, Montgomery Ward, and retired from the Veterans Administration Medical Center. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, and his hobby was old trucks.

Jesse is survived by one daughter, Dianna Valdez (Jerry Holten) of Big Spring; one son, Alejandro Garcia (Malinda) of Big Spring; four grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and one brother, Lazaro Ortiz.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Delia Hoyte; one brother, Ramon Ortiz; and two sisters, Lupe Ortiz and Ricarda Zamora.

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

Don Lovelace

Don Lovelace, 82, of Coleman, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, Jan. 4, 2019, at his home. No services are planned.

Arrangements are under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home in Coleman.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 81 inmates at the time of this report.

- **EDDIE JOE ALVARADO JR.**, 22, was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property (less than \$100).
- **SERGIO AZDAR**, 34, was booked by HCSO on three warrants for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, and a charge of resisting arrest, search or transport.
- **ALAN CORONADO**, 29, was booked by BSPD on a charge of introduction of contraband into correctional institution.
- **ROSA DEJESUS GARZA**, 35, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **ALAN CORONADO**, 29, of 10835 N. Interstate 35 in San Antonio was arrested on a charge of introduction of contraband into correctional institution.
- **EDDIE JOE ALVARADO JR.**, 22, of 1500 Lincoln Ave. was arrested on a charge of theft of property (less than \$100).
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 2600 block of

Coronado Ave.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of West FM 700 and the 300 block of S. Owens St.
- **RUNAWAY** was reported in the 1500 block of State Park Drive.
- **FOUND PROPERTY** was reported at Big Spring City Hall.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1100 block of South Gregg St.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Fairchild. One person was treated at the scene.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Northwest Seventh Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
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- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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.BecomeaCA-SA.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.

to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716.

- 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.
- Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or

- Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.
- If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

- Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

- Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

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

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

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

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

- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

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

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

Support Groups

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.
- 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.



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Political pressure leaves little room for resolving shutdown

By **STEVE PEOPLES**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — There is no easy way out.

As the third government shutdown of President Donald Trump's tenure stretched into its 20th day, political pressures on Trump and the Democrats have left little room for compromise in the standoff over funding for a border wall. Most prominently, Trump's narrow focus on the desires of his most ardent supporters has him convinced he cannot back off his signature campaign promise without facing backlash. Some powerful Republican allies in Washington and beyond are cheering on his demands for \$5.7 billion funding for the wall, even if some remain uneasy.

For Democrats, broad public skepticism about Trump's case for the wall — combined with a driving push from the base to stand up to the Republican president — has assured them they're on solid ground in refusing to bend.

The looming question is whether the impact of the shutdown on government services and the plight of struggling federal workers force Republican lawmakers to break from the president or compel Democrats to budge. Until then, the dispute has given both parties a fast first test in the politics of divided government as they try to trade blame, manage their messages and strike a balance between competing political wings.

Each side appeared dug in even deeper after a White House meeting between Trump and Democratic leaders on Wednesday as the economic livelihoods of some 800,000 federal workers hang in the balance. Trump said he quickly ended the meeting after House Speaker Nancy Pelosi indicated that Democrats would not fund his wall under any circumstances.

Trump's focus now is squarely on his conservative base and its support for the wall that came to symbolize Trump's promise for a hardline, unrelenting approach to immigration. "He got elected because of that wall," said Trump confidant Jerry Falwell Jr., president of the evangelical Liberty University.

Falwell said he has told Trump he's doing the right thing. "I don't think it'll help him at all if he backs down."

White House aides largely agree. Officials maintain the issue is a political winner, though they have urged the president to be more aggressive in making his case to the public — and to any wavering Republican lawmakers.

Trump outlined his argument in graphic terms during a prime-time Oval Office address Tuesday night. While several studies suggest that illegal immigration has no impact on crime rates, the president highlighted horrific crimes committed by immigrants and suggested his wall was needed to prevent this "crisis."

"How much more American blood must we shed before Congress does its job?" asked Trump, who plans to visit the border on Thursday, the partial government shutdown's 20th day.

The longest shutdown ever was 21 days in 1995-96, when Bill Clinton was president.

The White House has been searching for options — but not one that involves com-

promise. The administration has explored the possibility of funding the massive wall without congressional approval by declaring a national emergency or using funds from another department, though such moves would almost certainly trigger a legal challenge and may push some Republicans in Congress to break.

Trump on Wednesday acknowledged the political pressure from within his own party not to back down.

"If I did something that was foolish, like gave up on border security, the first ones that would hit me would be my senators — they'd be angry at me. The second ones would be the House. And the third ones would be frankly my base and a lot of Republicans out there and a lot of Democrats that want to see border security," he told reporters.

Meanwhile, the president's Republican critics are few and far between.

Vice President Mike Pence got a standing ovation during a closed-door meeting of congressional Republicans on Tuesday after he told them to "stand strong" and cited a

C.S. Lewis quote on courage as a virtue. As many as two dozen Republicans — a tiny fraction of the 199 Republicans serving in the House — are expected to join House Democrats this week in passing a bill to start reopening parts of the government.

There were modest signs of discomfort with Trump's strategy among Senate Republicans, though few had a pressing political incentive to break with the president given that all but a handful expect easy re-elections in 2020.

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, called the shutdown "completely unnecessary and contrived. People expect the government to work ... this obviously is not working."

At the same time, newly elected Sen. Kevin Cramer, R-N.D., was more representative of the mood in his caucus when he said voters back home believe Trump is doing the right thing: "They love him. And they want the wall."

The GOP support stands in sharp contrast to most Americans, who do not approve of Trump's job performance. His approval rating has hovered close to 40 percent or below for much of his presidency. But Trump's approval within the Republican Party has surged close to 90 percent.

The sharp divide is reflected in public opinion of the wall.

Overall, 54 percent of Americans oppose construction of a wall along the Mexican border, according to a Quinnipiac poll released in December. At the same time, 86 percent of Republicans backed the proposal.

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baskets and set up the burners to shoot 20 foot flames. Balloon envelopes will be set up as well if winds allow. The public will be allowed to come up to the basket, set off the burners, and take photos.

