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## City Council votes 4-3 to immediately terminate City Manager contract Tuesday

By **Iris Rangel**  
 Herald Staff Writer

City Council voted in a 4-3 vote to not renew City Manager Todd Darden's contract during Tuesday night's meeting. During the open session – elected by Darden – evaluation, Council member Terry McDaniel made the motion to terminate the City Manager contract immediately. McDaniel's motion was seconded by Council member Gloria McDonald.

During the evaluation, Councilmembers Raul Marquez and Doug Hartman spoke highly of the dedication Darden has shown to Big Spring and his position. McDaniel cited the recent \$2.2 million in collections outstanding, in addition to several other occurrences that have been brought before the Council's attention in the past, as indication there was a void in the collection procedure that cost the City of Big Spring \$2.2 million.

"Based on these things, I know we have the opportunity to simply give you a bad review and go on down the road, but in this particular case I am going to make the motion that the City Manager be dismissed immediately," McDaniel said.

McDonald's second to the motion was followed by a heartfelt expression and explanation of her reasoning behind her decision.

"Even after making this motion, I still have a lot of warmth for Todd, a lot of like for Todd. Todd has always been very good to me, as I hope I have been

fair to him," McDonald said. "This is not about what or who I like, this is about the best for Big Spring and to try to get some of our departments back in the running where we are not on Facebook against our discretion. Personally this hurts me to do, but I was elected to see the city ran well and to see we had opportunity for growth and that is what I feel I have done tonight."

The motion passed 4 to 3 with Council members Marquez, Hartman, and Thomason voting against. A closed session was held for the evaluations of City Attorney Andrew Hagen and Municipal Judge Timothy Green. After Council members reconvened, there was no action taken regarding the City Attorney or Municipal Judge.

City Council Members also discussed the first reading of a resolution amending Section 9 of the Purchasing Policy entitled "Purchase orders" to limit purchases for Council Member use of computer hardware and related goods and services by requiring City Council to approve such purchases in advance; cancelling orders of such goods and services currently in effect; and declaring equipment purchased without such approval surplus property and ordering it to be sold; and providing an effective date. Council member McDonald made a motion to approve the agenda item and it was seconded by Council member Camilla Strande and passed unanimously.

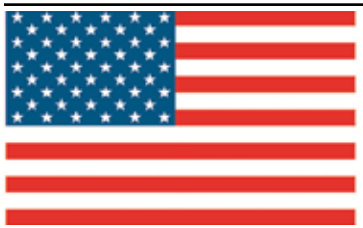
Public Comment opened up the meeting with citi-

zen, Melanie Gambrell, with Big Spring Rail Systems addressing issues with members of the public crossing Howard County railroad tracks illegally. Gambrell asked for the support of the council with law enforcement to make railroad crossing safer for all Big Spring citizens and the Big Spring Rail Systems crew through Operation Lifesaver. Gambrell also asked the public to wear red Sept. 25 in honor of Rail Crossing Awareness Day.

Discussion on the first reading of a resolution amending Chapter IX of the Big Spring personnel policy entitled "Conduct" Section 3 "Political Activity" to reduce political activity restrictions on non-firefighter city employees to the same level as firefighter city employees; to allow employees to run for office; and providing for an effective date. Council members discussed the agenda item coming to compliance with state law per approval and Big Spring policy. A motion to approve was made by Council member Jim De Pauw to be seconded by Council member Camila Strande. Mayor Shannon Thomason moved to amend the agenda item slightly, however, the motion failed as there was no second. The original motion was then passed 7 to 0.

Mayor Shannon Thomason then presented all appointments to City Boards and Committees and Council member discussion began. After

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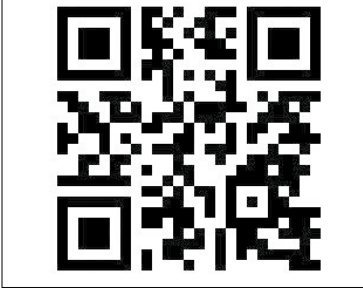
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**Big Spring ISD Board Meeting**  
 5:15 p.m.  
 Board Room at HS

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## City of Big Spring to hold certified, non-certified Police officer testing on Sept. 14

By **IRIS RANGEL**  
 Herald Staff Writer

The Big Spring Police Department will have it's Entry Level Police Officer testing Sept. 14 for certified and non-certified applicants. The deadline for applicants is Sept. 10, 2020 at 5 p.m. Testing for non-certified officers take place twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall.



"A certified police officer has a Peace Officer Certification issued by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. They have also met all requirements for that certification. For BSPD, a non-certified police officer is a cadet that has been hired to be sent to the Police Academy," Stacie King, City of Big Spring Benefits Coordinator/Human Resources, said. "On the final day of the 16-week Academy, cadets take the state Peace Officer exam. If you pass, you are then classified as a Certified police officer."

According to King, the minimum requirement/qualifications are that applicants need to 21 years of age, have a high school diploma or GED, have the ability to read, write, and perform mathematical calculations at a level commonly associated with the completion of high school or equivalent. Applicants must have possession of a valid driver's license issued by

the state of Texas for the type of vehicle or equipment operate and no illegal drug use in the last two years, along with no arrest record with higher than a Class C misdemeanor.

When submitting an application for Police Officer a preliminary application should be completed online and after review the applicant must take a written examination and a physical agility test.

"The written examination consists of four sections: arithmetic, reading comprehension, grammar/spelling, and report writing skills. You have to pass all four sections of the written exam with a score of 70 or above," King said. "The Physical Agility Test consists of a 200-yard run, a 165 pound dummy drag, and an obstacle course that has to be completed in 80 seconds or less."

Once an applicant has completed the entry level testing, they must complete the following phases: Personal History Questionnaire, Signature Pages, and Required Documents, followed by an Oral Board Interview and undergo a background investigation. Once those stages are complete, applicants will undergo a polygraph examination and a medical/physiological examination. The conclusion of the application process is a final review and Chief of Police approval.

"Each stage must be successfully completed before proceeding to the

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## BSISD School Board Trustee election to be discussed at next meeting

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

The Big Spring ISD Board of Trustees will meet in regular session on Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in the high school board room at 707 11th Place.

The meeting will begin with the prayer and pledge followed by public comments. Once the public comments have concluded the Trustees will move into the Consent Agenda and onto action items.

Any special recognitions will also be presented before the board, by Superintendent Jay McWilliams.

As part of the Consent Agenda, the trustees will be looking to approve minutes from the Special Meetings held on August 27 - public hearing and special meeting. The financial reports will also be approved by the Board.

The Trustees will be discussing the School Board Trustee Notice of Election for the November 3, 2020 Election. The trustees election was postponed earlier this year due to the current pandemic.

Trustees will also hear and consider approval of the Synchronous and Asynchronous Attestation and Plan. Expedited and General State Waivers will also be discussed and possibly approved, in addition the staff development minutes.

As part of the Superintendent's Report the Trustees will be updated on resignations and retirements, along with information regarding the upcoming TASA/TASB Convention. The Enrollment Report will also be discussed.

The agenda for the Thursday meeting can be found online on the Big Spring ISD district website.

Amanda Duforat is the Managing Editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, e-mail editor@bigspringherald.com.



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## Obituaries

### Clifton Rudolph Skalisky

Remembering the life and legacy of Clifton Rudolph Skalisky, aka Magic, aka King, aka Dad, and Six pack. He was born on Oct. 6, 1958. Gone too soon, Cliff passed away on Sept. 4, 2020. Cliff died of what he claimed to be "too many happy hours." He lived life to its fullest and left the world a better place.

