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- Monday**
Early Voting Begins
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 Begins today
- Oct. 24**
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 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
- Oct. 26**
Octoberfest Hotel Settles
 3 p.m.
- Submit nominations for *We Salute!* to editor@bigspringherald.com

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City Council to consider more than \$2.3 million in budget amendments

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Several amendments to the recently passed 2019-2020 fiscal year budget will be considered by the Big Spring City Council at their meeting Tuesday night. The council will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in their Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth St. On the meeting's agenda are five proposed "New Business" measures which would amend the budget in one way or another. The items include proposals to:



- Increase the Landfill Fund budget for the purpose of continuing funding for ongoing projects within the Landfill Department; the amount of the proposed increase is \$565,423, and no further description of the projects to which the budget increase will be applied is given in the meeting's agenda;
- Increase the Utility Fund budget for the purpose of continuing funding for ongoing projects within the Utilities Department; the agenda lists two increases – one for

- \$40,018 to continue funding for a service contract, the other is for \$1,220,308 to continue funding for distribution line equipment;
 - Increase the Hotel/Motel Fund budget for the purpose of continuing funding for repairs at the Dora Roberts Community Center and the City Auditorium. Two increases are listed – one for \$11,000 for continuing repairs at the DRCC, the other for \$35,000 to repair the boiler and chiller at the City Auditorium.
 - Increase the Hotel/Motel Fund Budget to purchase an ADA-compliant bathroom trailer and to continue funding for ongoing improvements at the
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Birdwell Lane CoC continues school supply tradition



Carmen Wommack, Principal of Moss Elementary, along with another staff member, received the gift sacks from Birdwell Lane Church of Christ on Friday, Oct. 18. Birdwell Lane Church of Christ helps teachers in BSISD with supplies to ease some of the financial burden these teachers face daily.

By **ANNA GUTIERREZ**
 Staff Writer

Twice a year, Birdwell Lane Church of Christ donates gift sacks to schools in BSISD. These gift sacks are full of school supplies that can then be distributed to the teachers. On Friday, Oct. 18, gift sacks were distributed to teachers at Moss Elementary. "We like to do this twice a year,"

says Ralph Anderson, pastor at Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. "Everyone has school supply drives for the kids, but hardly anyone helps the teachers with supplies. This is why we chose to do these gift sacks is to help the teachers and try to ease the financial burden they face." Continues Pastor Anderson, "We

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Events that Changed History Lecture 36: September 11, 2001

By **ANNA GUTIERREZ**
 Staff Writer

Most of us alive today can remember exactly where we were and what we were doing on Sept. 11, 2001. I remember not feeling well that day and being late for work. I turned on the television, and almost immediately saw the second plane hit the World Trade Center. Up until that point, most people believed the first plane was just a plane crash. The second plane confirmed it was not; the United States was under attack.

What led up to the events on that fateful day? Who would dare attack the greatest nation on Earth? The Cold War was over. The United States was the world's strongest super power and was spreading peace and democracy around the world.

The Jews had experienced atrocities most of us don't want to think of, and had so for many generations. At the end of WWI, Palestine was occupied by British forces who controlled the area of Israel west of the River Jordan. Britain had promised a homeland to the Jewish people in Palestine. President Truman decided to recognize the new state of Israel even though he was cautioned that doing so would cause friction with other Middle East countries.

Hatred for the United States grew after this. On Nov. 4, 1979, 52 American diplomats and citizens were taken hostage by Iran. Operation Eagle Claw was a military operation

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Community called to final weeks of Toasty Tuesday KBSB focusing on Wasson Road at 6:30 p.m.



Courtesy photo
 KBSB had 11 volunteers help with last week's Toasty Tuesday, and the team picked up 22 bags of trash. This week, the group plans to focus on Wasson Road, and will meet in the parking lot of Dollar General at 2305 Wasson Rd. Clean up will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The final clean up will be Oct. 29.

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Obituaries

Tomas "Tommy" Arguello



Tomas "Tommy" Arguello, 66, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Coahoma Cemetery.

He was born Dec. 23, 1952, in Big Spring to Narsisa Padron Arguello and Belen Arguello. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County and a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. He was a retired corrections officer with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. He loved exercise,

physical training, football, and baseball.

He is survived by his three sons, Nicolas Arguello and his wife, Lani of Austin, Ethan Arguello of Liberty Township, Ohio, and Devin Arguello of Dallas; two brothers, Daniel Arguello of Big Spring, and Santos Arguello of Coahoma; three sisters, Frances Del Bosque of Abilene, Alice Mendez of Ozona, and Lydia Rodriguez of Big Spring; and six grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Anita Hernandez.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **VICTORIA MAE ALEXANDRIA HANNABASS**, 30, of the 1800 block of S. Monticello, was arrested on charges of public intoxication, failing to identify or giving false or fictitious information, and the fraudulent use or

possession of identifying information-five items.

- **PHILLIP WAYNE BEBEE**, 47, of 1513 17th St., was arrested on a warrant for burglary of a building.

- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Rd.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF**

was reported in the 1200 block of Blackmon Ave., and the 700 block of S. San Antonio St.

