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## Deadline nearing for 5 under 55 Recognizing those who invest in the community daily

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

Big Spring and Howard County has continued to grow and prosper over the years because of the big hearts that exist in the community. Through hard work, dedication and a large group of area residents who enjoy investing into the city they live in, a positive impact has been able to be made. While many of those giving back to the community often don't do it for the fame, there is now an opportunity to highlight those contributions.



**Debbye ValVerde**

"There the people in our community who have found a way to give back to the community and add to the substance of what makes Big Spring the great city it is," Debbye ValVerde, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, said. "We have been wanting to add something like this for sometime now. There are a lot of young business profession-

als who are doing good things for our community; we want to recognize them and the work they do year round."

Big hearts make up Big Spring and throughout the year, the generosity and engagement for the betterment of our community is evident. As a way of recognizing those who give back routinely and strive to make Big Spring and Howard County better for all residents, The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is introducing this new award. Nominations for 5 under 55 can be submitted through the Chamber office or by email. Nominations can be submitted by Chamber members in good standing. Nominees do not have to be a Chamber member.

The deadline to nominate is Jan. 29, 2020.

"We have had many new people come to this community who have jumped into the mix of community involvement and leadership opportunities. There are

those residents who have been here in Big Spring for many years and are doing the same," Manny Negron, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Past President, said. "No matter the age or how long you are a resident, or how long you've been part of Big Spring we need to recognize those individuals for their involvement in Big Spring and their ability to take on leadership opportunities in their line of work or a board of a local organization."

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce has been recognizing the Man and Woman of the year for their contributions to the community for more than 30 years, but the Chamber Board wanted to find a way to recognize even more of the great works taking place.

"There are many people in Big Spring with a lot of great ideas for making a difference in our community, but it is these individuals, that we will recognize, that put their walk and work behind the idea to make a difference," Negron said. "For many years the Big

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## Ezell recognized as Rotary Student of the Month



*Courtesy photo*

**Mallory Ezell (third from left)** was recognized as the Student of the Month by Big Spring Rotary Club. Pictured left to right are: **Thomas Padilla**, Rotary member, **Libby Ezell**, **Mallory Ezell**, **John Ed Ezell**, **Rebecca Medina**, Assistant Principal and **Hanna Carter**, Forsan Principal. The club recognizes students throughout the county for their academic and leadership performance.

## Coast to Coast awareness for Type 1 Diabetics

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

Run across Iowa, check. Run across Texas, check. Run across the United States ... Don Muchow is gearing up for the task.

In 2019 Don Muchow, a Type 1 Diabetic, crossed through Big Spring as part of his awareness run across the state and this year, he will once again be passing through as he makes his way from the West Coast to the East Coast. The run will begin at 6 a.m. Feb. 1 in Newport Beach, California and conclude on May 8 at Indianlantic Beach in Florida.

"I was encouraged by the amount of visibility I received in 2018 with my run across Iowa and then in 2019 with the Texas run, and I got to thinking that doing a U.S. run might be a great way to reach out to other Type 1 diabetics who were struggling with incorporating exercise into their diabetes management," Don Muchow said.

Health care professionals advise monitoring blood sugar when exercising because of the drop that can occur. There are times when those drops become dangerous and this can often hinder diabetics from attempting to begin an exercise regimen.

"Even those who were athletes before being diagnosed can be deterred with this warning. It's a big hurdle to get over and connecting such people to others who are working their way through the same issues is my way of 'paying it forward' from the other T1Ds who showed me how to find my own safe way to exercise," Muchow said.

When Muchow and his wife decided it was time to tackle the bigger mission, they reviewed previous courses and incorporated those areas into their journey. Texas is a good portion of the journey and many of the previous locations and traveled highways will be taken again. As in the previous race, Muchow and his crew did their best to avoid roadways with no shoulder, busy highways, steep mountain switchbacks and tunnels.

"We understand no route is perfect, but I think we did okay when it came to mapping out this course," he said. "One of the biggest lessons we took from our last journey across Texas was that we needed to tweak the course and avoid certain areas."

He continued, "Another lesson I learned while traveling across Texas is that the windstorms should be taken seriously. My legs and lips were con-

stantly chapped by the wind and sand, which led to me wearing leggings and a face covering for a good portion of the section."

Traveling through the great state of Texas the first time allowed Muchow and his crew to scout the areas of long expanse between towns, find hotels/motels, and plan out their rests. One of the attractions of Big Spring – besides being the first 'real civilization' after Carlsbad is the good food.

"Ever since our run across Texas I have had my eye on TJ's. When you run over a marathon a day for dozens of days you obsess over steak," he said.

The health benefits for Muchow are a plus in managing his Type 1 Diabetes, but the attention and awareness he was able to raise was the success associated with his journey. Over the hundreds of miles he traveled, he was able to make contact with some Type 1 diabetics who were able to receive encouragement.

"We heard from people who had been affected by Type 1 diabetes and one of those people was Ben," Muchow said. "Ben's uncle who had Type 1 had passed away from a low blood sugar the same night I was in Odessa struggling to

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## Obituaries

### Apolonio (Polo) Mendez III



Apolonio (Polo) Mendez III, 54, died Jan. 14, 2020, in a Lubbock hospital. He spent two months at the University Medical Center Burn Unit, and another two months at Covenant Specialty Hospital after suffering electrical burns.

Viewing and family visitation will be Friday, Jan. 17, 2020, from 7-9 p.m. at Stanton Memorial Funeral Home located at 408 North

St. Peter St. in Stanton.

Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020, at 2 p.m. at the Stanton High School Auditorium. It is located at 705 N. Koonce St. in Stanton.

Interment will follow immediately after at Evergreen Cemetery south of Stanton on South County Road B3501 in Martin County.

Mendez was born in Big Spring, Texas on April 19, 1965, to Raul and Mary Mendez. He was raised in Stanton and graduated from Stanton High School in 1983. He enlisted into the Texas National Guard serving many years. He was introduced into the commercial electrical field by Abe Sanchez and after many years of working throughout Texas and Quincy, Illinois later gained his master-electricians license. He also helped jump start the West Texas Utility Company in partnership with Emilio Villa and Jeremy Esparza.

He was a huge Dallas Cowboys fan always discussing and cussing The Boys from season to season. He enjoyed fishing, spending time with family and friends, and barbecues. He created many memories at the American Legion Hall Post 506 in Big Spring, Texas.

Polo is preceded in death by his grandparents, Lupe Garza Sr., Luisa S. Garza, Apolonio Mendez

and Theresa Mendez.

Mendez is survived by his parents; son, Apolonio Robert Mendez IV of Stanton; sister, Leticia Ramos (Daniel) of Stanton; brother, David Mendez (Filitsa) of Odessa; nephews, John Ramos (Diana) of Midland, Chris Ramos (Marlowe) of San Antonio, Alex Mendez, Kristian Mendez, Niko Mendez and George Mendez, all of Odessa; nieces, Marena Mendez and Neena Mendez, both from Odessa. Also great-nephews, Joaquin Ramos and Andres Ramos of Midland; great-nieces, Estella Ramos and Emilia Ramos of Midland, and Monserrat Ramos of San Antonio. Also many uncles and aunts, along with numerous cousins.

Pallbearers will be Freddie Villa, Tony Hernandez, Robert Barrera, Martin Arguello, Chris Rangel, Abe Sanchez, Eli Sanchez, Randy Nevarez, Gilbert Garza and Mark Helms.

Honorary pallbearers will be Niko Mendez, Brad Elliott, Chad Elliott, Victor Garza, Frankie Garza, P.J. Garza, Bert Garza, Roger Andrews, Baldimar Torres, Emilio Villa, Jeremy Esparza, John Hernandez, Emilio (J.R.) Garza, Lupe Moreno, and Richard Martinez.

High school classmates Koy Blocker, Bobby Barnhill, Nicky Reyna, Tommy Esparza, Tracy Spinks, Michael Marquez, Tony Ramos, Tommy Ramos, Joe Ortiz, Scott Church, Maurizio Iaquanello and Javier Flores (deceased).

The Mendez family would like to express their deepest love and gratitude to the staffs at both medical facilities, and to the many family and friends for their love, support, monetary donations, and most importantly their prayers during this most difficult time. Special gratitude to the Chavez and Walker families from Lubbock for their hospitality during our stay in Lubbock.

Funeral services are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home.

*Paid Obituary*

### Don R. "Randy" Cheatham

Don R. "Randy" Cheatham, 65, of Big Spring, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020, in a Lubbock hospital. Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Mark Lindsey, pastor

of First Baptist Church, officiating.

