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Submit upcoming events, fundraisers and more with us for our Take Note section. Email editor@bigspringherald.com.

Feb. 8
Big Spring Symphony
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Festival of Lights draws in 25,000+

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

The lights have officially been turned off for the year and the 23rd Festival of Lights season has concluded, after drawing in 25,717 visitors.

"This year went very well and really, we didn't experience any major issues," Vicki Stewart, with the Comanche Trail Festival of Lights, said. "We had great support from the community and our volunteers."

Over the 17 days the lights were on, there were a total of 195 greeters signed up. Each night there were between 614 visitors passing through up to Christmas Eve night, which brought 2,510 visitors.

"I believe the Greeters are incredibly important to the

integrity of our event, each and every one of our visitors is welcomed in to the Festival with a smile and a 'Merry Christmas,' Hayley Herrera, CVB Director of Community Services and Volunteer coordinator for Festival of Lights, said. "Visitors are offered a brochure to explain about the Festival, and they help us get an accurate head count on the amount of visitors we see."

While those who traveled through the two miles of lighted trail, were able to experience Christ-



Courtesy photo
 Pictured above are a few United Way board members, along with Christian Fair's family members, who joined together to greet visitors to the Festival of Lights during the last week of the lighted display.

mas magic through the lighted displays placed by local businesses, churches and organizations, See **LIGHTS**, Page 3A

Greater Big Spring Rotary searches for local talent

Big Spring's Got Talent scheduled for Feb. 1

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

Let your talent shine!

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club is looking for talent across Big Spring and Howard County, to showcase in the first Big Spring's Got Talent competition on Feb. 1, at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

"We have so many talented people in Big Spring, from singers to comedians, to wonderfully talented photographers and painters," Hayley Herrera, Big Spring Rotary Club member said. "We want to showcase the talent that exists right here in Big Spring."

Registration is now open for all ages. Those who are under the age of 18 will need parent's permission at registration, before they can apply. The competition will be open to those not residing in Big Spring, according to Herrera.

"Not only is this an opportunity to showcase the talent we have in our community, from the ages of 5 years old all the way up to our seasoned residents, but those competing will

have an opportunity to take some prize money home," she said.

Since the talent showcase is one of the fundraisers hosted by Greater Big Spring Rotary, there is a \$25 entry fee and there will be an admission to the show, at the auditorium. Monies raised, according to the Greater Big Spring Rotary, will go towards the purchase of a new scoreboard for Memorial Stadium.

"Rotary gives back to our community and to Rotary International throughout the year in many different ways," she said. "We give bikes to local elementary students for perfect attendance, amongst other projects that will help someone or a local cause directly."

She continued, "In addition to local support, Rotary is very dedicated in the fight to End Polio Now. These fundraisers that we host throughout the year help us get one step closer to each of these goals."

After the talent showcase wraps up, the Greater Big Spring Rotary will be focusing on the next big fundraising event, Pints for Polio.

"Pints for Polio is an opportunity for the community to



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Two years of business in Downtown Big Spring

The Wardrobe celebrates their anniversary with the community

By CINDY PINCH
 Staff Writer

A virtual dream turned reality when local boutique opened two years ago. The Wardrobe turned two Saturday, Dec. 21st. The boutique celebrated its birthday with sales, goodies, and more. The store originated online as two separate stores. Owners Natasha Lasater and Britney Kalina met through the shopping events held in town. It was at a Cowboys and Heels Trade Show that the pair discussed opening a physical store and, thus, The Wardrobe was born.

"We were both online only boutiques," Lasater said. "We did a show together, we found this building, and talked about opening up."

When Lasater and Kalina opened The Wardrobe, they had built an online presence that helped them start off with



HERALD file photo
 Pictured above is the ribbon cutting celebrating the opening of The Wardrobe, two years ago. Last week, The Wardrobe celebrated their two year anniversary with a small celebration welcoming in the community to share in the fun.

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Obituaries

Nannie Faye Day



Nannie Faye Day, 84, of Forsan, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2019, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 30, 2019, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Darren Weaver, pastor of Forsan Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, 2019, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Faye was born July 30, 1935, in Granbury, Texas, to T.R. Camp and Ida Mae Williams Camp. She married D.W. "Dub" Day, Jan. 17, 1953, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death May 11, 2016.

Faye was a graduate of Forsan High School and went on to work as the Forsan School Cafeteria Manager for 34 years. She enjoyed sewing, which included making the Forsan basketball, twirling, and tennis uniforms among other sewing projects. She also loved bowling, reading, gambling, cooking, traveling, playing cards, camping, volleyball and loved the San Antonio Spurs. Christmas was her favorite time of the year, and she enjoyed mak-

ing candy and baking for many friends and businesses in the Big Spring area each year.

Survivors include her son, Dennis Lee Day and wife, Denise of Sweetwater; two daughters, Cindy Faye Loveless of Forsan, and Lisa Richardson and husband, Kary of Boerne; eight grandchildren, Amanda Blanco and husband, Pete, Chad Richardson, Melissa Wells and husband, Bret, all of San Antonio, Michael Day of Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania, Mandy Cruz and husband, Tommy of Big Spring, Scott Myshin and wife, Gena of Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania, and Justin Heffner and James Heffner, both of Sweetwater; and eight great-grandchildren; a sister, Lynda Kay Brunton and husband, Pat of Skiatook, Oklahoma; a sister-in-law, Jonell Camp of Big Spring; and special friends, Dora Lozano as well as the McMurray family.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and her brother, T.A. Camp.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Midland Hospice and Midland Memorial Hospital.

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

Paid Obituary

Juan A. Fernandez



Juan A. Fernandez, 66, of Big Spring, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2019. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m., Monday, Dec. 30, 2019, at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish.

He is survived by two brothers, Jose R. Fernandez of Boston, Mass., and Marcus M. Fernandez; and wife, Linda of Big Spring; three nieces; one nephew; and numerous great-nieces and nephews.

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

Support Groups

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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.

• 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. The next session begins Sept. 3, 2019. 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.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **MICHAEL WILSON CARL**, 36, of 1101 Marijo Ave., was arrested on a charge of theft of property (more than \$2,500 with

two or more prior convictions).

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 6600 block of N. Service Rd.

• **CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE** was reported in the 2000 block of S. Gregg St.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 7000 block of N. Service Rd, and the 200 block of W. FM 700.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 2400 block of Granada.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 inmates at the time of this report.

• **HIPOLITO BARRON LUGO**, 39, was arrested by DPS on a warrant for tampering with a government record.

• **CHRISTOPHER WREN J. BOWYER**, 25, was arrested by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated-second offense, and

possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).

• **MICHAEL WILSON CARL**, 36, was arrested by DPS on a warrant for terroristic threat of family or household member.

• **MICHAEL WILSON CARL**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property (more than \$2,500) with two or more previous convictions.

• **VICTORIA HANNABASS**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a charge public intoxication.

• **AUSTIN CLINTON JOSEY**,

19, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for public intoxication.

• **SAMANTHA BARBARA MUNOZ**, 26, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for aggravated robbery, burglary of a habitation, possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (four to 200 grams), and burglary of a building.

• **JAMES DWAYNE TURNBO**, 41, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Donley. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Robin St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of W. Hwy 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

Take Note

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

• A fund has been set up in order to assist Brent Fowlkes with medical expenses. Brent is the husband of Ashley Mar-

tin 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.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you.

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LIGHTS

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families, there were special visitors that made an appearance for a few of those nights.

"We had Santa and Mrs. Claus stop by opening night to greet the visitors coming through and then they returned for four nights, allowing time for the kids and their families to visit and take photos," Vicki Stewart said. "Santa and Mrs. Claus are one of our dedicated volunteers who return each year and offer their time up at no charge. In recognition of their support for the Festival of Lights, we do make a donation to the Big Spring State Hospital."

On any given night, visitors were able to meet Big Spring residents who enjoy investing into their community and see first hand the big heart that makes up our town. According to numbers provided by Vicki and Howard Stewart, visitors came from 40 states, eight countries and 33 different cities in Texas.

"I think the Festival (of Lights) would lack something, if we didn't have our cheerful greeters welcoming everyone into Festival of Lights," Herrera said. "Speaking from personal experience, being a greeter myself for several years ... it puts you in a better mood and in the Christmas spirit to stand out there surround by beautiful lights, and seeing the awe on kids' faces as they take in the lights."

Vicki Stewart added, "Our greeters this year had a lot of fun. You could tell they were in the holiday spirit, when they arrived with candy canes, lighted

necklaces, dressed up in Christmas attire and so much more. They brought Christmas cheer with them; there were even some that had so much fun, they didn't want to leave."

According to the information provided, the furthest visitor this year came from England. Even with the Drive Through Nativity taking place in town, the attendance this year remained steady compared to other years. The weather even held up rather nicely, for the greeters who braved the nightly tasks.

While this year has wrapped up and the lights are being packed away, it is never too early to begin planning for the 24th season of Festival of Lights.

"We already have some plans that we would like to put into place that weren't able to be completed in time for this season," Howard Stewart with the Festival of Lights said. "We would like to add a lighted drive through arch like we have on the walking trail and of course, add a few more hundred yards to the display."

Howard Stewart mentioned each year the trail grows a little bit longer, with this year adding a couple hundred yards. The goal is to get the trail extended to the edge of the park near KBYG's building. The expansion of the lights and maintenance of the trail is supported through the donations received each year.

"While this is a free event - Big Spring's gift to the community and surrounding area - the donations are very much appreciated and help ensure we are able to continue this tradition that was started by Pat Simmons," Howard Stewart said. "The goal is

to eventually move to all LED lights, which would allow for a brighter trail and make the displays more durable when moving them each year."

The Festival of Lights was the vision of Pat Simmons that was brought to fruition more than 20 years ago, but is able to continue each year through the support of the community and a dedicated group who have taken on pieces of the event to ensure the gift continues to be provided each year.

"This is not a one or two man job; honestly, it's a community project," Howard Stewart said. "Pat had the idea and through the support of so many donors, from the City of Big Spring Parks Department to Jim DePauw, Brandon Ensy, Dixie Electric and the county inmates and FCI trustees, thousands of visitors get to see one of the many reasons Big Spring is a wonderful place to be."

For those wanting to get involved for next year, there are a few key dates to go ahead and mark on the calendar; those wanting to get a Christmas card greeting added for the 2020 season, will need to contact Vicki Stewart by Nov. 1, 2020. Those wanting to Adopt a Spot will also need to contact Vicki by Nov. 15 and get on the list, to allow for time to be accounted for. Planning and volunteer registration will take place between July 2020 and November 2020. To sign up to be on the greeter list, contact Hayley Herrera around October 2020, to reserve your spot, at 432-264-2516.

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a strong customer base. Customers who had already been shopping with them through their websites, were able to come in person.

"We both had a pretty strong online following coming into this," Lasater said. "I think it made a smoother transition than just opening up a shop."

Though their schedules have become increasingly busy, the pair still make time to participate in Chamber events. They also participate in the Howard County Fair each year.

"We're there every year," Kalina said.

The Wardrobe also participates in Chamber events such as Sip 'n' Shop. It is important to both Lasater and Kalina to support their fellow boutique owners. With the Chamber and other boutiques in Big Spring, The Wardrobe will participate in collaborations that promote shopping locally.

"Instead of it being seen as competition with so many boutiques opening,"

Kalina said. "We're trying to collaborate with each other more to help each other. So you'll be seeing a lot more of that."


Lasater and Kalina have worked hard to create a welcoming atmosphere in their store. From the way the store is laid out, to the customer service, they have worked to make sure that their store is inviting.

"I just want our customers, and people in general, to feel comfortable when they walk into our store," Lasater said. "To have a happy shopping experience, whether they're here buying stuff or not, we just want them to have a good experience."

Whether you're looking for an outfit for your next girls' night out or shopping for a unique gift, The Wardrobe offers it all from women's clothing, shoes, and jewelry to children's clothing and more. The Wardrobe has played a big role in the community over the past two years, and the community can look forward to the big plans Lasater and Kalina have in store.

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Weather



Saturday: Partly sunny, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 61. West wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to 20 to 25 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Saturday Night: Clear, with a low around 35. West wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 52. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Clear, with a low around 28.

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

TALENT

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support the fight against polio and to come find out about Rotary and the greater mission that is served by its members," she said. "We are hoping that Big Spring's Got Talent will match that event."

Those wanting to sign up for the visual arts competition, will have their work displayed on the Mezzanine at the Hotel Settles from Jan. 27, 2020 - Feb. 1 and will be judged by the citizens of Big Spring.

"Whether your talent is singing, dancing, com-

edy or visual arts, we encourage you to sign up," Herrera said. "Let's join together and showcase the talent that Big Spring and Howard County holds."

To find out more information contact Herrera or any Greater Big Spring Rotary Club member. To register, contact Barney Dodd at 432-755-9529 or Hayley Herrera at hherrera@mybigspring.com or 432-264-2516.

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Take Note

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets 9669. 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.
- The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you.
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Eileen Gilbert, 82, died Thursday. Memorial service will be at 11 AM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Interment with Air Force Honors will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Monika Helene Hampton, 79, died Thursday. Services are pending.



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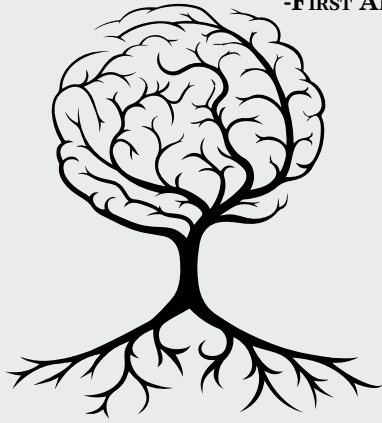
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DAILY PRAYER

*Dear Lord, may we can keep our spirits strong through Your word.
Amen*

What is it about Mason?

Mason is a hill country town of 2,500 residents with a courthouse square that's hard to maneuver. It has an extremely dense population of characters. Perhaps that's what makes the town so interesting. You can hardly go there without having some type of unique experience. One of my favorite eating-places is Crockett Keller's Guns and Grub restaurant on the square near the Odeon Theater. One side of his building is the restaurant. The other half is his gun store. Crockett has some of the best seafood I've ever eaten. That's right. Seafood in Mason. Crockett spends 3 days getting his oysters ready.

I spoke at the library in Mason recently and did a couple of interviews while I was in town. One was with Ethan West a barber (Square Head Barbershop) who walked the 2,200-mile Appalachian Trail. Another was with Tony Plutino a river guide who knows about the best places

in Texas to go canoeing. I also interviewed Jan Appleby who heads up the group restoring the elegant Seaquist House, one of the first mansions in the hill country. It was built in the 1880s and has 22 rooms and 15 fireplaces.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

One of my early radio programs featured Mason County resident Fred Gipson, the author of OLD YELLER. That set a pretty high standard for future interviews in Mason.

Mason is known as the gem of the hill country, maybe because topaz is found in the area. It also has an increasing number of people interested in making wine. The bat cave just out of town attracts visitors and scientists who study the nighttime scavengers. Fort Mason has created interest among people who research pioneer days. The city is a welcoming community and has many transplants from Austin and other places. They quickly assimilate and find things to do, working with the library, museum,

chamber or other organizations.

The list of characters I've interviewed in or near Mason includes Bill O'Banion who hit a golf ball 30 miles from Mason to another nearby town (took him several strokes). Bill Worrell the famous sculptor lives on the Llano River south of Mason. So does Laura Lewis, an artist who does murals in office buildings for Fortune 500 companies. Tommy Splitgarber is a Hollywood movie actor. Spider Johnson is a saw player. Gene Zesch is well known for his woodcarvings. Tom Hadley set high standards as a professional rodeo announcer. Raye Carrington taught fly-fishing to hundreds of people.

I've done reports on Mason's courthouse clock, the Odeon Theater (where the world premiere of OLD YELLER took place), the city's high number of tennis players, its historic homes, knife makers, storeowners, photographers, entertainers, historians, storytellers, cowboys and hunters. I interviewed one man long ago who took his pet llama for a walk around the courthouse square every evening. It just seemed like the normal thing to do. One man had a pet crow. You can be yourself in Mason.