Cliff met Carolyn as a young, wild man. He had never experienced the love that these two would grow to share. Their lasting relationship was a surprise to everyone, including Cliff, as no one believed that they would make it longer than a couple of months. Their time together served as a testament of the love that they had for each other. Cliff and Carolyn never married, but they shared love, laughs, and made many memories as loyal companions for over 20 years. Although they never married, they became family.

Cliff grew up riding dirt bikes. He was always a risk taker. As a young man, Cliff rode a wheelie on a dirt bike from Big Spring to Stanton! Rumor says, while a high school student, Cliff rode his motorcycle through the high school halls just to say that he had done it.

He was a self-employed sign man and painter at Sign King/Magic Painting on Scurry Street since 1985. Cliff has literally left his mark on Big Spring.

He had a unique gift in making everyone he knew feel like they were his best friend. He had nicknames for just about everyone he knew; Cotton Top, Secretary, Nurse, Dr. Brooke, Pee-Wee, Brother, Maverick, The General, Hot Dog Man, Fire Truck Man, Colonel, Warden, Mermaid, Trench coat, and



Goo Goo – just to name a few. Cliff loved all of his friends dearly. He always had a good time, loved gambling in Vegas, and was known for enjoying a six-pack of cold Budweiser, on occasion. Cliff turned every gathering, even the smallest get-together, into a party.

Cliff was loved by many and became friends with everyone he met. He had a unique, generous, caring heart and a soft spot for the underdog. Cliff was known to take in, mentor, and support anyone in need. He would do anything to help others. Cliff was a loyal friend who was always sincere. He had friends from all backgrounds.

Cliff will be missed and remembered daily. Rest easy Six Pack.

Cliff is preceded in death by the greatest influence in life, his father, Mike Skalicky, his uncle Paul Liner, two cousins Jeffery and Allan Shepherd, and many friends.

He is survived by his mother Sharon Gutierrez, his sister Lisa Brackeen and husband Steve and their son Jason, his aunt Linda and husband Tomas Devereaux, her children Chris, Melanie, Lena, Matthew, Robert, and Catherine, longtime girlfriend Carolyn Bingham and her three children, Travis Bingham and wife Mandy, Audra Bailey and husband Kelby, and Amber Rye and husband Shawn, and six grandchildren Trevor, Trey, Alex, Billy, Jovi and Dax.

A memorial service for Cliff will be held Thursday, Sept. 10, 2020. Family will receive friends starting at 12:30 p.m. and services start at 1 p.m., in the Chapel at Myers & Smith Funeral home.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

*Paid Obituary*



### Kyle Casey

Kyle Casey 59, of Big Spring died Friday, Sept. 4, 2020.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Trinity Memorial Park with Chaplain Joel Miller, officiating.

Kyle was born May 20, 1961, in Big Spring. Kyle is survived by his mother: Jackie Curtis and her husband Ray of Palisade,

Colorado; his father: Monroe Casey and his wife Rene of Big Spring; one sister, Kimberly Blossom of Clifton, Colorado. Kyle was preceded in death by one brother: Marvin Casey.

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Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

## Take Note

A new group has started in Howard County. It is made up of people of all ages and genders who want to be better than they are. The focus of the fledgling organization is to engage in meaningful discussions that promote personal growth. Additionally, the yet to be named organization will plan and execute worthwhile activities within the community. There is no membership fee and attendance is not taken. The only requirements are that you be positive or want to be more positive than you are, consider yourself to be a good person but want to be better than you are, and that you have a desire to help others be better too. Childcare is available during the discussion time if you let us know. Topics to be

avoided include Religion and Politics, though we can dance around them.

The unnamed group is being sponsored by the local Masons and it meets in the Masonic Lodge on the court square. It is not necessary that you have any masonic affiliation to participate in this Growth Group. All Covid-19 safety protocols will be followed as defined by local, state, and federal authorities. At this time refreshments will not be served but you are welcome to bring your own and not share. The next meeting is Sept. 17, 2020, at 7 p.m. at 219 South Main Big Spring, Texas. For more information write to Colonel.Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com or just come to the meeting.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **PRISCILLA ANGELITA LUCERO**, 26, of 1702 Monticello, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **TYRONNE DESHON BROWN**, 38, of 2402 E FM 700, was arrested on a charge of unlawful restraint and assault causes bodily injury family member.
- **DAKOTA ANN BERRY**, 56, of 500 Ray Road, was arrested on a charge of assault causes bodily injury family member.
- **ADRIAN ARTURO SERRANO GALLEGOS**, 29, of 1120 W. 5th Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DAVID REY GONZALES, JR.**, 32, of 1101 1/2 S. Lancaster, was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault with deadly weapon.
- **SANTOS GARZA JR.**, 63, of 703 S. Aylesford Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication and resist arrest search or transport.
- **CLAYTON ALLEN COOPER**, 26, of 605 Nolan St., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JUAN ISABEL MARTINEZ**, 46, of 4805 W Mile 4 Rd, of Hidalgo, Texas, was arrested on a charge of fail to identify - fugitive give false information and warrant from other agency.
- **SANTOS GARZA JR.**, 63, of 703 S. Aylesford, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication and resist arrest search or transport.
- **CLAYTON ALLEN COOPER**, 26, of 605 Nolan Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **LELDON TAYLOR JENKINS**, 37, of 408 Westover Road, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief between \$100 and \$750 and warrant from other agency (x3).
- **ELIAS ANGEL VASQUEZ**, 26, of 117 W. Davis Road, was arrested on a charge of delivery marijuana between 1/4 ounces and 5 pounds and warrant from other agency (x3).
- **ZACHARY RAY WILLIAMS**, 39, of 1300 Stan-

ford Avenue, was arrested on a warrant from other agency, burglary habitation intend other felony and aggravated assault with deadly weapon.

- **CHRISTOPHER ROLLEN RIOS**, 23, of 1001 Bluebonnet Avenue, was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault in a motor vehicle/discharges firearm causes SBI.
- **ALBERT PRESTON DAYLONG JR.**, 28, of 3716 Hatch Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa Hwy; 1300 block of Stadium Ave.; 1700 block of E. FM 700; 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1700 block of S. Monticello Street; 500 block of Ray Road; 4900 block of S. Hwy 87 (x2); 400 block of Westover Road.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 400 block of S. Runnels Stree; area of FM 700 and Goliad; area of Lynn and McDonald.
- **HIT AND RUN** was reported in the area of Ridge Road and Tulsa.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 10000 block S. Moss Lake Road; 200 block of Carey Street; 700 block of S. Aylesford Street (x2); 600 block of S. Nolan Street (x3).
- **WELFARE CONCERN** was reported in the 900 block of Todd Road.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 800 block of S. Nolan.
- **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported in the 100 block of NW 9th.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the area of the Pavillion on Whipkey (x2)
- **WELFARE CONCERN** was reported in the 2500 block of Gunter Circle.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the area of Hamilton and Dixon.

## Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 84 inmates at the time of this report.

