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Upcoming Events

County Commissioners Meeting today 3:30 p.m. County Courthouse

City Council Meeting Feb. 9 5:30 p.m. City Chambers

Big Spring Chamber Banquet and Business Expo Feb. 11 1:30 p.m. Virtual event

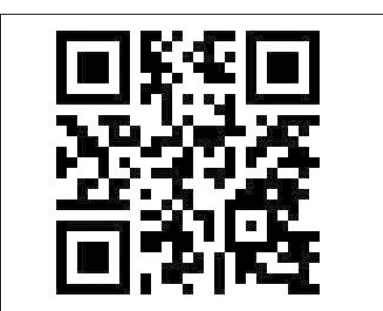
C. Larson Valentine's canned food drive Donations accepted until Feb. 12

All city offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 15 in observance of President's Day



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City Council and BSEDC Director to convene in Executive Session

Joint Election, service award recognition also on Tuesday agenda

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

The Big Spring City Council is set to meet Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. inside the City Council Chambers. An Executive Session with the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation's Executive Director is scheduled on the Council Agenda, under the provisions of Title 5, Texas Government Code, Section 551.087 regarding economic development negotiations. Should the dis-

ussion deem any action to be taken, the Council will reconvene in open session before taking action regarding economic development negotiations.

Following public comment, the meeting will begin with the recognition of service awards for those with five years of service to the City of Big Spring.

Those wishing to address the City Council will have an opportunity to do so during the Public Comment sec-

tion. Each speaker is limited to no more than five minutes and are required to state their name before addressing the Council. For those unable to attend the meeting in person, but still wishing to address the Council, call 432-264-2411 during the designated time.

As part of the City Manager report, presented by Todd Darden, an update will be provided on the upcoming large/bulk item pickup set for Feb. 17 and a reminder of

Presidents Day holiday. The Council will hear an update regarding the water line replacement on Goliad and an update from TxDOT. Before hearing from Dr. Ahmed for a Covid-19 update, Darden will discuss the issue of body cams for the police department.

Tuesday evening's consent agenda includes: approval of City Council minutes from Jan. 26 and Feb. 2; Big Spring

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E-waste disposal collection deemed a success; District 2 Large Item Pickup set for Feb. 17



Courtesy photos

The recent E-waste disposal event was marked a success. The City of Big Spring is now gearing up for the second large/bulk item pickup which will take place in District 2 on Feb. 17.

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

The City of Big Spring recently held an E-waste disposal collection at the City Landfill. Total numbers of pounds collected are still not in, according to Public Works Director Shane Bowles, but the event can be marked a success. "Electronics disposal is becoming more and more prevalent in this day

and age. Today households have a TV in every room not to mention computers, laptops, multiple gaming systems and other electronics," Bowles said. "The City of Big Spring Landfill can only take in so much electronic waste or E-waste per year. This program gives the City the opportunity to provide citizens with an option to dispose of their electronic waste without affecting the current landfill."

An E-waste program was at one time hosted by Keep Big Spring Beautiful, but over the years the cost began to increase and was not feasible for the non-profit to host independently. The recent collection was held on a Saturday and provided the opportunity for the citizens of Big Spring to dispose of their E-waste at no cost to the families. The

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A Moment in Time Covert/Shick Home at 510 Gregg

Editor's Note: The Heritage Museum provides a focus on a piece of history each week to be shared with the Big Spring Herald readers. Each story is only part of the history that is contained inside the walls of the Heritage Museum. To find out more about Big Spring and Howard County history, visit the Heritage Museum Tuesday through Saturday.

By TAMMY SCHRECENGOST
 Heritage Museum

The home at 510 Gregg had originally been built for the Chandlers. In 1905, T&P employee, W.C. Covert arrived in town on the very first Passenger train to Big Spring. Mr. Covert became the third owner of the home after Chandler had sold it to Joye Fisher. A fence had to be put up to keep the roaming cattle out of the yard. The house had a full basement and as the town population grew, the house was suddenly on a major through fare, as Gregg Street became Highway 87.



Courtesy Photo

Pictured above is the Covert/Shick Home at 510 Gregg where many memories were made.

Covert's summer home in Arkansas. That same fall, the piano came via train to Big Spring. Ten-year-old daughter Holly took lessons and then

friends and they could ship personal items as well. Holly remembered many happy occasions as a young girl living in Big Spring. She said "Some of the Dads, that worked at the railroad, would hitch up a flatcar onto the train early on a Saturday morning. They would take all the towns children to Latan Lake for the day. The mothers would act as chaperones and prepare a picnic lunch. On some occasions, the children would get to ride in the caboose car of the train and sleep in the bunks on overnight runs. Holly said, "the boss of the railroad was called old Whiskers and once my daddy told us to get under the bunks and hide because Old Whiskers was coming."

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Obituaries

John Richard Anderson

John Richard Anderson, born March 9, 1929, in Midland, Texas, marched gloriously into Heaven on Feb. 4, 2021. He married Barbara Clayton Anderson, March 26, 1951, in Hobbs, New Mexico. They had four children, Sally Anderson Bland, Mary Anderson Hutto (deceased), John Robert Anderson (Kevva), and Martha Anderson Wristen (Bert). Rich and Barbara were blessed with grandchildren, John Edward Bland (Christi), Sarah Holt Bland,

Rebekah Lee Bland, Brooks William Bland (Bobbie), Clay John Anderson (Krista), Whitney Anderson Fuston (Ky), Sgt. Thomas William Hutto (Jennifer), Bailey Anderson Halverson (Jake), Andrew Cooper Wristen, Kathryn Elizabeth Wristen, and Mila Bustos. Great-grandchildren who were blessed to have known their Great Grandparents, Rich and Barbara are: Barrett Richard Bland, Jace Evan Bland, Karson Mae Collier, Tatum Brooke Collier, Kannan Holt Collier, Traynor Dale Collier, Layton LaDawn Anderson, Harper Lee Anderson, Lyla Quinn Fuston, Krace Owen Fuston, and Meralie Hutto. Barbara and Rich attended the Anglican Christs Church, Midland, Texas.

John Rich Anderson was raised on a ranch north of Lovington, New Mexico. He attended and graduated from Lovington High School 1942-1946. Rich attended and graduated from the University of Oklahoma 1945-1951. He was a Pre-Law; History major with double minors in Psychology and Sociology. He was a proud member of the Delta Tau

Delta fraternity.

Rich was the owner/operator and retired of the Muleshoe Ranch from 1952 to present. Rich was a lifelong learner who would then apply what he had learned. He was a student of Breeding systems, Grazing systems, Production and Marketing programs, General management, and Personnel management (operating two ranching operations in Texas and New Mexico).

Rich Anderson was the recipient of several honors throughout his long life. He was named Outstanding Conservationist in Borden and Scurry Counties; National winner of the National Cattleman's Association 1992 Environmental Stewardship Award; Foy Proctor Award, and the Boss of the Plains.

