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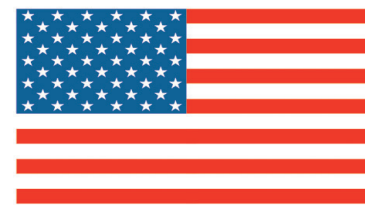
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Fatality results from vehicle/pedestrian accident Friday night

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On Jan. 15, 2021, at approximately 9:24 p.m., Big Spring Police Department officers and Big Spring Fire/EMS responded to the 3600 block of S. Hwy 87 due to a vehicle/pedestrian accident.

Upon arrival the pedestrian Osvaldo Lopez, a Hispanic male, 21 years of age, of Brownsville Texas, was found unresponsive and laying in the southbound lane. Big

Spring Fire/EMS determined Lopez had unfortunately succumbed to his injuries.

The preliminary investigation has determined that Lopez had been a passenger with Ismael Moreno in a 2019 Black Ford Mustang when Lopez and Moreno engaged in a verbal argument while traveling southbound on S. Hwy 87. Moreno pulled over on the side of the road when Lopez exited the vehicle and began to run across S. Hwy 87 and multiple lanes of traffic.

Lopez was then struck by a White 2004 Chevrolet 2500 Pickup who had been traveling northbound.

The investigation also found Moreno had been operating the vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and he was subsequently arrested for Driving While Intoxicated. There were no charges filed on the driver of the White 2004 Chevrolet 2500 Pickup.

This incident is still being investigated by the Big Spring Police Department Criminal Investigations Division and no further information is available at this time.



Upcoming Events

Large Item Pick Up
District 1
 today

SMMC Virtual Hiring
Event
 Jan. 19-20

Silver Wings Ball
 5:30 p.m. cocktails
 6:45 p.m. dinner
 The Club at Silver Hills
 Jan. 30

Big Spring Area Chamber Banquet
 1:30 p.m.
 Feb. 11 (Virtual)

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School Board Elections to be discussed by Coahoma ISD Trustees during Thursday evening meeting

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

The Coahoma ISD Board of Trustees will be convening for a regular meeting on Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Elementary Board Room. The public is invited to attend the meeting and address the trustees during the Open Forum section of the meeting.

Once a quorum has been established and roll call is taken, the meeting will be called to order and the opening ceremony will begin. The Open Forum will open allowing for public comment. Once the public comment has concluded School Board Appreciation will take place before heading into the Consent Agenda items.

Board minutes from the previous meeting along with budget amendments will be considered for approval. The trustees will also look to consider and possibly approve a resolution regarding extension of leave doing precautionary exclusion, as well as an application for expedited and general state waivers for: Gen-

eral Staff Development Waiver, which will be extended to 2022-2023; Reading-English Language Arts; Mathematics which will be extended to 2022-2023; early release waiver which will be extended to 2022-2023; modified schedule state assessment testing days waiver which will be extended to 2022-2023; and Teacher Data Portal of the Texas Assessment Management System Waiver which will be extended to 2022-2023.

One of the main points on the agenda will have the Trustees looking to call the School Board of Trustees Election for May 1, 2021.

As part of the information agenda, the Trustees will hear the Enrollment/ADA/WADA reports, financial reports, board meeting dates and athletic updates.

Superintendent Brad Cox will inform the board about Covid-19 updates and upcoming board meeting dates. The School Calendar guidelines will also be

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Adult, youth mental health classes hosted by West Texas Centers

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

The new year rolled in with a new session of mental health classes through West Texas Centers, focusing on youth and adult first aid. West Texas Centers in Big Spring and surrounding communities has launched an effort to help combat mental health issues and lend a helping hand of support to those who are in need of assistance.

A series of five classes will launch on Jan. 26 from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. and run through Feb. 25 with a class from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. There will be four virtual classes, with an in-person class on Feb. 23 from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. The in-person class will take place at 3205 Hwy. 87 in Big Spring.

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The Lions are roaring: Big Spring Centennial Lions Club is preparing the calendar for the year

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

Lions are roaring again in Big Spring as they welcome a new year of outreach. The Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club is already getting out and about in the community and are beginning to look for more opportunities to serve.

According to Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club President David Stives, the Lions Club is beginning to plan their Spring calendar of events and is discussing a bake sale, continuing discussion on Vision for Vision and will soon be working with the schools to set up dates and times for September Vision outreach efforts. At this time, the Peace Poster contest results have not yet been reported to the local club. More information will be released once it is received.

“We had a good amount of submissions this year for our contest, and we had one advance to the next level of the competition,” Stives said. “We are expecting to receive the winner announcements within the next month or so.”

On Jan. 15, a day after the next Lions Club meeting, the Texas Lions Camp application process will open. Applications can be submitted to any member of the Big Spring Centennial Lions Club and will be reviewed. The local organization will select one youth from Howard County to send to the

state camp this summer. “Once we receive all the applications we will go through them and select one youth from our area and pay for their way to attend camp this summer, as long as the camp takes place,” Stives said.