Upon further review ...

Upon recollection of 2019, what are considered "top-of-the-heap" memories depend on who is doing the recollecting.

This has to be one of the most brain-scrambling beginnings ever unleashed during 17 years of column-writing.

Completing what I thought to be an "okay" discourse to a convention audience long ago, I experienced a "bubble-bursting." The "flat-as-a-pancake" deflation reduced me to a small size, maybe even "extra small." An overheard whisper bears repeating, its admonition worth remembering: "He's a guy with hundreds of well-chosen words, interspersed with thousands that aren't."

This may be a "cheesy" way to look back, particularly when the intent is to extract some dignity or delight from our weary world in all of 2019. Dignity was thrown asunder, and not much was funny.

Dallas Morning News writer Cheryl Hall helped with her recent piece. It recounted the lives of three Texans who took their leave in 2019. She described Herb Kelleher, T. Boone Pickens and Ross Perot, Sr. thusly: "the likes of which we'll never see again."

She emphasized "self-made," revealing examples about how these men of genius could quickly change cloaks of dignity and delight as casually as Mr. Rogers laced up his tennis shoes.

They were great storytellers, Hall claimed, "using earthy hu-

mor to make profound points."

She hit a home run describing the men's "fashion statements." She said Kelleher was "open collars, blue blazers and Aloha shirts, when he wasn't Elvis or a Harley biker." She depicted Perot as "dark suits, starched white shirts, ties and an American flag lapel pin," and Pickens as "bright Oklahoma State orange and running shoes."

She called all three "underdogs who turned self-made wealth into community property." Her account-in the Dec. 15 business section of the DMN-is worthy of framing. It's a trove of well-chosen words, with nary an ill-chosen word in the mix..

I never met these lauded men, but marvel both at what they accomplished and what they gave away. Obviously, they took seriously the late Dr. Billy Graham's observation that he never saw a hearse arriving at a cemetery pulling a U-Haul trailer.

Filed away, though, I do have a personal note from Kelleher.

Folks who knew him strongly believe that "the man" indeed scrawled the note, and maybe even licked the stamp.

The experience was recounted in my first book, but since it was read mostly by immediate family and a few close friends who claimed they did, it is "dredged up" for this year-end piece.

Only later in life did I feel comfortable enough to take off my shoes while seated on airplanes. For years, I'd been quietly impressed by bold fellow passengers

who reduced footwear to socks.

Exiting the lavatory in my stocking feet, I was belittled by a flight attendant. "You mean you went in there shoeless?"

I responded, "I've seen Herb Kelleher do the same thing," not knowing, of course, if he ever entered his planes' general service lavatories, or had private ones.

"Well, he's the only other person on the planet I can imagine doing such a thing," she retorted.

At trip's end, I felt the humorous moment worthy of sharing in a note to Kelleher.

Here's his handwritten response, "Your recent letter 'made' my day. Welcome to the 'shoeless lavatory club'....we are a rare breed."

This note is tucked away, right next to one from another hero, the late Erma Bombeck, who was apologetic for a delayed response that I never expected anyway. It reads:

"Thank you for your letter. I am sorry for delay in answering. I'm further behind with my correspondence than I am with the laundry."

The trio's deaths this year-and Erma's two-dozen years ago-bring to mind prominent lives marked not by what they had, but what they gave away. We all can choose "selective memories."

Let's strive hardest, with "20-20" vision, to keep sharp eyes out for whatever warms our hearts or makes us smile.

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Medicine for the Soul

Every Day

As I was sitting on my couch enjoying the day of thanksgiving enjoying my family here in Texas and in New Mexico, I thought about the endless sky.

I thought about this beautiful Earth given to us to take care of by the greatest artist of all time. Every day like Thanksgiving or Christmas whether I have spent it alone (and I have many times) or with family and friends, I look at this fantastic journey we call life, and I am grateful.



Joseph Chavez

My mother used to tell me every day to be grateful for everything and for every day that I have in life because it could only take a second, a moment, and it can be gone like a dream like a memory.

That is why Thanksgiving and Christmas, and even my birthday, are important to me because some people can only live for a few seconds and some live for many years.

I have learned that we are a blink of an eye from being awake and a blink of an eye from passing on. I am grateful for every breath that my body takes. I take time to treat my body,

and my spirit the way it deserves to be treated.

I am thankful for every person that has come into my life past, present, and future. I am grateful for every parent that has walked into my clinic entrusting me with their child, and it means the world to me and it is like living a fantastic dream. I am grateful of every dream because without dreams we reach nothing, we cannot touch the stars, and without love we feel nothing only bitterness and loneliness, and without God we are nothing.

Mr. Rogers said that to love someone is to accept that person exactly the way he or she is right here an now. In closing, I know that this is brief but I say to you to make every day a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy Birthday just be grateful for what you have in life even if it seems like nothing.

Be grateful for the amazing body that works and deserves to live every day to live to it's potential so you should too.

Remember, life is short, so when you are taught to feel negative, bitter thoughts just break the rules, forgive quickly, kiss slowly, love truly, laugh uncontrollably and often, and never regret anyone or anything that has made you smile.

Cindy's Bookshelf

Catching a global community, Pokemon Go players celebrate 3 years

Three years ago, a new phenomena swept the globe: Pokemon Go. For months, rumors of the mobile game's existence circulated through gaming forums and YouTube channels. No one could have predicted the effect it would have on the entire planet.

Since it's release, Pokemon Go has created a massive global following. The game is available to play in over 120 countries. A unique feature of the game is region exclusives. These are Pokemon that can only be caught in a certain part of the world. Each continent has it's own. For North America, the region exclusive Pokemon is Tauros. While the collection aspect of the game encourage players to continue the quest of catching each unique type of Pokemon, there is a lot more to the game.



Cindy Pinch

When the game developers at Niantic created the game, they had a purpose behind it. Their purpose? To unite players from all over the world to form one global community. To get people out of their homes and into the real world using a technology that has often been accused of dividing us.

However, Pokemon Go was not their first game, nor is it their last. Originally, Niantic released a game called Ingress. Ingress encouraged people to seek historical sites in their communities and had many of the same basic game play of Pokemon Go, with the exception of catching Pokemon. Since releasing Pokemon Go in 2016, Niantic has released a Harry Potter version.

What is a Pokemon? The creatures are called monsters in the series, though most are more akin to animals. Currently, there are 18 different types. At the beginning of each new game, players are given the choice between a fire, water, or grass type Pokemon; making these types the most popular. The Pokemon company was founded in April of 1998 by Tsunekazu Ishihara. Although the world of Pokemon was initially released as a set of mirrored games called Red and Green in 1996. The games were released for the Gameboy and created such a large interest that Pokemon has evolved into more than just a gaming franchise. There are manga, anime, collectible items, and trading cards.

Pokemon Go took the world by storm when it was released. Those who had followed the story of Pokemon from their childhood were among the first to play the game. A huge part in the success of the game is through vloggers. A few of the most recognizable vloggers who report on all things Pokemon Go are Trainer Tips, Reversal, BrandonTan91, and PkmmMasterHolly. These YouTubers created channels that report on updates to the game and unique tips and tricks to play the game better. Nick Oyzon, the creator of the Trainer Tips channel on

YouTube, adds another element to his videos. He travels around the world to attend Pokemon events in other countries and further proves just how global Pokemon Go has become. He has attended several Safari Zone events in Europe and Tawiwan; and GoFest that takes place annually in Chicago. He has also visited several countries to meet with players and showcase the cultures he experienced.

The best part about Pokemon Go is that you don't have to leave Big Spring to play. Big Spring has its very own Pokemon Go group that plays together nearly every day. After the launch of the game, players in Big Spring met while playing the game and formed a Facebook page and messaging group through Facebook and Discord. While the individual players in the game have shifted over time, the group generally consists of between 30 and 60 active players.

A year ago, Pokemon Go introduced a new feature to the game: PVP or player versus player. This addition to the game allows players to battle their Pokemon against each other and has even spawned a global tournament hosted by the Silph Road. The Silph Road is a website that provides information on the game as well as offering the tools and ranking system for tournaments.

"They have been information conveyors, compiling information and data for the game." Robert Forno, an organizer of Big Spring Tournaments. "New players coming in...they're not learning everything from square one."

The first Big Spring tournament was held last winter at T.J.'s Steakhouse and had only ten people. Tournaments have been held at the Dora Roberts Center, Comanche Trail park, and Dobby's Magic. The average turn out for a tournament is between 10 and 20 people.

"The most we've ever had at one point was 30." Forno said.

The tournaments are held in seasons just like any sport or eSport. The current season began in October, but it's not too late to compete. The next tournament will be held Sunday, Jan. 5th at 3 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Center. To participate in a tournament, players need to create an account with thesilphroad.com and use that to find local tournaments on silph.gg.

During a tournament, players select six Pokemon that fall under the restrictions placed by the Silph Road. These restrictions are usually based on a Pokemon's type. Players are matched up and compete in Swiss-system style - which means that not every player will compete against each other. At the end of the tournament, players are ranked based on their number of wins and losses. Before the end of the previous season, there were a series of regional tournaments that ultimately narrowed down one overall champion. Pokemon Go player PogoKieng, who plays on Team Instinct, was named the World Champion in August of 2019.

Locally, the Big Spring Pokemon Go group competes against other players from Big Spring, as well as groups from Lubbock, San Angelo, Odessa, Abilene, and even Hobbs, New Mexico. The best part about Pokemon Go and the tournaments? It is completely free to play.

"You could play and never spend a dime, and still get anything that anybody else has." Forno said. "The coins typically make the game a little easier... you can keep it free if you want to."

Niantic holds other events for Pokemon go such as Community Day and Raid Day. Community Day features a specific Pokemon and increases the spawn rate in the world. There is an increased chance to catch a shiny version of the featured Pokemon, and evolving the Pokemon during the event offers the chance for a special move set that won't be available otherwise. Raid Days also feature a specific Pokemon, however instead of spawning in the world, these Pokemon appear in gyms and require a combined effort of multiple players.

"They're not something you could do by yourself. The Raid Day is typically to fight the feature raid boss and try to get as many done as you can." Forno said. "Community Day was started to get everyone out and come together as a community to play the game."

Big Spring's Pokemon Go community is constantly shifting due to busy work schedules and people moving to and from Big Spring; but the hope for the future of the community is to be more involved in the bigger community of Big Spring.

"There's opportunities for the Pokemon Go community to help our surrounding community and to help our town." Forno said.

There are many ways to play the game, whether solo or with other players. Forno offered advice for those who are interested in the game.

"Start the game. Download it and get out there and play. Anybody can play." He said.

Forno also addressed the community to let them know that players are not up to mischief, they're simply enjoying the game.

All Pokemon Go players are encouraged to play safely and to be aware of their surroundings both by fellow players and Niantic upon launching the game. Niantic has included a safety feature that prevents play when gamers are traveling at a certain speed. The developers also encourage players to avoid trespassing and putting themselves in dangerous situations while playing the game. Most of the stops and gyms are historical sites or in parks, increasing the safety of the game.

"It is fun to play by yourself," Forno said. "But playing with others, the whole teamwork aspect, really makes you come together."

Big Spring can look forward to further involvement from the Pokemon Go community. Those interested in joining the community, whether they are existing players or new, are encouraged to visit the group's Facebook page: Pokemon Go Big Spring Texas (Official).

Parkview hosted 2019 Chili Cookoff



Courtesy photo

Parkview Nursing and Rehab Center hosted the 2019 Chili Cookoff during the Christmas holiday. Pictured above are those who competed in the Chili Cookoff this year (from left to right): Lori Massingill, Laurie Martinez, Mari Mahurin and Bryan Kligora. The winner of the competition was Pattie Blankeney. Pictured right: Winner Pattie Blankeney holds her trophy.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thoughts on Congressional Leadership

Dear Editor:

I am only a High School Grad (B.S.) with a little Junior College (Howard) but I agree with Tom Steyer. I believe in term limits on Congressional seats. If the Presidency is limited to two terms, why should Congress be any different? Fresh minds/thinkers would not hurt us! Neither primary party, nor does industry or the wealthy, need to be in control of this mighty and powerful country!

Also, I believe that military service should be a prerequisite to all U.S. political seats! How can anyone direct the service persons if they haven't experienced it themselves? Even George Washington was a military man.

Where is it written in law that a person needs a college degree in order to serve in any political office? Certainly not in the Constitution! It is my belief that average voter has no more than a high school or GED education. There is too much power wielded in the country by industry and wealth. In fact, there should be a non-wealth or industrial funding law for all political offices. Minds better than mine need to figure how to pay for election funding and a limit be placed on each and every candidate!

Why not use a portion of our taxes to do this instead of raising Congressional pay? There needs to be a limit to that, also!

Benjamin L. Dixon
Big Spring

Coahoma Bulldogs half-of-season recap



Courtesy Photos

Pictured above left: Forward Zack Schneider drives in towards the basket with a defender right on him attempting to stop his momentum. Pictured above right: Guard Tony Hagins goes for the steal in the first game of the season against Grady.

By SHAWN MORAN
Herald Sportswriter

The Coahoma Bulldogs (1-6) are a team searching for their identity as their season has gotten off to a slower start than they would have hoped. After averaging just short of 50 points-per-game last season, the Bulldogs are struggling to find the net and are averaging only 39.3 points-per-game through their first seven games. Coahoma head coach Joe Mireles has been testing out different offensive and defensive philosophies to detect what will work best with the athletes that he possesses on his team.

"We're still searching for the defense that best fits these guys," Mireles said following the home loss to Monahans. "Right now, we're running different kinds of defenses, different lineups, and we still have to find the one that is going to fit us."

After getting a late start on the season because of the football team making it all the way to the second round of the playoffs, the Bulldogs are a team looking to mesh and improve quickly as the tougher part of their schedule approaches. Forward Zack Schneider at times looks like he is the best player on the court and can completely take over the game, but also at times is too reckless with the ball down-low. Limiting turnovers and continuing to improve on their high-pressure defense will serve the Bulldogs well and could lead them to a run in the postseason. For now, we have Coahoma's first seven games to dissect and we can see what was running through Mireles' mind following some of his team's early-season battles.

Let us take a look back at the Bulldogs' first half-of-the-season:

Game One: vs. Grady (L, 47-54)
"I was proud of them," Mireles said. "It's different getting into basketball-shape than it is getting into football-shape. Overall, I was proud of them and they did well."

Game Two: vs. Ozona (L, 46-56)
The Bulldogs lost both of their first two games by less than 10 points to start out the season at home and looked to pick it up on the road.

Game Three: @ Reagan County (W, 56-35)
The only win for the Bulldogs so far this season, the Bulldogs will have a chance to grab a second win against the Owls this weekend.

Game Four: vs. Dumas (L, 35-85)
Pinky Jones Hooptown Classic
"We just need to learn from the mistakes that we made," Mireles said. "That's what tournaments are for. Just to learn where your weaknesses are at and improve on them."

Game Five: vs. Colorado (L, 27-44)
Pinky Jones Hooptown Classic
"We just need to get back to the drawing board," Mireles said. "More and more reps and more experience is what we need to get."

Game Six: vs. Wink (L, 35-39)
Pinky Jones Hooptown Classic
Coahoma finished up the tournament with a 0-3 record (not including a 62-25 win over Stanton JV) after their loss to Wink.

Game Seven: vs. Monahans (L, 29-62)
"We have three guys with varsity experience," Mireles said. "Everyone else on our team is just coming up and they haven't seen the speed and are getting used to it."

Games 8-10: vs. Marfa, Reagan County, McCamey
Reagan County Tournament

Coahoma Bulldogettes first half-of-season recap

By SHAWN MORAN
Herald Sportswriter

The Coahoma Bulldogettes (13-3) are sitting pretty with an impressive record and showing of balance on the court to begin the season. In a tough district with a handful of worthy challengers for the crown, the Bulldogettes have kept themselves in the mix as the season has gone along. Coahoma currently has three winning streaks of at least three games and have been aggressive on both sides of the ball. Following each loss, the Bulldogettes have succeeded in not losing their energy or drive. Heading into the holiday break, the Bulldogettes pulled off a big win over visiting district opponent Clyde. Coahoma is taking part in the Mary Tatum Tournament this weekend and will be looking to knock off the rust from their week off. Bulldogettes head coach Jim Kinnear has put together a roster that fights until the final whistle each and every game and do a tremendous job at outworking their opponents in between the lines.

