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Big Spring City Council passes 'Sanctuary City for the Unborn' Ordinance passes with 3-2 vote

Upcoming Event

- Jan. 25
Silver Wings Ball
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Cowboys and Heels
Dorothy Garrett Coliseum
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By Erica Morse
Herald Contributing Writer

In a 3-2 vote with one abstaining and one absent, the City Council voted to approve an amended ordinance which would ban the performance of abortions and declare Big Spring a 'Sanctuary City for the Unborn'.

As the final vote was cast, the crowd of more than 100 people inside the Municipal Auditorium erupted in cheers, bringing advocates for the ordinance one step closer to ending the impassioned debate which spanned three months, drew in more than 70 public speakers, and generated strong support for both sides from across the state.



The Big Spring City Council met at the Municipal Auditorium in order to accommodate a larger crowd. The topic with most discussion was the Sanctuary City for the Unborn vote, which passed Tuesday evening.

Per the City charter, any ordinance resolution must be read at two meetings. The ordinance will now receive a sec-

ond reading at the Jan. 28 meeting, which will determine if Big Spring officially becomes a 'Sanctuary City for the Unborn', banning abortions from being performed inside City limits.

However, for the ordinance to actually be enforced, Roe vs. Wade and Planned Parenthood vs. Casey must be overturned by the United States Supreme Court.

Last November, the City Council first entertained the idea of declaring Big Spring a Sanctuary City after being approached by East Texas Right to Life, an organization promoting the case in small towns throughout Texas. At the November and December meetings, concerned citizens, medical professionals, lawyers, pastors and parents pled their

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Thank a Veteran Day

Special to the Herald

Freedom is a gift that has been provided to us through the sacrifices of many brave men and women, over decades. As a community, we take the time to say Thank You to those brave souls who gave their time, their life and so much more.

The 15th of each month is now recognized as Thank a Veteran today, and this month, we say a special thank you to Army Veteran Chad McDuffee who served as a Military Police Officer from 2002-2013.

"I wanted to join the Army shortly after 9-11 to fight for my country," said McDuffee. "I was a small town West Texas boy who wanted to do anything I could to help during that time."

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Veteran Chad McDuffee stands outside the local VA facility. Thank you for your service Mr. McDuffee.



Courtesy image/KBest Media

"WHEREAS, the City of Big Spring, in recognition of the courage, honor, devotion and sacrifice of our service men and women, hereby establish the 15th day of every month as "Thank a Veteran Day" and this day shall forever stand as a day to honor those that have selflessly served each citizen of this Great Nation."

The Big Spring Herald stands in support of all Veterans. The above is part of a proclamation presented by the Big Spring City Council in honor of everyone that has served our Country. Please take a moment today to thank a Veteran. This proclamation was presented by Mayor Larry McLellan on behalf of the Big Spring City Council on Tuesday, April 10th, 2018.

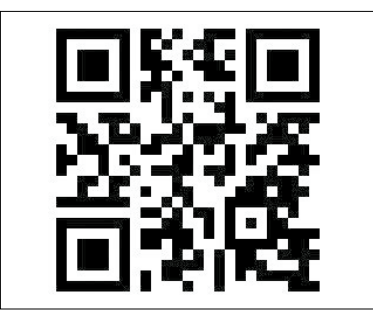
God Bless our veterans!
If you know a veteran we should recognize, please send the information to editor@bigspringherald.com.

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Board of Trustee Recognition month to be highlighted at BSISD meeting Thursday

By AMANDA DUFORAT
Managing Editor

School Board Recognition Month will be highlighted during the January Board of Trustees meeting, at Big Spring ISD on Thursday. The meeting will take place in the High School Board Room at 5:15 p.m., located at 707 E. Eleventh Place.

After the board of trustees have concluded general business and taken care of action items, the group will move across the street to the Family Faith Center dining hall to partake in a meal provided by the Big Spring ISD Culinary students.

"Our culinary class has kicked off and the students will be preparing a meal for our school board trustees, in recognition of School Board Appreciation Month," George Bancroft, said. "After the meeting, we will move across the street to Family Faith Center where the students will serve the meal to the board."

A contract with the Howard County Election Administrator to conduct the school trustees election for May 2, 2020 will be considered and discussed. A resolution to enter into a joint election agreement with the City of Big Spring will also be discussed, as part of the action items during the meeting.

The Board of Trustees will be reviewing and consider approval of updates to the Board of Trustees Operating Procedures and consider approval of an anonymous donation to the BSI Activity Account. The board will also consider a repayment and release of claims agreement with Kylee Portocarrero Relataing to reimbursement of salary overpayments.

During the Superintendent's Report, the Trustees will hear a report on resignations and retirements along with the enrollment report. There will also be the delivery of a mid-year BSISD Superintendent Report and discussion over the mid-winter conference.

Other items on the agenda include:
Employment Recommendations
Discussion/Approval of personnel issues including employment, resignations, reassignments, duties, performance problems and evaluations. According to the agenda, the Board of Trustees could enter into a closed session to discuss these matters, in accordance with Texas Government Code 551.074.

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Obituaries

Steve Reagan



Steve Reagan, a longtime newspaper journalist, passed away Friday, Jan. 10, in Abilene after a brief battle with cancer. He was 65.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Jan. 18, at 1 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church.

Steve was born in Big Spring on Oct. 9, 1954, to Bascom Reagan and Bennie Pearl (Mitchell) Goswick. He graduated from Big Spring

High School and then entered the United States Air Force where he was an air traffic controller, stationed at Lackland AFB in San Antonio.

After his military service, he returned to Big Spring, eventually joining the Big Spring Herald for several years before working as an administrative assistant to the Howard County district attorney. He later rejoined the Big Spring Herald where he worked more than 25 years during his career. He moved to the Snyder Daily News in February 2017, and was just recently promoted to managing editor. He was an award-winning reporter and columnist during his time in Snyder.

Steve was active in the Kiwanis Club and was a former president of both the Kiwanis Club of Big Spring and the Kiwanis Club of Snyder, where he had worked with the club's scholarship program.

Steve was very appreciative of the warm reception he received when he moved to Snyder, and he had many special friends in both Big Spring and Snyder.

Steve loved the Texas Rangers, taking walks around town, taking pictures of sunsets and writing. He worked hard to provide accurate and fair coverage of the news and genuinely cared about the communities he served. He was greatly loved by anyone who knew him and will be dearly missed.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his brothers and sister, Danny Reagan and his wife, Candy, of Abilene, Coy Reagan and his wife, Cheryl, of Livingston, Eve Martin and her husband, Mike, of Sonora, and Jim Goswick and his wife, Cheryl, of Odessa; numerous nieces and nephews; and several very special friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Kiwanis Club of Snyder, the Snyder Education Foundation, Calvary Baptist Church or Hendrick Hospice Care.

