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Montgomery turns tragedy into purpose

16-year-old CHS student to serve as spokesperson for CMN radiothon



Courtesy photos
 Left, Austyn Montgomery tells her story of healing following a major vehicle accident to a group of around 130 students and adults attending the Children's Miracle Network's Miracle Pennies Campaign kick-off held in Lubbock at University Medical Center recently. Montgomery will serve as the 2019 Miracle Kid for the CMN and KLL/96.3 annual Miracle Pennies Campaign radiothon set for Feb. 28. Above, Montgomery poses for a photo with several of the staff at UMC who saved her life last summer.

Special to the Herald

A miracle in the form of a donated machine to Lubbock's University Medical Center (UMC) from the Children's Miracle Network (CMN) helped save the life of Coahoma High School student Austyn Montgomery this past summer.

Now the 16-year-old is giving back by serving

as the 2019 Miracle Kid for the CMN and KLL/96.3 annual Miracle Pennies Campaign radiothon. Coahoma ISD is joining the fundraiser this year.

"I am a 16-year-old. I am an artist and a runner and I love to dance, but the thing I am

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Fourth Annual Pints For Polio scheduled March 23



HERALD file photo

Greater Big Spring Rotary Club members serve beer to patrons of a previous year's Pints for Polio at the Courtyard event center in downtown Big Spring. This year's Pints, a beer and wine tasting event raising funds to help eradicate polio, is scheduled March 23.

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

Ready to help eliminate polio while enjoying a tall frosty mug of beer?

The Fourth Annual Pints For Polio is coming up March 23.

The event, put on each year by the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, is still seeking sponsors to help make this year's "Pints" even bigger and better than ever.

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Fluffy coming to the Wagner Noel



Courtesy photo

Comedian Gabriel "Fluffy" Iglesias will perform at Midland's Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center Feb. 7 and 8.

By **ANNA GUTIERREZ**

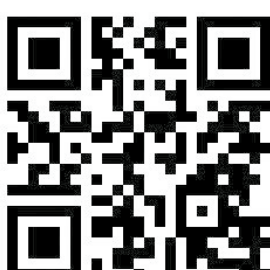
Staff Writer

Comedian Gabriel Iglesias will be bringing his "Beyond The Fluffy" world tour to the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center in Midland on Feb. 7-8, 2019. Door open at 7 p.m.

Iglesias is one of the most successful stand-up comedians in the US, and much of that popularity may be due to the fact that Iglesias tries to keep his comedy mostly clean and

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Winter watercolors at the Heritage Museum

HERALD photo/Anna Gutierrez



The photo at left displays a painting done by local Linda Rupert titled "Toy Boy." You can see this and many more works of art at the Big Spring Heritage Museum, 510 South Scurry, during the Caboose Watercolor Society Winter Art Show through Feb. 14.

The event displays many different watercolor paintings that members of the Caboose Watercolor Society have been working on throughout the year.

"During the Art Show, exhibit guests can come and look at all the talent provided by the CWS. If you find a painting that you can't live without, the society will be selling their art to the public. The artist and price will be displayed on the piece," said Tammy Schrecengost, Museum Director. "We encourage everyone to come and see the exhibit and the beautiful watercoloring done by the CWS in their Winter Art Show."

For more information about the CWS Art Show, please call the Big Spring Heritage Museum at 432-

\$2M goal met to repair Balmorhea State Park pool in Texas

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — An oil and gas company operating in West Texas has donated \$1 million to reach the fundraising goal for repairs to what's touted as the world's largest spring-fed swimming pool.

About \$2 million in repairs continue at Balmorhea (bal-mor-RAY) State Park pool. Execu-

tives with Apache Corporation on Thursday presented a check to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Foundation in Austin.

The historic pool, located 120 miles (193 kilometers) southwest of Midland, has been closed since last May after a partial collapse during cleaning. Experts blamed erosion linked to flow from San

Solomon Springs.

Officials in August announced a fundraising effort for repairs to the pool built by the federal Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s.

Apache on Thursday pledged an additional \$1 million for an endowment for Balmorhea State Park.



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Obituaries

Charlie Tubb



Charlie Tubb, 68, of Waco, died Monday, Oct. 29, 2018. Funeral Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, 2018, at the Pecan Grove Funeral Home with Glenn Hammock, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Robinson Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, 2018, at the funeral home.

He was born Jan. 6, 1950, in Big Spring, Texas, and married Beverly Dupree Jan. 21, 1978, in Midland, Texas. Charlie graduated Big Spring High School in 1968. Later he joined the Navy in 1973 and served as a Data Processing Technician Petty Officer 3rd Class. After serving in Navy he went to work for the Post Office on Sept. 9,

1977, where he met his wife of 40 years.

Charlie was a wonderful husband, dad and paw-paw. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, fishing, and being on the lake.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly Tubb of Waco Texas; two children, Marla Burns and husband, Brian of Goldthwaite, Texas, and Zach Tubb and wife, Suzy of Flowood, Missouri; three grandchildren, Cheyenne Aleman, Charlie Tubb and Hugh Tubb; one sister, Karen Rodman, of Big Spring, Texas, one brother, David Tubb and wife, Cindy, of Big Spring, Texas, and mother Jeary Tubb Big Spring, Texas; and many beloved cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father Roy Tubb. Arrangements under the direction of the Pecan Grove Funeral Home, 254-662-2131, 3124 Robinson Drive, Waco, TX 76706.

Paid Obituary

Teresa "Tessa" Webb



Teresa "Tessa" Webb passed away on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019, at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo, Texas, after fighting her short illness valiantly with grace and dignity. She was 67.

Tessa was born "in the valley" at Donna, Texas, on March 3, 1951, to Corinne and Walter Sam Williams. Both of her parents were educators. Her mother, "Co", was a math teacher in secondary grades and her father, Sam, taught physical education as well as being a successful coach in both junior high and high school, culminating in becoming an award-winning basketball coach at Pan American University for many years.

Tessa grew up in a sports atmosphere and was an accomplished diver and swimmer at an early age as well as competing on the tennis court. She loved being in the water, whether swimming pools or her beloved beaches of South Padre Island where, according to her wishes, her ashes will eventually

join that of her mother's to the sand and surf that she loved so much.

Tessa is survived by her devoted loving husband and soul mate Larry, of Colorado City, Texas. Her son, Ian Heath and wife Allison of Odessa, Texas, and their four children: Britton, Ian, Ambry and Addison. Daughter Stacey Doss and husband Robert of Midlothian, Texas, and their four children: Sara, Rachel, Jordan and Bethany. Son, Casey Webb of Oxford, England and his three children, Anthony, Amy and Isabella. She also leaves a brother David Williams of McAllen, Texas, and four great-grandchildren as well as a multitude of loyal and loving friends and family.

Tessa will be greatly missed by so many. She was optimistic in all things and every life she touched has been better for knowing her.

The memorial service for Tessa will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019, at Myers & Smith Chapel in Big Spring Texas.

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

Paid Obituary

Hellen F. Ayers



Hellen F. Ayers, 82, of Big Spring went home to be with the Lord Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m., Monday, Jan. 28, 2019, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019, at the funeral home.

Those left behind to honor Hellen's memory are her daughter, Rori; five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; a brother-in-law, Travis Gray; and many nieces & nephews.

Hellen is preceded in death by her husband, Grady; her son, David; her parents; and a sister, Eddie Lou.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JERRY LEE RUDKIN**, 33, of 518 Shady Heights Rd., was arrested on a warrant of another agency.
- **JUAN MIGUEL ORTIZ**, 29, of 3119 1/2 Bismark, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W Hwy 80.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 1000 block of S Scurry St., and on 4th and Benton.
- **IDENTITY-THEFT** was reported in the 2500 block of Ann Drive.
- **INTOXICATED SUBJECT** was reported in the 1800 block of

E Hwy 350.

- **BURLGARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 5000 block of E FM 846.
- **THEFT OF FIREARM** was reported in the 3600 block of W Hwy 80.

Sheriff Report

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 80 inmates at the time of this report.
- **VICTOR LOREDO**, 37, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of modified conditions.
- **RICHARD D. MC-**

CUTCHAN, 50, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of fail to maintain responsibility, and expired registration.

• **JUAN MIGUEL ORTIZ**, 29, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ROBERT DALE RICHARDSON**, 29, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of bail jumping and fail to appear.

• **DAVID RIOS**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of bail jumping and fail to appear, and on a charge of aggravated assault against public servant.

• **JERRY LEE RUD-**

KIN, 33, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of violation of probation.

• **GABRIEL SALAZAR**, 33, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of bail jumping and failure to appear.