- **RICARDO ARTEMYO URANGA SR.**, 60, was arrested by HCSO on a charges of parole violation and public intoxication.
- **JESSE MARTINEZ**, 51, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance penalty group one (greater than or equal to one gram less than four grams.)
- **PRISCILLA ANGELITO LUCERO**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DAKOTA ANN BERRY**, 56, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of assault causes bodily injury family violence.
- **TYRONNE DESHON BROWN**, 38, was arrested by BSPD on charges of unlawful restraint and assault causes bodily injury family violence.
- **ADRIAN ARTURO GALLEGOS**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JUAN ISABEL MARTINEZ**, 46, was arrested by HCSO on charges of failing to identify fugitive from justice and parole violation – driving under influence.
- **JACOB BRYCE MCCARTY**, 25, was arrested by DPS on a charge of possession of a controlled substance penalty group two (greater than or equal to four grams less than 400 grams.)
- **DAVID REY GONZALES JR.**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- **SANTOS GARZA JR.**, 63, was arrested by BSPD on charges of public intoxication and resisting arrest search or transport.
- **CLAYTON ALLEN COOPER**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ELIAS ANGEL VASQUEZ**, 26, was arrested by HCSO on charges of delivery of marijuana (greater than 1/4 ounce less than or equal to five pounds), accident involving damage to vehicle, and motion to revoke probation/possession of a controlled substance penalty group three (less than 28 grams.)
- **JOE DELBERT PATTERSON**, 27, was arrested by DPS on charges of possession of a controlled substance penalty group two (greater than or equal to four grams less than 400 grams) and possession of marijuana (less than two ounces.)
- **ZACHARY WILLIAMS**, 39, was arrested by HCSO on charges of failure to appear/possession of a controlled substance penalty group one (greater than or equal to four grams less than 200 grams), aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, and burglary habitation intend other felony.
- **CHRISTOPHER ROLLEN RIOS**, 23, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of aggravated assault motor vehicle discharge firearm reckless habitation/building.
- **LELDON TAYLOR JENKINS**, 37, was arrested by BSPD on charges of criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750), violate promise to appear (uniform act), disregard stop sign, and driving while license invalid.
- **ALBERT PRESTON DAYLONG JR.**, 28, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

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discussion the following appointments were made:  
 Board of Adjustments & Appeals: Reappointed - Walter Brumley Jr. (Electrician)  
 Convention & Visitors Bureau Board: Appointed - Gloria Pierce (At Large); Appointed - Susan McLellan (At Large); Appointed - Jay Patel (Hotel Industry)  
 McMahan/Wrinkle Airpark Development Board: Reappointed - Willie Rangel Jr.; Reappointed - Phillip Welch; Appointed - Rodney Patridge (Handout); Appointed - J.D. Smith  
 Parks & Recreation Board: Reappointed - Johnny Deleon; Appointed - Patsy Garza  
 Planning & Zoning Commission: Reappointed - Kevan Schooler; Reappointed - Kelley Owens  
 Traffic Commission: Reappointed - Charles Smith; Reappointed - Diana Yanez  
 Zoning Board of Adjustments: Appointed - Thomas Jesse Stewart; Appointed - Joe Lopez  
 Big Spring Economic Development Corporation: Appointed - R. Shane Seaton; Appointed - Winston Odom (Paschal)

Mayor Shannon Thomason and Council member Terry McDaniel then initiated discussion on amending the Big Spring Code of ordinances to allow for the operation of golf carts, neighborhood electric vehicles and off-highway vehicles on streets and roads in the City of Big Spring in accordance with HB1548 as enacted by the 86th Texas Legislature.

"My understanding is that the transportation code has now changed allowing these vehicles to be legal on streets that are 35 miles are less. The vehicles that want to be on the roadway have to get a special license plate and those license plates are already here in the county. There's different rules for different vehicles. The Texas transportation code breaks all these down by definitions with what you can and can't do with each one. I'm wanting to have that allowed to be done here in Big Spring so those of us who do own them can drive to the neighborhood store if we want to or if we want to load the kids up and drive around the neighborhood on a nice cool evening, we can do so," Big Spring Citizen Mr. Pope said.

Discussion began on possibly requiring safety measures such as lighting and insurance for said vehicles, however, according to City Attorney Andrew Hagen, the city cannot require these regulations per state law. Lengthy discussion was held on this item as council members also discussed possibly having a database for the Big Spring Police Department to include the amount of vehicles that would be on city streets. Council decided to allow City Attorney Hagen to inform and hold discussion with the Big Spring Police Department prior to making a final decision.

As a part of the City Manager's Report, updates were provided regarding the next large item pickup set for Sept. 16, in District 3 and city officials ask that any residents needing to remove large items, call to schedule pickup. Darden also gave an update on the perimeter road update, stating the project is scheduled to begin this week and continue through Dec. 8 in conjunction with the reliever route.

"I think those roads will bring us hopefully new business ideas and concepts to the airpark along that roadway and it will be capable of handling heavy traffic as well. We look forward to that project getting kicked off and onboard," Todd Darden said.

Darden also briefed the Council on Back to School Community Events and the upcoming celebration of Quanah Parker Day on Sept. 12. The CVB is asking that Big Spring residents take pictures with the arrow, read about Quanah Parker, and memorialize what their tribe did for the region. Photos taken at the arrow should be sent to the CVB to be included in the Quanah Parker celebration and photo competition on the CVB page.

"We ask the folks to come out and observe that day. It honors the legacy of Quanah Parker, their tribe and society. It's very significant for the plains region," Darden said.

Regarding consent items Final Reading of an Ordinance Fixing and Levying Municipal Ad Valorem Taxes for Said City for the Year 2020; Directing the Assessment and Collection Thereof; Providing for Severability; and establishing an effective date, Final reading of an ordinance adopting an annual budget for the City of Big Spring, Texas for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 2020 and ending Sept. 30, 2021; providing for severability; providing for publication; and providing an effective date, and Final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 32 of the Big Spring City Code entitled "Licenses, Taxation, and Miscellaneous Business Regu-

lation" article II "Taxation" Division 1 "Generally by adding a new section 32-28 entitled "Additional penalty for collection costs for delinquent Taxes" to assess an additional 20% penalty to defray costs of collecting delinquent property taxes that remain delinquent on July 1 of the Year in which they become delinquent; providing for severability; providing for publication; and establishing an effective date, were removed off the consent agenda as they require a separate record vote, according to Mayor Thomason.

Approval of all other consent agenda items, with the exceptions of the previously stated items, was motioned for approval by Council Member Strande and seconded by Council Member De Pauw to pass unanimously.

The final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 32 of the Big Spring City Code entitled "Licenses, Taxation, and Miscellaneous Business Regulation" article II "Taxation" Division 1 "Generally by adding a new section 32-28 entitled "Additional penalty for collection costs for delinquent Taxes" to assess an additional 20% penalty to defray costs of collecting delinquent property taxes that remain delinquent on July 1 of the Year in which they become delinquent; providing for severability; providing for publication; and establishing an effective date was presented to the council. Council members discussed concerns of "double-taxing" citizens due to the altered state of this year. Council member Jim DePauw motioned to approve the agenda item and Council member Camila Strande seconded with discussion taking place after.

"It is a burden for people, but it's not an additional tax, it's a penalty and interest for paying late. The contract automatically renews on Oct. 1, 2020. So I just don't know what the solution would be at this late in the stage. You would have to find an attorney or a group of attorneys or some entity that would want to collect this for a lesser rate," DePauw said.

Council members then discussed other possible options such as lessening the tax penalty rate with amending their contract and/or receiving more information at a later meeting by representatives from Brandon Purdue. Council member De Pauw then retracted his previous motion and motioned to table the agenda item. It was then seconded by Council member McDonald and passed unanimously.

