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Oct. 17

Alive After 5 Blue Eyed Buffalo 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Lights on After School Boys and Girls Club 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 19-20

A Joyful Season Fall Shopping Expo Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Opens 9 a.m. Oct. 19

*Oct.* 17

Alive After 5 Blue Eyed Buffalo 5 p.m. - 6: 30 p.m.

Lights on After School Salvation Army



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# You're invited to get a "Clue," Oct. 17 & 18

BSHS Theater students to perform play based on famous board game

#### By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Who killed Mr. Boddy? Everyone's a suspect in the upcoming play "Clue: On Stage," which will be performed in the Big Spring High School Theater at 7 p.m. Oct. 17 and 18.

"We had been to some conferences and had seen the script, and we just thought it would be a lot of fun. My kids, we talked about it and were just really excited about it and we just decided, 'Hey, let's do "Clue"!" said Theater teacher Tracie Moss. "Then we realized this is a tough thing to pull off with all the rooms and our small stage and it's really physical. You can tell, they get really tired. So I'm always making notes...'Don't get tired!""

The play is based on the board game "Clue" - known as "Cluedo" in the United Kingdom – in which each player takes on the role of one of six colornamed murder suspects (Mr. Green, Professor Plum, Miss Scarlet, etc.) and through a process of deductive reasoning, attempts to discern who killed Mr. Boddy, the owner of the mansion that makes up the game's

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Whodunit?!? Professor Plum (Sebastian Cervantez), left, gives his theory of the crime during a dress rehearsal of "Clue: On Stage" by David Abbinanti, adapted for the stage by Jonathan Lynn, Hunter Foster, Eric Price and Sandy Rustin. Also shown are Col. Mustard (Deon Williams), Miss Scarlet (Evelyn Diosdado), Mrs. White (Belle Hernandez), Mrs. Peacock (Jorden Cervantez), Wadsworth the Butler (Theran Sealy), and Mr. Green (Orlando Martinez Jr.). Other characters include Yvette the Maid (Leane De La Torre), the Cook (Cheyenne Griffith), Mr. Boddy (Toby Phillips), the Motorist (Isabella Alaksin), the Cop (Olivia Alaksin), and the Singing Telegram (Chasity Patton). Big Spring Theater Department students will perform "Clue" Oct. 17 and 18 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults. Children under 5 years old will be admitted free of charge.

# Painting and glazing complete; Empty Bowl time





Community leaders, along with community members and United Way board members, gathered together to put the final touches on their one of a kind bowls. Pictured above left, left to right, are Yolanda Flores, United Way Executive Director Christian Fair, and Luven Flores. Pictured above right: Sheriff Stan Parker glazes and puts the finishing touches on his bowl for 2019. Every year, Parker's bowl is one of the featured live auction items. Empty bowls is set for Nov. 21 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchasaed from the United Way office or from any board member.

The Facebook poll results are in:

# Should cursive be taught in school?

#### By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

To teach cursive or not to teach cursive ... well, that was the question that was posed on the Big Spring Herald website and on Facebook. On both polls, there was an overwhelming agreement that students should continue to learn cursive. The question resulted from the hot topic that swept across social media, major news network, and legislative considerations earlier this year.

Responses came from several different walks of life, from local Big Spring residents, parents, teachers, local businesses, even Channing ISD put in their opinion.

"Yes! We still teach it in elementary at Channing ISD," a representative from the Channing School Facebook page responded.

Out of the 58 votes received on the Big Spring Herald website, there were 48 who believed cursive should be taught in school and there were 10 who voted no, cursive isn't needed. The Facebook poll had a unanimous agreement that students

need to learn how to write cursive. One of the biggest reasons behind ensuring our youth receive the ability to write cursive is to ensure they are able to sign legal documents as they get older, from purchasing a house, to legal documents and more.

"How else will you sign for a car or a house if you don't know what a signature is," Kaleb Headrick responded to the social media post.

Several others sited the ability to sign a signature as the most important reason students should be able to write in cursive, however, there were a few other reasons supporting the cause.

"... They need to know their rights. If they can't write in

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## **Obituaries**

#### Ramona J. Kosepeah Carter



Ramona J. Kosepeah Carter, 90, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Oct. 13, 2019, at Parkview Nursing and Rehab. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18, 2019, at the Comanche Nation Funeral Home, 2701 S.W. J Ave., Lawton, Oklaho-

She was born Oct. 26, 1928 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Ramona attended school in Cache, Okla-

homa. She worked for Montgomery Wards for 17 years, volunteered at the Department of Veterans Affairs, and was a member of the Alive in Christ Lutheran Church.

Survivors include three children, Noma S. Stephens of Big Spring, Barthell Jones and wife, Mary of Spicewood, and Amber M. Jones of Big Spring; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

LOCAL

Floral arrangements can be sent to Comanche Nation Funeral Home at the above address, or memorial donations can be made to the American Cancer Society or a charity of your choice.

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

Paid Obituary

#### Joel Rendal Hamby



Joel Rendal Hamby, 81, died Oct. 3, 2019. Mr. Hamby was the first baby born in Howard County in 1938 on January 3 to Christine and Joe Hamby. He received a degree in journalism from Texas Tech and worked for various newspapers in Texas and Oklahoma before publishing his own newspaper in Surfside, Texas, known as "The Dixie Free Press." He was known for his colorful editorials and was the orig-

inator of "Fake News" back when it was fun.

He married Diana Dawson on Nov. 1, 1960, and between Texas and Oklahoma, the two managed to raise two daughters. He dabbled in the oil business, and, when that got old, he married a lady named Belva of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, and then

a lady named Kelly from Montana, who preceded him in death in 2012. He is survived by his first wife, Diana; their two daughters, Dedra Leaf and Jodi Burns, four grandchildren, Kyrie Post, Cappy Leaf, Rikki Minkler and Betsy Minkler; and has three great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his two brothers, Lanny and Rick Hamby, and their spouses and children.