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Lester Marvin Gross



Lester Marvin Gross better known as Marvin passed away Jan. 20, 2019, at the age of 63. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019, at Spring Creek Fellowship in Big Spring.

Marvin was born Sept. 27, 1955, in Andrews to Lester Gross and Lola Mae Fowler Gross. He lived in Andrews until he moved to Big Spring in the mid 60's. He met Betty Jean Loftin in 1974 and they married May 7, 1976, in Colorado City, Texas.

Marvin and Betty worked together at the Phillips 66 Station on 4th Street. He worked for CMC as a welder, working his way up to Foreman. In the 1970's he was a carpenter, helping build Texas Tech University in Lubbock. He also build most of the house on Vicki Street. In 1981 after saving money made from changing and fixing tires Marvin and Betty built and opened Marvin's Garage.

Marvin is survived by his wife Betty; three daughters, Betsy Morrison, Tammie (Stacey) Pair and Katie Gross; a son, Marvin (Liz) Gross; six grandchildren, Kari Gross, Baylea Gross, Destiney Rogers, Meagen Rogers, Briggs Gross and Mae-Lynn Torres; a sister in law, Linda (Doug) Randle and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Julie Thompson in June and an infant sister, Mary Ann Gross.

The family would like to thank everyone during his brief battle with pancreatic cancer. Your kindness, calls, thoughtfulness will not be forgotten.

Thank you to Home Hospice, Dr. Wu in Odessa and all the staff at Medical Center Hospital

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. On condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid Obituary

Rick Hill



Rick Hill, 68, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2019. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Rick was born Aug. 29, 1950, in Duncan, Oklahoma. He married Jackie Rogers, Sept. 4, 1969, in Sweetwater. He served 20 years and 5 months in the U. S. Army serving in the infantry, as a drill instructor and as a military police officer. In addition to Vietnam, he served in Kitzingen Army Airfield, Germany, Ft. Benning, Georgia, Ft. Dix, New Jersey, Ft. Wainwright, Alaska, Fort Lewis, Washington, Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri and Kirkland Air Force Base in Albuquerque New Mexico, where he was an ROTC Instructor at the University of New Mexico. He retired from active duty in 1990 and moved to Big Spring.

Rick is survived by his wife, Jackie Hill of Big Spring; one son, Bill Hill and his wife Kristal of Georgetown; one daughter, Deanna Ridings and her husband Travis of New Braunfels; one brother, William "Buddy" Hill of Big Spring; and eight grandchildren.

Rick was preceded in death by his mother, Viola Biffle Chandler; father, Clyde Hill; two sisters, LaVerne Smith and Jo Ann Grace.

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most proud of is I am a part of Children's Miracle Network," Montgomery said as she told her story to a group of 130 students and adults attending a CMN Miracle Pennies Campaign kickoff held in Lubbock a few weeks ago. "June 24, 2018, I was in a car accident where I lost my mom and my boyfriend. I had many injuries including a broken femur, broken ribs, and a severely bruised lung."

Following the accident, Montgomery was flown to UMC's intensive pediatric care unit.

"My lungs were not doing well that first week," she said. "They kept collapsing, so I was sent to the cardiac floor to have this machine call ECMO to help oxygenate my blood."

An ECMO or extracorporeal membrane oxygenation is a machine that pumps and oxygenates blood throughout the body to allow the heart and lungs time to rest and heal.

"Two barn hose size tubes were inserted into my groin," Montgomery said. "One tube took the blood out of my body and sent it to a machine to put oxygen into my blood while the other tube pushed the blood back into my body. CMN with all their donations had bought this machine to help save lives"

"It's very common to use this machine for infants and elders, not for teenagers," Montgomery continued. "I was the first teenager at UMC to ever have ECMO."

At the time, Montgomery said her chances of survival were at 50 percent.

"The machine ended up saving my life, but it didn't fix all of my

problems," she said. "I ended up having four chest tubes, a trach, and surgery to clean out my lungs."

More than just healing her physical injuries, Montgomery said the staff helped her "feel normal again," during her 42-day hospital stay.

"My favorite thing beside the staff was the teen room which CMN put together," she said. "The day I went, I watched Mary Poppins, and I felt so comfortable that I fell asleep. When it was time to leave, they woke me up, and I was sad to leave."

Unfortunately, Montgomery caught an infection and the staff felt she should not return to the teen room for the rest of her stay at the hospital.

"So I couldn't go to the teen room, they brought the teen room back to me," she said. "They brought movies and an Xbox and paint and all amazing stuff to make me feel normal again. If it wasn't for the donations that CMN

had made, I wouldn't be alive right now. Not only does CMN buy gadgets to help kids feel normal, but they also buy gadgets to save lives. I am here to encourage you to save a life and donate."

Coahoma ISD will host a kickoff for the Miracle Pennies Campaign Friday during an afternoon school assembly in the high school auditorium. For the next two weeks, Coahoma schools will hold a variety of fundraisers from Hat Day and Pajama Day to no-shave pass and classroom penny wars. The community can also participate by bringing donations to the school office.

Money raise for the campaign stays local, according the CMN website. Donations support the need of 170-member children's hospitals including treatment, health care service, and medical equipment. The radiothon is set for Feb. 28 at UMC.

Medical delivery robot Moxi being tested at Texas hospital

By JOHN WAYNE FERGUSON

The Galveston County Daily News

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — The newest worker on the ninth floor of the University of Texas Medical Branch's Jennie Sealy Hospital only has one arm and needs a set of wheels to roll around.

The Galveston County Daily News reports despite the odd look, the medical branch hopes Moxi, a robot that was recently introduced to the floor, can help ease workloads on the nurses.

Moxi was built and designed by Austin-based Diligent Robotics, and arrived this month in Galveston for a 30-day testing period. The goal of the trial is to help the robot better develop into a tool that could be useful in hospitals.

Moxi isn't treating patients, administering medication or doing other tasks that require interactions with patients. Rather, the robot is tasked with delivery duties.

If a room needs new linens, Moxi can go get them, using the grabber on the end of its arm. If a nurse forgot a syringe kit, Moxi can be sent to retrieve that, too. The goal of using the robot is to cut down on the time nurses have to spend away from patients, said Agata Rozga of Diligent Robotics.

"We designed Moxi to be kind of a supportive member of the clinical care team," Rozga said. "The goal of Moxi is to think about what are some of the more routine kind of logistical tasks that take nurses and patient-care techs away from the bedside."

Moxi was designed to be a friendly looking, social robot, said Vivian Chu, chief technology officer for Diligent Robotics. Its "face" and body are all rounded corners, not unlike EVE, the little floating robot from Disney's hit movie "WALL-E."

Moxi's eyes are blue-green lights, and can change into little heart emoticons when it's "listening" to someone. It can't talk to people, but does chirp at passersby, not unlike R2-D2 of "Star Wars" fame.

Much of what Moxi does is automated, although for the trial period, a Diligent Robotics employee will be following the robot to observe.

"It's really neat how it will be part of the team," said Morgan Stang, a nurse clinician. "I think it will be very helpful. I think it's something new so I think everyone is trying to figure out how a robot can interact with humans."

Moxi's already a hit on the floor, Stang said. Patients, visitors and staff members have stopped by the unit to meet, and pose for pictures with the robot.

Moxi isn't taking away anyone's job, right now, medical branch officials said.

"We want people to be taking care of people," Rozga said

Tools like Moxi represent recent leaps in technology that have allowed robots to enter new types of workplaces, said Dezhan Song, a professor of computer science and robotics at Texas A&M University.

"The trend of the robotics industry is penetration into non-traditional domains," Song said. "Traditionally, robots live on factory floors, but modern technology is gradually making it feasible to be used like this."

PINTS

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"So far we have SM Energy, who is our Presenting Sponsor, and Expedition Royalty is a 'Brought To You By' sponsor," said Pints for Polio organizer for the GBSRC, Barney Dodd. "We have one more Brought To You By sponsor, which is a Platinum sponsor, which is \$5,000. SM Energy gave us \$10,000. We have all kinds of sponsorship levels, all the way from \$5,000 all the way down to \$750...I believe we even have \$250 sponsorships."

Dodd said the event marks a great opportunity for local businesses and individuals to give back.

"Anybody that wants to be part of this, it's a great cause. Half of the money stays here for projects in the community, and half goes to End Polio Now, which is part of the Rotary International Foundation," he said. "It's great exposure for your company, but it's also a lot of fun. It comes with tickets... you get to attend the event, but it's also just a great cause. We have individuals that do it. My company does it. Of course, it's tax deductible, and we can get you the paperwork you need for that. Anybody that wants to be a sponsor can contact me at 432-755-9529."