All activities will be held in Newman Park in Sweetwater, Texas. There is no charge to come out and watch the balloons. A cook-off has also been added to the event this year. Main categories include chicken, ribs and brisket. Additional entries of jalapeño peppers and beans will also be accepted.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Thursday, January 10th, 2019

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Balloon Explorium at Highland ISD

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Balloon Explorium at Roscoe CISD

Friday, January 11th, 2019

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Balloon Explorium and Holly at KXOX Radio Show

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Balloon Explorium at Sweetwater ISD

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Balloon Explorium at Sweetwater ISD

4 p.m. Park Opens for Cook Off, Contestants and vendor setup

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Pilot and Crew Check in at Holiday Inn Meeting room, Subway sandwiches and drinks provided

Saturday, January 12th, 2019

6:30 a.m. Park Opens for vendor set up

7:15 a.m. Crew and Pilot Weather Briefing (sunrise – 7:45 a.m.)

8:00 a.m. Balloon Flights (weather permitting)

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Propane Open (WTG 1800 W. Broadway Street)

- 10:00 a.m. COOK OFF TURN IN (JALAPENOS)
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- 2:00 p.m. COOK OFF TURN IN (BRISKET)
- 3:00 p.m. Pilot & Crew Weather Briefing
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Tether Balloon- Newman Park (weather permitting)
- 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Glow in the Park (weather permitting)
- 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Propane Open (WTG 1800 W. Broadway Street)
- 7:00 p.m. Pilot/Sponsor meal at The Annex Sunday, January 13th, 2019
- 6:30 a.m. Park Open for vendor set up
- 7:15 a.m. Crew and Pilot Weather Briefing (Sunrise – 7:45 a.m.)
- 8:00 a.m. Balloon Flights (weather permitting)
- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Propane Open (WTG 1800 W. Broadway Street)

RESTRICTIONS:

- Please leave animals at home. Service animals are welcome, but be advised; the high frequency pitch of the propane burners may startle them or catch them off guard.
- No smoking will be allowed within 50 feet of the balloons.
- Do not touch any parts of the balloons without the pilot's permission.

This is the 4th year of the Sweetwater Float Fest, and the event has grown from two balloons in the first year to five registered balloons. This group is a non-profit organization heading a family-friendly community event and has hopes that their rally will continue and grow for years to come. For additional information or to receive vendor or volunteer information, please visit www.facebook.com/swfloatfest. You can also email sweetwaterfloatfest@gmail.com, or call Holly Hutton at 806-281-7430.

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seismologic studies by providing a bond to cover any damage to roads.

In other business, commissioners:

- Tabled an item to consider approval of new area guidelines and criteria for tax abatements, to give commissioners time to read and consider the issue. The item

will be reintroduced at the commissioners' next regular meeting.

- Reappointed Terry Chamness as the Howard County Emergency Management Director/Coordinator.
- Approved invoices and purchase requests.
- Approved payroll, personnel considerations, and the Treasurer's monthly payroll report.
- Met in executive closed session to consider personnel issues. Following the session, the commis-

sioners approved 80 hours of paid sick leave for a county employee.

Howard County Librarian Ma- vour Braswell was scheduled to give an update on library issues during the meeting, but missed the meeting due to illness.

The Howard County Commissioners will meet next Jan. 23.

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

HOUR

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11th place here in Big Spring.

• During the meetings, the Kindred staff provides blood pressure checks as well as oxygen and heart rate checks, and of course, complimentary coffee!

• Most of Kindred's coffee hours feature a different guest speaker each week to help shed some light to the community about their health and different conditions, whether it be medically related or not. It's different every week!

"Our goal is to develop relationships in the community," said Christian Fair. "Whether we are able to direct people in the right direction when it comes to their health, or even if they are already doing great, we just love being able to offer this service to the community, and we are so happy about its continued growth despite the location change."

Any age is welcome to attend Kindred Coffee Hour. If you would like additional information regarding this free public service, please contact Christian Fair at 432-816-3573.

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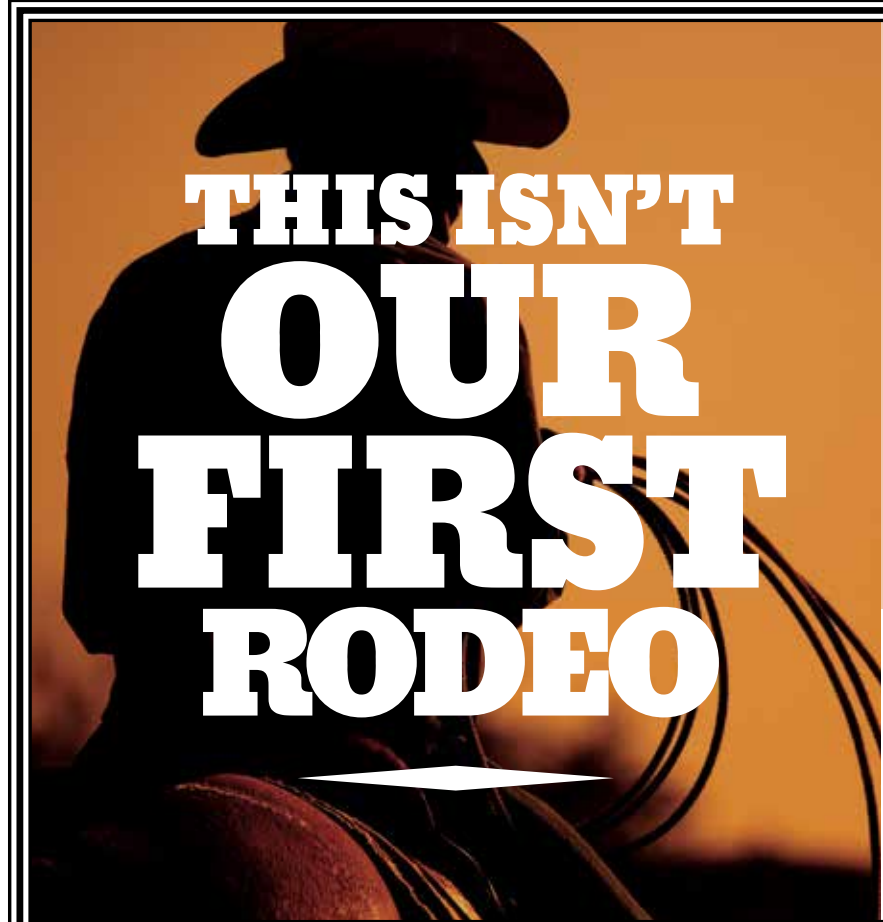
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Roger Sparks, 75, died Friday, December 21, 2018. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, January 14, 2019, at Myers & Smith Chapel.



