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Two burglary suspects in custody

Editor's Note: The Big Spring Police Department issued the following media release on Friday morning, regarding a burglary in progress.

Special to the Herald

On Jan. 9, 2020, at approximately 7 p.m., Big Spring Police Department officers were dispatched to 1900 Martin Luther King Boulevard (Knollwood Heights Apartments) in reference to suspicious activity.

Upon arrival officers made contact with an occupant of the upstairs apartment who was able to inform the officers that they were being robbed by two individuals, describing them as a Black male and a Hispanic male.

That occupant was able to escape leaving two suspects



David Morales Jr.



Kevon Williams

and one additional victim inside the apartment. Big Spring Police Department officers quickly established a perimeter of the apartment.

Officers were capable of seeing inside the apartment through windows corroborating the information received from

the victim who had escaped.

The Big Spring Police Department / Howard County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team and Hostage Negotiators were immediately activated.

At this time deputies with the Howard County Sheriff's Office and troopers with the Department of Public Safety responded to assist with the scene and close proximity dwellings were asked to evacuate as a precaution.

After approximately 50 minutes from the original call, the second victim

and two suspects exited the apartment together and the suspects were quickly taken into custody.

The suspects have been identified as David Morales Jr., hispanic male, 24 years of age and Kevon Williams, black male, 17 years of age.

The preliminary investigation revealed both Morales and Williams entered the dwelling with a firearm with the intent of robbing the residents of marijuana and currency.

The Big Spring Police Department Criminal Investigations Division and Narcotics Division responded and took over the investigation.

Both Morales and Williams have each been charged with two counts of Aggravated



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Large item pick up on schedule to start Jan. 15

Two pickups per district scheduled this year

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

Spring cleaning is starting a little early this year, with the announcement of Large /Bulk Item Pick Up by the City of Big Spring.

According to a press release issued by the City earlier this week, Large/Bulk Item Pick Up will begin for 2020 on Jan. 15, with District 1.

"This is a service that the City of Big Spring can offer to the citizens and we encourage the community to take advantage of it," Mayor Shannon Thomason said.

Large item pick up is an opportunity for residents to get rid of old furniture

and other bulk items without the hassle and expense of hauling it off. Those wanting to take part in the pick up should visit the City of Big Spring website for more details - district location, assigned date of pick up, and a list of acceptable items - about the service.

"This is something that used to take place on a routine basis and the members of the City Council agreed, almost unanimously, to restart the service," Mayor Thomason said.

City Staff will only pick up items that are placed on the curb on the designated day. Each month, a different district will be picked up, with the rotation to

restart in July.

"The service doesn't cost the resident anything, but it helps them get rid of bulk items without having to take them to the dump," Mayor Thomason said. "If they miss their designated pick up day and can't wait until the next one, they are welcome to take the items to the dump. The items we will be picking up are the same items that are accepted at our dump."

He continued, "This is a great service and one that I myself have used in the past. I encourage our citizens to take advantage of it."

Acceptable items include: appliances, furniture, scrap metal, lumber, brush/tree limbs, mattresses. Not accepted items include: automotive products, chemicals/petroleum products, demolition/construction debris, paint and tires.

Pick up days for each District in 2020 are as follows:

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Remembering the dream of Martin Luther King

Annual commemorative walk to take place Jan. 20

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

One man's dream has impacted generations and is still making a mark and leaving an impact. Dr. Martin Luther King was brave enough and bold enough to state his vision for equality and proclaim his dream to the multitudes, and while his ability to make the dream a reality was cut short, there are those who still strive today to remember that dream and complete his work.

"No matter the weather we will do the walk," Ida Hambrick, MLK march coordinator, said. "We want the community to know that Martin Luther King Day isn't a day off, it's a day on. We must keep on to keep the dream alive."



HERALD file photo

The annual MLK walk will take place Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. The walk will begin at Gregg Street and MLK and continue down MLK Blvd. The community is encouraged to join in on this annual event and remember the dream.

The MLK commemorative walk will be on Jan. 21, MLK Day, at 6 p.m. The walk will start at the corner of Gregg St. and Martin Luther King Blvd. Once again, the members of Mt. Bethel Church are encouraging community members to join in the march, stand together and be a catalyst for change for surrounding areas.

"We are all part of the dream. Martin Luther King voiced a dream for the world. He was a visionary, and he wasn't just thinking about his family or himself, but for all," she said.