For more information or to reach out to a Lions Club member, follow the Big Spring Centennial Lions Club Facebook Page.

Also in the area, those wanting to support the Lions Club efforts can take part in the San Angelo Lions Charities Eyeglass Recycling Center Golf Tournament. The golf tournament will be taking place on May 20 in Waco, Texas at Cottonwood Creek Gold Course.

“Any outreach we can have that supports our community we want to be a part of,” he said. “We are focused on serving the community and truly enjoy being a helping hand.”

He continued, “We are always accepting new members and would love to have those interested in joining us to stop by and attend a meeting.”

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Take Note

• Large Item pick up for District 1 is taking place Jan. 20. The last day to schedule a pickup is Jan. 19 (Monday). Those 60 and older who are in need of assistance to get items to the curb, contact ALSA Car Club or Nick Ornelas, City Council representative for District 1.

• West Texas Centers will be hosting the January 2021 Mental Health First Aid training classes twice in January. The classes will be held on Jan. 26, 2021 for Adult Mental Health First Aid, and Jan. 28, 2021 for Youth Mental Health First Aid; 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.

• The Howard County Courthouse will only be open by appointment. All doors except the handicapped entrance located on the west side of the building will be locked. All who enter will be screened following Covid guidelines. Face masks are required for all who enter.

• City of Big Spring offices have moved to by appointment only or electronic communication only. Contact information for all departments can be found on the city website at mybigspring.com.

• Forsan Food Pantry will be open twice a month from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Families who are in need can pull up to the front doors of the Junior High/High School and receive a free box of pre-packed meals. If you have any questions or need to pick up a box at a different time, contact Kaci Wash at 432-457-2223 ext 821 or Jenny Sayles at jennysales@yahoo.com.

• Cub Scouts meet Monday from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Naz Family Church, located at 1400 S. Lancaster.

• Howard County Republican Club meets the second Monday of each month in the Cactus Room at Howard College. The next meeting is Jan. 20 and will be held in the newly renovated Cactus Room. Everyone is welcome. The meeting takes place at Noon. For more information call 432-213-7628.

• A new group named Taking Care of Business has started in Howard County. It is made up of people of all ages and genders who want to be better than they are. The focus of the fledgling organization is to engage in meaningful discussions that promote personal growth. Additionally, the organization

will plan and execute worthwhile activities within the community. There is no membership fee and attendance is not taken. The only requirements are that you be positive or want to be more positive than you are, consider yourself to be a good person but want to be better than you are, and that you have a desire to help others be better too. Childcare is available during the discussion time if you let us know. Topics to be avoided include Religion and Politics, though we can dance around them.

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

• The Life Center in Big Spring is helping moms and dads with a Diaper Day Giveaway! Call for a five minute phone appointment and a pickup time for free diapers, wipes and formula. 432-606-5041.

• The Senior Supper Club has come out of hibernation to resume its normal Tuesday evening dinners. The Come-One-Come-All group will be meeting on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and orders will be placed around 5:30 p.m. after much socializing from a distance. The group will be meeting at Dragon China. The Senior Supper Club is an informal group of folks from Howard County who meet at least weekly and sometimes more for Dutch-Treat food at different area restaurants. Sometimes the group also meets for cards, dominoes, or desserts and fellowship. For more information, contact Colonel. Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com.

• St. Vincent de Paul will be open the following dates beginning November 2020. Food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and other assistance will be suspended at this time, but will resume on Dec. 17. Distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building. In December 2020, the food distribution will continue the 2nd Thursday as scheduled. SVDP will be closed from December 18 through January 7, 2021.

• Permian Basin Multiple Sclerosis Support Group for information, encouragement and support. The group meets monthly on the Second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express at 5321 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa. If you or someone you know has been touched by MS, or if you are just interested in more information please feel to contact Gary Tidwell at garylteagle1987@gmail.com.

• VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 88 inmates at the time of this report.

• **JOEL ESPINO JR.**, 23, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of assault causes bodily injury family member.

• **ABEL HERNANDEZ GONZALES**, 23, was arrested by BSPD on charges of unlawfully carrying weapon and possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).

• **BRANDY RENEE GREGORY**, 40, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JOEL BRENT HOWARD**, 59, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of sentence/driving while intoxicated.

• **JUAN ISABEL MARTINEZ**, 46, was arrested by HCSO on charges of driving while intoxicated 3rd or more and evading arrest detention with vehicle.

• **DARIUS LACHARLES MCCALISTER**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated/open alcohol container.

• **ISMAEL MORENO JR.**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **DAVID MURPHY**, 33, was arrested by BSPD

on a charge of burglary of building.