Other accomplishments include cofounding the Oklahoma Territorial Newspaper Museum, in Guthrie Oklahoma, being a hero to his brothers, delighting in his family, instilling humor and contentment in his daughters, and just about always getting his way. He will be greatly missed.

An informal memorial service will be held on Saturday, Oct. 19 at 4 p.m. at the home of his brother, Rick Hamby, 13 Village Rd., in his home town of Big Spring, TX.

Paid Obituary

Runnels St.

# Police blotter

• JANET DARLENE LUJAN,

• THEFT was reported in the

700 block of W. I-20, 3600 block of

W. Hwy 80, and 1200 block of S.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following ac-

101 Jonesboro Rd., was arrested on a charge of public intoxica-

61, of 1100 Lloyd Ave., was arrested on a charge of public intoxica-• CLINTON JAY EPKE, 40, of

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 89 inmates at the time of this re-

EMS reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL CALL was report-
- Big Spring Fire Department/
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 100 block of Jonesboro. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Cen-

• American Legion Post 506

will be hosting a Fish Fry on Sat-

urday, Oct. 19, from 11 a.m. to 2

p.m. They are located at 3203 W.

Hwy 80. Plates are \$10 each. De-

livery will be available from 11

• The Coahoma Lions Club will

be hosting their Annual Pancake

Supper on Monday, Oct. 21, from

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Coahoma

Elementary Cafeteria. Proceeds

from this Pancake Supper will

help fund scholarship opportu-

nities for Coahoma High School graduating se-

The Salvation Army

will be taking applica-

tions for Christmas as-

sistance (Angel Tree) on

Monday, Oct. 21 from 9

a.m. to 4 p.m., Thurs-

day, Oct. 24 from 9 a.m.

to 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 4

niors.

a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 263-2084.

- CLINTON JAY EPKE, 40, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JESSICA MARTA HER-NANDEZ, 35, was arrested by DPS on a warrant for motion to revoke-driving with invalid li-

cense with previous conviction or suspension.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHI-

· ASSAULT was reported in

**CLE** was reported in the 3300

the 3700 block of Howard Coun-

block of Abilene Ave.

JANET DARLENE LUJAN,

61, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

# Fire/EMS

One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Cen-

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at Oil Lease Rd. and Hwy 176. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 100 block of N. Nolan. ed in the 1700 block of Lancaster.

One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

 MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3700 block of Howard County Airport Rd. On person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

# Take Note

Thursday, Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Angel Tree program is for children ages 13 and under and for seniors age 60 and up.

Applications will be taken at the Salvation Army office building located at 811 W. 5th St. To apply for Christmas assistance, you will need to provide the following: • Picture ID of applicant Proof of Guardianship for each child, which can be birth certifi-

cates, birth facts from the hospital, or other legal documents Proof of income which will

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# **Support Groups**

#### WEDNESDAY

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

#### **THURSDAY** · Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open dis-

- cussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lu-
- theran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.
- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call
- GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6 to 8 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC FaceBook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

#### **FRIDAY**

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

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

#### **SATURDAY**

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

#### **SUNDAY**

 Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. to

#### **MONDAY**

 Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees It, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

#### **TUESDAY**

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-
- 785-0942. Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- · A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.



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# Weather



Today: Sunny, with a high near 73. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph. **Tonight:** Clear, with a low around 47. East wind around 5 mph becoming southwest after midnight.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 82. Light southwest wind becoming south 5 to 10 mph in the morning.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 57. South wind around 10 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 90. South wind 10 to 15 mph. Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 57.

**Saturday**: Sunny, with a high

near 84.

Saturday Night: Clear, with a low around 57.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 90.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 53.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near

Monday Night: Clear, with a low around 50.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near

(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via forecast.weather.gov)

# Halloween Safe Spots

Editor's Note: The Big Spring Herald will be publishing a list of Halloween Safe Spots, during the month of October. If you would like to have your business or organization listed on our Safe Spot list please send in the following information:



Name of Business, location, times, and any additional information you would like to include (special activities, cost, etc.)

Information can be emailed to editor@bigspringherald.com.

#### CLUE

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board, using what weapon, and in what room. That's the basic premise behind the play as well, but the dramatized version adds a few extra characters...and possibly a few extra murders. Moss said the play follows a similar storyline to the 1985 movie 'Clue" starring Tim Curry as

Wadsworth the Butler

"A little bit, a little bit. It follows it pretty closely. It's a little bit different in a few of the lines, but it's a new script. It just came out in 2018. It's as close as they could get to it, I'm assuming,' said Moss.

Fans of the boardgame will recognize not only the six wellknown suspects, but the locations - and their secrets - as well as the familiar array of potential murder weapons from the game.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students, while children five and younger may attend free with their parents. For more information contact

Big Spring High School at 432-264-3641.

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

cursive they will not be able to read it, and they won't know what has been taken away from them," Michelle Gusman said. Freddie K Woods Shuler mirrored the agreement

with Gusman, "Yes, for they will not learn to read our country's historical documents, letters, and notes from their family members nor have their own unique signature.' There were even a few responses that not only

agreed with teaching students to write in cursive, but took it one step further and encouraged the teaching of life skills and other basic skillsets. 'Yes! Along with telling time; counting back

change and life skills," Marca Taylor said. While the majority seemed to focus on the ability

to be able to sign a signature, there were a few who leaned toward the historical importance of learning cursive.

'Yes, someday they may want to read their greatgrandparents letters," Casey Bordovsky Chavez, a top fan of the Big Spring Herald, wrote.

Kimberly Tubbs agreed, "Yes it's very important so they will be able to read things that are written in cursive."