Paid Obituary

Derek Wayne Griffith



Derek Wayne Griffith, 47, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 13, 2020, in San Angelo. Funeral services will be 2 p.m., Friday, Jan. 17, 2020, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020, at the funeral home.

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

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 432-517-9207 for more information.

• Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-860

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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

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

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

• GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6 to 8 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

FRIDAY

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **JOSEPH ALTON MURLEY** 40, of 1405 Tucson Rd., was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram), and a criminal trespass warning.

• **BRIDGETTE RENEE WEBB**, 48, of 1401 N. Hwy 87,

Apt. 1204, was arrested on a warrant for no drivers license.

• **KATYANA ALEXANDRIA CAMPBELL**, 24, of 403 S. 5th, Coahoma, Texas, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest or detention and an outstanding warrant from another agency.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported at Moorefield Rd.

• **THEFT** was reported in the

1500 block of Lincoln Ave.

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

• **WELFARE CONCERN** was reported in the 1700 block of S. Runnels St.

• **INTOXICATED DRIVER** was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 81 inmates at the time of this report.

• **KATYANA ALEXANDRIA CAMPBELL**, 24, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of evading arrest or detention, and a warrant for failure to appear-forgery of a

financial instrument.

• **MICHAEL RAYE GRISOM**, 32, was arrested by HCSO on charges of public intoxication and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

• **FARELL RAYNEI MCCULLOUGH**, 57, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for motion to revoke-theft of property (\$100 to \$750).

• **JOSEPH ALTON MURLEY**,

40, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram).

• **ERNEST SAIZ JR.**, 58, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated (BAC over 0.1).

• **BRIDGETTE RENEE WEBB**, 48, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for no drivers license.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of E. 8th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was report-

ed in the 5200 block of Dawson. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of March. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Runnels. No transport was required.

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

• **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th St. No transport was required.

Take Note

• Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Service will be held at Baker's Chapel AME Church, on Monday, Jan. 20, 2020, at 12 p.m. The church is located at 911 N. Lancaster. National Theme King Center King's 2020 Vision, "The Beloved Community-The Fierce Urgency of Now." There will be guest speakers and grab 'n' go lunch, at no charge. For more information, contact Mrs. Willia Leford at 268-8233.

• The Big Spring Amateur Radio Club will be hosting a Ham Radio Training Course for Technician Class Certification. The class will meet Monday and Thursday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The dates are: Monday, Jan. 20, Thursday, Jan. 23, Monday, Jan. 27, and Thursday, Jan. 30. Upon completion of

the classes, a testing date will be scheduled to accommodate those in the class. For more information, email Henry Hunter at hhunter@poka.com, or Pepper Sullivan at wp-sull911@sbcglobal.net.

• Do you want to learn English or develop your computer skills? Permian Basin Adult Literacy can help you reach your goals! Classes available in English language learning and computer literacy. Classes are Tuesdays, begging January 7, 2020, from 9 a.m. to

10:30 a.m. at the Howard College Anthony Hunt Library, 1001 Birdwell Lane. There is a \$25 enrollment fee. For more information, contact Hunter Smith at hsmith@pbalc.org, call 432-682-9693, ext. 402, or go to website pbalc.org/permian-basin-adult-literacy-students/

• Kelly Stone, Candidate for Railroad Commission of Texas, will be in Big Spring on Monday, Jan 13, 2020, at Howard County Democrats Headquarters, 1408 Scurry St., at 5:30 p.m. The public is invited to come meet the candidate.



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Weather



Today: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 71. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northeast in the afternoon.

Tonight: A 30 percent chance of rain, mainly after 9pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 38. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday: Rain. High near 40. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%. New precipitation amounts between a half and three quarters of an inch possible.

Thursday Night: Rain. Low around 36. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%.

Friday: Rain likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 64. Northeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 70%.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 38.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 57.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 32.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 51.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 33.

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

CITY

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cases on both sides of the issue, with passions running high, but respect being maintained throughout the process.

Council members voting in favor of the ordinance included Jim DePaw, Gloria McDonald, and Mayor Shannon Thomason. Raul Marquez, Jr. and Camilla Strande voted against, with Councilman Doug Hartman abstaining altogether. Terry McDaniel was absent from the meeting and therefore did not cast a vote.

After two hours of additional public comments, the Council discussed the topic at length last evening, focusing on certain verbiage which some felt would leave the City open to costly litigation. After eliminating the names of nine organizations with ties to performing abortions and removing the reference to said organizations as 'criminal', the Council moved forward with approval.

"Abortion rights are one of, if not the most divisive subjects in America today and, honestly, one I never thought I would have to address on the Council," Mayor Thomason said of last night's vote. "I can honestly say that I am proud of the way the citizens controlled themselves at both the December meeting and at tonight's meeting. The people of Big Spring have just shown the rest of the nation just how well a bit of respect for our neighbors goes when dealing with emotional issues."

Although most of the crowd favored the Council's decision, others are displeased with the results.

Councilwoman Camilla Strande stood firm on her decision to vote against the ordinance, stating during public comments that the City should not disobey Federal laws. Raul Marquez, Jr., voiced concerns that

with the various slight changes being made to the ordinance, he would feel more comfortable if the changes were to be reviewed by the City Attorney.

In other business:

- Mayor Shannon Thomason presented a proclamation officially declaring Jan. 20, 2020, 'Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day' and announced a commemorative walk taking place at 5:30 p.m. on the 20th, originating at the corner of Gregg Street and MLK Blvd

- In the City Manager's report, Todd Darden discussed last-minute additions/changes for Large Item pickup, which will begin today and continue rotating precincts every month

- The Big Sandy Draw Landfill, Phase 1, Package 3 is getting a lot of interest, according to Darden, who said bids will be open through Jan. 30, with bids to the Council in February

- Darden visited with Oncor regarding the addition of streetlights in unlit areas, including 3rd and 4th streets downtown. A budget of \$200,000 was already approved for this project

- The City of Big Spring's Public Information page has had more than 17,000 visits since its launch in December

- Darden also announced that applications are needed for volunteer board members for Traffic Commission, Adjustments and Appeals Engineer and Zoning Board of Adjustments

- All city offices will be closed on Monday, January 20th, in observation of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day

- All consent items were unanimously approved.

- Voucher approvals are as follows for December and January: \$896,242.58 for 12/12/19, \$1,180.185 for 12/19/19, \$623,194.07 for 1/2/20, and \$552,408.77 for 1/9/20.