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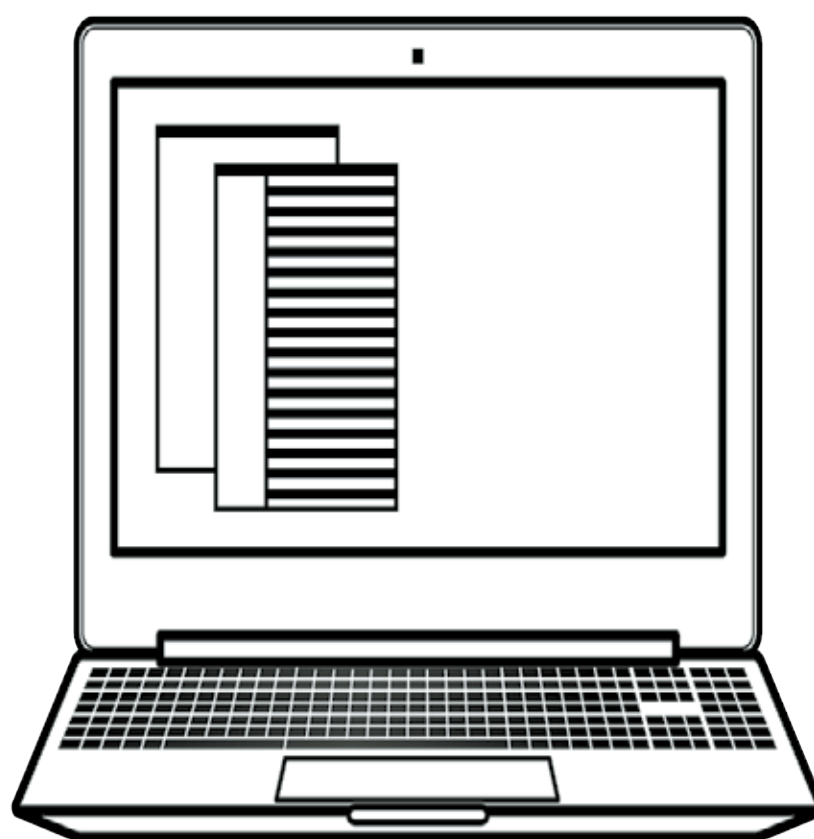
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Nutall scores 18, Sam Houston St holds off Central Arkansas

CONWAY, Ark. (AP) — Zach Nutall had 18 points and six rebounds and Sam Houston State defeated Central Arkansas 78-69 on Wednesday night.

Albert Almanza and Xavier Bryant scored 12 points each for the Bears (7-8, 2-0 Southland). Kai Mitchell added 11 points, and Cameron Delaney and Josh Delaney scored 10 each.

Thatch Unruh, who averages 10.5 points per game, led the Bears (6-10, 1-2) with 27 points, his season high. DeAndre Jones scored 12 points.

Central Arkansas went on a 17-4 run late in the game to cut what had been a 20-point deficit down to seven, 74-67 with 36 seconds remaining. After Cameron Delaney missed a pair of free throws, Jones added two free throws to draw within 74-69 at 15 seconds. Josh Delaney then made two free throws, Unruh missed a 3-point shot and Josh Delaney made two more for the final score.

Abilene Christian tops McNeese 73-72 behind Ricks, Lewis

LAKE CHARLES, La. (AP) — Payten Ricks hit five 3-pointers, scored 19 points and had six assists, Jaren Lewis added 15 points with five assists, and Abilene Christian held off McNeese 73-72 on Wednesday night for coach Joe Golding's 100th career win.

Hayden Farquhar scored 12 off the bench and B.J. Maxwell added 10 points with three steals for the Wildcats (13-3, 2-1 Southland Conference), who shot 50 percent overall and led 39-36 at halftime.

James Harvey's 3 with 11:41 to go put the Cowboys up 55-54, but the Wildcats led 71-67 on Franklin's free throw with 40 seconds left. Harvey's 3 cut it to 71-70, but Lewis's two from the line made it 73-70 with 16 seconds to go. McNeese closed to the final score on Kevin Hunt's layup with nine seconds left. The Wildcats' Joe Pleasant missed two free throws from there and Hunt's 3 at the buzzer missed.

Harvey scored 17 points with five 3s for McNeese (5-11, 1-2). Roydell Brown scored 15 and grabbed 11 rebounds, Malik Hines scored 14 and Trey Touchet 12 with six assists.

Littleton leads No. 11 Texas women over Oklahoma 73-63

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Destiny Littleton scored 15 points and Joyner Holmes had her first double-double of the season to help No. 11 Texas beat Oklahoma 73-63 on Wednesday night for the Longhorns' sixth win in a row.

Holmes, a preseason all-conference selection who missed the first eight games because of an ankle injury, finished with 10 points and 14 rebounds. Jatarie White added 13 points and nine boards for Texas (13-2, 3-0 Big 12).

Taylor Robertson's layup with 7:46 remaining capped a 12-2 run that trimmed Oklahoma's deficit to 61-59 but Sug Sutton answered with a 3-point play as Texas scored 12 of the final 16 points. The Sooners missed 10 of their last 12 shots.

Oklahoma led by as many as eight points in the first quarter and didn't trail until White scored five consecutive points to give the Longhorns a 29-28 lead with 5:43 left in the first half. Madi Williams made back-to-back layups to give the Sooners a one-point lead a couple minutes later but Texas scored the next eight to take a 41-34 lead into halftime. Holmes' layup with 2:45 left in the third gave UT its biggest lead at 59-47.

Robertson finished with 13 points for the Sooners (5-9, 1-2). Oklahoma has lost eight of its last 11 against the Longhorns and is winless at Texas since Jan. 5, 2013.

Gurley meets Elliott in big-time showcase for NFL's top RBs

By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — Todd Gurley roots for running backs when he watches football. A playoff duel between arguably the two best ball-carriers in the NFL would be irresistible to him as a fan.

Gurley won't be watching the Los Angeles Rams' playoff game against the Dallas Cowboys from his couch, however. He'll be in the Coliseum on Saturday night to go up against Ezekiel Elliott in a tantalizing matchup that should play a large role in deciding which team moves on to the NFC championship game.

"It's not really about us," Gurley said Wednesday night. "It's a team game. Obviously, we've got to hype it up, Zeke versus Gurley, but it'll be a good game. He's a great back, and I guess I'm not too bad myself."