Following their disappointing 4-23 record last season, the Bulldogettes have turned the page to this season and are appearing as a real threat in District 5 and possibly as a contender in the entire 3A division.

Let us take a look back on the Bulldogettes' first dozen games:



Courtesy Photo

Caitlyn Corley, No. 11, sends a shot to the net through two Merkel defenders during the Coahoma/Merkel district game held on Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2019.

Game One: vs. Andrews (W, 47-46)

Game Two: @ McCamey (W, 51-22)

Game Three: @ Post (W, 50-32)

Game Four: vs. Forsan (W, 42-40)

Game Five: @ Grady (L, 36-51)

Game Six: vs. Monahans (W, 52-28)
O.W. Follis Tournament (Lamesa)

Game Seven: @ Lamesa (W, 53-25)
O.W. Follis Tournament (Lamesa)

Game Eight: vs. Dumas (W, 49-31)
O.W. Follis Tournament (Lamesa)

Game Nine: vs. Brownfield (L, 43-96)
O.W. Follis Tournament (Lamesa)

Game 10: @ Reagan County (W, 52-31)

Game 11: vs. Presidio (W, 54-38)
El Ave Shootout (Crane)

Game 12: vs. Fort Stockton (W, 49-39)
El Ave Shootout (Crane)

Game 13: vs. Rankin (W, 78-66)
El Ave Shootout (Crane)

Game 14: vs. Crane (W, 65-40)
El Ave Shootout (Crane)

Game 15: @ Merkel (L, 34-65)

Game 16: vs. Clyde (W, 62-47)

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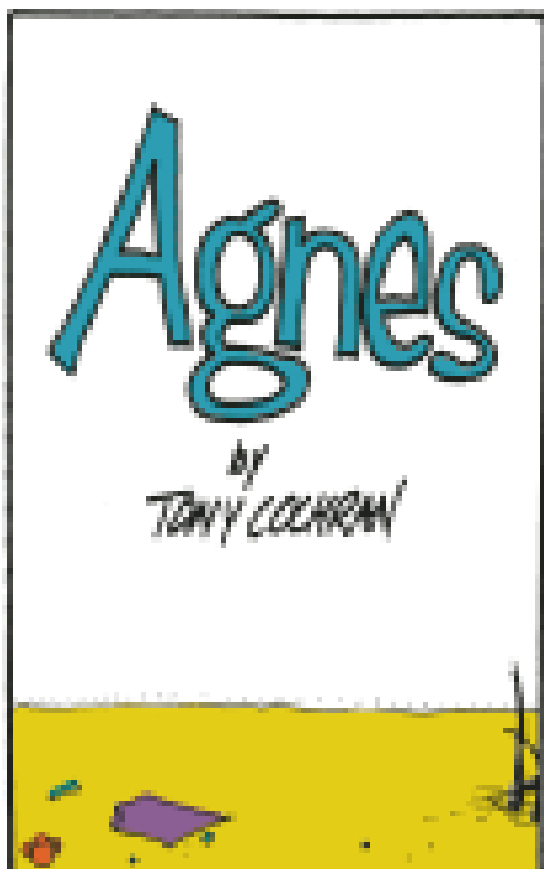
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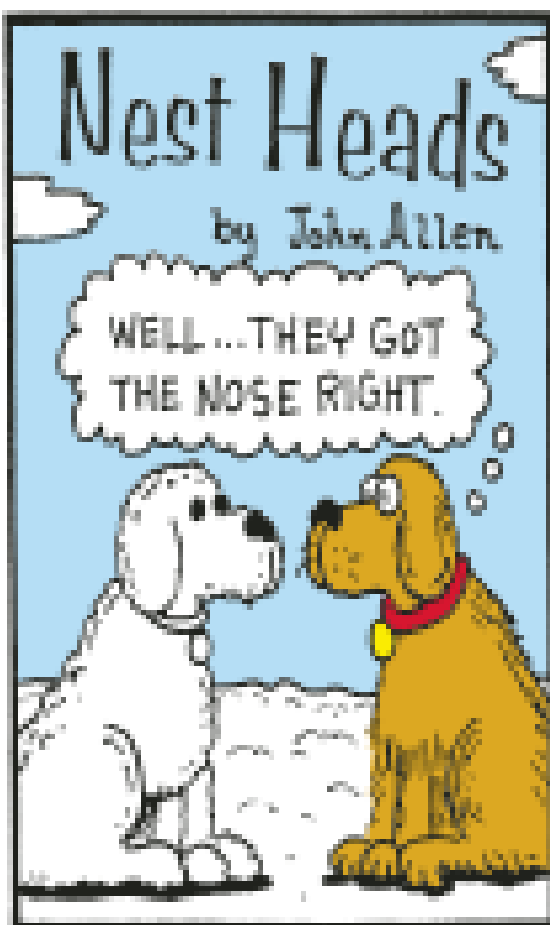
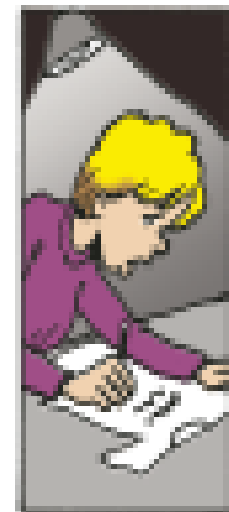
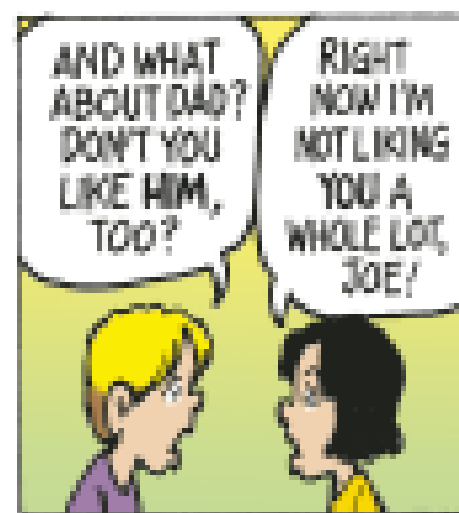
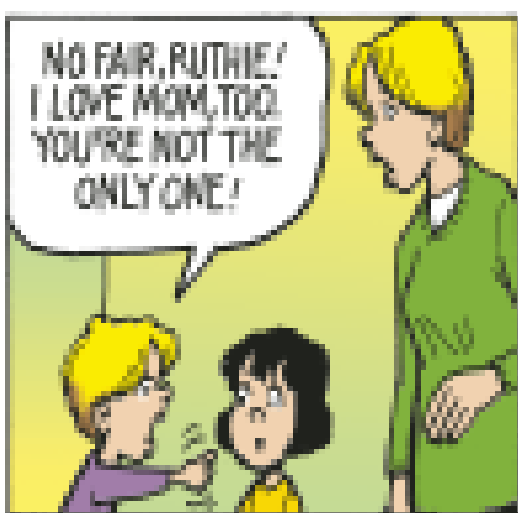
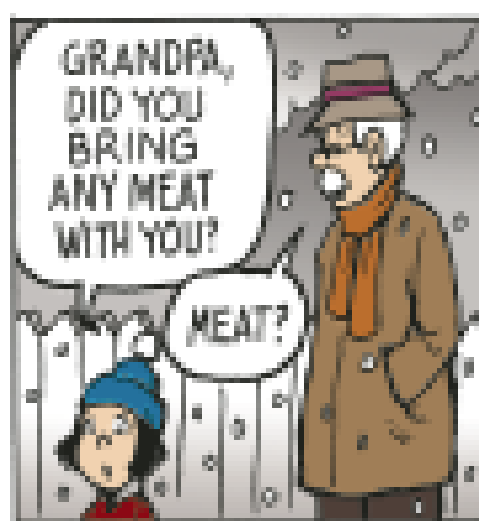
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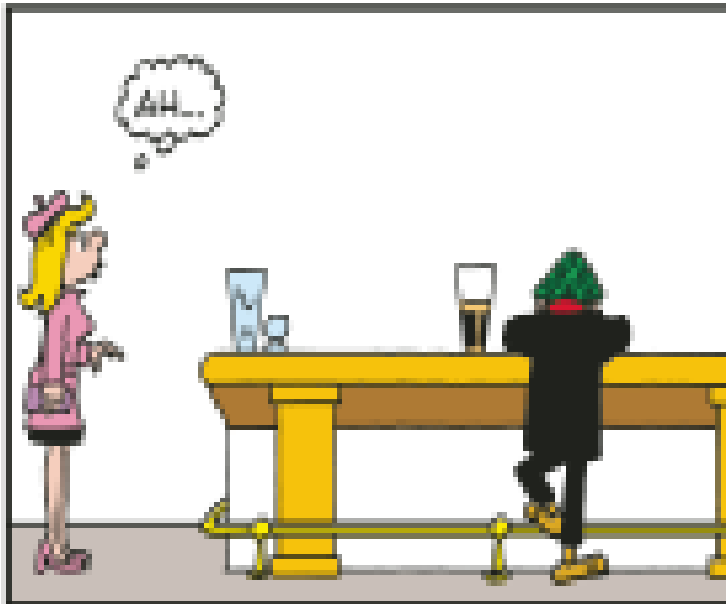
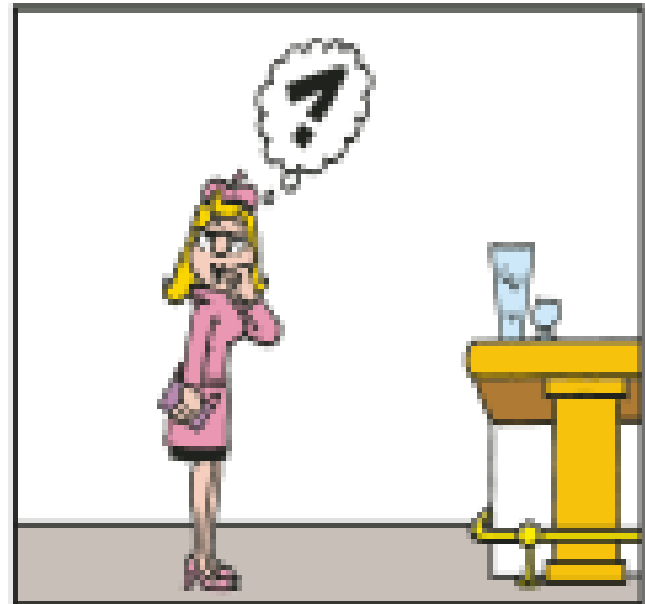
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California jails use kinder approach to solitary confinement

By **DON THOMPSON**

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — An inmate in solitary confinement at a California jail was refusing to leave his cell. The jailers' usual response: Send an "extraction team" of corrections officers to burst into the cell and drag him out.

But not in Contra Costa County, one of three in the state using a kinder, gentler approach in response to inmate lawsuits, a policy change that experts say could be a national model for reducing the use of isolation cells.

So the inmate was asked: "What if we gave you a couple extra cookies and another sandwich? Would you move?" recalled Don Specter, the nonprofit Prison Law Office director who negotiated the new policies. "He said yes. ... They were like, 'Wow.'"

More than a quarter of U.S. states and numerous smaller jurisdictions are looking for ways to reduce the use of solitary confinement, according to the Vera Institute of Justice, which encourages alternatives to a practice behavioral experts say is dehumanizing and can worsen mental illness.

The new policies in California came after Specter's firm sued seven of California's 58 counties, alleging that conditions had grown inhumane as jails absorbed inmates who previously would have served their sentences in state prisons. The state in 2011 began sending less serious offenders to local jails for years at a time to ease crowding in state penitentiaries.

Some jurisdictions nationwide are banning isolation for young offenders, pregnant women or those with mental health diagnoses. The California counties' approach of generally limiting it to those who engage in continued violent behavior has dramatically reduced the number of inmates in isolation and the length of time they stay there.

Contra Costa started 2019 with about 100 people in solitary, most for more than a year. It had just three in isolation cells by December, after officials began using the new approach.

Sacramento County also is following the policy pioneered by Santa Clara County, while Fresno County is considering it. Among other things, it encourages the use of low-cost incentives to reward good behavior, like the opportunity to listen to the radio, watch a movie or get an extra snack.

Sacramento County has cut its isolated population roughly in half, to about 60 inmates, said

Lt. Alex McCamy: "It's a limited time frame and a limited group, but the initial impression is positive."

Rick Raemisch, who restricted the use of solitary confinement when he headed Colorado's prison system, said the violent, tense, dirty conditions in Santa Clara County's jail improved markedly with the new policy.

"Think of yourself being in a cell the size of a parking space for 23 hours a day," said Raemisch, who consulted with county officials. "At a minimum you're going to get angry, and when you get angry you're going to fight back."

Inmates nationwide are most often segregated for nonviolent "nuisance infractions" like smoking, cursing, disobeying orders or having unauthorized items from the commissary, said the Vera Institute's Sara Sullivan.

Santa Clara County once locked a woman in solitary confinement for 2 1/2 years for talking back to correctional officers or yelling and banging on her cell door with other detainees, according to Specter's lawsuit.

The California counties' new policy of restricting its use to continued violent behavior could be seen as a national pilot program, Sullivan said.

New Jersey's Middlesex County Adult Correction Center has lowered the number of isolated inmates and the time they spend there, she said, but with a different approach that lets inmates out of their cells more frequently.

The Hampden County Correctional Center in Massachusetts increased its use of alternative sanctions and positive reinforcement. And Cook County, Illinois, no longer keeps troublesome inmates in isolation, allowing them to regularly spend time with about a half-dozen other inmates.

"There's been a decades-long effort to reform solitary, especially in prisons. But what we haven't seen is a paired reform effort for jails," said Amy Fettig, director of the American Civil Liberty Union's Stop Solitary campaign. "In Santa Clara what we're seeing is an attempt to reform the whole process."

Long-term isolation can be so debilitating, Fettig said, that she's had clients cut themselves "just to feel something because they've become numb."

Santa Clara County, home to San Jose and Silicon Valley, once had 400 inmates in solitary confinement. Specter's client in Santa Clara County had been in solitary confinement for nearly five years.

By last fall there were about 40 inmates confined to isolation cells for an average of about two months, and just 26 by December.

Santa Clara County Sheriff Laurie Smith said she and many deputies were initially skeptical.

"It has surprised me, and I think it's very, very good for our inmates," she said. "I think what we're doing is correct, and I think it's working."

Smith said she remains concerned that assaults on staff are up. She said the increase is logical, however, since inmates locked in their cells virtually around the clock have little opportunity to assault anyone.

Sgt. Todd Kendrick, president of the county's correctional officers association, attributed the increase to other less restrictive jail policies as well as the easing of solitary confinement. He and Smith both called for increased staffing.

Smith said the county fell into a pattern of protectively isolating inmates to separate purported gang members and those charged with murder and to safeguard jailhouse informants or sex offenders for fear they would be harmed. Officials sought to improve after several major incidents, including deaths in custody.

Like most jails, three-quarters or more of inmates had not been convicted of a crime and yet spent months and sometimes years awaiting trial in isolation. Under the new policy, "it's really our philosophy to use that when it's absolutely necessary, when there's extraordinary risk," Smith said.

Jail employees work to get inmates out of segregation as quickly as possible, often using a system in which inmates agree, in writing, not to assault each other.

One inmate refused for 1 1/2 years to leave solitary because he had testified against other gang members, recalled Capt. Thomas Duran, who coordinates the program.

But he saw other longtime inmates leaving segregation and eventually agreed to try it. Rather than put him immediately in with other inmates, deputies paired him with a single inmate — then two other inmates, then four and so on.

He spent more and more time out of his solitary cell until he was fully back into the general jail population.

"We're trying to set the inmates up not to fail," Duran said.

U.S. News Briefs

Another executive departs as Boeing tries to correct course

A close adviser to Boeing's ousted CEO will also leave the company.

Mike Luttig was Boeing's general counsel from 2006 until this spring.