• **SHANNA MARIE PIERCEFIELD**, 40, was arrested by BSPD on charges of bail jumping and failure to appear and possession of controlled substance penalty group one (less than one gram).

• **JOHNNY RICHARD REYES**, 33, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of escape while arrested/confined.

• **MYRNA LEA ROSE**, 27, was arrested by BSPD on charge of possession or delivery on drug paraphernalia, failure to appear, and burglary of building.

• **KADEN KEITH SEALES**, 18, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ISAAC JAMES TARIN**, 28, was arrested by BSPD on charge of evading arrest detention with previous conviction, tamper/fabricate physical evidence with intent to impair, possession of marijuana (less than two ounces), and aggravated assault causes serious bodily injury.

• **DANNY HUDSON TUCKER**, 61, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of forgery of financial instrument (\$2,500 to \$3,000).

Obituaries

Harris Spencer Wood

Harris Spencer Wood, 83, passed away Jan. 4, 2021. There will be a Celebration of Life at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel in Midland, Texas on Saturday Jan. 23, 2021 at 12 p.m., followed by interment at the Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring, Texas. Livestream will be available for the service at www.npwelch.com.

Survivors include two children Harris Spencer Wood Jr. and Elizabeth Martha Wood King, and six grandchildren.

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



Helen Alexander

Helen Alexander, 93, of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 18, 2021.

Graveside services will be held at Greenleaf Cemetery in Brownwood on Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021 at 2 p.m. with Shane Blackshear officiating.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of S. Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 3200 block of E. 11th. No transport was required.

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 6600 block of Craig Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Bluebird. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of E. 9th Street. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of E. 16th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Westover. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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Weather



Today: Showers likely before 9 a.m., then rain likely between 9 a.m. and noon, then a chance of showers after noon. Areas of fog before 9 a.m. Otherwise, cloudy, with a high near 48. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New precipitation amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch possible.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers after midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 42. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 63. Southwest wind around 10 mph.

Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 45. Southwest wind around 10 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 60.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 43.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 66.

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

TSTC's Business Management Technology program offers job opportunities, resources

SWEETWATER - Texas State Technical College's Business Management Technology program can provide graduates with job opportunities and resources.

For 2020 graduate Sarah Smith, now a student recruiter at TSTC, she is using what she learned to promote the college while improving her organizational skills.

"I gained a lot of sales skills and organizational skills in the program," she said. "I have modeled my work style from what I learned in the program."

Smith is also able to tell students how studying online will benefit them and how instructors are always available.

"The instructors are very easy to work with," she said. "They are consistently in contact with their students."

One key area in which Smith said she saw improvement in herself was time management.

"I learned that to do things online, you do not need to get overwhelmed," she said. "Our instructors are going to be checking on you. The program showed me the importance of time management."

Instructor Duston Brooks said students of all ages and backgrounds have registered for the program.

He said one student who worked as a truck driver completed the program while on the road.

"He could not attend a class on campus, so he took his laptop with him," Brooks said. "And whenever he had time off the road, he would work on his online classes. So we were able to serve his needs. With the COVID situation now and the aftermath, I think the demand for online education will only grow."

Smith said having completed online courses herself helps her while recruiting students to TSTC.

"For people who have to work or have children, completing the programs online was perfect for me," she said.

In addition to organization and time management skills, students can expect to learn other skills needed in a business office. These skills include word processing, presentation graphics, accounting and business ethics, principles of accounting, computerized accounting, principles of management, small business operations and payroll accounting.

For more information on TSTC, visit tstc.edu.

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William "Bill" Schraeder, 77, of St. Lawrence, died Friday. Funeral Mass will be 10:00 AM Wednesday at St. Lawrence Catholic Church with Father Chinna Pagidela officiating. Burial will be at St. Lawrence Cemetery.

Oswaldo Lopez, 21, of Brownsville, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Helen Alexander, 93, of Big Spring, died Monday. Graveside services will be held at Greenleaf Cemetery in Brownwood on Saturday, January 23, 2021 at 2:00 PM with Shane Blackshear.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

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

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

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

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer sup-

port to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.

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.

BOARD

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reviewed and discussed before the Trustees head into an executive session to discuss personnel issues. Included in the discussion will be the Superintendent Evaluation and Contract.

Once the board members have wrapped up the executive session discussion they will reconvene in open session to take action on deliberated items before adjourning for the evening.

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the pandemic the mental crisis continues to be on the rise. These classes are tools to help individuals be more observant in getting help for our family, neighbors, family and friends," Ida Hambrick, Mental Health First Aid Coordinator for West Texas Centers, said in a previous interview when classes were launched last year.

The classes are on a rotating schedule to focus on adult and youth mental health first aid.

"The best way the community can support us right now is to get involved; know the resources that are offered in Big Spring and surrounding counties," she said.