Rich's affiliations were numerous. His political affiliations were as follow: Past member of Republican State Executive committee; Presidential Elector 1972; Chairman Borden County Republican Party (30+ years); County/District Chairman for all Republican candidates for State/National office in the past 30 years; Founding member: Associated Republicans of Texas; 12 years on candidate selection committee. Other affiliations included: Director of Texas Southwest Cattle Raisers Association; Member of National Cattlemen's Association; Past chairman NCA-PAC; Past member Executive Committee and Board of Directors; Past Region IV Vice-President (TX, OK, & Ark.); Member of NM Cattle Growers; Director Security State Bank, Big Spring, Texas; Founder Board member St. Marys Episcopal Day School, Big Spring, Texas; Vestry member St. Marys Episcopal Church, Big Spring, Texas; Past Chairman of Long Range Planning committee of Episcopal Diocese of Northwest Texas; Borden

County School Board; 10 years as President Past Trustee of the University of the South, Sewanee, TN; Past board member of Malone & Hogan Hospital (12 years) Past board member of Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center (2 terms); Board of Overseers of the National Ranching Heritage Center, Lubbock (18 years of service; 3 terms as President); Set up Endowment Fund; Past member of Texas Tech University Presidents Council; Past member Trans Texas Heritage Association; Director Emeritus NRHC, Lubbock, Texas.

Rich spent his life stewarding the land, guiding his family, sharing his faith, and supporting those whose desires are to uphold the Constitution of the United States. His hobbies included enjoying his family and friends, attending church, watching OU football and the Dallas Cowboys.

Visitation will be Sunday, Feb. 7, at 3-5 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home; graveside services will be held at the Muleshoe Ranch Cemetery on Monday, Feb. 8, at 2 p.m.; and a memorial service will be held Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 10:30 a.m. at Christ Church Anglican in Midland, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to be sent to Haley Memorial Library & History, 1805 W. Indiana Ave., Midland, TX 79701; Ranching Heritage Association, P.O. Box 43200, Lubbock, TX 79409; Borden County EMS, P.O. Box 342, Gail, TX 79738; or Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Rd., Midland, TX 79705

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

Paid obituary

Shirley Copeland

Shirley Copeland, 55, of Big Spring died Friday, Feb. 5, 2021.

Visitation will be Monday from noon until 9 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Coahoma Cemetery with Ralph Anderson, minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating.

Shirley was born July 19, 1965, in Mason. She graduated from Garden City High School and had two Associate Degrees from Howard College. She was employed by Howard College since 1990. She was a member of

the Church of Christ.

Shirley is survived by her husband: Robert Copeland of Big Spring; father: Frank Clifton of Garden City; one brother: Sam Clifton and his wife Jenny of Garden City; two nephews: Johnathon Young and his wife Katelynn; and Keith Clifton; and one niece: Ashlie Akins and her husband Coby; one great nephew: Carson; one great niece Kaydence; mother-in-law and father-in-law: Marie and Gary Copeland; and two fur babies Stella and Tilly.

Shirley was preceded in death by her mother: Betty Clifton; and grandparents: Gladys and Slayden Pike and Marie and Jim Clifton.

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

Paid Obituary

Debra Gaylene Burleson

Debra Gaylene Burleson, 69, of Lake Colorado City, Texas passed away Friday, Feb. 5, 2021, at her residence. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

She was born Dec. 5, 1951, in Odessa, Texas to Walter Junior Burleson and Patsy Rhea Sillyman Burleson.

Debra is survived by one son, Michael Barberousse and wife, Stephanie of Tulsa, Oklahoma;

two grandsons, Justin Barberousse of Holdenville, Oklahoma and Tanner Barberousse of Ft. Worth, Texas; one granddaughter, Randi Barberousse and one grandson, Rolan Barberousse both of Sand Springs, Oklahoma.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

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

Paid Obituary

Emma Lillian Mitchell Staggs

Emma Lillian Mitchell Staggs passed away Monday, Feb. 1, 2021, in San Antonio. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Lillian was born April 22, 1922, in Lamesa, Texas. She attended schools in Lamesa and graduated in the 1939 class.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, parents and eight siblings and one step-sister.

She is survived by her two sons: Martin Tindall Staggs, Richard Alan Staggs; grandchildren; great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a contribution to the Methodist Children's Home 111 Herring Ave., Waco, TX 76708.

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

Support Groups

MONDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees It, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

• Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

• Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. The next session beginning Sept. 3, 2019. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lu-

theran 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, e-mail 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, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

FRIDAY

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

Submit your Support Group information to be included or updated. E-mail information to editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

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Weather



Today: Sunny, with a high near 76. South wind around 10 mph becoming west in the morning.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 35. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northeast after midnight.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 65. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast in the morning.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 38.

Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 61.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29.

Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 47.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 19.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 36.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 16.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 35.

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

WASTE

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items were able to be cleared out of their homes while not taking up space in the landfill and not being illegally dumped in the community. At this time, according to Bowles, the E-waste program is only held once a year, but should the need arise the City could consider hosting another event.

“We collected enough E-waste to fill the truck. We thank everyone who took advantage of the program and chose to dispose of their electronics properly,” he said. “We all have to work together to clean up Big Spring.”

In addition to the recent E-waste collection, the City of Big Spring is in the second year of

the Large/Bulk Item Pickup Program. This month’s collection will take place in District 2. The first year went really well according to City Staff and projections are looking that this year the program could gain even more traction. Since the inception of the program a few streamlining changes have taken place, which allows for more residents to be able to utilize the program. Each of the six districts in Big Spring has two collections throughout the year; the service is also free of charge.

“We hope all citizens will take advantage (of the large item pick up),” Bowles said. “The City of Big Spring is our community, let’s keep it trash free and continue to clean up our town.”

District 2’s large item pick up day is scheduled for Feb. 16. The

complete pick up schedule is located on the City of Big Spring website along with a map of the districts. For those needing to utilize the City Landfill, operating hours are Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. The fee to dispose at the landfill is \$46 per ton.

According to Bowles, in addition to the E-waste program and Large Item pick up, those needing to dispose of metal waste can do so for free at the City Landfill. Citizens are encouraged to dispose of metal waste at the landfill in lieu of illegal dumping throughout town.

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CITY

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McMahon-Wrinkle Airport Development Board minutes from Oct. 22 and Dec. 17; first readings on an ordinance amending Chapter 32 of the Big Spring City Coded "License, Taxation and Miscellaneous Business Regulations" by adding a new article VI entitled "Commercial Filming Regulations" in order to establish guidelines for the use of City-Owned property in all types of motion picture productions; an ordinance amending Chapter 12 entitled "Building and Building Regulations" by adding new article entitled "Manufactured housing and mobile homes"; an ordinance amending Chapter 2 "Administration" article 3 "Officers and Employees" by adding a new section 2-58 entitled "Finance Director" in order to clearly define the duties and responsibilities of the position and render the position independent from that of City Secretary; amending Chapter 32 "Licenses, Taxation and Miscellaneous Business Regulations" Article II "Taxation" by repealing section 32-27

"Duties of the City Tax Assessor and Collector and reserving the section for future use; and first reading of a resolution of the City Council authorizing account signatories.