Shortly after the crash of a second Boeing 737 Max, the companies premiere aircraft, he was assigned to head the company's legal strategy and to advise the board.

Luttig, who will retire next week, is the latest executive to leave the beleaguered company. In addition to CEO Dennis Muilenburg who was pushed out this week, Kevin McAllister, the head of Boeing Commercial Airplanes, was forced out in October. Anne Toulouse, senior vice president of communications, will leave at the end of the year.

Luttig served 15 years on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit before joining Boeing.

"We are deeply indebted to Judge Luttitg for his extraordinary service to Boeing over these nearly 14 years, especially through this past, challenging year for our company," said interim CEO Greg Smith in a prepared statement.

In October 2018, a brand-new Max operated by Indonesia's Lion Air crashed into the sea near Jakarta. Five months later, in March, an Ethiopian Airlines Max went down shortly after takeoff from Addis Ababa. All 346 people aboard the two planes were killed.

A faulty sensor caused the system to activate before the two disasters, pushing down the nose of both planes. Boeing had not told pilots about MCAS until after the Lion Air crash, and regulators at the FAA didn't know much about it either.

Earlier this month, the House Transportation Committee disclosed an internal FAA analysis made after the first crash, which estimated that there would be 15 more fatal crashes over 45 years until Boeing fixed MCAS.

SYet the FAA did not ground the plane until the second crash.

Dallas dismissed from lawsuit over police shooting

DALLAS (AP) — A federal judge has ruled the city of Dallas is not liable for an off-duty police officer fatally shooting a man in his own apartment last year.

On Monday, U.S. District Judge Barbara Lynn dismissed the city from civil lawsuit that the family of Botham Jean brought after the 26-year-old was killed by Amber Guyger.

The ruling leaves the 31-year-old former officer as the sole defendant in the suit, which argues she used excessive force and that better police training could have prevented Jean's death. It makes a large financial settlement unlikely.

In her brief ruling, Lynn wrote that she was upholding a magistrate judge's decision and dismissing the city because the suit failed "to state a claim upon which relief can be granted."

Guyger was found guilty of murder for Jean's death and sentenced to a decade in prison in October. She testified at trial that she mistook Jean's apartment for her own on the floor below and thought he was an intruder.

Jean, an accountant from the Caribbean island nation of St. Lucia, had been eating a bowl of ice cream when Guyger entered his home and shot him.

His death drew national attention for its unusual circumstances and as one of several prominent killings of black men by white police officers.

A lawyer for Jean's family did not immediately respond to a request for comment Thursday.

Sheriff blasts Amazon for not helping with probe into driver

DAVENPORT, Fla. (AP) — A sheriff's office in Florida said it caught an Ama-

zon driver stealing a customer's package but got no help from the company during its investigation.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office said Thursday in a statement that it had arrested 27-year-old Jose Campos after detectives tracked down the vehicle he was using from homeowners' association video and video from the Davenport, Florida residence where the package was stolen.

Detectives had initially contacted Amazon at its logistics center in person, but they were told they needed a subpoena before the company would help them, according to the sheriff's office.

A loss prevention manager told detectives Amazon would not cooperate with law enforcement and identify their driver unless the sheriff's office served a subpoena for their records at their corporate headquarters in Delaware, according to the statement from the Polk County Sheriff's Office.

"I'm not surprised by much anymore, but this lack of cooperation from Amazon floors me," said Sheriff Grady Judd. "This is just irresponsible on their part."

In a statement, Amazon said, "We work regularly and closely with law enforcement across the country and are working to understand what occurred here, to make it right and to reach out to Polk County Sheriff's Office to apologize."

There were no online court records for Campos so it was unknown if he had an attorney. He is facing charges of petit theft and burglary of an unoccupied dwelling. He was released on bail.

Surveillance video from the house showed Campos walking up to the house, taking a confirmation photo of the package and then taking the package, detectives said.

Greece gives actor Tom Hanks honorary Greek citizenship

Tom Hanks may officially consider himself Greek.

Greece's President Prokopis Pavlopoulos has signed an honorary naturalization order allowing the 63-year-old actor to claim Greek citizenship, his office told The Associated Press on Friday.

Hanks frequently spends his summer vacation on the Greek island of Antiparos and his wife, actress and producer Rita Wilson, is of Greek and Bulgarian ancestry.

Under Greek law, honorary naturalization may be granted to people "who have provided exceptional services to the country or whose naturalization serves the public interest."

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In season of Lamar and Russell, NFL officiating overshadows

By **BARRY WILNER**

AP Pro Football Writer

No matter how many spectacular plays Lamar Jackson and Russell Wilson made, officiating overshadowed the NFL this season.

Regardless of the record stream of receptions by Michael Thomas, the sacks by Chandler Jones and long field goals by nearly every kicker, the headlines regularly were about referees, linesmen and field judges.

Oh yes, and about coaches challenges for pass interference calls.

Pro football had all sorts of newsworthy topics in 2019. Mobile quarterbacks running dynamic offenses should have been the lead item. Or maybe the fact that teams don't tank, as Miami winning four games displays; forget Cincinnati, the Bengals just are that bad.

A strong rookie crop on both sides of the ball. The re-emergence of Green Bay and San Francisco as championship contenders. Spectacular finishes, many involving the Niners. The flops by the Bears and both Los Angeles teams.

More career records for Drew Brees and Tom Brady. Strong TV ratings.

NFL initiatives in its 100th season that ranged from volunteerism to fundraising to salutes to the military to the innovative My Cleats My Cause campaign.

Even some other negative issues could have pushed the criticism of officiating aside. Such as the plethora of injuries, with 384 players on injured reserve with a week remaining, which is 26 higher than last season. The mediocre (to worse) level of early-season play because of the wasteland the preseason has become. Myles Garrett's helmet swinging, the deepest wound in another Cleveland Browns meltdown year.

Nope. In 2019, officiating was on the front burner. A white-hot burner, too.

The problems are many:

—The speed of the game that many on-field officials can't keep up with. The league prefers experienced officials, meaning some have all the knowledge they need, but not the physical ability to be where they need to be.

—Far too many rules. Take the phone books for all NFL cities and combine them and it might approach the size of the league's rule book. Those rules are filled with tangents and offshoots that create something of a maze. Even some coaches aren't up on everything; think Sean Payton on a fake punt play by the Saints that did not draw an interference call because the rules don't allow for one in that situation.

—Video technology has far exceeded the officiating formula in all sports, with football hit perhaps the hardest.

—A monumental blown call, in the NFC championship game last January, led to a rules adjustment that has caused more consternation than contentment. Indeed, of 40 coaches challenges on defensive pass interference not called on the field and now allowed in a one-year trial, eight calls were reversed. Of 15 coaches challenges for offensive pass interference, one has been reversed.

Overall, there have been 98 replay reviews of pass interference and 21 reversals.

As Raiders coach Jon Gruden joked (we think): "We are challenging things that we think are plays that are going to be overturned, and we are going to trust the process. But so far, I've been given the Heisman. I've been stiff-armed. I'm 0 for 27, I think."

All of which has caused confusion everywhere: on the field, the sideline, the stands, in the broadcast booths and anywhere people watch the NFL.

"Not only has it affected officiating, but it has affected everybody watching the game because everybody's flummoxed by it," former NFL officiating chief Mike Pereira, now a Fox analyst, told 670 The Score radio this season. "And I understand that. I'm frustrated with it also. It's typical of the league, and I was guilty back in my day — you overreact to one play and you put in a new rule without really understanding what the unintended consequences are. That's what has happened here.

It makes no sense to anybody — and that includes me — that you basically have two standards when it comes to pass interference, whether it's offense or defense. It's the standard on the field the way the officials call it and then it's the standard in New York and how New York calls."

Rest assured that officiating will be a major topic when NFL owners meet in the off-season.

Enough with the striped shirts.

The remarkable turnaround of the 49ers from 4-12 to potential top NFC seed needs to be lauded. No team has had more excitement in its games, either.

There's the return to postseason form of the Packers, who also have a shot at home-field advantage in the NFC. The continuing resurrection of the Bills under Sean McDermott. The resilience shown by the Seahawks, Eagles and Steelers in the face of mounting injuries and upheaval.

Baltimore's rise as an offensive powerhouse as Lamar Jackson perhaps sets the pattern for the future NFL quarterbacks with his arm, legs, innovation, know-how and total brilliance.

New England's unending domination of the AFC East — 11 straight division titles? Are you kidding us — built not on Tom Brady's mastery but on the league's stingiest defense.

The ever-spinning coaching carousel in which newcomer Matt LaFleur became a front-runner for top coaching honors and Ron Rivera, considered among the NFL's best, was fired in Carolina.

And the final days of the Black Hole in Oakland. Maybe the Raiders will bring it along to Las Vegas.

With the playoffs upon us, perhaps the spotlight will shine on Jackson and Wilson, who doesn't always get his due credit. On Thomas and the other Green Bay Aaron, running back Aaron Jones. On Stephon Gilmore, Earl Thomas and Nick Bosa, all stars on defense.

Or maybe the focus will still be on the folks blowing whistles.

NCAA Men's Basketball Top 25

Ranking	Team	Overall	Points	Prev
1	Gonzaga	13-1	1608	2
2	Ohio State	11-1	1520	5
3	Louisville	11-1	1460	3
4	Duke	10-1	1429	4
5	Kansas	9-2	1388	1
6	Oregon	10-2	1286	8
7	Baylor	9-1	1207	10
8	Auburn	11-0	1107	12
9	Memphis	10-1	1040	11
10	Villanova	9-2	950	18
11	Michigan	9-3	889	14
12	Butler	11-1	853	17
13	Maryland	10-2	785	7
14	Michigan St	9-3	775	15
15	San Diego St	12-0	763	20
16	Virginia	9-2	595	9
17	Florida State	10-2	583	19
18	Dayton	10-2	541	13
19	Kentucky	8-3	411	6
20	Penn State	10-2	332	23
21	Washington	10-3	326	22
22	West Virginia	10-1	229	25
23	Texas Tech	8-3	178	24
24	Arizona	10-3	153	16
25	Iowa	8-3	125	NR

RECEIVING VOTES:

Wichita State (112), Colorado (79), Xavier (68), DePaul (54), Indiana (45), Liberty (40), Utah State (36), Saint Mary's (29), Marquette (28), Tennessee (24), Northern Iowa (23), Creighton (12), Purdue (11), Georgetown (9), Stanford (7), BYU (4), St. John's (4), Virginia Tech (3), Seton Hall (2), East Tennessee State (1), Yale (1)

DROPPED FROM RANKINGS:

Tennessee (No. 21)

NCAA Women's Basketball Top 25

Ranking	Team	Overall	Points	Prev
1	UConn	10-0	698	2
2	Oregon	10-1	680	3
3	Oregon State	11-0	654	4
4	S. Carolina	12-1	638	5
5	Stanford	10-1	602	1
6	Baylor	9-1	592	7
7	Louisville	11-1	562	6
8	Florida State	12-0	543	8
9	NC State	11-0	484	9
10	UCLA	11-0	479	10
11	Texas A&M	11-1	433	11
12	Maryland	9-2	385	13
13	Kentucky	11-1	361	14
14	Indiana	10-2	331	12
15	Mississippi St	11-2	329	15
16	DePaul	10-2	279	16
17	Gonzaga	11-1	277	17
18	Arizona	11-0	248	18
19	West Virginia	9-1	195	22
20	Arkansas	11-1	148	21
21	Missouri St	9-2	108	20
22	Tennessee	9-2	80	23
23	Michigan	9-2	59	24
24	Miami	8-3	55	NR
25	Texas	7-4	40	NR

RECEIVING VOTES:

Minnesota (39), South Dakota (38), Michigan State (28), Rutgers (16), Colorado (8), Northwestern (7), Princeton (7), LSU (5), Arizona State (4), TCU (4), Kansas (4), Iowa (3), Nebraska (1), Texas Tech (1)

DROPPED FROM RANKINGS:

Michigan State (No. 19) and South Dakota (No. 25)

US beat Germany 6-3 at hockey junior worlds

Shane Pinto scored his third goal in two games and the United States rebounded from a loss to Canada with a 6-3 victory over Germany at the world junior hockey championship on Friday.

Jordan Harris, Zac Jones, Curtis Hall, Bobby Brink and Oliver Wahlstrom also scored one each for the

U.S. and Trevor Zegras had four assists in the Group B game at Ostrava Arena in the eastern city of Ostrava.

Pinto added a pair of assists and U.S. goaltender Dustin Wolf made 17 saves.

Last year's finalists, the U.S. team was defeated by Canada 6-4 in its tournament's opener on Thursday.

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Festival of Lights 2019



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The Festival of Lights has wrapped up the 23rd year. Visitors from around the globe - including eight different countries - and most of the United States traveled through the lighted trail this year.



HERALD photos/Amanda Duforat
Pictured above, the DAV Adopt a Spot has become an annual addition to the trail, along with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints display, pictured above right. Pictured at right: Big Spring Herald staff writers greet visitors at the Festival of Lights this year.



Courtesy photos/Manny Negron
The Festival of Lights ran from Dec. 8 - Dec. 25 this year and drew in more than 25,000 visitors to Comanche Trail Park. Once again, the trail expanded a little more this year, including almost two miles of lighted trail for visitors to enjoy. Through the help of community volunteers, local businesses, organizations and more make the lighted display a possibility each year. Pictured above is part of the opening of the trail. Pictured right is the local Humane Society's Adopt a Spot, which showcases the holiday spirit along with several breeds of dogs. During the lighted display this year, the Convention and Visitors Bureau was capturing the holiday display in video and photographs that will be used in a promotional video in 2020.



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 Thursday: Chicken salad, pasta salad, cottage cheese with fruit, jello salad, crackers, milk
 Friday: Fish sandwich, tarter sauce, sweet potato fries, Rice Krispy treat, milk

West Coast fishery rebounds in rare conservation 'home run'

By GILLIAN FLACCUS

Associated Press

WARRENTON, Ore. (AP) — A rare environmental success story is unfolding in waters off the U.S. West Coast.

After years of fear and uncertainty, bottom trawler fishermen — those who use nets to scoop up rockfish, bocaccio, sole, Pacific Ocean perch and other deep-dwelling fish — are making a comeback here, reinventing themselves as a sustainable industry less than two decades after authorities closed huge stretches of the Pacific Ocean because of the species' depletion.

The ban devastated fishermen, but on Jan. 1, regulators will reopen an area roughly three times the size of Rhode Island off Oregon and California to groundfish bottom trawling — all with the approval of environmental groups that were once the industry's biggest foes. The two sides collaborated on a long-term plan that will continue to resuscitate the groundfish industry while permanently protecting thousands of square miles of reefs and coral beds that benefit the overfished species.

Now, the fishermen who see their livelihood returning must solve another piece of the puzzle: drumming up consumer demand for fish that haven't been in grocery stores or on menus for a generation.

"It's really a conservation home run," said Shems Jud, regional director for the Environmental Defense Fund's ocean program. "The recovery is decades ahead of schedule. It's the biggest environmental story that no one knows about."

The process also netted a win for conservationists concerned about the future of extreme deepwater habitats where bottom trawlers currently don't go. A tract of ocean the size of New Mexico with waters up to 2.1 miles (3.4 kilometers) deep will be off-limits to bottom-trawling to protect deep-sea corals and sponges just now being discovered.

"Not all fishermen are rapers of the environment. When you hear the word 'trawler,' very often that's associated with destruction of the sea and pillaging," said Kevin Dunn, whose trawler Iron Lady was featured in a Whole Foods television commercial about sustainable fishing.

Groundfish is a catch-all term that refers to dozens of species that live on, or near, the bottom of the Pacific off the West Coast. Trawling

vessels drag weighted nets to collect as many fish as possible, but that can damage critical rocky underwater habitat.

The groundfish fishery hasn't always struggled. Starting in 1976, the federal government subsidized the construction of domestic fishing vessels to lock down U.S. interests in West Coast waters, and by the 1980s, that investment paid off. Bottom trawling was booming, with 500 vessels in California, Oregon and Washington hauling in 200 million pounds (91 million kilograms) of non-whiting groundfish a year. Unlike Dungeness crab and salmon, groundfish could be harvested year-round, providing an economic backbone for ports.

