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WWII Army Veteran honored with Quilt of Valor at Marcy Place

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

Often times history is something thought to only be found in the history books, but the history housed within in Big Spring in the memories of the veterans who served their country is immense. This past weekend, a piece of history was not only remembered, but a Veteran was honored.

Bill Green, a WWII Army Veteran, was presented with the Quilt of Valor. Green enlisted in December 1942, in San Antonio.

He went through orientation in Wichita Falls. He was on the first plane ride out on the way to be a mechanic, and numerous others were assigned to glider mechanic school.

"The draft came looking for him, but he was already enlisted," Mike Tarpley, Quilt of Valor presenter said.



Courtesy photos

Army Veteran Bill Green was presented with a Quilt of Valor by Mike Tarpley, Quilt of Valor local presenter. The presentation was held at Marcy Place this past weekend, with Green surrounded by family and friends.

Throughout Green's time in the service, he was part of D-Day, carried supplies into Italy for General Paxton and was part of the invasion at Market Garden in Holland and Southern France.

After being at Fort Wayne, Indiana and a few other places he was back on his way, on a C-47.

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Upcoming Events

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Red Kettle Challenge has begun. Those wanting to volunteer can sign up at RegisterToRing.com

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Chamber Toy Drive has successful eighth year

Donations benefit Salvation Army & CASA of West Texas



By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce recently wrapped up their 8th annual Chamber Toy Drive. Once again the toy drive benefited CASA of West Texas and Salvation Army.

"The community showed up once again as they have done every year," Debbye ValVerde, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, said. "Our lobby (Chamber of Commerce) was filled with toys. It began to look like Santa's workshop."

Several of the donations to this year's toy drive came from local individuals, families, organizations and businesses in Howard County.

"When it comes to the youth in our community, our residents and our chamber members show up," ValVerde said. "We want to extend a special thank you to Oncor, NuStar and Blanchette Field Services for being a few of our biggest donors this year."

She continued, "Every donation, every toy means that one more kid in Howard County will have something to open up on Christmas"

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Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Assistant Denise Salazar and Executive Director Debbye ValVerde, present Lt. Charlise Godwin of the Salvation Army with the donated toys. The toys donated will benefit angel tree angels and other families in Howard County.

HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat

Isaiah 58 hosting toy giveaway Friday

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

We are down to the final days before Christmas - six to be exact.

Isaiah 58 will be doing one final hand up before the holidays with their first toy giveaway, set for Friday from 10 a.m. to Noon.

"We are thankful for the community support we received, and to those businesses who allowed us to place toy collection bins in their offices," John Loveless, Isaiah 58 Public Relations representative, said.

Donation barrels were placed around town, at Star Dodge, Evitas, Big Spring Chiropractic and at Anytime Fitness. While the community was supporting these local businesses, they were able to drop off their toy donation as well.

"We are here to help those who are needing it and we encourage anyone

who needs a little extra help to stop by and let us help you," he said. "For those clients who come to the office this Friday, they will receive a toy. We want to become more involved in the community and hopefully make this an annual event."

For those who have not utilized Isaiah 58 services before, but are needing to see if they meet criteria, Loveless said to stop by Mondays or Tuesdays between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

"We aspire to help the community as much as we can, and we look forward to being able to do more," he said.

Isaiah 58 is located at 809 Scurry. Donations can be dropped off at the office and the community is welcome to come utilize services each week on Monday and

Tuesdays between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

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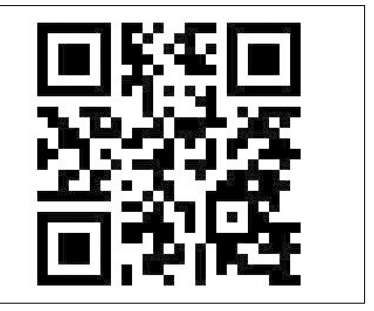
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 The Salvation Army is needing volunteers to help bag the items for the Angel Tree distribution on Saturday. Volunteers can stop by between 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. at 811 W. 5th.

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Obituaries

Jimmye Shanks Burks

Jimmye Shanks Burks, 84, of Big Spring, passed away Monday, Dec. 16, 2019, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 20, 2019, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

She was born Feb. 6, 1935, in Proctor, Texas, to Grover C. Shanks, Sr. and Clara Hightower Shanks. She married Leonard E. Burks Dec. 21, 1952, in Howard County. He preceded her in death Jan. 6, 2015.

Jimmye came to Howard County as a young girl. She attended and graduated from Knott High School where she played basketball. She later graduated from UTPB with a degree in accounting. Jimmye worked as a field auditor for S & H Green

Stamps for 27 years. She volunteered at the Senior Citizens Center and enjoyed collecting tea pots and has amassed over 200 tea pots.

She was a longtime member of the 14th and Main Church of Christ.

Survivors include one daughter, Elaine Shapleigh of Payson, Arizona; one son, Randy Burks and wife, Laurie of Big Spring; two grandchildren, Haley Burks Ragsdale and husband, Chase and Hillary Burks Younan and husband, Jake; four great-grandchildren, Jack, Max, Cam and Makai; and two brothers, Charlie Shanks and Wade Shanks.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Norene Guill and Eva Mae Shanks; and six brothers, Clim Shanks, Doyle Shanks, Grover Shanks, Jr., Howard Shanks, John Shanks and Autov Shanks.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

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

Paid Obituary

Police Blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- JONATHAN MATTHEW MATA**, 34, of 403 Valley St., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- ALAN DEXTER OWENS JR.**, 33, of 910 W. 4th St., Apt. A, was arrested on warrants for two counts of theft of property (\$100 to \$750), and burglary of vehicles.
- ROMAN MARTINEZ CIS-**

NEROS, 42, of 705 Lorilla, was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.

