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Saturday

Nutcracker
 Municipal Auditorium
 7:30 p.m.

Cookies and Cocoa with Santa
 Hangar 25
 1 p.m.

Christmas Tree Forest
 Heritage Museum

Dec. 15

Thank a Veteran

Dec. 19

Sip and Shop
 More than 10 local businesses will take part shops open until 8 p.m.

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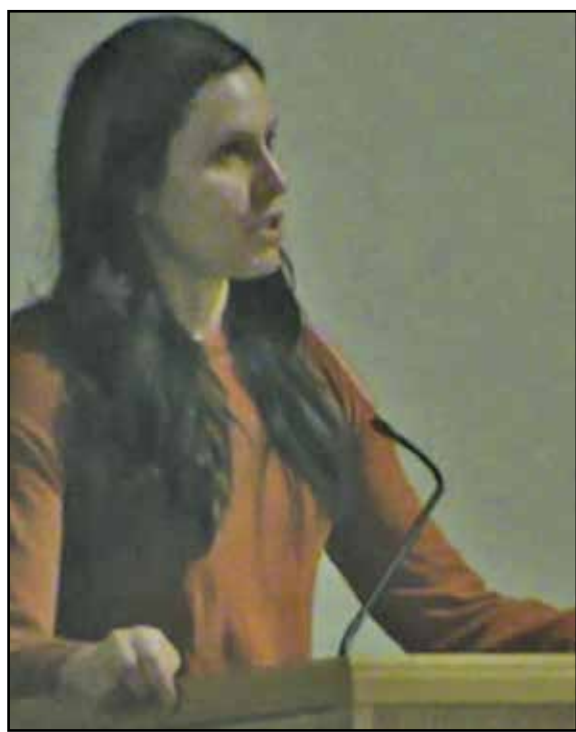
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Sanctuary City for the Unborn issue tabled until January 2020



Courtesy photo/Erica Morse

Amber Nichols addressed the council during the Tuesday night meeting on the issue of Sanctuary City.

By **ERICA MORSE**
 Herald Contributor

It was standing room only with a line out the door last evening as the Big Spring City Council heard public arguments for and against passing a 'Sanctuary City' ordinance for the unborn.

The City Council chambers were packed to full capacity as residents, local news crews and concerned citizens from across the state came to have their voices heard before the Council decides whether to vote on the proposed ordinance, first introduced at the November meeting by east Texas Right to Life activist Mark Lee Dick-

son. Dickson returned to Big Spring for last night's meeting and was one of more than 20 people who pleaded their cases, which included health care professionals, a local attorney, ministers, rape victims and women's rights proponents. Speakers took turns at the podium, alternating between those for and against the ordinance. Big Spring resident and nurse Amber Nichols was one of the first to speak in favor of the ordinance. Nichols spoke of

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See The Nutcracker Ballet
 with
The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra
 (presented in part by a grant from HEB)
Saturday, December 14
7:30PM
 Municipal Auditorium

BSISD Board of Trustees to meet in regular session

By **CINDY PINCH**
 Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting Dec. 12, 2019 at 5:15 p.m. in the High School Board Room.

In addition to routine agenda items, the board will consider and take possible action on the following:

- College, Career, and Military Readiness Monitoring Report.
- Approve minutes from the Nov. 21, 2019 Board Minutes.
- Financial Reports.
- Consider Approval of Audit Report for the Year Ending Aug. 31, 2019.

- Consider Approval of a Donation from Absolute Pipeline Integrity, LLC.
- Consideration of Contract Renewal for Extracurricular Student Drug Testing Services.
- Deliberation and Action on Request of Four Sevens Operating Co. Ltd. to Approve Assignment of Oil and Gas Lease dated June 2016, Volume 1627, Page 1686, Official Public Records, Howard County, Texas.
- Deliberation and Action on Request of Four Sevens Operating Co. Ltd. to Approve Assignment of Oil and Gas Lease effective Dec. 14, 2017, Volume 1686, Page 102,

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Food2Kids receives donations from local businesses



Courtesy photos
 Food2Kids recently received donations from two local businesses. The monies will help provide food to kids in the Big Spring school district over the weekends, throughout the school year. Pictured above, at left: Clay Harris (left), owner of 87 Auto Sales, donated \$300 to Raul Marquez (right) with Food2Kids. Pictured below left: Mike Abusaab (left), owner of the two local Sonics donated \$400 and presented it to Raul Marquez (right) from Food2Kids. The volunteers meet the first Monday and Tuesday of each month to sack more than 730 sacks of food to be distributed across the BSISD elementary campuses.

Big Spring Herald's Christmas Countdown
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Obituaries

Randy Allen Sundy



Randy Allen Sundy, 67, of Tipton, Missouri, formerly of Big Spring, passed away Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019, in Warrensburg, Missouri. Grave-side services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019 at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

He was born Dec. 9, 1951, in Big Spring. Randy served in the Unit-

ed States Army for two years and worked for the Union Pacific Railroad for over 41 years. He loved to hunt and was his own taxidermist.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Sundy; two brothers, Steve Sundy and Mark Sundy; and one sister, Rita Faulkner and husband, Gary.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Allen and Pauline Sundy; and two sisters, Sherri Gail Sundy and Linda Kay Sundy.

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

Paid Obituary

Ralph Dennis Kennedy



Ralph Dennis Kennedy, 71, of Big Spring, passed away Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019, in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, 906 S. Gregg St., Big Spring, Texas, with Pastor Eddie Prince and Pastor Mark Smithson officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019 at the funeral home at 906 S. Gregg St., Big Spring, Texas.

He was born May 19, 1948, in Decatur, Texas, to Alma and Cecil Kennedy. He married Charlene Huitt Jan. 25, 1974, in Lawton, Oklahoma.

Ralph graduated from Snyder High School in 1967 and joined the United States Army, serving three tours in Viet Nam, Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Shield. He retired July 31, 1992, as a First Sergeant. After retiring, Ralph and Charlene made their home in Big Spring. He managed Pizza Hut

for a number of years.

Ralph enjoyed traveling to state and national parks, camping, watching football and loved spending time with his grandchildren.

He was a member of Grace Fellowship Church of God. He was a Man of God and loved serving on the board of Grace Fellowship Church and strongly desires his family to serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Charlene Kennedy; six daughters, Vickie Williams, Patricia Williams, Dennise Calk and husband, Dusty, Pamela Peterson and husband, Mike, Holly Chavarria and husband, Pete, and Kristina Williams and husband, Paul Wylie; one sister, Louise Kennedy; 18 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Danny Ray Kennedy.

The family suggests memorials to the Permian Basin Honor Flight at <http://permianhonorflight.org/>, or to the Wounded Warrior Project at <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>.

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Paid Obituary

Alfredo Garza



Alfredo Garza, 64, of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019. He will lie in state from 9 a.m. until 9 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Service will begin at 4 p.m. with Elder Joe Lomas, officiating.

Alfredo was born Sept. 4, 1955, in Brownsville, Texas. Alfredo is survived by his children, Valerie Ramos (Stephen) of Midland, and Virgil Garza of Big Spring; four brothers, Romelo Garza, Adan Garza, Alex Garza and Rafael Garza; three sisters, Aurora Balli, Juanita Barton and Lupita Garza; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Aurora Guajardo Garza and Adam Garza Sr., he was preceded in death by his siblings, Amadeo Garza and Cenobio Garza.

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

Ikey Joe Morgan



Ikey Joe Morgan, 56, of Big Spring, passed away Monday. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, 2019, at Trinity Baptist Church with Scott Kirkland, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Ikey was born Nov. 19, 1963, in Beeville, Texas. Ikey is survived by his mother, Judy Mann of Big Spring; one brother, Tommy Morgan (Geneva) of Temple; two sisters, Kimberly Garrett (Keith Ince) of Port Aransas, and Serena Anderson (Gary) of Big Spring; four nieces; and four great-nieces.