But in the late 1990s, scientists began to sound the alarm about dwindling fish stocks.

Just nine of the more than 90 groundfish species were in trouble, but because of the way bottom trawlers fished — indiscriminately hauling up millions of pounds of whatever their nets encountered — regulators focused on all bottom trawling. Multiple species of rockfish, slow-growing creatures with spiny fins and colorful names like canary, darkblotched and yellow eye, were the hardest hit.

By 2005, trawlers brought in just one-quarter of the haul of the 1980s. The fleet is now down to 75 boats, said Brad Pettinger, former director of the Oregon Trawl Commission who was key in developing the plan to reopen fishing grounds.

"We really wiped out the industry for a number of years," Pettinger said. "To get those things up and going again is not easy."

In 2011, trawlers were assigned quotas for how many of each species they could catch. If they went over, they had to buy quota from other fishermen in a system reminiscent of a carbon cap-and-trade model. Mandatory independent observers, paid by the trawlers, accompanied the vessels and hand-counted their haul.

Fishermen quickly learned to avoid areas heavy in off-limits species and began innovating to net fewer banned fish.

Surveys soon showed groundfish rebounding — in some cases, 50 years faster than predicted — and accidental trawling of overfished species fell by 80%. The Marine Stewardship Council certified 13 species in the fishery as sustainable in 2014, and five more followed last year.

As the quota system's success became apparent, environmentalists and trawlers began to talk. Regulators would soon revisit the trawling rules, and the two sides wanted a voice.

They met more than 30 times, slowly building trust as they crafted a proposal. Trawlers brought maps developed over generations, alerted environmentalists to reefs they didn't know about, and even shared proprietary tow paths.

"All we could do on our end is make a good-faith offer, and I really credit the guys in the industry for taking that up," said Seth Atkinson, an attorney with the nonprofit Natural Resources Defense Council. "These were tough compromises."

Last year, regulators approved a plan to reopen the 17-year-old Rockfish Conservation Area off Oregon and California, while banning future trawling in extreme-depth waters and making off-limits some habitat dubbed essential to fish reproduction, including a large area off Southern California.

"A fair number of fishermen thought it was a good deal and if it was going to happen, it was better for them to participate than not," said Tom Libby, a fish processor who was instrumental in crafting the agreement. "It's right up there with the best and most rewarding things in my career — and I've been at it 50 years."

Some groups, like Oceana, wanted even more protections from bottom trawling, which it calls the "most damaging fishing method to seafloor habitats off the West Coast." In a news release, the group emphasized that the agreement it did get safeguards 90 percent of the seafloor in U.S. waters off the West Coast.

Even so, with fragile species rebounding, trawlers could harvest as much as 120 million pounds (54 million kilograms) a year, but there's only demand for about half that much. That's because groundfish have been replaced in stores by farmed, foreign species like tilapia.

A trade association called Positively Groundfish is trying to change that by touring food festivals and culinary trade shows, evangelizing to chefs and seafood buyers about the industry's rebound and newfound sustainability. They give out samples, too.

"We are treating this almost like a new product for which you have to build awareness — but we do have a great story," said Jana Hennig, the association's executive director. "People are so surprised to hear that not everything is lost, that not everything is doom and gloom, but that it's possible that you can manage a fishery so well that it actually bounces back to abundance."

Own a nutcracker? These pecans are a healthy holiday treat

American Heart Association News

Want a holiday snack that's packed with nutrition? Pick up some pecans.

Nuts are considered heart-healthy. They're part of the blood pressure-lowering DASH diet and full of "good" fats, protein, fiber, vitamins and minerals, said Ginny Ives, a registered dietitian and director of nutrition at the Cooper Clinic in Dallas.

Pecans are a standout nut, though.

"They actually have the most fiber of any other nut," Ives said, with about 3 grams per 1-ounce serving, "and they're also the lowest in carbs." They're a good source of thiamin, zinc, and the trace minerals copper and manganese.

"They also contain micronutrients known as phytonutrients," which have been shown to reduce inflammation, she said.

Pecans, as well as nuts in general, can help in weight maintenance, Ives said. They're high in fat, which helps people feel full. Eating them as a snack or adding some to a salad or cereal "can help our food to stick with us a little longer and help us to feel more satisfied, so we don't overeat."

An ounce of pecans — 19 pecan halves — has 196 calories, so don't go overboard. Ives recommends a single 1-ounce serving a day and said they're great toasted. Bake them for 10 to 12 minutes at 325 degrees, occasionally shaking the pan. You can store pecans for up to two years in the freezer.

For extra flavor, try this recipe. The spices provide layers of sweetness without excess added sugar. Serve the nuts as a festive snack or use them as a topping for yogurt or in your favorite salad.

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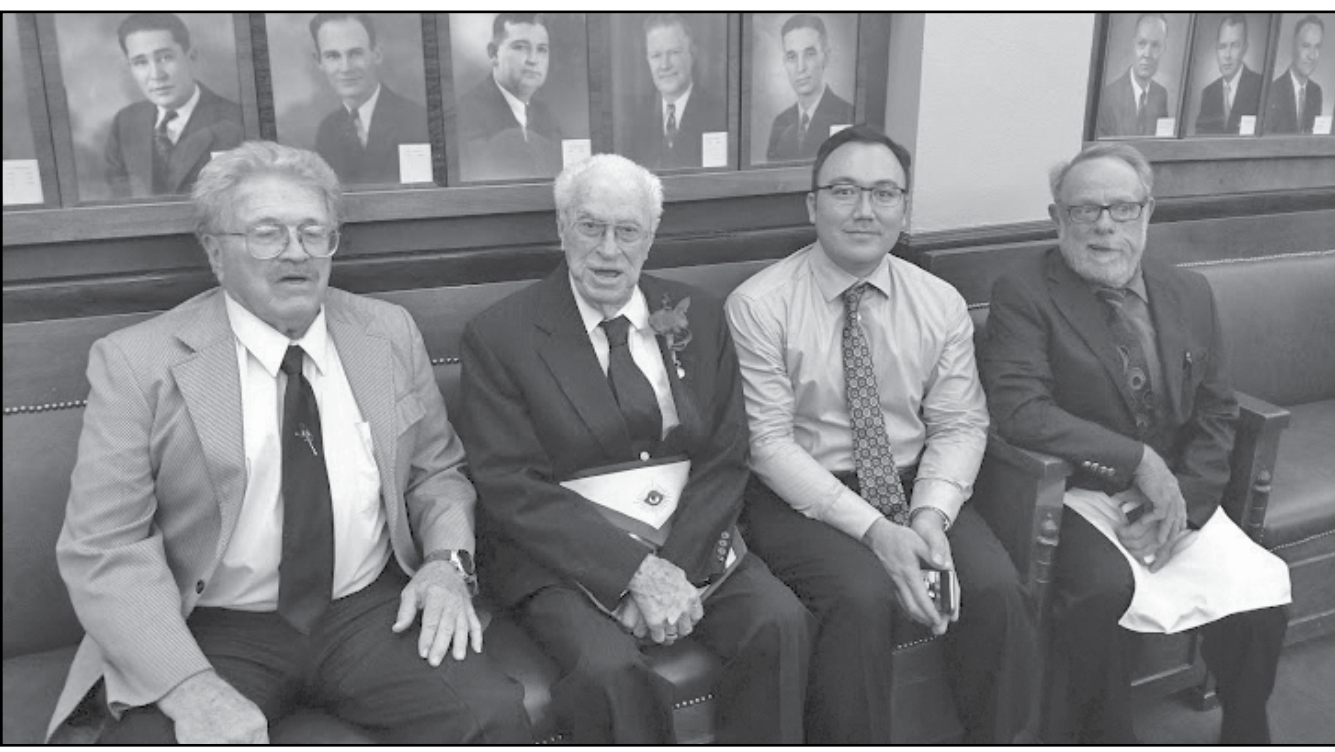
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Spradling celebrating 70 years as a Mason



By COL. ALLEN MORRIS
Special to the Herald
Orville Spradling, second from the left, is flanked

by family at his 70th year as a Mason ceremony. The image just above and to the right of his shoulder is that of his father-in-law who was the Master

of the lodge in 1932. Longtime Big Spring resident Orville Spradling will be celebrated with a Birthday Breakfast for the first time in almost a century and you are invited. Orville was recently celebrated with another milestone, too. He received his 70 year pin at Big Spring's Masonic lodge.

The breakfast is being hosted by the Howard County Masons on Saturday, Dec. 28 at 9 a.m., and all are welcome to attend. Your presence is your gift.

The lodge is located at 219 South Main Street, Big Spring, Texas on the second floor, so take the elevator up.

Staked Plains Masonic Lodge #598 has been serving Howard County since 1884, and the women's group, The Order of the Eastern Star, has been around since 1888. The lodge is at the northeast corner of the court square at Third and Main.

For more information about either, come to a meeting, or you can write to me at Colonel.Allen.M.Morris@gmail.com.

The Masons meet on the second Thursday of the month, and the Star meets on the third Tuesday of the month. The dinner prayer is said at 6:30 p.m., and all are welcome.

Putting advertising skills into practice at BSHS for eSports



Pictured above are the selected advertising posters for the new eSports competition that has kicked off at Big Spring High School. Students were able to try their hand at creating advertising posters for the event and the eSports director, Ms. Amber Griffith chose the winners.

Special to the Herald

BSHS Students in Mrs. Brooke Everett's Business Information Management (BIM) classes spent a little time learning about the art of advertising.

In the business world, marketing is vital to success. Advertising for businesses and events is what brings in customers or spectators. There is an art to advertising/marketing, as well as many methods.

One method that the BSHS students focused on was the creation of flyers, which is cost-effective and can be used to build a business's brand, promote a product, make an announcement, and more.

The students learned that flyers should have a clear purpose, be creative, and include a strong call

to action in order to make the best impression and gain attention.

The students in the BIM classes were given the opportunity to help promote the first BSHS eSports tournament by creating flyers to advertise the event. eSports is a great student organization that opens the doors to video game design and programming.

Ms. Amber Griffith is leading the charge on this endeavor and has a vibrant group of BSHS students who are competing and learning through gaming.

Ms. Griffith and the eSports team members selected their favorite flyers to be placed around the school to attract the attention of other students to gain interest in the event.

The creators of the selected flyers were awarded Sonic gift cards, cash, and free admittance into the eSports tournament.

Congratulations to Emily Reyes, Kevin Rodriguez, Eric Landin, Obri' Guzman, Josh Anderson, and Adrian Solis for creating the selected flyers for the eSports tournament to promote Big Spring High School's very own eSports team and tournament.

We Salute!

There are those in the community - local business, individuals, or civic organizations - who have gone above and beyond. There have been those moments that have made a positive impact on the community and we want to recognize those moments, contributions and people:

- All greeters - organizations, families, businesses, schools, etc. - who put time and effort into making this year's Festival of Lights annual event another big success. There were more than 25,000 people who came through Big Spring and enjoyed the lights.
- BSHS E-sports team members who kicked off the first competition this past weekend.
- Ovis Donald James for his service to our nation and congratulations on receiving a Quilt of Valor, while surrounded by family and friends.
- Kristen Lasater for being recognized as Employee of the Year at Kindred at Home, and Jessica Zboril for being Clinician of the Year.
- All the local businesses, families and organizations who signed up to be part of the Red Kettle Challenge and took time to help ring the bell. Also, all the support provided for the Angel Tree program was much appreciated and made this year's Angel Tree program a success. There were no families forgotten this year through the generosity of the community.
- Forsan ISD staff members, families and students for taking the time and volunteering at the Salvation Army for Forsan Days, during the Angel Tree distribution preparation week.
- The American Legion for taking the time to bring food and spread holiday cheer to the veterans in the domiciliary at the West Texas VA over the holidays.
- Local DAV chapter members, along with the TA Travel Center restaurant for bringing a little piece of home to the veterans living in the community living center at the West Texas VA, through a Thanksgiving and Christmas Day meal.

Recognizing the great things happening in Big Spring is important. Send in your recognitions to editor@bigspringherald.com. We Salute will run Thursdays and Sundays.

Share your special moments with us - engagements, weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, generational, etc. - email photos and information to editor@bigspringherald.com

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Chamber of Commerce happenings



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Blue Eyed Buffalo hosted an Alive After 5 event earlier this year. Local business professionals, Chamber Ambassadors, and Chamber Board Members were on hand for the networking opportunity. With a new year kicking off in just a few days, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is looking for local businesses to host Alive After 5 events in 2020. To find out more information or to sign up, contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce office at 432-263-7641.

Pride & Service Elevator Becomes 100 percent Employee Owned Through an Employee Stock Ownership Plan

NEW YORK - Pride & Service Elevator, Inc. has completed a transaction to become 100 percent employee-owned through its newly created Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP). The Company was founded in 1983 in New York, NY, and has been designing, maintaining, modernizing and repairing elevators for 36 years throughout New York and New Jersey. The Company has been owned and managed by The Todd Family since 2010, with Christopher Todd currently serving as President. After 36 years of significant expansion and growth, the owner of Pride & Service Elevator, Inc. has transitioned 100% of the Company's total ownership to all of the employees of the Company through a qualified retirement plan known as an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (or ESOP). All eligible employees will be granted shares of Company stock each year, at no cost, allowing them to earn ownership over time through their service to the

Company and accumulate tax-deferred retirement wealth. Pride & Service Elevator, Inc. joins a group of elite 100% employee-owned companies across the United States of America. According to Christopher Todd, President, "Each employee of Pride & Service Elevator is a trusted team member. We want our employees to feel that they 'own and operate' their own business, which fosters tremendous pride resulting from owning a stake in the Company. We also want our hard-working and loyal employees to benefit beyond their wages alone if they continue to help grow Pride & Service Elevator. Together, we strive to be more efficient, safe and responsive to our customers' needs." Christopher decided to implement this plan in memory of his father Michael. Michael's 40-year elevator career was cut short by a debilitating

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Educational industrial hemp production seminars set for January

Meetings planned in Abilene, Big Spring, San Angelo

Special to the Herald

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will hold three educational seminars in January on industrial hemp production. The cost is \$10 per meeting for the public and is complimentary for AgriLife employees. Participants may register and pay at the door. On Jan. 6, the AgriLife Extension office of Taylor County will host a meeting at 8:30 a.m., with registration at 8 a.m. at 1982 Lytle Way in Abilene. Later that same day, a meeting at the AgriLife Extension office of Howard County will start at 1:30 p.m., with registration at 1 p.m. at 2411 Echols Drive in Big Spring. On Jan. 22, the AgriLife Extension office of Tom Green County will host a meeting at 8:30 a.m., with registration at 8 a.m. The event will be held at the Tom Green 4-H building at 3168 U.S. Highway 67 in San Angelo. "Texas hemp production will become legal at some point in 2020," said Calvin Trostle, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension agronomist, Lubbock. "When depends on

how quickly the Texas Department of Agriculture can review and issue licenses once USDA approves Texas rules. But anyone who may be interested in growing hemp needs to be prepared. You would be ill-advised to wait until you receive your license to begin preparation." AgriLife Extension does not support or oppose hemp, explained Trostle. "We are here to help educate our clientele and provide them the resources and knowledge to make informed decisions about hemp," he said. Trostle said Texas A&M AgriLife has been commended for its realistic assessment during meetings with potential growers, as well as through written and video materials produced to educate the public about potential pitfalls and possibilities within the new industry. "As Texans well know, there is a lot of hype around the CBD aspect of hemp," Trostle said. "But prices are now at their lowest since agricultural hemp production was initiated about five years ago. Prices are down as much as 70% since earlier this

year. This substantially curtails all those unbelievable per-acre revenues that some earlier adopters report having achieved." Seminar speakers will include Trostle and Bill Thompson, AgriLife Extension economist, and Reagan Noland, AgriLife Extension agronomist, both of San Angelo. Topics covered will include:
- The background of industrial hemp.
- Opportunities in industrial hemp for fiber, grain and CBD.
- Common questions about hemp production.
- Major issues surrounding planting and poor planting seed quality.
- Preliminary agronomic considerations for production.
- What the anticipated Texas Department of Agriculture rules will be.
- Economic considerations and risks.
- Q&A about industrial hemp.