- ROBERT XAVIER PARRA**, 27, of 7334 Legacy Pines Dr., Cypress, Texas, was arrested on three outstanding warrants from other agencies.
- THEFT** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Rd., 300 block of W. Owens, 3600 block of W. Hwy 80, 1800 block of E. FM 700, 500 block of E. 3rd St., and

the 900 block of Willia St.

- ASSAULT** was reported in the 600 block of W. I-20.
- CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE** was reported in the 3600 block of W, Hwy 80.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 700 block of Mathews Ave.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 700 block of Lorilla St.

Sheriff

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 82 inmates at the time of this report.
- ROMAN MARTINEZ CISNEROS**, 42, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for motion to revoke-dirving with invalid license with previous conviction.
- ANYSSA DNAE LEYBA**, 25,

was arrested by DPS on a warrant for failure to appear-possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).

- JONATHAN MATA**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ALAN DEXTER OWENS**, 33, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for two counts of theft of property (\$100 to \$750), and burglary of vehicles.
- ROBERT XAVIER PARRA**,

27, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for two counts of motion to revoke-possession of marijuana (less than two ounces) and failure to appear-attorneygeneral/motion for enforcement.

- DAVID YVANEZ JR.**, 37, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of violating promise to appear, and a warrant for speeding-10 percent or more above posted speed limit.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of W. I-20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Crestline. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
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Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2800 block of Stonehaven. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2400 block of S. Gregg. No transport was required.
- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of Lorilla. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Take Note

The Pottou House will be open, beginning Sunday, Dec. 8, and then on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through the month of December. Hours will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are greatly appreciated. Come see a little bit of Big Spring's history at the historic Pottou House.

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.

A fund has been set up in order to assist Brent Fowlkes with medical

expenses. Brent is the husband of Ashley Martin Fowlkes, CEO of Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union. If you would like more information or would like to make a donation, please stop by the credit union located at 1110 Benton, or call 432-263-8393. Please see the tellers to make a donation. Thank you to everyone for your kindness and support during this difficult time.

O'Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets

(D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Norman Witcher at 432-413-6663.

The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you.

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Support Groups

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.
- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI) military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.
- GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6 to 8 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

FRIDAY

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.
- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.
- 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.

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"Green was in New York and then shipped out to England on Queen Mary. While he was in Boise de Belong France, 30 miles southeast of Paris, the cease fire was announced while he was there," Tarpley read in Green's biography.

While the Quilt of Valor is a reflection of the honor and gratitude bestowed upon Green, and all veterans who have been presented with one, Green

also holds a number of military decorations.

Among his military honors, Green has been awarded WWII Victory Medal, American Defense Service Medal, EAME campaign medal with seven bronze stars - European, African Middle Eastern American Campaign, Good Conduct Medal, and Carbine Sharp Shooter, from June 1945.

Surrounded by family and friends of Green, Mike Tarpley presented him with a Quilt of Valor at Marcy Place this past weekend. The Quilt of Valor was created by a group of ladies in East Texas who each

put a piece of their heart in the pieces they make.

"The beauty about these quilts is not one person makes them, but it takes several hands working together to create the beauty," Tarpley said. "As everyone departs, they are encouraged to touch the quilt in order to leave a piece of themselves with Mr. Green."

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morning, and that is what Christmas is all about. We want to make sure all the kids in our community are able to enjoy Christmas morning and this is just one of the many ways to give back."

The Salvation Army donation will help to complete Angel Tree recipients who are needing a little extra help this year. CASA will distribute their toys amongst those children who are currently under the services of CASA.

"There are so many opportunities to give back and support our amazing resources right here in Big Spring, and the beauty of it is that all these toys stay

right here. Through the toy drive and many other opportunities, we are able to offer support right here, to our neighbors, to our fellow residents and share in the joy of Christmas together."

The Salvation Army will be distributing Angel Tree gifts on Dec. 21 beginning at 8 a.m. Those who are wanting to volunteer or offer their time, can still do so. To find out how to give back, volunteer or support a local organization, contact Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 432-263-7641 or call the Salvation Army office at 432-267-8239.

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President Donald Trump impeached by US House on two charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump was impeached by the U.S. House of Representatives Wednesday night, becoming only the third American chief executive to be formally charged under the Constitution's ultimate remedy for high crimes and misdemeanors.

The historic vote split along party lines, much the way it has divided the nation, over a charge that the 45th president abused the power of his office by enlisting a foreign government to investigate a political rival ahead of the 2020 election. The House then approved a second charge, that he obstructed Congress in its investigation.

The articles of impeachment, the political equivalent of an indictment, now go to the Senate for trial. If Trump is acquitted by the Republican-led chamber, as expected, he still would have to run for reelection carrying the enduring stain of impeachment on his purposely disruptive presidency.

He saw the blame flowing the other direction. He told a political rally in Michigan that "crazy Nancy Pelosi's House Democrats have branded themselves with an eternal mark of shame."

The votes were 230 for impeachment and 197 against on the first count, 229-198 on the second.