- **IDENTITY THEFT** was reported in the 700 block of E. FM 700.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported on Wasson Rd.

Take Note

- The City of Big Spring will be closing Scurry Street from Fourth to Seventh Streets on Thursday, Oct. 31, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Anyone who would like to hand out treats, please bring your candy and join us. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanie Knocke at 432-213-0698.

- 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 opportunities for Coahoma High School graduating seniors.

- The Salvation Army will be taking applications for Christmas assistance (Angel Tree) on Monday, Oct. 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and 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 certificates, birth facts from the hospital, or other legal documents
- Proof of income which will include any government assistance information, food stamps, SNAP, household bills, and check stubs
- Ages of all recipients, and clothing and shoe size of children/seniors who will receive gifts.

We look forward to serving you this Christmas season.

Seniors age 60 and up may also apply. Please do not bring children to the registration. For more information, please contact Lieutenant Charlsie Godwin at 432-267-8239.

- 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 time.

- 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 2019-2020 school year will be Monday, Nov. 4 and Tuesday Nov. 5, and they will continue throughout the year on the first Monday and Tuesday of the

month. To volunteer, just show up at Lakeview High School located at 1107 N.W. 7th St., at 5:30 p.m. You can follow their Facebook page for additional information <https://www.facebook.com/food2kids/>.

- 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.

- Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

- 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 every 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.

Support Groups

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.

- Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

- Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

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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 discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

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

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

- GriefShare is a biblical support group that helps people dealing with a loved one's death. There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page, or call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for dates & registration info.

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Weather



Today: Sunny, with a high near 78. Light northwest wind becoming west 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon.

Tonight: Clear, with a low around 41. West wind 5 to 15 mph becoming east after midnight.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 78. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming southeast in the afternoon.

Tuesday Night: Clear, with a low around 51. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 85. Southwest wind 10 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday Night: Clear, with a low around 54.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers after 8am. Partly sunny, with a high near 63.

Thursday Night: A slight chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 38.

Friday: A slight chance of showers. Sunny, with a high near 60.

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

COUNCIL

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Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater. Both the restroom trailer and the Amphitheater improvements have been discussed at previous council meetings. The item under consideration at this meeting would increase the budget by \$75,000 for the trailer, and by \$108,034 for Amphitheater improvements.

- Increase the General Fund budget to continue funding for the completion of a splash pad at the Aquatic Center, for ongoing improvements to irrigation and fencing at the Municipal Golf Course and for "park structures" projects at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex. The Aquatic Center improvements would add \$41,838 to the budget; irrigation and Golf Course improvements would add \$192,931; and the Roy Anderson improvements would cost an additional \$69,390.

All together, the budget amendments total \$2,358,942.

In other business, the city council plans to consider approval of two bid awards and reject a third.

Under consideration for approval is bid for lease financing. Details on this bid aren't included with the agenda, and will be provided to the City Council as a handout.

Another item under consideration is a bid for the demolition and renovations at the Russ McEwen Family Aquatic Center, including site work and an equipment building on the location of the planned splash pad.

According to a letter from engineering firm Jacob and Martin, the city's contracted agent for handling engineering bids, only one bid was received on the project – from OPREX Commercial Construction of Lubbock. OPREX bid \$966,343.03 on the project

The council plans to reject all bids for construction of a fire wall in Building No. 1 at the McMahan-

Wrinkle Airpark. Only one bid was received on the project – for \$186,000 from an Abilene company. According to a letter from Col. Jim Little, Airpark Director, the cost was deemed too high. After reassessing the situation, Airpark staff determined that a simple "partition" would be acceptable instead of the planned "two-hour firewall," and will pursue bids for the less-expensive option.

The council will also:

- Issue a proclamation declaring Oct. 25 through 31 "Red Ribbon Week" in Big Spring. The week is an anti-drug campaign, and the Cross Roads Young Marines will be on hand to help with the proclamation.

- Issue a proclamation declaring Nov. 2 through 6 "Municipal Court Week" in Big Spring.

- Hear a report from City Manager Todd Darden regarding damage to a city sewer line, as well as the planned Employee Appreciation Picnic scheduled Oct. 25.

- Consider granting permission to seek grants for wood chipping from the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission.

- Consider an emergency reading of a resolution authorizing the auction of 26 Howard County real estate properties.

- Consider an agreement with Aldridge Gardens for Spring maintenance and Spring pump replacement.

- Consider an agreement with the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation for Reliever Route access roads.

- Consider a request from Sinclair Oil and Gas Co. to assign an oil, gas and mineral lease.

- Consider a request from Four Sevens Operating Co. to assign an oil, gas and mineral lease.

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

SUPPLIES

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like to speak to the principals or assistant principals at the school where our help would seemingly do the most good. We also ask that the teachers provide a list of supplies that are most needed. We also like to include something personal for the teachers, such as chocolates or snacks; just a little something to make them feel special."

The wish lists from the teachers are then distributed to congregation members who choose to take part. Some of the items purchased for these gift sacks were basic supplies, such as pens, pencils,

and notebooks, or even backpacks for less fortunate students.

This was the first gift sack contribution for the church this year. They hope to distribute again in January.