The annual march began several years ago as a way for Mt. Bethel to give back, while the exact year is un

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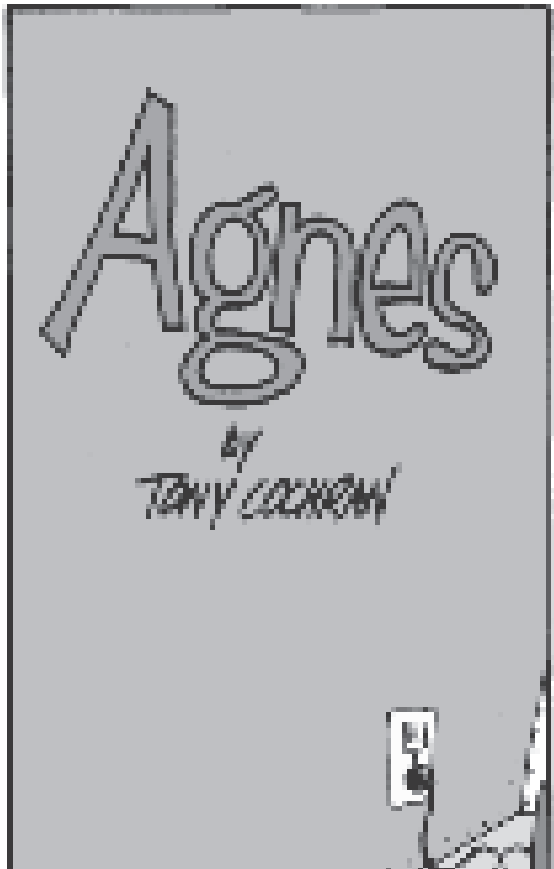
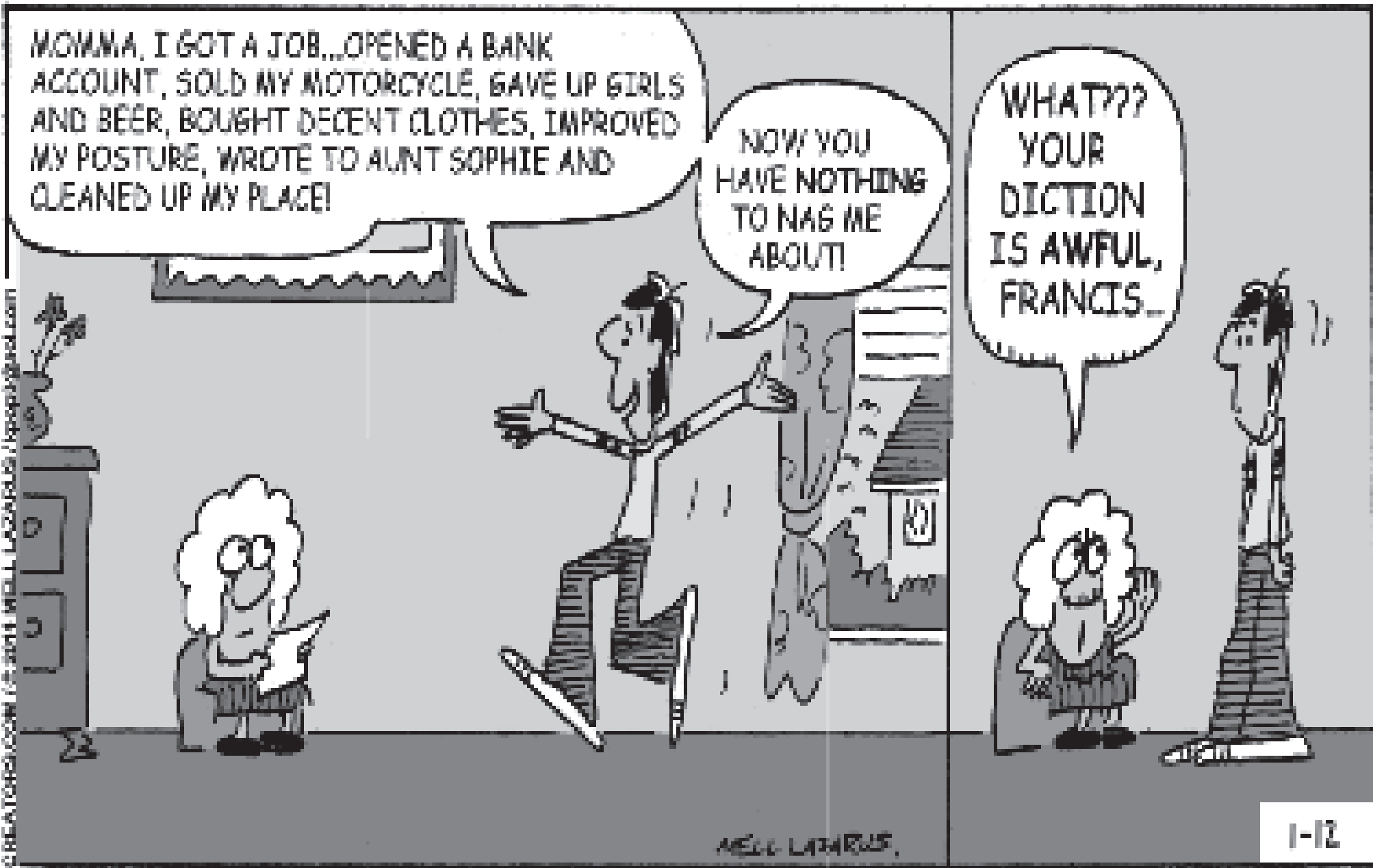
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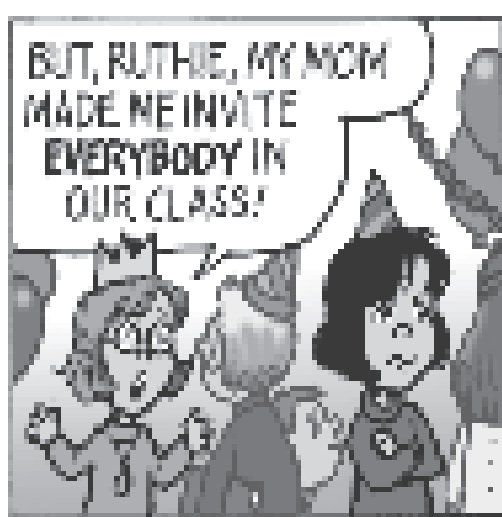
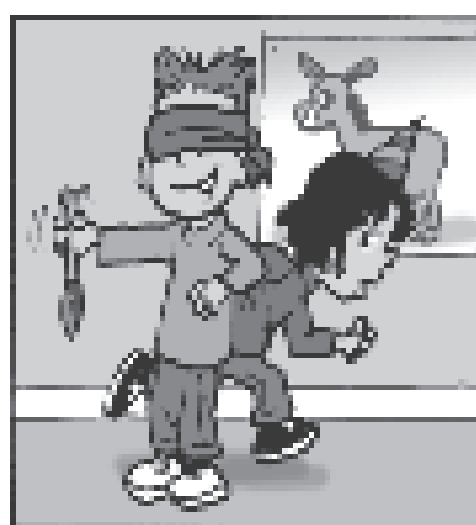
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Weekend Time Schedule