Democrats led Wednesday night's voting, framed in what many said was their duty to protect the Constitution and uphold the nation's system of checks and balances. Republicans stood by their party's leader, who has frequently tested the bounds of civic norms. Trump called the whole affair a "witch hunt," a "hoax" and a "sham," and sometimes all three.

The trial is expected to begin in January in the Senate, where a vote of two-thirds is necessary for conviction. While Democrats had the majority in the House to impeach Trump, Republicans control the Senate and few if any are expected to diverge from plans to acquit the president ahead of early state election-year primary voting.

Pelosi, once reluctant to lead Democrats into a partisan impeachment, gavelled both votes closed, risking her majority and speakership to follow the effort to its House conclusion.

"Today we are here to defend democracy for the people," she said earlier during floor debate.

Trump, who began Wednesday tweeting his anger at the proceedings, pumped his fist before an evening rally in Battle Creek, Michigan, boasting of "tremendous support" in the Republican Party and saying, "By the way it doesn't feel like I'm being impeached."

No Republicans voted for impeachment, and Democrats had only slight defections on their side. Voting was conducted manually with ballots, to mark the moment.

On the first article, abuse of power, two Democrats, Rep. Jeff Van Drew of New Jersey, who is

considering switching parties to become a Republican, and Rep. Collin Peterson of Minnesota voted against impeaching Trump. On the second article, obstruction, those two and freshman Rep. Jared Golden of Maine voted against. Democratic Rep. Tulsi Gabbard of Hawaii, who is running for president, voted "present" on both.

What Pelosi called a sad and solemn moment for the country, coming in the first year that Democrats swept control of the House, unfolded in a caustic daylong session that showcased the nation's divisions — not only along party lines, but also by region, race and culture.

The House impeachment resolution laid out in stark terms the two articles of impeachment against Trump stemming from his July phone call when he asked the Ukraine president for a "favor" — to announce it was investigating Democrats ahead of the 2020 election. He also pushed Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy to probe unsubstantiated corruption allegations against Joe Biden, the former vice president and 2020 White House contender.

At the time, Zelenskiy, a young comedian newly elected to politics, was seeking a coveted White House visit to show backing from the U.S. ally as it confronts a hostile Russia at its border. He was also counting on \$391 million in military aid already approved by Congress.

The White House delayed the funds, but Trump eventually released the money once Congress intervened.

Narrow in scope but broad in its charge, the resolution said the president "betrayed the nation by abusing his high office to enlist a foreign power in corrupting democratic elections," and then obstructed Congress' oversight like "no president" in U.S. history.

"President Trump, by such conduct, has demonstrated that he will remain a threat to national security and the Constitution if allowed to remain in office," it said.

Republicans argued that Democrats are impeaching Trump because they can't beat him in 2020.

"This vote is about one thing, and one thing only: They hate this president," said Rep. Chris Stewart, R-Utah. "They want to take away my vote and throw it in the trash."

But Democrats warned the country cannot wait for the next election to decide whether Trump should remain in office because he has shown a pattern of behavior, particularly toward Russia, and will try to corrupt U.S. elections in 2020.

"The president and his men plot on," said Chairman Adam Schiff, D-Calif., of the Intelligence Committee that led the inquiry. "The danger persists. The risk is real."

The outcome brings the Trump presidency to a

milestone moment that has building almost from the time the New York businessman-turned-reality-TV host unexpectedly won the White House in 2016 amid questions about Russian interference in the U.S. election — and the rise of the "resistance."

Democrats drew from history, the founders and their own experiences, as minorities, women and some immigrants to the U.S., seeking to honor their oath of office to uphold the constitution. Rep. Lou Correa, D-Calif., spoke in Spanish asking God to unite the nation. "In America," said Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, D-N.Y., "no one is above the law."

Republicans aired Trump-style grievances about what Arizona Rep. Debbie Lesko called a "rigged" process.

"We face this horror because of this map," said Rep. Clay Higgins, R-Ala., before a poster of red and blue states. "They call this Republican map flyover country, they call us deplorables, they fear our faith, they fear our strength, they fear our unity, they fear our vote, and they fear our president."

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Beatrice "TICHE" Ybarra, 80, died Monday. Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. today at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Jesus "Jesse" Ramirez, 62, died Friday. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park with Naval Honors.

Jo Ann Dunnam Afriech, 54, died Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019. The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, 2019, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Memorial service will begin at 4 p.m.

James Berry, 56, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring, passed away Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019. No services will be held.

Joyce Coffman, 63, died Tuesday. Services are pending. A fund has been established at the funeral home to help the family with expenses.

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Opinion

Home Country: Visit with Vince

It was a rare treat to have Vince come in the Mule Barn truck stop and join us for coffee.

He's usually too busy taking care of what we all know around the valley here as the "gas station gun shop."

Vince is one of those lucky guys who figured out how to scratch his passion itch while earning a living.

The passion is guns and the living is pumping gas. Ever since he received a firearms license from the feds, it's been more fun to fill up.

He often has 12 gauge shells on sale, you see.

"Yo Vince," Steve said, "every-

thing okay at the gas station gun shop?"

Vince sipped coffee and shook his head. "I've found myself to be on the horns of a dilemma, guys.

That's why I came in here today. I need advice."

Someone actually asks for advice from those of us in the world dilemma think tank? Some of us have been waiting years to hear that.

"What's the problem, Vince?" asked Doc.

"You know we always have advice for people whether they want it or not. All kinds of advice."