To register for the classes, which are free to attend, call the West Texas Centers office at 432-264-3240 or e-mail ida.hambrick@wtcmhmr.org.

The virtual classes are scheduled for four and a half hours to six and a half hours. The in person class is around eight hours long. Each class is a stand alone class and are open to those who are looking for more resources in the community.

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Forsan Lady Buffs fall to the Colorado City Lady Wolves in a 45-43 matchup Tuesday evening

By AMANDA DUFORAT
Managing Editor

The Forsan Lady Buffs took to the court Tuesday evening against the Colorado City Wolves. While the Lady Buffs put up a tough fight, the ladies fell just a few shorts shy of the win. At the end of the game, Colorado City took the 45-43 victory.

The Lady Buffs came out strong in the first quarter, as Rylee Evans put the first two on the board leading the Buffs to claiming 14 points over the 8 points gathered by Colorado City's Rivera, Hernandez and Monroe.

Colorado City answered back in the second quarter as the Wolves

Stone, Monroe, Smith and Hernandez followed each other with two pointers being sunk, and Monroe sinking a three-pointer for a total of 11 points over the Lady Buffs hard fought nine points.

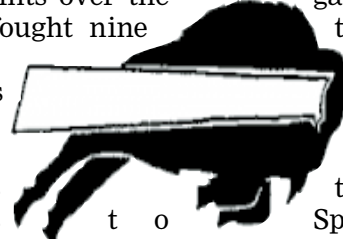
As both teams came back refreshed after half-time, both teams were added points to the board in a back and forth conversation. As the minutes ticked off the clock in the third quarter, the Lady Buffs took the quarter with 13 points for a 36-29 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

As the final quarter of the night

kicked off the Colorado City Lady Wolves gained momentum as the ladies landed two-pointers back to back in an effort to gain the lead before the clock ran out.

Woodall was carrying the Lady Buffs through the final quarter with assistance from Smith and Spivey.

In the end, as the clock ran out, despite the hard fought battle, the Lady Buffs fell a few points behind in the 4th quarter. The Lady Wolves were able to sink 16 points before the final buzzer sounded, claiming the 45-43 victory.



Carr transfers to No. 9 Baylor women from Texas Tech

WACO (AP) — Chrislyn Carr has transferred to Baylor and joined the No. 9 Lady Bears after two-plus seasons at Big 12 rival Texas Tech.

Baylor announced Carr's addition on Tuesday, though the school said the 5-foot-5 sophomore guard's eligibility and availability to play for her new team was still being determined.

"She brings a scoring ability and quickness that will be a great addition to our backcourt," Baylor coach Kim Mulkey said. "CC is already in Waco, taking classes and getting acclimated to her new home."

Carr was the Big 12 freshman of the year in 2018-19, when her 18 points a game were the most among freshmen nationally. She started 30 of 31 games, and also averaged 3.6 rebounds, 3.8 assists and 1.6 steals per game. She averaged 13.9 points and five assists per game last season.

In five games for Texas Tech this season before the Christmas break Carr averaged 9.6 points and 6.4 rebounds a game. She had seven points and four rebounds in her last game for the Lady Raiders, a 91-45 home loss to Baylor on Dec. 14.

Carr is an Iowa native who went to Texas Tech after playing at Rock Island High School in Rock Island, Illinois.

Bulldogs take a bite out of the Cranes

By DUSTIN POPE
Herald Contributing Writer

The 8th Grade team Coahoma bulldogs basketball team took down the 8th grade A team Crane Golden Cranes, on their home court Monday the 18th, Martin Luther King Day, 37 to 14. The Bulldogs were led by #11 Blake Vadney with 14 points, and #23 Tauyn Hipp who chipped in 11 points of his own as the Dogs were able to roll past Crane. Coahoma was never in trouble in this game leading from buzzer to buzzer. After the game I was able to catch up with head coach Steven Arista. Here where his thought on his team's performance "I thought we played well tonight, we played rather good with our press defense, we are getting better at it" went on to talk about his team's chemistry, "this team plays well together, as they should considering they've been playing together since 6th grade."

The first period was a slow start to the game as both teams struggled to get into any type of rhythm. Both the Bulldogs and Cranes had a hard time finding the hoop as the first period ended with a Coahoma taking a slight lead 6 to 3.

The second period was a whole different story as the 8th grade Bulldogs started to find their stride. They locked up on defense creating multiple turnovers and their shots started to find the mark, by the end of the second they had increased the lead to 23 to 7 at the half.

The third period is where the Dogs started



Courtesy photo

The 8th Grade Coahoma A Team beat the Crane Golden Cranes in a match up Monday evening.

to pour on that press defense that Coach Arista was so proud of. Coahoma only allowed 2 points in the whole third period. Taking a lead 29 to 9 into the final period.