The good feelings are mutual between these elite running backs when the Cowboys (11-6) visit the Rams (13-3). Gurley and Elliott are friends who

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AP photo

In this Oct. 1, 2017, file photo, Los Angeles Rams' Todd Gurley, left, and Dallas Cowboys' Ezekiel Elliott, right, swap jerseys after an NFL football game, in Arlington, Texas. Gurley is a big football fan, and Elliott is one of his favorite players. The good feelings are mutual heading into the Cowboys' playoff visit to the Rams and a showdown between the NFL's two premiere running backs

Doncic scores 30 points, Mavs end skid against Suns

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Luka Doncic connected on a 3-pointer to put Dallas ahead for good in the third quarter, then did a couple of other things that make the Mavericks believe they have something special in their 19-year-old rookie.

First Doncic disrupted an attempted alley-oop for a steal before an assist on a jump-pass out of a double team from close to half court to DeAndre Jordan help the Mavericks take control.

The Slovenian guard scored 30 points to go with six rebounds, five assists and three steals and Dallas ended a seven-game losing streak against Phoenix with a 104-94 victory



AP photo

Dallas Mavericks guard Wesley Matthews (23) looks to pass around Phoenix Suns guard De'Anthony Melton (14) during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2019, in Dallas.

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No. 4 Baylor women surge late to beat Kansas State 65-50



AP photo

Baylor guard Juicy Landrum, left, reaches for a loose ball with Kansas State guard Rachel Ranke, right, in the first half of an NCAA college basketball game, Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2019, in Waco, Texas.

WACO, Texas (AP) — Baylor showed a bit of fatigue when playing its third game in a seven-day stretch that coach Kim Mulkey described as an emotional and physical rollercoaster.

The fourth-ranked Lady Bears still turned up the defensive pressure in time to win their Big 12 home opener and wrap up a span that began with a win

over then-No. 1 UConn.

Kalani Brown had 16 points and nine rebounds, Lauren Cox added 13 points and 10 rebounds and Baylor beat Kansas State 65-50 after momentarily falling behind in the third quarter Wednesday night.

"I think it was good for us just to have a game like that,

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Swinney wins Bear Bryant award for 3rd time in 4 years



HOUSTON (AP) — Dabo Swinney won the Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year award for the third time in four years Wednesday night, two days after leading Clemson to its second national championship in three years.

Swinney is the only three-time winner of the 33rd annual award, with Chris Petersen — the trophy holder in 2006 and 2009 at Boise State — the only other multiple winner.

Swinney was among seven finalists named for the annual award

given to the nation's top college football coach — along with Bill Clark (UAB), Brian Kelly (Notre Dame), Josh Heupel (UCF), Jeff Monken (Army), Nick Saban (Alabama), and Jeff Tedford (Fresno State).

Frank Beamer, whose tenure as Virginia Tech's coach spanned 29 years, received the Paul "Bear" Bryant Lifetime Achievement award. It honors a coach for outstanding career accomplishments on and off the field. He won the coach of the year award in 1999.

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The sealed proposals must be delivered to the attention of **Mr. John Grant, General Manager, CRMWD** and will be received and accepted at the District's office located at 400 East 24th Street, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, Texas 79720 until the deadline for submission which is **3:00pm, Thursday January 31, 2019**. The proposals once received will be publicly opened and shall be read aloud at the time and place indicated for acceptance of the proposals. Only the name of each proposer and the monetary amount of their proposal and any alternates shall be read aloud. All proposals received after the deadline for submission of sealed proposals shall be returned to the proposer unopened.

Contract Documents, **including project drawings and specifications** and any other documents relevant to the scope of work may be examined at the offices of CRMWD. The address for the Engineer is: V & A Consulting Engineers Inc., 1718 Fry Road, Suite 210, Houston, TX • 77084

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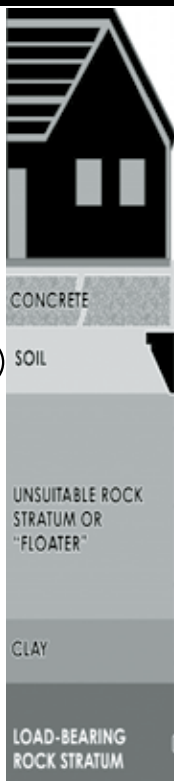
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Two different approaches

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q J 10 9 7
♥ K J 5
♦ 9 4 3
♣ 8 6

WEST
♠ 8 5 2
♥ Q 8 7 4
♦ 6 5
♣ J 9 7 3

EAST
♠ A K 3
♥ 9 3 2
♦ Q J 10 8
♣ Q 10 2

SOUTH
♠ 6 4
♥ A 10 6
♦ A K 7 2
♣ A K 5 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass
2NT Pass 3NT

Opening lead — four of hearts.

There are times when the struggle to make or break the contract is so tightly contested that the outcome depends more on skill than on high cards or distribution. For example, the result of today's hand rests entirely on the expertise of the players.

Declarer played low from dummy on the heart lead and won East's nine with the ten. When South then led a spade, East allowed dummy's nine to hold, and from this point on declarer was fighting a losing battle.

He continued with a spade at trick three, East winning with the king and

shifting to the queen of diamonds. South took the ace and could see that if he led a heart to the king to establish the spades, he would have no way to get back to dummy to cash them.

He therefore abandoned the suit and tried to get his ninth trick from diamonds instead. But when that suit failed to divide 3-3, he had to go down one.

East's fine defensive play at trick two notwithstanding, declarer should have anticipated that the defenders might refuse to win the first spade lead and taken steps to deal with that possibility.

The correct play by South is to win the opening trick with the ace of hearts rather than the ten! This creates an extra entry to dummy that can later be utilized if necessary. A spade is then led to the nine. If East ducks, a second spade is played. South wins the diamond return, leads a heart and finesses the jack after West follows low. Another spade lead then establishes the suit, and with the king of hearts as an entry to dummy, declarer finishes with 10 tricks.