Dodd said the beer distributors are planning to bring in the neighborhood of 50 different varieties of beer for those present at Pints to sample.

"Ben E. Keith came on board as a sponsor and will be providing different craft beers," he said. "We've used Glazer's in the past, but we're expanding out. Glazer's will be providing 35-plus beers, and Ben E. Keith, he's going to give us 10 to 20 different varieties to taste. Along with Llano Estacado, who will be providing wine."

The annual festival, which supports the polio eradication effort End Polio Now, will spread out to the streets in downtown Big Spring this year.

"We kind of outgrew it last year. We were pretty tight," Dodd said. "This year we're going to have the Courtyard as well as Main Street out in front of the Courtyard. We'll have live music and a tent outside."

Dodd said that, while the entertainment will be outside, the Courtyard will still be the location for both the live and silent auctions.

"We'll have lots of Cowboys

memorabilia," he said. "We have a helmet signed by Hall of Famer Randy White with all of his stats written in his handwriting on there. I have a football signed by Jerry Jones and Jimmy Johnson, which is very rare after their breakup. But the football has both their signatures on it. We're excited about that. We'll have both those items, as well as some jerseys and some items donated by local businesses."

Dodd said half the money raised will go to help fund projects locally, while the other half will go to End Polio Now.

"That money that goes to End Polio Now is matched two-to-one by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, he said. "So for every one dollar that we send in, three dollars goes to End Polio Now."

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club is still working on a date for the start of ticket sales.

"We're still working on that," Dodd said. "I'd say about mid-February we'll start selling tickets."

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FLUFFY

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stays away from some of the more controversial topics a lot of comics address during their shows. He has a large social media following with over 380 million views on YouTube and over 14 million followers. He is also one of the few comedians to headline and sell out Madison Square Garden, Staples Center and The Sydney Opera House.

Iglesias has had numerous prior television appearances including Comedy Central's hit series Stand-

Up Revolution, his comedy special Gabriel Iglesias: Aloha Fluffy, which generated over 15 million viewers, and his comedy specials Hot & Fluffy and I'm Not Fat...I'm Fluffy. He also has numerous projects in the works.

Tickets are on sale now. To purchase tickets or for additional information, please contact the Wagner Noel at wagnernoel.com or call the box office at 1-800-514-3849 from noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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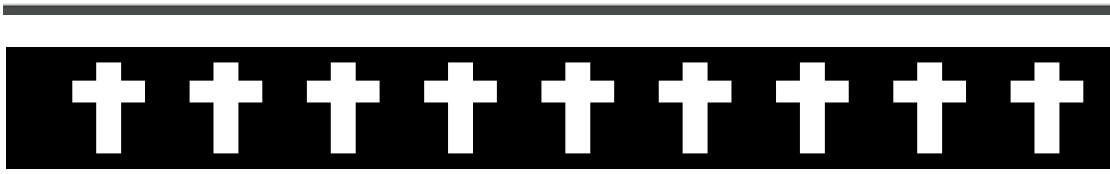
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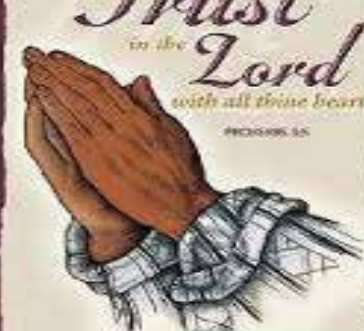
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Reflections: Intelligent Design

In 2014 Eric Hedin, an Assistant Professor of Physics at Ball State, promoted the idea to his students that the complex and intricate balance in nature reflects an intelligent design as opposed to a random series of accidental events. The president of the University ruled that such teaching was not a scientific discipline and had no place in academia, an opinion widely shared in the academic community. Dr. Hedin once taught a course entitled The Boundaries of Science that was later cancelled.

Baylor University was embroiled in the controversy when Robert Marks, Distinguished Professor of Electrical

and Computer Engineering set up a website and lab on the Baylor server to investigate intelligent design in 2007. Marks used the term "Evolutionary Informatics Lab." Both the website and the lab were shut down within months and removed from the Baylor server. The lab continues on a third party server at evoinfo.org.

Regardless of academic positions on the subject, reflections on creation, purpose and intelligence beyond our own are important to all of us. We must ask the questions, "Are we alone?" "Is there anyone else out there?" "Is the human race simply the result of eons of random chance on this third planet from the sun?" "Have millions of years of random chance and survival of the fittest resulted in, well, 'us?'" Or are we created in the divine image of the Creator?

We consider ourselves intelligent. We can solve problems. We can manipulate the natural laws of physics to make them work for us resulting in mechanical and electronic machines

that magnify our strength and accelerate our speed. We can ponder ourselves and our own existence. We can imagine things as they could be.

We are quickly making strides in our own creation of artificial intelligence, the design of robotic machinery that perform complex tasks. We already have cars that can drive themselves.

Information technology is taking us into realms reserved for the writers of science fiction. "Data," the popular android on Star Trek, may not be so far-fetched after all.

So, whenever we finally create "Data" and others like him, what will the androids think? Will they sit around and discuss whether they were the result of random coincidence, concluding that they have no accountability or connection to the humans that created them? (Seeds for another science fiction epic?)

The Bible is quite clear regarding our own origin. The Psalmist says, "For You formed my inward parts;

You wove me in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret." (Psalm 139:13-15).

Something beyond science resonates within us when we stand in awe on the rim of the Grand Canyon; when we behold the beauty of a sunset splashing the sky with crimson, purple and gold; when we walk by the sea listening to the waves crashing on the shore.

Only worship will satisfy the emptiness within. The realization that we are part of a grand design in the mind of God calls us to accountability and fills us with meaning, purpose and peace.

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.

Church News

Baker's Chapel AME Church

Monday, January 21, Baker's Chapel AME Church, located on 911 N. Lancaster hosted their annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. commemorative service with the hopes of bringing the community together to remember the dream one man had.

The Pastor of Baker's Chapel and it's members would like to thank everyone who attended their Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. commemorative service Monday, Jan. 21, and keeping his memory and dream alive.

Crestview Baptist Church

We at Crestview Baptist Church want to extend a warm invitation for you and your family to come and join us for worship, discipleship, evangelism, and fellowship. At Crestview, we are all about the gospel of Jesus Christ and serving Him as we learn His Word together. Sunday School begins at 10 a.m., and Sunday Worship is at 11 a.m. Pastor Tom Lassiter will be preaching on Micah this Sunday morning. On Sunday and Wednesday nights, at 6:30 p.m., the pastor is teaching through the Book of Proverbs, verse by verse.

If you have any piano playing skills and feel led to use those skills we are in need of a piano player on Sunday morning. You can contact Pastor Tom Lassiter at (432) 213-4177.

Please come and join with us at Crestview if you are looking for a church home, where we believe that man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever! We are at 2305 Gatesville Rd. in Big Spring.

First Presbyterian Church

On Wednesday the Lectionary Bible Study, led by Taylor Todd, meets at 5 p.m. in the church library. The Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Last week the "Lunch Bunch" met at Mayo Sauce Café at 11:30 on Thursday. This Thursday the group meets at Blue Ribbon Café. Church members are asked to call the church office to RSVP and invite a friend.

Service Committee Chair Katie Grimes announced that the annual Hygiene Products Drive will be February 17th and 24th. Members are asked to bring products such as soaps, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, mouthwash, shave cream, razors, combs, wash cloths, and deodorants for people in need.

Presbyterian Women will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 22 at 2 p.m. in the library for business meeting and Bible study. The study will be on Lessons 4 and 5 from the book God's Promise: I Am With You.

The Officer Training/Session Retreat and Stated Meeting takes place Friday, January 25 at 6:00 p.m. The regular monthly Saturday Prayer Breakfast will be in Fellowship Hall at 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning and all members of the current session as well as members-elect (who are involved in the Officer Training/Retreat) are encouraged to come to the Prayer Breakfast. The Office Training/Retreat will continue after the Breakfast and conclude about noon. The elders-elect will be ordained and installed during the Sunday worship service on January 27.

Ellen Austin will provide refreshments for Take Ten this week. Ushers last Sunday were Lynn and Helen Glass, Jim Little, and John Yater.

The lectionary passages for the Third Sunday after Epiphany are Nehemiah 8:1-10; Psalm 19; I Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21. Rev. Taylor Todd will deliver the sermon. The Chancel Choir opens the service musically with the Introit, "Arise, Your Light Is Come." The Offertory will be "Praise the Lord with Joyful Song" arranged by Hal Hopson, presented by the Choir. The Ordination and Installation of a new class of Elders as well as the collection of the Noisy Offering will take place during the worship service.