Even with technology making great strides and crossing over into almost every aspect of business, there is obviously still a need and want for cursive writing. The importance is reflected in the recent move by the State Board of Education. In 2017, the Board made cursive writing mandatory, but the new requirement was put into effect this school year. Beginning with second graders, all grade schoolers in the Texas public school system must be taught to write legible cursive by the fifth grade.

For those wanting to read more of the supporting comments, visit the Big Spring Herald Facebook page. Also, keep an eye out for upcoming surveys and watch for the results in the Big Spring Herald future editions.

Amanda Duforat is the Managing Editor of the Big Spring Herald. To contact her email editor@ bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

# Take Note

• VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.

- A fund has been set up in order to assist Brent Fowlkes with medical expenses. Brent is the husband of Ashley Martin Fowlkes, CEO of Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union. If you would like more information or would like to make a donation, please stop by the credit union located at 1110 Benton, or call 432-263-8393. Please see the tellers to make a donation. Thank you to everyone for your kindness and support during this difficult
- DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible?

There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

• Food2Kids will again be providing sack lunches to children in the Big Spring area who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It takes just a couple of hours of your time, and the work is very rewarding. The next sacking event of this

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- O'Neai-Kunkie, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Norman Witcher at 432-413-6663.
- Senior and/or mature adults are invited to come to a dance every first and third Friday each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center, located at 100 Whipkey Drive. Come two-step the evening away, or just mingle with old friends and make new friends.

Dances are from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live entertainment. No alcohol or smoking permitted. Cost is \$5 per person.

· Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month. We meet at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that ev-

erv Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057.

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# Felicity Huffman starts serving prison time in college scam

#### By JOCELYN GECKER

**Associated Press** 

SAN FRANCISCO — "Desperate Housewives" star Felicity Huffman — aka inmate No. 77806-112 reported Tuesday to a federal prison in California to serve a two-week sentence in a college admissions scandal that underscored the lengths some wealthy parents will go to get their children into top universities.

Huffman's husband, actor William H. Macy, dropped her off at the Federal Correctional Institution, Dublin, a low-security prison for women in the San Francisco Bay Area, according to TASC Group, which represents Huffman.

The prison has been described by media as "Club Fed," making its way onto a Forbes list in 2009 of "America's 10 Cushiest Prisons." It has housed well-known inmates in the past, including "Hollywood Madam" Heidi Fleiss.

Once inside the prison, Huffman will share a room and open toilet with three other inmates, according to a TASC Group publicist who declined to be named in accordance with company policy. The person said the actress will be subjected to five bed checks a day while having access to a gym, library and TV room.

Sally Swarts, a spokeswoman for the prison, said she could not provide specific information on Huffman but noted that everything in the inmate handbook would apply to the actress.

It says inmates are assigned khaki pants, blouse and brown T-shirt with a nametag that must be displayed all the time. Wakeup on weekdays is 5 a.m., with breakfast at 5:30, and beds must be made by 6. Inmates who have been medically cleared typically work in food service, a maintenance shop or as a unit orderly.

Huffman, 56, "is prepared to serve the term of imprisonment Judge (Indira) Talwani ordered as one part of the punishment she imposed for Ms. Huffman's actions," the TASC Group said in a statement that provided no further details.

A federal judge in Boston sentenced Huffman last month to 14 days in prison, a \$30,000 fine, 250 hours of community service and a year's probation after she pleaded guilty to fraud and conspiracy for paying an admissions consultant \$15,000 to have a proctor correct her daughter's SAT answers.

The Emmy-award winning actress tearfully apologized at her sentencing, saying, "I was frightened. I was stupid, and I was so wrong.

The judge noted that Huffman took steps "to get one more advantage" for her daughter in a system "already so distorted by money and privilege."

Huffman was the first parent sentenced in the scandal, which was the biggest college admissions case ever prosecuted by the Justice Department.

A total of 51 people have been charged in the case. Many of the parents are accused of paying William "Rick" Singer, an admissions consultant at the center of the scheme, to bribe exam administrators to allow someone else to take tests for their children or to correct their answers, authorities say.

Others are accused of paying Singer to bribe coaches in exchange for helping their children get into schools as fake athletic recruits. Huffman paid \$15.000 to boost her older daugh-

ter's SAT scores. Singer, who has pleaded guilty, was accused of bribing a test proctor to correct the teenager's answers.

The amount Huffman paid is relatively low compared with other alleged bribes in the scheme. Some parents were accused of paying up to

# State News Briefs

Texas firefighter dies after hit by vehicle during call

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A veteran South Texas firefighter has died after being struck by a commercial vehicle while responding to a call at a San Antonio hotel.

The San Antonio Fire Department reports 49-year-old Greg Garza died Tuesday. Chief Charles Hood says the death appears to be an ac-A department statement says firefighters were

called to a Comfort Suites to assist with an electri-Hood says Garza got off a firetruck, apparently

tripped or stumbled and was hit by a passing van The driver remained at the scene.

Garza was pronounced dead at a hospital.

Mayor Ron Nirenberg offered condolences and tweeted that Garza had honorably served as a San Antonio firefighter for 17 years.

#### 3 killed in Texas explosion on private land used by hunters

BOGATA, Texas (AP) — Authorities in north east Texas say three people are dead following a weekend explosion on private land used by hunt-The Red River County Sheriff's Office said in a

statement that the explosion appears to have occurred Saturday evening but authorities weren't notified until the following day after a family member was unable to reach one of those killed.

The bodies of the three people have been recovered but authorities have not released their names.

Officials have not explained what caused the blast and no other information was immediately available Tuesday.

The explosion happened near Bogata, which is about 100 miles (161 kilometers) northeast of Dal-

# NASA moves up 1st all-female spacewalk to fix power unit

#### <u>By MARCIA DUNN</u>

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA is moving up the first all-female spacewalk to this week because of a power system failure at the International

Astronauts Christina Koch and Jessica Meir will now venture out Thursday or Friday, instead of next Monday, to deal with the problem. It will be the first spacewalk by only women in more than a half-century of spacewalking.