"It's the computers, Doc," said Vince. "They've got 'em in all the newer cars now, and I don't know how to fix them. I don't even know how to tell when the darn things go on the fritz."



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"Are you sure they're plugged in?" asked Dewey.

We figured that was about all Dewey knew about computers.

"They're in the car, Dewey," said Doc.

"Oh ... yeah."

Steve doesn't know much about them, either, but he's real big on giving advice.

"I think I have the answer to your problem, Vince," Steve said.

We all looked at the mustached seer of the sagebrush.

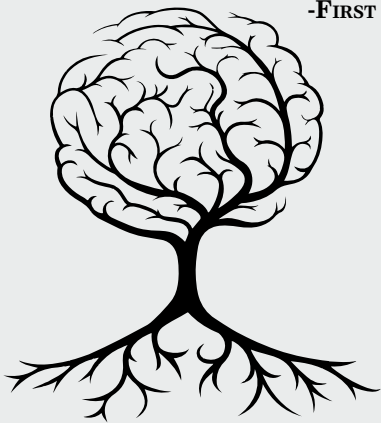
"Yep," Steve said, "I think what you need is to hire a teenager. That should take care of it."

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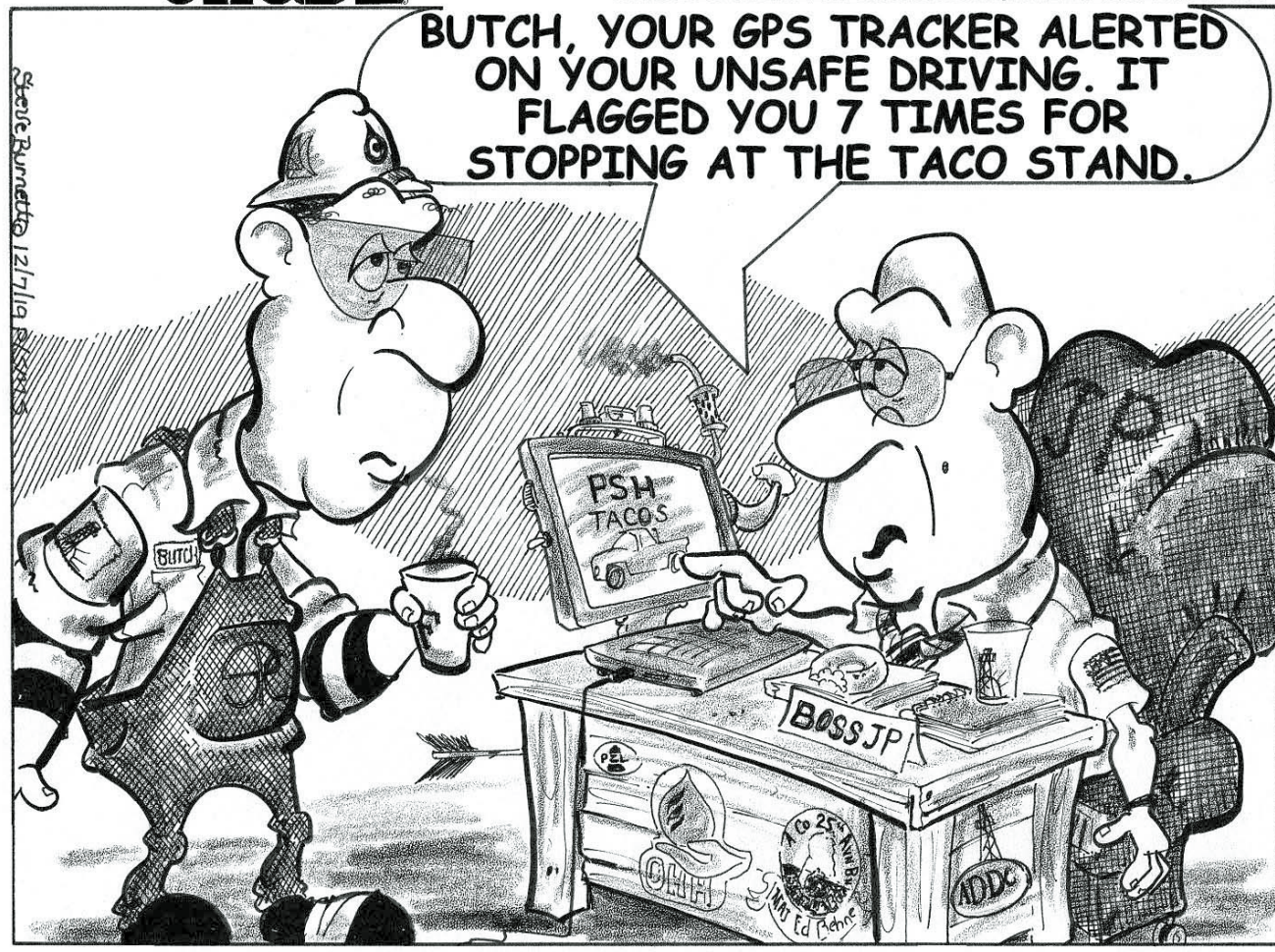
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The Postscript: Christmas at the Greenhouse

It is the tender cusp of Christmas.

It is that time when emotions run close to the overflow point, when sentimentality and anger and depression and euphoria mix freely together, with not enough space between them to tell the difference from one moment to the next.

I am visiting my parents—and of course this does not help.

My parents are doing well (thank you for asking).