Please note that our worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before our radio broadcast starts at 11.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11:00 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday ser-

vices, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website www.fpcbs.org. Please Like us on Facebook.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

"Celebrating and Sharing God's Love and Grace in our lives".

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Neighborhood in Big Spring. If you would like to reach Pastor Lamb or the church office, please call (432) 264-7818, or e-mail us at aliveinchristx@gmail.com.

Bible Study and Sunday School begin at 9:30 a.m. and our Sunday Service begins at 10:30 a.m. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday.

Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study begins at 6:30 p.m. Our meal is being served from 5:30-6:30. Please come and join us again soon. Steve Shugrue will present the scripture readings this week.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts." Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

First Baptist Church

"Wait on the LORD; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait...on the LORD." Psalm 27:14

You're encouraged to become part of the First Baptist Church family Sunday at 10:50 AM, and 5:30 PM as they gather in honor and worship of, The Rock of Ages, Jesus Christ. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a mix of classic hymns of the faith, and contemporary praise and worship songs. Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the morning sermon series based on John 20:21, "A People on Mission." Listeners will be reminded of Christ's divine charge to His followers: to joyfully tell others about Jesus' love for them. FBC is now offering Deaf Interpretation in the morning service. If you need assistance accessing the sanctuary due to mobility issues, use the west circle drive, and someone will be glad to assist you inside and park your vehicle. If unable to attend, you may join the service through the live stream on the church website at: fbcbigspring.org. (Click on 'MORE' tab, then 'SERMONS')

At 9:30 Sunday School groups meet throughout the building with children gathering in the Good News Garage on the first floor, and teens, college students, and adults meeting in second floor classrooms. Greeters are available to help you find your class.

At 5 pm in the chapel is the church-wide time of prayer; please come and join other believers in this occasion of intimate communion with our LORD.

Evening worship service starts at 5:30, and is a wonderful way to prepare one's heart for the upcoming week. Pastor Mark continues the journey through the book of Nehemiah in the evening message.

All area men are invited to the Men's Bible Study Saturday January 26 at 8 AM. The study is "The Man God Uses" by Henry Blackaby.

Mother's Day Out is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 9-3. Contact Tracy Boeker at 267-8223 to inquire about available openings for your little ones.

Wednesday evening activities begin at 6 PM, and include Adult Bible Study and prayer time, RealLYF for children, Youth group, and Adult worship choir practice. Contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 432-270-8332 for details about the upcoming Discipleship-Now weekend retreat, and other teen events. FBC is looking for a secretary/receptionist to work in the church office. If you are interested in applying, or know someone who might be interested, please call the church at 267-8223, or see Pastor Mark for more information.

To find out more about what's happening at FBC, go to the website: fbcbigspring.org or call 267-8223.

FBC is located at 705 W FM 700. There is always a place for you at First Baptist Church. "...may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, ...guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Walterhouse and the congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church encourage you to gather with them in worship of The Living Redeemer, Jesus Christ, Sunday at 2:00 pm. Join BHDC in a spiritually enriching time of praising God and learning from His Word. Currently, BHDC meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. For detailed information about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, including Wednesday evening schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at: jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

College Baptist Church

God continues to allow us to be on the move at College Baptist Church with Him, and we would love to meet with you as our visitors and friends on the corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane. We have great Bible Study leaders for Sunday School Sunday Morning at 9:15 for all ages, and at 10:45 our great Worship team leads us in praise and inspiring hymns. Bro. Ken McMeans, our great pastor, will be leading us in a study of the Word from the Word of God. Don't forget your part in the Lottie Moon Christmas offering, we are almost there.

Sunday Evening at 6 p.m. we have another great Bible Study. Our service, Wednesday, King's Kids, Wee singers, and prayer and Bible study for Youth and Adults all meet at 7 p.m. Please remember that Jesus is the reason for ANY season. Summer and Winter, Springtime and Harvest He remembers His children.

Don't forget to SAVE THE DATE event on February 23rd and 24th. We are planning a College Baptist Church reunion. All former members are welcome to attend this community event. As a church we are involved in many ministries that come together with those in Howard County to meet the needs of our community. Our youth were at Coahoma this Wednesday for "Awakening." Please pray for the DNOW effort February 8-10 grades 6th-12th as we reach out to the youth of our city. Don't forget the SEND effort as we reach our community for Jesus. Come celebrate the joy with us in worship as we praise the Mighty God we serve. Please call: 432-267-7429, for more information about this great Church.

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. The usual Sunday Morning Schedule includes the 9 a.m. Traditions Service featuring the pipe organ, Choir, trumpet, and hymns, followed by Sunday School, and then The Bridge service at 11 a.m., which features contemporary music led by a wonderful praise team.

On Sunday Jan. 27 Pastor Derrell's message, "Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant", is from Matthew 25:14-30. The entire church is going through Dave Ramsey's "Financial Peace University" and this Sunday is the beginning of the nine week study. Several classes are offered on different days of the week to accommodate as many people's schedules as possible. Worship services are broadcast live each Sunday at 11 a.m. on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM. You can also find the service live streamed on our Facebook page at First United Methodist Church Big Spring. You can watch previous worship service videos on that Facebook page including recordings of our Christmas program, "Our Savior."

The Wednesday Noon Bible Study meets for lunch and a study in Garrett Hall on Wednesdays. The meal is served at 11:50 a.m. for \$5. Beginning on January 30 the noon study will be Financial Peace University. Dave Ramsey's FPU has changed the lives of many families as they find freedom from

Make Hay While the Sun Shines

By Dr. Lillian Bohannon

I saw many hay stacks in my younger days. I never really thought about the process of what it took to even make the stacks. I just know we had a lot of fun playing in them. We would restack them to suit our play mode.

We built houses, tunnels, caves, etc. in the barn where the stacks were covered and protected from the rain or snow. And I didn't even live on a farm. I had a friend who invited me out to her parent's ranch for the week-end.

In Northern Nevada, even in the summer the wind would be cool, so we would play in the barn, out of the weather. We felt secure and protected as we would play among the hay.

We would even have a picnic lunch and eat it right out there with the horses or barn cats, or whatever other critters were there.

One time I got to go out on the feed trucks and help feed the cows in the pasture. Boy, could they eat. But I still in my young mind didn't get the connection between what we played in and what they were eating. The stacks of hay were our play area, and the

leaves of hay were cows' fodder.

It makes me think of how we imagine Heaven must be. We build our houses on this earth hopefully on good foundations. We make rooms for every purpose. We eat in the picnic room. We play in the tunnels and caves. And many times we share our food with others.

But when it comes to Heaven, the hard work we do to stack up our lives as we see fit, has nothing to do with how we get there. Heaven is not free as the cow fodder is to the cattle on the ranch.

The cows don't work for their food. It's free to them. It's even served to them by the ranchers who worked so hard to give it to them.

But Heaven cost the most difficult life Jesus had to live just so He could give us eternal life free. He even brought it to us at the cross, grave, and resurrection.

So my question is this: "Are we making hay while the Son is shining?" or are we rejecting, or playing in His House called the church.

We must get out where the need is and offer the food of the Saviour. Winter is coming, when man's work will be finished here. What are we doing for Heaven's Sake?

Too Foolish To Chose

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." John 15:16

I have heard people say that their prosperous and blessed lives are the result of their own good decisions. We must be diligent and make the right choices in life. But what about those who seem to continually make bad choices? Is there any hope for the one who is a habitual bad-chooser, the ones who can't seem to keep their act together? What can be done about the sinner who is too foolish to chose good things?

Yes, there is a word that fits this misfit to perfection. That word is - ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you.

Who makes the better choices? I am not the brightest bulb in the house, but I don't have to be very smart to know that Christ makes better choices than the wisest intellects among

us. Many times, when Christ choses sinners, He doesn't go for the wisest choosers. The Apostle Paul says that God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; those oddballs who are too foolish to choose right.

Listen, you and I may be too foolish to chose good things, but Christ is no fool for choosing the unwisest of sinners, because where sin abounds, His grace does much more abound.

Too foolish to chose to be pure and sinless. Too foolish to be strong and faithful. Too foolish to make wise decisions. But foolish enough to believe God's unconditional love, mercy and grace because Christ choses fools. And these are the fools that God seeks, justifies, sanctifies and blesses.



TOM SLOAN

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debt and learn how to handle money God's way.