A critical battery charger failed over the weekend, prompting the change, NASA officials said Monday. The women will replace the broken component, rather than install new batteries, which was their original job.

Last week, astronauts conducted the first two of five spacewalks to replace old batteries that make up the station's solar power network. The remaining spacewalks — originally scheduled for this week and next — have been delayed for at least another few weeks so engineers can determine why the battery charger failed. It's the second such failure this year.

The devices regulate the amount of charge going to and from each battery. One didn't kick in Friday night, preventing one of the three newly installed lithium-ion batteries from working. The balky charger is 19 years old; the one that failed in the spring was almost as old. Only three spares remain available.

"It's absolutely a concern at this point when you don't know what's going on," said Kenny Todd, a space

station manager. "we're still scratching our heads looking at the data. Hopefully, we can clear that up in relatively short order." Despite the slight loss

of power, the orbiting lab and its six occupants are safe, according to NASA, and science operations are unaffected. The current situation is "manageable, but again not something that we would want to live with in the long term," Todd told reporters.

originally NASA planned an all-female spacewalk last spring, but had to cancel it be-



readily available medium-size suits. Koch helped assemble an extra medium suit over the summer.

"Very good that we have 4 expert spacewalkers on board to shoulder this tough task. They are the A-team!" tweeted astronaut Anne McClain, who would have gone spacewalking with Koch in March if not for the suit-sizing issue.

While all four — two men and two women — are equally trained for the repair job, Koch and Meir are the right choices given the future spacewalking workload, officials noted.

Since the first spacewalk in 1965, there have been 227 spacewalkers, only 14 of them women. Meir will be making her first spacewalk and become No. 15. All but one of these women has been American.

The upcoming spacewalk will be "absolutely ... an exciting event," said Megan McArthur, deputy chief of NASA's astronaut corps. "The fact that it will be two women just is a reflection of the fact that we have so many capable, qualified women in the office."



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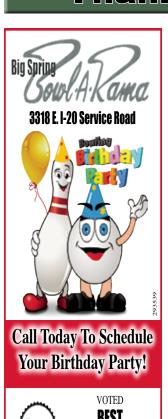
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# Stanton ISD 'Stop the Bleed' training







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All responses must be annotated with the following

DESIGN-BUILD SERVICES-TEACHERAGES (HOMES) RFQ #2019-01

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The selection of the design build firm shall be in accordance with Texas Government Code 2269, Subchapter G, as it currently exists or may hereafter be am ended or replaced.

BY TENDERING A RESPONSE TO THIS RFQ, THE RESPONDER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT HAS READ AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING A RESPONSE AND THE PROCESS USED BY THE DISTRICT FOR SELECTING THE BEST

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#### Courtesy photos

Teachers and a few students at Stanton ISD took part in the Stop the Bleed training program, on Monday. The class teaches what to do in the event of a mass casualty or any instance where traumatic bleeding is occuring. When a person is trained in stopping a bleed, a life could be saved. Several preventable deaths are attributed to people bleeding out before emergency personnel could get to them and render help.

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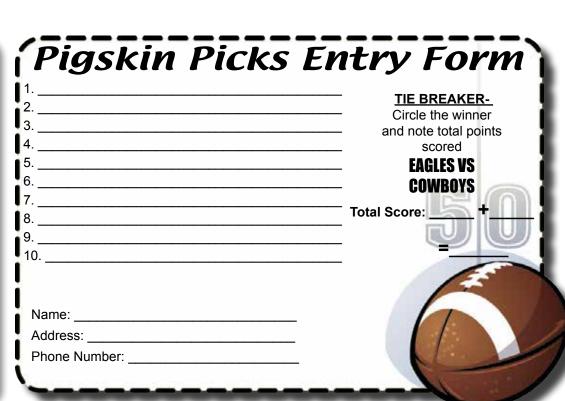
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- If both entries have guessed the same team, the second tie breaker will be the one closest to the total points. \*Decisions of the judges are final.
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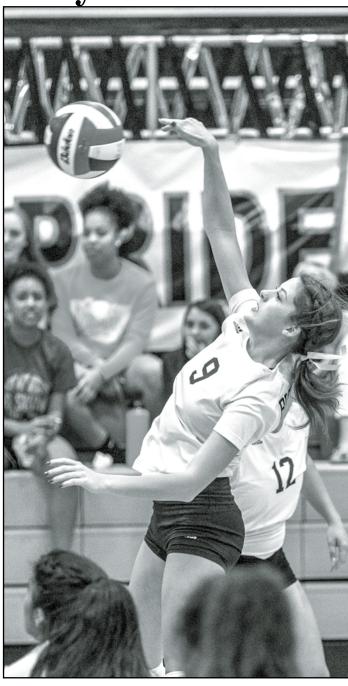


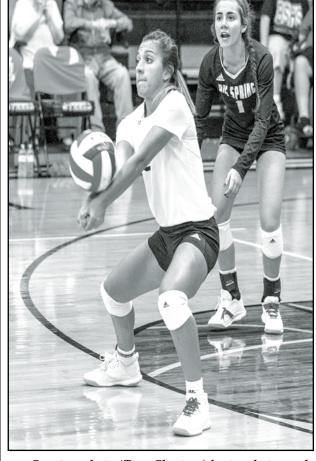
# BIG HERALD

Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

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# Lady Steers fall to Snyder in 3 sets





Courtesy photos/Tony Claxton (claxtonphotography.

The Big Spring Lady Steers took on Snyder in some volleyball action, Tuesday afternoon. The Lady Steers played hard, but the Snyder girls took home the sweep. Big Spring lost in three sets; 25-12, 25-20 and 25-12. Pictured above left: Kenzie Rodriques passes to a fellow Lady Steer during the Snyder match.

