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Short City Council meeting to feature utility tractor and backhoe bids

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

With an agenda less than half as long as that of its previous meeting, the Big Spring City Council meeting set for

5:30 p.m. Tuesday looks to be short and sweet. The council will meet in its cham-

bers, 307 W. Fourth Street. Where the agenda for Tuesday, Feb.

12, boasted 38 items; the new agenda for this Tuesday's meeting includes only 18. Among those items are the recom-

mended awarding of two bids. The council will vote on whether to approve a bid on a utility tractor with bucket attachment for the McMahon-

Wrinkle Airpark. The recommended bid was submitted by United Ag and Turf of Weatherford in the amount of \$63,904.96, which was the low bid to meet the city's specifications. While there were two lower bids - Vbar Equipment's \$57,994 and Cisco Equipment's

\$61,653.75, neither met specs set forth in the bid packet, according to a memo from Assistant City Manager John Medina to Mayor Larry McLellan, included with the meeting's agenda. The second-lowest bid which met specifications came in \$1,742.36 higher than that of United, at \$64,240.99. That bid was submitted by Terry County Tractor: while another bid in the amount of \$65.647.32 was received from South Plains Implement Ltd.

The other bid the city will consider during the meeting is on the purchase of three Warren Cat Lease Backhoes for the Distribution and Collection Department. According to a memo included with the meeting's agenda from Medina to McLellan, Big Spring City Council members, and City Manager Todd Darden, "The City's lease agreement for three (3) Warren Cat backhoes expired on Tuesday, February 19, 2019. The City now has the option to purchase all three units from Warren Cat for \$106,448.98." The memo goes on to show that each

of the backhoes has a price tag of approximately \$35,482, with a few cents difference on each backhoe. In other business the council will:

• Hear the presentation of the Big

Spring Police Department's annual porter@bigspringherald.com.

Contact Report for 2018.

· Consider on first reading a resolution authorizing Darden to submit an application to the state for a grant for a video/audio recording system for BSPD interview rooms.

· Consider approval of an agreement with Jacob and Martin LLC engineering firm for professional services for upgrades to the pump station and irrigation control system at the Municipal Golf Course. According to the proposed agreement, the cost of Jacob and Martin's services will be tabulated at an hourly rate depending on the personnel involved in performing the work; the total not to exceed \$10,000.

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Big Spring's Prom Closet getting ready for high school's biggest formal of the year



A customer browses through dresses at 2018's Prom Closet. This year, shop, the which provides lowcost formal wear, will open March

get their hair done and all the glitz and glamour. The Prom Closet is here to help Gabby Fair said. "This is everyone be able to enjoy something I am excited about prom, without the worry."

"Coming from a single mom household, and being one of three girls, I know that it can be hard, which is why the Prom Closet has always been

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HERALD file



Chamber, Herrera, to host social media class

place from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

"I have big shoes to fill,"

taking over though, because

I know prom is a big deal. It

was a big deal to me when I

was a junior and senior, but I

also know that there are some

who don't always have the

means to buy the fancy dress,

By AMANDA DUFORAT

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Bring on the glitz and the

glamour, prom time is right

arounds the corner. The

Prom Closet will be opening

its doors March 4, but this

time under the leadership

of Gabby Fair, daughter of

United Way of Big Spring

and Howard County Direc-

tor Christian Fair. The grand

Managing Editor

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Social media seems to be taking over the advertising world, but there are algorithms that need to be understood for full optimization.

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce has teamed up with Community Services Director for the City of Big Spring and Certified Tourism Executive Hayley Herrera to present Social Media 101 on April 3 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

"Social Media 101 is for anyone with a small business or brand who is looking to learn how to properly use social media as an advertising tool," Hayley Herrera, said. "Social media can reach so many more people than traditional advertising routes, you just have to know how to use it cor-Herrera said during the two hour training she will be

showing brands and businesses how to use social media to better fit their busy schedule so they don't lose interest of the more than 3 billion active users who use social media on a daily basis.

For those wanting to register for the class, registration is required by March 22. The cost of the class is \$10 for chamber members and \$15 for non chamber members. Registration can be done by calling 432-263-7641.

Contact Managing Editor Amanda Duforat at 432-263-7331 ext. 230, or by email at editor@ bigspringherald.com.

Chavarria takes second in Sweetwater tourney



Courtesy Photo/Mitzi Bell

Mariah Chavarria tied for second in Sweetwater Golf Tournament to help the Lady Steers capture a team championship this past weekend. See more about the tournament on Page 6.

SPRHS to host job fair

By ANNA GUTIERREZ

Staff Writer

health care.

South Plains Rural Health Services will be hosting a job fair Friday, March 1. The job fair will take place at Howard County Community Health Center at 1300 S. Gregg St., from 10 a.m. to 2

South Plains Rural Health Services has locations in Big Spring, Levelland and Lamesa. They are a multispecialty group committed to providing comprehensive

Job openings include medical, dental and clerical. All openings are full-time, and all full-time employees receive free medical and life insurance.

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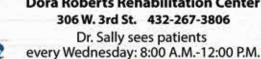
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Obituaries

Juanita Marie Brown Battenfield

Juanita Marie Brown Battenfield passed from this life July 16, 2018, in Oklahoma City, OK.

The daughter of a prominent Howard County, TX family and granddaughter of the pioneer TX ranching family of Milton Henry O'Daniel (Alice Emma Dunlap O'Daniel), she was born on January 21, 1926, at Knott, TX.

She married Horace Monroe Battenfield (Whiteface, Cochran Cty, TX) on Feb. 21, 1946, in a ceremony held at the First Baptist Church, Big Spring, TX. Her mother was Mary Elizabeth O'Daniel Brown and her father was Judge Jacob Eddie Brown. The family consisted of 4 brothers and 2 sisters several of whom presided her in death.

She was predeceased in death by her husband,





Elvira Martinez, 83, of Knott, died Friday, Feb. 22, 2019, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Ackerly Cemetery with Brother Jose Luis Cardenas, officiating. She was born July 6, 1935, in

San Antonio to Francisca Rodriguez Cerna and Pedro Cerna. She came to Howard County in 1972 from Houston. She married Ventura G. Martinez, Jan. 31, 1973, in Lovington, New

Mexico. He preceded her in death on Nov.9, 2011. She was a member of Centro De Albanza.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- CHRISTOPHER EARLIJAH HAMAL SLEDGE, 23, of 813 Snyder St. Odessa, Texas, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- DUSTIN LYNN MCLEAN, 32, of 14024 Hwy 64 West, Tyler,

• Luncheon benefit for Ka'Rissa Magers Friday,

March 1, at Ryan Hall, 605 N. Main St. Ka'Rissa is

a member of our community and a mother of four.