Note that in playing the ace of hearts at trick one, South assumes that West holds the queen. This is confirmed by the Rule of Eleven, which reveals that the nine East played at trick one is the only heart East can have that is higher than the four led by West.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Pisces Moon

As much as we'd like to think the world will be a better place once oppressive hierarchies are toppled, until we face our part in the malady of the world, the condition will continue. To heal the world, heal the self. To change the world, change the self. To love the world, love the self. This cosmic message comes courtesy of the Pisces moon.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). People like to pretend that they make decisions out of logic, judiciousness and authority, when it is more often the case that they make decisions out of emotion and the justify those decisions by standards of reason.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). While you believe that people are inherently equal, we all have different strengths. As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Every man I meet is in some way my superior." You'll humble yourself and pick up a new skill.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Negotiation is featured. The other person is not really your opponent. Where your terms align, accept it quickly, without wondering if you should go for more ground. This is a case of picking your battles.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Calm, rational people are very stabilizing to the emotional environment, but you need a few unpredictable personalities spouting mad notions and acting as a general wild cards, too. Otherwise, things get too boring.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you get tired you can either give in to

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



not. So when you meet someone who is paying attention to others, observing out of sheer curiosity and genuine interest, befriend that person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You've a beautiful sense of poise going for you and you're able to execute your day with the sort of approach that makes others admire and deeply respect you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's a red flag when a person is attempting to eliminate the competition through negative press. This is a tactic for the insecure. Stick with positive people who strive to uplift others around them.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you're totally in the know, it might be something to keep for yourself until you get the lay of the land. As the Greek tragedian Aeschylus said, "It is a profitable thing, if one is wise, to seem foolish."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 10). You're usually too busy serving others to worry about what might bring you delight. Their smiles are often enough. But new experiences, relationships and interests that arise in the months to come will teach you what you need in order to thrive as the most fantastic version of yourself. Libra and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 14, 39, 15 and 22.

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drowsiness and go to sleep, or you can perk up by moving around, changing environments and invigorating yourself. The principle applies to any stagnant situation. You have choices.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The clearer you are in your purpose, the easier life gets. You know who you are, how to behave, what to do. People feel like they know straight away and as if by osmosis they get how they're supposed to treat you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). External validation can be like an addictive drug. Our brains love the rush and will train us to seek more acceptance from the same sources. Love and validate yourself, so circumstantial validation won't be the only form you get.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There is no such thing as easy money. There are opportunities available though, and they all take an investment of work, money or something else. Consider your options carefully. If it sounds like a scam, it is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Today you'll find that more people are self-involved than

Annie's Mailbox

Loudmouthed Newcomer

Dear Annie: I've played basketball with an informal team of women for well over 10 years. We've now celebrated most of our 40th birthdays together, and though some in the group of 20 or so have come and gone, we've been a pretty close and supportive cluster of friends. We play b-ball twice a week, go for coffee after morning games and occasionally go out for a drink after evening ones. About six months ago, a new player joined our ranks. She loves being part of the group and is a great player. But frankly, she is a loud-mouth and huge drinker. Though I haven't heard direct complaints about her -- because my friends are too kind to talk behind her back -- I can see it on their faces. It's a pained expression. It's downright embarrassing when she's drunk and yelling insults about any one of us at a bar or restaurant. This isn't the kind of team that members get kicked out of. My friends are too gracious for that. But at the same time, she's ruining the dynamics of the group. I don't feel close

enough to her to suggest getting help for her drinking problem. Besides, she flaunts it and does not appear to want to change. Any suggestions? -- Troubled in Toledo

Dear Troubled: Alcohol abuse ruins lives. The kindest thing you and your teammates could do for this heavy-drinking "loud-mouth" is not to refer to her as that! The only way to get closer to her and be kind to her is to have a frank conversation with her about the effects her drinking is having on the team. If your teammates are truly as kind as you say they are, you should tell her the truth.

Dear Annie: If you want to find yourself, do something for others. One of your readers said she was annoyed that a friend would call her twice a week to talk. It invaded her time for herself. Listening is a gift, and most of us are not good at it. As a spouse, I am a terrible listener. I am trying to do a better job. But I do know that sometimes people just want to vent, and some of us can't help but want to fix what we hear. I think ladies have their nails done so they will

have someone listen to them. Ladies pay \$25 for a half-hour of talking, and they end up with shiny fingernails to boot. And they vent and often solve their own concerns. What a gift it is to listen to others. Guys, are you listening? -- Husband for 42 Years

Dear Husband: Interesting notion about the nail salons. Whether or not that hypothesis is correct, you're right that to listen to someone is to give him or her a gift. A few thoughts on "venting": When one partner just wants to vent, I've found it's helpful when the venter states upfront that he or she is just looking to vent and not soliciting advice. But one should also be careful not to make complaining a primary pastime. We should all be mindful that when we blow off steam by venting, the listener absorbs some of the heat. Be sure to express gratitude.

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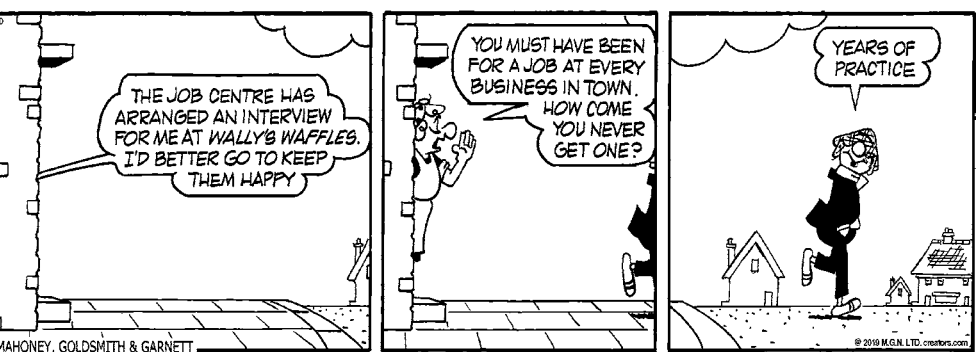
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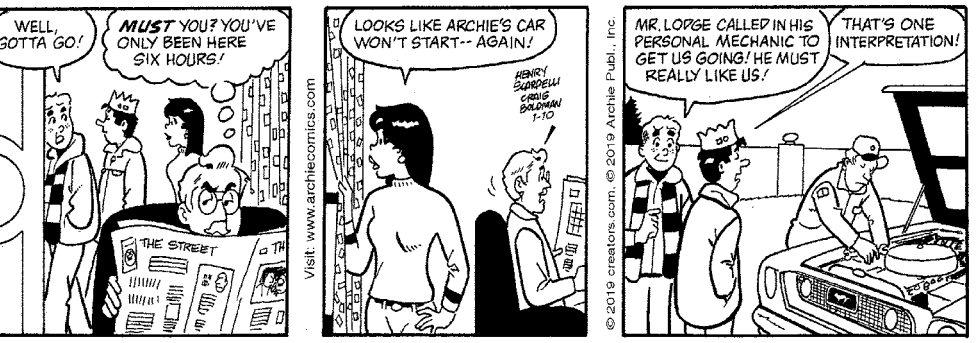
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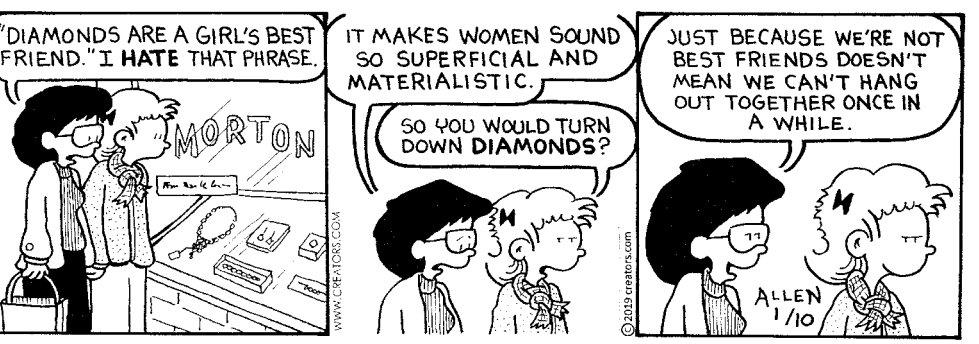
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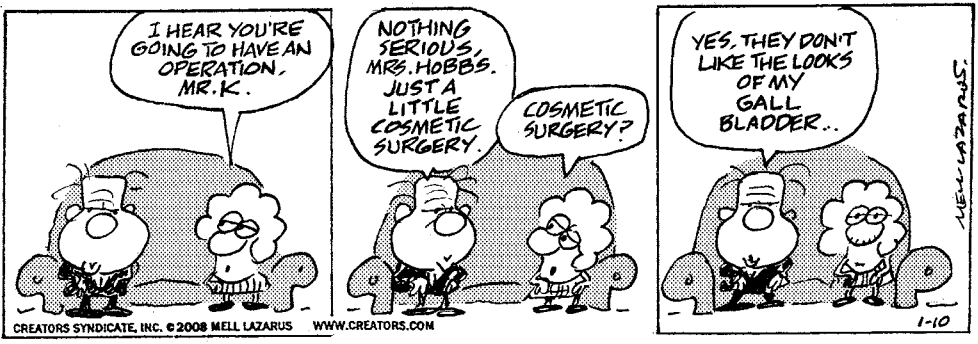
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NEST HEAD