#### **Big Spring ISD**

Lamesa (Away) 5 p.m. /7th Grade A and 8th A 6:15 p.m. / 7th Grade B and 8th Grade B

Sweetwater (Home) 5 p.m. /7th Grade A and  $8^{th} A$ 

6:15 p.m. / 7th Grade B and 8th Grade B

Football (All games begin at 7:30 p.m.)

Oct. 18 - Open

Oct. 25 – vs. Andrews (There)

Nov. 1 – vs. Seminole (There) Nov. 8 – vs. Lakeview (Home)

Golf

Oct. 25-26 at Hobbs (Boys)

**Forsan Buffaloes** 

Football All games start at 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 18 – vs. Ozona (There) Oct. 25 – vs. Winters (Home) Nov. 1 – vs. Hawley (There) Nov. 8 – vs Stamford (Home)

Coahoma Bulldogs

Oct. 18 – vs Abernathy (Away)

Oct. 25 -Gold Out game vs Stanton (Home)

Nov. 1 Senior Walk – vs Colorado City (Home)

# Dobbs qualifies for Region





**CHS** freshman Serena **Dobbs** placed 10th at the UIL 5-3A District cross country meet today held at Wolf Creek golf course in Colorado City, and she qualified for regional competition. The CHS boys team missed qualifying for regions by just three points. Pictured at left: Serena Dobbs displays her medals. Pictured above: The Cross Country team poses for a team photo.

and the winners were:

Conotreras

Ausden Vasquez and Joe Simpson.

Out of the second flight, results were:

Courtesy photos

#### Cardinals implode in 1st inning, swept by Nationals in NLCS

#### By STEPHEN WHYNO

AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mike Shildt took the ball from Dakota Hudson and patted him on the back of the

Hudson was out of the game after recording one out on 15 pitches against eight Washington Nationals batters, and the St. Louis Cardinals were on the receiving end of what they did to the Atlanta Braves in the last round. Tears welled up in the 25-year-old's eyes thinking back to that moment.

"He just was saying I had a good year and that I had an impact on the team getting here," an emotional Hudson said. "Just a little bit of nice words, I guess, to say as I was com-

The Nationals put up seven runs in the first inning to beat the Cardinals 7-4 in Game 4 of the NL Championship Series on Tuesday and sweep them out of the playoffs in unceremonious fashion. St. Louis was outscored 20-6 and never led at any

"We proved — and this doesn't require advanced sabermetrics — you have to get a lead to win a game," Shildt said. "We weren't able to do

Hours after the manager said his team "has always believed in itself" and will continue to do that, it was like the Cardinals forgot how to play baseball. Hudson didn't have his best stuff but was done in by a succession of baffling errors and defensive blunders from the Cardinals — the majors' best fielding team during the regular season.

"Baseball, man," second baseman Kolten Wong said. "When this team is rolling like they're doing, you're trying to stop the damage, keep it close, and things like that happen."

The usually dependable Wong dropped a routine throw from third baseman Tommy Edman. Then, Wong, first baseman Paul Goldschmidt and right fielder José Martinez converged before watching an easy flyball fall between them.

Martinez said, "It just dropped." And it hurt.

"Both were big plays because it allowed the inning to continue and allowed that crooked number to grow," Shildt said.

All of those plays happened in the first inning. Given their total offensive ineptitude, the Cardinals were down and out less than 20 minutes after the first pitch of the night.

Of course, that continued, too. Washington starter Patrick Corbin became the first pitcher in to strike out 10 in the first four innings of a playoff game. The Cardinals pushed across three runs on two hits in the fifth and threatened in the eighth with the bases loaded but couldn't come all the way back.

Adam Wainwright, who relieved Hudson, felt like this would be a repeat of Game 5 of the NLDS in 2012 when the Cardinals erased an early 6-0 deficit, then rallied in the ninth at Washington to win and move on. That didn't materialize.

"I would've been really disappointed had we lost that game 7-0," Wainwright said. "We fought back in and had a chance to win the game."

The Cardinals struck out 14 times, all swinging, totaling 48 for the se-

For the fourth consecutive time out, the Cardinals looked nothing like the team that put up 10 runs in the first inning of Game 5 of the NL Division Series at Atlanta to advance to face Washington. Leadoff hitter Dexter Fowler went 0 for 11 with six strikeouts before being benched,

# Golf Tournament at Gains County Golf Course

There was also a closest to the pin competition

Mario Dimas, Freddie Kieth, Armando Vasquez,

1st Presidents - Mario Dimas and Johnathan

#### Special to the Herald

During the recent tournament at the Gaines County Golf Course, there was a stiff competition between the teams and individuals. The results were as follows:

From the first flight, results were:

1<sup>st</sup> Championship – Stan and Josh McCoy

2<sup>nd</sup> Championship - Armando and Ausden

3rd Championship - John McLeod and Lynn Fish-

Stan and John McCoy claimed the victory in a

one hole sudden death playoff.