Ikey was preceded in death by his father, Eddie Mann.

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

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 94 inmates at the time of this report.

• **MARY RAY EVANS**, 29, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for aggravated robbery.

• **REYNALDO GARCIA**, 73, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for indecency with a child/sexual contact.

• **CARLOS DAVID GONZALES VELEZ**, 18, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for motion to revoke-burglary of a vehicle, and unauthorized use of a vehicle.

• **JONATHAN LEE MCDONALD**, 40, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for failure to identify or intentionally giving false or fictitious information.

• **PHILLIP CHRISTOPHER RIOS**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for failure to appear-possession of a controlled

substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram).

• **DAVID HOUSTON SUMMERS**, 42, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (four to 200 grams), and a warrant for a parole violation.

• **TIMOTHY LEE THREATS**, 49, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for failure to comply with duty to register as sex offender.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Thorpe St. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of N. E. 9th St. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of W. 2nd St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Gregg St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medi-

cal Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of S. Nolan. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of S. Gregg St. One person was transported to

Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 500 block of Johnson. Fire was contained.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **NO ARRESTS** were reported by BSPD for Dec. 9, 2019

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1700 block of W. I-20.

• **BOMB THREAT** was reported in the 700 block of E. 11th Place.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1300 block of Donley St.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 700 block of E. 11th Place.

• **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported in the 5600 block of N. CR 19.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1900 block of N. Hwy 87.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1400 block of S. Runnels St.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 900 block of N.W. 2nd St.

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 325-212-860

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 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 faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• **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.

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the 'Nightingale Pledge', a modified version of the Hippocratic Oath for nurses, that she took after graduating nursing school.

"I pledged myself before God that I would practice my profession faithfully and that I would abstain from what is harmful and mischievous", Nichols said. "A baby in her mother's womb is a living, human being", Nichols continued, "The circumstances of her conception doesn't make her any less of a child, any less of a human being".

Big Spring resident and mother Candice Smalling, who also spoke at the November meeting in favor of the ordinance, brought her two daughters with her to the podium. "Five of the most important people in my life were almost not here, two of them,

one on either side of me," Smalling said. "Taking a life and deciding to stop that heart is murder."

Speaking out against the ordinance was Big Spring resident Kathy Roderick, who spent 20 years as an employee of the Federal prison system. "The Federal Law is the law," Roderick said. "Any ordinance that you do is going to be attacked by various organizations and it's going to be unconstitutional. I don't know why you would want Big Spring to be the poster child for this."

Former Big Spring resident Stephanie Vela Anderson traveled from Austin to speak out against the ordinance, saying she was there to represent women in the community who are afraid to speak up publicly about their true feelings.

"I am here because friends of mine fear retaliation for speaking out against this," Vela said. "I know there are women in this room who are too afraid to speak up for fear of upsetting their husbands."

Big Spring resident and attorney Shonda Folsom raised her own concerns to the Council regarding the legality of the law and the liabilities facing the City if the ordinance were to pass. Folsom penned a five-page letter outlining her concerns to the Council prior to Tuesday night's meeting, listing constitutional issues, potential HIPAA violations and unintended consequences as examples of why the ordinance could negatively affect the City and its residents.

After bringing the ordinance up for discussion amongst Council members, it was decided that more thought was needed before bringing the issue up for vote. Council member Raul Marquez made a motion to table the matter until the January 4, 2020, meeting, leaving some residents relieved and others frustrated.

Mark Lee Dickson, the man at the center of the ordinance proposal, said he will be back for the January meeting and will continue returning as long as it takes.

"Do we want babies murdered in Big Spring, Texas"? Dickson asked at the meeting's end. "Today, the City Council decided that they didn't have an answer for that question yet."

"We're going to continue to come back and plead with this Council to do the right thing: to hate evil, to do good, to establish justice in the City gates," Dickson said.

In other matters, the Council:
 - Approved vouchers from November 14, November 21 and December 5, totaling \$4,496,399.03
 - Awarded bid for 216 sanitation containers to Rolls-Offs USA of Drant, Oklahoma
 In new business, an ordinance failed before

the Council allowing non-city residents who own two or more businesses two seats on the Zoning and Planning Commission. Council member Jim DePauw expressed concern that passing the ordinance would appear "corrupt, because you're changing that law for one person".

Also, in new business, the Council heard and approved:

- An ordinance authorizing the issuance of general obligation refunding bonds, series 2020; establishing sale parameters and providing for the security for and payment of said bonds
- Approved a zone change from Heavy Industrial to General Residential at 919 Ohio Street
- An increase to the cable Public Education Grant (PEG) funds to replace audio and video equipment for Channel 17 - public access
- Investment report for 3rd quarter 2019
- A \$168,920 increase in funds to the 20" water line replacement by Lupe Rubio Construction Company, which still brings the project in under budget
- Engineering services by Jacob Martin, LLC for sludge removal at the water treatment plant
- Engineering services by Jacob Martin, LLC for 2020 water and sewer improvements
- Engineering services by Jacob Martin, LLC for City Hall and auditorium parking lots
- The minutes from the October 15th Big Spring Economic Development Corporation's Board of Directors Meeting

An ordinance amending Chapter 6 regarding 'Cemetery, Park and Recreation' was withdrawn due to lack of readiness for approval and will be re-presented at January's meeting.

The City Manager's report included several project updates, beginning with the Russ McEwen Family Aquatic Center. City Manager Todd Darden told the Council the contractor has promised to meet the requested deadline in order to open in time for the 2020 summer season. The Ports to Plains Segment 2 meeting was "well-attended by various communities", according to Darden, with the next meeting scheduled for February 5th in San Angelo. The old landfill has 42,000 cubic yards of space available, with a demo list to bring back to the Council with a target date of September 2021. Finally, the Big Sandy Draw Landfill Page 2, Package 2 project is in the pre-construction phase and is going well.

Mayor Shannon Thomason ended the meeting with a proclamation officially making Big Spring a Second Amendment City for the Right to Bear Arms. The Council also issued a reminder that this was the last meeting of the 2019 calendar year, with the next meeting set for January 4, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.

Weather



Today: Areas of freezing fog before 9am. Mostly sunny, with a high near 54. South wind 5 to 15 mph.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 63. West wind 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 40. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 71. West wind 10 to 15 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 43.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 67.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 40.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 66.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 37.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 53.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 28.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 54.

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

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- Consider Approval of Employment Recommendations.

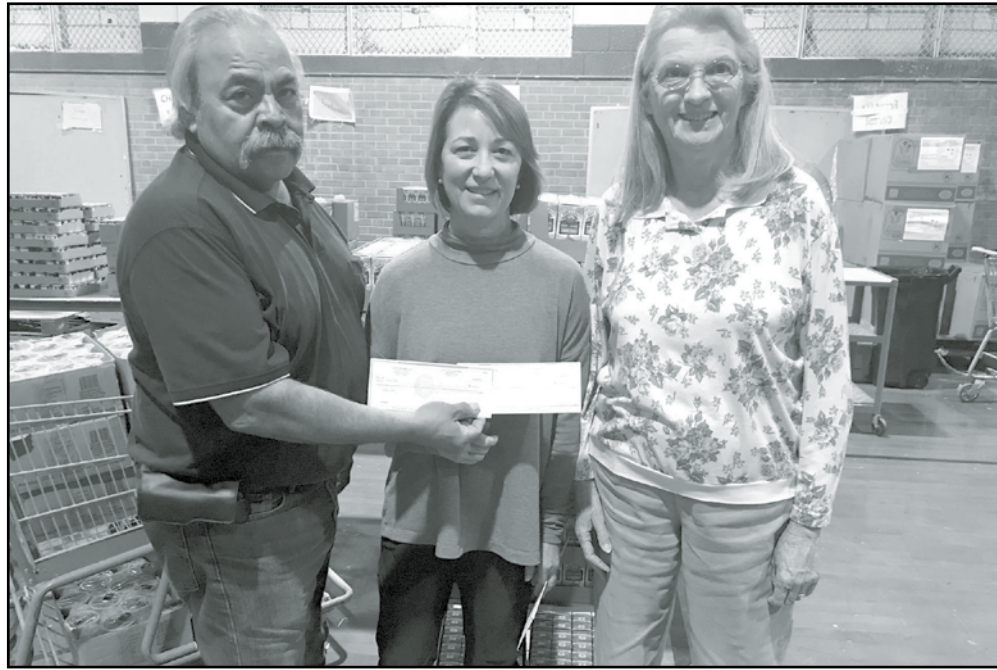
- Discussion/Approval of Personnel Issues Including: Employment, Resignations, Reassignment, Duties, Performance Problems, and

Evaluations. Possible CLOSED SESSION under Texas Government Code 551.074.