The City Council also awarded the following bids:

- Four (4) squad units for the Big Spring Police Department to

Caldwell Country Chevrolet and the up-fitting to be awarded to cap fleet. When Council member Jim DePaw asked Chief Chad Williams why the bid had not gone to a local company like Freedom, Williams advised that Freedom had not yet responded to the Department's request for said bid

- Awarded the bid for the Big Spring EMS to purchase two (2) CPR Aid devices to Zoll, Inc. Chief Craig Ferguson told the Council that, while in demo phase with the Zoll devices, two lives here in Big Spring have already been saved

- \$346,100 to Sunbelt for the Russ McEwen Aquatic Center Pool and mechanical equipment

- \$255,119 for sludge removal backup at the Roy Hester Water Treatment Plant

In New Business, the Council approved first readings of the following:

- Accepted a donation to be used for additional equipment for the Fire Department

- Accepting a Safer Grant to be used for additional expenses for 10 new Fire Fighters

- Entered into a loan agreement with the BBVA Compass for funding of the Reliver Route Access roads

- Approved the Economic Development Corporation's Board of Director minutes for the Nov. 19, 2019, meeting

- Approved the EDC's Quarterly update

The Council also acknowledged the retirement of EDC Director Terry Wegman and thanked him for his many years of service to the City.

Finally, Mayor Thomason announced the Council did extend an offer yesterday to Judge Andrew Hagen of Uvalde, Texas, to become the new City Attorney. Hagen has accepted the offer. Hagen was the only applicant to bring direct municipal experience.

The next City Council meeting will return to the Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 28.

THANK YOU

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McDuffee injured his ankle in Iraq, but continued to fight and later found out that it could not be saved.

For four months McDuffee fought, not knowing how serious his injury was, and five years later it had to be removed. He's now fully functional with his prosthetic limb through the medical care and therapy he receives from the West Texas VA Medi-

cal Center.

On behalf of the Big Spring Herald, we say thank you to all those who served our nation and provided the freedoms that we have today.

If you have a veteran you would like to see honored, please submit their name, photo, branch of service and years of service. Submissions can be emailed to editor@bigspringherald.com and will be featured on the 15th of each month.

To contact the Big Spring Herald, email editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

Take Note

- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can

be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87,

Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, 432-268-7535.

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Special dedication held as Caddo site reopens

By Jo Anne Embleton

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With a raised fist clenched full of red dirt, Chief Ron Black Eagle Trussell of the Texas Cherokee offered a blessing over the planting of a cedar tree in Snake Woman's Garden during Saturday's reopening ceremony at Caddo Mounds State Historic Site outside Alto.

This simple act was a symbol of hope for not just the 75 people present at the ceremony, but for future generations who would once again enjoy learning about the history of the Caddo Nation through the rebuilding of a visitor's center and other displays that were destroyed this past April by an EF-3 tornado.

"After the tornado, our tribe donated some money to help restore (the site) and we wanted to come out and see" the re-opening, he said, beckoning to his wife Linda, as they waited for the ceremony to begin.

"We wanted to give our support. It was a shame that everything was lost in that period, especially a lot of the artifacts – I know they were replicas, but it still had meaning to them," he said, adding that his hope is that the site is rebuilt to its former glory.

"But it's about heritage, also; we need to let more people know that we are here and we've never left. It's a cultural community effort to educate people," about Native American culture, Trussell said.

The site – located at 1649 Texas Highway 21, west of Alto – is a Texas Historical Commission property, comprised of the remains of a large village and ceremonial center built by a group of Caddo Indians known as the Hasi-nai more than 1,200 years ago on the prairie

overlooking the Neches River, according to a release.

The 397-acre site first opened to the public in 1982, and gradually included walking trails, a new visitor center featuring displays and exhibits on everyday life of the early Caddo people, and a grass house erected in 2018 by volunteers led by two members of the Caddo Nation of Oklahoma.

However, one of three tornadoes that ripped through the area on April 13, 2019, damaged the site and state officials estimated the cost at approximately \$2.5 million to rebuild the visitors center, replace vehicles, equipment and perform necessary repairs.

Site manager Anthony Souther told the crowd gathered outside the garden that "this is a day I've been waiting for, for months now ... before, when we renovated, we kept the grounds open but we could not even be back this time."

Snake Woman's Garden – where a cedar tree and a Muscadine grape vine were planted during the Saturday' ceremony – survived the 2019 tornado, coming back in full glory soon after the disaster.

Site manager Rachel Galan said that the garden initially was created for education and interpretation out at the site, set up as a timeline of Caddo agriculture, "it's basically a cautionary tale for children ... it's Snake Woman who brings seeds to the Caddo people and teaches them how to garden and respect the plants.

"It's been a great experience, and it's turned into something really important for us," Galan said. "It's become a real symbol of renewal and resilience after the tornado, because the gar-

dens still stood. We gathered for the first time in July, all of us, our community, our Caddo community, the garden was here and blooming and producing. It has a really special place in our hearts right now."

Marilyn Threlkeld, a member of the Caddo Nation, traveled from the tribe's home office in Binger, Oklahoma, for the ceremony. She has visited the site since the 1970s, watching the development grow to include a newly refurbished visitors center and museum that reopened in 2015, and a Grass House erected in 2018 by volunteers led by two members of the Caddo Nation of Oklahoma.

The state historic site on Texas Highway 21 was well-known to members of the tribe, she said, and the loss from the tornado nine months ago was devastating.

Saturday's ceremony, with the planting of the tree and the grapevine – Threlkeld assisted by sprinkling tobacco into the holes into which the plants were set, a gardening tip utilized by the Caddo people – was "a symbol of hope for our tribe and for new generations, too," she said. "We want to tell them that we're all over Texas, and that we're proud to preserve (Caddo heritage)."

Caddo Mounds State Historic Site is located at 1649 Texas Highway 21, west of Alto. A temporary visitors center that houses a small display and gift shop, is open Tuesday through Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$2 adults and \$1 for children and students up to age 18. To learn more, call 936-858-3218, or visit the Facebook page, "Caddo Mounds State Historic Site."

Helmet trouble strikes 2nd all-female spacewalk

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Two NASA astronauts ventured out Wednesday on a second all-female spacewalk to finish upgrades to the International Space Station's power grid, but quickly ran into a helmet problem.

It was the second pairing of Jessica Meir and Christina Koch outside the orbiting lab. Last October, they teamed up for the world's first spacewalk by two women.

The women were barely a half-hour into their latest spacewalk when Koch's helmet camera and lights came loose. Meir tried to get the camera and light attachment back onto Koch's helmet, but could not get it into the proper grooves. Mission Control advised the women to remove the hood-like camera and light assembly, rather than waste any more time trying to attach it. The astronauts asked if the spacewalk would continue, given the lack of lighting for Koch.