Real Life Wednesday night sessions include something for almost everyone. The Children's Choir meets at 6 p.m. Youth and Choir Rehearsal and Celebrate Recovery are also at 6 p.m. Another Financial Peace University Class meets at 6:30 p.m. The Praise Team Rehearsal is at 7 p.m.

"Celebrate Recovery" sessions are offered every Wednesday for anyone in the community seeking freedom and healing from hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Worship and helpful Bible-based discussions begin at 6 p.m. The public is invited to drop by the north entrance of the building on Scurry Street any Wednesday.

Other events on the church calendar include:

*An All Church Valentine Banquet on Friday, Feb. 1 at 6 p.m. Tickets for the fun evening are \$25.00 each.

**"Souper Bowl Sunday" on Feb. 3; canned goods will be collected for a Food Drive.

*Emmaus Community Gathering at FUMC, 7 p.m.

* Ash Wednesday, March 6.

*Confirmation Classes for youth begin with a Confirmation Retreat March 29-31.

For more information on any activity, please visit the website at www.fumcbs.com or phone the church office at 432-267-6394.

Spring Creek Fellowship

"Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry will be open this Saturday, Jan. 26 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. to help anyone who needs food. We are in the mall. Go in the door where the movie theater is located and we are in the first spot on the left! Contact Kay Elder for more information.



You may also stop by our "Blessing Box" just outside the church doors to pick up non-perishable food items. Donations are needed for this ministry as it is separate from "Our Daily Bread" and is supported completely by donations of nonperishable foods. Please consider donating on a regular basis if you are able! Everyone is welcome to take what they need and donations are greatly appreciated.

KID CONNECT/GOSPEL PROJECT FOR KIDS-Sunday, January 27, 2019, JETHRO HELPED MOSES, Exodus 18

Lesson point: Moses needed help to lead God's people.

All men are invited to the weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturdays at 7:30 am at Evita's Restaurant in the mall. Please join us!

The Pain Management Class meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m. If you have chronic pain and would like to learn how to manage it, please attend this class. It meets in Room 4 of the Adult Connections Classrooms in the Mall.

There is a new sisterhood for widows in our community. This group is called "PUP" which stands for "Picking Up Pieces." All widows in Big Spring and the surrounding areas are welcome! Meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served. We would love to see you there! For address or more info, please contact the church office.

Volunteers are needed for "Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry to unload trucks on Wednesdays before they are open on the weekend. Hours are on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. If you are interested in volunteering with the "Blessing Box" ministry or the "Our Daily Bread Food Pantry" ministry, please contact Kay Elder.

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The Taylor School of Ministry is now in session. This session will address "How to Study the Bible".

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Our Van Ministry is growing and needs licensed drivers to help pick up those that need a ride to church. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, contact the church office.

"People Caring for People" is a ministry serving widows in our area with small projects and "honey do" kinds of things. This ministry has no operating budget, so repairs are made with donations. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, either in a "hands on" way or by donation, please contact the church office.

Our Nursery needs workers on Sunday mornings. If you have a heart for children and would like to give some of your time loving on our smallest members, please contact Lauren Bratcher.

We have an "App" for your convenience. It is easy to work with and has many applications. Go to your App Store, search for "The Church App" and download. Then search for "Spring Creek Fellowship Texas". That should take you to our Home Page.

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10:45 a.m.-noon-Worship Service

10:45 a.m.-noon-Children's Church

5 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Tuesday-

6 p.m.- Pain Management Class-Room 4

7 p.m.-Women's Bible Study-Beautiful Outlaw

Wednesday-

Community Groups-various times and places

Thursday

7 p.m.-Men's Bible Study-Kingdom Disciples

Saturday

7:30 a.m.-Men's Prayer Breakfast. Breakfast at Evita's Restaurant in the mall and prayer at the church.

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, please contact the church office or visit our website at springcreekfellowship.org

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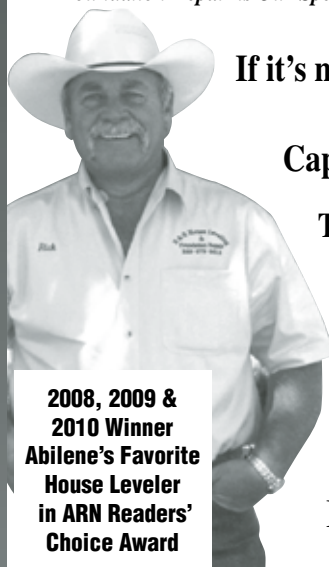
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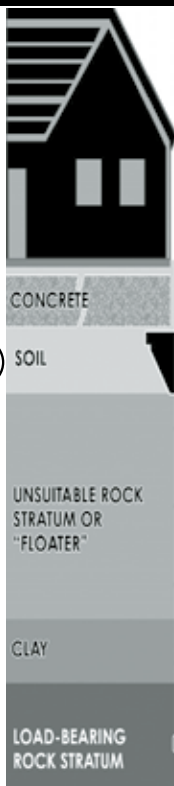
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has gone:

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	?	

What would you bid now with each of the following five hands?

- ♠ AK ♥ KQ982 ♦ 94 ♣ Q973
- ♠ 875 ♥ AJ86 ♦ AQ3 ♣ KQ4
- ♠ K6 ♥ QJ9743 ♦ QJ8 ♣ A6
- ♠ J94 ♥ AJ763 ♦ J75 ♣ 52
- ♠ QJ72 ♥ AQ762 ♦ K5 ♣ K8

(Today's quiz assumes that you are playing jump-bids by responder on the second round are forcing to game. If you play that such jumps are merely invitational, as many do, some of your responses would be different than those given here.)

1. Three clubs. With an opening bid opposite an opening bid, this is obviously a game-going hand, but the best contract is unclear at the moment. Three clubs (forcing) informs partner of your values and makes him aware that you are interested in reaching at least a game in clubs, hearts or notrump, depending on his hand.

2. Three notrump. This shows balanced distribution (no void or singleton) and 16 or 17 points, and therefore is a mild slam try. Two notrump would show 13 to 15 points

and limited interest in a slam.

3. Three hearts. Here you can play game in notrump if your partner is so inclined, but you should first shoot for game in hearts, since you have a six-card suit. If partner can't support hearts and bids three notrump, you intend to pass.

4. Pass. The chance of making a game is remote, so the only real problem is to find the best partscore contract. There is no good reason to think that searching for a better spot than one spade would pay dividends. Partner might take any further action by you seriously, and it would be wrong to run such a risk unnecessarily.

Note that the opening bidder's change of suit is not forcing. The forcing principle applies only when responder names a new suit.

5. Four spades. A jump to three spades would show 13 to 15 points, so four spades shows 16 to 17 and at least mild interest in a slam. In these cases, distributional points are added to the raw high-card values.

The sequence in question is completely different from the case where dealer opens with one spade and responder jumps to four spades, which announces lots of trumps and distribution but very limited high-card strength.

Tomorrow: Card-reading.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Mars, Jupiter and Opportunity

If your body is one place and your brain is in an entirely different place or time, does it mean you're two places at once? No. You can only ever be in one place, and it's where your mind is. To be fully present and able to take advantage of the fantastic opportunity available under this Mars/Jupiter trine, keep your body and mind together.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Something in you wants to wander in search of new inspiration. Wherever you go, you bring your heart, thoughts and desires with you to mingle with what's there, including fresh landscapes, people and adventures.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's not about the job; it's about how you do it. When you're true to yourself, you can't help but execute like only you can. So while others might be able to do the same job, none will do it quite the way you do. You're irreplaceable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When it's right, it's right. You don't have to talk a lot about it, or list the pros and cons, or run it by your friends and teachers and experts. When it's right, you just know.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're respectful of people's time, including your own, and therefore you find redundancy and inefficiency downright unacceptable. You'll root it out, remedy it and have a surprisingly good time organizing your next efforts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There will be a reason to get realistic in your assessment of your abilities. Maybe you're neither the best nor are you the worst in the room, but "the room" actually doesn't matter. Other people have nothing to do with what you can do.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When it comes to friendship, you don't need a certain number of them to be happy, you just need to be certain of the ones you've got. You'll see who you can count on, and it's both a good feeling and a good thing to know.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll tell the truth, but you'll do it in a way that doesn't shock, anger or upset anyone. You're sensitive. And you're coming from a place of love and possibility, so that helps, too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you're around a certain person, there's an increased sense of stability, order and optimism in your world. You feel clear-headed and capable. It's a good reason to have this person around more often.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). What do delusions of grandeur and

delusions of insignificance have in common? Both are delusions spun by the perceptions of fragile ego. The way to a balanced view of yourself is through self-acceptance and love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're not afraid to do what your heart tells you to do. And for this reason, it will feel like your spirit is larger than your body, larger than the whole situation you happen to be standing inside.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There must be a solution to the problem that has two people meeting somewhere in the middle, each sacrificing and endeavoring, if not to an equal degree, then at least to a comparable one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You will communicate so clearly, talking to people instead of about people. This is the way of becoming more powerful in your own life and more influential in the world.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 25). You don't think of common sense as a talent, but it is. So is your enormously capable style and generally sunny attitude. These are the gifts that will send you to the top of the invite list for all sorts of opportunities, jobs and relationships. Exciting adventures are born out of your extreme trustworthiness. Gemini and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 40, 44, 38 and 18.