They are in their eighties now, still living in their dream cabin in the woods and, although I know they are growing older, the signs are so incremental and their attitude so upbeat, it is easy to deny the passage of time when I am with them and imagine I am a much younger person than I actually am.

Yesterday, we stopped at the local greenhouse in the small town near their cabin.

It was unbelievably cold. I don't know why I couldn't believe it; I grew up in the cold and was raised with the idea that extreme cold was a signpost of Christmas and a litmus test for true Christmas spirit.

But the truth is, I haven't lived in a very cold place for a while

and the cold stole the breath out of me.

The greenhouse was a bit out of our way, but my mother explained, "I like to support them, they put up such nice floral arrangements in the summer!"

The shop was surrounded by welcoming signs and Christmas trees propped up against giant bags of earth, waiting for spring. Inside it was warm and smelled of soil and cinnamon.

As my parents were in the greenhouse, bundling up the poinsettia for the drive home,

I warmed the car and looked across the street at a mobile home that was a little worse for wear. The yard was piled high with stuff, now half buried in the snow. As I waited, the door flew open, accompanied by a string of expletives.

A man about my age was following a younger man out of the house, screaming at him, yelling terrible things.

I watched as the young man—who was wearing the beginning of a thin beard and a winter jacket—was chased out of the house and began walking down the country road alone.

Minutes later, my parents in the car, we were driving home on the road that leads to the greenhouse when we saw the

young man, walking. It was several miles to town.

"Should we stop, dad?" I asked. My dad was silent.

"It's hard to know what to do," my mom said, quietly.

The young man seems appropriately dressed for the weather. He is walking down the road in a deliberate fashion, as though he knows where he was going. I say all this to myself because I know I won't stop.

I know I won't take a chance and put this stranger in the car with my eighty-year-old parents and get involved in something that I don't know the first thing about.

We drive by. Snug inside the car, my mother holds the small poinsettia in her lap. I wonder what that young man's Christmas will be like and I don't know what to do. I don't know what to do, in this crowded time of year, with all the emotions that bump against each other.

I don't know how to sort out the tangled strands of joy and sorrow that run through me. Sitting with my happy, healthy parents, I am quiet as I watch the young man, walking alone down the road on this bright cold day.

*Till next time,
Carrie*

Carrie Classon's memoir, "Blue Yarn," was released earlier this year. Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

DAILY PRAYER

May we serve You in cheerful obedience, Lord, as we know not when You will call us home.
Amen

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Judge: Federal government liable for Harvey flooding

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge on Tuesday ruled the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is liable for damages to a group of Houston-area homes and businesses that were flooded by two federally owned reservoirs during Hurricane Harvey because the inundation was due to how the federal government built and maintained the dams.

The ruling by Senior U.S. Judge Charles Lettow on the U.S. Court of Federal Claims in Washington, D.C. is part of a test case involving 13 properties located upstream of the Addicks and Barker reservoirs that were flooded during Harvey in 2017.

Attorneys for the property owners said the Corps of Engineers knew for decades the reservoirs' capacity would exceed federal land and inundate homes and businesses on adjacent private property.

Their lawyers say structures upstream of the reservoirs were built in areas known as flood pools, where water collects as the dams fill up. Their attorneys say the federal government doesn't own all the land that encompasses this flood pool and a portion of the flood pool is on private property.

In his 46-page ruling, Lettow wrote that "the flooding that occurred was the direct result of calculated planning."

"Here, the evidence demonstrates the Corps was aware or should have been aware since the initial

construction of the dams and at every point onward, that the flood pools in the Addicks and Barker Reservoirs would at some point (and thereafter) exceed the government-owned land, inundating private properties," Lettow wrote.

The judge's ruling came after a two-week trial in May in Houston in which more than 30 witnesses testified.

"The government was responsible for creating an emergency, and these citizens were the innocent victims of those calculated decisions. We look forward to pushing the case through the damages phase and achieving justice for the upstream flood victims," said Daniel Charest, one of the attorneys for the residents and business owners, who are among hundreds of lawsuits filed in connection with flooding from the two reservoirs.

Lettow's ruling means upstream property owners are eligible to seek certification as a class and move the case to trial to determine damages, Charest said.

An email seeking comment from the U.S. Department of Justice, which represents the Corps of Engineers, was not immediately returned Tuesday night.

During the May trial, William Shapiro, a Justice Department, had argued Harvey was a "historically large rainfall event" that was unprecedented and

"flooding in a storm of this size was inevitable."

The home and business owners allege the federal government violated the takings clause of the Fifth Amendment, which states private property can't be taken for public use without just compensation.

Harvey, which made landfall as a Category 4 storm on Aug. 25, 2017, killed 68 people and caused an estimated \$125 billion in damage in Texas. In the Houston area, Harvey caused 36 deaths and flooded more than 150,000 homes.

Around the reservoirs, located about 20 miles (30 kilometers) west of downtown Houston, more than 10,000 properties flooded.

When it doesn't rain, land around the two dams, built more than 70 years ago, is dry, green space with parks. Many residents who flooded said they were unaware their homes were built on land used as a reservoir.

During heavy rainfall events, the dams are closed to collect water from local bayous and creeks and ensure it doesn't flow at an uncontrolled rate downstream to downtown Houston and the Houston Ship Channel.

Houses downstream of the dams also flooded when officials released water after concerns the reservoirs could fail. Homeowners who were flooded downstream have also sued and their lawsuits are being handled separately.