If you would like more information on how to contribute to the teacher's gift sacks, please contact Pastor Anderson at Birdwell Lane Church of Christ at 432-267-2132. The church is located at 1616 E. 11th Place.

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LECTURE

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that attempted to rescue the hostages but failed. They were held for 444 days.

The first attack on the World Trade Center came in 1993 when a truck bomb detonated underneath the North Tower. The hope was to topple the North Tower into the South Tower, killing thousands of people. The North Tower never came down, although six people were killed and over a thousand were injured.

Then came Sept. 11, 2001. Four planes were hijacked by Islamic terrorist group al-Qaeda. American Airlines Flight 11 and United

Flight 175 were the ones that crashed into the World Trade Center. American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon. United Flight 93 crashed in a field in Pennsylvania after the passengers decided to attack the hijackers.

2,977 people died; over 6,000 others were injured. The Twin Towers collapsed. It seemed like America almost came to a standstill, but in the days that followed, America has never been more united. We all felt the pain and devastation caused by that attack. For that, we must never forget.

This was the last lecture in this series. The hope is to begin with a new lecture series after the Holidays. If you have something in particular you'd like to study, please let us know by emailing citydesk@bigspringherald.com, with your ideas.

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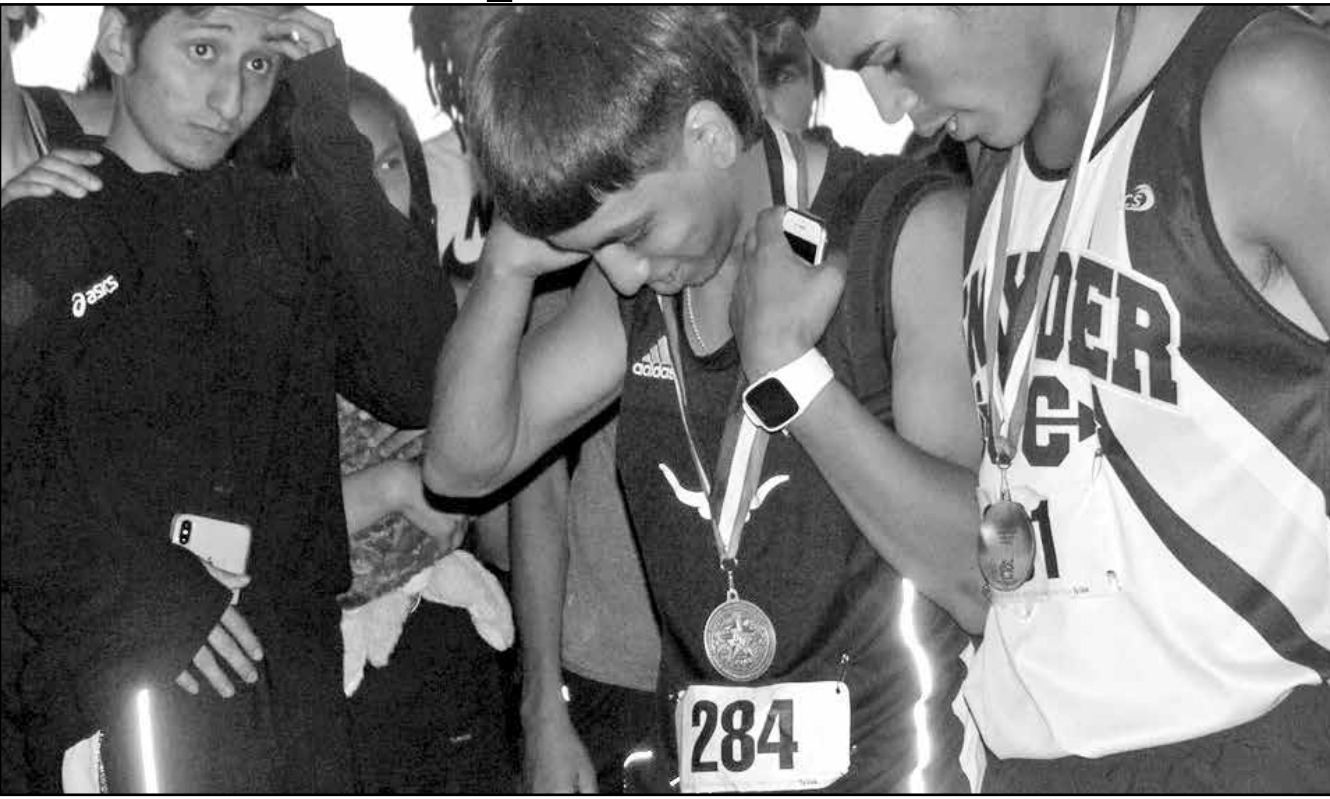
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Steers compete in District Cross Country Meet



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The Big Spring Steers Cross Country teams recently competed in the Cross Country District Meet. Several individuals and the teams as a whole did great. The Steer XC Varsity team came in second place; Steer XC Junior High team came in first.

Herald Staff Report

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Big Spring Steers competed in the Cross Country District Meet on Wednesday.