The fourth and final period was more of the same from the feisty Bulldogs as they would not let the Golden Cranes off the hook. Constant pressure from there defense, and an offense that was hitting their open looks. The Bulldogs cruised on to a victory.

This was a very impressive victory from these youngsters in all aspects of the game. This Bulldog team is a force to recon with this season.

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Annie's Mailbox

The Need for Personal Responsibility

Dear Annie: This letter is a message to "Fed Up," the reader whose husband dotes on their daughters. She needs to know that her husband, as well-meaning as he is, is NOT doing your daughters any favors. I know this all too well by example. My mother never learned to be independent. From her earliest childhood, my grandparents took care of my mother and father: Paying for their mortgage, bailing them out when they got into monetary trouble because of my father, and so much more.

Grandma continued this practice after my Grandpa passed, until the day she passed away. I was informed

by Grandma, who I loved dearly, on my 16th birthday, that she expected me to grow up and fill her shoes. I was expected to take care of my mother, as she knew very well that my mother wasn't capable of it.

I quietly refused and moved several hundred miles away. Upon Grandma's passing, I was shocked to learn that she had gone through six figures in money taking care of my mother. My mother did inherit a little money from Grandma, had my father's pension and her own Social Security and other tiny incomes -- enough that, if she were careful, she could have lived comfortably to the end. Instead, she spent it on cruises, trips and other expensive things.

In the end, she passed utterly penniless; her home was foreclosed upon because she ignored the property taxes that Grandma had always paid, and she neglected to have things repaired in the house that needed repairing. When she was evicted, she had no heat and no hot water.

Is this an extreme case? Likely, but it is also what could happen if "Fed Up's" husband doesn't make his "little girls" grow up. Show him my letter and ask him this: What will happen to them when you and I are gone? -- Saw It Before

Dear Saw It Before: Thank you for your letter. You give some stark examples of what

can happen when you give and give without teaching your children personal responsibility.

Dear Annie: I'm very much in love with a man three years younger than me, and we are getting married in February. We are both in our 60s. He is an incredible man. His wife of 32 years died four years ago, and I've been widowed for 10 years.

My issue is that he still has pictures of his wife with him on vacation, on cruises and sports events, and a huge portrait of them that hangs in the den.

Am I being crazy? This bothers me a little, but I don't know how to approach him about it. He placed a picture of the two of us right

next to a picture of him with his late wife. I own my own house, and he owns his house, and the plan is for me to move into his house. Should I let this go? It is absolutely the only thing that gets to me about our relationship. Help! -- A Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words

Dear Picture: His wife of 32 years is a part of what made him special -- the person you love. At the same time, it is not fair to you to be reminded all the time about his late wife. I would let him know your feelings. Perhaps, as you move in, you could agree to have one photo of you and your late husband and one photo of him and his late wife, along with photos of the two of you.

The other photos can be saved in boxes and albums, so you will both have them to see whenever you want, but neither of you will be forced to focus on the past. You did not mention children. If there are photos of his late wife with their children or of your late husband with your children, then you might agree on a compromise for displaying them -- or giving them to the children.

He sounds like a very reasonable man, and if you have this conversation before you are married, my guess is that he will understand. Congrats on finding true love.

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The manufacture of tricks

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 7 6 3
♥ K J 3
♦ A J
♣ A 7 6 5 3

WEST
♠ J 9 4 2
♥ 9 8 2
♦ K Q 7 5
♣ K J

EAST
♠ K Q 8
♥ 5
♦ 10 9 8 4 2
♣ Q 10 9 4

SOUTH
♠ A 10 5
♥ A Q 10 7 6 4
♦ 6 3
♣ 8 2

The bidding:
North East South West
1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass
2♥ Pass 4♥

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

One of the first things a beginner discovers is that a surprising number of tricks are won by low cards. This happens most often when the small cards are trump, but it is also very common for tricks to be taken by low cards because no one else has any more cards in that suit.

In the latter case, careful handling is often required when attempting to establish low cards as tricks. Take this case where declarer starts out at

four hearts with four losers — two spades, a diamond and a club. Stated conversely, he has only nine winners — six hearts and three aces.

The only hope of making the contract lies in developing an extra club trick. But there is a right way and a wrong way to go about the task. Thus, if South simply wins the opening diamond lead and plays the ace and another club, he will find himself fighting a losing battle.

West takes the club, cashes a diamond and shifts to a spade. Declarer wins, crosses to the heart jack and ruffs a club. When the missing clubs fail to divide 3-3, he has no chance. He can lead a heart to the king and ruff another club, but he has no entry to cash dummy's fifth club.

South should instead adopt a method of play that caters to a 4-2 split as well as a 3-3 break in clubs. This can be accomplished by leading a low club from dummy at trick two.