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ANSWER:

Annie's Mailbox

Dealing With the Ex When a Kid Is Involved

Dear Annie: There is an issue that has been going on for quite some time now, and I don't know what to do. I have a child who is 2, and his father treats me as if I were the biggest piece of garbage. So we split up. The good news is that I have a fiance who treats me and my son like gold. The problem is that I don't speak to the father of my child because of the way he treats me and because my fiance has an issue with it. My ex's mother has my son, and I am currently fighting for custody. Should I be speaking to only her about my child, or should I be speaking to the father, as well? Please help me out with this. -- Confused Mom

Dear Confused Mom: Congratulations on finding someone who treats you and your son like gold. What a blessing. Still, your ex-husband is your son's father. Assuming there is no physical threat or danger, try to be as civil to your ex as possible. He gave you the gift of a beautiful child. If your fiance has a problem with that, just explain to him that your son and his well-being come first and that being polite to his father will help you and your fiance get closer to your son.

Dear Annie: We have a close friend who always blows her nose vehemently at the dinner table at least several times while we are eating. Is this appropriate dinner behavior, or should we ask her nicely to excuse herself when she needs to clean her sinuses? We really need your advice, as other guests are also repulsed. -- Handkerchief Mary

Dear Handkerchief Mary: First off, I'm assuming your dinner guest has her own handkerchief, because if she doesn't and is using a napkin that was designed to lightly wipe one's mouth on her nose, you have even bigger problems. Assuming she has her own handkerchief or tissues, it is truly not too much to ask that she excuse herself for a moment to blow her nose in the bathroom. Any bodily functions should be performed away from the dinner table. That most definitely includes blowing your nose or even discussing it. Pull your friend aside and tell her that you realize she may have some sinus issues but you'd appreciate it if she could refrain from blowing her nose at the table. Let her know that this rule applies to all guests and not just her. It's not only more polite but also more sanitary for all parties involved.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Shortchanged," the woman annoyed by one roommate shortchanging her when paying a share of the utility bills. She should report to her roommates an amount that is rounded up on even-numbered months and rounded down on odd-numbered months. That way, people wouldn't have to type the pennies, and it should average out over time. -- Adam J.

Dear Adam: Wish I'd thought of this handy, simple and drama-free solution for "Shortchanged" in the first place. Thanks for writing.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Bummed-Out Bibliophile," whose shelves are full of unread books. Another option for this person is to make a list of the books, donate them to the local library and check them out as needed. That way, the public library would be helped, and others could also enjoy the books. Our public libraries are a treasure. Sharing is caring! -- Rhea L. in Illinois

Dear Rhea: Indeed it is. What a brilliant and practical suggestion. Thanks for writing.

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

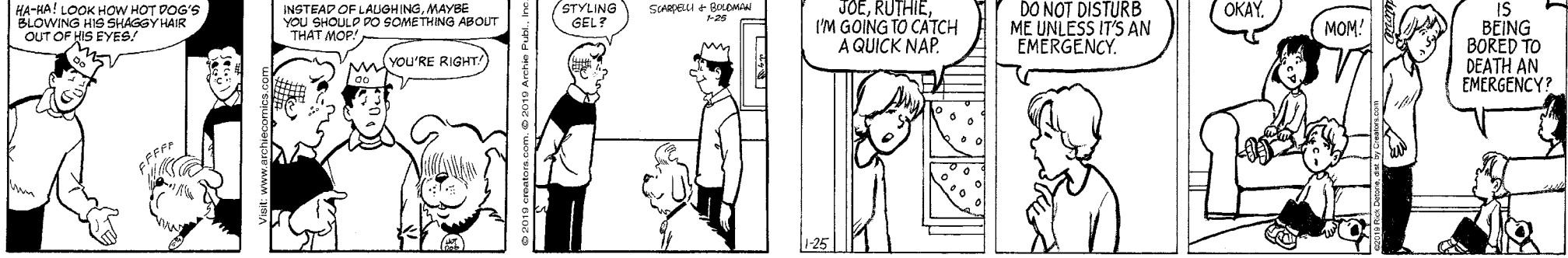
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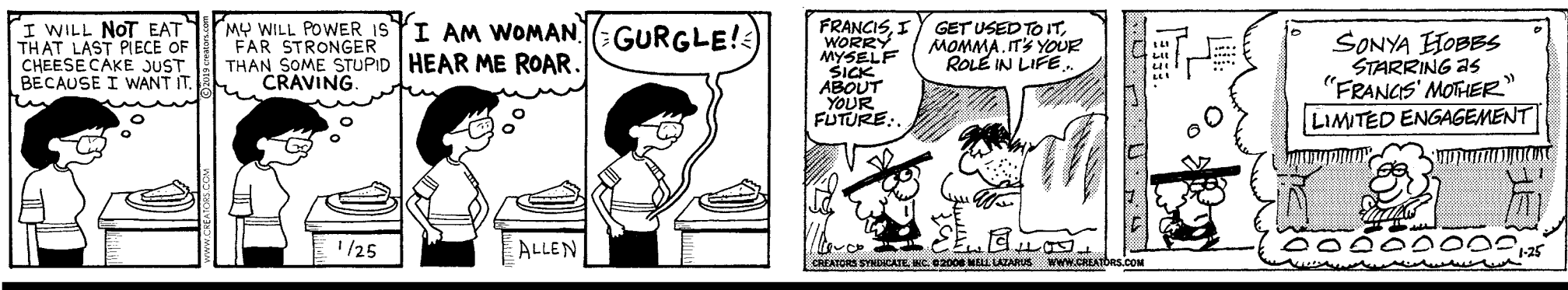
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Jan. 25, the 25th day of 2019. There are 340 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 25, 1971, Charles Manson and three women followers were convicted in Los Angeles of murder and conspiracy in the 1969 slayings of seven people, including actress Sharon Tate.

On this date: In 1533, England's King Henry VIII secretly married his second wife, Anne Boleyn, who later gave birth to Elizabeth I.

In 1863, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln accepted Maj. Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside's resignation as commander of the Army of the Potomac, and replaced him with Maj. Gen. Joseph Hooker.

In 1890, reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochrane) of the New York World completed a round-the-world journey in 72 days, 6 hours and 11 minutes. The United Mine Workers of America was founded in Columbus, Ohio.

In 1915, America's first official transcontinental telephone call took place as Alexander Graham Bell, who was in New York, spoke to his former assistant, Thomas Watson, who was in San Francisco, over a line set up by American Telephone & Telegraph.

In 1924, the first Winter Olympic Games opened in Chamonix (shah-moh-NEE'), France.

In 1936, former Gov. Al Smith, D-N.Y., delivered a radio address in Washington, titled "Betrayal of the Democratic Party," in which he fiercely criticized the New Deal policies of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In 1945, the World War II Battle of the Bulge ended as German forces were pushed back to their original positions. Grand Rapids, Michigan, became the first community to add fluoride to its public water supply.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy held the first presidential news conference to be carried live on radio and television.

In 1981, the 52 Americans held hostage by Iran for 444 days arrived in the United States.

In 1990, an Avianca Boeing 707 ran out of fuel and crashed in Cove Neck, Long Island, New York; 73 of the 158 people aboard were killed. Actress Ava Gardner died in London at age 67.

In 1993, a gunman shot and

killed two CIA employees outside agency headquarters in Virginia (Pakistani national Mir Aimal Kansi was later tried and convicted of the shootings, and executed). Sears announced that it would no longer publish its famous century-old catalog.

In 1998, Pope John Paul II ended his historic journey to Cuba.

Ten years ago: The White House used the Sunday talk shows to warn the country could face a long and painful financial recovery, even with major government intervention. The Eastern Conference won the NHL All-Star game 12-11. Jeremy Abbott won his first title at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, held in Cleveland. "Slumdog Millionaire" won the Screen Actors Guild Award for best cast of a motion picture; "30 Rock" and "Mad Men" won best for TV comedy and drama casts.