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On Jan. 10, 1863, the London Underground had its beginnings as the Metropolitan, the world's first underground passenger railway, opened to the public with service between Paddington and Farringdon Street. On this date: In 1776, Thomas Paine anonymously published his influential pamphlet, "Common Sense," which argued for American independence from British rule. In 1860, the Pemberton Mill in Lawrence, Mass., collapsed and caught fire, killing up to 145 people, mostly female workers from Scotland and Ireland. In 1861, Florida became the third state to secede from the Union. In 1870, John D. Rockefeller incorporated Standard Oil. In 1920, the League of Nations was established as the Treaty of Versailles (vehr-SY) went into effect. In 1946, the first General Assembly of the United Nations convened in London. The first manmade contact with the moon was made as radar signals transmitted by the U.S. Army Signal Corps were bounced off the lunar surface. In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson, in his State of the Union address, asked Congress to impose a surcharge on both corporate and individual income taxes to help pay for his "Great Society" programs as well as the war in Vietnam. That same day, Massachusetts Republican Edward W. Brooke, the first black person elected to the U.S. Senate by popular vote, took his seat. In 1984, the United States and the Vatican established full diplomatic relations for the first time in more than a century. In 1994, President Bill Clinton, attending a NATO summit meeting in Brussels, Belgium, announced completion of an agreement to remove all long-range nuclear missiles from the former Soviet republic of Ukraine. In 2000, America Online announced it was buying Time Warner for \$162 billion (the merger, which proved disastrous, ended in December 2009). In 2002, Marines began flying hundreds of al-Qaida prisoners in Afghanistan to a U.S. base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. In 2006, Iran resumed nuclear research two years after halting the work to avoid possible U.N. economic sanctions. Ten years ago: Vice President-

elect Joe Biden arrived in Afghanistan, where he pledged long-term American support. Tens of thousands of people demonstrated in cities across Europe and in Lebanon against the Israeli offensive in Gaza. The aircraft carrier USS George H.W. Bush was commissioned with its namesake, the 41st president, and other members of the Bush family on hand for the ceremonies at Naval Station Norfolk. Five years ago: The Labor Department reported that U.S. employers added just 74,000 jobs in December 2013. Larry Speakes, who'd spent six years as acting press secretary for President Ronald Reagan, died in Cleveland, Mississippi, at age 74. One year ago: Immigration agents descended on dozens of 7-Eleven stores nationwide before dawn to check on the immigration status of employees in what officials described as the largest operation so far against an employer under Donald Trump's presidency. The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra said Charles Dutoit had stepped down as artistic director and principal conductor after multiple allegations of sexual assault. After nine terms in the House, California Republican Rep. Darrell Issa announced that he would not seek reelection. Today's Birthdays: Opera singer Sherrill Milnes is 84. Rock singer-musician Ronnie Hawkins is 84. Movie director Walter Hill is 79. Actor William Sanderson is 75. Singer Rod Stewart is 74. Rock singer-musician Donald Fagen (Steely Dan) is 71. Boxing Hall of Famer and entrepreneur George Foreman is 70. Roots rock singer Alejandro Escovedo is 68. singer Brent Smith

Thought for Today: "You got to look on the bright side, even if there ain't one."

Dashiell Hammett American author (born 1894, died this date in 1961).

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NFL

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realize they have a remarkably similar style of play, adding an extra bit of intrigue to an already compelling matchup.

"He's a big, fast back," Elliott said about Gurley. "He can run inside. He can run outside. He can run through you, jump over you, around you, make you miss. He's a great asset out of the backfield. Just a guy who has a well-rounded game and really doesn't have any weaknesses."

Indeed, no backs in the league exemplify the current ideal combination of power, speed and versatility better than Gurley or Elliott, who have established themselves as destroyers of defenses behind two of the league's best offensive lines.

Gurley and Elliott are dangerous as ball-carriers and as pass-catchers. They're the centerpieces of their respective offenses, with Elliott's 381 touches leading the NFL and Gurley ranking fourth with 315 touches after sitting out the Rams' past two games with a knee injury that appears to be healing well.

Although they've played only seven combined NFL seasons, they've already compiled individual accolades to back up their stature. Elliott won the NFL rushing title last month for the second time, while Gurley led the league in touchdowns and finished third in the rushing race this season after winning the NFL's Offensive Player of the Year award last season.