Big Spring Varsity Cross Country came in second place overall, with Snyder taking first place. Lake View came in third place and Sweetwater's team was in fourth place.

Individual results are as follows:

- Roman Perez, 2nd place – 18:15
- Isaac Gonzales, 6th place – 19:47
- Adrian Solis, 9th place – 19:54
- Othon Villalobos, 10th place – 20:05
- Isaiah Martinez, 11th place – 20:09
- Dusty Chavez, 12th place – 20:13
- Augustin De Los Santos, 14th place –

Big Spring Junior Varsity Cross Country track team came in first place with 21 points, with Lake View in second place with 34 points.

Individual runner results:

- Brandon Rogers, 1st place
- Jabez Jones, 2nd place
- Jermiah Collins, 5th place
- Joshua Mireless, 9th place
- Jordan Mitchell, 10th place

Big Spring Boys Junior High Cross Country team came in first, with 32 points, followed by Greenwood with 54 points. Sweetwater carried third place with 64 points and Lincoln/

Lakeview brought in fourth place at 79 points.

Individual runners included:

- Michael Perez, 3rd place – 13:50
- Diego Rios, 4th place – 13:58
- Jose munoz, 7th place – 14:35
- Evan Medrano, 8th place – 14:36
- Josueph Gonzales, 10th place – 14:40
- Austen Raines, 14th place – 15:17
- David Villagrana, 15th place – 15:28

Big Spring Junior High Girls Cross Country team placed third with 55 points. Snyder took first place with 38 points, followed by Lincoln/Lakeview in second place holding 53 points. Sweetwater came in fourth place at 89 points and Greenwood was fifth with

110 points.

Individual results were:

- Reina Delira, 2nd place – 15:08
- Arecella Alvarado, 7th place – 16:01
- Analisa De Los Santos, 10th place – 16:55
- Alysandra DeLe Cruz, 15th place – 17:26
- Alexis Aguero, 21st place – 19:14
- Julian Summers, 22nd place – 19:16
- Madelyn Martinez, 23rd place – 19:17
- Leila Franco, 26th place – 19:41
- Mia Valle, 28th place – 19:59
- Junita Cuevas, 29th place – 20:14
- Erika Castaneda, 31st place – 20:21
- Akira Castaneda, 33rd place – 20:50
- Kloe Canles, 35th place – 21:40
- Aliza New, 36th place – 21:43

Lady Steers take win in 3 sets against Lakeview



Courtesy photos/ Tony Claxton (claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring Lady Steers, 25-22, 25-22, 25-19. Pictured at left: Hannah Bell is shown passing the ball, during a recent match. Pictured at right, Ryen Terrazas blocks a hit during the recent Steers v. Lakeview game.

Steers Junior High Volleyball Highlights

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Junior High volleyball teams took on Lamesa, last week. Here are a few highlights from the games:

7th Grade A Team:

The 7th Grade A Team lost to Lamesa (19-25 and 18-25). Elena Lopez, Jaycee Smith, and Niomi Wines were the players of the game on offense by putting the ball down on the opposing team multiple times. Ambrie Franco and Alondra Salgado played great defense.

7th Grade B Team:

The 7th Grade B Team lost to the Lady Tornadoes in two sets (12-25 and 12-25).

The girls played well on defense and are always improving on their court communication. The players of the game were Rihanna Olague, Sofia Lozano, and Kathryn Willis.

8th Grade A Team:

In the 8th Grade A Team action. The girls came from behind and tore up the Lady Tornadoes in three sets, 9-25, 25-21, and 27-25.

Erin Mendoza, Delaney Moreno, and Cloe Viasana made digs to keep the rallies going on defense. Brooklyn Hyatt wowed the crowd by hustling to make critical saves; Kendall Brooks had seven aces. The entire team worked hard and communicated well to earn a "W."

8th Grade B Team:

The 8th Grade B Team lost to Lamesa in two sets (13-25 and 8-25). Maddison Hamm, J'Alia Groage, and Analisa De Los Santos played all around defense.

Let's score a goal!



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Chloe Negron prepares to kick the ball and heads to the goal. The Comets and little Chloe played a great game this past Saturday. Pictured with her is her coach and dad, Manny Negron.

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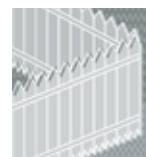
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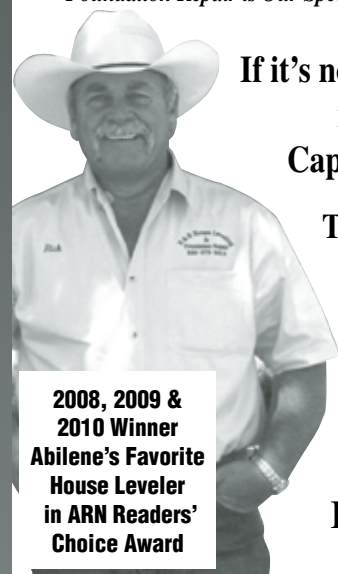
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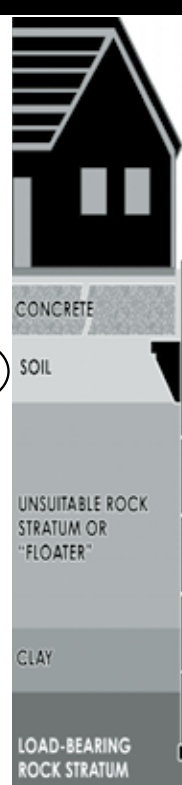
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Annie's Mailbox

Birthday Wish Is for RSVPs

Dear Annie: Please remind your readers how important it is to RSVP. My 6-year-old granddaughter was so excited about her birthday party and having her friends come over. My daughter sent invitations with instructions to RSVP. My granddaughter's best friend's mom said she would come but would need to leave early. Fine.