- Superintendent's Report: Resignations and Retirements, Enrollment Report, and January Board Meeting Date.

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Food2Kids receives donations



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Raul Marquez presents Pam Steel and President of Food 2 Kids Karen Carmen with the donation checks, at the Lakeview High School before one of the recent sackings. The next sacking will take place in January.

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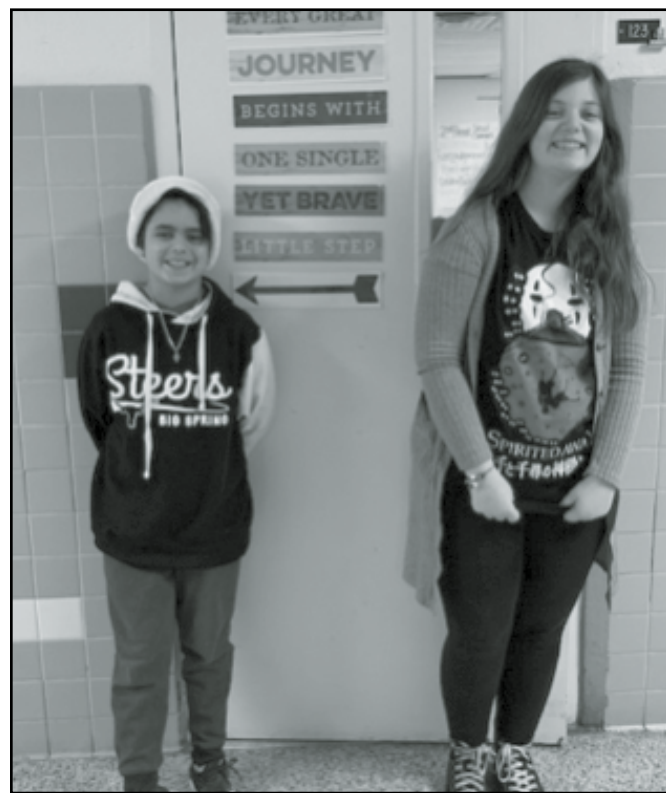
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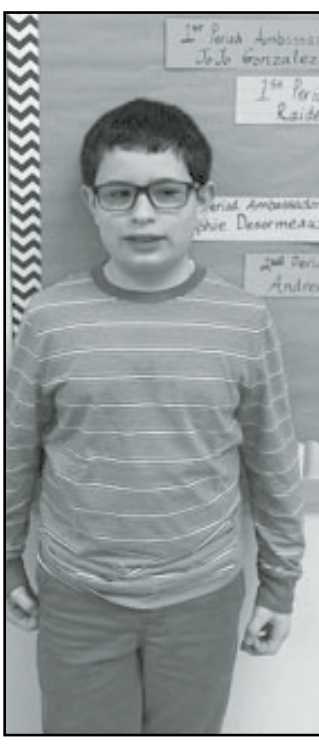
Pictured above left, left to right: Brooklyn Keeling and Savannah Carrillo; Pictured above center: Naomi Shugart and Aiden McNew. Pictured above right, left to right: Marcus Rios and Emma Yarbrough



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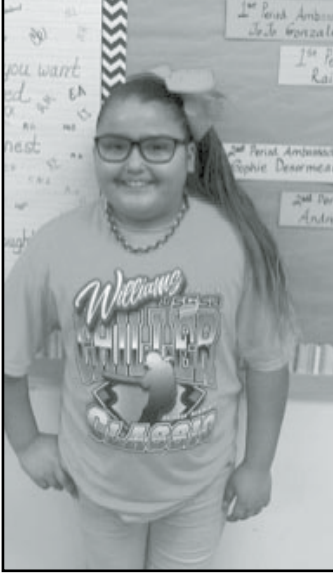
Pictured above left, from left to right: Kayla Miracle and Victoria Baeza. Pictured above right, left to right: Gavin Corley and Teagan Briggs

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Big Spring Intermediate is going strong with Capturing Kid's Hearts. Teachers are asked to choose class ambassadors and they are responsible for greeting guests at the door and inviting them to sign their Social Contracts. A social contract is a written document created by the teacher and her students based on how they want to be treated by the teacher, by each other, and as a class. The purpose of CKH is to promote positive relationships among all.



JoJo Gonzalez

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- Cosden Federal Credit Union-400 E. Marcy Dr.
- The Jewelers-1801 E. FM 700
- Big Spring Ford-500 W. 4th St.
- Southern Bell Treats and Eats-2414 Scurry
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ACLU challenges programs in Border Patrol facilities

WASHINGTON - The ACLU of Texas, the ACLU National, and the ACLU of the District of Columbia today filed a lawsuit challenging an "expedited removal" pilot program used by the federal government to hold asylum seekers in Customs and Border Protection facilities without effective access to attorneys before they are removed from the United States.

The lawsuit states that the new programs - known as Prompt Asylum Claim Review ("PACR") and the Humanitarian Asylum Review Process ("HARP") - require the detention of asylum seekers in dangerous CBP facilities known as "hieleras" (or "ice-boxes" for their freezing temperatures) with no meaningful way to obtain or consult with an attorney before their hearings. Since the PACR/HARP programs were launched in the El Paso area, over 500 asylum seekers have been sent to the hieleras and ordered back to their country of origin without access to their legally guaranteed right to access counsel. DHS has stated that it intends to expand PACR/HARP to other parts of the border.

"In flagrant disregard for our laws, the Trump administration is now forcing asylum seekers to plead their case while trapped in horrific Border Patrol

facilities purposefully designed as legal black holes where people are held without any meaningful way of getting help from a lawyer," said Andre Segura, legal director for the ACLU of Texas. "If asylum proceedings continue under the cover of darkness, countless families will be swiftly sent back into immediate danger and even death."

Previously, individuals who cross the border seeking asylum are transferred to Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention centers, where ICE is required to provide access to a telephone and the ability to meet with attorneys and other individuals to prepare for an initial asylum screening and review by an immigration judge.

Under the PACR/HARP programs, which are currently in use in the El Paso area, asylum seekers are instead sent to CBP facilities, which do not allow the necessary communication with counsel or any in-person meetings. PACR/HARP detainees are granted an approximate 30-minute window in which to attempt to contact counsel or family members by telephone. Detainees report being unable to reach any attorneys from a list provided by CBP. Because the agency does not provide a system to locate people in its custody or any means for at-

torneys or family members to reach detainees by telephone, asylum seekers go through the process without the right to access counsel for help.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of two Salvadoran families and one Mexican family who sought asylum in the U.S., were put into the program, and were ordered quickly removed back to their home countries, where they now face the threat of horrific violence. The lawsuit was also brought on behalf of Las Americas, a non-profit organization that provides legal services to immigrants detained by the federal government in the El Paso area.