By The Associated Press

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Saturday

NFL PLAYOFFS
Divisional Playoffs
NFC: Minnesota at San Francisco, 4:35 p.m. (NBC)
AFC: Tennessee at Baltimore, 8:15 p.m. (CBS)
TOP 25 BASKETBALL
Men
No. 1 Gonzaga at Loyola Marymount, 4 p.m.
No. 2 Duke vs. Wake Forest, 8 p.m.
No. 3 Kansas vs. No. 4 Baylor, 1 p.m.
No. 5 Auburn vs. Georgia, 6 p.m.
No. 7 San Diego State vs. Boise State, 10 p.m.
No. 9 Oregon vs. Arizona State, 10:30 p.m.
No. 11 Ohio State at Indiana, Noon
No. 13 Louisville at Notre Dame, 2 p.m.
No. 14 Kentucky vs. Alabama, Noon
No. 15 Dayton vs. UMass, 12:30 p.m.
No. 16 Villanova vs. Georgetown at Wells Fargo Center, Noon
No. 17 West Virginia vs. No. 22 Texas Tech, 6 p.m.
No. 18 Virginia vs. Syracuse, 4 p.m.
No. 20 Penn State vs. Wisconsin, 2:15 p.m.
Women
No. 1 UConn vs. Houston at the XL Center, Hartford, Conn., 1 p.m.
No. 16 Gonzaga vs. Pacific, 5 p.m.
No. 22 South Dakota vs. Omaha, 2 p.m.

No. 25 Princeton at Pennsylvania, 1 p.m.

NBA
Minnesota at Houston, 5 p.m.
New Orleans at Boston, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Denver, 9 p.m.
Milwaukee at Portland, 10 p.m.

NHL
Vancouver at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Montreal at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Boston at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Carolina, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Washington, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Columbus at Vegas, 10 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 10 p.m.
Dallas at San Jose, 10 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS
Tennis
ATP Tour, Qatar ExxonMobil Open, Doha
ATP Tour, ATP Cup, Sydney
WTA, Shenzhen (China) Open
WTA, Brisbane (Australia) International
Golf
PGA Tour, Sony Open, Honolulu
European Tour, South African Open, Johannesburg

Sunday

NFL PLAYOFFS
Divisional Playoffs
AFC: Houston at Kansas City, 3:05 p.m. (CBS)
NFC: Seattle at Green Bay, 6:40 p.m. (FOX)