As part of old business, Mayor Thomason will lead discussion on the tabled agenda item referencing the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation by amending the Title of Article VI entitled "Directors" to "Directors, Officers and Employees" and amending the number of directors; manner of appointment of directors and officers; and limiting the number of employees; and adding a new article XIII entitled "Conduct of Business, Generally" that provides the conduct of directors and employees concerning contracts, lobbying and amendment of the articles of incorporation without prior authorization of Council.

The Council will consider and possibly take action on a joint election agreement with Big Spring Independent School District. City Attorney Andrew Hagan will be presenting the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 32 of the City

Code entitled "Licenses, Taxation and Miscellaneous Business Regulations" section 32-58 "Definitions" to include short term rentals and bed and breakfast in definition of Hotel in order to require payment and collection of Hotel Occupancy Taxes from short-term rentals and bed and breakfasts within the City; amending Section 32-63 to require establishments subject to the Tax to register with the City's Convention and Visitor's Bureau; amending other sections to authorize the CVB Director to collect the tax and process registrations; providing a penalty of \$500 and subjecting commercial short-term rentals to commercial rates for water and sewer utilities and trash collection.

City Manager Darden will bring the first reading authorizing himself or the Mayor to enter into a contract with Allison, Bass & Magee LLP for professional services related to re-districting following the 2020 Census. Following discussion and possible action, the Council will consider and take possible action on an amendment to the lease with maintenance agreement

with Toshiba and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute any necessary documents.

Other business items include:

- Vouchers for 01/08/2021 and 02/04/2021
- Acknowledge receipt of the Convention and Visitors Bureau Committee minutes of regular meeting of Oct. 7 and regular meeting of Jan. 13.

- Appointment to Airport Development Board of Directors - one opening - one resume

- Resolution authorizing and appointing City Manager to submit an application to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to secure funding for Department Operations/Media Data Management Network Servers.

- Council input
Those wishing to watch the meeting online can do so by visiting mybigspring.com/224/Channel-17-Live or on Channel 17 through Suddenlink.

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HOME

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later had her piano transported, by train, to Kidd Key College in Sherman, TX. The Piano ended up back in Big Spring and in the home of daughter Lillian Shick Dawson.

The Covert's daughter Holly, married Nathaniel Shick on Thursday, December 19, 1907 at 8:30 am, after he had "stolen her away" from another young bachelor in town. The couple were married in the Baptist church that was located at 401 Gregg, before the Poffenbach home had been built.

The Big Spring Newspaper reported that; "The wedding story was said to have begun at the Covert's home at 510 Gregg. The groomsmen unrolled a bolt of cheesecloth on which the bridal couple walked on through the mesquite thicket to the lamp lighted Baptist Church. The church was beautifully decorated with holly, mistletoe, and flowers. At the back of the altar stood a wall of the decorations while festoons were arranged from the holly covered chandelier to the rear of the church. As the bridal party approached the church, Mrs. C.F. Morris sang "Because I Love You So" before the strains of the wedding march begun. After the ceremony, the newly wedded couple returned to the Covert home for an "elegant lunch." And gift opening."

Nat had a wedding ring made for Holly using a diamond stickpin of his. Their friends chided Nat

and did not believe it was a real diamond. "They said it was something he had pasted and boiled together." Holly's brother Eddie, who was later killed in World War I doubted the ring's authenticity as well and set out to prove it was just glass. However, when he could carve his name in a windowpane using the diamond, he had to relent his position. The windowpane had the initials in it from that day forward.

In 1910, the couples only daughter Lillian, was born in the home. With as many happy and joyous occasions there were the stressful times. One of those times occurred one evening in 1911. Nat and Holly had left their new baby girl with Holly's mother, Uma Colvert and took the surrey to I.J. Robb's new picture show for a nice evening out. As soon as the horse made the corner at the Courthouse square, Holly doubled over with pain. They went back to the Colvert home and summoned Dr. G.T. Hall. He diagnosed her with appendicitis. He ordered newspapers to be soaked in formaldehyde, chinked into every crack and corner and in the windows of the parlor. Then he had a tub of formaldehyde sitting on rocks and burning all night on a fire to fumigate the room. He had his examination table brought from his office at the J.L. Ward building, to serve as an operating table. He placed kerosene lamps all around and above the table for adequate light. Dr. Hall had sent for three nurses from Fort Worth and they had arrived early the next morning after being on the train through the night. Dr. Will Barnett, Dr. Wright and even a vet-

erinarian all gathered in the Covert/Shick house to witness the young Dr. Hall preform the first Appendectomy in Big Spring. The operation was a success. Dr. Hall left to preform two other similar operations that day. Mrs. Colvert was watching over baby Lillian and Nat was to tend to Holly however, after Dr. Hall left, Nat took a long nap and remained asleep until he returned. Holly laughingly remembered.

Nat became Big Spring's postmaster in 1934 and retired in 1953. He spent the next 20 years carving totem poles and other wooden pieces at his home. The Shick home was always recognized by the totem pole in front and at Christmas when Nat filled the mesquite tree with silver lids. They were illuminated by a spotlight and looked like beautiful Christmas lights dancing in the tree.

The Shick home was advertised for sale for \$7500 and later it was offered for free to move from location. However, there were no buyers, and the home was torn down in 1986.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Frances Escovedo Ramirez, 50, died Tuesday. Funeral service will be Monday at 11:00 AM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mount Olive.

Shirley Copeland, 55, died Friday. Visitation will be Monday from noon until 9:00 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside services will be at 2:00 PM Tuesday at Coahoma Cemetery

Take Note

- The City of Big Spring will reopen all indoor rentable facilities as of Monday, February 1, 2021 for normal operations. We still request that individuals holding events and persons attending events adhere to the following: Please wear a mask when not eating or drinking anything; Make sure to wash and/or sanitize your hands regularly; If you are not feeling well, running a fever, or have been exposed please do not attend events.

- All City of Big Spring offices have reopened to the public effective January 19, 2021. We ask citizens to act responsibly and follow all health precautions and sanitizing guidelines. We strongly recommend that citizens continue to practice social distancing, wash your hands frequently, stay home if you're sick, and wear a mask when in public areas.

- West Texas Centers will be hosting the 2021 Mental Health

First Aid training classes in February. Adult mental health virtual class will take place Feb. 17 from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.; in-person adult mental health first aid class will take place Feb. 23, at 3205 Hwy 87 from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.; and the final class in the series will take place Feb. 25 from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. virtually.

- A GoFund me page for Ed Flores, who recently tested positive for coronavirus and was recently transferred to Lubbock. Donations are requested to help with medical bills and travel expenses so his wife can be close with him. Ed worked with Shroyer for about 25 years and 87 Auto Sale as a mechanic; he has always been willing to help out people even when they didn't have enough money to pay him. Donations can be made at GoFundMe by Monica Medina. For more information on how to help, e-mail jessemonica1234@gmail.com or call 432-517-7675.