Survivors include his wife, Tammie Cheatham of Big Spring.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

## Police Blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **RONNIE WAYNE FRANKLIN**, 31, of 7506 Oriental Trail, San Antonio, Texas, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass of a property, building, aircraft or vehicle.

• **JOSE SALINAS**, 22, of 906 E. 13th St., was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.

• **JACOB ALEXANDER GALAN**, 29, of 1607 S. Main St, was arrested on charges of criminal trespass of a property, building, aircraft or vehicle, and theft of

property (less than \$100-shoplifting).

• **THADDEUS ONTARIO STRAUGHTER**, 29, of 1313 Dixie, was arrested on charges of evading arrest or detention-previously convicted of state jail felony, and failure to identify-fugitive giving false or fictitious information, and an outstanding warrant from another agency.

• **GABRIEL GEORGE QUINTANA JR.**, 22, of 2601 N. Birdwell Ln., was arrested on three outstanding warrants from other agencies.

• **ACCIDENT MAJOR** was reported at 2nd and Lancaster, and

at Goliad and 10th.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported at Cauble Rd and the South Service Rd.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of Calvin St., 1600 block of S. Nolan St., 1800 block of S. Gregg St., and the 400 block of S. Birdwell Ln.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 500 block of S. Bell St., 1600 block of Martin Luther King, and the 100 block of E. 16th St.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2500 block of N. Birdwell Lane.

## Sheriff Report

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 86 inmates at the time of this report.

• **ABRAHAM ARCE**, 36, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.

• **RONNIE WAYNE FRANKLIN**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **JACOB ALEXANDER GALAN**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on charges of criminal trespass, and theft (less than \$100).

• **GABRIEL GEORGE QUINTANA**, 22, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for two counts failure to maintain financial respon-

sibility, and violating promise to appear.

• **JOSE OMAR SALINAS JR.**, 22, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of operating a vehicle under improper registration.

• **THADDEUS ONTARIO STRAUGHTER**, 29, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of assault causing bodily injury to a family member.

## Take Note

• Support Kayln Whitehead get to Europe, as part of Team Texas, for an opportunity to play volleyball. On Jan. 25 -

until food runs out - Kalyn and her family will be outside Walmart offering brisket burritos, as a fundraiser. There

will also be more information on other fundraising opportunities and how to donate to the upcoming trip.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at Lancaster and 2nd St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at Goliad and 10th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of E. 11th Place. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at CR 53 and CR 16. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 6400 block of Midway Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## Support Groups

### 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](mailto:francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org), or call 432-268-3003.

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

### FRIDAY

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

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

### SATURDAY

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



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# Weather



**Today:** Sunny, with a high near 60. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northeast in the morning.

**Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 35. Northeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 64. Light and variable wind becoming south 5 to 10 mph in the morning.

**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 41. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. South wind 5 to 15 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 38.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 65.

**Sunday Night:** Clear, with a low around 41.

**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 73.

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

# NOMINATE

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Spring Area Chamber of Commerce has recognized individuals that are over the age of 55 for their amazing contributions to this community. This year the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce needs your help in recognizing five individuals under 55 years old for their contributions to Big Spring and Howard County.”

The honorees will be announced prior to the

Chamber Extravaganza, set for Feb. 7 at the Howard County Fairgrounds.

“We are looking forward to making this an annual award and are excited to kick this off this year,” ValVerde said.

To pick up an application stop by 215 W. Third Street or call the office at 432-263-7641 request a nomination form.

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# TYPE 1

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keep mine up. I felt like I had just gotten lucky and that my run had new purpose. Same for Ben.”

Muchow continued, “ Though he hadn’t run in 20 years, he ran the last several miles to the finish with me in Texarkana. That was incredibly moving. In addition to him joining me on the run, two motorcycle clubs prayed for us and greeted us as they caught up with us later on the run. It’s those from-the-heart moments that give my runs a deep, personal meaning.”

Being able to raise awareness and encourage Type 1 Diabetics in having an active lifestyle is one of the driving focuses of Muchow and the journey he is taking. In addition to raising awareness, Muchow continues to fight for a cure for Type 1, ensuring legal protections against things like job and school discrimination and equal access to health care.

“Progress has been slow in these areas, but I do feel like we’ve made progress through connecting other Type 1 diabetics with other Type 1s in the athletic community. Being able to provide positive examples and

form those connections is a success,” he said.

The Big Spring and Howard County community is encouraged to follow Muchow on his trek across the United States by following <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/31530410>. He is scheduled to enter Big Spring on April 13 from Andrews Highway and heading out along the frontage of I-20 and welcomes others to run along with him.

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**Big Spring Fire Department responded to a smoke call at 2nd and Johnson, mid-afternoon on Wednesday. No injuries and no damage were caused. Upon arrival the smoke had dissipated and no flames were present.**

# Take Note

- 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](mailto:hhunter@poka.com), or Pepper Sullivan at [wpsull911@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wpsull911@sbcglobal.net).

- 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.

- O’Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Norman Witcher at 432-413-6663.

- 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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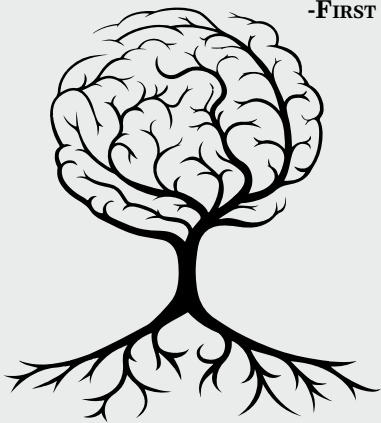
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# Home Country: Double Feature

Run into Herb Collins the other day down by the school. He volunteers there, from time to time, helping kids with their math homework, and trying to recruit future members of The Great World of Business.

He loved business, back in the days when he lived in the city and ran the pawn shop. For years now, ever since he hung up his jeweler's loupe, he's told us that there was an excitement to making the right deal.

"It has to be right for the customer and for me, or it isn't right at all," Herb always says. "You can do that and make several people happy and earn a living. There's no need to take unfair advantage of someone just to earn a living."

Our little town is a bit tame after city life, but it's Herb's wife's home town and she wanted to come back here to live after he retired. So Herb turned to helping kids understand how wonderful business can be. He's advised kids on the most effective way of delivering newspapers on their bicycles, he's suggested advertising gimmicks for kids with summer lemonade stands, and he's helped several boys market their skills with a lawn mower. You

can take the man out of the business, I guess, but it's hard to take the business out of the man.

So after the shaking hands and the how-are-yous, we talked about kids and business, and the new crop of youngsters coming up this year. I couldn't help thinking ol' Herb might jump at the chance to dive back in the world of commerce again, but he disabused me of that right away.

"All through with that," he said, shaking his head. "I was a successful businessman and now I'm successfully retired."

Successfully retired?

"That's right," he grinned. "I have a wife and a television set, and they both work."