3<sup>rd</sup> Presidents – Michael and Ron Smith Winners from the third flight were: 1st First – Brian Bavousett and Mike Emmerson

2<sup>nd</sup> Presidents – Joe Simpson and Brian Aycock

2<sup>nd</sup> First – Jerry Fillingim and Merlin Angle 3<sup>rd</sup> First – David Carruth and Rene Cruz

The fourth flight winners were:

1st Second - David and Eric Robledo

2<sup>nd</sup> Second – Misa Gomez and Caesar Vasquez 3<sup>rd</sup> Second – Tommy Hester and George Boynton

The fifth flight winners were:

1st Third – Brett Boles and Chad Garlington

2<sup>nd</sup> Third – Brad Schoolcrat and Tony Cody 3<sup>rd</sup> Third – Fred Stangl and Kevin Leath

The sixth flight winners were: 3rd Fourth - Bruce Williams and Mike Shain

1st Fourth - Mark Oliver and Celey Ward 2<sup>nd</sup> Fourth – Jim and Jordan Roberts

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An Application to Determine Heirship was filed on October 8, 2019 under Cause P-14921 by Jody Griffith as the Administrator of the Independent Administrator of the Estate of Tracy Sherrill Grif-

Plaintiff's Attorney Name and Address

C.E. (Mike) Thomas III 501 S. Gregg St. Big Spring, TX 79720

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#### A spot card shows the way

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH ♦**QJ

♦ A O 10 7 3 WEST **EAST** 

**♦** K 8 3 2 **♥**A6 **♥**752 ♦ 9 4 2

**♣**K Q J 10 9 2 **♠**643 **SOUTH ↑** 10 7 4

♥KQ1083 The bidding:

West South North

Opening lead — jack of diamonds. The opportunity to use certain specialized defensive signals does not come up very often. But when the proper occasion arises, these methods can be used to devastating effect.

Consider this deal from a team contest where both North-South pairs reached four hearts and both Wests led the jack of diamonds.

At the first table, South played low from dummy, East followed with the deuce, and declarer won with the king. A low heart was then led toward dummy. West, seeking a diamond ruff, put up the ace and had to decide how to try to reach his partner's

With all the cards in view, it is easy to see that a spade shift would have succeeded. But from West's seat, a spade lead looked extremely risky, while a club return appeared harmless. So West opted for the safer lead of the club nine. East would win with the ace if he had it, while the nine would force out the ace if South had that card.

Unfortunately, South produced the ace, drew trump and conceded two spade tricks — making four.

At the second table, East gave his partner far more help. Fully attuned to the fact that his partner was interested in a diamond ruff, East played the nine of diamonds on the first trick. Under the circumstances, this could hardly be construed as a comeon signal in diamonds, so it had to be interpreted as suit-preference, directing West to lead the higher-ranking of the two remaining suits (spades and clubs) if he gained the lead.

Accordingly, when West took his ace of hearts at trick two, he shifted to a spade. East won with the ace and returned a diamond for West to ruff, and the king of spades put the finishing touch on a well-defended hand.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Being treated well is the minimum requirement. Anyone who wants a place in your inner circle must go beyond that standard, bringing admired qualities to the relationship.

#### **TAURUS (April 20-May**

**20).** You give meaningful compliments and in doing so magnify people's strengths. You might be surprised at how little awareness some people have of their own talents. It takes an outsider to provide illumination.

#### GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

If you feel like there's a reason you shouldn't be your best self around a person, take that as a red flag. The truly loving hearts you know are thrilled to see you succeed.

#### **CANCER (June 22-July** 22). Avoid small conflicts in

favor of conserving energy for the battles that matter. Do not avoid big conflicts though. Try to work them out as soon as possible. Start with honest and direct communication to find out what everyone wants.

#### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

Narcissists only want to know about what impacts them directly. Love is more curious than that. Love wants to understand who the other person is and was outside of the current

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The one who considers your feelings before making decisions may be capable of a deep, connected and healthy relationship. At the very least, this person has passed a test

By Holiday Mathis be afraid of. worthy of



makes the gesture meaningful. Anyone can follow suit, but it takes extra courage to make the first move.

#### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Try to be able to provide

comfort to someone you love -- to ease a burden, smooth the way or be a soft place to land. For all the good it will do the other person, it will lift you even

#### **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-**Dec. 21). The day will bring

a test of your root chakra, which influences your sense of security and relationship with money. You are supported to whatever degree you let yourself be.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don't always want more choices, as you fear it will make it harder to

decide what to do next. There's

nothing to Open up to more options and the right choice still be incredibly obvious and deciding will be easy.

> AQUARI-US (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Creativity is not a problem for you. Your

> > imagi-

nation is

strong. Any time you feel like coming up with a new vision, you can dip into the infinite pool of inspiration inside you at will.

#### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Givers are happier than

takers. Getting out to do something for someone else will lift your spirits when you're low. And when you're already feeling good, such acts will take you even higher.

#### **TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Oct. 16). Pardoning the faults

of others will release you from the clutches of the past and give you tremendous freedom and enthusiasm for a bright future. You'll accept a new position in December. You'll keep excellent company -- the sort that makes you laugh and inspires you to plan shared

events and points of connec-

tion. Leo and Pisces adore you.

well-intended and appreciated However, there was one card that meant so much that I still

keep where I can see it. It says, "Everything that love could do was done. one will always have times of

derstand that after a deep loss, sadness. It helps to be allowed to express those sad feelings when they arise. It helps to speak of the one you have lost and to have others share memories of that person.

It is best to respect those sad feelings and not trivialize them with any "get over it" sort of remarks. Sadness and grief cause many to be uncomfortable; therefore, they want those feelings to go away. But it is best to understand that they are part of life, and we can help each other just by being present and caring. -- Missing David

Your lucky numbers are: 19, 4,

38, 7 and 14.

HALLOWEEN PANTHE-**ON:** WITCHES PART TWO: Witches in the modern iteration tend to be aligned with the neopagan Wiccan practices. These may involve an initiation, an appreciation for the natural world and ritualistic uses for elements of nature, the incantation of spells and other practices either handed down or invented. Modern witches come in many styles: some gothic and severe, some soft, in white flowing gowns, some barefoot with rattles and wild hair, some dancing with snakes, on and on in endless variations. But while each tends toward an individual approach to embodying their inner witch, a common through-line is the conjuring and wielding of spiritual power toward particular aims. In a sense, witchcraft is the art of sending an intention through ritualistic practices.