"Regardless of what stage immigrants are at in their claims, they should know what their rights are, they should be well informed of the process, and advocates like us should always be available and accessible to them," said Linda Corchado, director of legal services for Las Americas. "These programs are built to deny asylum seekers these protections."

The lawsuit was filed in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and seeks an order declaring PACR/HARP illegal and blocking the removal of asylum seekers until they are granted adequate opportunity to access counsel.

No bond for suspect in officer's death; mental illness cited

HOUSTON (AP) — Attorneys for a man accused of fatally shooting a Houston officer said Monday that their client has a history of mental illness, as a judge ordered him to remain jailed without bond.

Arturo Solis, dressed in yellow jail clothing, said nothing during a short court hearing before state District Judge Danilo Lacayo. Solis is charged with capital murder in the shooting death Saturday of Sgt. Christopher Brewster.

Anthony Osso, one of Solis' court-appointed attorneys, told reporters afterward that Solis cried during the hearing. Osso described Solis as quiet and said he didn't appear to be an assertive individual.

Osso said Solis had been diagnosed as mentally ill when he was in the juvenile system, but he was still learning some of the specific details about his history with mental illness.

"We always ask that the public wait to hear all the facts in the case," Osso said. "We've lost an officer, and that's difficult for everybody. We as a society don't like to see this kind of violence occur. I think facts will come out about Mr. Solis in the future and we'll just see how it plays out."

Solis' father, Roberto Solis, told the Houston Chronicle his son showed signs of mental illness as a teenager and had armed himself recently after someone broke into his home.

John Brewer, one of the prosecutors handling the case for the Harris County District Attorney's Office, said he was not aware of any mental illnesses in Solis' history. Solis has several prior misdemeanor arrests.

Brewer said the 32-year-old officer's fatal shooting has been "devastating."

"All we can try to do is say a prayer for the family, keep them in our hearts and our minds and see that justice is done," Brewer said.

Police officials said that Brewster was shot just before 6 p.m. Saturday as he was responding to a domestic violence report.

Police received a call from a female victim who said her boyfriend was assaulting her and that he was armed with two firearms. Police didn't find the couple at the provided address, but Brewster spotted them three streets away on Houston's east side.

According to a probable cause affidavit read in court Monday, Brewster got out of his vehicle and saw the woman pointing in the direction of Solis.

"The officer, according to the defendant, had both hands up, waving to the defendant as if to say hi," Brewer said. "The officer did not have his weapon out, did not shoot at the defendant. At that time, the defendant pulled his gun and emptied his gun at or into the victim."

Solis fled on foot but was captured a short time later at a nearby elementary school. Police recovered both handguns that Solis had.

Solis apparently made several statements after his arrest inquiring about Brewster, saying "something along the lines of, 'Is he OK?'" according to the affidavit.

Solis also told police that if people had come outside when he was fleeing, "he may have chosen to shoot them as well," according to the affidavit.

Solis' next court hearing is set for Feb. 12.

The city is honoring the slain officer with blue lights shining on City Hall, the Montrose Boulevard bridges over U.S. 59 and the Lyric Opera garage through Wednesday night. Brewster's visitation is scheduled for 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Sagemont Church in southeastern Houston. Funeral is scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday at nearby Grace Church Houston.

In 2015, Solis pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor domestic violence charge for hitting his then-girlfriend. As a result, he should not have been able to own a gun for five years under Texas law, said David Kwok, an associate law professor at the University of Houston Law Center.

Osso said he will also be investigating how Solis got his guns.

During a news conference Monday, Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo called on GOP U.S. senators, including John Cornyn from Texas, to renew the Violence Against Women Act.

Efforts to pass the bill, which helps victims of domestic and sexual violence, have stalled in the Senate. That's in part due to a provision that closes the so-called "boyfriend loophole" and makes it easier to take away guns from violent offenders, even if they are not a spouse or domestic partner. The National Rifle Association has fought against the provision.

"And who killed our sergeant? A boyfriend abusing his girlfriend. So you're either here for women and children and our daughters and our sisters and our aunts or you're here for the NRA," Acevedo said.

In an email Monday, Cornyn's office blamed Democrats for not renewing the act, saying it's still fully funded.

The fatal shooting of the Houston officer was one of three killings of police officers nationwide in a two-day period.

According to the FBI, 43 police officers have been killed so far in 2019. During the same period last year, 53 officers had been killed. Another 37 officers have died in accidents, such as car crashes, so far in 2019.

Pilot killed when small cargo plane crashes in Texas

VICTORIA, Texas (AP) — One person was killed in the crash of a small cargo airplane in south Texas, authorities said.

Air traffic controllers lost radio contact with the single-engine Cessna 208 shortly after 8 p.m. Monday near Victoria, about 125 miles (200 kilometers) southwest of Houston, according to the Federal Aviation Administration. The FAA said the wreckage of the aircraft was found in a field about 4 miles (6.5 kilometers) north of Victoria.

The Texas Department of Public Safety said the pilot was killed in the crash.

Houston TV station KHOU reported that the plane had been contracted to carry UPS packages. The company said in a statement that the crash did not involve a UPS aircraft or employees and that the plane had been traveling from Victoria to Houston.

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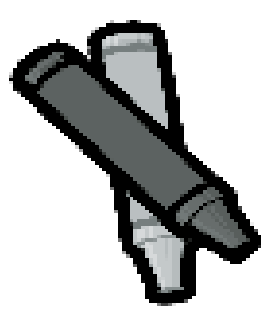
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Lady Steers fall to Merkel at home 41-30

By SHAWN MORAN
Herald Sportswriter

The Lady Steers faced off against the Merkel Lady Badgers on Tuesday night. After a strong first two quarters, Big Spring had a tough time getting the offense going in the second half and fell to Merkel by a score of 41-30.

Big Spring started off the game with a slower-paced offensive attack and were making clean, crisp passes to each other for easy baskets on the low post. Lady Steers guard Tristan Smith was the driver behind this new-look attack while racking up five assists in the contest and helping her squad jump out to a 14-13 lead at the end of the first quarter.

"We already saw them in a scrimmage and we knew what we wanted to do," Lady Steers head coach Krystle Jim said.

Merkel was able to go on a 9-0 scoring run to begin the second quarter and put the Lady Steers behind by two points heading into the break.

The second half was not as kind to the Lady Steers. Merkel made some adjustments at halftime and were able to stonewall the Big Spring offense for the final 16 minutes of game action.

Coming out of the halftime break trailing by a score of 26-24, the Lady Steers



Courtesy Photo/Tony Claxton (claxtonphotography.com)

Lady Steers senior forward Trinity Galloway blocks a shot in Big Spring's matchup with Merkel on Tuesday night.

and seems to be putting her game together as of late. Jim was impressed after 14 points and a bundle of rebounds in this tough matchup from one of her team leaders.

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went cold on the offensive end and could not seem to find the same success that they had in the first half.

"I think it's all mental," Jim said. "We've just got to get over the hump and keep pushing through at the same tempo for each quarter throughout the game. We're getting closer but we're not quite there yet."

Big Spring scored their first basket of the second half with just under four minutes remaining in the third quarter. They would not score again until there was 2:45 left in regulation.

With a total of six points scored in the second half by Big Spring, the Lady Badgers (9-2) were able to pull away late and add another win to the beginning of their impressive season.

Even though the Lady Steers seemed to have let the game get away from them, senior forward Trinity Galloway battled hard all game and used her power and size to out-battle her opponents on the boards the entire game. Galloway is the most experienced member of her team

Junior high Lady Steers go 1-3 against Sweetwater



Courtesy Photo

The Lady Steers 7th grade A team pose for a picture after their win over Sweetwater.