She lost her home to a fire on Feb. 18, 2019, and is

devastated by the loss of her home and having to

start over. Thanks to the generosity of members

of the community, including NSM and LULAC,

we will be selling brisket plates for \$10, which will

include beans, potato salad, dessert and a drink.

This is a cash and carry event. Pre-orders will be

taken and delivery can be arranged in advance.

If you would like to donate drinks or desserts for

the fundraiser, or if you have household items and

clothing, those will also be appreciated. Please call

Teresa Walker at 432-213-8135 for any information

about the fundraiser or to make a donation. Thank

AARP Tax-Aide will offer free income tax prep-

aration each Monday through April 1 at the Big

Spring Senior Center at the Dora Roberts Commu-

nity Center, 100 Whipkey Drive. Hours are 8 a.m. to

noon. The service is available to all taxpayers with

Taxpayers need to bring a photo ID for the tax-

payer and/or spouse, Social Security cards for ev-

eryone on the tax return (Tax-Aide will not do a re-

turn without seeing the Social Security cards), last

year's tax returns, and W-2s and all other proof of

income received in 2018. Free electronic filing will

For more information contact Ray Alexander at

The Big Spring Art Association meets the third

· Big Spring and surrounding counties are in

need of foster families. Foster parents are the care-

takers 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

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community-based program serving victims of all

violent crime, including, but not limited to, as-

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365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or ac-

companiment to the hospital and law enforcement

agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour

training, an interview process and a background

check, we need you. For more information, call

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saldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCA-

Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

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to have you.

Horace (Dec. 10, 1993) and by brothers, Jacob Eddie Brown (Geraldine Musgrove Brown) both deceased; Marlin Hendrick Brown, deceased (Dorothy Brown); Wendell Eugene Brown (Janet Ives Brown) both deceased.

She is survived by a sister, Mildred Lorraine Brown Clark (Calvin Ray Clark) and brother Roger Dale Brown (Anna Mae Brown) and numerous nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her daughters, Candace Sue Battenfield Sawyer of Frisco, TX (William Alexander Sawyer) and Stephanie Gayle Battenfield Cook of OKC, OK. Grandchildren include Caroline Elizabeth Sawyer, Sarah Ruth Sawyer, and Seth Allan Cook.

She was a member of the NSDAR (Samuel Sorrell Chapter, Houston TX), the Daughters of the Republic of Texas (San Jacinto Chapter, Houston TX), and First Southern Baptist Church, OKC, OK.

She is survived by her children, Ernesto Rivera of Ft. Worth, Rudy Rivera of Ft. Worth, Robert Rivera of Knott, Jeannie Fonseca of Knott, Francisco "Frankie" Hernandez of Big Spring, Jesus Hernandez of Big Spring, Maximo "Max" Hernandez of Knott, Liz Hernandez-Alvarez of Knott, Petra Chavez of Garden City, Jose Hernandez of Big Spring, and Adam Hernandez of Vealmoor; two adopted children, Eloy Garcia of Knott and Juanita Garcia of Knott; one brother; one sister; a number of grandchildren, great grandchildren, and greatgreat grandchildren. In addition to her parents and husband, she was

preceded by one daughter, Carolina Vences, four brothers, and one sister. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral

Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-

Police blotter Texas, was arrested on an out-

standing warrant. • MISTY DAWN STUDLEY,

- 33, 1511 Princeton Ave., was arrested on a charge of assault causing bodily injury to family member.
- THEFT was reported in the 1400 block of E. 6th St., in the 400 block of N.E. 9th St., and in the

1700 block of E. FM 700.

- FOUND PROPERTY was reported at NSR of FM 700/Run-
- · ASSAULT was reported in the 400 block of W. 5th St.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 5500 block of Wasson Rd.

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ing newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more. To find out more about opportunities available

with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramon-

tes 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
- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. 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 to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716.
- 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-

Support Groups

 Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Se tles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

 Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center a 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease pa

tients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group of

about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at th Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942. Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to

- p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. · A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Lif
- with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fe lowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700 There is no charge for the course, and a workboo will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-484 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to p.m.; open 12 and 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chroni pain disease, a support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 432-517-9207 fo more information. • Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Meth
- odist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message fo Joyce Webb at 325-212-8600.

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discuss sion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:3 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lu theran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in i confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support grou meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Ve eran's Healing Center.
- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpos of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support t service members, veterans and families, especiall those suffering from post-traumatic stress disor der (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), militar sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events is their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m t 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003
- GriefShare is a Biblical support group that focus es on helping people who are dealing with a love one's death. Each DVD session features nationall respected grief experts and real-life stories, followe by small group discussion about the topics presen ed (with workbook support). Meetings are weekly every Thursday, at Trinity Baptist Church in Bi Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for mor information.

FRIDAY

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith based addictions program helping people find free dom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fr days at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Ente at the main entrance of the church.
- AA open discussion meeting from noon until p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

 Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speaker meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, n smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month a 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 1 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. t 8 p.m.

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CLOSET

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a project near and dear to our hearts," Fair continued. "This is one way we can give back and help our little community."

The Prom Closet is constantly looking for donations, from prom dresses to shoes and accessories; and now tuxedos, men's shoes, and even gift certificates.

"We originally started out with just prom dresses, but last year we even had some people who donated tuxedo rentals and certificates for the boys and girls to get their hair done," Fair said. "We will accept any kind of donation that will allow these kids to enjoy prom night."

Fair also said that she wants to give a special "thank you" to Nati Saldivar and Ryan Hall for providing a permanent home for the Prom Closet. The Prom Closet is located at 605 N. Main Street.

"We are looking forward to another great year with the Prom Closet and ready to get more guys and gals ready

for Prom Night!" Fair said.

The Prom closet will be open Mondays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., and also by appointment. For those wanting to donate, or to schedule an appointment, call 816-0675 to schedule a pick up. Donations can also be dropped off at The Crowned Bird, located at 406 E. Marcy Drive.

Sheriff: 2 bodies recovered from Texas plane crash site



This image taken from video provided by KRIV FOX 26 shows the scene of a cargo plane crash on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019 in Trinity Bay, just north of Galveston Bay and the Gulf of Mexico in Texas. Lynn Lunsford with the Federal Aviation Administration did not immediately know the status of the people aboard and Chambers County Sheriff's Office could not immediately be reached for comment.