"Good question and, yes, we will continue and we'll try to keep you two together as much as possible," Mission Control replied. The astronauts were relieved at the news. "Great. Perfect," they radioed.

"Just be careful," Mission Control urged Koch. "You're missing that additional protection."

The helmet trouble put the spacewalkers behind in their work to replace old batteries outside the space station.

NASA is in the midst of replacing decades-old nickel-hydrogen batteries outside the sprawling space station with more powerful, longer-lasting lithium-ion batteries. The batteries are part of the station's solar power network, keeping everything running when the outpost is on the night side of Earth.

Koch also went out with a male colleague twice last October to install three new batteries. But a charging unit then failed, prompting the need for unexpected repairs by Koch and Meir. Meanwhile, the rest of the critical battery installations were put on hold while engineers figured out why the charger failed so soon after new batteries went in.

San Antonio standoff ends hours after man killed by police

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Three people surrendered peacefully after a more than five-hour standoff in San Antonio that followed the fatal shooting of a man by officers outside a house where the three then refused to come out, police said.

A San Antonio officer and a federal officer fatally shot the man shortly after noon Monday in southeastern San Antonio after he rammed his vehicle into police vehicles, police Chief William McManus said.

"There were officers in the cars whose lives were being threatened," McManus said.

The man died at the scene, McManus said. No names were immediately released.

Officers then tried to search the house, but the three people inside refused to come out for hours before finally surrendering about 5:30 p.m., McManus said. The three were questioned by police but later released without charges, police spokesman Doug Greene said Tuesday.

The man who died was wanted on a federal weapons charge, McManus said.

The federal officer involved in the shooting was a member of the U.S. Marshals Service, according to agency spokesman Chris Bozeman. He declined to provide more detail or say whether the officer was on leave, citing the ongoing investigation.

Man who shot church gunman gets highest Texas civilian honor

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Gov. Greg Abbott on Monday gave Texas' highest civilian honor to a 71-year-old man who shot and killed an armed attacker at a church in December.

Abbott gave Jack Wilson the Governor's Medal of Courage during a ceremony in Austin, calling him a hero for stopping the shooter at a church in the Fort Worth-area town of White Settlement.

Wilson, a firearms instructor who trained the West Freeway Church of Christ's volunteer security team, shot the attacker once in the head after he opened fire with a shotgun in the church's sanctuary. Wilson's single shot quickly ended the attack in which two parishioners, 64-year-old Anton "Tony" Wallace and 67-year-old Richard White, were killed.

"When events arise, you're going to do one of two things. You're either going to step up and do what's right or walk away. And I'm not one to walk away," Wilson said in accepting the medal at the Texas Governor's Mansion.

Authorities identified the attacker as Keith Thomas Kinnunen, 43, who had a history of criminal and psychological trouble.

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Showtime Steers fall to Midland Bulldogs

By SHAWN MORAN
Herald Sportswriter

The Big Spring Showtime Steers battled hard against the Midland Bulldogs on Tuesday night. In a game where the size disparity between the two squads was obvious, the Steers did not let that affect their ability to fight for the entire game. Following a back-and-forth first three quarters, the Bulldogs were able to pull away for a 62-49 win.

While the final score might not have been what the team wanted, the Showtime Steers gave a valiant effort against the 6A Bulldogs at their own gym.

"We just wanted to come and compete and give them everything we had," Big Spring coach Kris Hise said. "I thought we did that and I'm very proud of them for that. We just didn't put the ball in the net well enough in the first half and we just fell a little short."

The first few minutes of the game belonged to the Bulldogs, as they jumped out to a quick 6-0 lead led by their size on the interior. Big Spring responded with some quick baskets to get right back into the game and finished the quarter leading Midland by one point, 15-14.

Due to some miscommunications and rushed possessions at times, the Bulldogs were able to take advantage of minor Big Spring mistakes to grab a lead in the second quarter that they would not relinquish. Midland led by six points at halftime and were being led by the front court duo of #32 and #34. The two-headed monster combined for 40 of the Bulldogs' points and could not



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Pictured above: Showtime Steer's guard Zephaniah Nelson stands near the three-point line to defend his man in Tuesday night's road loss to Midland.

ry games next, the Steers should have plenty of confidence after their strong showing against a very good 6A team. With a younger roster than most, the Steers are really beginning to mesh as a team and build confidence as the season has gone on.

UP NEXT: The Big Spring Showtime Steers will travel to Sweetwater to take on the hometown Mustangs next Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m.

Shawn Moran is the sports editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact him, email sports@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

Sands Lady Mustangs improve to 13-0 with 38-23 win over Grady



Courtesy Photo

Sands guard Landry Morrow looks over her choices on offense during another convincing win for the Lady Mustangs. Off to a perfect 13-0 start to the season, the Lady Mustangs are a force to be reckoned with this season and are comfortably in first place in 1A Region I District 8 following their win over Grady in a rivalry matchup. The Lady Mustangs will host the Garden City Lady Bearkats (6-12) on Friday night at 6:30 p.m.

Dance Lab Cheer in American Spirit West Texas Express National Championships

Special to the Herald

This past weekend, the Dance Lab Cheer (DLC) and Dance competition teams competed at the American Spirit West Texas Express National Championships in Lubbock, TX. DLC Ramps (ages 6-11) came home as National Champions after taking first place in the Youth Level 1 Division. They received a National Championship banner, jackets, and a trophy for their zero deduction routine. DLC Swarm (ages 8-14) competed in the Junior Level 2 division, which was the most popular division at the competition. Even with a few mistakes, Swarm took home the 3rd Place trophy.

The Dance Duo of Taelyn Fulgum and Avery Allen improved their scores from last competition and won the Senior Hip Hop division. Dance Coach and Dance Lab owner, Jessica Rutledge commended the hard work they put in to improve their scores. Serenity Watts and Anissa Arguello competed as a Senior Cheer Duo. They improved their tumbling scores and also won their division.

Dance Lab also had several individuals compete in solo extreme skill events at the competition. Pailee Fontana and Alexa Mehan competed in the Extreme Tumbling division.

This division consists of a minute and a half routine of high level tumbling passes. Pailee ended as the National Champion in the Youth division and Alexa was the runner up in the Junior division. Taya Gill,

R'Lonie Cole, and Serenity Watts competed in the Extreme Jumps division.

This division requires four jumps be performed while they are judged on difficulty, height, and technique. R'Lonie ended 3rd in the Junior division. Taya and Serenity went home as National Champions in the Youth and Senior divisions.