Five years ago: A gunman opened fire at a shopping mall in suburban Baltimore, killing two skate shop employees, 21-year-old Brianna Benlolo and 25-year-old Tyler Johnson; shooter Darion Aguilar then killed himself. On the third anniversary of Egypt's 2011 uprising, giant crowds danced at government-backed rallies and security forces crushed demonstrations by rival Islamists and some secular activists. Li Na beat Dominika Cibulkova 7-6 (3), 6-0 in the Australian Open final. The Anaheim Ducks beat the Los Angeles Kings 3-0 at Dodger Stadium in the NHL's first warm-weather outdoor game. Morris "Morrie" Turner, 90, creator of the "Wee Pals" comic strip and the first African-American cartoonist to be syndicated nationally, died in Sacramento, California.

One year ago: President Donald Trump arrived at the World Economic Forum in Switzerland; after meeting there with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Trump threatened to cut off U.S. aid to the Palestinians unless they negotiated peace with Israel. The White House unveiled an immigration proposal that would provide a pathway to citizenship for 1.8

million young immigrants living in the country illegally in exchange for new restrictions on legal immigration and \$25 billion in border security; House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi charged that it was part of an administration effort to "make America white again." In an interview in InStyle magazine, Oprah Winfrey said she was not interested in a presidential bid, add-

ing that she doesn't "have the DNA" for a White House run.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Claude Gray is 87. Actress Leigh Taylor-Young is 74. Actress Jenifer (cq) Lewis is 62. Country musician Mike Burch (River Road) is 53. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kina is 50. Actress China Kantner is 48. Actress Ana Ortiz is 48. Drummer Joe Sirois (sih-ROYS') (Mighty Mighty

Bosstones) is 47. Musician Matt Odmark (OHD'-mark) (Jars of Clay) is 45. Actress Mia Kirshner is 44. Actress Christine Lakin is 40. Rhythm-and-blues singer Alicia (ah-LEE'-shuh) Keys is 39. Actor Michael Trevino is 34. Pop musician Calum Hood (5 Seconds to Summer) is 23. Actress Olivia Edward is 12.

Thought for Today:

"The telephone, which interrupts the most serious conversations and cuts short the most weighty observations, has a romance of its own."

Virginia Woolf
English author
(1882-1941).

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Entrance fee of a sort
 - 5 Small size
 - 9 Choral assignments
 - 14 Walls of some mazes
 - 15 Pyramid point
 - 16 Green shade
 - 17 Cause for bowl roars
 - 19 Guys on some campaigns
 - 20 Access granted
 - 21 Certain squash shot
 - 23 Bereft
 - 24 Fertile Crescent land
 - 25 Overhead mysteries
 - 27 Still sound
 - 31 Be jarring
 - 34 First of all
 - 37 "The plot thickens!"
 - 38 Who to blame for the spoilage
 - 42 Hulking hoodlum
 - 43 Forty-somethings, for short
 - 44 Public
 - 45 Presentation's organization
 - 48 Person of distinction
 - 50 Quartet at the Opryland Hotel
 - 53 Inconvenient twist
 - 57 Rather rotten rockers (21 Across, to 38 Across)
 - 60 Monopoly owner
 - 61 Conform
- DOWN**
- 1 Got to work
 - 2 What president was an only child?
 - 3 Hack My Life aier
 - 4 With a crust, as pâté
 - 5 Rolled with the punches
 - 6 SurveyMonkey 2018 event
 - 7 Latter-day beginners
 - 8 Retro refusal
 - 9 Get absorbed
 - 10 Rather stale
 - 11 Succotash morsel
 - 12 It might clean itself
 - 13 Pack (off)
 - 18 Herd youngster
 - 22 Put waves in
 - 26 Judicious
 - 28 The best
 - 29 2018 jukebox musical subject
 - 30 Fraud, for instance
 - 31 German court great
 - 32 Buyback agreement
 - 33 Assert formally
 - 35 E. Germany, to locals
 - 36 Affinity grp.
 - 39 Bonus
 - 40 Marching band sound
 - 41 Encroach
 - 46 Bully's challenge
 - 47 Ideally
 - 49 Rubbish collector
 - 51 Non-studio production
 - 52 Mature
 - 54 Place to live
 - 55 Novelist Shaw
 - 56 Ninesome
 - 57 Render unsound
 - 58 Time, for wine
 - 59 Really pack (it in)
 - 63 General known for poultry

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Answer to previous puzzle

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On Basketball: Harden's run should end when he gets help

By **TIM REYNOLDS**

AP Basketball Writer

This play midway through the fourth quarter of James Harden's historic effort at Madison Square Garden was largely reminiscent of what the Houston Rockets' offense has looked like lately:

- He got the ball.
- He kept it for 16 seconds.
- He dribbled it 21 times.
- He shot.
- He scored.

What Harden has done in his last five games — 261 points, 52.2 points per game, zero assisted by a teammate — is astounding by any measure. He's averaged 43.1 points in his last 21 games, keeping Houston in the thick of the Western Conference play-off race. The Rockets have alternated wins and losses in each of their last 10 games, despite Harden's greatness of late.

Earlier this month, Houston guard Austin Rivers described the Rockets' playbook like this to Sports Illustrated: "James Harden. Just get the (bleep) out of his way. Let him do the heavy lifting."

That philosophy should be coming to an end before long.

Rockets point guard Chris Paul will be back soon from his latest tale of hamstring woe, maybe even as early as Friday against Toronto. When that happens, Harden will no longer have to take on so much of the scoring load.

His numbers should dip. The Rockets should rise because of that, strange as it sounds. Fantasy players won't like it so much, but for Houston, it's vital.

Over the last five games, Harden has scored 44 percent of Houston's points, taken 35 percent of its field-goal tries, attempted 57 percent of its free throws. It's simultaneously a Herculean and unsustainable undertaking, and when Paul comes back Harden should get some relief — and take it happily.

"Whatever it takes to win," Harden said, repeating a familiar refrain.

Houston was at its best last year — remember, the Rockets did have the NBA's best record and was probably a hamstring strain by Paul away from winning the NBA title — when Harden was great and part of a system. He's been the entire system, or so it has seemed, since Paul got hurt in Miami a few weeks ago. On the play where he dribbled 21 times against the Knicks on Wednesday, three of his four teammates basically stood around and watched, while a fourth thought about setting a screen that wasn't going to get used anyway.

"He's such a good scorer," Orlando's Nikola Vucevic said earlier this month of Harden. "You have to stay aggressive but you can't foul him. He's going to score. You're not going to stop him. He has the ball so much and they run everything for him."

Soon, they might not have to run so much for him. A lot, yes. But not everything.

And if the Rockets are going to emerge from the West, that's the way it'll need to be.

This run has probably lifted Harden back atop the MVP race. He's as close to a lock to be the scoring champion as one can be in January — he leads



AP photo

Houston Rockets' James Harden (13) argues a call with an official during the first half of the team's NBA basketball game against the New York Knicks, Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2019, in New York.

Anthony Davis by 7.0 points per game. Harden's average of 36.3 points is the highest since Michael Jordan averaged 37.1 points in 1986-87, and his lead over the No. 2 scorer is the league's largest gap since Jordan outscored Dominique Wilkins by 8.1 points for that '86-87 title.

"Everybody wants to do different schemes on him to try to slow him down and he still scores," Rockets forward P.J. Tucker said. "It really doesn't matter. I think it's just up to us to try to figure out the spots we want to get into."

Harden scored a career-high 61 points against the Knicks on Wednesday night, one of the most memorable performances at Madison Square Garden. The Rockets needed darn near every one of them, as they eked out a four-point win. And Harden often went it alone, single-handedly bringing back the iso ball scheme that hasn't really been part of today's wide-open, five-out NBA.

It's been great fun to watch.

It'll be better for Houston when normalcy returns.

Kentucky vs. Kansas showdown highlights SEC/Big 12 Challenge

By **STEVE MEGARGEE and DAVID BRANDT**

AP Sports Writers

Here are some things to watch in Southeastern Conference basketball this week:

GAME OF THE WEEKEND

No. 9 Kansas at No. 8 Kentucky: This matchup of two top-10 teams is the headline attraction in Saturday's SEC/Big 12 Challenge. Kentucky (15-3) has won five straight, beating No. 16 Auburn (No. 14 at the time) and No. 22 Mississippi State in its last two games. Kansas (16-3) has won four of its last five. Kentucky owns a perfect 11-0 home record, while Kansas is 1-3 in true road games.