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Tampa Bay takes the win and the title in the biggest game of the season Sunday night

Brady wins 7th championship title in Sunday matchup

By DUSTIN POPE

Herald Sports Writer

Football's most significant game took place this Sunday, Feb. 7. The game was being built up as one of the best big game matchups of all time, and it didn't disappoint. Tampa Bay becomes the first team to win the championship on their home field by beating Kansas City 31 to 9.

The first quarter began with both defenses standing tall. Neither team could get much going offensively. Kansas City was the first to get on the board with a Harrison Butker field goal. Tampa finally started moving the ball near the end of the first quarter. A Brady pass to long-time teammate Rob Gronkowski accounted for Tampa Bay's first touchdown of the game, leaving only 37 seconds to go in the first quarter.

The second quarter was more of the same for

Tampa's defense, as they kept the pressure on Mahomes, Kansas City couldn't get that high powered offense going.

With 6:05 left in the first half, Tampa scored their second touchdown. Brady found Gronkowski once again for the second touchdown of the game. Kansas City was able to put up another Butker field goal closing the gap to 14 to 6.

Brady wasn't done, though, as, with only 6 seconds left in the half, he found Antonio Brown for a touchdown, making it Brady's third touchdown pass of the game. The first half ended with Tampa taking a commanding lead of 28 to 6.

Unfortunately for the team from Kansas City, the second half didn't bring much change for them; Tampa's defense just overpowered the offensive line causing Mahomes to scramble away all game long. Kansas City put up another field goal in the

third quarter, but that's all they could put up.

However, Tampa kept the pressure on, and at the 7:45 mark of the third, Leonard Fournette broke off a 34-yard touchdown run, stretching the lead to 28 to 9.

As the final quarter started, it became evident that this was Tampa Bay night; the defense continued to pressure Mahomes, never letting the team get into a groove. Tampa didn't allow any more points in the game and never gave Kansas City any hope of a comeback. Tampa made one more field goal, making the game's final score an impressive win, 31 to 9.

The win Gives Tom Brady the seventh title of his career, furthering his greatest of all time aura. Brady was also named the MVP of the game. After twenty years, Brady left New England to come and win a title in only his first year with his new team.

Taking a look at Howard County teams after weekend activity

By SAM YOUNG

Herald Contributing Writer

Friday night brought a close to the girl's basketball regular season and within a week of the end of the boy's calendar. It also provided two "must win" games for postseason berths and two more clashes to potentially lock-up playoff bids. Needless to say, there was plenty of energy and emotion tied into our last double headers of the season.

One of those "do or die" games for a playoff spot involved the Big Spring Lady Steers, (10-15, 3-6). They knew a win on their home floor over rivals Sweetwater, (9-15, 3-6), would not only avenge an earlier district loss, but also propel them to the postseason. The Lady Steers started quick out of the block at Steer Gym but as the game wore on it would be their defense that told the tale of the night. Sweetwater never found anything

easy, and struggled to score all evening in the "win and you're in" game. As the Lady Mustangs offensive woes grew, so too did Big Spring's lead. By the time it reached double digits in the second half, the game was squarely in Big Spring's favor. Unlike the first tilt in Sweetwater, the Lady Steers made sure there was no come from behind surprise the second time through, and clinched a playoff berth with a 43-29 win. Big Spring will move on to

the postseason as the #4 seed in 3-4A, where they will meet 4-4A district champion Canyon, who is #2 in Class 4A. Details on that game will be in Sweetwater Friday night, trying to finish a season sweep of the Mustangs, (10-10, 1-6). The Steers, (13-11, 2-5), also knew a victory would put them on the brink of their own

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Fox, Kings top Clippers in LA for 4th straight win

LOS ANGELES (AP) — De'Aaron Fox scored 36 points, Buddy Hield added 22 and the Sacramento Kings beat the Los Angeles Clippers 113-110 on Sunday for their fourth straight victory.

The Kings are 7-1 since suffering a 19-point drubbing by the Clippers on Jan. 20.

Lou Williams scored 23 points off the bench for the Clippers, who dropped two in a row for the first time this season. Kawhi Leonard had 20 points and 10 rebounds as LA played without injured Paul George. The Clippers' reserves outscored the starters, 57-53.

Neither team led by more than nine points in the back-and-forth affair that featured 11 ties.

Nicolas Batum's potential tying 3-pointer missed

in the closing seconds for the Clippers.

JAZZ 103, PACERS 95

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Donovan Mitchell had 27 points and 11 assists as red-hot Utah beat Indianapolis to improve its NBA-best record.

The Jazz (19-5) have won 15 of 16.

Former Pacer Bojan Bogdanovic broke an 83-all tie with a three-point play at the 5:36 mark of the fourth quarter and the visitors never trailed again.

Bogdanovic finished with 18 points. Jordan Clarkson added 17 off the bench. Rudy Gobert had 16 points and 16 rebounds.

Domantas Sabonis scored 20 points for the Pacers, who have lost

five of six.

SUNS 100, CELTICS 91

PHOENIX (AP) — Mikal Bridges scored 19 points, Devin Booker had 18 points and 11 assists and Phoenix held on to beat Boston.

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I'm not saying girls games should be officiated differently than boys games. I'd be willing to bet there are some girls teams out there who could beat the boys any day. But if the girls you're watching are younger or not as skilled, then that would be my guess as to why you're not hearing more whistles. And thank goodness for that!

Call for questions: It's that time of year again, the time where I have to reach out and beg for more questions.

My absolute favorite aspect of writing this column is hearing from you, the reader. I've had questions sent in

from as far away as Colorado and as close as my hometown of Russellville, Arkansas. Some of these correspondences have led to friendships.

Recently, one of my most devoted readers wrote in after his son signed a National Letter of Intent, thanking me for helping (in a very small way) his son earn that college scholarship.

Sending in questions is a great way to connect, but they're also necessary for this column to survive.

They're the lifeblood of "Athletic Support." And, listen, I realize writing to a guy you don't know and asking his advice about some pretty personal stuff isn't really everybody's bag, but let me tell you a secret.

It's totally confidential. Nobody will ever know who's behind the penname "Jump Ball" or "All-Star Dad." Some people even choose to remain anonymous when they send their initial email to me, and that's totally cool too!

In the end, I need your questions. Plain and simple. So if you enjoy reading this column each week, please take the time to write me a question. Even if you don't have kids involved in youth sports, you might have grandkids, nieces, nephews, or even friends' children who are involved in athletics. I'll take anything.

You can find my email address below. I look forward to hearing from you!

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postseason nod. The theme of the boy's game, however, would follow the one set by the girl's game. The home team started fast, and the visitor couldn't quite make a run to reel them in. In this case it was Sweetwater jumping out to a seven-point first quarter lead that swelled to 33-20 by the half. Big Spring would get close on a couple of second half occasions, but hosting Mustangs had just enough of an answer throughout. Sweetwater grabbed a season-saving 59-50 win that now leaves both teams tied for fourth in district at 2-6. Having split the season series, a tie-break play-in game would be needed if neither team breaks the deadlock next week.