"Our goal at every competition, regardless of our placing, is to improve our scores from the previous competition" said Head Cheer Coach Keelee Allen. "Our Youth team was able to improve their score by nearly 5 points and Junior also improved by 3 points, even with a few points lost to deductions. Usually placings in cheerleading come down to tenths of a point, so to improve this much is a big accomplishment. I am very proud of all the individuals that competed as well. It takes a lot of guts to perform individually and I'm proud they were able to showcase their high level skills and be rewarded for that."

DLC's next competition will be the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader's Nationals at the AT&T stadium in Arlington, TX.

"This competition will be an awesome opportunity for the girls. They will get to meet the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders, watch them perform, and will also get to compete on the field. It is a tough competition, so both teams will need to bring their best performances," said Allen.

DLC will make the trip to Arlington in February.

NCAA Men's Basketball Top 25

Ranking	Team	Overall	Points	Prev
1	Gonzaga	18-1	1574	1
2	Baylor	13-1	1567	4
3	Duke	15-1	1567	2
4	Auburn	15-0	1359	5
5	Butler	15-1	1299	6
6	Kansas	12-3	1286	3
7	San Diego St	17-0	1286	7
8	Oregon	14-3	1163	9
9	Florida State	14-2	1093	10
10	Kentucky	12-3	960	14
11	Louisville	13-3	943	13
12	West Virginia	13-2	911	17
13	Dayton	14-2	842	15
14	Villanova	12-3	822	16
15	Michigan St	13-4	735	8
16	Wichita State	15-1	629	23
17	Maryland	13-3	616	12
18	Seton Hall	11-4	496	NR
19	Michigan	12-5	358	NR
20	Colorado	13-3	345	25
21	Ohio State	11-5	270	11
22	Memphis	13-3	232	21
23	Texas Tech	10-5	111	22
24	Illinois	12-5	109	NR
25	Creighton	13-4	97	NR

RECEIVING VOTES:

Iowa (88), Stanford (77), Arkansas (65), Indiana (50), Virginia (41), Penn State (36), LSU (30), Arizona (20), Wisconsin (19), Liberty (11), Northern Iowa (10), Purdue (10), Duquesne (9), Washington (9), TCU (8), Rutgers (8), Virginian Tech (5), Oregon State (4), Houston (4), BYU (3), East Tennessee State (2), Saint Mary's (1), Harvard (1), USC (1), Akron (1)

DROPPED FROM RANKINGS:

Virginia (18), Penn State (20), Arizona (24)

NCAA Women's Basketball Top 25

Ranking	Team	Overall	Points	Prev
1	S. Carolina	16-1	737	4
2	Baylor	13-1	724	6
3	Stanford	15-1	663	5
4	UConn	13-1	651	1
5	Louisville	16-1	605	7
6	Oregon	13-2	601	2
7	UCLA	16-0	588	8
8	Oregon State	15-1	585	3
9	NC State	15-1	459	9
10	Mississippi St	15-2	448	13
11	Kentucky	14-2	429	14
12	Texas A&M	14-2	394	10
13	Florida State	15-2	369	11
14	DePaul	15-2	366	15
15	Indiana	14-3	333	12
16	Gonzaga	16-1	327	16
17	West Virginia	13-1	289	19
18	Arizona State	13-4	200	NR
19	Missouri State	14-2	186	20
20	Maryland	12-4	159	17
21	Arizona	13-3	157	18
22	Iowa	13-3	109	NR
23	Arkansas	14-3	108	21
24	Tennessee	13-3	102	23
25	South Dakota	16-2	86	22

RECEIVING VOTES:

Princeton (30), Northwestern (23), Rutgers (15), Georgia Tech (5), Florida Gulf Coast (2)

DROPPED FROM RANKINGS:

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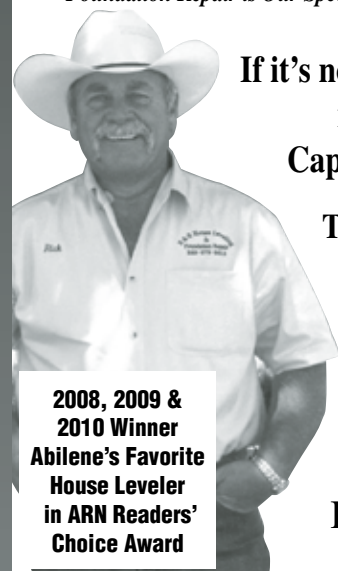
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Annie's Mailbox

Thanks for the Junk

Dear Annie: I am in my 60s, as are my brothers and sisters, and we're all retired. We have always exchanged nice, thoughtful (though not expensive) gifts for birthdays, Christmas and maybe some other special occasions. Over the past several years, my brother "Rod" and his wife, "Erma," have, in addition to a lot of other rude behaviors, started giving people gifts that are, in a word, mean-spirited. These are things that the recipients almost surely don't want and/or can't use. Several of these "gifts" seem very clearly to be things they found in their closets or at some kind of garage sale. Others seem to be presents they're regifting -- not really picked out for the recipients, to put it mildly. Money is not the issue for them. You'll just have to believe me on that.

People have politely mentioned to them such things as, "I don't know when I'm going to be able to use this." Everyone has continued to buy them what seem to be nice gifts, and I really don't mind that (for the moment).

My question is: Should I send a thank-you note? I really don't want to encourage this baloney. It seems kind of silly to put money and effort into a gift

exchange just to insult people. To be honest, I don't exactly know what to say in a thank-you note. "Thank you for the nice jacket that doesn't fit and has absolutely no tags on it"?

I would prefer not to stop this gift giving, because for the rest of us, it helps us to connect and is a nice tradition. The most recent time this happened, I did talk to Rod about it. He would not admit there was anything wrong with the gift, although he did say it was not exactly what he had gone to the store to buy. Any thoughts? -- When Is a Gift Not a Gift?

Dear WIAGNAG: I'll take your word that this isn't a matter of money (though do consider that you never can be sure what's in another's bank account). If you really believe they're acting out of inconsideration, then no, I don't think you need to send a thank-you note. Sending one would probably just make you angrier about the whole thing.

If the shared ritual and connection with your siblings are what you really appreciate about the gift exchange, you can find those things elsewhere. Browse the internet (Pinterest in particular) to spark your imagination for holiday traditions you can start together.

Dear Annie: My wife and I can certainly relate to "Feeling Betrayed," who wrote to you about losing a ring. We were visiting my aunt and uncle many years ago on a week's vacation, and my diamond wedding ring went missing. My aunt loves all types of jewelry and wears diamonds often around the family.

My wife and I suspected that my aunt had somehow taken the wedding ring, but we just said it was missing and that we were looking for it. Your advice to "Feeling Betrayed" -- "Jump to conclusions and you'll land in a mess" -- was spot on, because when we returned home from our trip, the diamond ring fell out of the liner of the suitcase.