Special to the Herald

The 8th grade A team lost to Sweetwater 44-6. Delaney Moreno, Estrella Erenivar and Brianna Rivera all scored for the Lady Steers. Cloe Viasana rebounded well for the Lady Steers.

The 8th grade B team lost a hard-fought game against Sweetwater on the road, 26-16. Zoie Robles was our top scorer with 4 points and Emery Johnson, Lakhia Overton, Angelina Rivera, Dekaysha Parker, Natalie Martinez, and J'aila Groage all added points to the board. These girls have definitely made improvement and we are excited to see even more improvement as the season progresses.

The 7th Grade A Team fought hard and came home with a win against Sweetwater on the road 18-7. The Lady Steers shut out the Sweetwater Mustangs the entire first half. The four players of the game were CarNesha Rutledge, Niomi Wins, Chloe Deanda, and Gabriella Vasquez for their hard rushes on offense and tough defense. These girls excelled on the court and are gearing up for their home tournament this weekend.

The 7th Grade B team fought hard against Sweetwater on the road but was defeated 25-11. Our leading scorer was X'zaisha Gordon and Mia Daniels. Defensive players of the game were Kathryn Willis and Mariah Montemayor fought hard and played with heart.

The JV team will all look to regroup and play forward to their tournament matchups.

Louisville becomes latest No. 1 to lose, falls to Texas Tech

By DAN GELSTON
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Texas Tech's scruffy walk-on Avery Garden tried to crowd surf at Madison Square Garden and coach Chris Beard thrust his fist in the air at many of the same rabid fans who had told security they were going to rush the court.

The fans were held at bay after No. 1 Louisville went down -- but the dancing and water-spraying was on full blast in the Red Raiders' locker room.

Time to get rowdy? For the Red Raiders, you bet.

About the only thing wilder than the postgame party has been the upset craze at the top of the national rankings. Here's one poll position no team may want: Louisville is the latest No. 1-and-done team to lose soon after securing the top spot.

Benson sparked the Red Raiders with a pair of highlight-reel blocks, and Davide Moretti scored 18 points and hit successive 3-pointers that helped send them on their way and knock off undefeated No. 1 Louisville 70-57 on Tuesday night.

Louisville became the fourth top-ranked team to lose this season, joining Michigan State, Kentucky and Duke.

"I think it just means it's a great year for college basketball," Beard said.

It was a great night for the Red Raiders (6-3).

The Cardinals (9-1) easily played their worst game of the season, shooting an abysmal 34 % from the floor and leading scorer Jordan Nwora had only 14 points. Coach Chris Mack let loose his frustration in the Jimmy V Classic game in the final 90 seconds and was whistled for a technical.

Moretti hit a pair of free throws to seal the win and Texas Tech fans sitting behind the basket told security to "move the rope, we're running on the floor!"

There was no court storming at the Garden — but another AP No. 1 bit the dust in an upset. It's the third time an unranked team has beaten an AP No. 1 this season.

"I don't know what it speaks of, I'm more worried about losing to Texas Tech," Mack said.

The Red Raiders lost four of their top five scorers off the team that took Virginia to overtime before losing in the NCAA championship game last season. While Beard could have expected a bit of a transition season, three straight losses, including one at -- an albeit, improved and nationally ranked -- DePaul made for a rocky start. And with leading scorer Jahmi'us Ramsey (17.3 points) out for the third straight game because of a hamstring injury,

the prospect for a win at MSG seemed remote.

Then again, no team can be counted out this season against the hoops heavyweights.

Moretti buried two straight 3s midway through the second half (he missed his eight other attempts) for an 11-point lead that gave the Red Raiders the space they needed. Chris Clarke hit another 3 for Texas Tech and it went into a timeout with a seven-

point lead.

Louisville could never make a run, and Nwora was held below his 21.4 scoring average. Louisville missed 3s, layups and generally looked lethargic on offense. Down eight, guard Darius Perry was whistled for a charge in the paint and the unraveling Cards were about out of chances.

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Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl	12/21	SMU (10-2) vs. Florida Atlantic (10-3)
Camellia Bowl	12/21	Florida International (6-6) vs. Arkansas State (7-5)
Mitsubishi Motors Las Vegas Bowl	12/21	#19 Boise State (12-1) vs. Washington (7-5)
R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl	12/21	#20 Appalachian State (12-1) vs. UAB (9-4)
Bad Boy Mowers Gasparilla Bowl	12/23	UCF (9-3) vs. Marshall (8-4)
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PUBLIC COMMENT. Written public comments about this application may be submitted at any time during the public comment period. You may submit public comments either in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS. A written response to all relevant comments will be prepared by the executive director after the comment period closes. The response, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and requested to be added to the mailing list. The response to comments will be posted in the permit file for viewing.

The executive director shall approve or deny the application not later than 30 days after the end of the public comment period, considering all comments received within the comment period, and base this decision on whether the application meets the requirements of the standard permit.

CENTRAL/REGIONAL OFFICE. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office and the TCEQ Midland Regional Office, located



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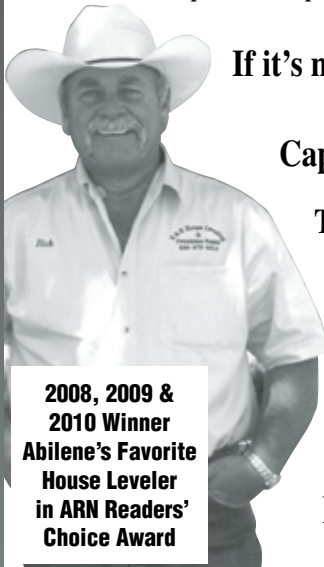
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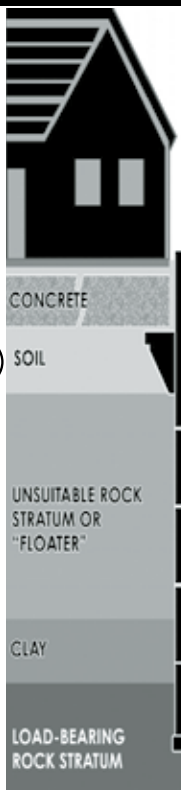
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4	6	8	5	7	2	9	1	3
1	2	3	4	9	6	7	8	5
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're afraid that if you show too much support, enthusiasm or appreciation, people will become satisfied and stop trying to impress you. Perhaps it's true. But it's more likely that they will become addicted to your attention.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You can still be an open and honest person without sharing everything with everyone. People can only handle so much. Holding back honors your individuality whilst respecting the value of their time and attention.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've developed a sense about people. You can tell when they are interacting with a version of you that they've created and when they are actually seeing you. It's knowledge that's come to you because you were ready for it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You don't have all that's necessary to accomplish what you want, but go forward anyway. You'll be surprised at the resources you'll be able to access once this train starts moving down the track.

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

take hold in an atmosphere of trust and safety.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you've ever gotten to know identical twins, you've experienced firsthand the way physicality completely changes to reflect the being inside. Any work you do on your insides will be reflected in your appearance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll get the chance to show people how you came to a conclusion, or let them know what's involved in a process you know about. You'll glean new insights in the sharing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Writing helps you internalize information. And at an even more primal level, so does drawing. It matters not a bit how good you are at either. Put this useful tool to work to make a change you've been thinking about.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 11). As always, your opinion of yourself catches on. You'll believe that you're vital to the action, and then soon find yourself right at the center, making improvements in your world. Colleagues and loved ones hold you up as inspiration. You'll work with someone you've long admired. Sweet souls come into your day to day. Cancer and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 33, 13, 28 and 16.