LOOKING AHEAD

Can the SEC get the best of the Big 12? The Big 12 dominated the early years of its annual challenge matchup with the SEC, but the SEC has rallied lately. The SEC went 6-4 in this event last year, marking the first time it had ever won the majority of games. The two conferences split the 10 matchups in 2017.

The Big 12 owns a 29-21 overall record in this event thanks to its 20-10 edge in its first three seasons. The bad news for the SEC is that three of its ranked teams won't be playing in this event. No. 16 Auburn and No. 22 Mississippi State are facing each other instead while No. 25 LSU visits Missouri.

NUMBERS GAME

The SEC has six teams in the Top 25 for the first time since January 2003. The SEC's six ranked teams are No. 1 Tennessee, No. 8 Kentucky, No. 16 Auburn, No. 20 Mississippi, No. 22 Mississippi State and No. 25 LSU. ... Tennessee has 13 straight victories for its longest winning streak since the 1922-23 season. ... Tennessee's Grant Williams went 23 of 23 on free throws Wednesday in an 88-83 overtime victory over Vanderbilt. He was one off the NCAA Division I single-game record of 24 consecutive made free throws, set by Oklahoma State's Arlen Clark on March 7, 1959. ... LSU is 5-0 in SEC competition for the first time since 2006. ... South Carolina is 5-1 in SEC competition and 5-7 in non-

conference games. ... Alabama has won eight of its last 12 games against ranked teams, including a 74-53 blowout of Ole Miss on Tuesday.

IMPACT PERFORMER

South Carolina forward Chris Silva showed Tuesday what he's capable of doing when he avoids foul trouble. Silva shot 11 of 12 from the field and had 32 points, 14 rebounds and four blocks in an 80-77 victory over Auburn. Silva delivered that big performance after fouling out in consecutive games against Vanderbilt and LSU. He played just 13 minutes against Vanderbilt and eight minutes against LSU.

ON THE WOMEN'S SIDE

No. 7 Mississippi State is the only SEC program ranked among the nation's top 14 teams this week. The other ranked SEC teams are No. 15 Kentucky, No. 19 South Carolina, No. 24 Texas A&M and No. 25 Missouri. Mississippi State will be playing the rest of the season without forward Chloe Bibby, who injured her knee last week in a victory over South Carolina. The 6-foot-1 Australian was averaging 12.6 points.

LADY HAWKS

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With Beasley playing great complimentary basketball and her teammates feeding off of her the Lady Hawks just couldn't

get back in the game and despite being able to hold Midland to just 12 fourth quarter points they only scored 10 points of their own.

The Lady Hawks finished the game with just 6 points in the paint and only 7 second chance points while Midland had 34 points in the paint and 12 second chance points in the dominating win over Howard College. Both

teams shot the ball poorly from outside but it was the dominance in the paint by the Lady Chaparrals that really separated them from the Lady Hawks in this tough conference matchup.

Howard College will look to get back on track next Thursday against NMJC at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

BIG 12

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"It takes into consideration efficiency, and depending on who you play, if you play really good teams, sometimes your efficiency's not as good, and we've played so many close games," Kansas coach Bill Self said. "It'll balance out over time once you get through the league. But right now I don't think that we look near as good because I think we played such a hard schedule."

Kansas, at Kentucky on Saturday in a matchup of the two winningest programs, has five nonconference wins over AP Top 25 teams, including current No. 1 Tennessee. The SEC/Big 12 Challenge's only other AP Top 25 matchup is No. 24 Iowa State at No. 20 Ole Miss.

The Big 12 was just ahead in the NET of the Big Ten, which had 79 percent of its teams (11 of 14) in the top 68. The ACC had the top two teams and 67

percent of its teams in that range, and the SEC had 57 percent (eight of 14).

Tennessee, No. 4 in the NET rankings, plays the lowest-ranked Big 12 team, hosting West Virginia (9-10, 1-6, No. 98 NET), whose only conference win was at home over Kansas.

The other SEC/Big 12 matchups Saturday are Alabama at Baylor; Florida at TCU; Kansas State at Texas A&M; South Carolina at Oklahoma State; Texas at Georgia; Vanderbilt at Oklahoma; and Arkansas at Texas Tech.

"The winning streak is nice, obviously in the league it got us back into the race, but right now, we've got to worry about Texas A&M," K-State's Weber said. "You want to keep that momentum going in a positive direction. ... In our league especially, it's one thing to have a bad day, you don't want to have a bad week. And it's very easy to have a bad week in our league because the balance is there and it's tough day in and day out to get ready for every game."

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Raw moments for Stars show eagerness for playoff relevance

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DALLAS — First-year Dallas Stars coach Jim Montgomery called out the franchise for a "culture of mediocrity," led a feedback-sharing session with players and briefly benched one of his top-scoring forwards.

And this was all in less than a week, not long after team CEO Jim Lites profanely ripped the performances of captain Jamie Benn and fellow high-priced forward Tyler Seguin.

While they will never say Lites' somewhat shocking comments about his highest-profile and most expensive players have anything to do with it, the Stars clearly are eager to escape a rut of missing the playoffs in eight of the past 10 seasons. Dallas has a precarious hold on one of the final two Western Conference playoff spots at the All-Star break.

"Right now we're getting challenged as a group and individually," forward Jason Spezza told The Associated Press. "As a veteran guy, it's exciting because it means they want us to push and they're not happy with where we're at. When you're older, you're trying to win now. You're not really worried about the future. I like the way the message is going to help us win now."

Perhaps it's easier for Spezza to pick a word such as "exciting" because the 35-year-old player, now in his 16th season, wasn't the target of Lites' rant late

last month.

The longtime team executive sought out some of the reporters who cover the team regularly and used plenty of profanity along with "terrible" and "embarrassing" to describe the play of Benn and Seguin. Lites turned down an AP request for an interview Thursday.

Asked what he made of the events of the few weeks that started with Lites' bombshell, Benn smiled through apparent disdain for the question and said, "Nothing." Seguin wasn't available to reporters after the last practice, morning skate and game before the team's seven-day break.

The day after the criticism from Lites, Benn and Seguin said they needed to play better while taking issue with some of Lites' more pointed jabs. Both said they played for their teammates, not Lites.

"We're trying to push the envelope," Montgomery said. "Everybody is, from their respective positions, and trying to make us better and trying to get more consistent at what we are."

Montgomery met with players and the coaching staff on Jan. 14, the same day Dallas traded young forward Devin Shore to Anaheim for 12-year veteran Andrew Cogliano, a move to add experience and speed.

Three days later, Montgomery benched Alexander Radulov for the last half of the first period after the

Russian forward said he talked back to the coach. In that 2-1 loss to the last-place Los Angeles Kings, the Stars came within 64 seconds of getting shut out in two straight games, both at home, for the first time in 20 years. He wasn't very happy five nights earlier either after a second straight loss to an also-ran, 3-1 to St. Louis at home following a 2-1 defeat at Philadelphia.

The coach making the rare transition from college to the pros wasn't scathing with his comments on the level of Lites, but his reaction was notable nonetheless.

"Two games in a row where we don't compete at a level that is acceptable, and it is everybody and unfortunately, I am very frustrated that I have not been able to gain consistency in our performance and I haven't been able to change the culture of mediocrity," Montgomery said.

Lites picked Benn and Seguin because he believed they were underperforming for a team falling short of expectations, and because Lites said he had the support of equally frustrated owner Tom Gaglardi.

It also had a lot to do with money. Benn is on an eight-year, \$76 million contract that started in July 2016, and Seguin signed an eight-year, \$79 million extension before this season that kicks in for 2019-20.

While Benn and Seguin are tied for the team lead with 18 goals apiece,

neither is in the top 40 in the NHL in points after both finished among the 25 best their first five seasons together. This is also the first time at least one of the two didn't make the All-Star game since they've been teammates.

The timing of Lites' comments was curious, with Dallas in the playoff picture and coming off a 2-0 win at Nashville that was notable for backup goalie Anton Khudobin's club record for saves in a shutout with 49.

General manager Jim Nill said he agreed with the message, although not with the use of profanity. Then came the "mediocrity" line from his third coach in three seasons.

"My biggest thing is, what's our identity?" Nill said. "We've seen we can be fast. We've seen we can be a heavy, hard team. Are we that? Or are we a mix of that? That's what we have to find out right now. And it's the consistency of the game."

Consistency is what Montgomery seeks. The question is how many more times the quest will be displayed in such raw terms for everyone to see.

"I think it's a coach trying to push buttons and trying to figure out how to get us from being the middle team to being a team that's comfortably in the playoffs and looking for bigger things," Spezza said. "It wasn't a shock at all to me because we all feel like we're trying to push the right buttons to get this group to take another step."



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