Thank goodness we didn't make any accusations, because as you say, there are many possible explanations for why the ring has gone missing. -- Mark and Betty

Dear Mark and Betty: This is a great reminder of why it's best to keep our accusations to ourselves, no matter how sure we think we are. Glad you found the ring.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Standard operating procedure

West dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A K Q 3 2
♥ Q J 10 4
♦ A K J
♣ 8
WEST EAST
♠ J 8 ♠ 10 5
♥ K 6 3 2 ♥ A 8
♦ Q 9 4 ♦ 7 6 3 2
♣ A K J 5 ♣ 10 9 6 4 2
SOUTH
♠ 9 7 6 4
♥ 9 7 5
♦ 10 8 5
♣ Q 7 3

The bidding:
West North East South
1♣ Dble Pass 1♠
Pass 4♣
Opening lead — king of clubs.

Without a doubt, the single most important principle of defensive card play is the assumption that you can defeat the opposing contract. No other approach is acceptable.

Consider this deal where West allowed declarer to make four spades. After leading the king of clubs and seeing dummy, West had to decide what to do next.

Reluctant to lead a heart away from the king, or a diamond away

from the queen, West chose to adopt a passive line of defense and shifted to a low trump at trick two. Declarer then played two top trumps, conceded two tricks to the A-K of hearts and easily made the contract.

The outcome would have been altogether different had West instead shifted to a low heart at trick two. East would have won with the ace, returned a heart to the king and ruffed West's heart continuation for down one.

It is true that there was no way for West to know that East, rather than South, had the ace of hearts, and it might therefore be argued that a low heart play by West was a dangerous move.

However, there's no real merit for such a contention. From West's viewpoint, the contract can't possibly be stopped if declarer has the ace of hearts. He should therefore credit East with that card because it offers the only chance for the defense to score four tricks.

True, East must also have precisely a doubleton heart for this assumption to bear fruit, but it costs West nothing to hope for that as well. In bridge, many assumptions are, of necessity, based on hope, and in dire circumstances, it can hardly be wrong to hope for the best.

Tomorrow: With a little bit of luck.
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Cosmic Guidance System Warning

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are certain things you just shouldn't bargain-hunt for, for instance expertise in the medical, mechanical, educational and legal realms. A worthy expert should save you money in the long run.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll stay on point, refusing to do business for its own sake. Better to do nothing, thus conserving your energy for the game, than to spend all your vitality moving without purpose.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). City planners keep water in a high tower so that when the time comes to use the water, gravity will do much of the work instead of pumps, which need to be fueled. Let gravity do some of your work today, too.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You cannot dig a hole in a different place by digging it deeper. What's needed to solve today's problem isn't to try harder or drill down. Go wide; move to the side; stretch out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your deepest desire

is to advance, to get results and serve others well. You want this more than you want validation. As wonderful as it feels to hear what you want to hear, you'd much rather be told what you need to hear.

Tomorrow's Horoscope BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Just think about the story you'll tell about this one day. Give up now and it's not going to be an entertaining ditty. You need a big ending -- a spectacular win or failure. Either way it will be a victory for true grit.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Struggles of one nature bleed into other areas of life, a blessing and an opportunity. Now you have more chances to solve the problem and more approach angles, too.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're really not afraid to be different from the pack, but you're also wise to keep those differences to yourself until you're ready to own, share and rally for them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Persevere.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Emotional issues are just waiting to be uprooted, confronted and eradicated. Untying the knotty little problems can be tedious, but once you straighten this out, you're free!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You really can be self-reliant whether you need to or not, for a short time or a long one... and yet it's not your optimum mode. Ultimately, more good relationships will bring more joy, energy, success and soul sustenance.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 15). To loved ones you'll give nothing more precious than your presence, and they'll celebrate the closeness you share. You'll have luck as a newcomer to a group. Your fresh take and the skills you bring will raise all. You'll soon be running things. An investment will pay handsomely three times in 2020. Leo and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 39, 2, 22 and 14.

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SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

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!

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

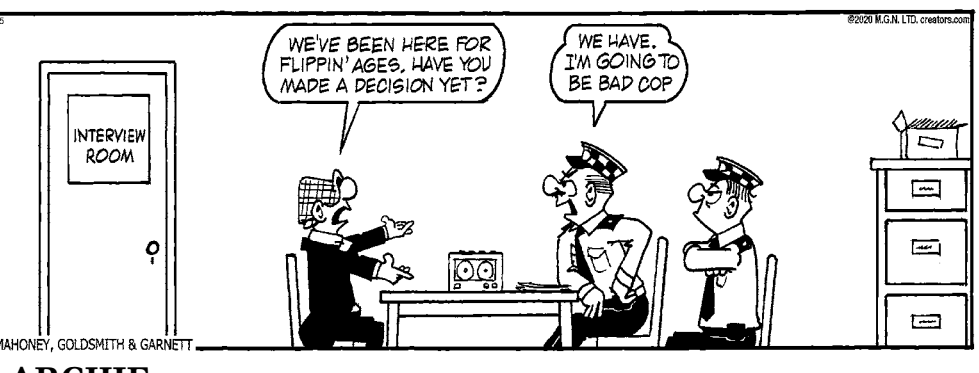
ANSWER:

Fun By The Numbers

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

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10:PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Contacto	Mod Fam	Funny	James	Corden	El Señor de los	Late-Lilly	Jesus IS	Expedition with	Mannix							
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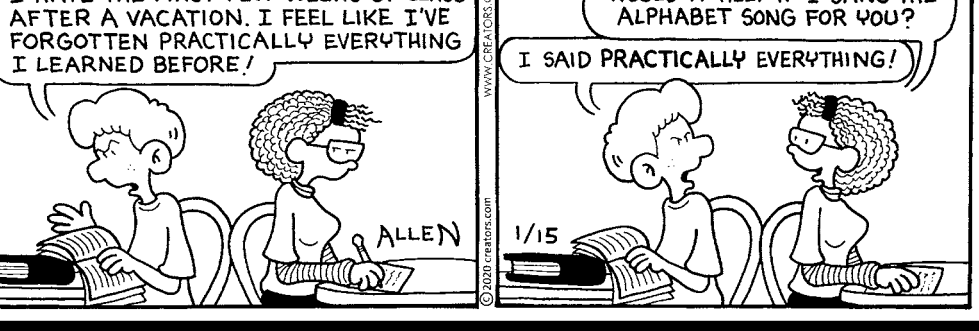
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This Date In History