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Annie's Mailbox

Searching for Balance

Dear Annie: I am writing in hopes that you can provide a different and fresh perspective. I have two sons: "George," 28, and "Fred," 35. George has lived with us on and off for the past 10 years. I call him my "boomerang kid." He has finally landed a decent job, and we are giving him six more months of living with us to get his finances in order so that he can get a place of his own. The issue is Fred. We have had a strained relationship for all of his adult life. He became a drug addict in his teens and was in and out of facilities, to no avail. During his time of using, he was abusive to me, both verbally and emotionally, kicking me out of his life multiple times, causing me to miss large chunks of time with my grandchildren. I missed the entire first year of my granddaughter's life. At one point, things got so bad that we had to notify the police because I was fearful for my husband and

me. His drug use cost him his marriage, and he almost lost his children. Finally, he became clean two years ago, and I thought our relationship would improve. It did for a bit. I always attributed his behavior to drugs but have now come to realize that he is a narcissist and his behavior is toxic. He has been living with his girlfriend for the past two years; however, she recently broke up with him, and he wanted to move in with us. My husband is not the father of my sons, and our marriage has been put to the test with George bouncing in and out, so I told Fred "no." I told him this not only for the sake of our marriage but also because he had no exit plan. I had no idea how long he would be with us. He has a good job and could go for an extended period of time before he found an apartment. Plus, our house is small and it would be utter chaos with four adults, two children (several days a week) and

our three dogs. He now has cut me off completely and blocked my number. I had hoped, after going through this many times, that I would handle it better, but I am not. I have no access to the grandchildren, other than reaching out to his ex-wife and hoping she would be kind enough to allow us time. Annie, was I wrong to say no? Should I try to move on and realize it may be best not to have him in my life or should I try to reconcile, if that is an option? I am very torn and appreciate your insights. -- Looking for Peace

Dear Looking for Peace: Peace is within you. Make a decision that you will not let any outside situation take away your sense of inner peace. The real question is how to do that. For starters, don't second-guess your decision. Fred needs your emotional support, but you can only give it while protecting your personal boundaries and well-being. You made the

right choice by not allowing him, at 35 years of age, to move back in with you. This will force him to find a place of his own and keep his job. Both of those things will build Fred's self-esteem and, hopefully, help him to stay sober. It is natural that you have thought of shutting him out. He has done the same to you. But your letter shows me how important Fred is to you. Stay grounded in that, and write him an email or a letter telling him how much you love him and how grateful you are for him. Remember what Fred was like as a boy to soften your anger and hurt. It is easier to come around when what is greeting you is unconditional love. One day, hopefully, Fred will come around and thank you for forcing him to do it on his own.

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
To cover or not to cover

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 9 4 2
♥ A Q 10 6 3
♦ 7 5 2
♣ 9 3
EAST
♠ Q 8 6 5
♥ 9 7 5 2
♦ Q 9
♣ J 6 4
SOUTH
♠ A K 10
♥ J 4
♦ A 10 8 6 3
♣ A K 7
The bidding:
South West North East
1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass
3 NT
Opening lead — five of clubs.

good a rule as can be formulated. **Take this case** where West leads a club, taken by South with the king, and South returns the jack of hearts. Should West cover with the king? There can be no doubt that the answer is yes. To confirm this, let's suppose West ducks the jack. Declarer finesses and leads another heart. West is forced to play the king, and declarer collects five heart tricks and makes four notrump. Now suppose West covers the jack with the king. Let's assume declarer wins with the ace and cashes the Q-10, hoping for a 3-3 division. When this does not materialize, South scores only three heart tricks and goes down one. This is due to West's covering the jack, which promotes East's nine into a stopper. West covers because his king is valueless if he ducks, but serves a useful purpose if East has any four hearts. West can therefore gain something by covering, but he cannot lose. Note, however, that if West covers the jack, South has a countermeasure available. He simply allows West's king to hold the trick, and thus scores four heart tricks to make the contract. Declarer should not pin his hopes entirely on a 3-3 heart break, but should instead guard against a 4-2 division by conceding a trick to the king.

Tomorrow: Two for the price of one.

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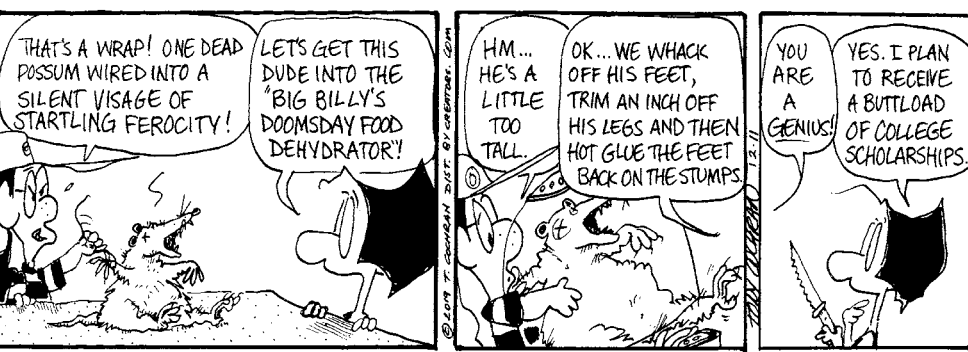


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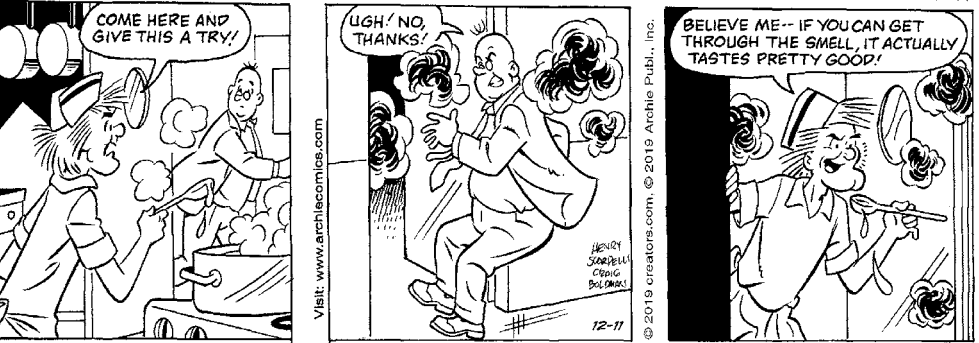
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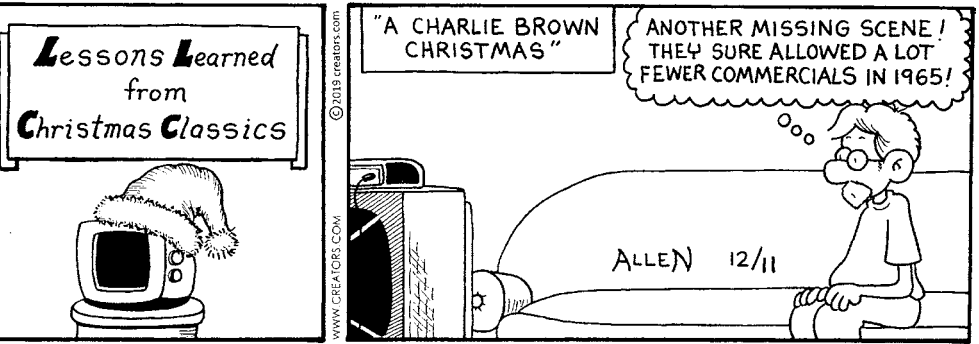
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 11, the 345th day of 2019. There are 20 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 11, 2001, in the first criminal indictment stemming from 9/11, federal prosecutors charged Zacarias Moussauoui (zak-uh-REE'-uhs moo-SOW'-ee), a French citizen of Moroccan descent, with conspiring to murder thousands in the suicide hijackings. (Moussauoui pleaded guilty to conspiracy in 2005 and was sentenced to life in prison.) On this date: In 1792, France's King Louis XVI went before the Convention to face charges of treason. (Louis was convicted and executed the following month.) In 1816, Indiana became the 19th state. In 1844, the first experimental use of an inhaled anesthetic in dentistry took place as Dr. Horace Wells of Hartford, Connecticut, under the influence of nitrous oxide, had a colleague extract one of his teeth. In 1917, British Gen. Edmund Allenby entered Jerusalem two days after his forces expelled the Ottoman Turks. In 1936, Britain's King Edward VIII abdicated the throne so he could marry American divorcee Wallis Warfield Simpson; his brother, Prince Albert, became King George VI. In 1941, Germany and Italy declared war on the United States; the U.S. responded in kind. In 1972, Apollo 17's lunar module landed on the moon with astronauts Eugene Cernan and Harrison Schmitt aboard; they became the last two men to date to step onto the lunar surface. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter signed legislation creating a \$1.6 billion environmental "superfund" to pay for cleaning up chemical spills and toxic waste dumps. "Magnum P.I.," starring Tom Selleck, premiered on CBS. In 1997, more than 150 countries agreed at a global warming conference in Kyoto, Japan, to control the Earth's greenhouse gases. In 2004, doctors in Austria said that Ukrainian presidential candidate Viktor Yushchenko had been poisoned with dioxin, which caused the severe disfigurement and partial paralysis of his face. In 2008, former Nasdaq chairman Bernie Madoff was arrested, accused of running a multibillion-dollar Ponzi scheme that destroyed thousands of people's life savings and wrecked charities. (Madoff is serving a 150-year federal prison sentence.) The remains of missing Florida toddler Caylee Anthony were found six months after she disappeared. (Her mother, Casey Anthony, was acquitted of murder in her daughter's death.) In 2017, chef Mario Batali stepped away from his restaurant empire and his cooking show "The Chew" as he conceded that reports of sexual misconduct "match up" to his behavior. Ten years ago: Tiger Woods announced on his website that he was taking an indefinite leave from golf to try to save his five-year-old marriage to Elin (EE'-lihn) Nordegren. (However, the couple ended up divorcing in Aug. 2010.) Five years ago: CIA Director John Brennan, responding to a U.S. Senate torture report, acknowledged that "abhorrent tactics" were used on terror detainees but said it was "unknown and unknowable" whether the harsh treatment yielded crucial intelligence that could have been gained in any other way. An outbreak of the mumps, a highly contagious illness more typically associated with children, continued to spread throughout the National Hockey League. One year ago: A man who had been flagged as a possible extremist sprayed gunfire near the famous Christmas market in the French city of Strasbourg, killing three people and wounding 13 others; the suspect died in a shootout with police two days later. (A fourth person wounded in the attack later died.) A Virginia jury called for a sentence of life in prison plus 419 years for the man who killed a woman when he rammed his car into counterprotesters at a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia. (James Alex Fields Jr. received that sentence in July, 2019.) Time magazine recognized journalists, including slain Saudi columnist Jamal Khashoggi (jah-MAHI' khahr-