It is pertinent to note that though witches have traditionally been women, the modern usage is considered to be gender-neutral. In the past, the term "warlock" has been used to describe male witches, but the term is now considered derogatory in many circles as it has literary roots in breaking oaths, which is not the intent of many modern Wiccan practi-The choice of embodying a

Halloween witch is a chance to consider one's personal power and goals and imagine ways of harnessing resources to make magical life changes.

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#### Annie's Mailbox ® Dear Missing David: I am

so deeply sorry for your loss.

the woman whose daughter

had a miscarriage and had to

take vacation pay was infuriat-

ing. First of all, the Family and

Medical Leave Act requires that

entitled to "take up to 12 weeks

of unpaid leave in a year to care

for new children or seriously ill

family members, or to recover

from their own serious health

This is what the Act says

about miscarriages: "A preg-

nant woman can take FMLA

pregnancy ... for prenatal care

to recover from childbirth or for

other serious health conditions

related to pregnancy, such as a

In addition, the Pregnancy

Discrimination Act says that

leave for incapacity due to

employees of companies with

more than 50 employees are

you comfort.

conditions.

miscarriage."

Thank you for sharing your ex-

perience with others. I'm wishing

Dear Annie: The letter from

**Sending Love After Loss** 

Dear Annie: When I lost our son to suicide in 2012, there were no words to take away the pain. I understood that clumsy attempts to console were

I would like to help people un-

an employee cannot treat you worse than other employees because you are pregnant or have a condition related to pregnancy. Miscarriage is such a condition under the Act. In other words, unless she

worked for a small business (as defined by the Act), the daughter was entitled to unpaid time off that did not cut into her vacation time

Of course, the real issue is

that the United States is the (SET ITAL)only(END ITAL) industrialized country that doesn't provide paid leave for such situations. I suggest that the woman who wrote the letter and her daughter lobby their representative and senators to strengthen the law. The FAMILY Act, which is pending before Congress, would ensure that workers can take up to 12 weeks of paid leave for pregnancy, the birth

for a seriously ill family member This is the pro-family, pro-business, pro-economic security, pro-health solution. --Pro-Family

or adoption of a child, recovery

from a serious illness or to care

Dear Pro-Family: I agree with you wholeheartedly that it seems especially cruel to make employees take "vacation" time for a miscarriage. Unfortunately, many small businesses could find it difficult to grant 12 weeks of unpaid leave. Picture a small restaurant with only one waitress. However, there are business owners who make do -- hiring a temporary waitress, for instance, during the leave. Thank you for your informative and compassionate letter, and for furthering this conversation.

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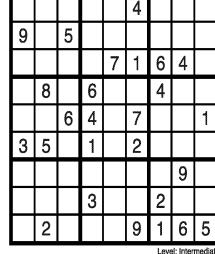
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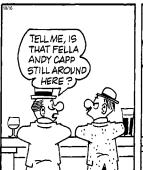
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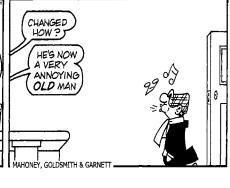
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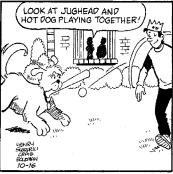
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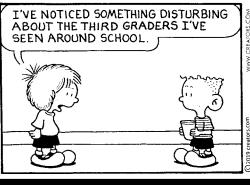
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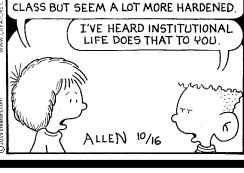
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#### **NEST HEAD**





THEY'RE ONLY A YEAR OLDER THAN MY

# This Date In History

#### Today in History Today is Wednesday, Oct. 16,

the 289th day of 2019. There are 76 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 16, 1962, the Cuban missile crisis began as President John F. Kennedy was informed that reconnaissance photographs had revealed the presence of missile bases in Cuba.

On this date:

In 1793, during the French Revolution, Marie Antoinette, the queen of France, was beheaded. In 1859, radical abolitionist

John Brown led a group of 21 men in a raid on Harpers Ferry in western Virginia. (Ten of Brown's men were killed and five escaped. Brown and six followers were captured; all were executed.) In 1901, Booker T. Washington dined at the White House as the guest of President Theodore Roosevelt, whose invitation to the black educator sparked controversy. In 1916, Planned Parent-

hood had its beginnings as Margaret Sanger and her sister, Ethel Byrne, opened the first birth control clinic in Brooklyn, New York. (The clinic ended up being raided by police and Sanger was arrested.)

In 1934, Chinese Communists, under siege by the Nationalists, began their "long march" lasting a year from southeastern to northwestern China. In 1968, American athletes

Tommie Smith and John Carlos sparked controversy at the Mexico City Olympics by giving "black power" salutes during a victory ceremony after they'd won gold and bronze medals in the 200-meter race.

In 1969, the New York Mets capped their miracle season by winning the World Series, defeating the Baltimore Orioles, 5-3, in Game 5 played at Shea Stadium.

In 1978, the College of Cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church chose Cardinal Karol Wojtyla (voy-TEE'-wah) to be the new pope; he took the name John Paul II.

In 1987, a 58-1/2-hour drama in Midland, Texas, ended happily as rescuers freed Jessica McClure, an 18-monthold girl trapped in a narrow,

abandoned well. In 1991, a deadly shoot-

ing rampage took place in

Killeen, Texas, as a gunman opened fire at a Luby's Cafeteria, killing 23 people before taking his own life.

In 1995, a vast throng of black men gathered in Washington, D.C. for the "Million Man March" led by Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.

In 2002, President George W. Bush signed a congressional resolution authorizing war against Iraq. The White House announced North Korea had disclosed it had a nuclear weapons pro-

Ten years ago: The government reported that the federal budget deficit for the just-ended fiscal year totaled an all-time high of \$1.42 trillion (a record which still stands). Agricultural officials said pigs in Minnesota had tested positive for the H1N1 virus, or swine flu, the first such cases in the U.S.