Twin Metals Minnesota files formal mine plan with regulators

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Twin Metals Minnesota formally submitted a plan to regulators Wednesday for an underground copper-nickel mine near Ely in northeastern Minnesota, a project that has drawn fierce opposition because it would sit just upstream from the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

Company officials said in interviews that the mine is designed to prevent pollution from reaching the wilderness while creating about 765 full-time mining jobs and more than 1,500 spinoff jobs, plus thousands of construction work hours for union labor.

"For those communities, this is going to be an incredible opportunity for development, for generations to come, really," Twin Metals spokeswoman Kathy Graul said.

Twin Metals, which is owned by Chilean mining giant Antofagasta PLC, says it has spent more than \$450 million developing the project.

The filing launches what's expected to be a lengthy environmental review and permitting process for what would be Minnesota's second copper-nickel mine. Julie Padilla, Twin Metals' chief regulatory officer, said the company hopes to complete the process in five to seven years. That could be optimistic, given that Minnesota's first planned copper-nickel mine, the PolyMet project, took well over a decade to clear those hurdles.

Emotions have run high because of the proximity of the proposed Twin Metals mine to the Boundary Waters,

the country's most-visited federally designated wilderness area. The area spans more than 1 million acres and has more than 1,000 lakes.

President Barack Obama's administration tried to kill Twin Metals by refusing to renew the company's mineral rights leases, saying the threat of acid mine drainage was an unacceptable risk to the wilderness. But President Donald Trump's administration resurrected the project by granting those leases and canceling a study that could have led to a ban on mining in the area. Opponents are challenging that in federal court, with a hearing set for Friday in Washington.

Twin Metals' opponents called on Democratic Gov. Tim Walz to block even the opening of the environmental review process. Once it gets going, they said,

it will be difficult for the state to stop the project.

Minnesota's existing environmental standards aren't adequate to protect as pristine as the wilderness area because they allow for some degradation of air and water quality, said Tom Landwehr, executive director of the Campaign to Save the Boundary Waters.

He also said the process doesn't consider the effects on people who earn their livings from the wilderness area or the impacts on property values.

"The decision that the state gets to make is, 'Will this project meet state standards?'" Landwehr said. "If yes, check the box. If no, check the other box. There's nothing in there that

says, 'OK, you know, at the end of the day I just think this is a bad project, I'm not going to approve.'"

In his former job as head of the state Department of Natural Resources, Landwehr approved the environmental review and key permits for PolyMet.

But that project sits in a different watershed that doesn't flow into the Boundary Waters.

The state agency last month said it would prepare its own environmental impact statement for Twin Metals, independent of the federal review by the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management. Twin Metals opponents said that was a sign that the agency doesn't trust the Trump administration to conduct a proper review. Trump issued an executive order this year aimed at speeding up the process, with a goal of completing studies within a year and limiting the length to 150 to 300 pages.

A central argument against both the Twin Metals and PolyMet mines is that the vast but untapped reserves of copper, nickel and platinum group metals under northeastern Minnesota are bound up in sulfide minerals that can leach sulfuric acid and other pollutants when exposed to air and water.

But Graul, the Twin Metals spokeswoman, said the company's design would avoid acid mine drainage by preventing the exposure of sulfide-bearing rock to the elements. The company plans to bury the waste bedrock in old portions of the under-

ground mine, and to remove nearly all sulfides from ore-bearing rock during processing.

About half of the sandy tailings remaining after processing would be returned to the mine and cemented as backfill, she said, while the rest would be compacted above ground into a "dry stack," a hill that would reach 130 feet (40 meters) and get covered with soil and native vegetation.

The stack would be impervious to precipitation, she said, and the remaining traces of sulfides would be too low to generate any acid.

The processing plant, connected by 1.25-mile (2-kilometer) long tunnels to the mine itself, would produce copper, nickel-cobalt and palladium-platinum-gold concentrates that would be trucked away in containers and probably shipped via the Duluth harbor to Canada or other locations for refining, Graul said.

Critics are skeptical that dry-stacked tailings won't pollute.

"It's going to be a permanent blight on that landscape that will be leaching toxic waste into the groundwater and surface water permanently," Landwehr said.

Padilla acknowledged that Twin Metals can't say the project poses no risks to the Boundary Waters.

"Every development, every human endeavor engages in risk," she said. "The regulatory process is established to put boundaries around those risks, to mitigate them, to put standards in place to allow projects to move forward."

Denver, Los Angeles airport measles cases connected

DENVER (AP) — U.S. health officials have confirmed that three children recently hospitalized with measles in Colorado traveled from New Zealand to Los Angeles International Airport before arriving in Denver.

The Denver Post reported Tuesday that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued warnings at airports in Denver and Los Angeles involving the same airline passengers.

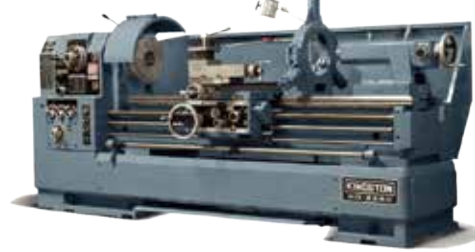
Travelers who passed through Denver International Airport or Los Angeles International Airport on Dec. 11 are at risk for measles after the children tested positive for the disease, public health officials said.

The children who contracted the highly contagious disease did not have the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine and are receiving treatment at Children's Hospital Colorado, officials said.