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- ACROSS**
 1 Backtalk
 5 Read electronically
 9 More factual
 14 Enjoy doing
 15 Drink with a fizz
 16 Photocopy, for short
 17 Diva's solo
 18 German auto
 19 Steer clear of
 20 NATO, for example
 23 Trapeze artist's safety gear
 24 S&L's outdoor device
 25 Trolley bell sounds
 29 Houseplant holder
 31 Buddies
 35 Courtroom claim
 36 Madame Curie
 38 Style of jazz
 39 French or Italian
 42 Corrosive cleaner
 43 Painter's stand
 44 Choose to participate
 45 Racetrack datum
 47 Feeling gloomy
 48 Divide evenly
 49 Org. of physicians
 51 Title for some spouses
 52 Gridiron game with imaginary teams
 61 How fries are fried
 62 Female singing range
 63 Large section of a world atlas
 64 Shopping mall tenant
 65 Pay period, often

- 66 Sound of fright
 67 Walks in the woods
 68 Legendary loch
 69 Resorts with hot springs
DOWN
 1 Shredded cabbage, for short
 2 Suffice for billion
 3 Aspen equipment
 4 Airline ticket info
 5 Close calls
 6 Dracula's title
 7 Actor Alan
 8 Perform perfectly
 9 Characteristic
 10 Change completely
 11 Fully aware of
 12 Guitarist Clapton
 13 Went by horse
 21 Auto motor
 22 Language of many state mottos
 25 Monte ___, Monaco
 26 Composer Andrew ___ Webber
 27 Intended (to)
 28 Winter league covered by ESPN
 29 ___ in comparison (wasn't so good)
 30 Word-of-mouth
 32 Die down
 33 Clear thinking
 34 Paid out
 36 City near Phoenix
 37 "It's all about me" person
 40 Homes in Honduras
 41 FedEx alternative
 46 Literary ridicule
 48 Small streams
 50 Ganders and rams
 51 Specks of dust
 52 Schools that swim
 53 Prefix for virus
 54 Cozy corner
 55 Sign of sleepiness
 56 Leave in a hurry
 57 Luggage
 58 At once, in memos
 59 One of Bart Simpson's sisters
 60 Swimming pool exercises

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ALIBI	COOL	ARTY
NOWIN	ONME	FEEL
SWING	SEER	TIRED



Herald Photo/Shawn Moran

Big Spring attempts to drive the lane late in the second half of their 41-30 loss to Merkel.

LADY STEERS

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"She has definitely stepped up," Jim said. "I think for the most part, almost all of our seniors have stepped up in a big way and we're trying to get our younger ones in there. Actually, our younger players have helped push our older players."

With a team full of young players, the Lady Steers will keep progressing as a unit and will surely pick up some wins along the way that no one will see coming. Jim is proud of what she is seeing on the court so far this season but knows that her team is capable of more. The Lady Steers are in the midst of a year with many underclassmen getting varsity playing time and that valuable experience will only help in the future.

"They all have their moments of where they can contribute," Jim said. "I don't think we have a complete package just yet."

UP NEXT: The Lady Steers will play Monahans on the first day of the Stanton Tournament this Thursday afternoon at 12:00 p.m.

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Texas Tech Wins Stock Horse of Texas Collegiate World Championship

LUBBOCK-- The Texas Tech Ranch Horse Team won both the Stock Horse of Texas (SHTX) Collegiate World Championship and the SHTX Collegiate Reserve Championship at the 2019 Stock Horse of Texas Collegiate World Championships on Nov. 12 in Abilene. Texas Tech will be one of three teams representing the SHTX at the inaugural Collegiate Challenge at the Road to the Horse this February.

The Texas Tech red team outplaced North Central Texas College by 40 points, 257-217, and Texas A&M by 89.5 points, 257-167.5. The Texas Tech black team outplaced North Texas Central College by 4.5 points, 221.5-214, and Texas A&M by 54 points, 221.5-167.5.

"I am so proud of these students. They put their whole hearts into what they do," said ranch horse team coach Justin Stanton. "The work they put into this event is truly admirable. I am so proud to not only bring home the championship, but the reserve title as well. To have enough talent to pull that off gets me excited for the future. Winning these titles is so important, not only for representing the university well, but also for setting the standard for up-and-coming team members. I have no questions as to whether this team will continue to conquer bigger and better things."

Sidney Dunkel, a junior from Archer City, finished as one of the most suc-

cessful members in Texas Tech Ranch Team history. Her efforts at the SHTX scored 54.5 points, making her top collegiate non pro rider in the competition.

In the novice division, Jentry Wall from Ropesville and Sarita Short from Voss swept the division taking first and second place, respectively. The team members began their time on the team with no show experience and have advanced to the next level of competition.