TOP 25 BASKETBALL
Men
No. 8 Michigan State at Purdue, Noon
No. 19 Michigan at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
No. 21 Memphis at South Florida, 4 p.m.
No. 23 Wichita State vs. UConn at the XL Center, Hartford, Conn., Noon
No. 24 Arizona at Oregon State, 10 p.m.
No. 25 Colorado vs. Utah, 6 p.m.
Women
No. 2 Oregon at No. 18 Arizona, 2 p.m.
No. 3 Oregon State at Arizona State, 4 p.m.
No. 4 South Carolina at Vanderbilt, 5 p.m.
No. 5 Stanford at California, 8 p.m.
No. 6 Baylor vs. Oklahoma State, 2 p.m.
No. 7 Louisville vs. Wake Forest, 2 p.m.
No. 8 UCLA at Colorado, 2 p.m.
No. 9 N.C. State at Notre Dame, 4 p.m.
No. 11 Florida State vs. North Carolina, 2 p.m.
No. 12 Indiana at Iowa, 5 p.m.
No. 14 Kentucky at Florida, Noon
No. 15 DePaul vs. St. John's, 1 p.m.

No. 17 Maryland at No. 24 Michigan, Noon
No. 19 West Virginia vs. Texas, 1 p.m.
No. 20 Missouri State vs. Northern Iowa, 3 p.m.
No. 21 Arkansas vs. Missouri, 3 p.m.
No. 23 Tennessee vs. Georgia, 1 p.m.

NBA
Miami at New York, 3:30 p.m.
Utah at Washington, 3:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Brooklyn, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Golden State at Memphis, 6 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Denver, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
NHL
Nashville at Winnipeg, 2 p.m.
Vancouver at Minnesota, 4 p.m.
Buffalo at Detroit, 5 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Arizona, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Florida, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS
Tennis
ATP Tour, ATP Cup, Sydney
ATP Tour, Qatar ExxonMobil Open, Doha
ATP Tour, Adelaide (Australia) International
ATP Tour/WTA, ASB Classic, Auckland, New Zealand
WTA, Brisbane (Australia) International
Golf
PGA Tour, Sony Open, Honolulu
European Tour, South African Open, Johannesburg
Korn Ferry Tour, The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic

Chiefs' Chris Jones, Travis Kelce questionable for Texans

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Kansas City Chiefs could be missing defensive tackle Chris Jones and tight end Travis Kelce when the AFC West champs face the Houston Texans in the divisional round of the AFC playoffs Sunday. Jones was listed on the injury report Thursday after coach Andy Reid said he had "tweaked his calf" at practice the previous day. Jones did not practice at all on Friday and Reid declined to say whether there was a chance he'll play Sunday. Jones also didn't play when the Chiefs lost to the Texans in Week 6 at Arrowhead Stadium. Kelce has been limited all week with a knee injury that Reid characterized as "a bruise." He also is questionable. The only player ruled out for Kansas City is cornerback Morris Claiborne, who did not practice all week. The reason is somewhat of a mystery because he was listed with both not-injury-related and shoulder injury designations.

49ers activate LB Kwon Alexander from injured reserve

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — The San Francisco 49ers activated linebacker Kwon Alexander from injured reserve Friday to make him eligible for the team's playoff opener against the Minnesota Vikings. Alexander initially got injured on Oct. 31 when he tore his pectoral muscle in a win at Arizona. He was placed on injured reserve and wasn't expected back this soon. Alexander managed to heal more quickly than anticipated and returned to practice last week and was cleared by doctors to play Saturday against the Vikings. Alexander is a key part of San Francisco's defense with his speed in coverage and the energy he brings to the unit. He had 34 tackles, four passes defensed, one interception, one forced fumble and a half-sack in eight games this season. The 49ers placed defensive lineman Kentavious Street on injured reserve with a knee injury to make room on the 53-man roster.

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National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day recognized across Big Spring

Special to the Herald

Across the country on January 9th each year, citizens take the lead to show support on National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

Law Enforcement Officers of every rank and file have chosen a profession that puts their life on the line every day for their communities. They've answered a call to public service that is demanding and often unappreciated. Their duties command dedication. The jobs are often

thankless and take them away from their families for long hours. Rarely do they know what their days have in store for them. More often they work in coordination with other local, state, and federal organizations to make communities safer.

Today, and every day, the Big Spring Police Department is thankful to have a community filled with support for our officers. We appreciate the hard work and sacrifices our officers make to keep our City safe.



Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Marcy Place, Parkview, and Nazarene Christian Academy took the time to give recognition and show their appreciation for our local law enforcement on National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Scenic Mountain Medical Center began the day with a prayer at the pole and breakfast; Marcy Place provided a grab-n-go breakfast; Naz Academy students and faculty joined together for a moment of prayer and Parkview served up a hearty lunch from the grill.