Other items on the council agenda include:

- Vouchers for 08/13/2020 and 08/20/2020 which were tabled from the last meeting and vouchers for 08/27/2020 and 09/03/2020. During the meeting, Council members motioned to remove the items off the table and begin discussion. Council member Raul Marquez then motioned to approve all vouchers which was seconded by Council member Doug Hartman and passed unanimously.
- Annual bids as follows: aluminum sulfate, anhydrous ammonia, liquid chlorine, polymer, sulfur dioxide, utilities valves and fittings, fleet fuel service for 3 years, janitorial services for Downtown offices, DRCC janitorial services, airpark janitorial services. Council member McDonald motioned to approve all annual bids and was seconded by Council member Marquez. The motion passed 7 to 0.
- Possible action regarding Big Spring Economic Development Corporation's annual budget for 2020-2021. Council member McDonald motioned to approve the annual budget and was seconded by Council member McDaniel. The motion passed unanimously.
- An agreement with Cap-Rock Holdings, LLC that has been tabled for the past two meetings and showed to be tabled once again this meeting. Council members decided once again to leave the item to be addressed at a later date.

Chief Chad Williams discussed consideration and possible action re-

garding an inter local agreement with Howard County for the purchase and use of a message board with radar and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute any necessary documents. Mayor Thomason decided to move to approve the agreement and was seconded by Council member McDaniel; passed unanimously.

• Final reading of an ordinance adopting an annual budget for the City of Big Spring, Texas for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 2020 and ending Sept. 30, 2021; providing for severability; providing for publication; and providing an effective date. A motion was made by Council member McDonald and was seconded by Council member Strande to pass 7 to 0.

• Final reading granting a partial residence homestead exemption for tax year 2020; and granting a partial residence homestead exemption to any individual who is disabled or age 65 or older. Council member Camila Strande moved to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Council member McDaniel to pass unanimously.

• Authorize City Manager or designee to negotiate without contracting authority a right-of-way license or easement within the City of Big Spring to Sinclair Oil or to another party with such negotiating authority to expire after 180 days. Council members discussed concerns of a mile long boar pit being drilled into 25th Street and how it would disrupt traffic. However, according to City Manager Darden, allowing the pit to take place would prevent truck traffic as the oil would be piped outside of the city instead. Darden then offered up the option to have Sinclair Oil representatives come out to the next meeting to discuss the pipeline project further with effected citizens and Council members. Council member McDaniel then motioned to table the agenda item and was seconded by Council Member Strande to pass unanimously.

• First reading of a resolution approving a negotiated settlement between the executive committee of cities served by Atmos West Texas ("Cities") and Atmos Energy Corp., West Texas Division regarding the company's 2020 rate review mechanism filing; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; adopting tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with

See **CITY2**, Page 10

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Kyle Casey 59, of Big Spring died Friday, September 4, 2020. Graveside services will be at 11:00 AM Friday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Clif Skalisky, 61, of Big Spring died Friday, September 4, 2020. The family will receive friends from 12:30 PM until 1:00 PM with a Memorial Service following at 1:00 PM Thursday, September 10, 2020, at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Esperanza "Hope" Porras 64, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A fund has been set up at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to help with expenses.

James Leffler, 79, of Big Spring died Saturday, September 5, 2020. Visitation and viewing will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Tuesday with the family receiving friends from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



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# Lady Steers five-game winning streak snapped, lose in three sets to Wall



Above left: Jocelyn Gonzales sets the ball up for one of her teammates during Tuesday night's loss to Wall on the road. Above right: Coach Kaitlyn Braswell talks with her team during a timeout.

HERALD Photos/Shawn Moran

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

WALL — The Lady Steers (7-7) headed into Tuesday night's match against the Wall Lady Hawks (11-2) on a five-game winning streak. That streak came to a halt when Wall was able to defeat Big Spring in three straight sets (25-14, 25-14, 25-14) for the win.

"We just didn't play our best game and they made some more plays than we did," Lady Steers coach Kaitlyn Braswell said.

Wall was able to put their power and size on display throughout the match while repeatedly making plays at the net. This kind of high-level play set the tone in the first set for the rest of the match. The Lady Steers also had trouble during the second half of each set which allowed the Lady Hawks to pull away for their three set wins.

In the first set, Big Spring started out on a 3-0 run and the team appeared to be heating up early. Wall took their first lead of the set with the score at 6-5 and never looked back. There were some great plays made by Big Spring's Ryen Terrazas and Kalyn Whitehead, but Wall was still able to pull away during the second half of the set.

On one play, Whitehead made a nice diving play and saved the ball right before it hit the ground. It seemed like a play that could swing momentum back in the Lady Steers' direction for the remainder of the set. Instead, Wall's #4 sent a harrowing spike into the hardwood that gave the Lady Hawks the point. Wall then went on to win the first set 25-14 and continued their success into the second set.

Wall looked back the next set with an ace serve from #11 and they never looked back. The Lady Hawks were able to control the game with their impres-

sive ball placement that always seemed to find the Lady Steers out of position. The Lady Hawks also had a few players capable of knocking a Lady Steer off their feet just from the power and accuracy of their serve. Once again, Big Spring had trouble scoring consistently to get themselves back in the game and dropped the second set by a score of 25-14 as well.

"They has some powerful hitters and it was hard to make plays over them at the net," Braswell said. "We'll just have to work on what to do against players like that at practice this week and hopefully put together a better performance this weekend."

The third and final set of the match was completely controlled by Wall from the start. With Big Spring leading early in the set 3-2, Wall quickly scored seven straight points to give themselves a 9-3 lead. On one play during the set, Big Spring's Jocelyn Gonzales made two diving plays to save the ball from hitting the ground and Wall was still able to score the point. The Lady Hawks were hard to find out of position and they asserted themselves as the better team on Tuesday night with a three-set victory after winning the third set by a score of 25-14 once again.

"There were some good things, but there are also some things that we definitely need to work on," Braswell said. "We'll get back to work and be ready to roll again this weekend."

UP NEXT: The Lady Steers (7-7) will host Jim Ned on Saturday morning inside Steer Gym. The Varsity will play at noon.

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

# Eli Cranor's Athletic Support: "Shift to virtual learning causing lag in young athletes"

By ELI CRANOR

Special to the Herald

Dear Athletic Support: My son is two weeks into this new "virtual learning" style of education. He's in seventh grade, and honestly, I don't think it's good for him. We decided to keep him in school, but now all his work has shifted completely to computers. What's worse, I think it's impacting him physically. He's not sleeping very good, and he says his back hurts. His football season just started a few weeks ago, and I've never seen him act so lazy on the field! Not going to lie, I really think all the time he's spending on computers is hurting his game. Is that even possible?



ELI CRANOR

this new shift to virtual learning is an uptick in sedentary behavior. Computers and social distancing guidelines, by nature, restrict movement within the classroom. As a result, kids are sitting for longer periods throughout the day.

As you probably know, a sedentary lifestyle brings with it all sorts of negative health implications. However, the few weeks your son has spent glued to a screen at school probably aren't long enough for him to have any serious problems.

His athletic performance is another story.

Hip flexibility is one of the most important attributes of a successful athlete. We use our hips to run, jump, and move laterally. The good news is, everybody starts off with great hips.

Want proof? Just look at babies. Have you ever seen a baby with stiff hips? No way! They can do the splits without batting an eye. As time goes on, though, most of us grow stiff. And this mostly has to do with sitting.