As before, West wins, cashes a diamond and shifts to a spade. This time, though, South wins, leads a club to the ace and ruffs a club with the ten. The A-K of hearts are next played, followed by a club ruffed with the queen. The jack of hearts then provides the entry to cash the fifth club, and the contract is home.

Tomorrow: Guesswork is not necessary.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Inauguration Day Twist

ARIES (March 21-April 19). People pass every day; transactions occur -- pleasures and less. But a meeting of the minds such as the one you'll have today is not a thing to take lightly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Devotion comes at a cost. Whenever you say yes to one thing, you are saying no to other things. It cannot be any other way. If you are not conscious of what you are saying yes and no to, it becomes clear now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). How often a thing happens is a significant and defining characteristic of its nature. Establishing a rhythm matters; otherwise, no one can dance to the song.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's clicking for you. When you throw the dice in front of a movie crew and your character needs to win, the numbers are irrelevant. You're a winner if you act like one. Take it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Conflict is healthy. People are animals. Animals need to establish territory. Feel good that people around you express themselves. Listen and communicate your way to peace.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Fate has spoken, and quite favorably. So don't question and wonder whether you're working hard enough. Accept

the bounty of a perfect plan coming together, even if it wasn't yours.

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



LI-BRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Who do you think you are? It's an impertinent question from a stranger and a relevant and enlightening question from you to you. The answer is not one thing. You are becoming.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What keeps you from following your own advice? Likely, it's a conflict between what the head and body want. To communicate your wishes to the body, you must translate them into the body's language.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's a dynamic playing out. Give it time. Try not to judge anything or make decisions while you're in the thick of it. Let things settle, and then see where you're at.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You want to measure your progress, though today, it's unclear what the most relevant metric would be. How do you measure a feeling? Maybe in what you're willing to do to experience or avoid it.

COSMIC CHECK IN WITH MARS IN TAURUS: The realm of Taurus isn't a favorite position Mars, which is an alpha-male energy. And yet, there's a charm in seeing him there akin to seeing Dwayne Johnson in a tooth fairy costume. This week, Mars has been actively engaging with heavy-hitting planets, such as he does today by connecting with the rebellious and unpredictable Uranus. Later this week, it's Jupiter who gets the Marian attention, which, at that point, will be agitating to the planet of largess. We will likely come up against our excesses in uncomfortable ways.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). As a rule, most things you chase are going to run from you. Seduction works best in a variety of instances. For instance, it's the ones who don't seek validation who tend to get it, a principle that also works in reverse.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 20). You'll enjoy the perks and rewards coming to you in 2021. And while you're given many opportunities, the ones you like best are self-initiated. You'll get creative and put diligent effort into making something that matters to you. You'll scale it up with an elegant system to make your vision go live. Virgo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 44, 48, 18 and 39.

In the days ahead, what more can we expect with the engine of Mars chugging through the second sign of the zodiac? For starters, the financial world will be energized, with a flurry of activity. Hard work will be necessary to meet new demands. Taurus gives Mars stamina and helps establish a well-paced and productive rhythm.

Mars in Taurus will also be a heavy appetite stimulant, but not necessarily for food. When Mars is in Taurus, he wants manly items, like heavy-duty tools and vehicles, to emphasize his power and speed, as well as relationships that maximize his identity as a virile force in the world.