**SLIM RANGLES**

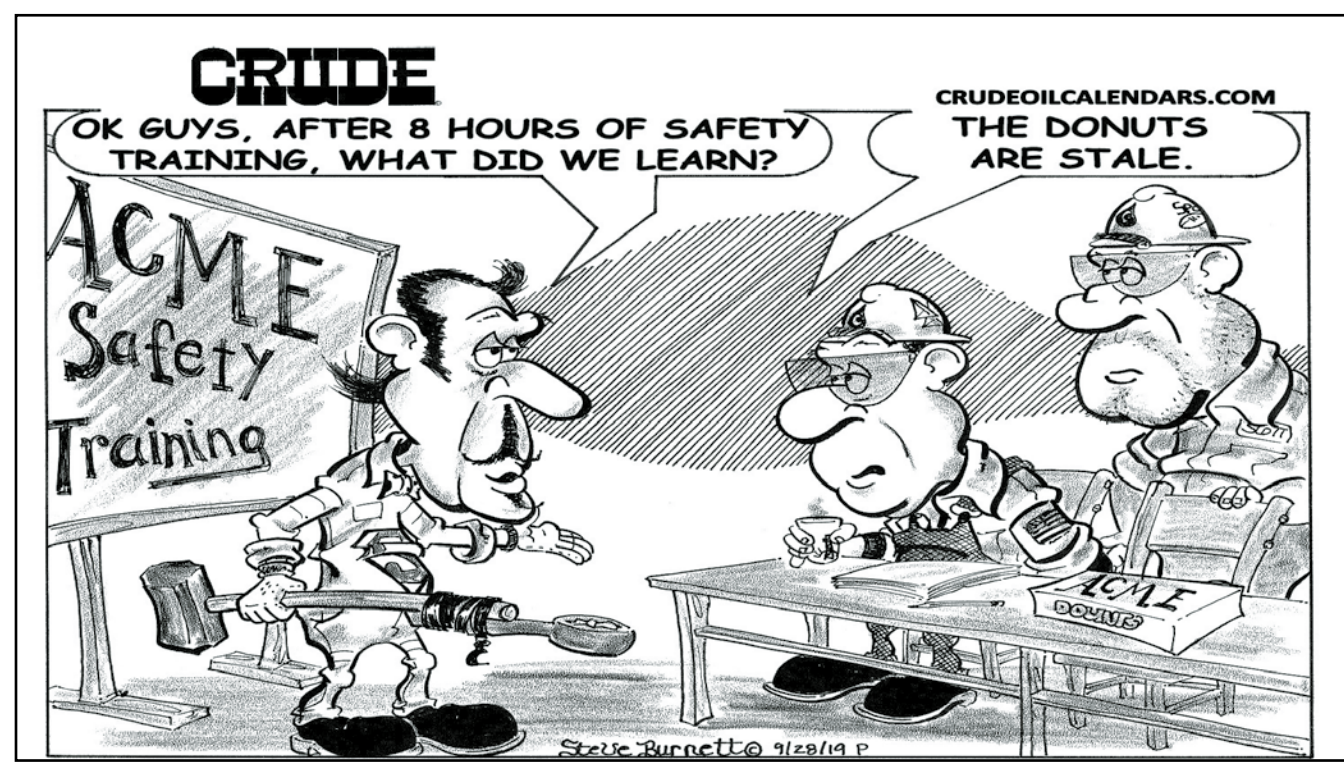
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Dud sat quietly this morning at the daily meeting of the World Dilemma Think Tank ... that's Dud and the guys, of course.

Herb had brought some new jokes with him as a way of pumping new adrenaline into our winter conversational doldrums. They weren't all THAT good, but we all laughed, and Dud smiled a little.

"You're quiet this morning, Dud," said Steve. "Everything okay?"

"Oh sure," he said, smiling. "Just wondering about what goes on in a guy's mind when he's on special assignment."



## The Postscript: The Cigar Box

I spent the weekend in New York City.

I hadn't been to New York in quite a while. I was performing at a theater conference and so was traveling alone, without my husband, Peter.

New York intimidates me—as all big cities do. I am not a nervous traveler, generally, but I keep my possessions close at hand and my eyes open—which is why I noticed the young man in the black athletic shirt on the subway.

I was taking the subway for the first time in a long time and, so far, I was doing pretty well. Okay, I did choke when I got to my first turnstile. I pushed the bar too quickly and had to run my card through a second time. Two dollars! Down the drain! But I finally made it on the subway, in the late evening, my bags gathered close like little ducklings.

So, naturally, I noticed when a young man in a black athletic shirt started talking trash to the man across from him. They were having a heated discussion, topping each other by speaking louder and louder. I clutched my suitcase a little tighter. Then I

saw the young man reach inside his bag. I watched closely as his hand disappeared into a large satchel and emerge with a cigar box.

If I now asked you to guess what was in the box, no matter how many guesses you were given, I'm betting you would be wrong.

Thread.

In that box was every color of thread in the rainbow. The young man, without missing a beat in his argument, reached into the box and pulled out a spool of black thread and a needle, threaded it and—right before my eyes—began stitching up a small tear in the sleeve of his athletic jersey.

His satchel was full of sewing paraphernalia, I realized. He was clearly much better outfitted than my mother who, to the best of my knowledge, has never attempted a stitchery repair while on a moving subway.

I got to my Airbnb. When Peter and I travel together, we always rent an Airbnb we can have to ourselves but, as I was alone and New York is expensive, I found a place with one other room and a shared bath. It was neat as a pin and very convenient. The first night there was a sweet young woman named Emily staying

"You're on special assignment for who now?"

"Not me, Doc," Dud said. "I was just wondering what thoughts a man might have if he volunteered to be a truck driver on special assignment in eastern Europe."

Ahhhh.... the book again. The oft-rewritten, oft-rejected novel.

"That's right. So what would make a guy take his 18 wheeler to somewhere Dracula used to live and drive it around on government orders until the assignment is complete?"

"What's the assignment?"

"I don't know yet. The truck driver is still waiting for his assignment to come through."

"So ..." Doc tries to be kind ... "the truck driver takes his own 18-wheeler to eastern Europe and drives around with an old girlfriend who happens to be a duchess and lives in a castle, but he doesn't know why he's there?"

"Well ... pretty much. Sounds strange when you put it like that."

"In this book you're writing," Steve asked, "is the government buying the diesel for him to drive around?"

"Haven't worked that out yet, either, Steve."

Writing a book can be a real chore.

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**CARRIE CLASSON**

there. She was interviewing for a job at a big publishing house. Emily checked out, the room was cleaned, and I had the place to myself until the second evening when the door opened and a large, swarthy young man with more than a five-o'clock shadow appeared. His name was Manu, he said, in a strong accent.

I said hello and went about preparing to go out for the night. I had to perform in a couple hours, so I had hair to curl and other equally important duties to perform. Manu parked his bag in his room and prepared to leave.

But just as he was about to go out the door, he stopped and turned.

In a deep baritone voice, he asked, "Is it safe? Will I be safe in this neighborhood?"

I studied the extremely capable looking Manu. I remembered the young man stitching on the subway. I thought of all the assumptions I make, every day, every time I encounter another person.

I smiled at Manu. "It's okay, I think you'll be safe," I told him.

Manu grinned at me and headed out onto the streets of New York.

*Till next time,  
Carrie*

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# Grammys CEO says she was ousted after reporting harassment

By **ANDREW DALTON**

AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The ousted Grammys CEO fired back at the Recording Academy on Tuesday, alleging that she was removed after complaining about sexual harassment and pay disparities and for calling out conflicts of interest in the nomination process for music's most prestigious awards.

Lawyers for Deborah Dugan, who was placed on administrative leave last week after six months in the job, filed the discrimination complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission just five days before the Grammy Awards. She alleged she was sexually harassed by the academy's general counsel, Joel Katz, who late Tuesday denied her account.

Dugan detailed the harassment and other issues in an email to an academy human resources executive on Dec. 22, according to the complaint.

The complaint also stated that Dugan was paid less than former academy CEO Neil Portnow, who left the post last year, and that she was also subject to retaliation for refusing to hire Portnow as a consultant for nearly half his former salary.

Portnow had been criticized for saying women need to "step up" when asked backstage at the 2018 show why only two female acts won awards during the live telecast. Portnow called his comments a "poor choice of words" and later said he chose not to seek an extension on his contract.

A filing with the Internal Revenue Service shows that Portnow was paid \$1.74 million in 2016. Dugan said she was pressured to hire him as a consultant for \$750,000 annually. Dugan's Grammys compensation was not revealed in Tuesday's filing. She earned nearly \$537,000 in 2016 in her previous job as CEO of Bono's (RED) charity organization.

Last week, the academy said Dugan was put on leave following an allegation of misconduct by a senior leader at the organization.

On Tuesday, the academy said the issue was a complaint by a female employee that Dugan had been "abusive" and created a "toxic and intolerable" work environment. Dugan's attorneys called that accusation false, saying there was no mistreatment and identifying the employee as the executive assistant she inherited from Portnow.

In her Dec. 22 email, Dugan called the academy "a boys' club."

While trying to resolve a lawsuit against the academy, Dugan said one of the claimants characterized the organization's leadership as "a boys' club" that "put their financial interest above the mission."

"At the time, I didn't want to believe it," said Dugan. "But now after 5 months of being exposed to the behavior and circumstances outlined here, I have come to suspect she is right."

The academy said in a statement that it "immediately launched independent investigations to review both Ms. Dugan's potential misconduct and her subsequent allegations. Both of these investigations remain ongoing."

Dugan, according to the statement, was placed on administrative leave after offering to step down and demanding \$22 million from the Academy, which is a not-for-profit organization.

"Our loyalty will always be to the 21,000 members of the Recording Academy. We regret that music's biggest night is being stolen from them by Ms. Dugan's actions, and we are working to resolve the matter as quickly as possible."

An email from Katz said the attorney was out sick. Katz's firm said it had not yet seen the complaint and could not comment on its allegations.

In the complaint, Dugan alleged that in May 2019, when she had accepted the CEO position but had not begun her work, she had dinner with Katz, the academy's general counsel, alone at his request in Laguna Niguel, California, on the eve of a meeting of the academy board.