Different stretches can greatly help loosen up stiff hips. A simple squat will do wonders! Urge you son to check with his teachers about taking standing breaks. Surely, they'll allow him time between

assignments to move his legs and stretch.

Outside of athletics, kids' brains are also at risk. Who knows what sort of impact virtual learning will have on their cognition and critical thinking skills. In this regard, I offer one simple tool — a good book! And luckily, I know just the book for kids struggling with the shift to virtual learning:

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Okay, you caught me... I'm the author of this book. It was published last week and awarded a #1 New Release ranking on Amazon. BMBTB deals directly with the same topic covered in this column, except in a much more lighthearted, kid-friendly way (zombie teachers and brain-munching screens!)

If you end up purchasing this book for your children or grandchildren, I only have one final suggestion — ask them to read it while standing up!

Eli Cranor is a former professional quarterback and coach turned award-winning author of the **BOOKS MAKE BRAINZ TASTE BAD** series. Send questions for "Athletic Support" to eli.cranor@gmail.com or use the contact page on elicranor.com.

# Vegas is back, baby: Golden Knights beat Stars to tie series

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — After running into a hot goalie late last round and being shut out in the opener of the Western Conference final, pressure mounted in the minds of the Vegas Golden Knights in Game 2.

When Paul Stastny scored to end a lengthy goal drought by Vegas forwards, the entire mood changed. William Karlsson and Tomas Nosek made it three goals in less than 10 minutes, Robin Lehner stopped all 24 shots he faced and the Golden Knights rediscovered their winning ways and beat the Dallas Stars 3-0 Tuesday night, evening the series.

"We were snake-bitten for a while there and think everybody was gripping their stick a little tight," forward Chandler Stephenson said. "We're at our best when we have that swagger and we're making plays and tough to defend. It was nice to get that mojo back tonight and even the series."

Stastny's second-period goal was the first by a Vegas forward with an opposing goalie in net in 276:24, dating to Game 4 against Vancouver last round. His and Karlsson's were the kind of goals the Golden Knights became accustomed to scoring — ones that are difficult or impossible for someone like Anton Khudobin to stop.

After getting flustered by hot Vancouver Canucks goalie Thatcher Demko and failing to crack Khudobin in a hard-hitting Game 1 that was played at the Stars' pace, Vegas finally looked like the team that earned the top seed in the West and steamrolled through the first round and halfway through the Vancouver series.

"That first goal relieved a little bit of pressure," coach Peter DeBoer said. "We got our game back, and I think once we got that first goal, I think we looked like we normally do, which was making plays and finding space and sticking pucks in the net."

The return of enforcer Ryan Reaves was just one element of that. With Reaves

suspended a game for an illegal check to the head, DeBoer didn't start his physical fourth line as he had in 34 consecutive games since the All-Star break in January.

William Carrier, Nosek and Reaves started and came out hitting. Reaves hit Dallas captain Jamie Benn twice in the first 30 seconds, and the Golden Knights dictated the physicality the way the Stars did two nights earlier.

DeBoer believes Reaves and Carrier set the tone because "they start on time and are ready to play. The Stars found that out quick."

"We expected them to come out hard and respond," center Tyler Seguin said. "They're a great hockey team."

After no goals in the first period, Stastny scored on a redirection in front from Max Pacioretty. With agitating Stars winger Corey Perry in the penalty box minutes later, Karlsson scored on the power play with Mark Stone sliding in front to screen Khudobin.

Defenseman Shea Theodore, the only Vegas player to beat Demko in the first three games of that series, was in some pain on the bench early in the second after losing an edge, and it appeared he scored on the power play to make it 3-0. Dallas coach Rick Bowness successfully challenged for goalie interference to waive it off, but Nosek finished off a perfect tic-tac-toe passing play later in the period to give the Golden Knights the three-goal lead for real.

"I think we hung on in the first," Stars winger Mattias Janmark said. "Eventually when you're on your heels, you're going to get scored on and we did, and they kept rolling. They were in charge all game."

Allowing three goals on 27 shots and Vegas' 27-12 domination in pucks on net was enough for the Stars staff to pull Khudobin at the second intermission. Rookie Jake Oettinger made his NHL debut in the third and didn't face a shot until more than 11 minutes in.

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#10634

The Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District will hold a meeting at 9:00 a.m. on September 15th, 2020 at 132 N. Main Street, Garden City, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for the 2021 tax year. The proposed tax rate is \$0.006571 per \$100 of value.

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#10643

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT IN A PRODUCTIVE FORMATION**

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## Legals

15H. The proposed injection well is located ±10 Miles West of Big Spring, Texas in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field in Howard County, Texas. Fluid waste will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3,229 to 5,950 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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Annie's Mailbox

Requesting Tests Before a Visit

**Dear Annie:** My adult daughter, who lives in a southern state with a notoriously high incidence of the coronavirus cases, informed us she would be bringing her boyfriend to our home when she visits us at Christmas. I've never met this gentleman and do not know his personal or social habits. My wife and I have been quite cautious in our physical distancing during this pandemic. Is it discourteous to ask my daughter's friend to take a COVID-19 test before he visits? -- Playing It Safe

teous but more cautious. Call your doctor or check with your local health department to find testing locations near you.

**Dear Annie:** September is World Alzheimer's Month. More than 50 million people around the world live with dementia, and a new case is diagnosed every three seconds, according to the World Health Organization. I wanted to share some possible signs and symptoms of dementia, courtesy of the Alzheimer's Association.

- Memory loss becomes disruptive to normal life.
- Struggles with planning things and solving problems.
- Difficulty completing familiar tasks.
- Confusion with time or place.

**Dear Playing It Safe:** It's a reasonable request. But rather than unfairly singling out the boyfriend, all four of you should get tested in advance of the visit. This approach would not just be more cour-

--Trouble understanding spatial relationships or images.

--New problems with words.

--Misplacing things in unusual places.

--Poor judgment.

--Withdrawal from work or social life.

--Mood swings or personality changes.

If you or a loved one is experiencing any one of the above, don't ignore it and don't delay talking to your doctor about your concerns. Diagnosing dementia early can lead to a much greater quality of life for people with dementia and their families.

World Alzheimer's Month is an international campaign to raise awareness about de-

mentia and challenge the stigma surrounding it. Each year during this month, Alzheimer associations from around the world come together to organize and advocate for people and families impacted by this disease, with Memory Walks, fundraising days, and more. If you'd like to get involved, you can visit [www.worldalzmonth.org](http://www.worldalzmonth.org) for more information. -- Alzheimer's Ally

**Dear Ally:** Thank you for sharing this important information. I received the following letter just this week. It was in response to another letter, but it dovetails neatly with yours.

**To Disgraced:** Annie's advice to you -- to have your husband evaluated by a doctor to determine if dementia is the reason for his drastic personality change and inappro-

priate sexual behavior -- is urgent. My brother was happily married, no children, in his early 30s, with a good career, when his personality began to change. He left his wife, got an apartment and, according to his apartment manager, my brother's behavior flipped 180 degrees. He went from a nice, well-liked, respectful man to a rude, verbally and sexually aggressive, unhygienic person. His ability to communicate rationally deteriorated gradually over months. He refused to see a doctor, even though he was employed in a management position at a hospital; they ultimately had to let him go. At the time, I was in college in the School of Human Behavior and began to research types and causes of early onset dementia. There are many, and many are curable. My brother's brain disease

was not. Technology for early stage diagnostic testing has advanced greatly in 40 years. Please, try to get him to a doctor. No reason to be disgraced. You are protecting the children while a diagnosis and treatment are sought. If you can't persuade him to seek help, talk to someone he is close to, he respects, who could speak as a friend or relative. I wish you all the best. -- Sister Who's Been There

**Dear Sister:** I am so sorry about your brother. Your letter further underscores the importance of seeking medical attention quickly for any unexplained personality changes. Thanks for writing.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com).