Five years ago: During a special congressional hearing on the Ebola crisis, Republican lawmakers pressed for a ban on travel to the U.S. from the West African outbreak zone; the White House resisted the idea and tried to tamp down fear as the pool of Americans being monitored expanded. Travis Ishikawa hit the first homer to end an NL Championship Series, a three-run drive that sent San Francisco to a 6-3 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals in Game 5. One year ago: A Turkish official said police searching the Saudi Consulate found evidence that Saudi writer Khashoggi MAHL' khahr-SHOHK'-jee) had been killed there. President Donald Trump, in an Associated Press interview, criticized the global condemnation of Saudi Arabia over the disappearance of Khashoggi, describing it as a rush to judgment like the one he said had been aimed at Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Angela Lansbury is 94. Actor Peter Bowles is 83. Actorproducer Tony Anthony is 82. Actor Barry Corbin is 79.

Sportscaster Tim McCarver is 78. Rock musician C.F. (Bachman-Turner Turner Overdrive) is 76. Actress Suzanne Somers is 73. Rock singer-musician Bob Weir 72. Producer-director David Zucker is 72. Record company executive Jim Ed Norman is 71. Actor Daniel Gerroll is 68. Actor Morgan Stevens is 68. Actress Martha

Smith is 67. Comedian-actor Andy Kindler is 63. Actordirector Tim Robbins is 61. Actor-musician Gary Kemp is 60. Singer-musician Bob Mould is 59. Actor Randy Vasquez is 58. Rock musician Flea (Red Hot Chili Peppers) is 57. Movie director Kenneth Lonergan is 57. Actor Christian Stolte is 57. Actor Todd Stashwick is 51.

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Kyler Pettis is 27. Philadelphia Phillies outfielder Bryce Harper is 27. Tennis star Naomi Osaka is 22.

WOW!

Thought for Today: "No persons are more frequently wrong, than those who will not admit they are wrong." - Francois, Duc de la Rochefoucauld, French moralist

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# Harden and Westbrook back together to chase title in Houston

<u>By KRISTIE RIEKEN</u>

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — James Harden and Russell Westbrook are thrilled to be reunited in Houston and can't wait to prove they will work just fine together. And Harden knows the rest of the team is excited about the addition of the eight-time All-Star as well.

"I enjoy it but I know that everybody else enjoys it, too," he said. "They get more shot opportunities ... with another guy that gets to the rim and draws so much attention to create opportunities for his teammates. Obviously he plays at a different pace than I do. He plays way faster than I do but we are both trying to accomplish the same thing, making sure our teammates get involved and we share the wealth."

Westbrook joined the Rockets this summer in a stunning trade that sent the longtime face of the Oklahoma City Thunder to Houston in exchange for Chris Paul. The deal brought Harden and Westbrook back together after the guards spent three seasons together with the Thunder at the start of Harden's career. It was a trade that came with questions about how two players used to handling the ball will be able to work together. Both brushed off the concerns, and

insist they'll make it work to chase an NBA championship in a conference loaded with powerhouse teams. "I impact the game in so many different ways and I've proven that for many

years and that's why I'm not worried," Westbrook said. "I don't have to have the ball to impact the game. I don't have to score. I can defend. I can rebound. I can pass. I can lead."

Westbrook, the 2017 MVP who is entering his 12th season, said statistics

don't matter to him.

"My main goal and main focus is to win," he said. "I can go in a game and be scoreless and if we win that's the best thing that ever happened and that's all I care about and all I've always cared about."

Harden, who led the NBA in scoring last season for the second straight year by averaging 36.1 points, said he welcomes having another player on the team who can lessen his load a bit. And while Harden believes that Westbrook will help the Rockets get to the next level, he's comfortable with the fact that the team's success or failure will always be linked to his performance.

"If we don't win I'll take all the blame for it," he said. "It comes with it. That's why we have to go out there and win. That's why we work extremely hard in

the offseason to bring players in and bring whatever is necessary in to give ourselves that chance to win. I know what's at stake."

The Rockets open the season Oct. 24 against Giannis Antetokounmpo and the Milwaukee Bucks. CHINA RELATIONS

The Rockets are eager to move on from the distraction caused by a since-deleted tweet by general manager Daryl Morey in support of anti-government protesters in Hong Kong that angered China and

The Rockets were in Hawaii on Oct. 4 to play a pre-

season game against the Los Angeles Clippers on the first leg of a trip that included two games in Japan when Morey tweeted an image that said: "Fight For Freedom. Stand With Hong Kong." His tweet was in reference to pro-democracy demonstrations in the semiautonomous Chinese territory that has been mired in escalating violence between protesters and law enforcement.

Rockets owner Tilman Fertitta quickly rebuked his GM with a tweet saying that Morey does not speak for the team, but the damage was done. The Chinese Basketball Association, headed by former Rockets star Yao Ming, suspended its ties to the Rockets over the tweet. Events in China promoting a Lakers-Nets series were canceled, NBA media partner Tencent said it was evaluating its plans to cover the league and some Chinese corporations have suspended relationships with the NBA.

**HOUSE PARTY** 

The Rockets signed G/F Danuel House to a three-year, \$11.1 million contract this summer after the 26-year-old split time between Houston and the G League last season. Coach Mike D'Antoni is glad he'll have House in Houston all season this year after he averaged 9.4 points in 39 games last year.

"Danuel House excites me," D'Antoni said. "He should have a big year." **HEY OLD FRIEND** 

Power forward Ryan Anderson is back with the Rockets after signing as a free agent just before the start of camp. The 12year veteran spent two seasons in Houston before being traded before last season.

HARDEN'S LEADER-SHIP

D'Antoni doesn't believe Harden can much more statistically this season after putting up gaudy numbers the past several seasons.

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