In 5-3A, Coahoma traveled out to Big Lake for games against Reagan County. The Bulldogettes, (14-6, 7-2), knew they were likely locked into second with district-leading Crane playing winless Compass Academy to close the season. Reagan County, (11-9, 4-5), was also locked into a playoff spot on their Senior Night. Despite there being relatively little on the line for the game, it turned into a heads-up duel. Coahoma wouldn't get the comfortable win from the first half of district, but they would slowly build up an advantage of 32-26 heading into the fourth. The Lady Owls tried to claw back in the fourth, but the Bulldogettes would do just enough from the free throw line to see the victory through, 43-40. MaKynlee Overton paced Coahoma once again with 20 points, while Julia Cox added another 11 to aid in the win. Coahoma advances to the postseason as the second seed out of 5-3A at 8-2, Reagan County will move on as the four seed at 4-6. Coahoma will likely draw Ballinger in the opening round of the postseason, with details to come.

The boy's game to round out the night was equally close and tense. Coahoma, (4-14, 2-5), was looking to snap a five-game winning streak for Reagan County, who had moved into a first-place tie with Crane. The Owls, (15-8, 6-1), had been on fire coming into the game, especially on offense. That trend wouldn't carry over for Senior Night, however. Reagan County would lead after one, but only 8-5. That would set the tone for a low-scoring game

where points were at a premium. Not unlike the girl's game, Reagan County would hold a close advantage, leading by six at the break. Coahoma would battle within one, 26-25, after three, setting up a furious final eight minutes. Two big threes midway through the fourth would stretch the Owls' lead back out before they finished off a tight win at the charity strip, 39-37. Raheem Ashford led the way for the Bulldogs with 17 points, also being the only scorer in double figures. Coahoma falls to 2-6 in district, still battling for fourth, meanwhile, Reagan County jumps to 7-1 atop the 5-3A standings.

Finally, in the second "must win" game of the night, Forsan, (10-12, 4-5), hosted Colorado needing a win to keep their season alive. The Wolves, (9-10, 5-4), had a guaranteed spot locked up, but Forsan had Miles breathing down their neck for fourth in 8-2A. The first half was back and forth, characterized by short runs for each side. Colorado went into the half up by four, before stretching the lead out in the third for a second contest. Forsan had lots of good looks on the night but the shots just wouldn't fall consistently. As the third quarter became the fourth, the Wolves pushed their lead to double figures for the first time. From there it came down to hitting foul shots, and Colorado did just that en route to a 50-39 win. The defeat meant the Buffs will miss the postseason after finishing district in a tie for fourth place at 4-6, but Miles will advance by virtue of sweeping the season series.

Flipping the usual script, it was the girls who finished up the night. Forsan, (17-5, 8-2), was using the night to test themselves heading into the postseason. On the other side was the #10 team in the state in Class-A, the Lady Mustangs of Sands, (21-2, 10-0). While the game started off evenly matched, it didn't take long for Sands' defense to take over. It was Sands going up 26-17 at the half. The Lady Buffs offense couldn't ever get going in the second half, and the Lady Mustangs took full advantage by running away to a 58-24 win.

Both Forsan and Sands are awaiting their first playoff games, with the Lady Buffs waiting for 7-2A to finish a play-in tournament.

Lady Steers clench playoff spot with win over Sweetwater



Courtesy photo

The Lady Steers clinch a playoff spot with a 43-29 win over Sweetwater. The Lady Steers held the Lady Mustangs to 9 total points in the second half. Top scores were Alex Enriquez with 15 points and Tristan Smith with 13 points. The Lady Steers will play Canyon at Lubbock Roosevelt on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. "I am very proud of our girls. They never stop amazing me. They always play so hard and make it very easy to coach. I am very blessed to have such an amazing group."

Game changers: Manning, Woodson, Megatron headed to Hall

By EDDIE PELLIS

AP National Writer

Though others have eclipsed him in some sections of the record book, Peyton Manning's stamp on the NFL is very much a thing of 2021 and beyond.

Manning, the quarterback whose meticulous attention to detail helped turn the 21st-century gridiron into a chessboard on turf, was awarded his spot in the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Saturday in his first year of eligibility.

The son of Saints legend Archie and brother of two-time Super Bowl champion Eli will be joined later this year in Canton by another first-ballot lock, defensive back Charles Woodson, who beat out Manning for the Heisman Trophy in 1997, and then spent nearly two decades trying to stop him. Calvin Johnson — aka "Megatron" — was also a first-ballot selection, his mere nine years of playmaking excellence with the Lions more than enough to convince the panel.

Also making it were guard Alan Faneca, who made nine Pro Bowls and missed only one game over 13 seasons with the Steelers, Jets and Cardinals; and John Lynch, the hard-hitting safety who burnished his reputation in Tampa Bay, which plays Kansas City for the Super Bowl title Sunday.

Cowboys receiver Drew Pearson, Raiders coach Tom Flores and longtime Steelers scout Bill Nunn made it in the senior, coach and contributor categories, respectively.

In a nod to COVID-19, the voters eschewed their traditional all-day meeting Saturday in favor of a virtual gathering on Jan. 19. Manning found out a few days later, with his coaches and his family delivering the news. The winners' names were made public at the NFL Honors awards ceremony Saturday night. Jaguars left tackle Tony Boselli and Dolphins linebacker Zach Thomas were among the finalists whose names were not called.

Manning going into the hall was all but preordained. That's fitting, in a way, because more than any quarterback before him, he used every minute

of his preparation during the week, and then every second at the line of scrimmage during the games, doing all he could to eliminate doubt about the result of every play before it happened.

His work in the video room, his "voluntary" off-season throw-and-catch sessions with receivers, his quizzing of coaches and teammates alike during practices — all were the stuff of legend.

The end game came on Sundays, for 14 seasons with the Indianapolis Colts, then four more with the Denver Broncos, when he barked "Omaha, Omaha!" at the line of scrimmage — we still don't know what it means — then went about dissecting defenses en route to 186 regular-season victories, a still-record five MVP awards and two Super Bowl titles in four trips.

When Manning retired after leading the Broncos to the title in 2016, he had the career records for passing yardage (71,940) and touchdowns (539), among others, and was part of the conversation as Greatest Of All Time.

Drew Brees and Tom Brady have eclipsed those numbers. Brady, playing in his 10th Super Bowl on Sunday, has shut the door on the GOAT debate, and with a win will join Manning as the second quarterback to lead two franchises to a title. Still, he's well aware of Manning's role in making the modern-day passing game what it is today.

"Like any great quarterback, there's a lot of responsibility that you take on," Brady said this week in reflecting on Manning's place in the game. "You want to make sure everything's a reflection of how you see the game and you want to make sure everyone's on the same page. And when everyone's seeing it through the same set of eyes, it's a great way to play football."

One-time University of Tennessee assistant David Cutcliffe says he knew Manning was something special when the quarterback, in advance of his freshman year, took three pages' worth of handwritten notes on a base play the Vols ran called 62 Meyer.

"He redefined preparation," Cutcliffe said during

a 2013 interview. "He redefined the quality of the work that's expected of the people around him."

He ushered in an era that turned the reading of the Xs and Os from an art to a science, setting the template for a modern-day passing game very much reliant on pre-snap reads that lead to quick decisions and allow the smartest of quarterbacks to get out of bad plays before they happen.