Then, 30 minutes before the party, she texted my daughter saying they wouldn't be coming. My granddaughter cried and cried. Four other friends' parents didn't even bother to RSVP and didn't come either. Don't these people know how hurtful this is to the little ones? Two friends did come to the party, but a day that was supposed to be so happy was a day of tears. -- Upset Grandma

Dear Upset Grandma: I will remind readers about the importance of RSVPs for birthday parties -- if you will remind your granddaughter how many people love her. Instead of focusing on those who did not come, point out to her who did come to enjoy her party and celebrate her special day. Your granddaughter had a birthday surrounded by two friends, as well as a loving and caring grandma. Sadly, life is filled with people canceling on

plans at the last minute, and we can't control that. What we can control is how we respond to it, and how we respond to our own invitation requests.

Dear Annie: Periodically, I see in your column the issue of Christmas gift-giving in families with grown children, and even grandchildren, who are now married or on their own. We had gotten to the point of giving a gift card, and then receiving a gift card back from them. It seemed so silly to wrack my brain trying to think of a gift when so often it seemed it was just a habit from years gone by. No one seems to really need or want anything these days. Christmas gift-giving had gotten to be a headache and a chore.

I heard of this idea from a friend, and I wanted to pass it along as a possible solution to this dilemma:

Their family decided upon a charity that they wished to support that year. Family members who were able to come to the Christmas gathering brought cash or a check to add to the "pot." Those unable to attend could mail a check to the designated family "collector." No one was obligated to give or told how much to give.

After a certain date, say, the first of the new year, the designated collector deposited all the money collected

and sent a check to the chosen charity. Sometime after the holiday, the collector emailed the family members to let them know the amount they had donated. You could go alphabetically or by age in choosing the charity for the next Christmas. Then, when Christmas rolled around the next year, they were all prepared to support another good cause.

All this idea would take is one person -- or several, if you wanted to trade off -- to get everyone's email addresses, and then send out a reminder as the holidays come closer each year.

This alleviates the chore of thinking what to get for a growing number of people in the family. It also gives them the opportunity to make a difference by contributing to various charities over the years.

Just a suggestion that may help families to overcome the continual question: "What do I get them all for Christmas?" -- Lyn from The Villages, Fla.

Dear Lyn: This idea certainly does embrace the Christmas spirit of bringing joy to the lives of others. Thank you for your suggestion.

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Visionary Vibes from Venus and Neptune

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Before you can become more powerful in a situation, it is important to figure out where the power already lies. Note what or who is dominating the environment or setting a tone for interactions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The success won't come from working on tasks; it will come from completing them. Even so, it's the working on the tasks that you'll find the most fun, so don't let that seduce you into leaving things undone. Finish!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's better to purge and prune your to-do list than to have a bunch of wishful thinking weighting down the bottom of it. Heavy lists are no fun to pick up! Set yourself up to win by being more selective with your plans and energy.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You need just a few more friends, preferably observant and responsive ones who will tell you about yourself in greater detail and highlight the qualities that familiar people aren't seeing today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll gain much from osmosis today, so don't worry too much about trying, striving or even learning. It's all about with whom you surround yourself. People with big dreams and desires they aren't afraid to go for will strongly influence you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don't have to do

everything right (or anything at all) to be worthy of love and support, including and especially your own. Reinforce that concept, and you'll be lucky today.

LI-BRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's totally impossible for you to fail at being you. If you occasionally let yourself down, it's only because you don't yet know yourself well enough to find the leverage and inspiration you need to steer the wilder side of you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Worry is just bad feelings about unrealities. Why bother to weave stress around an idea? It's not that none of the worries could ever happen; it's just that usually life is more inventive and surprising than that.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you knew you

Tomorrow's Horoscope
BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



would get what you focused on, what would you focus on? Choose carefully today because you're way too powerful to waste your talents on meager distractions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

You won't meet a single person today from which you can't learn something. The art is in figuring out what there is to learn, and you might not come up with it right away. Some lessons will come in retrospect.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You set the bar pretty high for a project and you'll definitely get into the ballpark if you keep at it. Don't let the others tell you what success looks like. Define it on your own terms.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 21). It's taken awhile to get to the point where you're so happy with yourself that truly no one else's opinion matters. You'll confidently dive into a fascinating and risky venture and see profits. Love follows you everywhere, taking different forms -- affection, support, camaraderie, passion and

even responsibility. Scorpio and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 3, 33, 28 and 45.