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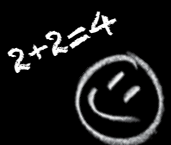


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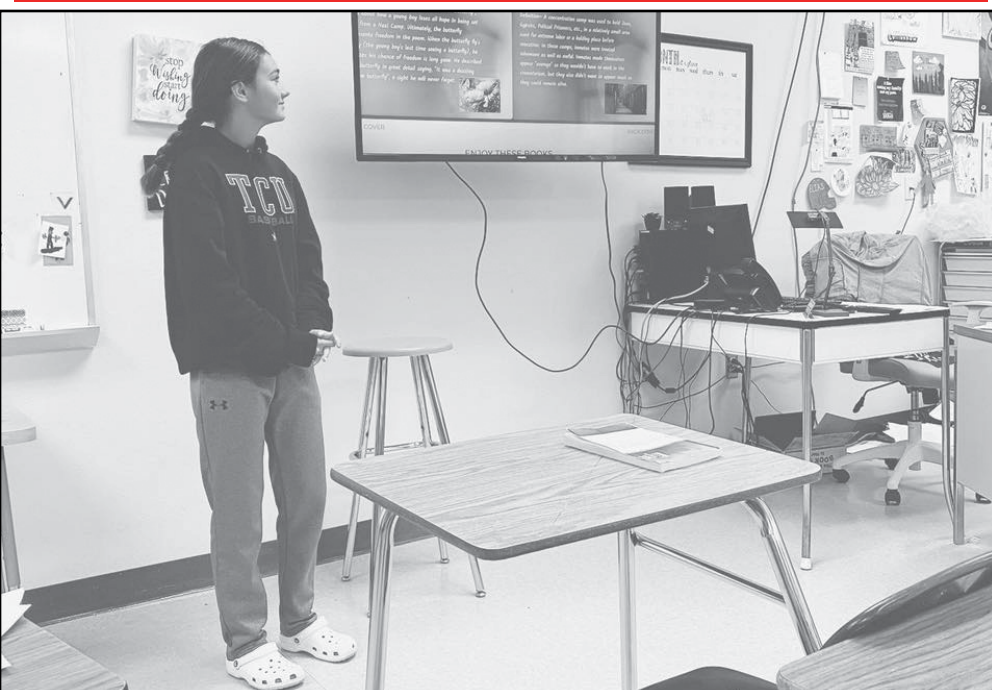
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THE BULLDOG REPORT



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Christian Everett presents her digital dictionary project, which was created with some of the new technology at Coahoma ISD.

Special to the Herald
Coahoma ISD has technology upgrades happening this year. Every classroom teacher will receive a MacBook Air, Apple TV and flat screen TV to replace the desktops, projectors and smart boards that have outlasted their life cycles. This technology allows for teacher mobility

around the classroom and increased student involvement. Mrs. Valencia had several students utilize the new set up in a recent assignment about the Holocaust. Christian Everett used Storyjumper to create a digital dictionary that can be downloaded as a PDF or a hard copy book.

Big Spring Theatre makes a mark at Texas Thesians Festival



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Big Spring High School theatre students had four qualify for the Texas Thesians State Festival.

Special to the Herald

BSHS Theatre took students to the International Thespian Society's Texas Thesians State festival in Grapevine, on Nov. 20, for a three day festival. Of the seven students attending - all competing - six in duet acting and one student ran for the State Board. Students prepared for about three and a half weeks before going. According to Traci Moss, Theatre Director, they had to find time to work outside of school, with some working after school a couple of days per week.

The students competing in duet were placed in a room with about 18 other groups. Each group performed a five minute scene in front of a panel of three judges. The judges rated each performance on a numeric scale with 18-20 being a Superior rating. If all rate a performance receives superior National International.

BSHS Theatre returned to the festival last year after a hiatus with the group back last year to compete, see shows and work in the business. It look at what is going state and what is expected in competition.

“When I was here previously, I had a duet group qualify and actually take the top duet over all, in either 2006 or 2007 - so it has been at least 12 years since we have had a national qualifier,” Moss said.

This is a huge accomplishment for this group of students to be validated by the festival. Out of the 8,200 students who attended, about 3,500-4,000 students compete in various acting and technical events. Those who qualify for nationals are usually the top 15-20 percent, according to Moss.

“The theatre students are improving with every performance. I hope the trend continues with our UIL One-Act play...” Moss said.

Moss said the students and the class receive a great deal of support from the school district - administrators and students alike, as well as from our great Steer Nation community.

“With greater advertising from the *Herald* and KBST, along with online promotions, our audiences are growing, but they can always be bigger. Nothing makes an actor feel better than a huge audience,” she said. “We may look to our community soon and ask support in fundraising for our trip to Nationals.”

The competition will take place at Indiana University in Bloomington, In June 22-27.

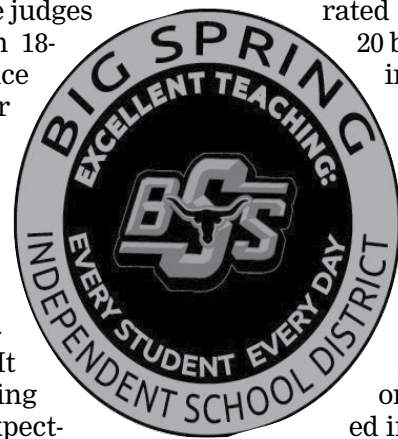
The Theatre Program and the Arts in general are extremely important for students. There are many studies showing Music and Theatre with it's creative thinking help students with math and science. Many things studied include history and literature.