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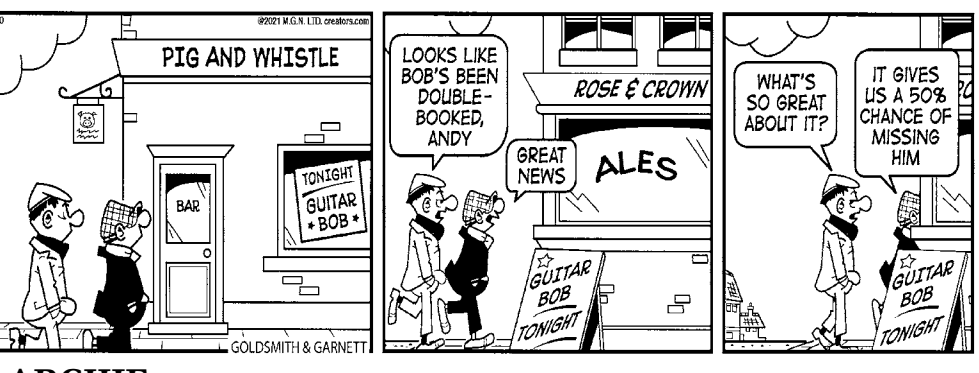
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3	7	4	8	6	1	5	9	2	7
2	6	8	9	3	5	4	1	7	8
5	9	1	2	7	4	3	6	8	5
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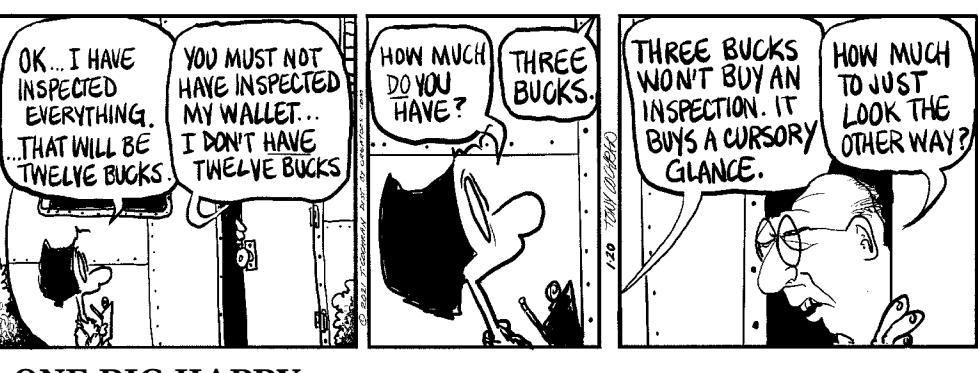
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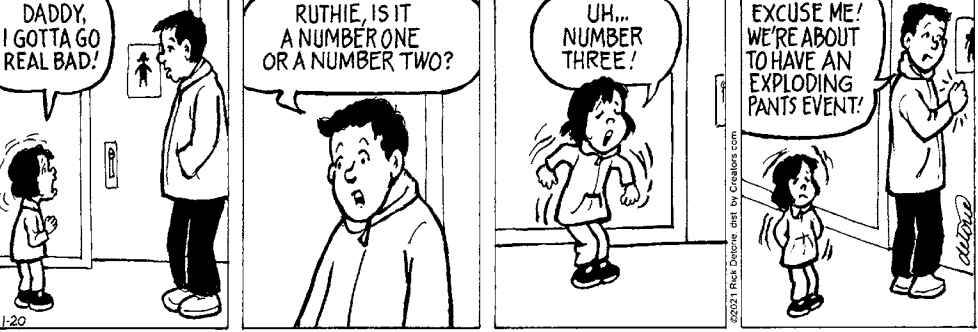
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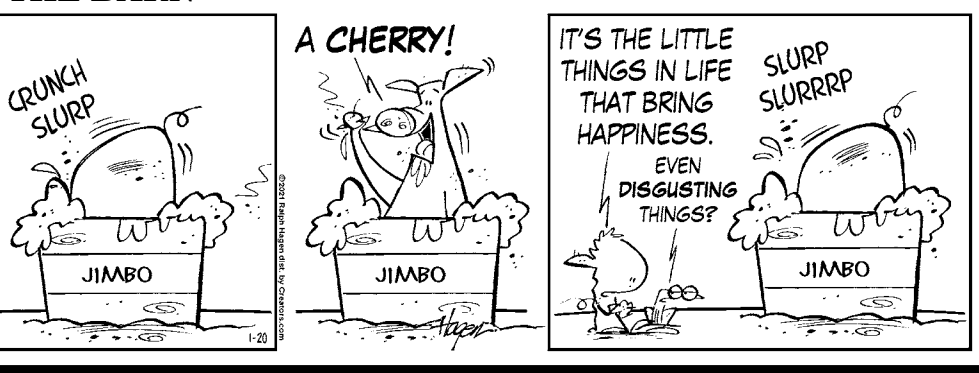
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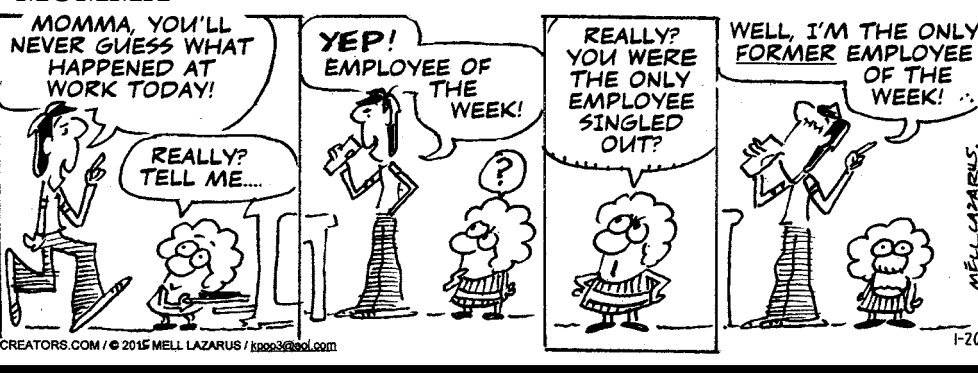
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 20, the 20th day of 2021. There are 345 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 20, 1986, the United States observed the first federal holiday in honor of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

On this date:

In 1265, England's first representative Parliament met for the first time.