All those smarts, of course, belied a physical gift that allowed Manning to play for 18 years, including a comeback from four delicate neck surgeries that left him unable to grip a football at first.

Weeks after the second operation, Manning snuck off to a Colorado Rockies batting cage to throw with his old UT buddy, Todd Helton. Manning's first toss went about 5 yards before fluttering to the ground. Helton laughed because he thought Manning was joking.

Not three years later, Manning threw 55 touchdown passes — that record still stands as the most in a season — and started in the Super Bowl for the Broncos. Two seasons after that, he wasn't in much better shape, ailing with an arch injury that cost him half the season and what was left of his limited mobility. But he guided the Broncos to a win in Super Bowl 50 — then left the field forever.

"I called John Elway, called Dan Marino, called Troy Aikman, called Brett Favre, to let them know and (tell them) how thankful I am to be on the same team as them," Manning said shortly after he got word about his honor in an interview with the Broncos website. "And the impact they had on me, either studying them or them talking to me after a game, or whatever it may be."

Manning both entered and exited the NFL the same time as Woodson, the cornerback who went to one Super Bowl in his first eight years with the Raiders, then went to Green Bay to win his only Super Bowl title, before finishing out his career as a safety in Oakland.

He finished his career with 65 interceptions and 13 defensive touchdowns, tied for the career record with Rod Woodson and Darren Sharper.

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Contract Bridge

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Famous Hand

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 6 2
♥ Q J 5
♦ 10 9 8 7 5
♣ Q J 10

WEST
♠ —
♥ A K 10 8 4 2
♦ A J 2
♣ A 7 5 3

EAST
♠ J 8 3
♥ 9 6 3
♦ Q 6 3
♣ 9 8 4 2

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 10 9 7 5 4
♥ 7
♦ K 4
♣ K 6

The bidding:
West North East South
1♥ Pass 4♠

Opening lead — king of hearts.
This deal occurred in the 1996 World Olympiad Women's Teams. The heroine was Dianna Gordon of Canada, who made a brilliant defensive play to defeat a game in her team's match against India.

Even with all the cards in view, it is not easy to see how South can be prevented from taking 10 tricks at four spades. It is true that declarer has four apparent losers — a heart, a club and two diamonds — but West seems certain to be forced to yield the game-going trick to South at some point during the play.

For example, if West starts by playing the K-A of hearts, declarer

ruffs, draws trump and leads the king of clubs. West can hold up once, but must win the second club, after which a club, diamond or heart return hands South the contract.

Nor is it any better for West to cash the ace of diamonds or ace of clubs at trick two. The diamond ace sets up declarer's king, while on the play of the club ace, South unblocks the club king to ensure scoring dummy's Q-J.

Gordon, however, found the winning defense — and she did it without seeing South's cards. After cashing the heart king at trick one and noting her partner's three — denying a doubleton — she rightly concluded that declarer had a singleton heart.

Visualizing the actual setup (or one similar to it), she shifted to a low club at trick two! Declarer won with the king, drew trump and returned a club. Now, however, Gordon was able to win and play the heart ace, leaving South with no recourse. After ruffing, declarer ran her spades, but the defenders scored two diamonds at the end for a one-trick set.

Gordon's low club return had much to recommend it. If her partner had the king, all was well, while if declarer had three or four clubs including the king, nothing would be lost one way or the other. But if South had the hand she actually held, a low club at trick two was the only way to defeat the contract.

Tomorrow: North changes his tune.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Message from the Solar/Mercury Conjunction

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you're not looking for the evidence of what people can and can't do for you, you see others for who they are. Therein lies an entirely different kind of connection.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). This is one of those times when the idea of something is almost as good as the thing itself -- and a lot less expensive. Indulge yourself in visualization and save your money.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you feel the situation is edging toward expectations you cannot fulfill, you'll avoid it. In a healthy relationship, both people feel free. Togetherness is a choice, not a trap.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). History is not destiny; however, when using data to predict the potential of different outcomes, the past is all we have. You'll use your knowledge of the past plus innovation and will to create something new.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Once again, it's time to update your standards. This is not to be confused with upgrading, as they were serving you just fine for a time, but times have changed (and how!) and the bugs must be fixed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you find yourself in a pretty pickle, take out a fork and knife and start making sandwiches. The rule of thumb here: Everything goes down better in bite-sized pieces.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You can value what you don't understand, and that is the magnetizing effect of mystery. Learning more about a thing doesn't necessarily make you want it more, and, in fact, demystification

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



often lessens desire.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't worry about learning who you are. When you're in action, your own identity is the farthest thing from your mind. Focus solely on doing what needs doing and your character forms quite on its own.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It gets so cinematic you'll be looking around for the camera crew -- is this for real? Yes and no. The drama is heightened for effect by those who are fueled by people's reactions. They'll go until the attention runs out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A certain amount of outrageousness will be tolerated and rules will be bent right to the edge of their breaking point. It's all in the name of love.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What didn't work the first time might not work the second or third time either, and yet you are undeterred. Pause to examine this. Why do you keep coming back? Does this problem need persistence or a change in approach?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Everyone you do business with or socialize with will have their own expectations, each with a contagious influence, and they all, at certain points, intersect. Your experience and awareness allow you to manage it.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 8).

The maxim that stands you in good stead: Be nice to everyone every day. It's actually easy for you, and it brings all the bounty your heart desires. You'll learn a group's culture and customs, assimilate and rise through the ranks. It will seem as though you're being constantly gifted, but this is just the universe paying you what your due. Aries and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 46, 33, 38 and 5.

COSMIC QUESTION: "I was wondering if it is predetermined that some people are very good with money and others are not. Because I have had no luck with money. When I have it, it doesn't last. I work hard, but I guess I play hard, too. I wonder if things will ever change, or will I always have trouble with having enough. What do you think? I'm an Aries."

If you don't think you're good at money, then there's a lot you can do to change your fate. Aries tend to be impulsive, and also they take risks that more prudent signs wouldn't want to take. The upside of this is that risk generates excitement. Also, without risk, there is no reward. But you know the downside. Risk takers will inevitably lose, too. It's just part of the package. If you want to do better financially, then you can start by realizing that money is just an energy you exchange. What do you give that has value? When you focus on that you will more easily attract money and have a healthy attitude toward finance. Otherwise you are chasing paper money, which is a symbol and not the actual thing that makes a person rich.

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

ANSWER

Annie's Mailbox

Remember the Thank-You Note

Dear Annie: Recent letters regarding the acknowledgment and expectation of gifts have prompted me to write about an issue that has been bothering me lately. I am retired, and while I'm not wealthy by any stretch of the imagination, I have invested well and live a comfortable life. Besides the social isolation, my life has not been terribly affected by this pandemic. I practice gratitude daily and have always made it a priority to give to those less fortunate than me.