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# Contract Bridge



By Steve Becker

East stages an extravaganza

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

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

**WEST**  
♠ J 7 3  
♥ —  
♦ Q 4  
♣ A Q J 10 9 4 3 2

**EAST**  
♠ A 5 4  
♥ 10 9 8 7 5 4 3 2  
♦ A 5  
♣ —

**SOUTH**  
♠ K Q 10 9 8  
♥ J 6  
♦ K 10 9 8 7 6  
♣ —

The bidding:  
West North East South  
3 ♣ Dble Pass 3 ♦  
Pass 3 ♥ Pass 3 NT  
Opening lead — ace of clubs.

might be of interest to you. As you can see from the bidding (I was South), I am no greenhorn at the game, and my play, I may add, also leaves little to be desired. In fact, if I ever decided to put my mind to the game, there is no doubt that you would soon be out of a job. I was merely wondering — and that is why I am writing you — whether it is possible that I had overlooked any angle in this hand where I went down at three notrump. West led the A-Q of clubs, and I would have had a very easy time making three notrump except that the player on my right threw away the ace of diamonds and ace of spades on the first two tricks! No matter how I figure it, I don't see how I can now make this hand. If East had discarded just one ace, I would have gotten home with nine tricks, but two of them were just too much for me. Is there anything I could have done to make the contract? Sincerely yours, Joe Blow.

**Dear Mr. Blow:** Not a thing. You were up against superhuman defense. Apparently East is also a gin player, so my guess is that he threw away his aces in order to retain his other combinations. Once he did this, there was nothing you could do to alter the outcome. Cordially yours, SB

**Dear Mr. Becker:** I am taking the liberty of writing to you even though I am primarily a devotee and practitioner of the ancient and honorable game of gin rummy, a game in which I can state, with all modesty, that there is no one who can hold a candle to me. I realize, of course, that you write only about bridge, and that you may know nothing and care even less about gin, but I had an experience on the accompanying bridge hand which

**Tomorrow:** Disposing of a hot potato.  
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mars Reversal

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You know what you need to do. Sure, you're scared. It's pretty simple actually, and though it might take 30 words to say this, it all boils down to three -- you've got this.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** What is the difference between a burden and a crutch? How you use it. The actual item (habit, person) could be the same in either case, but your use of it will make all the difference.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** The distractions could get expensive and are best avoided entirely. You have a sense of where you're supposed to be, and it's a productive day so long as you stick to your course.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Someone loves you. For this person, it's like you're there even when you're not there because your influence is constantly considered. Does knowing this make you feel like you need to be a little more careful with your input?

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** The cardinal typically lives three years in the wild and can survive for decades in captivity. Happily? Scientists do not test for that part. As for you, bright bursts of happiness, over in seconds, will be remembered for years.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** It is possible to improve almost anything, and it's done

through the development of your senses. Senses get keener with experience. Awareness opens up with each new experience.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** There's a time for pure fun and a time to feel the gravity that keeps us from flying off the face of the planet. Sure, it causes things we don't like -- falls, sagging, teardrops and so much work, and yet, no gravity means no life.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Bad manners are often just a lack of training or a difference in background. You will not be sorry for displaying tolerance and reserving judgment until you really understand the person and the factors at play.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Be aware of what you make important with your focus and time. You don't have to agree to the same reality other people are experiencing. See it differently and, like magic, it is different.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** People who present differently from how the majority of a group is showing



BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

up will be met with misunderstanding, fear or skepticism. Not by you though. You're fascinated and will learn more because

bers are: 8, 30, 1, 27 and 29.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION:** "Should I pursue a photography business? (March 28, 1956). Also, will he (Jan. 6, 1952) ever marry me? This is my second time around, but oddly, enough he has never been married before. Is there a reason for this that I'm not seeing? I feel like if he would finally commit, then we'd have an amazing time together. So far, it's been a warm attraction, no fireworks, but there's real potential. We've been seeing each other for two years."

"Potential" is always a gamble. As much as you like risk, Aries, it's very difficult to build a solid relationship on it. If you knew that things would continue at this same level of excitement or lower, would you still want to be with him? Because I have a strong feeling that you've already seen all of the "amazingness" this connection has to offer. Would you still go forward if you believed the best was behind you?

Since you're in the mood to take a risk, the photography business prospect looks hot. Born under a Scorpio moon, you have the intensity it takes to create compelling art. Mercury in Pisces brings imagination to your work -- also empathy. Are you drawn toward ethereal themes? Experiment with digital manipulations and enhancements to give a sense of otherworldliness.

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SUDOKU

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

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

ANSWER:



	KMID (3) Midland	UNI (4) Spanish	KPEJ (5) Odessa	KOSA (7) Odessa	KTLE (8) Telemundo	KWES (9) Midland	KMLM (12) Odessa	KPBT (13) Odessa	KWTT (14) Odessa	KWES2 (15) Midland	WTBS (33) Atlanta	TNT (34) Atlanta	ESPN (35) Sports	ESPN2 (36) Sports	FSN (38) Sports	USA (55) New York	A&E (58) New York	DISC (60) Discovery
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5:30	ABC	Noticiero	Mom	CBS	Noticias	News	Freedom		Hap.Days	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Ultimatum,	NBA		Fish			Unknown
6:PM	News	Rosa de	Big Bang	CBS 7	Exatlón	News	Cowgirl	PBS News-	M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Joan Allen	Basketball:	2020 U.S.	Rangers	NCIS (DVS)	The First 48	Expedition
6:30	Wheel	Guadalupe	Big Bang	ET	Estados Unidos	News	Israel	Hour	M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	(DVS)	Conference	Open Tennis:	Preregame			Unknown
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11:30	J. Kimmel	deportivo			Corden	endo		News	Alfred Hitch-	cock Hr.	Broke Girl	Reilly (DVS)	MLB Base-	Chrisley	(12:03) The	Dodgeball		
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1:AM	Slim Cy	madre	Pawn	Dr. Carras	Programa	Inside Ed.							ball	Chrisley	First 48			

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# This Date In History

### Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 9, the 253rd day of 2020. There are 113 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 9, 1776, the second Continental Congress made the term "United States" official, replacing "United Colonies."

On this date:

In 1543, Mary Stuart was crowned Queen of Scots at Stirling Castle, nine months after she was born.

In 1850, California became the 31st state of the union.

In 1942, during World War II, a Japanese plane launched from a submarine off the Oregon coast dropped a pair of incendiary bombs in a failed attempt at igniting a massive forest fire; it was the first aerial bombing of the U.S. mainland by a foreign power.

In 1948, the People's Democratic Republic of Korea (North Korea) was declared.

In 1956, Elvis Presley made the first of three appearances on "The Ed Sullivan Show."

In 1971, prisoners seized control of the maximum-security Attica Correctional Facility near Buffalo, New York, beginning a siege that ended up claiming 43 lives.

In 1986, Frank Reed, director of a private school in Lebanon, was taken hostage; he was released 44 months later.