In 1801, Secretary of State John Marshall was nominated by President John Adams to be chief justice of the United States.

In 1887, the U.S. Senate approved an agreement to lease Pearl Harbor in Hawaii as a naval base.

In 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt became the first chief executive to be inaugurated on Jan. 20 instead of March 4.

In 1942, Nazi officials held the notorious Wannsee conference, during which they arrived at their "final solution" that called for exterminating Europe's Jews.

In 1961, John F. Kennedy was inaugurated as the 35th President of the United States.

In 1964, Capitol Records released the album "Meet the Beatles!"

In 1981, Iran released 52 Americans it had held hostage for 444 days, minutes after the presidency had passed from Jimmy Carter to Ronald Reagan.

In 1994, Shannon Faulkner became the first woman to attend classes at The Citadel in South Carolina.

In 2007, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., launched her first campaign for the White House.

saying in a videotaped message on her website: "I'm in, and I'm in to win."

In 2009, Barack Obama was sworn in as the nation's 44th, as well as first African-American, president.

In 2017, Donald Trump was sworn in as the 45th president of the United States, pledging emphatically to empower America's "forgotten men and women."

Ten years ago: In a luncheon speech to American business executives in Washington, Chinese President Hu Jintao denied his country was a military threat despite its arms buildup and pressed the U.S. for closer cooperation between the global powers.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama hailed the revival of the nation's auto industry during a visit to Detroit while acknowledging the water crisis in nearby Flint, Michigan.

One year ago: Chinese government experts confirmed human-to-human transmission of the new coronavirus, saying two people caught the virus from family members and that some health workers had tested positive.

Answer to previous puzzle grid with words like PSST, ISSUE, A HAB, ALOE, SOUSA, NONO, SOLASTYEAR, TATA, TWERP, RUT, EXIT, Ooze, SHIN, YESTERDAY'S NEWS, AONE, SRI, LANES, DUO, ITSTRUE, SET, ARCED, CUP, SUDS, BEHINDTHETIMES, GORE, DORA, WITH, ONS, ARTSY, EDIT, OUTOFSTYLE, PLEA, PROUD, ERIN, TERM, SEPIA, REPS.

leadership to pass gun-control legislation. (Lawmakers eventually approved seven of the eight measures in Gov. Ralph Northam's gun-control package.)

Today's Birthdays: Former astro-

naut Buzz Aldrin is 91. Olympic gold medal figure skater Carol Heiss is 81. Singer Eric Stewart is 76. Movie director David Lynch is 75. Country-rock musician George Grantham (Poco) is 74.

(MAR) is 65. Actor Lorenzo Lamas is 63. Actor James Denton is 58. Rock musician Greg K. (The Offspring) is 56.

musician ?uestlove (questlove) (The Roots) is 50. Former United Nations Ambassador Nikki Haley is 49.

Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS 1 Remainder 5 Smart-alecky 10 Unexpected obstacle 14 Brainstorm 15 Loosen, as one's laces 16 Phrase on a chore list 17 Paying for everyone's meal 20 Go to an event 21 Foe 22 Shout from Scrooge 24 Italian farewell 26 S&L's medium-term offering 31 Furious 34 18 holes of golf 35 Run ___ (go wild) 36 Charge for a cab ride 37 Part of a group of 38 No longer a threat 39 Grand-scale story 40 Family rooms 41 What stuffs socks 42 Model airplane wood 43 One of three in 5 Across 44 "Great" Australian coral attraction 46 The Red Planet 47 Physicians' org. 48 Iberian nation 51 Lion or leopard 56 Well short of what's needed 61 Very much 62 How improvisers "play it"

- 63 Region 64 Bursts. as balloons 65 Looks to be 66 Try out DOWN 1 Kelly of morning TV 2 Modify, as prose 3 Religious offshoot 4 Confiscate 5 Time for a large crossword 6 With 59 Down, director from Taiwan 7 Nickname that's three consecutive letters 8 Taste, as of tea 9 Up to now

- 10 Court reporter, for short 11 Take heed of 12 Eden resident 13 Elapse 18 Still asleep 19 One end of a pin 23 Radiators, for example 24 Nation on the Adriatic 25 Unpleasant, informally 26 One-for-one deal 27 Real estate listings 28 Attractions in Athens 29 Remnants 30 Middle traffic light 31 Breakfast syrup flavor

- 32 Stand up 33 Coffee order 36 Be worried about 38 Miles away 42 Smart one 44 Cause of ruin 45 Campfire remnants 46 Produces, as pennies 48 Breaking-off sound 49 Equestrian sport 50 Perched upon 52 Bearded barnyard beast 53 Remedy 54 Very long time 55 The thing there 57 Tummy muscles 58 Sandwich bread 59 See 6 Down 60 Thanksgiving veggie

Crossword grid with numbers 1-66 indicating starting positions for clues.