There, Katz acted "extremely inappropriately," according to the complaint, calling Dugan "baby" and making "an obvious and unwelcome attempt to 'woo' Ms. Dugan into a romantic relationship."

Dugan, the complaint said, made it clear she wasn't interested and was in a relationship, but he still attempted to kiss her at the end of the night. She "quickly turned away, repulsed." Katz continued the harassment in subsequent interactions, the complaint alleged.

Katz "categorically and emphatically denies her version of that evening," his attorney, Howard Weitzman, said in a statement. The statement said the dinner occurred 2 1/2 months before Dugan started as CEO.

"Mr. Katz believed they had a productive and professional meeting in a restaurant where a number of members of the board of trustees of the academy, and others, were dining," Weitzman's statement read.

Dugan also contends Katz and his firm were paid inappropriately by the academy, and that his role representing both the academy and artists who are up for Grammys was a conflict of interest.

Katz's firm said the harassment allegations against the attorney were not known until Tuesday, but that the firm would cooperate with all investigations into the matter.

Tuesday's academy statement alleged Dugan raised her concerns only after being accused of miscon-

duct. Dugan's attorneys denied that, saying in a statement that she had spoken on those issues throughout her tenure.

The complaint was also critical of the Grammys voting process, specifically its use of nomination committees to select the final list of nominees, which can range from five to eight depending on the category.

"Rather than promoting a transparent nomination process, the Board has decided to shroud the process in secrecy and ultimately controls, in large part, who is nominated for Grammy Awards," the complaint read.

For the top four awards, committees select the final nominees from the top 20 contenders, based off ballots from its voting members. But the complaint said the committee members sometimes include artists who did not make it in the top 20 because of their personal or business relationships with those artists.

"This year, 30 artists that were not selected by the membership were added to the possible nomination list," the complaint read.

The complaint also claimed that one of the song-of-the-year nominees — who placed 18th in the top 20 — sat on the committee deciding the song-of-the-year nominees and is represented by a member of the academy board.



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# The Education Page

## STEER STUFF

### Work Program still exists at Big Spring High School

Submitted by **Vonnie Anderson**

CTE Director and Jill Willbanks, Career Prep Teacher

Career Prep I and II is a course at BSHS that has been offered to students for about 70 years. This course has had a number of name changes in those 70 years with some being VOE, DE, HECE, HECP, FCSCP, Co-op, DCP and now Career Prep I and II. Many of you will recognize one or more of those course names. A lot of people will call it the Work Program. It is a course that rounds out many Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathways.

The aim of Career Prep I and II is to provide the student with skills for life and the world of work. This course at BSHS is one and a half credits each semester, three credits for the year. Career Prep can be taken as a junior and/or senior. Students are allowed to take it both their junior and senior years if they so desire, thereby receiving six credits from this one class. A requirement for this course (and getting credit) is acquiring and retaining a job for the school year and passing the class. Students in Career Prep will be exposed to real world topics such as safety issues (personal, work location and food), creating a personal resume, filling out applications, participating in job interviews along with other career related subject matters. All of these are skills that many in the business world say students are lacking when they enter the workforce. While in class, students will work both individually and in a group setting. This work format provides the opportunity for students to develop team work skills while understanding the role they can play as an individual as well.

Students take regular classes based on their grade level and Career Prep I or II. Since the students are employed, they are allowed to leave school early to go to work. They must work at least 15 hours a week. Many of the students in Career Prep I or II are taking college classes and/or may be high school athletes. It is open to students grades 11-12 but they must be employed to be enrolled in the class.

Having said this, for students at Big Spring High School who are enrolled in Career Prep, the world of school and work prepare them for their future. This is the ultimate goal of all Career and Technical Education classes.



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As part of the CTE program students can take part in the Culinary classes. Pictured above is one of the students preparing biscuits for a recent appreciation dinner.

### Academic Star Student of the Week Big Spring Junio High, Kaegan Baker

This week's Star Student hails from the Jr High and he comes under the tongue of good report by all who know him. Kaegan Baker is the grandson of Jesse and Connie Baker. He's in the class of 2024 and he's lived in Big Spring all of his life --so far.

When asked what is important to him, there is no hesitation or equivocation. He said, "First, it would be God above all else. Without him I wouldn't be who I am today. Second, would be my family and friends, because I can always count on them to help me.

Then there would be my education because it has helped me gain knowledge through many years. Finally, some of the activities I enjoy are: choir, football, track, my mowing job, cooking, fishing, President of the National Junior Honor Society, First Priority, The Texas Math and Science Association and the University Interscholastic League.

With regard to the sorts of goals that he has set for himself, Kaegan again is focused on his future and just how he's going to get there. He said, "I just want to lead my life as God would have me that is honoring to him. My goal is to continue to make the honor roll and do well in school." Kaegan went on to say, "I want to continue to be involved in sports too. My hope is to get a scholarship so I can go to a great college, which will help me find a great job, so I can lead a successful life."

Kaegan doesn't just want to have a good job, he wants to have a successful life and to solve problems. "I would also love to find a way to make sure that everyone has at least 2 meals each and every day, because some people are not able to have or afford that many meals. You hear that hundreds of kids die from hunger, that people are hurting other people, even that some people support abortion, which I do not agree with. I would like to contribute some of my time and effort into ending these conflicts."

Kaegan is driven by his favorite quote: "Winners never quit and Quitters never win." He understands that breakthroughs happen just after a person doesn't quit.

If Kaegan had a magic wand and could help everyone else understand a simple concepts it would be, "That money can't buy happiness. Some people just want to spend their money on worthless things when they could have donated to charity or contributed to saving a

life. Money can't buy happiness but it can buy a less fortunate person a meal or a person medicine," claims Kaegan.

Kaegan is fortunate enough to have a core group of friends that have been with him for the last decade.

About them, he says, "I don't really have just one special person in my life. I have a special group. They are my fellow GT classmates at the Junior High. I've

known some of them since Kindergarten and we all help each other no matter what the problem is." There are only a limited few with whom anyone grows up and it never happens again...

One of Kaegan's coaches, Zac Mullins said, "He's a great young man! Kaegan is a real stand up guy and the definition of a great student and a great person. We need more people like Kaegan Baker."

Dianah Collom said, "Kaegan Baker is a young man that I have known since he was in elementary school. I have seen Kaegan grow into an amazing young man. He was in my Sunday school class and we got to talk about many things through the years. He has a fantastic relationship with God and the Christian faith, especially. I have seen his compassion and kindness shine through his life. He loves the Lord and that is very obvious when we talk and he sings at church. Through the years, I find myself very blessed to serve God alongside Kaegan. It is my honor to share how proud of him I am, and this wonderful honor and recognition that he is receiving."

To anyone who knows Kaegan, our acknowledgement of his successes will be eclipsed by his accomplishments very soon. I am excited for his future and a bit envious of those who get to share it with him.

Another once of Kaegan's teachers at the Jr high had this to say about him. "Kaegan Baker is a very talented young man. He not only excels in academics, but he is also well round with his participation in athletics and volunteering in our community. Kaegan encourages other students and does his best to lead by example. Kaegan is definitely someone to keep an eye on in the future; I believe he is destined for greatness!" said Terri L. Calley



## THE BULLDOG REPORT



Courtesy photos

Pictured above: The Academy Top Dogs for the second nine-weeks were announced during the morning assembly on Friday, Jan. 10, 2020. Each student was recognized for displaying the trait of citizenship. They are: Sophia Valez, Ava Puentes, Emmie Andres, Liam McCutchen, Zayne Smith, Reid Campbell, Lizzy Mashburn, Ty Rechichard, Madix Ditto, Riley Aguliar, Michelle Gonzales, and Allie Hipp. Pictured directly above: Coahoma Elementary School announced its Top Dogs for the second nine-weeks on Friday, Jan. 10, 2020. Each student was recognized for displaying the trait of citizenship. Students in the traditional program who earned the honor are: Paxtyn Acosta, Salvador Hernandez, Cora Porter, Nicholas Van Dop, Billy Mann, Brantley Johnson, Kinsley Kirby, Riva Mendez, Alyanna Sanchez, Mikey Garcia, Corbyn Parker, Zylee Lozano, Masen Pierce, Brailee Bennett and Belle Holleman.

Congratulations Kaegan!

Little Buffs



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Forsan Elementary first graders who reached their AR point goals were rewarded with a 'snow ball' fight in the gym. Students and teachers were able to enjoy the fun, despite warm temperatures outside.