HALLOWEEN PAN-THEON: GOBLINS AND GHOULS: Goblins are like elves or sprites, only disgusting and with an agenda that ranges from mischievous to malevolent. Tales of goblins rose from European folklore in the Middle Ages and the story never got old, as they are widely featured as an integral part of media from video games to "Harry Potter." These unpleasant creatures have many unattractive qualities and among the most common threads is insatiable greed. They covet and steal, sometimes thuggishly indiscriminant in their tastes and other times gravitating toward the precious treasures most likely to cause sadness in their loss. Since greed is a symptom of lack, embodying the goblin persona for Halloween may put a person in touch with their own sense of lack, the knowledge of which is the first step to fulfillment.

Ghouls, on the other hand, focus less on material and emotional lack and more on the issue of decay. These grotesque flesh-eaters come to us from Arabic mythology and are not unlike demons in many regards, with roots in the underworld and Satan himself somewhere along their family tree. As a metaphor, ghouls offer the opportunity to face whatever perceived evil is "eating" you.

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By Steve Becker
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♠ A
♥ K J 7 4 3
♦ J 10
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WEST EAST
♠ Q J 10 8 6 ♣ K 9 7 3
♥ 9 ♥ 10 6 5 2
♦ A K Q 8 ♦ 9 6 4 2
♣ 9 6 2 ♣ J

SOUTH
♠ 5 4 2
♥ A Q 8
♦ 7 5 3
♣ A K 8 3

The bidding:

West North East South
1♠ 2♠ 3♠ 4♥
4♣ Pass Pass 5♣

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

There are many bidding conventions a partnership may adopt that, when the right hand comes along, can prove very effective. Consider this deal from the 1970 world team championship match between Norway and the United States.

With Norway North-South, the bidding went as shown. The two-spade bid, as played by the Norwegian pair, indicated a hand with five hearts and either five diamonds or

five clubs.

By using this convention, often called a Michaels cuebid, North was able to immediately paint a picture of his hand. South ultimately landed in five clubs, which he easily made, losing only two diamond tricks.

At the other table, with a U.S. pair holding the North-South cards, the bidding went:

West North East South
1♠ 2♥ 2♠ 4♥
4♣ Pass Pass Dble

The Americans were not playing Michaels, so North overcalled at his at his first turn with two hearts. After East bid two spades, South jumped to four hearts, but he found himself faced with a difficult decision one round later when West bid four spades.

South elected to double, which did not turn out well when West lost only a spade, a heart and a club to make his contract. As a result, Norway gained 990 points on the deal, scoring 400 points at the first table and 590 points at the second table.

One can easily sympathize with the American South for choosing to double four spades instead of going on in hearts. He knew far less about North's hand than his counterpart at the first table, who had much more explicit information to lean on.

Tomorrow: Oh, those computer deals!

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Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

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

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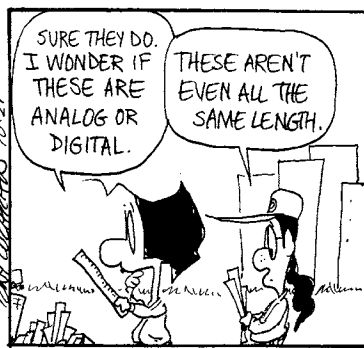
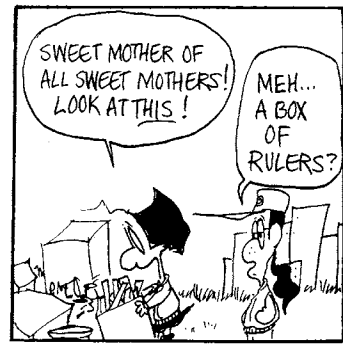
ANSWER:

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5 :30	Big 2 ABC	Noticiero	Broke Girl	CBS 7	Tele Noticias	News	Christ	Over Business	Flintstone	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Monday Night Countdown	SportsCenter	Texans	Chicago P.D.	Live PD	Street-Memphis	
6 :30	News Wheel	Amor eterno	Big Bang	CBS 7	Exaltón Estados Unidos (SS)	News	Families	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	(:45) Movie: Wonder Woman, Connie Nielsen (DVS)	SportsCenter	C'boys	Chicago P.D.	Live PD	Street-Memphis	
7 :30	Dancing With the Stars	Rosa de Guadalupe	9-1-1 (DVS)	Neighbor	Bob Heart	The Voice	Hope To	Antiques Roadshow	Andy G.	All American	Fam. Guy	NFL Football: New England Patriots at New York Jets.	Baseball Tonight	Stars Pre.	WWE Monday Night RAW	Live PD	Street-Memphis	
8 :30	The Good Doctor	El dragón	FOX 24 News at 9	Bull	El Señor de los	(:01) Bluff City Law	Light of Southwest	POV	Heroes	Seinfeld	American	NFL Football: New England Patriots at New York Jets.	Baseball Tonight	Stars Pre.	WWE Monday Night RAW	Live PD	Street-Memphis	
9 :30	Big 2	Noticiero	TMZ	CBS 7	Tele	News	News	News	C. Burnett	black-ish	Conan	(:45) Movie: The Huntsman: Winter's War (DVS)	SportsCenter	Football Final	Postgame Cowboys	The Purge	Live PD: Wanted	
10 :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Noticiero	Mom	Late Show-Colbert	Titulares	Tonight Show	Words of House	Amanpour-Co	Perry Mason	black-ish	Jokers	SportsCenter	Football Final	Postgame Cowboys	The Purge	Live PD: Wanted		
11 :30	Nightline	Noticiero	Funny	James	El Señor de los	Seth Meyers	Zion	Antiques Roadshow	Hitchcock	Live PD	Jokers	NFL Prime-Time	SportsCenter	CFB 150	Fight In 60	Mod Fam	Live PD	
12 :30	Extra	Destilando amor	Two Men	Simpsons	Holly	Late-Lilly	Creation	Retro Report on PBS	Mannix	Cops	Brooklyn	SportsCenter	CFB 150	Fight In 60	Mod Fam	Live PD		
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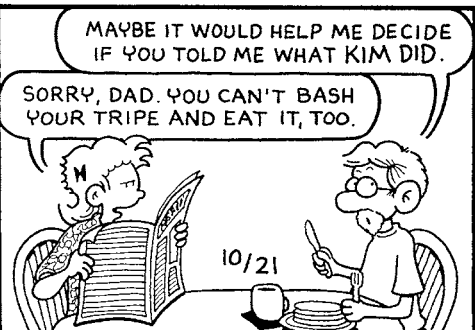
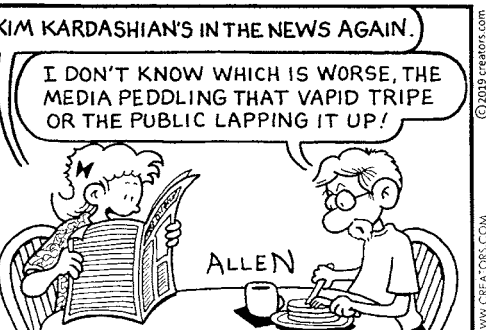
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ONE BIG HAPPY



NEST HEAD



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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Monday, Oct. 21, the 294th day of 2019. There are 71 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Oct. 21, 1892, schoolchildren across the U.S. observed Columbus Day (according to the Gregorian date) by reciting, for the first time, the original version of "The Pledge of Allegiance," written by Francis Bellamy for The Youth's Companion.

On this date:
In 1797, the U.S. Navy frigate Constitution, also known as "Old Ironsides," was christened in Boston's harbor.
In 1879, Thomas Edison perfected a workable electric light at his laboratory in Menlo Park, N.J.
In 1917, members of the 1st Division of the U.S. Army training in Luneville (luhn-nay-VEEL), France, became the first Americans to see action on the front lines of World War I.
In 1944, during World War II, U.S. troops captured the German city of Aachen (AH-kuhn).
In 1960, Democrat John F. Kennedy and Republican Richard M. Nixon clashed in their fourth and final presidential debate in New York.
In 1966, 144 people, 116 of them children, were killed when a coal waste landslide engulfed a school and some 20 houses in Aberfan, Wales.
In 1967, the Israeli destroyer INS Eilat (ay-LAHT) was sunk by Egyptian missile boats near Port Said (sah-EEED); 47 Israeli crew members were lost. Tens of thousands of Vietnam War protesters began two days of demonstrations in Washington, D.C.
In 1971, President Richard Nixon nominated Lewis F. Powell and William H. Rehnquist to the U.S. Supreme Court. (Both nominees were confirmed.)
In 1976, Saul Bellow won the Nobel Prize for literature, the first American honored since John Steinbeck in 1954.
In 1985, former San Francisco Supervisor Dan White — who'd served five years in prison for killing Mayor George Moscone (mahs-KOH'-nee) and Supervisor Harvey Milk, a gay-rights advocate — was found dead in a garage, a suicide.
In 1996, President Clinton's

"don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays in the military survived its first Supreme Court test.

In 2001, Washington, D.C., postal worker Thomas L. Morris Jr. died of inhalation anthrax as officials began testing thousands of postal employees.

Ten years ago: Northwest Airlines Flight 188, an Airbus A320, flew past the Minneapolis airport by more than 100 miles before turning around and landing safely; the pilots later said they'd been distracted while talking about their schedules. Authorities found the body of missing Florida 7-year-old Somer Thompson in a Georgia landfill (Jarred Harrell later pleaded guilty to kidnapping, rape and murder, and was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole). Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Jack Nelson of the Los Angeles Times died in Bethesda, Maryland, at 80. The Philadelphia Phillies beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 10-4 in Game 5 of the National League Championship Series to win their second straight NL pennant.

Five years ago: North Korea abruptly freed Jeffrey Fowle, an American, nearly six months after he was arrested for leaving a Bible in a nightclub. Former Washington Post executive editor Ben Bradlee, 93, died in Washington. The San Francisco Giants defeated the Kansas City Royals 7-1 in the first game of the World Series.