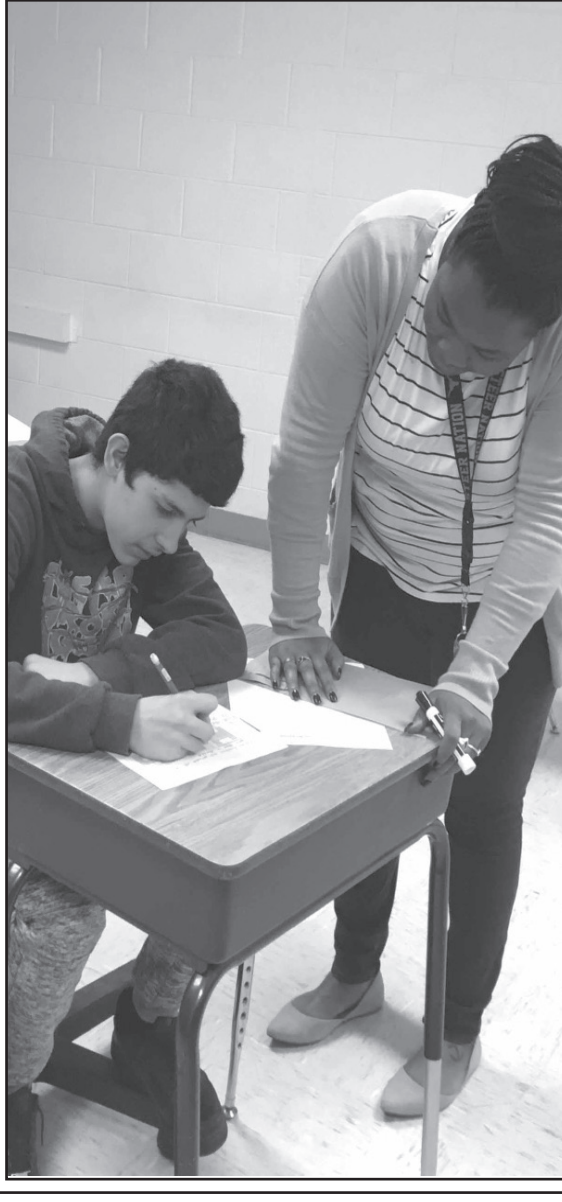
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Music and Math in 2020

BSI students are back in the classrooms ready to learn



Courtesy photos

Pictured above: Sixth grade band director, Gabe Martinez is working with the future Pride Drive teaching the basic skills to prepare them for the next level of music and high school band. Pictured right: Sixth grade teacher, Mrs. Young, works with student, Joshua Rios on math skills. No time is wasted. BSI hit the ground running in 2020.

Who's Who

University of Saint Mary Announces Fall 2019 Dean's List

Big Spring native, Aubrey Wright, was named to the Dean's List at The University of Saint Mary.

The University of Saint Mary congratulates the 255 students who earned a place on the fall 2019 Dean's List. The following high achievers earned a grade point average of 3.5 or higher during the fall semester.

"Congratulations to the outstanding students who have earned a place on USM's prestigious Dean's List," said Dr. Michelle Metzinger, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

"We are proud of their dedication to learning. They embody our institution's values and represent the very best of Saint Mary."

The University of Saint Mary is a Catholic co-educational applied liberal arts university founded and sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth.

The University of Saint Mary main campus is located at 4100 South 4th Street, Leavenworth, Kan. USM's Overland Park Campus at 4500 College Boulevard offers evening accelerated graduate and undergraduate degree-completion programs.

The university also offers online programs. Visit stmary.edu for more information.

National Inventors Hall of Fame Announces 2020 Inductees at CES Honorees' Contributions to Society Are Centerpiece of May Event

LAS VEGAS — Jan. 7, 2020 — Twenty-two innovation pioneers were announced today as the National Inventors Hall of Fame® (NIHF) 2020 class of Inductees on stage at CES®.

These innovators, whose landmark inventions range from the hard hat to the sports bra, will be celebrated as the newest class of Inductees during the NIHF Induction Ceremony. In partnership with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), NIHF will honor these Inductees in Washington, D.C. on May 6-7 at one of the innovation industry's most highly anticipated events — "The Greatest Celebration of American Innovation®."

"My passion for science and creating led me to a career in engineering," said 2020 Inductee Raffaello D'Andrea, a pioneer of mobile robotic material handling for order fulfillment, professor at ETH Zurich and founder of Verity. "It's an honor to be recognized alongside Mick Mountz and Pete Wurman for our accomplishments at Kiva Systems."

The Class of 2020

- R. Rox Anderson: Laser Dermatology

Anderson has improved lives across the world with his invention of laser dermatology treatments and procedures that are now commonly used to remove birthmarks, scars and other skin lesions.

- Sylvia Blankenship and Edward Sisler (Posthumous): 1-MCP for Fruit, Vegetable and Flower Freshness

Blankenship and Sisler invented 1-MCP, a compound that has become essential in preventing food waste, and increasing accessibility to fresh fruits, vegetables and cut flowers.