For further information about industrial hemp for Texas, consult AgriLife Extension resources at <https://agrilifeextension.tamu.edu/hemp>.

Break out the bubbly: Sparkling Wine 101 Get to know varieties, how Texas' sparkling wine market continues to grow

Special to the Herald

The holidays are a time for celebrating, and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts say Texas sparkling wines are a buoyant option for toasting during gatherings or ringing in the New Year with friends and family. Champagne vs. sparkling wine All champagne is sparkling wine but not all sparkling wine is champagne. Sparkling wine can only be called champagne if it comes from the Champagne region of France, located outside of Paris, and is made using chardonnay, pinot noir or pinot meunier grape varieties, explained Jim Kamas, AgriLife Extension fruit specialist based in Fredericksburg. As the juice from crushed grapes ferments to become wine, carbon dioxide gas is formed as a by-product of fermentation. If the gas is allowed to escape, the result will be a "still" or non-sparkling

wine. But if at some point the process of fermentation is halted and the carbon dioxide gas is prevented from escaping, this will produce sparkling wine. "In more recent years, winemakers in Texas have expanded into making sparkling wines," Kamas said. "While the traditional grape varieties used in the production of champagne are the chardonnay and pinot noir, neither of those varieties are very widely planted in Texas." Sparkling wines come in both white and rosé styles with a wide array of flavors and aromas depending on the grapes used and winemaking practices employed, said Michael Cook, AgriLife Extension viticulturist, Denton. Grapes commonly being used to produce sparkling wines in Texas include roussanne, Marsanne, chenin blanc, viognier, chardonnay, pinot noir, trebbiano tuscano, blanc du bois

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- Sherri Monique Aldridge, 1507 E. Sixth St., Big Spring
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- Leza Faulkner, 1102 South Water, Burnet
- Jose Enrique Faz, 1008 N.W. 2nd St, Big Spring
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- Heriberto Palafox Mora, 1311 Mobile St., Big Spring
- Felicia Ornelas, 538 Westover Rd.
- Dana Kay Peach, 1806 N 13th, Lamesa
- Nicole Preston, 1605 E 11th place, Big Spring
- Jacquelin Dannon Ramey, 1404 E 6th St. Big Spring

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Byron Roberts, 2206 Alabama St Big Spring
Michael Robinson, 801 Anne St., Big Spring
Juan Romero, 2504 March CR, Big Spring
Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Rd., Big Spring
Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar, P.O. Box 173, Colorado City
Polly Ann Rusk, 4201 W Hwy 80, Big Spring
Elizabeth Salazar, 1808 Hearn, Big Spring, Texas
Shane Skaggs, 1 Courtney Place, Apt. 301, Big Spring
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Leon Torres, 1500 Lincoln, Big Spring
Michael Ray Watson, 1503 Tucson Rd., Big Spring
Tamara Ruth Whitt, 1909 Morrison, 2526 Fairchild, Big Spring
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd., Apt. #28, Big Spring

District Court Filings
Plaintiff: Auburn Arrieta
Defendant: Reyes Arrieta
Type of Case: Divorce - children
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Plaintiff: Judith Rodriguez
Defendant: Manuel Rodriguez
Type of Case: Divorce – no children
Date: Dec. 19, 2019

Plaintiff: Alicia Bryand
Defendant: Eduardo Gonzales
Type of Case: Divorce - no children
Date: Dec. 19, 2019

Plaintiff: State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company aso Chelsea Sheppard and David Fi
Defendant: Martin De La Cruz
Type of Case:
Date: Dec. 19, 2019

Plaintiff: RuAnn Martinez Martinez
Defendant: Eric Lopez
Type of Case: Protective order - no divorce
Date: Dec. 19, 2019

Plaintiff: Delilah Spence
Defendant: John Spence
Type of Case: Divorce - children
Date: Dec. 19, 2019

Plaintiff: Nina Maronn
Defendant: Chemoil Energy Services LLC
Type of Case: Injury/Damage - motor vehicles
Date: Dec. 19, 2019

Plaintiff: Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC
Defendant: Amanda Rodriguez
Type of Case: Consumer/Commercial/Debt
Date: Dec. 19, 2019

Plaintiff: Matthew Bagwell
Defendant: Lorena Bagwell
Type of Case: Divorce - no children
Date: Dec. 20, 2019

Plaintiff: Christopher Weaver
Defendant: Barbara Keen
Type of Case: Divorce - No Children
Date: Dec. 23, 2019

Plaintiff: The Bank of New York Mellon
Defendant: Jimmy Binion, Wanda Binion, occupant of property
Type of Case: Civil Case - other
Date: Dec. 20, 2019

Pet Talk: *Feline Fine: The Benefits of Catnip*

Special to the Herald

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 6, 2019 – For many cat owners, busting boredom in their feline friend is a sizable concern. Cats are notoriously choosy about their toys, and an under-stimulated cat might result in shredded furniture and shattered knick-knacks.

One way owners can capture their cat's interest is with catnip. Dr. Lori Teller, a clinical associate professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, explains more on what this plant is and how owners can use it to enrich their cat's environment.

Catnip is a member of the mint family, according to Teller.

Formally known as *Nepeta cataria*, catnip is a perennial herb that can grow to be up to three feet high. It contains a chemical called nepetalactone in its leaves and stems that can impact your cat's behavior.

When cats are exposed to nepetalactone by smell, it acts as a stimulant, causing some cats to have an

uptick in activity. When ingested, nepetalactone has a sedative effect. It is thought that this chemical mimics natural pheromones, acting on those receptors to elicit a response.

"Catnip has a psychoactive effect, meaning that it can make cats high for about 15-30 minutes after exposure," Teller said.

Cats under the influence of catnip may roll around, dart across the room, flip over, and exhibit general hyperactivity. Others may be very chill. However, Teller warns that "not every cat is susceptible to these effects."

Cat owners interested in introducing this herb to their pet's environment may do so by purchasing toys containing catnip, or they may purchase the herb loose and sprinkle it over areas they would like their cat to frequent, such as a scratching toy.

The herb can be given fresh or dry, though some cats might have a preference in which form they like best. Crafty cat owners might consider growing the herb themselves, as it thrives in most of North America and is relatively easy to care for.

Though catnip can be a great way to enrich your

furry friend's routine, owners should be cautious in how often they expose their cat to this herb.

Catnip is unlikely to cause an overdose, but too much can cause nausea and vomiting. If this occurs, pet owners should remove catnip from their cat's environment.

Frequent exposure might also reduce the effect catnip has on your cat.

Pet owners concerned about introducing catnip to their pet's routine should, as always, consult with their veterinarian. Catnip can be a unique and stimulating treat for your pet that may enrich their playtime and provide an adorable display of activity for you to watch!

By The Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences

Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University. Stories can be found on the Pet Talk website. Suggestions for future topics may be directed to editor@cvm.tamu.edu.

Markets in 2019: record stocks, lower rates, so-so IPOs

NEW YORK (AP) — On January 3, the S&P 500 sank 2.5% when Apple warned of sagging demand for the iPhone, an inauspicious start to 2019 following a 14% drubbing in last year's fourth quarter.

On January 4, Federal Reserve Chairman Jay Powell said the central bank would be "patient" with its interest rate policy following four increases in 2018. The S&P 500 soared 3.4% and by the end of the month was up nearly 8%.

January's swing helped set the tone for a year in which the market responded to every downturn with a more sustained upswing. Along the way, stocks kept setting records — 32 of them for the S&P 500 by Dec. 20, and 19 for the Dow Jones Industrial Average.

By its final policy meeting in December, the Fed had completely reversed course and cut rates three times in what Powell called a preemptive move against any impact a sluggish global economy and the U.S.-China trade war might have on U.S. economic growth. The stock market, and most Fed observers not named Trump, approved of the Fed's actions. Investors' uncertainty over trade

policy eased by December as Washington and Beijing reached a modest, interim agreement that averted a new round of tariffs on \$160 billion worth of Chinese imports and reduced existing import taxes on about \$112 billion in other Chinese goods.

While the pact left unresolved some of the thorniest issues between the two countries, investors appeared happy to have a de-escalation in trade tensions now and push off lingering concerns until 2020.

Through it all, the U.S. economy and consumers' appetite for spending remained resilient, supporting the market's record-shattering, year-end rally.

ALMOST EVERYTHING'S A WINNER

Investments around the world were winners in 2019 as central banks unleashed more stimulus to bolster the global economy against the damage created by President Donald Trump's trade war. Not only did U.S. stocks rise, so did high-quality bonds, low-quality bonds and foreign stocks. Among the few losers: junk bonds with the very lowest credit ratings, but a better performance from bonds

with bad but not the worst ratings meant high-yield indexes still generally made gains.

KEEPS ON TICKING

The U.S. economy withstood a number of challenges in 2019. President Trump's trade war with China intensified as both sides increased tariffs. Fears of recession spiked in late summer and fall as exports fell and businesses, facing higher costs on imported goods, cut back spending on new machinery and equipment. Overseas economies also stumbled, with Germany nearly falling into recession and growth in the U.K. slowing amid Brexit uncertainty. Still, the U.S. consumer kept spending as the unemployment rate hit a 50-year low and wage growth picked up for workers outside managerial ranks. Most economists expect modest growth in 2020.

MIXED REVIEWS

For initial public offerings, 2019 was like a year in Hollywood: There were some phenomenal successes and some notable flops. Ride-hailing giant Uber and rival Lyft were huge disappointments. Video-conference com-

pany Zoom and workplace messaging company Slack each soared on their first day of trading, but while Zoom kept zooming Slack, well, slacked off after that. For non-tech companies, Beyond Meat and its plant-based burgers hit the spot while SmileDirectClub produced mostly frowns. WeWork's botched IPO signaled a change in IPO investors' mindset.

TECH IS CHIPPER

Technology stocks soared in 2019 and far outpaced every other sector in the S&P 500. Chipmakers, including Advanced Micro Devices and Lam Research, made some of the biggest gains, despite a trade war that threatened business in China. Apple and Microsoft had their biggest share gains in a decade and each topped \$1 trillion in market value. Energy stocks gained the least amid concerns that oil supply is outpacing demand.

EARNINGS EASE UP

Corporate profits hit the brakes in 2019, a year after a big tax cut helped juice results. On top of no longer getting the benefit of the first year of

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disease called Frontotemporal Dementia.

Christopher stated, "My father was always about helping his employees succeed, and this is a way for me to continue his legacy at the next level."

Pride & Service Elevator, Inc. was advised by Ambrose Advisors, a national investment banking firm specialized in employee-ownership transitions. Michael Harden, Senior Managing Director with Ambrose Advisors, stated, "Christopher Todd's goal was to secure a sustainable future for Pride & Service Elevator, Inc. in a manner that would be highly beneficial to its employees, customers, vendors, and the community. Employee ownership, done right, benefits all stakeholders and should be celebrated. It is a true win/win transaction for all parties involved, and we were pleased to be a part. We heartily congratulate Pride & Service Elevator, Inc. and thank them for trusting Ambrose Advisors to manage this transition process."

About: Pride & Service Elevator, Inc. has been maintaining, modernizing and repairing elevators for 36 years throughout New York and New Jersey. <http://www.prideandservice.com>.

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About: Ambrose Advisors is a national middle-market investment bank firm focused on guiding and assisting business owners with ownership succession planning, primarily through employee ownership. <http://www.AmbroseAdvisors.com>

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We are looking for an ambitious, creative, self-starter, to fill a staff writer role at the Big Spring Herald. Do you have a heart to share others stories and the desire to be involved in your community? We want to hear from you!

Responsibilities and Duties: This individual would provide news coverage, build pages, and update social media accounts/website.

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Contact Amanda Duforat 432-263-7331 Ext. 230 or email editor@bigspringherald.com for questions or to submit your resume.

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We are looking for an outgoing, ambitious individual to fill a role at the Big Spring Herald!

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 59, TEXAS PROPERTY CODE, AMERICAN SELF STORAGE WHICH IS LOCATED AT 3314 E. FM 700, BIG SPRING, TX 79720 WILL HOLD A PUBLIC AUCTION OF PROPERTY BEING SOLD TO SATISFY A LANDLORD'S LIEN. SALE WILL BE AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M. ON JANUARY 18, 2020 AT 3314 E FM 700 BIG SPRING, TX 79720.

PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH. SELLER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO NOT ACCEPT ANY BID AND TO WITHDRAW PROPERTY FROM SALE. PROPERTY TO EACH SPACE MAY BE SOLD ITEM-BY-ITEM, IN BATCHES, OR BY THE SPACE. ALL SALES ARE SUBJECT TO TEXAS STATE SALES TAX. SALE IS ON THE CONTENT OF:

TENANT: John Solis CONSISTING OF: HHG

TENANT: Stephanie Robinson CONSISTING OF: HHG

#10411 Dec. 29, 2019 & Jan. 5, 2020

CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS NOTICE TO BIDDERS SALE OF A PORTABLE BUILDING The City of Big Spring ("City") is soliciting sealed bids for the immediate cash sale of the following described personal property ("Property"), to wit: SPECIFICATIONS: 60' x 24' portable building 1440 square feet building that served as a storage for the City of Big Spring and that is currently located at 309 E. 5th, Big Spring, Texas. The portable Building is being sold AS IS, must be moved at purchaser's expense, and will not include any warranties. MINIMUM BID: The Minimum Bid is \$14,000.00 For further instructions visit the City's website, www.mybigspring.com under Bid Postings. CLOSING TIME. Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. Central Time on the 7th day of January 2020 and opened soon thereafter. CITY OF Big Spring, TEXAS

Advertisement for Bids

GRADED CALICHE BASE

Bid Requirements

Sealed Bids for **graded caliche base material** will be received by the **Glasscock County Judge**, delivered to the Glasscock County Judge at the Glasscock County Courthouse, 117 E. Currie

Public Notice

Street, Garden City, Texas, until **9:00 a.m., January 13, 2020**, at which time the bids will be publicly opened, read aloud and tabulated. These bids will subsequently be considered for award by the Commissioners Court of Glasscock County. The Commissioners Court may, at its discretion, award to more than one bidder.

Each bid should include: **1) the unit price per cubic yard (or per ton) bid for the specified graded base material** and **2) the location in Glasscock County of the pit or stockpiled material; and shall be signed by the Bidder.** Each bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to the **Glasscock County Judge.** The envelope should have the name of the Bidder and **"January 2020 Graded Base Bid"** typed or written on the outside of the envelope. If submitted by mail or delivery service, the sealed envelope containing the bid must be enclosed in another envelope addressed to the Glasscock County Judge, P.O. Box 67, 117 E. Currie Street, Garden City, Texas 79739. Any bid received after the time and date specified will not be considered.

Glasscock County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any technicalities, informalities or minor defects, or to accept the proposal or proposals they deem to be in the best interest of Glasscock County, including awarding to more than one bidder.

Material Specifications

Successful Bidder(s) shall furnish uncontaminated material of uniform quality that meets the following specifications from the 2004 Edition of the *Texas Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Construction and Maintenance of Highways, Streets, and Bridges:*

Graded Base shall be

•**Grade 1, Type A** material, in accordance with the requirements for 1) gradation, 2) liquid limit and 3) plasticity index, as set forth in **Table 1 - Material Requirements under Item 247 - Flexible Base.** Additives such as lime, cement, fly ash, or other materials shall not be used to modify aggregates in order to meet these requirements, or

•**Modified Grade 1 (maximum size material <1 1/2")**, **Type A** material, in accordance with the requirements for 1) gradation, 2) liquid limit and 3) plasticity index, as set forth in **Table 1 - Material Requirements under Item 247 - Flexible Base.** Additives such as lime, cement, fly ash, or other materials shall not be used to modify aggregates in order to meet these requirements.

Before any material is purchased by the County, the successful bidder(s) must submit to the county Judge a report from an acceptable testing laboratory certifying that the material to be purchased meets or exceeds these material specifications.

Address questions concerning these specifications or bid procedures to Don W. Bonifay, Engineer for Glasscock County, at donbonifay@gmail.com, or (432) 230-6815.