Other members of the ranch horse team are:

Abi Brogger from Three Forks, Montana
Grace Blackwell from Checotah, Oklahoma
Arianne Cox from Pep, New Mexico
Tyllor Ledford from Durango, Colorado
Hannah Penny from Mount Vernon
Ben McCartney from Throckmorton
Colton Baca from Vega
Shayna Smith from Silverton
Gracen Walker from Canadian
Evan Means from Valentine
Zachary O'Neal from Guthrie
Addison Fjelstad from Lake Mills, Iowa

No. 11 Baylor holds on for a 53-52 win over No. 18 Butler

STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

WACO, Texas (AP) — Mark Vital and his Baylor teammates now get to study for final exams. They have already passed a couple big tests on the court.

Vital blocked Kamar Baldwin's potential go-ahead shot with 1.5 seconds left and No. 11 Baylor won its second game in a row over a Top 25 opponent, holding on to beat previously undefeated No. 18 Butler 53-52 on Tuesday night.

"He did exactly what I was watching (on film), and Coach Drew trusts me to guard him, because I've been studying," Vital said.

"And he's going to study like this for finals, too, by the way," Baylor coach Scott Drew then said.

The Bulldogs never led, but had the ball after Aaron Thompson rebounded Davion Mitchell's missed shot before a timeout with 7.9 seconds left. After Baldwin inbounded the ball, he got it back and drove for a layup that was swatted away and out of bounds and last touched by the shooter.

"It was kind of clear out and get the best shot available, try to go downhill," Baldwin said. "They stayed home and did a good job."

Butler (9-1) was the third team to lose for the first time, after No. 1 Louisville and No. 4 Maryland lost earlier Tuesday night. That left five undefeated Division I teams.

After MaCio Teague missed a free throw for Baylor (8-1), the Bulldogs had 0.7 seconds left. A desperation shot by Baldwin, who finished with 19 points, wasn't close — and came after the buzzer anyway.

"That was an absolute battle. Just a high-level, competitive environment," Butler coach LaVall

Jordan said. "At the beginning of the game, they out-toughed us to start the game, and we were battling up hill. Proud of guys for fighting back."

The Bulldogs also had a chance to take the lead with 41 seconds left when Baldwin was called for a charging foul drawn by Jared Butler.

"I had Christian David coming down the left side, and man, if I hit him with a bounce pass, we go up one, and then we come back and get a stop and it's ballgame," Baldwin said. "Got to make the easy play."

Teague and Devonte Bando each had 10 points for Baylor, whose coach, Scott Drew, is a 1993 Butler graduate and faced his alma mater as a head coach for the first time.

Sean McDermott had 16 points, including four 3-pointers, for the Bulldogs. But he didn't take a shot in the final 12 minute after making 6-of-8 shots.

Butler, after trailing by 16 points in the first half, also had a chance to tie the game with 3:46 left after Baldwin — whose 15-footer had just gotten the Bulldogs within a basket — rebounded a missed 3 by Baylor. But Baldwin had his potential tying shot blocked by Mark Vital, who then scored on the other end to make it 53-49.

The Bulldogs had gotten within 44-40 midway through the second half after Baldwin's third consecutive basket came in a stretch when they made seven shots in a row.

SWEET 16

Baylor built a 28-12 lead in the first half during a six-minute stretch when the Bulldogs missed eight shots in a row. That was the largest margin in the game before McDermott's 3 ended the Butler shoot-

ing drought. Baldwin's layup ended a 7-0 run that got the Bulldogs within 31-24 before Devonte Bando's 3 that gave the Bears a 34-24 halftime lead.

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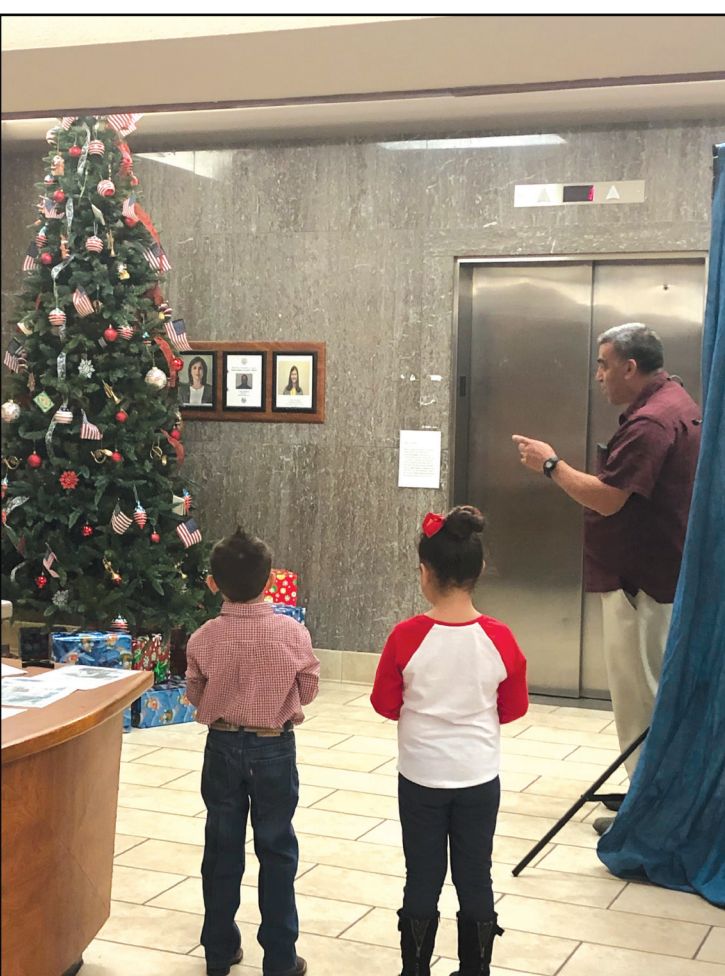
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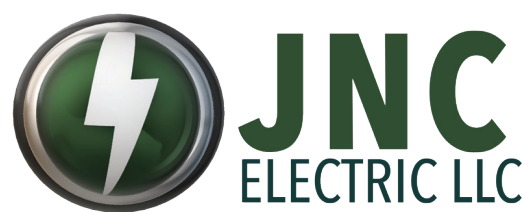
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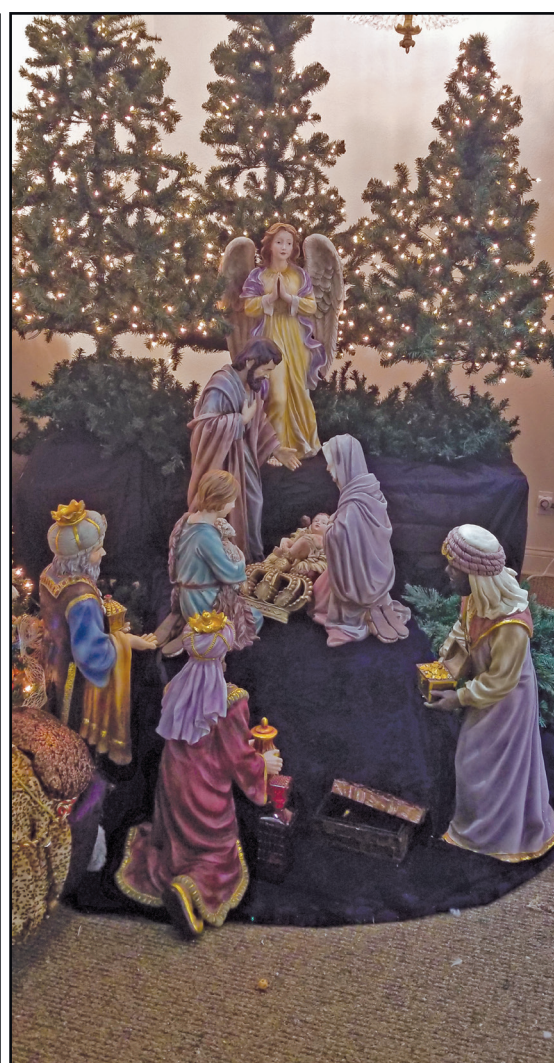
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