Associated Press

ANAHUAC, Texas (AP) — A southeast Texas sheriff said Sunday that two bodies have been recovered at the site where a Boeing 767 cargo plane crashed into a coastal bay. All three people aboard the Flight 3591 died, according to the plane's owner. Crews continued to search for the third body at

Trinity Bay, about 35 miles (55 kilometers) east of Houston, Chambers County Sheriff Brian Hawthorne said at a Sunday afternoon news conference with officials from the National Transportation Safety Board and the FBI.

The plane's owner, Atlas Air, confirmed the deaths in a statement on Sunday, and said its "primary focus is working to provide the families of those affected with care and support." Atlas was operating the flight for Amazon when it crashed Saturday afternoon near the small town of Anahuac.

Mesa Airlines said in a statement late Sunday that one of its employees, Sean Archuleta, was one the plane. Archuleta had been a pilot for Mesa since 2013.

"This is a sad day for the entire Mesa Family as we mourn the loss of Captain Sean Archuleta," airline Chairman and CEO Jonathan Ornstein said. "This is a loss for all of aviation."

The other two people have not yet been identified. NTSB Chairman Robert Sumwalt said security video from a jail about a mile away from the crash site showed the plane heading toward the ground nose first. Sumwalt added that air traffic controllers reported rain in the area, and that the plane did not send out a distress call before the wreck.

Civilian volunteers in small boats helped search part of the bay, but Hawthorne told The Associated Press before the news conference that the volunteers will no longer be used.

Jason Campbell was among the civilian boaters who checked the debris on Saturday. What the

boaters found was grim. "Pieces of bodies, nothing bigger than ... you know," Campbell told KHOU-TV . "It's obvious it's human pieces but nothing bigger than you can hold in your hands."

Sumwalt said that finding the flight recorders remains a high priority for searchers.

The jumbo jet had departed from Miami and was likely moments from landing at Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston when it crashed. FBI Special Agent in Charge Perrye Turner asked that anyone with debris on their property contact authorities.

Dave Clark, senior vice president of Worldwide Operations at Amazon, said: "Our thoughts and prayers are with the flight crew, their families

and friends along with the entire team at Atlas Air during this terrible tragedy. We appreciate the first responders

who worked urgently to

provide support."

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Susana "Susy" Diaz, 65, died Thursday. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. today at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Elvira Martinez, 83, died Friday. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Ackerly Cemetery.

Study uses satellites to count flares near Eagle Ford Shale

 Researchers at two ly 2.5 million homes for California universities a year," Franklin said. are studying the fiery flares that pock-mark drilling sites in the Eagle Ford Shale of South

Researchers from the University of Southern California and San Francisco State University are using satellites to see how much flaring occurs in the region, in addition to data provided by the oil and gas industry. The researchers have counted 43,887 distinct oil and gas flares in the region from 2012 to 2016, the Victoria Advocate reported.

"The takeaway is there is a lot of flaring going on, even in the downturn," said Meredith Franklin, the wstudy's lead author and an associate professor of clinical preventive medicine at the University of Southern California.

The researchers estimate that over the fiveyear period, 159 billion cubic feet of gas was flared in the Eagle Ford

"And that's enough nat-VICTORIA, Texas (AP) ural gas to power rough-

> Now, the researchers want to count pre-term births and babies with low birth weights in the region near the flaring, compared to the rest of the state.

In the Barnett Shale area of North Texas, women who lived near permitted wells showed a heightened likelihood of having a pre-term birth, according to a study from 2010 to 2012.

The Texas Railroad Commission allows operators to flare gas while drilling a well, as well as up to 10 days after the completion of a well to conduct testing. Flaring may be necessary in certain production areas because existing pipelines might not have any additional capacity, according to the commission.

"There's a lot of evidence or several studies published associating air pollution with preterm birth and other outcomes like low birth weight," Franklin said.



AP photo This photo taken in 2015, shows a flareup at an oil processing plant outside Cuero, Texas in 2015. Researchers from the University of Southern California and San Francisco State University are using satellites to see how much flaring occurs AND RESTAURANT in the region, in

addition to data \$1.00 Off Adults provided by the oil and gas industry. researchers have counted 43,887 distinct oil and gas flares in the region

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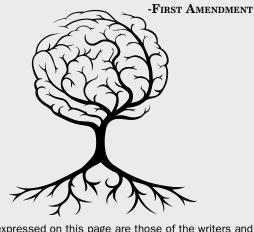
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Cindy's Bookshelf

A Book Review: Steelheart

Humans with supernatural abilities, called epics, run the world. It's still unsure if their powers are a gift or a curse. The leader of Newcago is an indestructible, all-powerful epic named Steelheart, who is the only epic without a weakness. David Charleston, a human whose only power is turning everything into a metaphor, has made it his life's goal to figure it out. Despite his goal, David's

opinions of right and wrong are challenged as he encounters new epics and view points. He must decide whether his revenge is worth the potential downfall of an entire city - and all the people who live in it. When it comes to superhe-

ro stories, Brandon Sanderson's Steelheart does not disappoint. Sanderson delivers an action-packed book that is impossible to put down. It is a must read for superhero enthusiasts and anyone who enjoys gritty, harsh realities with a dash of humor sprinkled in. It is fast-paced and exhilirating. Sanderson has a sharp command of description that makes the reader forget they are not actually watching the story happen, but merely reading words on a page. Utah based Sanderson is the

author of several series and stand alone novels. Such series include the Mistborn series, the Elantris duology, Alacatraz Versus The Evil Librarian - a series for middle grade readers, and the Infinity Blade duology. In addition, he has written a

The world has changed. graphic novel titled White Sand. Sanderson received

his masters degree in Creative Writing from Brigham Young University. He has been awarded the David Gammell Legend Award for his book The Way of Kings; the Romantic Times Reviewer's Choice award for Best Epic Fantasy twice; and CINDY his book The Em-PINCH peror's Soul won the Hugo Award in 2013. He was also chosen to finish the Wheel

of Time series originally created by the late Robert Jordan.

Brandon Sanderson has created a world of superheroes that, on the surface resembles familiar superhero tropes. Tropes such as super-strength, superspeed, teleportation, precognition, and so on. Steelheart himself has all the makings of a great superhero. He's strong, good looking, invincible. And yet, main character David Charleston sees him as the villain of the story. David has spent ten years of his life researching information on all epics in hopes that he will come across the secret to Steelheart's weakness. His only hope is to find the Reckoners, an elusive group who targets epics who have abused their powers to harm common people. When he does find them, they are nothing like he imagined. Their goals are not so lofty as his, and their secrets are much larger than he once believed.