### Slow starts hurt Coahoma squads against district rival Merkel



Courtesy Photos

Pictured above left: Bulldogs guard Isaiah Martin puts up a shot in the loss on Tuesday night. Pictured above right: A group of Bulldogette defenders go for a steal in their district game against Merkel.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

The Coahoma Bulldogettes allowed the Merkel Lady Badgers to jump out to an early lead on Tuesday night and were never able to lead in the game. Merkel guard Kaydi Pursley was able to knock down three shots from beyond the arc in the first quarter. Pursley caused problems from the perimeter all game and finished the game with 19 points and five made triples.

“We knew that she could shoot and we were a little slow at times closing out on her and allowed her to have some open looks at the basket,” Bulldogettes coach Jim Kinnear said. “But when we got there in time and got her out of her rhythm, she didn’t make those.”

Coahoma trailed 37-24 at halftime and were able to make up some ground in the third quarter by outscoring Merkel by four points. Senior guard Caitlyn Corley notched seven of her team’s 14 points in the third and the Bulldogettes seemed to be within striking distance.

Things changed quickly.

The Bulldogettes could only manage to score three points in the fourth quarter as Merkel pulled away for a 55-41 victory. Coahoma is in the midst of a three-game losing streak that will need to end soon for the team to be able to finish strongly in the district.

“We have to clean up our execution on offense and defense and just be more consistent on both ends of the floor,” Kinnear said.

Meanwhile, the Bulldogs also stumbled out of the starting gate and found themselves in a 17-1 hole at the conclusion of the first quarter. Converting on easy baskets has been an issue that has affected Coahoma all-season long and

Tuesday night was no different.

“We got some clean looks but the shots just didn’t fall,” Bulldogs coach Joe Mireles said. “We had miscommunications all over the court.”

The only point for the Bulldogs in their eight minutes came courtesy of a Zack Schneider free throw. In the first half, the Bulldogs would score only four points, all of which came from the free-throw line.

Coahoma was staring down a 26-4 halftime deficit that they would be unable to come back from. While the second half was more productive than the first, the Bulldogs still struggled to put the ball in the basket and would wind up losing the game 54-25.

While the season is not going as strongly as anyone would hope, the Bulldogs continue to fight and their coach is not concerned about the heart of his players.

“They continue to work hard, hustle, and they just don’t quit,” Mireles said.

Both teams are sitting lower in the district rankings than they would like and will be looking to get back on track offensively the next time they hit the hardwood.

UP NEXT: Both Coahoma teams will travel to Clyde on Friday night to take on the hometown Bulldogs. The girl’s varsity game will begin at 6:30 P.M. with the boy’s game following right after the conclusion of the Bulldogettes matchup.

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### Forsan varsity teams struggle on the road against Christoval

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

Both Forsan varsity squads followed up their big wins over district rival Ozona last week by falling flat against the Christoval Cougars on Tuesday night.

The Lady Buffs were unable to get their usual production from downtown and lost 44-31. While their scoring production was down, the effort and energy that Forsan puts on display everytime they touch the court was never in doubt.

“We played very well, we just could not convert on some ‘gimme’ baskets and free throws,” Lady Buffs coach Lloyed Vedder said. “We made them work for everything that they got.”

The Lady Buffs that they got down on multiple occasions but the Lady Cougars closed out the game strong by converting their free throws and ultimately putting the game out of reach.

With these two teams set to meet again in Forsan next month, Vedder has some ideas about what his team will need to do differently but is not looking that far ahead.

“We need to play with the same intensity and cohesiveness on the defensive end and find a way to convert on what should be high-percentage shots,” Vedder said. “Right now the focus is on Winters. One game at a time.”



Following the girl’s game, the Buffaloes did not get off to a good start and had their 31-game district winning streak snapped. The Buffs managed to score only one point in the first quarter and trailed 19-9 at halftime.

Going up against one of the best defenses in the district put the Forsan offense to the test early and often.

“We started out in a hole again and missed a

bunch of shots in the paint early,” Buffaloes coach Cory Richardson said.

Forward Zane Riffe followed up his 14-rebound game against Ozona by registering a double-double that included 15 points and 10 rebounds. The senior has become a force as of late and his team will need him to continue his hot streak over the final eight games of the regular season.

“I knew that his aggressiveness was going to help us once we got into district play and it has,” Richardson said.

With their overall district win streak now snapped, the Buffs will look to hold onto and extend their current 24-game home win streak against district opponents the next time they are in their home gym.

Richardson and his squad feel comfortable playing at home in their home and will be ready to bring the pressure the next time they meet up with Christoval.

UP NEXT: Forsan will host Winters on Friday night. The girl’s varsity game will begin at 6:30 P.M. with the boy’s game following right after,

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### Giants’ Eli Manning retires after 16 seasons, 2 Super Bowls

By TOM CANAVAN

AP Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Eli Manning is ending a 16-year NFL career that saw him recognized as a great quarterback, a leader, a solid citizen and the man who led the New York Giants back into prominence with two Super Bowl titles.

Manning, who set almost every Giants passing record in career solely based in New Jersey’s Meadowlands, has retired, the Giants said Wednesday. He will formally announce his retirement on Friday and there is little doubt the team will retire his No. 10 jersey.

“For 16 seasons, Eli Manning defined what it is to be a New York Giant both on and off the field,” John Mara, the Giants’ president and chief executive officer said in a statement.

“Eli is our only two-time Super Bowl MVP and one of the very best players in our franchise’s history. He represented our franchise as a consummate professional with dignity and accountability. It meant something to Eli to be the Giants quarterback, and it meant even more to us. We are beyond grateful for his contributions to our organization and look forward to celebrating his induction into the Giants Ring of Honor in the near future.”

The recently turned 39-year-old’s future had been in doubt since the end of the season. Manning’s contract with the Giants expired after the 4-12 season and there was little chance he would be returning after losing his long-time

starting job to rookie Daniel Jones.

Manning said he wanted to think about his future after the season and roughly three weeks after the season ended he decided his career was over.

He leaves the NFL with as many Super Bowl titles as his brother, Peyton, who retired after leading the Denver Broncos to a title after the 2015 season.

The Giants acquired Manning from San Diego on draft day in 2004 after the Ole Miss quarterback told the Chargers he did not want to play for them and forced the deal that general manager Ernie Accorsi gladly accepted.

It started a major turnaround for a team that was 4-12 the previous season.

Manning replaced Hall of Famer Kurt Warner as the starter for then-new coach Tom Coughlin after nine games. They won the NFC East the following season.

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## Digestive Issues Hurting Both Mom and Daughter

Dear Annie: I

am writing about our 23-year-old daughter, who is having trouble with her digestive system.

After a year of vomiting after most meals and losing weight, she finally had a gastric emptying test. She was then diagnosed with dumping syndrome, or rapid gastric emptying. This is usually a condition caused by bypass surgery, which is not the case in this situation, nor is anorexia.

The test results showed that after two hours, she digested only 5% of her food, with the norm being

between 30% and 60%. Her gastroenterologist prescribed an anti-anxiety medication as well as a strict diet. It's been almost three months with no improvement, although there have been times when she has not adhered strictly to the diet.

There doesn't seem to be a next step if this doesn't work, nor a cure. I'm hoping that one of your readers has had some experience with this or perhaps some insight or suggestions. As the parents of an adult, there's not much we can do to help except to offer emotional support and some monetary help with doctor bills. But it's so hard to get that weekly, or more, call or

text after a bad day.

I'd appreciate any help someone can offer. Many thanks. -- Concerned Mom

Dear Concerned Mom:

Thank you for your kind words. I am sorry that your daughter has been suffering from this syndrome. The good news is her doctors have found the issue. It has only been three months since she has changed her lifestyle; give her body some time. She has been in this body for 23 years, and sometimes things take time to heal. Continue to support her and have faith that if she adheres to the strict diet, she will feel better.

Encourage her to really celebrate the days when she feels better, too. Maybe she could meditate on her stomach feeling healthy and strong. Just a simple "thank-you" to her body when it's doing well could make small positive shifts in recovery. And eventually, those small shifts could turn into large ones.

As mothers, we feel for our children when they are in pain. So it makes sense that if your daughter is having a bad day, then you are having a bad day. Ask her to text you on good days as well. That way, you can shift your focus to the good, too. Best of luck to you and your daughter in her recovery. If any readers have

tips from personal or professional experience to help her, please share.

Dear Annie: This letter is in response to a man's grief after the death of his son and wife within a two-month period. I am in my 80s and retired, and I lost my son in an accident 10 years ago and my wife of 57 years almost four ago.

Here is how I recommend coping: staying close to family and friends; attending church; getting a pet -- a cat or dog to talk to; going to the graveyard and talking to them; looking at pictures and shedding a tear; finding a friend in the same

position; participating in and watching sports and games; traveling (I went on a tour with my daughter); exercising at the gym; and reading books, magazines and newspapers.