In 1991, boxer Mike Tyson was indicted in Indianapolis on a charge of raping Desiree Washington, a beauty pageant contestant. (Tyson was convicted and ended up serving three years of a six-year prison sentence.)

In 2005, Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Michael Brown, the principal target of harsh criticism of the Bush administration's response to Hurricane Katrina, was relieved of his on-site command.

In 2013, four days of vehicular gridlock began near the George Washington Bridge when two of three approach lanes from Fort Lee, New Jersey, were blocked off; the traffic jam was later blamed on loyalists to New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie over the refusal of Fort Lee Mayor Mark Sokolich (SAHK'-oh-lich) to endorse Christie for re-election. (Two political insiders were convicted for their roles in the closure; a unanimous Supreme Court later threw out the convic-

tions. Christie denied any prior knowledge of the lane closures, but the episode helped derail his 2016 presidential bid.)

In 2014, Apple unveiled its long-anticipated smartwatch as well as the next generation of its iPhone.

In 2016, Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton, speaking at an LGBT fundraiser in New York City, described half of Republican Donald Trump's supporters as "a basket of deplorables," a characterization for which she would end up expressing regret.

Ten years ago: A natural gas pipeline explosion killed eight people and destroyed dozens of homes in the San Francisco suburb of San Bruno, California. Iran said it would free Sarah Shourd, one of three American hikers held for more than 13 months on spying accusations, as an act of clemency to mark the end of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan. (Shane Bauer and Josh Fattal were sentenced in August 2011 to eight years in prison, but were released the following month.)

Five years ago: Queen Elizabeth II became the longest reigning monarch in British history, serving as sovereign for 23,226 days (about 63 years and 7 months), according to Buckingham Palace, surpassing Queen Victoria, her great-great-grandmother. New York became the first U.S. city to require salt warnings on chain-restaurant menus.

One year ago: Coast Guard rescuers pulled four trapped South Korean crew members alive from a cargo ship, more than a day after the ship overturned as it left a port in Brunswick, Georgia. President Donald Trump said peace talks with the Taliban were now "dead," two days after he abruptly canceled a secret meeting he had arranged with Taliban and Afghan leaders. The acting chief scientist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said the agency had likely violated its

scientific integrity rules by publicly chastising a weather office that had contradicted Trump concerning a hurricane threat to Alabama.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Topol is 85. Singer Inez Foy is 78. Singer Dee Dee Sharp is 75. College Football Hall of Famer and former NFL player Joe Theismann is 71. Rock musician John McFee (The

Doobie Brothers) is 70. Actor Tom Wopat is 69. Actor Angela Cartwright is 68. Musician-producer Dave Stewart is 68. Actor Hugh Grant is 60. Sen. Chris Coons, D-Del., is 57. Actor-comedian Charles Esten (formerly Chip) is 55. Actor Constance Marie is 55. Actor David Bennett is 54. Actor Adam Sandler is 54. Rock singer Paul Durham

(Black Lab) is 52. Actor Julia Sawalha (suh-WAHL'-hah) is 52. Model Rachel Hunter is 51. Actor Eric Stonestreet is 49. Actor Henry Thomas is 49. Actor Goran Visnjic (VEEZ'-nihch) is 48. Pop-jazz singer Michael Buble' (boo-BLAY') is 45. Latin singer Maria Rita is 43. Actor Michelle Williams is 40. Actor Julie Gonzalo is 39. Neo-

soul singer Paul Janeway (St. Paul & the Broken Bones) is 37. Actor Zoe Kazan is 37. Author-motivational speaker-businessman Farrah Gray is 36. Actor Kelsey Asbille is 29. Contemporary Christian singer Lauren Daigle is 29. Country singer-songwriter Hunter Hayes is 29.

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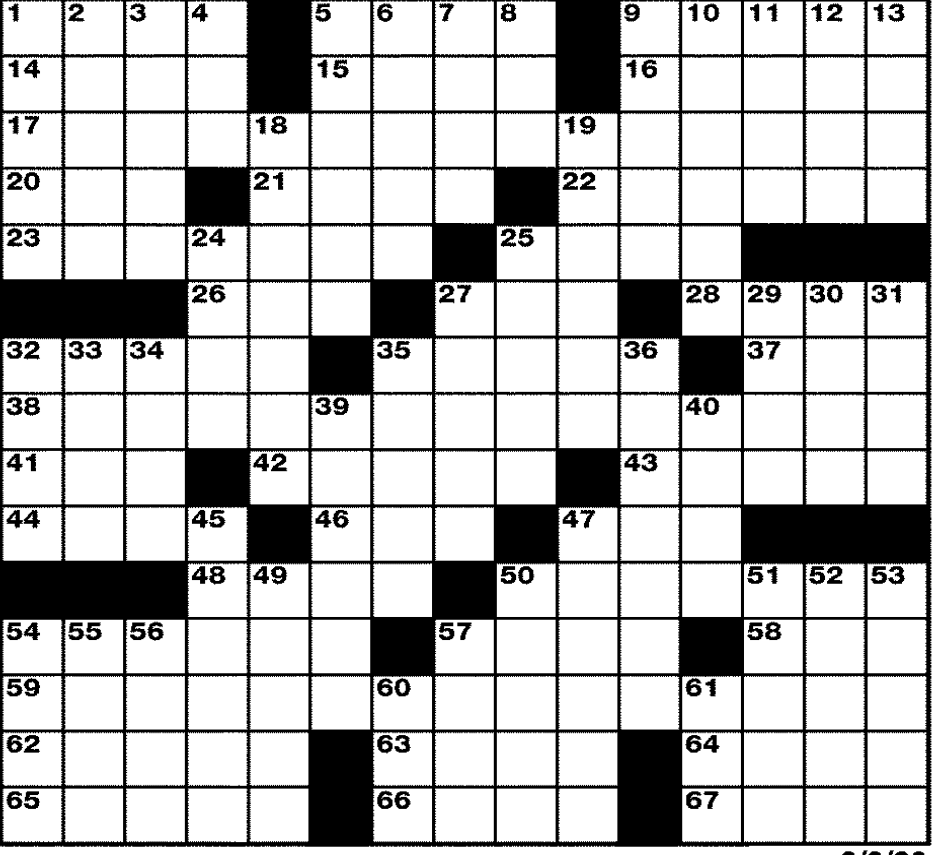
## Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Vegan's taboo
  - 5 Having the know-how
  - 9 To the left or right
  - 14 Alan who played Hawkeye
  - 15 Honest-to-goodness
  - 16 "Buzz off!"
  - 17 Place to begin
  - 20 Dedicated verse
  - 21 Takes one's turn
  - 22 Gets extra mileage from
  - 23 French automaker
  - 25 Packed off
  - 26 Poor-quality
  - 27 Had a meal
  - 28 Lasting mark
  - 32 Martian, for example
  - 35 "Rainbow" fish
  - 37 World Cup cheer
  - 38 About 20 months, for elephants
  - 41 Slippery swimmer
  - 42 Entertainer \_\_\_ Davis Jr.
  - 43 Takes a lease on
  - 44 Itinerary, for short
  - 46 Grazing area
  - 47 Cute \_\_\_ button
  - 48 *Roots* author Haley
  - 50 More strict
  - 54 Victimize
  - 57 Spool for old films
  - 58 Mrs. Perón
  - 59 Secluded place
  - 62 Aloe or cactus
  - 63 Long-armed primates