The book's namesake, Steelheart, is a super human, or high epic. He has taken over the city of Newcago by force and implemented strict rules for his citizens to abide by. In the prologue, it is quickly shown that Steelheart has no qualms about killing innocent people, even those who have protected him. And yet, compared to some of the other major cities that are still functioning, albeit in a definite postapocalyptic way, Newcago is paradise on earth. It is the only city that still has electricity. And despite the fact that, due to almost everything being covered in solid steel and that there is little to no vegetation anywhere in the city, Newcago doesn't have a shortage of food. Steelheart has created a weapons trade in order to provide food for the people.

The book delves into a struggle of good versus evil that is common among superhero stories. However, David Charleston soon realizes that the line between good and evil is not always clear. He learns that the good guys sometimes do bad things in order to fix what they deem to be a greater problem. He also sees the bad guys doing good things to improve the city. Throughout the story, David sees the duality that occurs in the nature of the people around him, the people who before had seemed so straightforward.

Steelheart is a quick read that will leave you eager to pick up the next book in the series, Firefight. The series is concluded with Calamity. And Mitosis, a novella, furthers the story by following a sequence of events that happen between Steelheart and Firefight. For a complete list of all of Brandon Sanderson's books or to learn more about the author himself, visit his website, www. brandonsanderson.com. Or follow him on Twitter at @Brand-Sanderson.



The 'Lottery Ticket'

hen we buy a lottery ticket we always think to ourselves "what are the chances of me winning the prize money." What can we do to increase our

chance of winning it

all? The same is true in our own health and the health of our children. What can I do for myself and my family to lower the chances of becoming seriously ill and ending up in the hospital, especially when the flu is going around town like an uninvited guest that just will not go home? Being a Pediatrician, I will tell you that the first thing you can do to protect your family

from illness is to keep yourself informed about nutrition that will help your child grow. If you are a new mother and have a newborn alway try to breastfeed first and always make sure that you are taking care of yourself. This way you are providing not only the best nutrition you are helping you newborn's ability to fight off infection. Make sure you drink plenty of water and eat the right foods and lay off junky fatty foods. Try to eat salads, fruits and grilled meats and fish. I am

cream sundae, but do not make it an every day thing. As your children grow get them into the habit of avoiding the chips, candy, and the fried tasty morsels that everyone else is eating. Also, because we live in the greatest

country in the world where we do not see the killer illness like Polio, Tetanus, or Diphtheria, or Measles, or Whooping cough, some people look for excuses not to immunize their child against these extremely rare but dangerous illness. I am a strong betions because I still

Dr. Joseph liever in immuniza-**C**HAVEZ remember how ill I was when I had the Measles, the Mumps

and even the Chicken pox. As a young medical student I remember taking care of a young infant that had chicken pox that was admitted because he had sores all over his body that were extremely infected and then later died of a severe infection of his brain caused by the virus called Varicella which caused the rash in the fist place. This happened before the vaccine. I remember times before the Pneumococcal vaccine and Hemophilus vaccines when we had to do 5-10 spinal taps per week diagnosing

babies with meningitis.

how many people die because of chickenpox, because of Polio because of Diphtheria because of meningitis.

I would say almost zero and why my friends, it is because of these vaccines.

As a parent it is very important to keep yourself informed and make the right decision about your family. Before you refuse vaccinations, read about the illnesses they prevent. When you look for side effects of the vaccinations, ask your doctor. If you are looking at the internet look at the website about vaccinations set up the Center for Disease Control who are the main experts of these vaccinations Do not believe what you read on facebook and other websites that make the false claims that state that vaccinations cause Autism Everyone has their opinion and beliefs about everything that is why we live in a free country, so give your child a fighting chance to win that prize money and be healthy. Just remember that just because you do not see these deadly illnesses that vaccines prevent today, it does not mean that they will not return tomor row. Remember to eat healthy and practice proper hand washing techniques to avoid spread of diseases like the flu or like RSV.

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Sheriff: 2 bodies recovered from Texas plane crash site

ANAHUAC, Texas (AP) — A southeast Texas sheriff said Sunday that two bodies have been recovered at the site where a Boeing 767 cargo plane crashed into a coastal bay. All three people aboard the Flight 3591 died, according to the plane's owner.

Crews continued to search for the third body at Trinity Bay, about 35 miles (55 kilometers) east of Houston, Chambers County Sheriff Brian Hawthorne said at a Sunday afternoon news conference with officials from the National Transportation Safety Board and the FBI.

The plane's owner, Atlas Air, issued a statement Sunday confirming the deaths, adding that its "primary focus is working to provide the families of those affected with care and support." Atlas was operating the flight for Amazon when it crashed Saturday afternoon near the small town of Anahuac.

Mesa Airlines said in a statement late Sunday that one of its employees, Sean Archuleta, was one the plane. Archuleta had been a pilot for Mesa since 2013.

"This is a sad day for the entire Mesa Family as we mourn the loss of Captain Sean Archuleta," airline Chairman and CEO Jonathan Ornstein said. "This is a loss for all of aviation."

The other two people have not yet been identified. NTSB Chairman Robert Sumwalt said security video from a jail about a mile away from the crash site showed the plane heading toward the ground nose first. Sumwalt added that air traffic controllers reported rain in the area, and that the plane did not send out a distress call before the wreck.

Civilian volunteers in small boats helped search part of the bay, but Hawthorne told The Associated Press before the news conference that the volunteers will no longer be used.

Jason Campbell was among the civilian boaters who checked the debris on Saturday. What the boaters found was

"Pieces of bodies, nothing bigger than ... you know," Campbell told KHOU-TV . "It's obvious it's human pieces but nothing bigger than you can hold in your hands."

for searchers.

The jumbo jet had departed from Miami and

was likely moments from landing at Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston when it crashed. FBI Special Agent in Charge Perrye Turner asked that anyone with debris on their property contact

This image taken from video provided by KRIV FOX 26 shows the scene of a cargo plane crash on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019 in Trinity Bay, just north of Galveston Bay and the Gulf of Mexico in Sumwalt said that find. Texas. Lynn Lunsford with the Federal Aviation Administration ing the flight recorders did not immediately know the status of the people aboard and remains a high priority the Chambers County Sheriff's Office could not immediately be reached for comment.

> Dave Clark, senior vice president of Worldwide Operations at Amazon, said: "Our thoughts and prayers are with the flight crew, their families and friends along with the entire team at Atlas Air during this terrible tragedy. We appreciate the first responders who worked urgently to provide support."