Yes, life goes on. And feeling sorry for yourself, when others have the same problem, doesn't do much. Thanks for sharing though, and my heart goes out to you. -- How I Am Coping

Dear Coping: I am very sorry for your loss and love these suggestions. Thank you.

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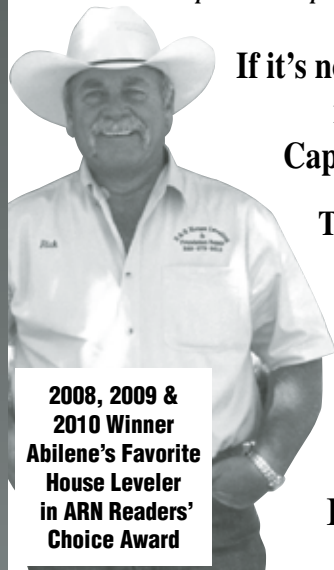
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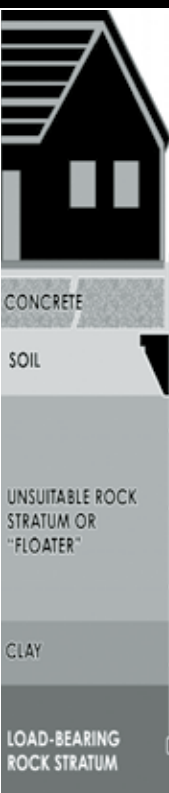
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Sun Shines on the Best There Is

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Your capacity for self-directedness is strong and getting stronger every time you do what you tell yourself to do. You're always fortifying one side or the other -- the commander or the rebellion.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Good people don't need other people to say they're good in order to embody the label. It's self-given, self-upheld and self-defined. Stand-up people often stand alone.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** There are many ways to capture in your heart the life inside of life -- admiring a vase of flowers in the sun, a book that pulls you into a different world, the intoxication of dancing, a highway drive to nowhere in particular, etc.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You're a fountain of solutions, for yourself, your loved ones and the world. Focus on the solutions that are for you. Of course, those are the only ones you have the full power to apply.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** The habit of col-

lecting your

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** If you don't have one, then this is the day to establish one (and only one)

thoughts isn't just for moments of anger or passion or for times when you're going to be in the spotlight. You're at your best after you've checked in with your thoughts, so do it often.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You like the way it feels to scheme, dream, plot and plan, but it's nothing like the elation that comes from getting into action and seeing what works and what doesn't.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You could use more excitement. The simple act of buying tickets to an event that's weeks away will give you a boost that lasts until the date arrives.

spot for your keys, wallet and phone. Firm rules for yourself in this regard and others will have you winning over the cosmic inclinations of the day.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You're not afraid of hard work. Historically, the mental buildup is typically worse than the reality. Besides, you like what happens after the hard work -- satisfaction, respect and sometimes even glory!

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You wouldn't help a person training for a marathon by giving them a ride to the end of the run. The best assistance is accountability and encouragement, not a free pass.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** People lie when they are afraid. Think about what could be frightening to them. What are the possible reasons here? If you can address and reduce the fear, you just may get to the truth.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** It's a new day. Feelings change. Maybe you'll be negotiating or renegotiating the rules. And maybe you'll be tearing up the rulebook and relying on something beyond social conditioning and yesterday's ideas about fairness.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 23).** A poem for your solar return: You will issue commands to you/ to quit something you like to do/ put muscle, heart and mind into/ and then collect the prizes due/ none of which compares unto/ the pride that's born of follow-through. Also: There will be a reunion and a second chance at a childhood wish. Cancer and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 17, 11, 24, 38 and 50.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A day fit for a queen

South dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ Q 5 4  
♥ 8 2  
♦ A K 10 9 4 3  
♣ 5 2

**WEST**  
♠ 10 9 2  
♥ J 10 7 4  
♦ Q 6  
♣ K J 9 3

**EAST**  
♠ K J 8 6 3  
♥ Q 6 3  
♦ J 8 5  
♣ 10 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ A 7  
♥ A K 9 5  
♦ 7 2  
♣ A Q 8 7 6

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♦ Pass  
1 ♥ Pass 2 ♦ Pass  
2 NT Pass 3 NT  
Opening lead — ten of spades.

To play first and think later may be effective in some activities, but not in bridge.

Consider this deal where West led the ten of spades against three notrump. Declarer could not afford to put up the queen, which would leave him wide open in the suit if East had the king. So he played low from dummy and, after East signaled with the eight, won the trick with the ace. South's best source of tricks was

obviously diamonds, so he led a diamond at trick two and finessed the nine after West followed low. East won with the jack, but it didn't matter whether he tried to reach his partner with a heart or a club; in either case, declarer would win the return and scamper home with nine tricks.

Superficially, the outcome seems normal enough, but actually, the contract would have failed had West not suffered a lapse at the critical moment.

When declarer led a diamond toward dummy at trick two, West should have put up the queen! Had he done that, South would have found it impossible to score nine tricks. If declarer ducked the queen, West would have put a quick end to South's chances by returning a spade, while if declarer won the queen, he would limit himself to just two diamond tricks.

The queen play by West may not be easy to think of in the heat of battle, but there is no doubt that it is the right play.

West should reason that if declarer has the jack of diamonds, his queen is of no earthly use, and therefore no harm can come from playing it. At the same time, he should reason that if his partner has the jack, the play of the queen can't hurt and might just do a lot of good.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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ANSWER:

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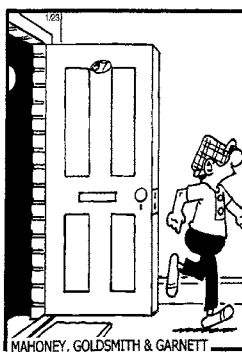
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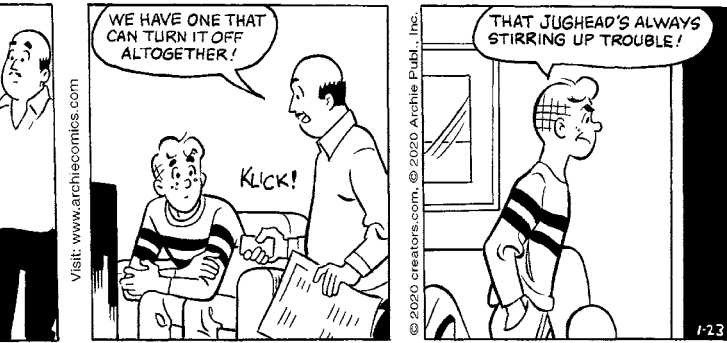
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**This Date In History**

**Today in History**

Today is Thursday, Jan. 23, the 23rd day of 2020. There are 343 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** On Jan. 23, 1964, the 24th Amendment to the United States Constitution, eliminating the poll tax in federal elections, was ratified as South Dakota became the 38th state to endorse it.

On this date:

In 1368, China's Ming dynasty, which lasted nearly three centuries, began as Zhu Yuanzhang (zhoo whan-zhang) was formally acclaimed emperor following the collapse of the Yuan dynasty.

In 1845, Congress decided all national elections would be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

In 1950, the Israeli Knesset approved a resolution affirming Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

In 1962, Jackie Robinson was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility. Tony Bennett recorded "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" in New York for Columbia Records.

In 1968, North Korea seized the U.S. Navy intelligence ship USS Pueblo, commanded by Lloyd "Pete" Bucher, charging its crew with being on a spying mission; one sailor was killed and 82 were taken prisoner. (Cmdr. Bucher and his crew were released the following December after enduring 11 months of brutal captivity at the hands of the North Koreans.)

In 1973, President Richard Nixon announced an accord had been reached to end the Vietnam War, and would be formally signed four days later in Paris.

In 1977, the TV mini-series "Roots," based on the Alex Haley novel, began airing on ABC.

In 1989, surrealist artist Salvador Dali died in his native Figueras, Spain, at age 84.

In 1998, a judge in Fairfax, Virginia, sentenced Aimal Khan Kasi (eye-MAHL kahn KAH'-see) to death for an assault rifle attack outside CIA headquarters in 1993 that killed two men and wounded three other people. (Kasi was executed in November 2002.)

In 2002, John Walker Lindh, a U.S.-born Taliban fighter, was returned to the United States to face criminal charges that

he'd conspired to kill fellow Americans. (Lindh was sentenced to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to providing support for the Taliban; he was released in May, 2019, after serving more than 17 years.)