So many worthy organizations need financial support, and I respond the best I can. I usually receive a thank-you letter from these organizations. I don't keep a score card, but I do appreciate the gesture. What rubs me the wrong way are the letters that thank me for my donation but then enclose a request for more money. It is a trend I have been seeing more of. I also received some Christmas cards with requests for donations. At first, I thought it might be an attempt to save on postage, but then it is followed by another mailed request for another donation.

Why can't a thank-you letter be just that -- a sincere thank you? Why can't a Christmas card just be a sincere greeting? Is it just me, or does this fall under the category of bad manners? -- Tired of Being Nagged for More

Dear Tired: Yes, it is bad manners to keep asking for more and more. It sounds like you were very generous to these charities, and it is not unreasonable to expect a Christmas card to be a sincere greeting or a nice, handwritten thank-you note -- without a request. A request is a request, and a thank-you card is a thank-you

card. They shall never be intertwined. No one wants to keep giving to a person or organization that they feel does not truly appreciate their thoughtfulness or generosity.

Dear Annie: Years ago, my husband and I used to send checks to his children at Christmas. They never let us know if they received them.

I finally grew tired of giving them money without any appreciation. So, one year, I sent the checks and did not sign them.

I heard from them. Just a thought. --

Found a Solution

Dear Found a Solution: A little humor goes a long way. What a charming way to get them to say thank you. And great minds think alike: Andrew Carnegie did something similar when his nephew was in college. After never hearing back from the young man, Carnegie told him that he had enclosed some cash and wished him well, but he deliberately withheld the cash. Of course, within a short time, the boy wrote to thank him but point out that the money was missing.

Failing to show gratitude for acts of kind-

ness was an issue a century ago and will be an issue a century from now. Your solution was brilliant!

Dear Annie: Here's a suggestion for those people who would like to be thanked for their gifts: Make the next gift a box of thank-you notes. My grandmother did that to me, and I had to write a thank-you note for the thank-you notes! -- Thank You

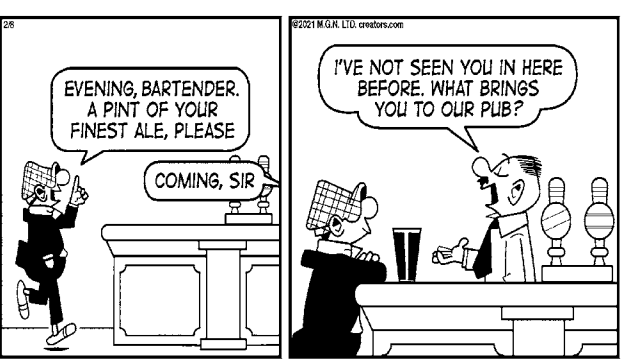
Dear Thank You: That is a really funny idea! Thank you for your letter.

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

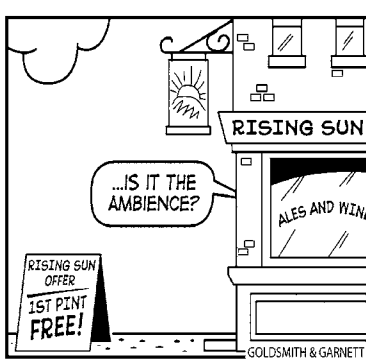
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5 :PM	Big 2	Noticiero	FamFeud	CBS 7	Tele	News	Christ	Wild Kratt	King	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Movie: Aquaman, Willem Dafoe (DVS)	SportsCenter	SMU at East Carolina.	Champ Spotlight	Chicago P.D.	The First 48	Street Out-laws
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8 :30					La suerte de Loli	The Wall					Fam. Guy							
9 :PM	The Good Doctor	Como tú no hay dos	FOX 24 News at 9	Bull	Buscando a Frida	Weakest Link	Light of Southwest	Cyber Molly	Mike	Seinfeld	American	Snowpiercer						
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10 :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Noticiero	Mom	Late Show-Colbert	Caso cerrado (SS)	Tonight Show	Words of House	Sesame	Friends	Creek	Conan							
11 :PM	Nightline	Contacto deportivo	Funny	James Corden	Sin Senos Si	Seth Meyers	Dollars	Tiger	Jokers	Gold	Conan							
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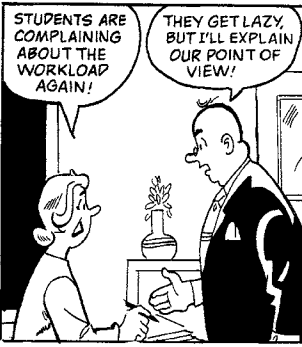
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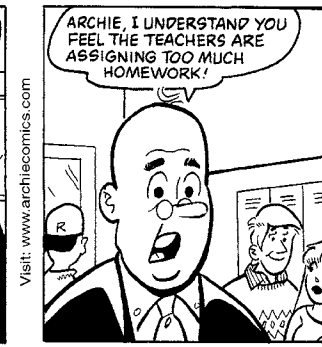
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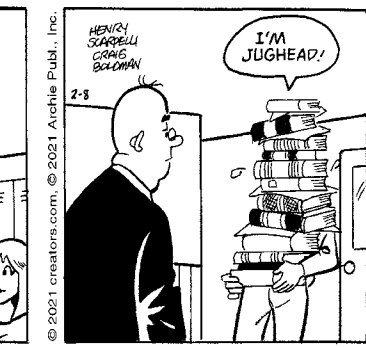
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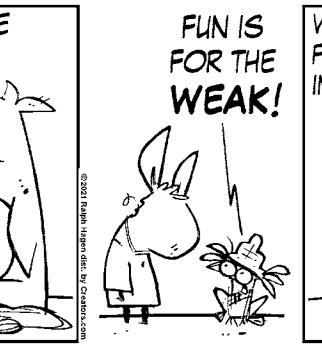
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IN CONCLUSION



This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Monday, Feb. 8, the 39th day of 2021. There are 326 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Feb. 8, 1952, Queen Elizabeth II proclaimed her accession to the British throne following the death of her father, King George VI.

On this date:

In 1587, Mary, Queen of Scots was beheaded at Fotheringhay Castle in England after she was implicated in a plot to murder her cousin, Queen Elizabeth I.

In 1693, a charter was granted for the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg in the Virginia Colony.

In 1831, Rebecca Lee Crumpler, the first Black woman to earn a medical degree in the United States, was born in Delaware.

In 1910, the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated.

In 1922, President Warren G. Harding had a radio installed in the White House.

In 1924, the first execution by gas in the United States took place at the Nevada State Prison in Carson City as Gee Jon, a Chinese immigrant convicted of murder, was put to death.

In 1960, work began on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, located on Hollywood Boulevard and Vine Street in Los Angeles.

In 1971, NASDAQ, the world's first electronic stock exchange, held its first trading day.

In 1973, Senate leaders named seven members of a select committee to investigate the Watergate scandal, including its chairman, Sen. Sam J. Ervin, D-N.C.

In 1989, 144 people were

killed when an American-chartered Boeing 707 filled with Italian tourists slammed into a fog-covered mountain in the Azores.

In 2007, model, actor and tabloid sensation Anna Nicole Smith died in Hollywood, Florida, at age 39 of an accidental drug overdose.