Measurement and Delivery

The specified material shall be supplied and measured by the cubic yard or by the ton. **Conversion factor between cubic yards and tons will be assumed to be 1.25 tons/cubic yard unless bidder submits proof of a different conversion factor which must be confirmed**

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by the County's Engineer.

Material shall be located at the successful Bidder's location, which must be in Glasscock County. This location shall be stated in the bid document. There is no minimum or guaranteed quantity of material stated or implied with the award of this bid.

Bids will include these options:

1. Material loaded by the successful Bidder into trucks provided by the County; and
2. Material loaded by the County into trucks provided by the County.

The term of this bid shall be six months from the date of award.

Payments

Bids submitted shall be a unit price amount (in U.S. Dollars), which shall constitute the total cost for each cu-

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bic yard or ton requested and received by Glasscock County. Payment shall be monthly. Invoices submitted to the Glasscock County Treasurer at least seven days prior to the Glasscock County Commissioners Court's regularly scheduled meeting, will be paid within two days after that Court meeting.

#10405 Dec. 22 & 29, 2019

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Legals

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312 SCURRY
BIG SPRING, TX 79720

REINA CISNEROS ATTORNEY AT LAW
P O BOX 1030
BIG SPRING TX 79721

THE STATE OF TEXAS

NOTICE OF DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you."

Legals

To: Bill Davidson and Nettie Davidson,

Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday February 3, 2020, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, at 312 Scurry Street in said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 17th day of December, 2019, cause number **54055** in the entitled cause styled:

THE JANE MATEJ MUDD IRREVOCABLE TRUST vs. BILL DAVIDSON

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as fol-

Legals

lows, to wit: Real Property - Other as is more fully shown by the Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at office on this the 18th day of December, 2019.

COLLEEN BARTON District Clerk of Howard County, Texas

By: Joanna Gonzales, Deputy

#10412 Dec. 29, 2019; Jan. 5, 12, & 19, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of William Harrison Ward, Deceased, were issued on December 19, 2019, in Cause No. P-14972, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Margie Ward.

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Margie Ward, Independent Executor Estate of Williams Harrison Ward 1109 S. Gregg Big Spring, Texas 79720

DATED the 23rd day of December, 2019.

R. Shane Seator Attorney for Margie Ward State Bar No.: 24060918 P.O. Box 2211 Big Spring, Texas 79721 Telephone: (432) 264-1800 Facsimile: (432) 264-0785 E-mail: eservice@bigspringlaw.com

#10410 Dec. 29, 2019

You Are Not Alone

Dear Annie: My son, who was in the U.S. Army for 13 years and became a major, took his own life. My husband and I were the recipients of every parent's worst nightmare: At 7 a.m., there was a knock on the door. Two military personnel were there to inform us that our son died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. He was 35 years old, a stellar, exemplary soldier who spent more than two years of deployment in the Middle East (Iraq and Afghanistan). Despite many medals and so many accomplishments -- he was promoted

twice below the zone -- our son felt life was not worth living and that the world would be better off without him. His death was so preventable and, now, so permanent.

No one knew how hopeless, depressed and in such despair he felt. On the outside, he seemed a cool, confident role model and hardworker focused on his Ph.D. in information technology. Yet on the inside, he was broken and full of self-hate. My fine, fine son, at the top of his game, felt worthless and unloved.

After his death, we got so many letters from soldiers and civilians about special memories. All of them said what an impact

he made on their lives and how they are better people because of him. Yet my son never realized how loved and respected he was.

I am healing, daily, and I have my faith, family and friends who have gotten me to this point with their unconditional love, support and prayers. I have to let God, let go and go on.

The number of military suicides is astronomical, and it needs to end now. There has to be a better plan for suicide prevention -- not only for the military but for everyone. If one family can be spared this unbearable heartache, then I will feel blessed.

Please do not feel ashamed or afraid to

get help, if you feel you are cornered and there is no solution. Ending your life is not the solution. You are not alone. You matter. You are enough. Just reach out, it's that simple. Dial the phone or hold out your hand. You are a child of God, and God loves you, unconditionally, even at your darkest moments. Trust in God, or whatever higher being you believe in, and hold on. Just hold on. It is not a sign of weakness to ask for help. It is a sign of strength and courage and bravery. Please visit the website 22toomany.com. There is a wonderful organization called Warriors and Quiet Waters, which offers a retreat for com-

bat soldiers returning from deployment who have post-traumatic stress disorder.

You survivors, all of you, parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins, brothers, sisters, friends, acquaintances of people who have committed suicide, you are here for a reason. Do not feel ashamed or hopeless. -- Grieving Mom of a Vet

Dear Grieving Mom:

I am so sorry for your loss. A report earlier this year from the Department of Veterans Affairs found that at least 60,000 veterans committed suicide between 2008 and 2017. That is a shocking

figure. I am honored to print your beautifully written plea in the hope it gets through to even one person who needs to hear it.

In addition to the resources you recommended, the Veterans Crisis Line is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, for support and crisis intervention. Call their trained responders at 800-273-8255 (press 1); text them at 838255; or chat with them online at VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat.

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Partnership defense

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 7 2
♥ Q 8 3
♦ A K 8 6 3
♣ 10 5 2

WEST
♠ 6 4
♥ K 6 5 4 2
♦ J
♣ K 9 8 7 6

EAST
♠ 10 8 5
♥ A 9
♦ Q 10 9 7 4 2
♣ J 3

SOUTH
♠ A K Q J 9 3
♥ J 10 7
♦ 5
♣ A Q 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ Pass 1NT Pass
3♠ Pass 4♣

Opening lead — jack of diamonds.

At the outset of play, a defender often finds himself in the dark, trying to guess how to proceed. Once the play begins, however, much of the guesswork can frequently be eliminated if the defenders communicate properly with each other.

Here is a case in point. South reached four spades as shown, and West led his singleton diamond, taken by dummy's ace. Since it was not likely that he would ever reach dummy again, South continued with the diamond king and discarded a club. East in the meantime had followed to the A-K of diamonds with first the seven and then the deuce.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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The Spider

During Mark Twain's days as a newspaperman, he was the editor of a small Missouri paper.

One day, he received a letter from a subscriber stating that he had found a spider in his paper and asked if this was an omen of good or bad luck.

Twain replied, "Finding a spider in your paper is neither good nor bad luck. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant was not advertising so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever after."



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		5	3					1
2	1							5
7		3	4				2	
				2	5			
						1		7
				7				6
		2			8			
		7	6					4
3	4					9		

Level: Advanced

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!

8	1	6	7	2	5	4	3	9
4	5	9	8	3	6	7	1	2
3	7	1	4	8	9	2	5	6
5	9	8	6	7	1	2	4	3
2	7	3	1	9	6	8	5	4
4	9	3	1	4	7	6	2	5
9	8	6	2	5	3	4	1	7
6	9	8	2	2	5	2	7	6
3	3	3	4	1	4	1	3	6
2	1	8	9	7	6	4	5	3
4	6	5	3	8	2	7	9	1

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



Mercury Goes Vegan

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your desire to obtain worldly success will impress. It's as though you just don't see the limits, and therefore, the limits, if they are there at all, don't pertain to you today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You wonder how you will accomplish everything on your list. Indeed, it's not possible for you to do it alone. Break it down into two categories: what is easy to teach and delegate, and what can only be done by you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). People want to earn what they get. Don't offer rewards without considering this principle. Asking people to do something small and easy will be better than giving anything away for free today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The old saying goes "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." This grammatically incorrect

adage will save you time and money today while freeing you to focus on what really is "broke."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You call people back when you're ready to and when you have a reason that's compelling enough, and this goes both ways. Therefore, you are at ease with the timing of life. It's something to figure out, not rail against.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be fired up to make money, and an important deal will come together for you as though it were entirely ruled by your attitude and will. Maybe this is really the case!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You typically think of tackling domestic chores as a means to an end, but today you'll find that any efforts you make to clean, clear and organize your world will be engaging, interesting and even enjoyable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your people

will be a little like the door to a shop today. You'll have to push a bit to get in and do some business, but not too hard or too forcefully. Lean in a bit to figure out what's needed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There is little that compares to the excitement of someone understanding your value and challenging you to learn and be and bring even more to the table.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don't always care about the same things your loved ones do, but today will bring exciting developments in projects of significance to you and yours.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Every bargain you strike involves your end (the one you have complete control over) and theirs (the one up for your influence, reward, bribery, leverage and threats and yet is still ultimately theirs to control).

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Success involves a checklist. The beauty of a checklist is that each item is given equal real estate on the list and you are prevented from missing both the obvious things and the not-so-obvious things.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 29). It's a passionate solar jour-

ney ahead. You'll get the sort of attention and experiences you most crave. Because you learn to trust life, you'll revert to a childlike wonder and impose a few unrealistic expectations on it, thus striking up an exciting future. You'll enjoy a reward that goes to but an elite few. Libra and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 3, 33, 39 and 45.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The final sweet send-off of the year will be a lucky trine between Mercury in Capricorn and Uranus in Taurus. If you've been unafraid to mention what you want because you thought it was too big of an ask or because you couldn't see the practicality of getting it, strongly consider lodging a request to the universe. What you very well may learn is that it is not up to you to decide the scale or parameters of what is doable. In many cases, getting what you want will help others. Anyway, it's important to

face fear and challenge our trepidation. The worst that could happen is being denied or judged, both of which have more to do with those issuing denial and judgment than with the source of a request. The new year opens in the solemn spirit of the Pisces moon and wastes no time getting into action with a lunar shift into Aries and a powerful conjunction of Mercury and Jupiter in Capricorn. This aspect serves as a checklist in the sky. It's as though the universe is telling us exactly the moves to make in order to create a particular outcome. The bad news is that there will be no short-cuts. The good news is that there will be no secret requirements. Results go to those who are willing to start doing the work and checking those boxes.

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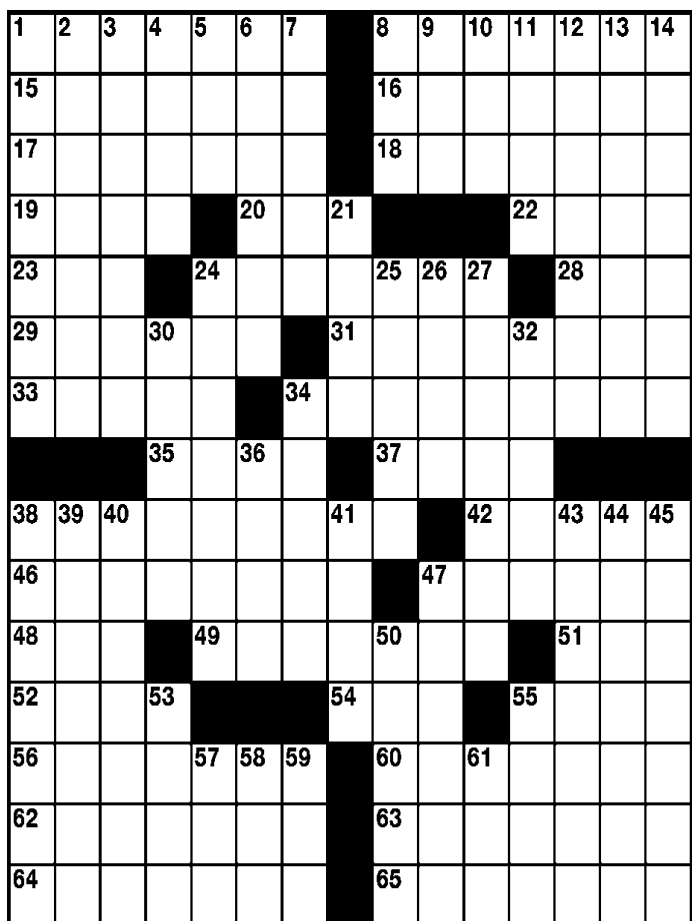
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Newsday Crossword

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ACROSS | DOWN | 14 No longer an issue | 41 Ports, for instance |
| 1 Seafood serving | 1 Type of paint | 21 Delivered | 43 Like muskrats |
| 8 Military maneuvers | 2 Before | 24 Ask for | 44 Quarters with buttons |
| 15 Annoyed | 3 Exod. locale | 25 Work with a meter | 45 Breaks away |
| 16 Apple-pie order | 4 IOC's Athlete of the Century | 26 Disembarked | 47 Flourishes |
| 17 Flintstone's boss | 5 Acapulco article | 27 Impractical idea | 50 Personal-finance guru Dolan |
| 18 Pesto tidbit | 6 Indonesian export | 30 Five-petal flower | 53 Conversation ender |
| 19 <i>The Firebird</i> movement | 7 Top players | 32 Mind __ | 55 It may be burning |
| 20 Something owed | 8 Huckleberry's father | 34 Saldana role of '09, '13 and '16 | 57 Exclamation of surprise |
| 22 Faction | 9 SI's Athlete of the Century | 36 Make a fuss | 58 Kilowatt-hour fraction |
| 23 Aachen article | 10 Unraveled | 38 Kitchen blender | 59 Presidential monogram |
| 24 Big brewer | 11 It's west of Cedar Rapids | 39 First-aid specialist | 61 Begin to use |
| 28 Line-dance participant | 12 Ulster town | 40 Land lady | |
| 29 Good sense | 13 Develop | | |
| 31 Exile | | | |
| 33 Toon teen in an '89 film | | | |
| 34 By oneself | | | |
| 35 Gossip about | | | |
| 37 Hold off | | | |
| 38 Makeup | | | |
| 42 Realizes | | | |
| 46 Open, as an opera | | | |
| 47 Seafood serving | | | |
| 48 1.5-volt item | | | |
| 49 Horsefeathers | | | |
| 51 Inventory-tracking device | | | |
| 52 <i>Ivanhoe</i> contest | | | |
| 54 Brazil's __ Manuel River | | | |
| 55 Have value | | | |
| 56 Wild | | | |
| 60 Changed cyclically | | | |
| 62 "... the Flying Trapeze" guy | | | |
| 63 Fancy | | | |
| 64 Set up | | | |
| 65 Points of view | | | |



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Answer to previous puzzle

MALI IMOFF ISPS
OLIN NITRO OMIT
TIED ASTAR NANO
OFNOACCOUNT LAW
RESULT DORAL
BLISS WONTDO
WEPT ONTO LAIRD
ABE SNORKEL MAI
RANTO BEAV SEWN
SYNODS WYETH
YOOKS REOPEN
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Sandra Verdin

We will reopen on Wednesday, Jan. 2 at 9 a.m. Code Club will resume Thursday, Jan. 2 and regular Storytime will resume Wednesday, Jan. 8. Happy New Year from all of us at the library, wishing everyone a wonderful 2020.

This week's reviews include fiction and western titles.

Emma London never thought she had anything in common with her grandmother Genevieve London in "Life and Other Inconveniences" (LP F HIG K) by [Kristan Higgins](#).

The regal old woman came from wealthy and the bluest-blood New England stock, but that didn't protect her from life's cruellest blows: the disappearance of Genevieve's young son, followed by the premature death of her husband. But Genevieve rose from those ashes of grief and built a fashion empire that was respected the world over, even when it meant neglecting her other son. When Emma's own mother died, her father abandoned her on his mother's doorstep. Genevieve took Emma in and reluctantly raised her until Emma got pregnant her senior year of high school. Genevieve kicked her

out with nothing but the clothes on her back, but Emma took with her the most important London possession: the strength not just to survive but to thrive. Indeed, Emma has built a wonderful life for herself and her teenage daughter, Riley. So what is Emma to do when Genevieve does the one thing Emma never expected of her and, after not speaking to her for nearly two decades, calls and asks for help?

It is Sept. 1940, a year into the war in "The Long Flight Home" (LP F HLA A) by [Alan Hlad](#).

As German bombs fall on Britain, fears grow of an impending invasion. Enemy fighter planes blacken the sky around the home of Susan Shepherd and her grandfather, Bertie. Susan has found comfort in raising homing pigeons with Bertie, and her favorite bird, Duchess, shares a special bond with Susan and an unusual curiosity about the human world. Thousands of miles away in Buxton, Maine, a young crop-duster pilot named Ollie Evans has decided to travel to Britain to join the Royal Air Force. His quest brings him to the National Pigeon Service, where Susan is involved in a new, covert assignment to air-drop hundreds of homing pigeons in German-occupied France. Those that make the journey home to England can convey crucial information on German troop movements and help reclaim the skies from the Luftwaffe. When Ollie's plane is downed behind enemy lines, Duchess's devotion and her singular sense of duty will become an unexpected lifeline, relaying

messages between Susan and Ollie as war rages on and proving, at last, that hope is never truly lost.