In 2009, President Barack Obama quietly ended the Bush administration's ban on giving federal money to international groups that performed abortions or provided information on the option. New York Gov. David Paterson chose Democratic Rep. Kirsten Gillibrand (KEHR'-sten JIL'-uh-brand) to fill the Senate seat vacated by Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Ten years ago: Abby Sunderland, 16, left Marina del Rey, California, on her first attempt to become the youngest person to sail solo around the world. (The voyage ended a week and a-half later because the boat experienced power problems; Sunderland then made a second attempt, but that, too, fell short.) Rachael Flatt won her first title at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Spokane, Washington, finishing more than 10 points ahead of Mirai Nagasu (mih-RY' NAH'-guh-soo).

Five years ago: King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia, 90, the powerful U.S. ally who'd fought against al-Qaida and sought to modernize the ultraconservative Muslim kingdom, died in Riyadh. Chicago Cubs Hall of Famer Ernie Banks, 83, died. Roger Federer was ousted from the Australian Open in the third round, beaten by Andreas Seppi 6-4, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 7-6 (5).

One year ago: After a week-long showdown with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, President Donald Trump said he was postponing his State of the Union address until the partial government shutdown was over. Venezuela's political crisis escalated as an opposition leader backed by the Trump administration, Juan Guaido (gwuy-DOH'), declared himself interim president; President Nicolas Maduro responded by breaking off relations with the United States. (The opposition failed to oust Maduro, who retained the backing of the country's military). Democrat Pete Buttigieg

(BOOT'-eh-jehj), the 37-year-old mayor of South Bend, Indiana, said he was forming an exploratory committee for a 2020 presidential bid. Police in Phoenix announced the arrest of a licensed practical nurse accused of sexually assaulting an incapacitated woman who had given birth in December at a long-term health care facility. (Nathan Sutherland is awaiting trial.)

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Chita Rivera is 87. Actor-director Lou Antonio is 86. Jazz musician Gary Burton is 77. Actor Gil Gerard is 77. Sen. Thomas R. Carper, D-Del., is 73. Singer Anita Pointer is 72. Actor Richard Dean Anderson is 70. Rock musician Bill Cunningham is 70. Rock singer Robin Zander (Cheap Trick) is 67. Former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa

(vee-yah-ry-GOH'-sah) is 67. Princess Caroline of Monaco is 63. Singer Anita Baker is 62. Reggae musician Earl Falconer (UB40) is 61. Actor Peter Mackenzie is 59. Actor Boris McGiver is 58. Actress Gail O'Grady is 57. Actress Mariska Hargitay is 56. Rhythm-and-blues singer Marc Nelson is 49. CBS Evening News anchor Norah O'Donnell is 46. Actress Tiffani Thiessen is 46.

Rock musician Nick Harmer (Death Cab for Cutie) is 45. Actress Lindsey Kraft is 40. Christian rock musician Nick DePatie (formerly with Kutless) is 35. Singer-actress Rachel Crow is 22.

**Thought for Today:** "It's not what you are, it's what you don't become that hurts." — Oscar Levant, pianist-composer-actor (1906-1972).

**Newsday Crossword**

**ROAD CLOSINGS** by Billie Truitt  
Edited by Stanley Newman  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Kolkata costume
  - 5 Informal acknowledgment
  - 10 Norse explorer
  - 14 Trigger, as an alarm
  - 15 South Pacific republic
  - 16 Actress Moreno
  - 17 Informal takeback
  - 18 Autumn event, in Vermont
  - 20 Dig into
  - 21 "I \_\_\_ kidding!"
  - 22 Moon of Neptune
  - 23 Workstation accessory
  - 26 Where Panasonic was founded
  - 27 Clothesless culture
  - 28 Device at many local stores
  - 30 Ceiling
  - 31 Chicago star
  - 32 Shelf-clearing event
  - 34 Farm structure
  - 35 New South Wales locale
  - 38 Dudes
  - 40 Form of collateral
  - 41 Apollo astronaut Conrad
  - 44 Sweetie
  - 45 Type of 62 Across
  - 46 Glittering toppers
  - 48 Choice spelled with a slash
  - 50 Who's invited
  - 53 Ideal spot
  - 55 Folk singer at Woodstock

- DOWN**
- 1 Tossed about
  - 2 Floor decor
  - 3 Boating hazard
  - 4 Wall St. news
  - 5 Ailing
  - 6 New Brunswick neighbor
  - 7 Offends
  - 8 Issuer of numbered publications
  - 9 Roll a ball toward the hole
  - 10 "To \_\_\_ human"
  - 11 Reading to the rowdy
  - 12 "There, there"
  - 13 Quick break of a sort
  - 19 Native to
  - 21 Highly puzzled
  - 24 Warning wail
  - 25 Raptor's weapon
  - 29 March Hare's serving
  - 32 Cause to smart
  - 33 Standout pitcher
  - 34 Be larcenous
  - 36 Taking time, in product names
  - 37 Elkhound category
  - 38 Flamenco guitarist Carlos
  - 39 "... that they are \_\_\_ by their Creator ..."
  - 42 Acknowledgment of esteem
  - 43 "Calm down"
  - 44 Trucked
  - 45 Flower painted by O'Keeffe
  - 46 African fly
  - 47 Prepares, as some rice
  - 49 Opinion pieces
  - 51 Two-headed fastener
  - 52 Stand for a presentation
  - 54 Quarreling
  - 58 Series that starred Ted Danson
  - 59 Color of khakis

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Answer to previous puzzle

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# Coahoma Softball to host Alumni & Futures game next weekend

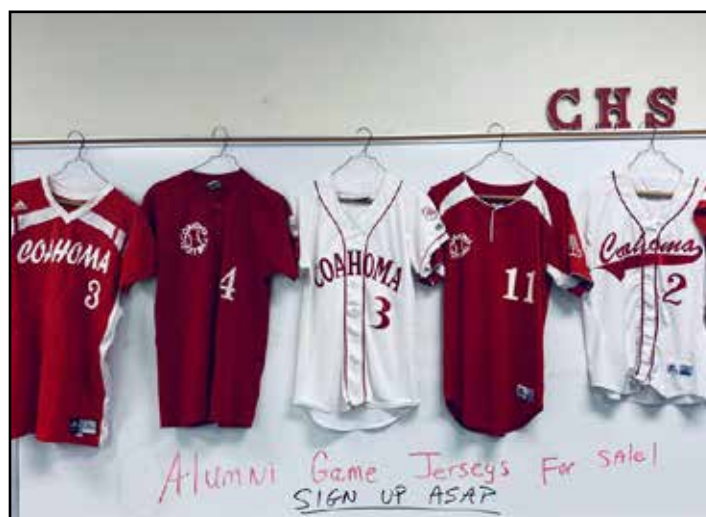
Special to the Herald

Coahoma Softball partnered with Bulldog Steel for a Coahoma Futures and Alumni game in which all of the young talented players coming up along with all past Bulldogettes will have an opportunity to relive the spirit of the game they came to love and showcase their talents. The game will take place Feb. 1 at the Coahoma High School Softball Field.

"We wanted to do something for all of the great players who have played softball here at Coahoma," Coahoma Softball Coach Alex Orosco said. "This is not really about this year's team. It is about the girls who played here and that will play here."

The Futures Game will consist of a Red and White team and will be a regular (controlled) game. Since it includes girls from different grade levels we will do our best to control matchups so there is no obvious disadvantage to the hitter or the pitcher. Teams will be posted on the day of the game. Please Pre-Register on the Coahoma ISD Facebook page.

The Alumni Game will be a game between alumni players on either a Red or White team. The game will be a regular game with the only exception being the pitching machine. The pitching machine will be set to throw a 55 mph fastball and a 48 mph



Courtesy Photo

**Pictured above: Coahoma will be selling alumni jerseys at the event next weekend. You can get your own for only \$10.**

changeup. Teams will use a live catcher. Teams will be posted on the day of the game. Please Pre-Register on the Coahoma ISD Facebook page.

The Home Run Challenge will be open to anyone (husbands included) and the pitching machine will be set to 55 mph. Using a 33-23 softball bat, whomever hits the most home runs in the same at bat is

declared the champion. For \$10, you will get five swings. Registration can be done on the day of the game.

Coahoma Softball will have team jerseys from previous years for sale during the game for \$10.

This event will serve as a fundraiser for the Coahoma HS Softball teams, with 100 percent of funds raised benefitting the Coahoma HS softball teams.