- DOWN**
- 1 College student's concentration
  - 2 Dodge artfully
  - 3 Guys who create commercials
  - 4 Keg insert
  - 5 Notorious soldier Benedict
  - 6 Sire, in the Bible
  - 7 Vietnam neighbor
  - 8 North Pole toymaker
  - 9 Colorado ski resort
  - 10 Merit badge earners
  - 11 Part of the eye
  - 12 Copenhagen native
  - 13 CPR experts
  - 18 Pets named Iggy, often
  - 19 Make available, as time
  - 24 Help in wrongdoing
  - 25 Showing no emotion
  - 27 Bakery by-product
  - 29 Invent, as a phrase
  - 30 Zillions
  - 31 Carmine and cerise
  - 32 Eras
  - 33 Scallion cousin
  - 34 England's \_\_\_ of Man
  - 35 Seiko competitor
  - 36 In very few words
  - 39 Special skill
  - 40 \_\_\_-view mirror
  - 45 Very beginning
  - 47 Order to relax
  - 49 Attics of barns
  - 50 Urban drainage system
  - 51 Himalayan nation
  - 52 Bring to mind
  - 53 Evaluated
  - 54 Ice cream on sticks
  - 55 Regulation
  - 56 Bibliography abbr.
  - 57 Seized car, for short
  - 60 Court jester wear with bells
  - 61 Fuel additive letters

## CONNECT THE DOTS by Fred Piscop Edited by Stanley Newman

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Answer to previous puzzle

SPAS	CARAT	BEER
CAME	ADAGE	URGE
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# North Texas Classic Returns to Tangle Ridge Golf Club this weekend

## Special to the Herald

GRAND PRAIRIE – The North Texas Classic is set to kick off the LJT Fall Schedule on Sept. 12-13. The 120-player field returns to Tangle Ridge Golf Club as the race for LJT Player of the Year ramps up.

Tangle Ridge was designed by Jeff Brauer and is nestled between Joe Pool Lake and Mountain Creek Escarpment. The public championship golf course has hosted the North Texas Classic five of the last six years. The gently rolling hills create magnificent panoramic views of the DFW area to the north and it features a layout with elevation changes of more than 50 feet. The course can stretch out to 6,835 yards.

The North Texas Classic is split into three divisions: Boys 15-18, Girls 12-18 and Boys 14 & Under. The champion of the Boys 15-18 Division will earn exemptions into the Texas Junior Golf Alliance Invitational, 2021 Texas Cup Invitational, 2021 Veritex Bank Byron Nelson Junior Championship and 2021 Texas Junior Amateur. The champion of the Girls Division will earn exemptions into the Texas Junior Golf Alliance Invitational and 2021 Texas Girls' Invitational. The Boys 14 & Under champion will also earn an exemption into the Texas Junior Golf Alliance Invitational.

Including the North Texas Classic, only four LJT tournaments remain before the Player of the Year Points List will determine the teams for the Jackie Burke Cup, as well as the overall Players of the Year for each division.

Sam Dossey of Austin leads the Boys 15-18 Division. Lauren Nguyen leads the Girls Division while Trenton Mierl leads the Boys 14 & Under Division.

Temple's Dallas Hankamer outlasted a crowded leaderboard to win last year's North Texas Classic in a sudden-death playoff over Matthew Spaulding of Spring. He carded rounds of 69-66 to post 9-under-par 135 for the championship and will look to defend his title this year.

In the Girls Division, Tillie Claggett of The Woodlands began the final round five shots behind the leader. She fired a closing 4-under-par 68 to get into a sudden-death playoff with Lauren Nguyen of Katy and Summer Lee of Plano. Claggett birdie the second playoff hole to claim the title.

Andrew Petruzzelli of Dallas won the Boys 14 & Under Division following rounds of 69-67. He carded six birdies in his final round to post the lowest 18-hole score of the championship and win by three strokes.

Hankamer, Claggett and Petruzzelli add to the list of North Texas Classic past champions. It includes 2017 Texas Junior Amateur Champion Jansen Smith, 2019 Veritex Bank Byron Nelson Junior Champion Gaven Lane, three-time LJT Player of the Year Hailey Jones as well as Zach Kingsland, Kaylee Vesely, Mark Reppe, Dawson Ovard, Jennie Park, Jun Min Lee, Cole Sherwood and Serena Shah.

The first round of the North Texas Classic is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 12 with tee times starting at 8 a.m. off No. 1.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of E. 6th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Albrook. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Tucson. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Lancaster. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. 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.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of I-20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of Dixon. No transport was required.



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**City Council convened Tuesday afternoon. During the almost five hour meeting, Council voted 4-3 to immediately terminate the City Manager contract. No action was taken on the evaluations of the City Attorney or the Municipal Judge after Council reconvened from Executive Session.**

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the negotiated settlement; finding the rates to be set by the attached settlement tariffs to be just and reasonable and in the public interest; approving an attached exhibit establishing a benchmark for pensions and retiree medical benefits; approving an attached exhibit regarding amortization of regulatory liability; requiring the company to reimburse cities' reasonable ratemaking expenses; determin-

ing that this resolution was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act; adopting a savings clause; declaring an effective date; and requiring delivery of this resolution to the company and the cities' legal council; and providing an effective date. Mayor Thomason moved to approve the newly negotiated rate and was seconded by Council member Strande. The motion passed unanimously.

• Final Reading of an Ordinance Fixing and Levying Municipal Ad Valorem Taxes for Said City for

the Year 2020; Directing the Assessment and Collection Thereof; Providing for Severability; and establishing an effective date. Council member De Pauw motioned to approve the ordinance at a rate of \$71.73 per \$100 evaluation. Council member Marquez then seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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## TESTING

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next stage. The testing and application process will take up to 90 days to complete. Out-of-town/state applicants will be required to travel to Big Spring in order to complete the testing and hiring process. There is no limit on the number of applicants that can test," she said.

Testing for the Police Academy will begin January 2021. Cadets will be sent to the Permian Basin Law Enforcement Academy in Midland, Texas. Cadets selected for hire by the department are non-certified police officers and are paid as non-certified officers for the duration of the Academy. The Academy is sixteen weeks long, Monday through Friday. The Academy is paid for by the department and cadets will sign a two-year employment agreement.

"For BSPD, the ideal number of candidate cadets for the Academy is four to five. If you are selected and hired as a non-certified police trainee, the City of Big Spring will pay you a full salary plus benefits, Police Academy tuition and fees, and provide you with a department vehicle to travel to and from the Academy," King said.

According to King, a Big Spring police officer works 40 hours per week. Patrol officers work 12 hour shifts (6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.) with every other weekend off. Police officers will rotate day shift to night shift every 30 days.

"The City of Big Spring offers excellent benefits including a fully-equipped take home patrol vehicle, twelve paid holidays, tuition reimbursement program, employee wellness program, 100 paid medical insurance with optional dental and vision insurance, Texas Municipal Retirement System with a 2 to 1 match, paid vacation and sick leave, and longevity pay," she said.

Police officer's work is immensely satisfying and provides a sense of serving for your com-

munity and for a greater good. There are also personally rewarding moments that come with the work of a police officer, however, most choose this career because they want to serve, help, and become a positive influence to their community. With a sense of helping for the greater good, there is also reward in choosing a stable career choice, with layoffs being slim and being able to live and work just about anywhere else as a police officer.

For more information or to apply online visit [www.mybigspring.com](http://www.mybigspring.com) and click the Police Department Employment tab. You can also contact Stacie King at 432-264-2347 or email [sking@bigspring.com](mailto:sking@bigspring.com)

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