- Dana Bookbinder, Ming-Jun Li and Pushkar Tandon: Bend-Insensitive Optical Fiber

Bookbinder, Li and Tandon invented the bend-insensitive ClearCurve® optical fiber. Because it can bend without significant signal loss, ClearCurve optical fiber has reached locations previously inaccessible to optical fiber and advanced data transmission across an array of industries.

- Lisa Lindahl, Hinda Miller and Polly Smith: Sports Bra

Lindahl, Miller and Smith invented the sports bra, a revolutionary garment that has enabled women's participation in athletic activities and advanced women's health and well-being.

- James McEwen: Automatic Surgical Tourniquet

McEwen invented the first microprocessor-controlled automatic surgical tourniquet system, and his innovations ensure safer outcomes in nearly 20,000 surgeries across the world each day.

- Mick Mountz, Peter Wurman and Raffaello D'Andrea: Mobile Robotic Material Handling for Order Fulfillment

Mountz, Wurman and D'Andrea invented the Kiva system, a revolutionary warehouse order fulfillment system that uses mobile robots and control software to bring inventory shelves to workers, dramatically improving all aspects of fulfillment operations.

- Margaret Wu: Synthetic Lubricants

Wu advanced the field of synthetic lubricants, and she has revolutionized the way both automotive and

industrial lubricants are designed and synthesized.

- James Abercrombie and Harry Cameron: Blowout Preventer (BOP); (Posthumous)

Abercrombie and Cameron invented the world's first reliable blowout preventer (BOP) to successfully contain catastrophic blowouts from oil and natural gas wells. This mechanism allowed operators to close wells, control pressure during drilling operations, protect the environment and save lives.

- Stewart Adams and John Nicholson: Ibuprofen (Posthumous)

Adams and Nicholson co-developed ibuprofen, which is used worldwide to safely and effectively treat pain, fever and inflammation related to conditions from headaches to arthritis.

- Evelyn Berezin: Computer Systems for Business Use (Posthumous)

An expert in logic design and data transmission, Berezin invented a computer reservations system for airlines and founded a company that developed the first computerized standalone word processor for business use.

- Edward W. Bullard: Hard Hat (Posthumous)

Bullard invented the hard hat, the first commercially available industrial head protection device. Originally designed for miners, hard hats are now used by millions

of people in an array of industries.

- Floyd Smith: Modern Parachute (Posthumous)

Smith invented the modern parachute. A trapeze artist turned aviator, Smith's invention led to the creation of the parachute industry and provided safe landings across the world, saving countless lives.

- Frank Zybach: Center-Pivot Irrigation (Posthumous)

Zybach invented the center-pivot irrigation technology that has revolutionized agricultural production not only in America's heartland but throughout the world.

For full biographies of each Inductee, visit <https://www.invent.org/inductees/new-inductees>.

The Celebration

The class of 2020 will be honored at "The Greatest Celebration of American Innovation," a two-day event held in our nation's capital. Danica McKellar — star of the TV show "The Wonder Years," Hallmark Channel regular, and author of New York Times bestselling McKellar Math books — will serve as master of ceremonies.

- May 6 – Illumination Ceremony at the National Inventors Hall of Fame Museum at the USPTO Headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia, where new Inductees will place their names on illuminated hexagons in the museum's Gallery of Icons.

- May 7 – The 48th Annual National Inventors Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C., where the new Inductee class will be honored for its contributions to society during an evening event including a black-tie dinner, ceremony and after party. To learn more about the event, visit <https://www.invent.org/induction>.

"Innovation is the foundation for everything we do at the National Inventors Hall of Fame," said NIHF CEO Michael Oister. "Our class of 2020 — and their world-changing inventions as diverse as

ibuprofen, optical fiber, the word processor and the parachute — will be incorporated into our Innovation Ecosystem and our leading children's STEM programs such as Camp Invention."

The 2020 National Inventors Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony is sponsored by the USPTO, Qualcomm, AgroFresh, Corning, North Carolina State University and Red Point Digital.

About the National Inventors Hall of Fame
The National Inventors Hall of Fame (NIHF) is the premier nonprofit organization in America dedicated to recognizing inventors and invention, promoting creativity, and advancing the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship. Founded in 1973 in partnership with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, NIHF is committed to not only honoring the individuals whose inventions have made the world a better place, but to ensuring American ingenuity continues to thrive in the hands of coming generations through its national, hands-on educational programming and collegiate competitions focused on the exploration of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Explore the NIHF Museum *digitally* in Google Arts & Culture's "Once Upon a Try" project. For more information, visit invent.org. To nominate an inventor for Induction, visit invent.org/nominate.

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Texas Drilling Permits and Completions Statistics for December 2019

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN —The Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) issued a total of 803 original drilling permits in December 2019 compared to 811 in December 2018. The December 2019 total included 743 permits to drill new oil or gas wells, 8 to re-enter plugged well bores and 52 for re-completions of existing well bores. The breakdown of well types for those permits is 162 oil, 37 gas, 571 oil or gas, 23 injection, zero service and 10 other permits.