In 2010, Michael Jackson's personal physician, Dr. Conrad Murray, pleaded not guilty to involuntary manslaughter in the death of the pop superstar in Los Angeles Superior Court. (Murray was convicted in 2011 and served two years in prison.)

Ten years ago: Wael Ghonim (WY'-uhl goh-NEEM'), a 30-year-old Google executive who'd helped ignite Egypt's uprising, appeared before protesters in Cairo's Tahrir Square for the first time after being released from detention; he told them, "We won't give up."

Five years ago: President Barack Obama asked Congress for more than \$1.8 billion in emergency funding to fight the Zika virus and the mosquitoes that were spreading it in the United States and abroad, but said "there shouldn't be a panic on this." Villanova was No. 1 in The Associated Press men's college basketball poll for the first time.

One year ago: The U.S. Embassy in Beijing said a 60-year-old U.S. citizen who'd been diagnosed with the coronavirus had died on Feb. 5 in Wuhan; it was apparently the first American fatality from the virus. A soldier who was angry about a land dispute began a 16-hour shooting rampage in northeastern Thailand, killing at least 29 people and wounding dozens more before being shot and killed by police and soldiers at a shopping mall.

Today's Birthdays:

Composer-conductor John

Answer to previous puzzle

CLASHES	SCRIPPS
HOTMENS	THEFOOL
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SKIDDADDOWN	TRE
MERGED	INS
STEED	MSG
SHOVE	
HERB	ATONER
LACROSSE	PLAYERS
ONRAMP	LIAM
STEVE	TIP
PERIL	
TIDE	SWE
GARAGE	BOLOGNA
AGE	BEEF
BONDAGE	RUBITIN
ENCODED	EDUCATE
TEETERS	DAMAGED

Williams is 89. Broadcast journalist Ted Koppel is 81. Actor Nick Nolte is 80. Comedian Robert Klein is 79. Actor-rock musician Creed Bratton is 78. Singer Ron Tyson is 73. Actor Brooke Adams is 72. Actor Mary Steenburgen is 68. Author John Grisham is 66. Retired NBA All-Star and College Basketball Hall of Famer Marques Johnson is 65.

ACROSS

- Peas' natural holders
- Skeptical
- Team supporter
- Brother of Moses
- Dutch Caribbean island
- Wedding assent
- Shorthand expert, for short
- Battlefield healer
- "Ready or __, here . . ."
- Very close horse race
- "My lips __ sealed!"
- Tablet for writing
- Ceramic floor pieces
- Topped, as pretzels
- "C'mon already!"
- Crisscross clothing pattern
- Hard-to-please actress
- Sci-fi saucers, for short
- Toward sunrise
- Powder for copy machines
- Puffy hairdo
- HANDLE __ CARE
- Spanish cheers
- Sinister smile
- Nonconformists
- Thinly scattered
- The ones right here
- Twosome
- __ in "Robert"
- Typical fairy-tale conclusion
- Número __ (the boss)
- Well-informed
- Aladdin's magical pal

Actor Henry Czerny is 62. The former president of the Philippines, Benigno Aquino III, is 61. Rock singer Vince Neil (Motley Crue) is 60. Former Environmental Protection Agency administrator Lisa P. Jackson is 59. Movie producer Toby Emmerich is 58. Actor Missy Yager is 53. Actor Mary McCormack is 52. Basketball Hall of Famer

DOWN

- Hiking route
- Triple-decker cookie
- "__ you dare!"
- Was a busybody
- Small songbird
- German auto
- Slugger's stats: Abbr.
- Luxurious boats
- Negotiation ultimatum
- Like very much
- Short memos
- Nile serpent
- At the center of
- Passing craze
- Mexican lizard pet for some
- Gush like a volcano
- Jai __ (fast-moving sport)
- Desperate strategy
- Ten-percent donations
- Sentences in film scripts
- Days before holidays
- Driveway material
- GI Joe or Barbie
- Rocks from mines
- Feeling achy
- Any of five on a foot
- Kitchen spill absorbers
- Mind one's manners
- Take to court
- Place for a spare tire
- Vietnam's capital
- Person coloring clothing
- On vacation
- Not bright, as colors
- Full-time athletes
- Local sandwich shop
- "What's __ for me?"
- Evening, on marquees
- "Wow!"

Alonzo Mourning is 51. Actor Susan Misner is 50. Dance musician Guy-Manuel de Homem-Christo (Daft Punk) is 47. Actor Seth Green is 47. Actor Joshua Morrow is 47. Rock musician Phoenix (Linkin Park) is 44. Actor William Jackson Harper is 41. Actor Jim Parrack is 40. Folk singer-musician Joey Ryan (Milk Carton Kids) is 39.

IN CONCLUSION

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Actor-comedian Cecily Strong is 37. Rock musician Jeremy Davis is 36. Hip-hop artist Anderson.Paak is 35. Actor Ryan Pinkston is 33. NBA star Klay Thompson is 31. Professional surfer Bethany Hamilton is 31. Actor Karle Warren is 29.

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News Briefs

Average US price of gas up 5 cents a gallon to \$2.50

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP) — The average U.S. price of regular-grade gasoline jumped 5 cents a gallon over the past two weeks to \$2.50.

Industry analyst Trilby Lundberg of the Lundberg Survey said Sunday the increase was caused by a continuing rise in crude oil prices since November. The price at the pump is 3 cents less than it was a year ago.

The highest average price in the nation is \$3.49 a gallon in San Francisco. The lowest average is \$2.08 in Houston.

The average price of diesel went up 5 cents over the same period to \$2.75.

Texas COVID-19 hospitalizations continue to decline

DALLAS (AP) — The number of people hospitalized with COVID-19 in Texas fell again Sunday after dipping below 10,000 for the first time since December on Saturday.

There were 9,652 people in Texas hospitals with confirmed cases of the disease caused by the novel coronavirus Sunday, according to the Department of State Health Services. That's the lowest figure recorded since Dec. 16.

State health officials reported 5,278 new, confirmed cases of the virus Sunday, 1,499 probable cases and 167 more fatalities. Texas has reported 38,643 COVID-19 deaths and more than 2.16 million cases since

the pandemic began.

The actual number of cases is believed to be far higher because many people haven't been tested and some who get sick don't show symptoms.

Over the past week, more than 16% of COVID-19 tests in Texas have come back positive, according to data from Johns Hopkins University. For most people, the coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms that clear up within weeks. But for others, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, the virus can cause severe illness and be fatal.

Stephen King helps kids publish pandemic-inspired book

LEWISTON, Maine (AP) — A group of budding young writers is about to publish a book with some help from Maine's most famous writer.

Stephen King's foundation covered the \$6,500 cost of publishing a 290-page manuscript by students participating in Farwell Elementary School's Author Studies Program.

The students started with "Fletcher McKenzie and the Passage to Whole," a story about a Maine boy by Gary Savage, and then reworked it to reflect their experiences during the pandemic.

Farwell Principal Amanda Winslow said she is proud of the students for their accomplishment and thankful for the dedication of Savage, who advised the students, and librarian Kathy Martin.

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