Most of the Texas ranches had suffered badly while the men were away fighting the war in "Pepper Tree Rider" (LP W CUR J) by Jack Curtis. Now the war was over and the former soldiers were beginning to return home to reunite with their families and salvage what they could of their homesteads. No one was more anxious than nine-year-old Danny Hamilton, who spent day after day perched in his favorite tree, scanning the horizon for signs of his father. His mother, Elizabeth, had held the Lazy H together as well as she could, with only Danny, an elderly vaquero, and her sickly brother to help her. For years no one had enough men to organize round-ups; all the ranches had been letting their cattle use the open range. Whatever was between her ranch and the river was Lazy H's, anything on the other side of the river, up to the rimrock, was Drum Bigger's. The only way Elizabeth had been able to pay the interest on the mortgage while Harry was away was by signing over hundreds of cows each year to Joab Vibor's bank. If Harry doesn't come home soon, there will be nothing left.

Twenty-five-year-old Ben Hawthorne is kidnapped by men wearing hoods in "Hot Metal" (LP W SOP S) by S.I. Soper. After spending an unknown number of days caged, chained, and tortured by men wearing hoods in the darkness of a root cellar who insist he robbed a bank and killed several women, Ben is

rescued by four men. But who are these men and why were they looking for him, the son of Eli and Cora Hawthorne, born on a ranch outside of Nacogdoches, Texas, orphaned at the age of ten when his parents were killed by Comanches, and then taken by the Comanches who gave him his Indian name, Newcomer. When Ben learns that his "rescuers" are in fact bounty hunters who believe he is the son of a rancher named Locklin, he doesn't understand. Matters become even more puzzling when he is taken to the home of Locklin and the big-time rancher recognizes him as his missing son of five years, Seth. Things continue to confuse Ben when he is shown a picture of Seth and it is like looking in a mirror. Hawthorne knows who he is, but everyone he meets believes he is Seth, including Seth's sister and Caitlin Black, the spitfire who was Seth's childhood friend, who is ready to go to war with Larch Locklin over access to water.

"For last year's words belong to last year's language And next year's words await another voice." T.S. Eliot, Four Quartets

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WINE

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and other locally grown varieties.

"That being said, all sparkling wines share at least two things in common: sharp acidity, which helps lend to the wine's crisp and fresh taste, and bubbles, which give a creamy and rich perception to the palate," he said. "Because of these characteristics, sparkling wines are well suited to the typical heavy dishes served at Christmas and New Year's. Sparkling wines are not just for celebration but pair nicely with chicken, turkey, ham, lobster, stuffing, yams, mashed potatoes, holiday pies, and don't forget the cheese and chocolate."

Pétillant naturel

While the rosé craze has taken the state and nation by storm, Cook said a new trend is quickly gaining popularity in the sparkling wine world - the production of pétillant naturel, or pet nat, wines. This sparkling winemaking style utilizes natural yeast and in-bottle fermentation to produce a bubble-rich wine with a wide range of light and refreshing aromas.

Cook said wineries love them because they can be offered to consumers sooner than wines that require aging, and consumers love them because they are light and refreshing.

Pet nat wines are partially fermented in vats or tanks, then transferred to bottles and sealed. The fermentation process continues in bottle, generating carbon dioxide, which creates both the pressure and the bubbles "we know and love," said Andreea Botezatu, Ph.D, AgriLife Extension enologist, College Station.

Because these wines are not filtered or polished in any way, they tend to be cloudy and contain sedi-

ments, which is perfectly normal for this particular style of wine, Botezatu noted.

"They're light and fruity and easy to drink," she said. "They're perfect for parties."

Méthode champenoise

In July 2018, Grape Creek Vineyards opened Heath Sparkling Wines, a facility that produces four different sparkling wines bottled under the names Euphoria, Adoration, Ebullience and Blanc de Blancs. The modern-style facility, touted as "the first winery in Texas dedicated to the art of sparkling winemaking," also has a tasting area.

"We use pinot noir and chardonnay grapes, but also produce a sparkling rosé wine using pinot grigio and a sparkling white that's a blend of trebbiano and chenin blanc," said Jason Englert, a winemaker for Grape Creek Vineyards in Fredericksburg.

Englert said the most well-known way of processing champagne and sparkling wines is the méthode champenoise, but the equipment for this process is specialized and very expensive, representing a substantial investment for a winery.

"So, what we do at Heath Sparkling Wines is process the grapes and ferment the juice to make the base wine (cuveé). The finished base wines are then filtered and transported by tanker to a sparkling wine processing facility in California to complete the méthode champenoise process."

Once the process is completed, which usually takes about 18 months, the sparkling wine, which is in champagne bottles, is corked and has a wire hood applied. Then foils and labels are affixed and the bottles are placed in case boxes and palletized for return shipping.

Those proponents of the méthode champenoise point to the individual attention given each bottle and the time taken to complete the process as necessary for bringing out the full flavor and richness

of the wine.

Englert noted other Texas winemakers have experimented with making sparkling wines using other methods such as the old-school pétillant naturel process and the Charmat method, a more economical production process in which still wine goes through secondary fermentation in large vessels.

Texas winemakers

Along with Heath, other Texas wineries that produce sparkling wines include Messina Hof Winery, McPherson Vineyards, Wedding Oak Winery, William Chris Vineyards, Saint Tryphon, Spicewood Vineyards, Farmhouse Vineyards, Knipp Cellars, Southold Farm and Cellars, Landon Winery, Fiesta Winery and Whistling Duck Vineyards and Winery.

"We have made some really exceptional sparkling wines with blanc du bois, pinot blanc, chenin blanc and trebbiano, as well as the traditional chardonnay and pinot noir grapes," said Messina Hof Winery owner and winemaker Paul Bonarrigo, who is also president of the Texas Wine and Grape Growers Association.

Bonarrigo said as infrastructure and knowledge bases grow there will be an expansion in the production of sparkling wines throughout the state, and consumers will see more and more wineries launching a sparkling wine product.

Cook agrees.

"Texas is really getting a foothold in the sparkling wine niche market," he said. "Winemakers see the advantages of turning out amazingly fresh and aromatic wines that utilize grapes that may not be suited for their traditional table wines and can be offered to consumers sooner rather than later."

STOCK

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lower tax rates, a slowing global economy weighed on company revenues. If S&P 500 companies end up reporting four straight quarters of declines for 2019, as analysts expect, it would be the first time that's happened since 2015-16. Still, analysts tend to set low expectations that most companies are able to beat, so investors aren't panicked by the slower profit growth.

CAN NEGATIVE BE A POSITIVE?

Would you pay someone to lend money to them? The practice has become more common around the world — \$13 trillion in bonds globally had negative yields as of November, according to Deutsche Bank. Much of that total is from Japan, France and Germany, countries that account for nearly a quarter of all the world's bonds. It's the result of shock-therapy by the European Central Bank and others to try to jolt their economies and inflation higher.

THE FED'S U-TURN

The Federal Reserve changed course on interest rate policy this year, cutting its benchmark rate three times after more than two years of increases. Chairman Jerome Powell portrayed those cuts as "insurance" against a slowdown resulting from weak global growth. Prior to late 2015, the Fed had been keeping rates at a record low near zero to stimulate the economy. In December, the Fed said it was prepared to keep rates low at least through next year.

"HOME" RUN

A strong labor market and a steady decline in mortgage rates stoked demand among would-be homeowners this year, driving U.S. home sales higher. A persistently limited supply of previously occupied homes for sale at a time when millennials are increasingly seeking to become homeowners also helped to stoke demand, even though affordability remained a challenge in many markets. The housing trends favored U.S. homebuilders, whose shares surged well above the broader market.

CLICKS AGAIN OUTSHINE BRICKS

Retailers had a mixed year as they continued beefing up their online sales strategies amid declining foot traffic. Department stores, and Macy's in partic-

ular, fell sharply. Specialty retailers did much better, with electronics retailer Best Buy, car dealership chain CarMax and home improvement retailers Home Depot and Lowe's among those making sharp gains. As the year wound down, retailers were hoping that low unemployment, higher wages and the record-setting stock market would translate into a robust holiday shopping season.

PROTEIN PUSH

Plant-based meat has gone mainstream. Beyond Meat, which makes burgers and sausages from pea protein, had one of the most successful IPOs of the year. Burger King's soy-based Impossible Whopper was a big hit. Tyson Foods, Nestle and Kellogg all introduced plant-based meats. Health and animal welfare concerns are driving the trend. U.S. plant-based meat sales jumped 10% this year, to nearly \$1 billion; traditional meat sales rose 2% to \$95 billion in that same time, Nielsen says.

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What to expect as you transition to a healthy diet

Special to the Herald

For many people, the road to a healthy lifestyle begins in the kitchen. People make changes to their diets of their own volition or at the recommendation of their doctors, and those changes can have a profound effect that might surprise even the most devoted of healthy eaters.

According to the Center for Advancement in Cancer Education, 90 percent of all cancer cases can be prevented through environmental and lifestyle choices like deciding to eat a healthy diet. In addition, the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, notes that a history of poor eating is one of the biggest contributors to the various nutrition- and physical activity-related health challenges that now face the U.S. population. By simply altering their diets to make them more nutritious, millions of people across the globe can significantly reduce their risk for various chronic diseases, including cardiovascular disease and type 2 diabetes.

People who are committed to eating healthier should know that changing diets can produce some adverse, but typically temporary, side effects. The CACE notes that such side effects are predictable, as they are essentially just manifestations of the body's adjustments as it responds to eating better. People adopting healthier diets should discuss the appearance of the following side effects with their physicians while recognizing that they are not necessarily a cause for concern.

Skin rashes

The CACE notes that people who have histories of recurring skin rashes or eruptions may experience such rashes as they adjust to healthy diets. That's because the skin is becoming more active and alive due to the healthy diet and expelling toxins that could potentially prove hazardous down the road. Doctors unfamiliar with patients' histories may mistake these rashes for food allergies,



Courtesy image

Starting a healthy diet can be beneficial in the long run, but don't get detoured by a few of the transitional symptoms that might occur in the process.

so it's important that patients be open and honest about their medical histories and remind their doctors that they are in the process of changing their diets for the better.

Colds or fevers

Colds or fevers can be another way the body indicates it's working hard to cleanse itself. Fevers should always be monitored closely, even while in the midst of changing one's diet for the better. But the CACE notes that colds or fevers, while unpleasant, can serve as a natural form of housecleaning as the body adjusts to a healthy diet. Persistent colds and fevers should be brought to the attention of a physician.

Additional symptoms

Some people may experience withdrawal symptoms like headaches and irritability as they transition from unhealthy diets to healthy ones. Such symptoms may be more likely to occur among people who suddenly adopt extreme diets. A gradual transition may help mitigate these symptoms, as can choosing a less extreme, balanced diet as opposed to one that demands certain foods be avoided entirely right off the bat.

Choosing to eat a healthier diet is a smart move that can pay long-term dividends. But the transition may require people to confront potentially uncomfortable side effects as their bodies adjust.

Shelter and lockdown help keep people safe

Special to the Herald

In an emergency situations, buildings that can hold large numbers of people can quickly become chaotic if individuals do not know how to respond to perceived threats in an orderly fashion. In recent years, schools, office buildings and shopping malls have gone to great lengths to understand and practice two of the major ways of securing a facility: shelter-in-place and lockdown.

Shelter-in-place and lockdown are two different methods of remaining secure and awaiting help or information from law enforcement. Knowing the difference between the two can be life-saving during emergencies, advises the United States Army.

Shelter-in-place

A variety of situations can necessitate a shelter-in-place outcome. Shelter-in-place may be instituted in response to severe weather, a chemical, biological or radiological contamination that has been released into the environment, or another possible threat, such as nearby police activity. It is used when a higher degree of protection is warranted inside of a building.

When shelter-in-place is advised, it is best to seek cover in the nearest building. The security system company Total Security says to find an interior room or hallway and stay away from exterior windows. Lobbies, walkways, atriums, or other large rooms with access windows are not recommended. In

certain situations, ventilation systems should be turned off and windows and doors sealed. People should remain where they are until the all-clear is issued. The Riverside County Office of Education says that a shelter-in-place plan is generally a safer approach than evacuating people into a potentially contaminated or dangerous outdoor environment.

Lockdown

A lockdown, also known as secure-in-place, is a technique typically used to prevent access from an outside intruder, such as a hostile or armed person. The Army says that when a lockdown is advised, people should barricade themselves in a room with no windows, if possible. If this is not available, they should stay away from windows and avoid making themselves visible to any potential threat. The San Juan Unified School District says that doors will be locked and window coverings will be pulled closed. Everyone shall remain silent until the threat is over.

Shelter-in-place is an elevated state of alert while a lockdown is the highest level of alert. In most cases, access and egress to the facility will be halted and communication in and out of the building also may cease until security is maintained and confirmed.

Safety professionals advise that drills take place so that all personnel can act quickly in the event shelter-in-place or a lockdown is necessary.

Smoking effects on the wound healing process

Tiffany Crawford

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Cigarettes contain nicotine. Nicotine causes your arteries to become narrow. It can also cause your arteries to go into spasm. When this happens, the oxygen and nutrients carried in your blood cannot get to your wound. Oxygen and nutrients are needed for your wound to heal. A wound that does not get enough oxygen and nutrients may result in a wound that does not heal.

How Else Does Nicotine affect the Body?

- Tobacco smoke leads to many types of cancers.
- Smoking increases your heart beat and blood pressure. It strains your heart and blood vessels.
- This can cause heart attacks, strokes or, limb amputations.
- Smoking makes a tar like substance coat your lungs that may cause lung cancer.

Patient Education:

- Smoking leads to emphysema and chronic bronchitis. This causes the lung and heart to fail.
- Smoking harms nearly every organ of the body.
- Smoking accounts for 438,000 deaths or 1 of 5 deaths in the U.S. every year.

Smoking Cessation Resources

- US Department of Health: Surgeon General "Quit Now" 1-800-784-8669
- US department of Health: Surgeon General "You Can Quit Smoking" Consumer Guide 1-800-358-9295
- US Department of Health & Human Services: www.smokefree.gov
- Agency for Healthcare Resources and Quality: www.ahrq.gov/path/tobacco.htm
- American Lung Association Helpline: 1-800-LUNGUAS
- Ask your health care provider about programs to help you stop

smoking.

Smoking and Wound Healing Reap the Benefits of Smoking Cessation According to the American Lung Association:

Short term benefits

- 20 minutes after you stop smoking:
 - Your blood pressure decreases
 - Your pulse rate drops and
 - The body temperature of your hands and feet increases
- 8 hours after you stop smoking:
 - The carbon monoxide in your blood returns to normal
 - The oxygen level in the blood increases to normal
- 1 day after you stop smoking:
 - Your nerve endings start to re-grow

Your ability to smell and taste is enhanced

- 2 weeks to 3 months after quitting:
 - Your circulation improves
 - Walking becomes easier
- 1 month to 9 months after quitting all of the following will decrease:
 - Coughing

-- Sinus congestion

-- Fatigue

-- Shortness of breath

• 1 year after quitting:

- Your risk for coronary heart disease is decreased to half that of a smoker

Long term benefits

After quitting for 5 to 15 years:

- Your stroke risk is reduced to that of people who have never smoked

After quitting for 10 years:

- Your risk of lung cancer goes down to as little as one-half that of smokers
- Your risk of cancer of the mouth, throat, esophagus, kidney, and pancreas decreases
- Your risk of stomach ulcers decrease

After quitting for 15 years:

- Your risk of coronary heart disease

will be similar to that of people who have never smoked

- Your risk of death will be nearly the same as people who have never smoked

If you quit smoking you will have:

- Less chance of cancer, heart attack, lung disease
- Better blood circulation
- No odor of smoke in your clothes and hair
- A better sense of taste
- Set a healthy example for your children and grandchildren
- Healthier family members

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