In December 2019, Commission staff processed 491 oil, 98 gas, 17 injection and three other completions compared to 564 oil, 156 gas, 27 injection and three other completions in December 2018. Total well completions processed for 2019 year to date are 9,238; down from 10,986 recorded during the same time period in 2018.

According to Baker Hughes Inc., the Texas rig count as of Jan. 3 was 403, representing about 51 percent of all active rigs in the United States.

For additional drilling permit and completion statistics, visit the Commission's website at:

<https://www.rrc.texas.gov/oil-gas/research-and-statistics/well-information/monthly-drilling-completion-and-plugging-summaries/>

- Midland – 430 permits to drill oil/gas holes; 264 new oil completions; 46 new gas completions
- San Angelo Area – 53 permits to drill oil/gas holes; 21 new oil completions; and no new gas completions.

We Salute!

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

- Local law enforcement for their daily sacrifice in protecting Big Spring and Howard County each day. Your investment in the community is noticed and appreciated.
- Big Spring Fire Department for working diligently and quickly to control the recent fire on Goliad and 2nd Street, protecting surrounding structures and those in the area. Great job and thank you for your hard work.
- Area students who recently competed in UIL competition. You represented your school, your community and yourselves well. Great job to all those who placed and participated.

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

RECORDS

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Grantor: Gaylon Knowlton and Tyna Knowlton
Grantee: H.L. Osburn Automotive Inc.
Property: Lots 2, 3 and 4 and N/20" of Lot 5, Blk. 10, Boydston Addition
Date: Jan. 2, 2020

Grantor: Eric Andrews and Amy Andrews
Grantee: Kendel Leona Rose Truitt
Property: 2.307 acre tract out of NW/4 of Section 21, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Jan. 1, 2020

Grantor: Brenda Arellano Deleon
Grantee: Louise A. Molina and Lorenzo Garcia
Property: E/2 of Lot 5 and all of Lot 6, Blk. 13, Cole and Strayhorn Addition
Date: Dec. 13, 2019

Grantor: Clifford E. Blythe
Grantee: Michael Richardson
Property: Tract 1: Lots 21 and 22, Harvey's Subdivision; Tract 2: 0.171 acres out of NW/4 of Section 45, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Dec. 11, 2019

Grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum
Grantee: Jason Daniels
Property: Tract 1: 9.634 acre tract out of NE/4 of Section 41, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey; Tract 2: 9.177 acre tract out of NE/4 of Section 41, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Dec. 12, 2019

Grantor: Clenny Jerome Phifer and Diana L. Phifer
Grantee: JoAnn C. Ross
Property: Lot 10, Blk. 12, North Parkhill Addition
Date: Dec. 10, 2019

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culture uses," Lopez said.

Lopez also noted the benefits from working lands go beyond the economic benefits they provide – from general agricultural production in the form of crops, livestock, timber and more.

In addition to agricultural production, working lands also provide a venue for hunting, ecotourism and more. (Texas A&M Natural Resources Insti-

tute photo)
"Open spaces in Texas also provide valuable ecosystem services that we rely on for everyday necessities, such as air and water quality, carbon sequestration and wildlife habitat," he said. "Fragmentation and conversion of working lands disrupts the natural processes of healthy ecosystems, creates an increased financial burden to mitigate impacts and elevates pressures on remaining open spaces to provide these services for growing urban areas."

Lopez said the future conservation of working

Another major US dairy, Borden, seeks bankruptcy protection

By DEE-ANN DURBIN

AP Business Writer

The U.S. dairy industry, the largest in the world, is under severe pressure as the consumption habits of Americans shift.

Borden Dairy Co. filed for bankruptcy protection, the second major U.S. dairy to do so in as many months. Borden produces nearly 500 million gallons of milk each year for groceries, schools and others. It employs 3,300 people and runs 12 plants across the U.S.

American refrigerators are increasingly stocked with juice, soda and milk substitutes made from soy or almonds. At the same time, protein bars, yogurts and other on-the-go breakfasts have replaced a morning bowl of cereal. That has hammered traditional milk producers like Borden, which was founded in 1857.

The amount of liquid milk consumed per capita in the U.S. has tumbled more than 40% since 1975. Americans drank around 24 gallons a year in 1996, according to government data. That dropped to 17 gallons in 2018.

As milk consumption has fallen, dairy farms have closed their doors. In court filings, Borden says 2,730 U.S. dairy farms have gone out of business in the last 18 months alone. The remaining farms can command higher prices, but that pinches Borden, which can't charge consumers more because of pressure from big competitors like Walmart. Walmart opened its own milk processing plant in Indiana in 2018.

"Despite our numerous achievements during the past 18 months, the company continues to be impacted by the rising cost of raw milk and market challenges facing the dairy industry," said Borden CEO Tony Sarsam in a prepared statement late Sunday. "These challenges have contributed to making our current level of debt unsustainable."