Texas governor stockpiles cash but not for the usual reason

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — As governor of Texas, Republican Greg Abbott doesn't flash the White House ambitions of his predecessors or their big personalities. But in just five years he has quietly built his own distinction: Taking in more cash from donors than any governor in U.S. history. Few others even come close. Since first running

in 2013, Abbott has accepted more than \$120 million in political contributions, an Associated Press review of campaign filings shows. He has been showered with big-donor money on a scale that is prohibited in most states and far beyond limits for members of Congress — more than 200 times receiving contributions of \$100,000 or more. The only others in his league would be former

Wisconsin Republican Gov. Scott Walker and New York Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who since their first successful runs in 2010 raised \$119 million and \$111 million respectively, according to the National Institute on Money in Politics. But they needed years more to get there.

For most politicians, raising big money is about two things: fueling higher pursuits or turning back competition. But as Abbott begins a second term in Texas, he is a governor who doesn't seem to have

"The sizes of the checks he asks for, his relentlessness — he never stops fundraising," said George Seay, who was the Texas finance chair for former Texas Gov. Rick Perry's first presidential run in any governor in history. 2012. "It's a machine probably not duplicated, if at all, around the rest of the country."

His style isn't a soft touch. "If someone might be expecting a \$50,000 ask, he'll ask for \$250,000," Seay

But Abbott, a 61-year-old former state attorney general and judge, makes no indication that the money has purpose beyond a desire to stay put. Though presidential speculation comes with the territory of being Texas governor, Abbott has consistently dismissed suggestions that he might follow the path of George W. Bush and Perry.

Critics have suggested that money is just Abbott's way of quantifying power, and that he collects it from those who want appointments or influence over policy.

"Abbott stockpiling that money is just a reflection of a one-party state that seems to protect the donor class in Texas," said Craig McDonald, executive director of the watchdog group Texans for Public Justice. "It says more about how the system works and is bigger than Greg Abbott himself."

An Abbott spokesman denied selling access, saying donations are never factored into decisionmaking. Last year, Abbott's campaign returned a \$10,000 check to a West Texas developer, George McMahan, after he told a local television station, "You make a large donation to the governor, and in turn you are eligible for appointment" to a university governing board.

Unlike the swaggering figures who preceded him, Abbott has remade the job with a lower profile — astyle that has stocked criticism of sometimes being too detached. He has likened himself to a CEO and wears the buttoned-down look. His politics are conventional hard right, of late pushing immigration crackdowns and border security surges.

Most remarkable, though, is how Abbott has become almost a party unto himself. Fortified by his donors, he was able to spend more than \$2 mil-

lion last year targeting a few GOP lawmakers who crossed him and to help ideological allies threatened by a minor Democratic resurgence in Texas. He could spare it: that was more money alone than what Abbott's Democratic opponent, Lupe Valdez, raised in her own feeble campaign.

During the 2018 midterm election, party leaders say Republican Sen. Ted Cruz had a field staff of 18 for the political fight of his life against Democrat Beto O'Rourke. By comparison, Abbott financed

a machine of about 200 for his own lopsided campaign and other races he wanted to influence. "There's no sense in being governor unless you more than 70 percent of

have a legislature supportive of your ideas," said Dave Carney, Abbott's longtime political adviser.



In a Tuesday, Feb. 5 file photo, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, right, gives his State of the State Address as Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, left, listens in the House Chamber, in Austin, Texas. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott doesn't flash the White House ambitions of his predecessors, but the Republican has built his own distinction by taking in more donor cash than

a possibility in a state with no term limits. Perry held the job for a record 14 years, a stretch that allows a governor to amass power by gradually stocking the state's powerful state boards and agencies entirely with his own appointees. Already, Carney said, Abbott is looking ahead to a third term in 2022.

For a politician seeking money, Texas is nirvana. It is among only about a dozen states that allow unlimited contributions from individuals, unlike most states where donations are capped at four or five figures.

Abbott's million-dollar donors include Dallas pipeline magnate Kelcy Warren, who was appointed to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, and West Texas oilman Syed Javaid Anwar, who sits on the Texas Higher Education Coordinating

Other donors are executives whose businesses have state contracts, and in at least one case, receive subsidies straight from Abbott's office. Race promoter Robert Epstein, whose Circuit of the Americas track in Austin has received more than \$150 million from an events fund controlled by

the governor, donated \$50,000 after Abbott won re-election. The contribution came months after Epstein learned he was being denied additional funds this year because of missing paperwork. Epstein declined comment about his dona-

Houston businessman Stuart Stedman, who since 2013 has given Abbott more than \$500,000 and was appointed chairman of Texas' higher education board, said in an email, "My financial support speaks for itself in describing my opinion of Governor Abbott."

Abbott spokesman John Wittman said contributions are never conment process.

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Gov. Abbott's appointees

If Abbott simply wants to be governor for life, it's have never contributed to him and less than one percent of the Governor's donors have been appointed to positions of service. To suggest otherwise would be false and a disservice to the character and quality of the individuals who are appointed to selflessly serve the state without compensation," Wittman

> said in a statement. The AP tally only includes Abbott's fundraising since he formally launched his run for governor in July 2013. The comparison to Cuomo does not include Cuomo's earlier failed run in 2002, when he raised more than \$13 million.

> Two of the Republican lawmakers Abbott targeted unsuccessfully for defeat in 2018 had one thing in common: both challenged him over not adding ethics reforms to a list of emergency legislative items. Their proposals included a ban on raising money during special sessions and not allowing appointees to donate more than \$2,500.

> Seay, the Republican fundraiser in Dallas, said Abbott seems to exemplify a type of Texas politician who comes to the state capital intending to settle in.

"This is what they do," he said.





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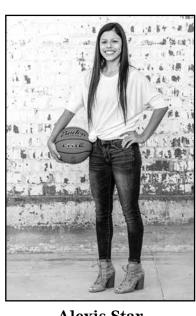
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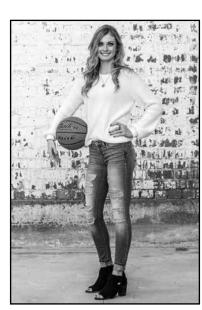
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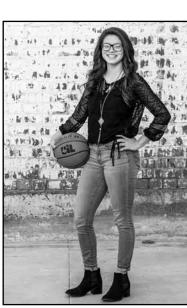
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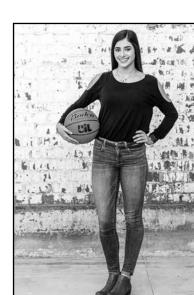
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Lady Steers' golf team wins Sweetwater Tournament





Adria Hurst (99), Lindsay Gamboa (101), Averi Tredaway (91), Mariah Chavarria (89), Alison Flores (103) and Coach Mitzie Bell pose with their Championship plaque after putting together a nice round of team golf to win the Sweetwater Tournament this past weekend. Chavarria tied for second on the score card, and took third after a playoff. Averi Treadway came in fourth place individually

Bulldogettes come away with two big wins on Saturday



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody

Coahoma third baseman Lexi Montelongo throws the ball to first base for an out during the Bulldogette/Lady Buff softball game held Saturday, Feb. 23, in Coahoma. Montelongo hammered a home run in the second inning of the game. Earlier in the day, she belted her first home run during the Coahoma/Littlefield game.