The games will be played as follows:

10 a.m.-11:20 a.m.: Future Coahoma Girls game (Grades 3-6)

11:30 a.m.-Noon: Bulldog Steel Grand Slam Challenge

Open to everyone and anyone. \$10 for five pitches using pitching machine. Prize will be given to the HR Derby Champion and Runner-Up

12:15 p.m.-1:45 p.m.: All Past Coahoma Softball Players

The concession stand will be available to purchase lunch and snacks. Cost is \$20 per player and Coahoma would like you to pre-register before Monday using the form located on the Coahoma ISD Facebook page.

"To go through all of the daily practices in the heat and give up your time and do it for four years is kind of a lot," Orosco said. We want to thank them for playing."

## MANNING

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"Eli Manning not only is the quarterback on those great teams, but he is the MVP of the Super Bowls," Coughlin said. "He's an incredible big-game performer. You talk about a guy that's great to coach, focused every day, took tremendous pride in preparing, practice, had a great sense of humor, was a cynic in the locker room. But the guys loved him and they loved him for it, and they played for him. The guys that had the opportunity to play with him know what it's like to be with a guy with as much talent, as much grit, as much determination."

Manning is the only player in Giants' history to play 16 seasons. His 236 regular-season games (234 starts) and 248 total games are team records.

From Nov. 21, 2004, through Nov. 23, 2017, Manning started 210 consecutive regular-season games, then the second-longest streak by a quarterback in NFL history (to Brett Favre's 297). After sitting out one game, he started the next 22 in a row, giving him 232 starts in 233 games — plus 12 postseason games. Manning never missed a game because of injury.

Manning is sixth in NFL history with 8,119 attempts and seventh with 4,895 completions, 57,023 yards and 366 touchdown passes. He also has the franchise's highest career completion rate (60.29 percent). He was selected to four Pro Bowls.

There are many who think he is the Giants' greatest quarterback, although others will debate that honor belongs to either Y.A. Tittle or Charlie Conerly.

Manning started the first two games of the recently concluded season before recently fired coach Pat Shurmur replaced him with Jones, the No. 6 pick overall in the draft. He started two more games in December after Jones sprained an ankle and led the Giants to a win over Miami in his final start at MetLife Stadium.

Off the field, Manning has donated his time to many charitable events. He was the co-recipient of the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award in 2016 with Larry Fitzgerald of the Arizona Cardinals.

During the Super Bowl week, Manning will be presented with the 2020 Athletes in Action/Bart Starr Award for serving as a positive role model to his family, teammates and community.

Manning is one of just five players in NFL history to win multiple Super Bowl MVP awards, joined by Brady, Joe Montana, Terry Bradshaw and Starr. Manning is one of 21 quarterbacks to win a Super Bowl without losing one and one of 12 to win at least two Super Bowls.

In the 2004 draft, the Giants picked fourth and selected quarterback Philip Rivers. Accorsi sent Rivers, their third-round choice in 2004 (No. 65 overall), and first and fifth-round picks in the 2005 draft to the Chargers for Manning.

It was the game-changing deal for the Giants.

# Williamson's 22 in debut not enough for Pelicans vs. Spurs

By BRETT MARTEL

AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Zion Williamson scored the final point of his first NBA regular season game as a packed and standing crowd belted out chants of "M-V-P!"

Then the NBA's No. 1 overall draft pick went to the bench — as mandated by medical staff — and watched the game slip away from the Pelicans while unheeded chants of, "We want Zion!" echoed around the Smoothie King Center.

Williamson capped his long-awaited NBA debut

by scoring 17 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter and stirring the crowd into a frenzy — but the savvy and composed San Antonio Spurs weathered the surge for a 121-117 victory Wednesday night.

The celebrated rookie out of Duke, whose maiden regular season appearance was delayed three months by arthroscopic surgery on his right knee, said watching the final five minutes from the bench out of caution was "very hard."

"I'm 19, honestly. In that moment, I'm not thinking about longevity," Williamson continued. "I'm thinking about winning that game, so it was very tough."

LaMarcus Aldridge had 32 points and 14 rebounds, DeMar DeRozan added 20 points, and the San Antonio Spurs withstood Williamson's late surge for a 121-117 victory over New Orleans on Wednesday night.

"The crowd got into it. We didn't let it rattle us," DeRozan said, adding that Williamson "went on a hell of a run."

"It was great that we held our composure, executed when we needed to, and came up with stops when we needed to," DeRozan added.

With Spurs coach Gregg Popovich sending double-teams at Williamson, the rookie struggled to find his shot during the first three quarters. When the fourth quarter began, he had just five points, four rebounds, an assist and four turnovers in a little less than 12 minutes.

But when the 6-foot-6, 285-pound Williamson found himself open for a straight-on 3 with about nine minutes to go, he let it fly and it went down, infusing the stadium with energy. He followed that up with a torrid three-minute stretch in which he laid in an alley-oop lob, put back a missed shot with a reverse layup and hit three more 3s.

Williamson wasn't known for shooting 3s when he starred at Duke. He was so often able to dominate inside. But Williamson noted that his long rehabilitation probably helped him refine his outside shot.

"When you're not able to move around and do athletic movements for a while, the only thing you can do is just shoot spot-up jumpers, I guess that was the result of that."

His teammates loved it.

"The first one, I was like, 'All right. Cool,' guard Jrue Holiday said. "Then the second three I was like, 'All right, boy, you've been practicing.' And the third one, and from that point on, the energy was crazy."

Williamson came into the game knowing his playing time would be limited — even though he started. He had played a total of 18:18 when he was subbed out for good with the Pelicans — who trailed by 12 to start the final period — down 109-108.

Soon after, DeRozan began San Antonio's decisive surge with a finger roll and pull-up jumper. Aldridge followed with a tip-in and jumper shortly after.

New Orleans got as close as 119-117 on Josh Hart's 3, but Aldridge responded with two free throws and the Spurs did not give up another basket.

"I was really proud of our guys," Popovich said. "We took a huge blow. We stayed the course and just played."

Brandon Ingram scored 22 for New Orleans but missed 16 of 22 shots, while Lonzo Ball had 14 points and 12 assists.

Williamson entered the Smoothie King Center wearing a black suit with a blue design and blue basketball sneakers. Written in pink on the black T-shirt he wore under his sport coat was the expression, "Let's Dance," which was his message to New Orleans the night the Pelicans drafted him.

He certainly found his rhythm in the fourth quarter of his first game, raising hopes for what lies ahead in New Orleans' remaining 37 games.

### NBA Standings

Eastern Conf.	Division	Overall	PPG	OPPG
Milwaukee Bucks	11-0	39-6	119.4	106.7
Miami Heat	5-2	30-13	111.6	107.9
Toronto Raptors	5-3	29-14	112.0	106.2
Boston Celtics	6-5	28-14	112.3	105.7
Philadelphia 76ers	9-2	29-16	108.7	105.0
Indiana Pacers	4-6	28-16	109.0	106.5
Orlando Magic	6-2	21-23	103.8	103.9
Brooklyn Nets	4-6	18-24	109.3	111.6
Detroit Pistons	5-8	16-28	108.9	110.8
Chicago Bulls	5-7	16-29	105.7	107.8
Charlotte Hornets	1-4	15-30	103.3	110.5
Washington	3-6	14-28	114.3	119.8
New York Knicks	1-9	12-32	104.3	112.2
Cleveland Cavaliers	3-7	12-32	104.8	113.9
Atlanta Hawks	3-4	10-34	107.8	117.5

Western Conf.	Division	Overall	PPG	OPPG
L.A. Lakers	4-2	34-9	114.0	106.4
L.A. Clippers	6-1	31-13	116.0	109.5
Denver Nuggets	6-0	30-13	109.3	105.6
Utah Jazz	4-2	30-13	110.7	106.0
Dallas Mavericks	7-0	27-16	116.4	109.4
Houston Rockets	4-4	26-16	118.3	114.2
Oklahoma City	5-4	25-19	109.7	108.0
Memphis Grizzlies	3-4	20-23	113.6	116.0
San Antonio Spurs	2-5	19-23	113.7	114.7
Portland	3-6	19-26	111.9	114.1
Phoenix Suns	4-6	18-25	113.6	114.1
New Orleans	2-5	17-27	114.4	117.6
Minnesota	2-8	15-28	111.1	114.6
Sacramento Kings	4-4	15-28	106.8	110.1
Golden State	1-6	10-35	105.6	113.6

### PLAYOFF PICTURE

**EAST:** (1) Bucks, (2) Heat, (3) Raptors, (4) Celtics, (5) 76ers,

(6) Pacers, (7) Magic, (8) Nets

**WEST:** (1) Lakers, (2) Clippers, (3) Nuggets, (4) Jazz, (5) Mavericks,

(6) Rockets, (7) Thunder, (8) Grizzlies

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