Borden tried to revive sales last year by relaunching its iconic mascot Elsie, the smiling cow that first appeared on milk cartons in the 1930s. It also released new products like gingerbread-flavored eggnog and Kid Builder, a children's milk with higher levels of protein and calcium designed to compete with Fairlife, a trendy milk brand made by Coca-Cola Co. Borden said sales rose, but not enough to offset broader trends in the industry.

Dean Foods, the nation's largest milk producer, filed for bankruptcy protection in November. Both dairies are based in Dallas. The two companies controlled about 13.5% of U.S. milk sales last year, according to Euromonitor, a consulting firm.

Like Dean, Borden says it will continue to operate during its restructuring. Late last month, a Texas federal bankruptcy court allowed Dean to access \$850 million in debtor-in-possession financing.

From the Ground Up Conference offered for healthcare professionals Jan. 14

Special to the Herald

WACO - From the Ground Up – Connecting Agriculture & Health is scheduled for Jan. 14 at the Waco Convention Center, 100 Washington Ave. in Waco.

The conference, which will be held from 8:50 a.m. to 4 p.m., is for health professionals, registered dietitians, registered nurses, educators and students.

Cost is \$50 by Jan. 8 and \$25 for enrolled full-time students. Lunch is included with registration.

"We have an excellent panel of presenters and the topics are relevant to many of the issues facing consumers today," said Dana Tarter, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service regional program leader, Vernon. "The presentations we have planned will especially be of interest to those who are working in the health services or health education areas."

Application has been made for continuing education units for registered dietitians and certified health specialists. Teachers will also be provided continuing education units. All other professionals will be provided five clock hours of education.

The following are scheduled presentations and speakers:

- Culinary Medicine: Using Mediterranean Diet Principles to Promote Healthy Eating and Improved Health Outcomes, Ann VanBeber, Ph.D., RD, LD, Texas Christian University.
- Addressing the Food and Nutrition Needs of Our Growing Population, Dan Hale, Ph.D., associate director, AgriLife Extension Service, College Station.
- More Than Milk, Connecting the Dairy Farm with the Consumer, Joann Knox, Dairy Max Inc., Grand Prairie.
- Texas Department of Agriculture Programs and Initiatives, Helena Ostrum, TDA specialist, Austin.
- Technology in Present Day Farm Stewardship, Rodney Schronk, Schronk Agricultural Joint Venture, Hillsboro.

Registration and more information is available online at <https://agrilife-register.tamu.edu/groundup>.

lands is directly linked to private landowners who strategically steward these properties.

"Informed conservation and urban planning efforts should include and target these landowners as well as explore methods to incentivize the continued stewardship of working lands in Texas," he said.

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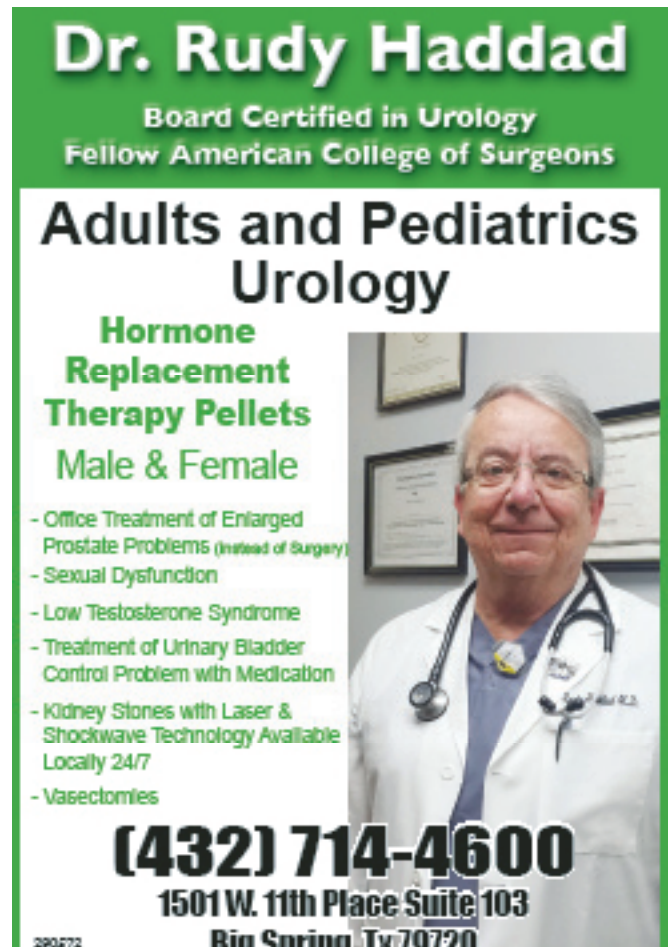
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