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — Lexi Montelongo hammered a home run to bring in two runs and end the Bulldogette/LadyCat game in the bottom of the six inning on Sat-

The Coahoma High School senior went on to hit a second homer later in the day against the Forsan Lady Buffs in the second inning. The Bulldogettes won both non-district games against Littlefield (19-8) and Forsan (11-3).

Game 1: Coahoma 19, Littlefield 8

Hitters for both teams kept the game close for the first two innings.

The LadyCats pulled ahead in the top of the third (5-7) after a bunt by Tiffany Lopez allowed two of her teammates time to score, but the Bulldogettes came back strong in the bottom of the third inning.

Sydney Rinard singled on a pop fly to second base giving Cassie Grant time to cross home plate and tie the game at 7-7. Two batters later, Madison Rodgers hits a three-bagger on a line drive to center field bringing home Rinard and Kaylor Green. Montelongo and Jaydan Mann brought in two more runs before the end of the inning.

From then on, the Bulldogettes kept the LadyCats to one run while bringing in eight over the fifth and sixth innings.

Montelongo went 5-for-5 at the plate and had four runs and 5 RBI against Littlefield. Rodgers was 3-for-4 at bat and had four runs and three RBI. Green had three runs. Mann, C. Grant, and Macee Grant had two runs each.

Kenliegh Janeway was on the mound for the Bulldogettes. She went 5-anda-third innings, allowed 11 hits, eight runs and had five strikeouts. C. Grant got the credit for the save. She pitched a two-thirds of an inning and allowed one hit.

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Littlefield	2	2	3	0	0	1	8	12	6
Coahoma	3	2	6	0	5	3	19	19	2

W — Kenliegh Janeway, L — Geyah Garza. 2B — CHS — Cassie Grant, Lexi Montelongo 2, Jaydan Mann, Madison Rodgers, Alex Bailey. 3B — CHS —Rodgers, LHS — Tiffany Lopez. HR — CHS — Montelongo. SB — CHS — Montelongo 3, Mann 3, Kaylor Green 2, Sydney Rinard 2, LHS — Lopez, Garza.

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In the actual case, after winning the opening club lead, South played the queen of spades at trick two and followed low from dummy. East was Zia Mahmood, one of the world's great players, and he smoothly followed suit with the ten!

Declarer was naturally afraid the ten was a singleton, which would make it dangerous to attempt another spade finesse at this point. Since he could repeat the finesse later on, South played the ace and another

This did not prove to be an outstanding success. Zia won with the king and cashed two club tricks, then played the king of diamonds. Declarer ruffed and eventually tried another spade finesse, but this time it lost to the king, and the contract went down

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'd gladly let go of what was holding you back, if only you knew what it was. Don't ask your friends. Their answers come with baggage. An admired mentor (possibly speaking from the pages of a book) has your answer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. **20-Feb. 18).** Even when you're mad at someone, you find it much easier to be nice, which usually leads to eventually forgetting all about why you're mad at someone. However, some slights are better to remember, just to avoid a repeat.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Is fickleness a mood, or is it a sign that it's time for you to move on? Both. The mood is inspired by a sneaking suspicion that you've opened all the doors that can be opened in this endeavor and new challenges await else-

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

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Crushing on a Friend sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku

Dear Annie: "Jeremy" and I have known each other for a few years and hung out as friends in group settings. Last year, he moved to my neighborhood, and we started occasionally grabbing a drink after work or carpooling to mutual friends' things together. We have gotten to know each other really well, and at this point, I consider him among my closest friends. But a few months ago, I started to develop feelings for him -- getting excited and nervous before seeing him, happy when he sends

me text messages, etc. I am not sure, but I think he likes me, too. He contacts me almost every day, and I've noticed he hasn't gone on a date in a few months. He used to go out with women from dating apps pretty regularly. Maybe I'm reading into it too much. But even if I'm not and he does like me back, I want to stamp this out before it goes any further. He's such a good friend, and I would hate to mess that up. How do I get over this and get back to our friendship? --Crushing Friend

Dear Crushing

Annie's Mailbox ®

Friend: The value you

place on friendship is admirable and wise. But you have feelings for Jeremy, and that fact changes the dynamics, whether or not you confess them. There's no putting that genie back in the bottle. If you should persuade yourself to move on without saying something, a part of you would always wonder what would have happened if you had. It's the things we don't do in life that we regret the most. So say something. Tell Jeremy how you feel. If it should turn out he doesn't feel the same, take

some space and allow

yourself to move on. You

might find in a few months

that you have no romantic feelings for him and can continue being friends, or you might never be close friends in the way you are now, and that would be OK, too. Sometimes Cupid's arrow points our lives in different directions, and it's nobody's fault. And if he does reciprocate your feelings, you may have just found a soul mate. There's no better foundation for a long-term relationship than friendship. Send your questions for

> Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

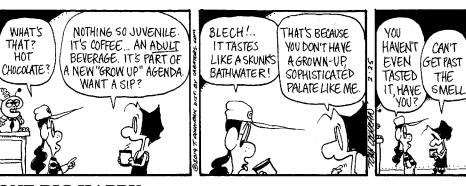
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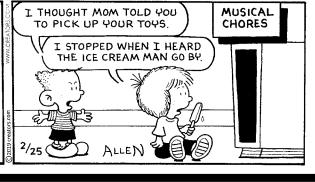






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This Date In History

Today in History

By The Associated Press Today in History Today is Monday, Feb. 25, the 56th day of 2019. There are 309 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 25, 1986, President Ferdinand Marcos fled the Philippines after 20 years of rule in the wake of a tainted election; Corazon Aquino assumed the presidency. On this date:

In 1570, England's Queen Elizabeth I was excommunicated by Pope Pius V, who accused the monarch of heresy. In 1793, President George Washington held the first Cabinet meeting on record at his Mount Vernon home; at-

tending were Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson, Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton, Secretary of War Henry Knox and Attorney General Edmund Randolph.