Today in History
Today is Wednesday, Jan. 15, the 15th day of 2020. There are 351 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 15, 2009, US Airways Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger ditched his Airbus 320 in the Hudson River after a flock of birds disabled both engines; all 155 people aboard survived.
On this date:
In 1559, England's Queen Elizabeth I was crowned in Westminster Abbey.
In 1865, as the Civil War neared its end, Union forces captured Fort Fisher near Wilmington, North Carolina, depriving the Confederates of their last major seaport.
In 1892, the original rules of basketball, devised by James Naismith, were published for the first time in Springfield, Massachusetts, where the game originated.
In 1919, in Boston, a tank containing an estimated 2.3 million gallons of molasses burst, sending the dark syrup coursing through the city's North End, killing 21 people.
In 1929, civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in Atlanta.
In 1943, work was completed on the Pentagon, the headquarters of the U.S. Department of War (now Defense).
In 1967, the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League defeated the Kansas City Chiefs of the American Football League 35-10 in the first AFL-NFL world championship game, retroactively known as Super Bowl I.
In 1973, President Richard M. Nixon announced the suspension of all U.S. offensive action in North Vietnam, citing progress in peace negotiations.
In 1976, Sara Jane Moore was sentenced to life in prison for her attempt on the life of President Gerald R. Ford in San Francisco. (Moore was released on the last day of 2007.)
In 1987, entertainer Ray Bolger, perhaps best known for playing the Scarecrow in the 1939 MGM musical "The Wizard of Oz," died in Los Angeles at age 83.
In 1993, a historic disarmament ceremony ended in Paris with the last of 125

countries signing a treaty banning chemical weapons.
In 2014, a highly critical and bipartisan Senate report declared that the deadly Sept. 2012 assault on the American diplomatic compound in Benghazi, Libya, could have been prevented; the report spread blame among the State Department, the military and U.S. intelligence.
Ten years ago: United Nations humanitarian chief John Holmes appealed for more than \$560 million to help 3 million victims of the earthquake in Haiti, calling it "a huge and a horrifying catastrophe." Washington Wizards star Gilbert Arenas pleaded guilty to carrying a pistol without a license in the District of Columbia, a felony. (Arenas was later sentenced to a month in a halfway house and suspended until the end of the season by the NBA.)
Five years ago: In its first lethal injection since a botched one the previous spring, Oklahoma executed a convicted killer with a three-drug method. Police in Belgium conducted raids across the country, killing two suspected Islamist militants. Pope Francis arrived in the Philippines, Asia's most populous Catholic nation, where ecstatic crowds awaited the first papal visit in 20 years.
One year ago: Musical comedy star Carol Channing -- best known to Broadway audiences for her role in "Hello, Dolly!" -- died in California at the age of 97. New York Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand entered the growing field of 2020 Democratic presidential contenders, telling "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert" on CBS that she was launching an exploratory committee. Extremists launched an attack on a luxury hotel complex in the Kenyan capital of Nairobi; the attack took the lives of 20 civilians, one police officer and five attackers from the group al-Shabab, based

in neighboring Somalia. At a Senate confirmation hearing, President Donald Trump's nominee to be attorney general, William Barr, said he believed that Russia had tried to interfere in the 2016 presidential election, and that the special counsel investigation was not a witch hunt.
Today's Birthdays: Actress Margaret O'Brien is 82. Ac-

tress Andrea Martin is 73. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Randy White is 67. Actor-director Mario Van Peebles is 63. Rock musician Adam Jones (Tool) is 55. Actor James Nesbitt is 55. Actor Chad Lowe is 52. Alt-country singer Will Oldham (aka Bonnie Prince Billy) is 50. Actress Regina King is 49. Actor Eddie Ca-

hill is 42. NFL quarterback Drew Brees is 41. Rapper/reggaeton artist Pitbull is 39. Actor Victor Rasuk is 35. Actress Jessy Schram is 34. Electronic dance musician Skrillex is 32. Actress/singer Dove Cameron is 24. Singer-songwriter Grace VanderWaal (TV: "America's Got Talent") is 16.

Thought for Today: "A nation or civilization that continues to produce soft-minded men purchases its own spiritual death on the installment plan." — Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968). Copyright 2020, The Associated Press. All rights reserved.

Newsday Crossword

WHAT'S YOUR LINE by Mark McClain
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ACROSS

- Model airplane wood
- Took care of
- Entered a race
- Marriage
- Catch-all category
- Have some bills
- Tall, skinny veggies
- Golfer's goal
- Catch wind of
- PC owners
- Bunch of cattle
- Named period
- Ewes and hens
- Football pass catcher
- Baking ___ (pantry staple)
- Actress Longoria
- Top of the head
- Connection points
- Oath-taking book
- Droop a bit
- Film not from a major studio
- Totally committed
- Classroom spot
- Before, in a sonnet
- Odd's opposite
- Tried to prevent
- In the future
- Mine output
- Pop singer Tori
- Celeb's brief film appearance
- Funny line
- Having the blues
- Bedsheet spec
- "Thar ___ blows!"

DOWN

- Obama predecessor
- Poker hand starter
- Pre-euro Italian coin
- Evening party
- ___ Arbor, MI
- Tearful sounds
- Fits to ___
- Mooring place
- Forms of verbs
- Hosp. surgical areas
- Lightweight ascending aid
- In the know
- Overstudious ones
- Tropical fruit
- Wore
- Became ready to pick
- Nickname
- Singer McEntire
- Villainous
- Internet access gadget
- Sci-fi invaders: Abbr.
- Check the sum
- Dublin's land
- Acorn, essentially
- What biographies chronicle
- "Omigosh!"
- Got up
- Tex-Mex chips
- Get back to a club
- Impudent
- Nebraska city
- Tall tales
- Prefix meaning "huge"
- No problem at all
- Greek liqueur
- Was in on
- Miniaturizing suffix
- Bag-checking org.
- Network with an eye logo

Answer to previous puzzle

M	A	G	I	C	S	P	C	A	C	A	F	E	
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Big Spring Community Report



Courtesy photo/Irene Richardson

Pictured above left: The Big Spring Steers powerlifting team pose for a group photo after their great showing at their home meet. Pictured above right: The Steers medal winners show off their new jewelry as they started off the season strong.

Winter Classic Returns to Dallas Athletic Club

DALLAS – For the seventh straight year, the Winter Classic will be the first event of the Legends Junior Tour season. During that time, the field has proved to be one of the top-ranked LJT events on its schedule.

Dallas Athletic Club's Blue Course will play host for the 11th consecutive year. It was originally designed by Ralph Plummer before Jack Nicklaus, who won the 1963 PGA Championship held at DAC, remodeled the course in 1984. The esteemed 18-hole championship venue hosted last year's 110th Texas Amateur and the 2012 Texas Mid-Amateur. The par-72 layout stretches to 6,922 yards.