"He has everything you want in a running back," Cowboys coach Jason Garrett said of Gurley. "He's quick, he's fast, he's explosive, he's strong, has great instincts for the game, great feel for the game, outstanding vision. He can beat you with speed. He can beat you with power. He can beat you cutting back. He can beat you when they hand him the ball. He can beat you when they throw him the ball. He's great running after the catch. He plays with a competitive spirit. He's just a fantastic player."

Garrett then realized he knows another back with very similar qualities.

"In some ways, I probably did describe Ezekiel Elliott," he said. "Both big-time players who can do everything you want them to do on the field and embrace carrying the burden for their team."

Their skills aren't limited to taking hand-offs, either.

Elliott was also the Cowboys' leading receiver this season with 77 catches for 567 yards. He has touched the ball at least 20 times in each of his past nine games.

Gurley made 59 catches for 580 yards this season, his numbers declining only slightly after Sean McVay turned him into a huge target in the Rams' passing game last year. Gurley played a role of increased sophistication, lining up in new spots and learning new skills in McVay's innovative schemes.

Elliott and his offensive line are particularly daunting challenges for the Rams' defense, which yielded 5.1 yards per rush this season — worst in the NFL.

"It's a big challenge to stop their running game, especially (Elliott)," Rams defensive coordinator Wade Phillips said. "But all our guys know that, so that's a challenge. We've challenged our guys with, 'Hey, we can't let him run the ball, or certainly run wild on us.'"

Gurley hasn't played in four weeks after taking the final two regular-season games off to rest his balky knee. He is easing back into practice this week, with the Rams trying to keep him fresh for the challenge presented by a Cowboys run defense that held backs to 3.8 yards per carry, fifth-best in the league.

Gurley doesn't look at Saturday as a personal competition with Elliott — but if he did, he would have plenty of motivation.

While Elliott won the NFL rushing title as a rookie in 2016 and again this year, Gurley has yet to claim the title. Elliott also earned his first playoff victory last week, rushing for 137 yards against Seattle, while Gurley is still looking for his first postseason win.

"He's a big back, like myself," Gurley said. "Basically fast, strong, catches the ball. He goes out there and proves it every week. He gets it done."

MAVS

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over the last-place Suns on Wednesday night.

"Luka does crazy stuff all the time," said Jordan, who had 11 points and seven rebounds. "So I'm not surprised by anything he does."

Maybe even a little too crazy at times, like the high-arching 3-point try from 32 feet — one of a pair of a-bit-too-long attempts from deep that missed. He was an otherwise solid 8-of-14 shooting in his fourth game with at least 30 points.

The Slovenian guard still went 4 of 9 beyond the arc with a four-point play in the first half while finishing four points shy of his career high. Doncic made just 10 of his career-high 16 free-throw attempts as the Mavericks went to the line 45 times, a season high, making 32.

"He's very versatile. He's unselfish," said Phoenix coach Igor Kokoskov, who has coached Doncic on the Slovenian national team. "A guy who's playmaking for his teammates and also scoring. I think his defense is getting better."

T.J. Warren scored 20 points for the Suns, who led by eight in the first half before falling a night after ending a six-game losing streak with a 21-point rally in a 115-111 home victory over Sacramento. Scoring leader Devin Booker missed the Kings game and was out again in Dallas with back spasms.

Phoenix is a combined 1-13 in back-to-back pairs — 1-6 on the front end and 0-7 on the back. It was the Suns' first loss to Dallas since a 113-108 defeat in Mexico City almost two years ago. Two of their 10 wins this season came against Dallas at home, including the season opener.

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AP photo

Phoenix Suns center Deandre Ayton (22) looks to shoot as Dallas Mavericks forward Luka Doncic (77) guards during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2019, in Dallas.

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ber had season highs of 13 points and nine rebounds.

STANDING ALONE

Doncic is the only rookie with multiple 30-point games this season. Ayton, Jaren Jackson of Memphis (fourth pick) and Atlanta's Trae Young (fifth overall pick by Dallas in trade with Hawks) have one apiece.

FOUL FEST

The Suns matched their season high with 34 fouls, the third time they've reached the mark. Two others besides Ayton had five in Josh Jackson and Elie Okobo, while guard De'Anthony Melton fouled out with 7:06 remaining. Jackson scored 17 points, but just two after halftime.

UP NEXT

Suns: Denver at home Saturday night before playing seven of the next nine games on the road.

Mavericks: At Minnesota on Friday night.

BAYLOR

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especially when we're tired, because getting to the end of the season we're going to have two, three games in a row like that," Cox said. "So, just having to fight like that and not be up 20, 30, where we can just coast it out. That was good for us."

The Lady Bears (12-1, 2-0 Big 12) won despite their second-lowest offensive output of the year — the lowest was their 68-63 loss at then-No. 11 Stanford before winning their last four games. They didn't make a 3-pointer (0-for-4) for the first time since Feb. 20, 2017, against Texas, ending a 56-game streak with a made shot from beyond the arc.

"I thought our defense was fine. On the offensive end, they packed the paint, and we missed some wide-open shots," Mulkey said. "You're going to have nights like this on the offensive end. That's why you've got to tell kids and make sure you sell them on the fact of just play good defense. They'll be nights like this."

Juicy Landrum added 12 points for Baylor, which has won 29 consecutive home games.

Peyton Williams finished with 18 points and 10 rebounds for Kansas State, which fell to 0-5 against ranked opponents this season.

The Wildcats, who have lost 30 in a row against Baylor, missed

their last six shots of the third quarter and were 2-of-16 shooting in the fourth.

"The fourth quarter got away from us, shot selection. We also missed some open ones," K-State coach Jeff Mittie said. "You have to take advantage of every opportunity against a team like Baylor. Their big lineup in the fourth really hurt us. We had trouble matching that big lineup."

BIG PICTURE

Kansas State: The game was there for the taking with Baylor struggling to get the tempo up to its liking. But the Wildcats couldn't make enough shots, including a 7-of-26 mark (27 percent) from beyond the arc. Their smaller but more mobile posts gave Baylor some problems, but Kansas State was outrebounded 44-32.

Baylor: The Lady Bears dominated the action under the basket, despite Kansas State packing it in defensively. They outscored the Lady Wildcats in the paint and had a 19-7 advantage in second-chance points. Baylor sometimes played into Kansas State's strategy of slowing the game down by settling for and missing quick jumpers.

COMING UP ROS-

ES

Before the game, roses in the shape of the No. 550 were on display in a pregame ceremony, commemorating Mulkey's 550th career win, which came Sunday at Texas Tech.