In 1836, inventor Samuel Colt patented his revolver. In 1862, Nashville, Tenn., became the first Confederate state capital to be occupied by the North during the Civil War. In 1901, United States Steel Corp. was incorporated by J.P.

Morgan. In 1913, the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving Congress the power to levy and collect income taxes, was declared in effect by Secretary of State Philander Chase Knox. In 1919, Oregon became the first state to tax gasoline, at one

cent per gallon. In 1922, French serial killer Henri Landru, convicted of murdering 10 women and the son of one of them, was executed in Versailles (vehr-SY'). In 1964, Eastern Airlines Flight 304, a DC-8, crashed shortly after taking off from New Orleans International Airport, killing all 58 on board. Muhammad Ali (then known as Cassius Clay) became world heavyweight boxing champion as he defeated Sonny Liston in Miami Beach.

In 1983, playwright Tennessee Williams was found dead in his New York hotel suite: he was 71. In 1991, during the Persian Gulf War, 28 Americans were killed when an Iraqi Scud missile hit a U.S. barracks in Dhahran, Saudi In 1994, American-born Jew-

ish settler Baruch Goldstein opened fire with an automatic rifle inside the Tomb of the Pa-

triarchs in the West Bank, killing 29 Muslims before he was beaten to death by worshippers. At the Winter Olympics in Norway, Oksana Baiul of Ukraine won the gold medal in ladies' figure skating while Nancy Kerrigan won the silver and Chen Lu of China the bronze; Tonya Harding came in eighth. Ten years ago: President Barack Obama introduced former Washington Gov. Gary Locke as his nominee for commerce secretary after two earlier choices dropped out. A Turkish Airlines Boeing 737 crashed while trying to land at Amsterdam's main airport, but 126 of the people on board survived: nine were killed, including the pilots.

Five years ago: In a blunt warning to Afghan President Hamid Karzai, President Barack Obama threatened to withdraw all U.S. troops from Afghanistan by the end of 2014 if a crucial security pact wasn't signed. (U.S. and Afghan officials signed the pact in Sept. 2014.) Jim Lange, the first host of the popular game show "The Dating Game," died in Mill Valley, California, at age 81. One year ago: China's official news agency said the country's ruling Communist Party had proposed scrapping term limits for China's president, appearing to lay the groundwork for Xi Jinping to rule as president beyond 2023. (China's rubberstamp lawmakers approved that change on March 11.) The board of directors of The Weinstein Company, co-founded by Harvey Weinstein, said the company would likely file for bankruptcy after last-ditch talks to sell its assets collapsed. (A private equity firm emerged in May as the winning bidder for the company.) Students at the Florida high school where 17 classmates and staff members were killed returned to gather belongings that had been abandoned in panic during the shooting. The Winter Olympics in South Korea came to an end as officials from North and South Korea shared a VIP box at the closing ceremonies with

Answer to previous puzzle

U.S. presidential adviser and

first daughter Ivanka Trump. Today's Birthdays: Actress Ann McCrea is 88. Actor Tom Courtenay is 82. Former CBS newsman Bob Schieffer is 82. Actress Diane Baker is 81. Actress Karen Grassle is 77. Former talk show host Sally Jessy Raphael is 77. Former professional wrestler Ric Flair is 70. Humorist Jack Handey is 70. Movie director Neil Jordan

is 69. Rock singer-musician/ actor John Doe (X) is 66. Rock musician Dennis Diken (The Smithereens) is 62. Rock singer-musician Mike Peters (The Alarm; Big Country) is 60. Actress Veronica Webb is 54. Actor Alexis Denisof is 53. Actress Tea (TAY'-ah) Leoni is 53. Comedian Carrot Top is 52. Actress Lesley Boone is 51. Actor Sean Astin is 48. Singer Daniel

63 Shared by you

and me

67 Bowling

69 Rapid

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64 Thorny shrub

66 Run away from

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68 Have a snack

70 Large antlered

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1 Grand Ole _

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Powter is 48. Latin singer Julio Iglesias Jr. is 46. Rhythm-andblues singer Justin Jeffre is 46. Rock musician Richard Liles is 46. Actor Anson Mount is 46. Comedian-actress Chelsea Handler is 44. Actress Rashida Jones is 43. Country singer Shawna Thompson (Thompson Square) is 41. Actor Justin Berfield is 33. Actors James and Oliver Phelps ("Harry Potter"

movies) are 33. Actress Jameela Jamil is 33. Rock musician Erik Haager (Carolina Liar) is 32.

Thought for Today: "He who never leaves his country is full of prejudices." — Carlo Goldoni, Italian playwright (born this date in 1707, died 1793). Copyright 2019, The Associated Press. All rights reserved.

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- Numbers posted at racetracks Swiss mountains **65** Breakfast
- 9 Without air, as a tire
- 13 Winfrey of TV 14 Have a good cry
- **15** Tardy
- 16 "Coming soon" ad, for short
- Prefix meaning ʻagainst"
- 18 Woodwind instrument
- 19 Once-popular
- keyboard device 21 State west of NJ
- 22 Encountered
- 23 Cider fruits
- 25 Sculpted or molded
- 29 Bronze or brass
- **31** Desire granted by a genie
- 32 Mediocre
- 34 Narrowly defeated
- **38** Spanish goodbye
- 40 Country n. of
- Mexico
- 41 Woman's small crown
- 42 Intended
- **43** Fifth of a nickel ___ down
- (lose weight)
- 46 Courtroom
- pledges
- 48 Maintenance
- cost 50 Perform a lullaby for
- **53** Hour after noon **54** Aroma
- 55 Once-popular enclosure for making calls
- **62** Grandma

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- **7** Sampras of tennis
 - 8 Twisting
- staircase shape
- 9 Once-popular data storage device
- 10 Tag inside a shirt
- 11 Make amends
- 12 Adolescents
- 13 Choose, with
- 'for''
- 20 Crimson and
- scarlet **24** Person creating
- verses
- 25 Did laps in a
- pool
- 26 Conceal **27** Japan's
- continent
- **28** Once-popular
 - record player
- 29 Donkeys 30 Cash advance

36 One of the Great Lakes **37** A bit wet

33 "That hurts!"

35 Heavy wind

- 39 Numerical datum
- 44 Adjust, as a
- piano **47** Fill fully, as
- a gas tank
- **49** Little stone 50
- _-law
- (daughter's
- husband)
- **51** State known for potatoes
- 52 Forbidden things 53 Early stage
- 56 Luau dance
- **57** Metallic rocks
- 58 Word-of-mouth
- 59 Swine's sound
- 60 Golf pegs
- **61** Day fractions:
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NBA reminding teams to keep cool when hot with referees

By TIM REYNOLDS

AP Basketball Writer

The NBA is not happy that tensions between teams and referees seem to be rising.