The 84-player field is divided into three different divisions: Boys 15-18, Boys 14 & Under and Girls 12-18. Players eligible for the tournament have an active membership with the Texas Junior Golf Alliance and have earned their way into the field by way of the LJT Priority Entry Status.

This year's Winter Classic boasts another strong cast of competitors across all three divisions. Ben Delarosa and Andrew Petruzzelli of Dallas highlight the Boys 15-18 Division. Both players played last season in the Boys 14 & Under Division and finished within the top-7 of the Player of the Year Standings. Delarosa won the 2019 Boys 14 & Under Texas Junior Amateur, while Petruzzelli claimed two Boys 14 & Under Division titles. The 2023 high school graduates will tee it up against a host of great players, including Jacob King of Boerne, Jackson Davenport of Austin and Jacob Salazar of League City.

The Girls 12-18 Division features 2021 University of Oklahoma commit Meagan Winans of Richardson, 2019 George Hannon Junior Invitational Champion Kaylee Vesley of Austin, 2019 North Texas Classic Champion Tillie

Claggett of The Woodlands and the 2019 Player of the Year runner-up Estelle Seon of Trophy Club.

Trenton Mierl of Austin, who won last year's George Hannon Junior Invitational and Bluebonnet Championship, highlights the Boys 14 & Under Division. The 2024 high school graduate registered seven top-10s last season and never finished worse than solo sixth.

"The Winter Classic usually has a strong field as players are looking to get back into competition following a brief break over the holidays," LJT Tournament Director Kevin Porter said. "This year's field is no different and will be a great way to start the 2020 season."

Due to inclement weather, last year's Winter Classic's first round was canceled and the championship was cut to an 18-hole event. Heath's Matthew Watkins won the Boys 15-18 Division after a round of 4-under 68. Maddi Olson of Abilene carded an even-par 72 to win the Girls 12-18 Division, while Tyler Lee of Dallas clinched the Boys 14 & Under Division. Other past champions include Brad Dalke, Cole Hammer, Brandon Smith, Annika Clark, Hailey Jones, Grace Choi and Sadie Englemann.

The Winter Classic is the first of 10 open LJT events. The open events are available to any member of the Texas Junior Golf Alliance, which is made up of the TGA, NTPGA, STPGA and HGA. Players earn entry into the open events through their play on the LJT and in Texas Junior Golf Alliance events.

Tee times begin Saturday, Jan. 18, at 8 a.m. The final round takes place on Sunday, Jan. 19.

Hinch, GM fired for Astros sign stealing after MLB bans pair

By **RONALD BLUM** and **KRISTIE RIEKEN**
AP Sports Writers

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros' sign-stealing scandal cost manager AJ Hinch and general manager Jeff Luhnow their jobs, and Boston Red Sox manager Alex Cora could be next.

Hinch and Luhnow were fired Monday after being suspended by Major League Baseball for the team's illicit use of electronics to steal signs during Houston's run to the 2017 World Series title and again in the 2018 season.

In U.S. sports' largest scandal since the New England Patriots' "Spygate," MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred announced the discipline and strongly hinted that Cora — the Astros bench coach in 2017 — will face equal or more severe punishment. Manfred said Cora developed the sign-stealing system used by the Astros. The Red Sox are under investigation for stealing signs in Cora's first season as manager in 2018, when Boston won the World Series.

Houston was fined \$5 million, the maximum allowed under the Major League Constitution, as punishment. The Astros will also forfeit their next two first- and second-round amateur draft picks.

The investigation found that the Astros used the video feed from a center field camera to see and decode the opposing catcher's signs. Players banged on a trash can to signal to batters what was coming, believing it would improve the batter's odds of getting a hit.

Sign stealing is a legal and time-honored part of baseball as long as it is done with the naked eye — say, by a baserunner standing on second. Using technology is prohibited.

Astros players disputed whether knowing the pitches seconds in advance helped batters. Houston had fewer wins at home than on the road, winning 94 home games and 110 on the road during the two seasons. There was no sign-stealing system on the road.

"While it is impossible to determine whether the conduct actually impacted the results on the field, the perception of some that it did causes significant harm to the game," Manfred said.

Manfred, in his most significant action since becoming commissioner five years ago, said Hinch failed to stop the sign stealing and Luhnow was responsible for the players' conduct even though he

made the dubious claim he was not aware. Manfred said owner Jim Crane was not informed.

An hour after MLB announced its punishment, Crane opened a news conference by saying Hinch and Luhnow were fired.

"I have higher standards for the city and the franchise, and I'm going above and beyond MLB's penalty," he said. "We need to move forward with a clean slate."

Both Luhnow's and Hinch's suspensions for the 2020 season were to be without pay. Crane said he will look outside the organization and internally for candidates to replace Luhnow. If he hires internally, the most likely candidate would be Pete Putila, who was promoted to assistant general manager this offseason.

Crane, who said he learned of the discipline this weekend, was visibly upset during Monday's news conference and insisted that Houston's championship, which culminated in a seven-game World Series over the Los Angeles Dodgers, was not tainted.

"We want to be known as playing by the rules," he said. "We broke the rules. We accept the punishment and we're going to move forward ... if you read the report neither (Luhnow or Hinch) implemented this or pushed it through the system and (it) really came from the bottom up."

Hinch's penalty was among the longest for an MLB manager. Brooklyn's Leo Durocher was suspended for one year by Commissioner Happy Chandler in April 1947 for the "accumulation of unpleasant incidents" detrimental to baseball, and Cincinnati's Pete Rose was banned for life by Commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti in August 1989 for betting on Reds' games while managing the team.

Houston was a big league-best 204-120 during the two years in question, winning its first title. Hinch, a 45-year-old former catcher with a degree from Stanford, was the most successful manager in the history of the Astros, who have won two of the last three AL pennants and came within one victory of another World Series title last year against Washington. Luhnow, 53, earned an MBA at Northwestern and fostered an analytic-based culture during eight seasons as Astros GM, but also a toxic one with high turnover.

"It is very clear to me that the culture of the baseball operations department, manifesting itself in the way its employees are treated, its relations with

other clubs, and its relations with the media and external stakeholders, has been very problematic," Manfred wrote in a nine-page statement. "At least in my view, the baseball operations department's insular culture -- one that valued and rewarded results over other considerations, combined with a staff of individuals who often lacked direction or sufficient oversight, led ... finally, to an environment that allowed the conduct described in this report to have occurred."

Crane, who hired Luhnow weeks after buying the Astros, denied a widespread problem, saying "I think there was some isolated situations."

Luhnow said in a statement that he accepts responsibility "for rules violations that occurred on my watch as president of baseball operations and general manager of the Astros" and apologized to the team and fans for "the shame and embarrassment this has caused."

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