"My players bought those 550 number roses. Wow, wow, that's the kind of kids I get to coach," Mulkey said.

Mulkey is 551-99 in her 19 seasons as Baylor's coach.

UP NEXT

Kansas State plays its next two games at home, starting Sunday against Sunflower State rival Kansas.

Baylor travels about 100 miles north on Interstate 35 to play TCU, which is playing its second consecutive Top 25 team after losing 92-54 at No. 20 Iowa State on Wednesday night.

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BSHS's weekly update

Neighborhood Resource Night at Marcy Elementary School tonight

Special to the Herald

It's like a job-fair, only different! It's your opportunity to learn about resources for your children in Big Spring. Tonight, January 10th, at Marcy Elementary on a come-and-go basis; you are welcome to wander around the cafeteria and learn about all sorts of unique opportunities at many different kiosks. It starts at 5:30 p.m. and ends around 7 p.m.

Opportunities include but are not limited to, sports sign-ups, boy scouts and girl scouts, school opportunities, health resources, 4H clubs, library resources, Keep Big Spring Beautiful, music lesson options, Boys & Girls Club as well as the YMCA.

Free hot dogs, chips and drinks will be provided by Complex Community Federal Credit Union for as long as they last.

Additional Neighborhood Resource Nights are:

Moss Elementary - Thursday, January 17, at 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Come-&-Go.

Washington Elementary - Thursday, January 24, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Come-&-Go.

Goliad Elementary - Thursday, January 31, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Come-&-Go.

For additional information or to schedule a booth for your organization, please contact BSISD Assistant Superintendent George Bancroft at 432 264 3600.

Academic Star Student of the Week *Andrea King, Coahoma High School*

A stand-out musician in the Big Red Band, senior Andrea King has qualified for All-Region band all four years of high school. She advanced to area-level competition her junior year and is also a three-year State Solo and Ensemble qualifier.

Her sophomore year, Andrea was part of an ensemble which received a Division 1 rating. Along with an Outstanding Woodwind award, she has also received an excellence award in Pre-Calculus Pre-AP.

Along with band, Andrea is a member of the National Honor Society, FCCLA and participates in academic UIL events.

Following graduation, Andrea plans to attend Texas Tech University and pursue a bachelor's degree in computer science.

She is the daughter of Lanny and Dornell King.



Congratulations, Andrea!

Little Buffs

Courtesy photos

Mother nature didn't provide snowballs, so first grade students of Forsan Elementary made their own to celebrate the achievement of their AR goal. Mrs. Park's first grade class earned 367 points during the third six weeks. That adds up to over 700 books! The kids had a blast making and throwing their "snowballs", especially when they all ganged up on Mrs. Park!



The Buffalo Bulletin

Fighting the Winter Blues

Encouraging students and staff to look after one another, and enjoy the remainder of the school year.

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Forsan students return to school this week after a two week winter holiday. Often it can be difficult for students and staff to get back into the groove after Christmas vacation.

"It can be hard to come back because you get a taste of freedom and it makes you just miss the summertime." Says student Ally Aguilar 11th grade. Students can feel bogged down with the rush of the spring semester. "There are just so many end of the year projects coming up all at once."

Ty Moorman, 11th grade, mentions that even though it can sometimes feel hectic there are a lot of things to look forward to in the spring.

"I'm excited about several of the upcoming activities like one act play, and tennis." Says Moorman. "Tennis is one of the only sports that I played before

coming to public school so I really look forward to it. Hopefully Coach Johnson reads this and gets inspired to put me on Varsity."

Several of the Buffalo Bulletin staff sought out advice from our campus leaders about breaking out of the winter blues and staying focused. Rebecca Medina the Secondary campus assistant principal wants students to focus on prioritizing their different activities so that they don't fall behind and finish the school year strong.

"The second semester will be busy but exciting." Said Medina. "I encourage students to take care of their business and stay out of the office!"

Medina also wants to encourage the Forsan faculty to make sure to spend time with their families, and to take time for themselves.

"I want to remind the staff to try and laugh a lot" said Medina.

The staff also met with school counselor, Mrs. Huckabee. Huckabee felt

that while this semester would be challenging, she knows it will be awesome.

"Don't quit" said Huckabee. "Push through, and do your best. Seniors, don't be a quitter because quitters are losers." Huckabee wanted to acknowledge that underclassmen sometimes don't realize how quickly it can pass by, and she wanted to emphasize how important it is to understand that while graduation seems so far away, it will actually fly by very quickly.

"Try and make a difference. Figure out who people are and be kind to everyone." Said Huckabee.

The Buffalo Bulletin staff wants to encourage students and faculty to keep their head up and enjoy one another this semester. After discussing with several different school members, the conclusion is to take care of one another and make sure that you are taking care of yourself. Happy New Year Buffs!

Venue change sought for teen in fatal Texas school shooting

SANTA FE, Texas (AP) — Attorneys for an 18-year-old student are seeking a change of venue for his capital murder trial in the fatal shooting of 10 people last year at a Texas high school.

Attorneys for Dimitrios Pagourtzis say in a motion filed Tuesday in Galveston County District Court that his trial on charges related to the May 18 shooting at Santa Fe High School should be moved to another, unspecified jurisdiction.

"Due to the local media coverage including social media, and the tight-knit Galveston County Community, there is so great a prejudice in Galveston County, Texas, that this Defendant cannot obtain a fair and impartial jury trial," according to the motion signed by defense attorney Nicholas Poehl.

Poehl declined to elaborate, according to Houston Chronicle.

"If you take a cursory look at stories on social media and the comments, you can see why," he said.

The district attorney's office also declined comment, the Galveston County



Dimitrios Pagourtzis

Daily News reported.

Scot Rice, whose wife Flo was wounded in the shooting, told the Chronicle that the trial should be held locally so survivors and victims' families can attend.

"I want to be able to go to the trial every day and not have to stay in hotels," Rice said. "That's exactly what they would want us to do — be more inconvenienced. Not only (Flo) being shot, but also being made to suffer."

Pagourtzis is accused of killing eight students and two teachers and wounding 13 other people when he opened fire inside the school.

Santa Fe is about 30 miles (48 kilometers) southeast of Houston. Pagourtzis was indicted Aug. 9 on charges of capital murder of multiple persons and aggravated assault against a public servant.

He has been ordered to undergo a mental evaluation with the results to be sealed.

A hearing on the change of venue motion is scheduled for Jan. 28.

Online jail records show Pagourtzis remains in the Galveston County jail without bond.