One year ago: A growing caravan of Honduran migrants continued through southern Mexico toward the United States, after getting past Mexican agents who briefly blocked them at the Guatemalan border. One of Taiwan's fastest passenger trains derailed on a curve along a popular weekend route, killing 18 people and injuring nearly 200 others. Bluegrass and country star Ricky Skaggs, singer Dottie West and fiddler Johnny Gimble were inducted into the Country Music Hall of

Fame in Nashville.

Today's Birthdays:
Actress Joyce Randolph is 95. Rock singer Manfred Mann is 79. Musician Steve Cropper (Booker T. & the MG's) is 78. Singer Elvin Bishop is 77. TV's Judge Judy Sheindlin is 77. Actor Everett McGill is 74. Musician Lee Loughnane (LAHK'-nayn) (Chicago) is 73. Actor Dick Christie is 71. Israeli Prime Minister

Benjamin Netanyahu is 70. Actress LaTanya Richardson Jackson is 70. Musician Charlotte Caffey (The Go-Go's) is 66. Movie director Catherine Hardwicke is 64. Singer Julian Cope is 62. Rock musician Steve Lukather (Toto) is 62. Actor Ken Watanabe (wah-tah-NAH'-bee) is 60. Actress Melora Walters is 59. Rock musician Che (chay) Colovita Lemon is

49. Rock singer-musician Nick Oliveri (Mondo Generator) is 48. Christian rock musician Charlie Lowell (Jars of Clay) is 46. Actor Jeremy Miller is 43. Country singer Matthew Ramsey (Old Dominion) is 42. Actor Will Estes is 41. Actor Michael McMillian is 41. Reality TV star Kim Kardashian (kahr-DASH'-ee-uhn) West is 39. Actor Matt Dallas is 37.

Actress Charlotte Sullivan is 36. Actor Aaron Tveit (tuh-VAYT) is 36. Actor Glenn Powell is 31. Country singer Kane Brown is 26.

Thought for Today:
"Silence is sometimes the severest criticism." — Charles Buxton, English writer (1823-1871).

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Newsday Crossword

TOOLS OF THE TRADES

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Begin
 - 6 Baseball official, for short
 - 9 Quick, sharp punches
 - 13 Person making job offers
 - 14 Briny bodies of water
 - 16 Farmland measure
 - 17 Have the same opinion
 - 18 Bird of peace
 - 19 Casual conversation
 - 20 Gardener's foliage-on-ground remover
 - 22 Beer barrels
 - 23 Make an attempt
 - 24 Texter's "Very funny!"
 - 25 Wistful sound
 - 27 Rural water sources
 - 29 Northernmost state
 - 33 CIA's domestic counterpart
 - 35 Once around a track
 - 36 Tart and citrusy
 - 37 Levels of stadium seats
 - 39 Be sorry about
 - 41 Game show host
 - 42 Has a snooze
 - 44 "Spring forward" hrs.
 - 46 ___ out a living (just get by)
 - 47 What a sharpener sharpens
 - 48 Piece of broccoli
 - 50 ___ of measure (pound or mile)
 - 52 Jogged
 - 53 ___ Angeles, CA

- 56 Young stallion
 - 59 Carpenter's electric hole-maker
 - 62 "This won't hurt ___!"
 - 63 Elevator name
 - 64 Many a worshiper in India
 - 65 Repetitive learning method
 - 66 Has a snooze
 - 67 More peculiar
 - 68 Fortune-teller
 - 69 Zodiac sign with a mane
 - 70 Has on, as clothes
- DOWN**
- 1 "Thou ___ not steal"
 - 2 Big striped wild cat
 - 3 Impressive assortment
 - 4 Coral formation
 - 5 Clef for a soprano part
 - 6 Amer. money
 - 7 Cat's comment
 - 8 Resurfaces a road
 - 9 Construction worker's concrete-breaker
 - 10 Muscle soreness
 - 11 Speak boastfully
 - 12 Solidifies, as pudding
 - 15 Story in installments
 - 21 Lie around lazily
 - 26 Great joy
 - 27 Electrician's snipper
 - 28 Potatoes, informally
 - 30 See 31 Down
 - 31 With 30 Down, lengthy hosiery
 - 32 Sailor's "Yes!"
 - 33 Keep in a folder
 - 34 "___ waiting long?"
 - 37 Cough syrup amt.
 - 38 Twirl
 - 40 Strong coffee in a small cup
 - 43 Easy-to-get-into shoe
 - 45 Rip (up)
 - 49 "You can say that again!"
 - 51 Sum's bottom line
 - 53 Singer Ronstadt
 - 54 Not as recent
 - 55 Speaks unclearly
 - 56 Garage occupants
 - 57 Woodwind instrument
 - 58 Low-calorie, on labels
 - 60 Clean off with a towel
 - 61 Take a cab or bus

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Answer to previous puzzle
MUSEUM LIMBERUP
EVENSO ANECDOTE
ARETHA ICECUBES
NAIR TAROT OPT
TYLER HAL ROT
LEAVEGO ORBIT
YOU TIMERLEASE
MUSSEL CLOROX
AZTECEMPIRE TNT
COREA ELFUDGE
APP LAS RUNGS
PIT MANOR IDEA
UCIRVINE ARDENT
PROHIBIT PIERRE
SYNOPSISSES TOSSD