Then again, 'tis the season.

Playoff-race sure is real, and the NBA thinks - or hopes — that some tantrums in recent weeks can be attributed to that and not an eroding of the always-tenuous lationship between those who commit infractions and those who call them. Golden State coach Steve Kerr smashing clipboards and Houston star James Harden calling out longtime official Scott Foster are and sounds that the league doesn't want, so the NBA is once again reaching out to teams to offer reminders about not going too far when ripping

of the season," said Michelle Johnson, the NBA's senior vice president and head of referee operations. "Teams are shaping up where they stand and it matters more to some teams than others, and some coaches do tactical outbursts for the good of their teams. So even if we go to teams and they don't have a lot of issues ... we want to keep the dialogue open."

"This is the dark ages

the refs.

Kerr fined \$25,000 earlier this month for verbally abusing referee Ken Mauer, and the tirade was at the level where the Warriors' coach obviously knew it



sights Houston Rockets' James Harden, left, reaches for a loose ball next to Los Angeles Lakers' Reggie Bullock during the second half of an NBA basketball game Thursday, Feb. 21, 2019, in Los Angeles.

would be costing him cash so he decided to get his money's worth. He got ejected, the Warriors lost that night in Portland, but writing that check probably earned him some more points with players who always need to know that their coach has their back.

Kerr actually likes Mauer, and believes he's one of the best refs in the league.

That being said, Kerr also said the coach-ref dynamic is almost always weird.

"I don't know why anybody would want to be a ref," Kerr said. "What a brutal job."

Harden also fined \$25,000 for saying that Foster should no longer work Houston's games, after the Rockets were upset

calls in their loss to the Los Angeles Lakers. Foster is traditionally one of the league's highest-rated refs, and it's a really good bet that at some point in this postseason the Rockets will be playing a big game and Foster will be out there.

Johnson and referee-turned-leagueexecutive Monty Mc-Cutchen have made improving relations a top priority. They're talking to every team again about finding common ground — just as they did around this time last year.

"I think there's proggot ress," Johnson said. "It's still the same passionate game, a tough game and the stakes are up now."

Players and coaches with a number of have been fined more easiest stretch run in

than \$2.2 million already this season for technicals, ejections and other reasons for sanctioning by the league office — not counting salaries lost to suspensions.

And if there's any good to be derived from behaving badly, it's this: That \$2.2 million (and more to come) goes to charities chosen by the NBA and the players' union.

CRUNCH TIME

Forget his streak of eight straight appearances in the NBA Finals. LeBron James' streak of 13 straight trips to the playoffs is in major peril.

James and the Los Angeles Lakers (29-30) are currently 10th in the Western Conference. And the Lakers do not have the the NBA, either.

When he signed with L.A., James knew getting the Lakers to the playoffs in Year 1 would be a test. But it's proving to be a bigger mountain to climb than he imagined, partly because of injuries that the Lakers have been dealing with and partly because not all of his teammates have a real understanding yet of what it takes to get into the postsea-

"I knew it was going to be very challenging, just because of the experience that the roster had at that point in time," James said. "I knew it was going to be challenging from that sense, but I felt like we could still play better basketball."

They still have to face Milwaukee and Utah twice, plus have a five-game Eastern Conference road trip in mid-March and four back-to-backs left to navigate. Among the other top teams left on the Lakers' schedule: Boston, Denver, Golden State, Oklahoma City, Portland and Toronto.

Assuming it'll take 44 wins — basically the average needed over the last five years — to secure

the No. 8 seed in the West, that means the Lakers would have to finish 15-8 to get into the playoffs.

MAGIC HAPPEN-**ING**

The Orlando Magic are on their hottest run in more than seven years. Orlando's win in To-

ronto on Sunday was the eighth for Steve Clifford's club in its last 10 games. That's the first 8-2 stretch for the Magic since going 8-2 from Feb. 1-17,

The coach of that Orlando team? Stan Van Gundy, who just happened to be assisted by ... Steve Clifford.

THE WEEK AHEAD A game to watch each day this week:

- Monday, Golden State at Charlotte: Stephen Curry goes back to his hometown, after All-Star weekend there was a Curry family celebration.

 Tuesday, Oklahoma City at Denver: Paul George has played himself into the MVP race, and the Nuggets' late-season schedule is brutally hard.

— Wednesday, Milwaukee at Sacramento: A win over the team with the NBA's best record would be a big help to the Kings' postseason hopes.

– Thursday, Miami at Houston: A brutal back-to-back for the Heat, who have Golden State at home on Wednesday and then go to the Rockets.

Friday, Charlotte at Brooklyn: Few might have guessed last summer that these clubs meeting on March 1 would have postseason implications.

Saturday, Orlando at Indiana: The Pacers, even without Victor Oladipo, keep plugging along, while the Magic have a real shot at a playoff spot.

 Sunday, Toronto at Detroit: Dwane Casey's new team plays host to Dwane Casey's old team, and right now every result matters to both clubs.

LDOGETTES

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C. Grant	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	
Pitches-Strikes: Janeway 89-64, C. Grant 5-5.							

Game 2: Coahoma 11, Forsan 3

With Cassie Grant on the mound and a strong defense on the field, the Bulldogettes kept the Forsan Lady Buffs scoreless through five innings before Brennan East singled on a hard grounder to left field to bring home Kayla Morin for Forsan's first run of the game. Forsan earned two more runs when both Aubrie Smith and Taylyn Still scored on a steal of home in dif-

ferent plays. C. Grant struck out the last batter to end the top of the sixth inning. Coahoma's Madison Rodgers went 4-for-4 at bat and had three runs for the game. Her teammate Macee

Grant was 2-for-3 and had two runs. Lexi Montelongo, Jaydan Mann, Sydney Rinard and Caitlyn Corley Besides towing the rubber for the Bulldogettes, C. Grant had one run and two RBI. She allowed four hits

and three runs while striking out six over seven innings. With the wins on Saturday, Coahoma is now 3-1. Next: The Bulldogettes travel to Wall on Tuesday.

Game time is 4 p.m.

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W — Cassie Grant, L — Aubrie Smith. 2B — CHS — Sydney Rinard, Madison Rogers, FHS — Taylyn Still. HR - Lexi Montelongo. SB - CHS - C. Grant, Montelongo 3, Jaydan Mann 3, Rinard, Rodgers 4, Alex Bailey, Caitlyn Corley 2, Macee Grant 2, FHS — Kayla Morin, Smith, Still.

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