“It builds self-confidence and provides students with speaking and presentation skills they will need once they are in (life) situations such as job or scholarship interviews,” she said. “It also teaches them to be part of a team, that has to work together to be successful and learn to trust each other.”

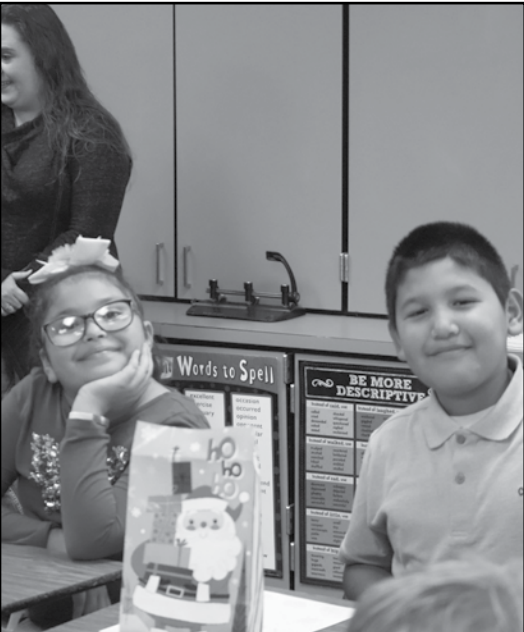
Until June, students will be working a few times a week to improve their scenes with more character work and movement to give the best performance possible at nationals.

The students will be attending clinics in February and compete in March in Snyder.

The junior high theatre program is up and running.



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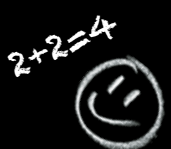
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THE LASSO

By SARAH HODGES

BSSH Feature Editor

It is often hard to fill large shoes of a predecessor, but new Big Spring High School Band Director John Landin is doing just that. After 24 years, Rocky Harris, one of the band programs' most honored director retired which allowed Landin, the former Coahoma band Director to assume the Band Director position.

A familiar figure to members of the band, Mr. Landin assisted the Big Spring band teaching fundamentals for marching seasons in prior years. "Because he has helped us in the past, we are familiar with his teaching style." Drum Major Jayden Torres said.

Despite Mr. Landin having large shoes to fill, the preparatory measures that he is taking for the present and future goals of the band are exemplary. "I aspire to maintain the Big Spring Pride Drive everyone knows

and loves. I also hope to continue the tradition of superior ratings like sweepstakes, along with continuing our quest to make state next year with this year's preparation," Mr. Landin stated.

Despite various challenges that come with a director change, Mr. Landin feels that the band members are putting forth an all-out effort to contribute to the success of the band program.

So far Landin's tenure has been a successful one as the band placed first at both the San Angelo and Abilene Invitational marching contests as well as receiving ones at the UIL Regional competition.

Landin and the band now gear up for concert season as well as establishing a jazz band program.

With the hard work and dedication that Landin is showing, when he does decide to step down he will be leaving large shoes of his own to fill.

Academic Star Student of the Week *Forsan Senior, Nathaniel Whitmore*

This week's Academic All-Star Student of the Week is Nathaniel Whitmore. Nathaniel is the son of Derrick and Esther Whitmore, and is a senior at Forsan High School. Nathaniel is a well-rounded man who excels in all aspects of school.

He has played football at Forsan for the past four years and was captain of the football team this past season. He has also played baseball, participated in track, and been an MVP for the Forsan power lifting team. Nathaniel was named All-District Academic and 2nd team All-State Academic for football.

Nathaniel has placed emphasis on academics during his years at Forsan. His favorite subject is science, which led him to competing in the very subject at UIL competitions. Nathaniel has also competed in UIL social studies and current events. Nathaniel has also been in the Gifted and Talented (now called GRIT) program, taken numerous college classes, and is a member of the National Honor Society. When asked about his achievements, Nathaniel said that, "I'd like to attribute my great academic success to the great teachers I've had throughout my academic career."

Nathaniel has big plans after he graduates from high school. He



plans to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point and then be commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army. Some wise words that Nathaniel has clung tight to in his life are, "be true to yourself" and "be the best that you can be."

When asked what his favorite part of Forsan has been, Nathaniel said, "The atmosphere. It's small enough where you know everybody. I've been able to build a lot of good friendships." Forsan is proud to have Nathaniel Whitmore as part of the buffalo family, and the school is so proud of what Nathaniel already has and will continue to accomplish.

Congratulations Nathaniel!

STEER STUFF



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Big Spring ISD elementary students competed in the District Elementary Meet on Dec. 11. Pictured above are some of the students who placed, at that meet.

Special to the Herald

Last week, several Big Spring students participated in the district Elementary UIL Meet held on Dec. 11. Out of those attending, several of them were recognized and brought home awards.

In Second Grade, in Chess Puzzle, Joseph Delgado placed 4th; Trinity Haddock placed 5th and Korbin Cervantes placed 6th. The team placed 2nd overall.

In Music Memory, Damian Hernandez placed 3rd in individuals; the Music Memory team placed 2nd overall.

The Story Telling team placed 2nd overall, with Travis Laplante placing 4th and Kylie Williams also participating.

All the 2nd grade UIL participants did a great job and showed great effort. The future looks bright for UIL and our students at BSISD!

BSI students visit Texas Tech

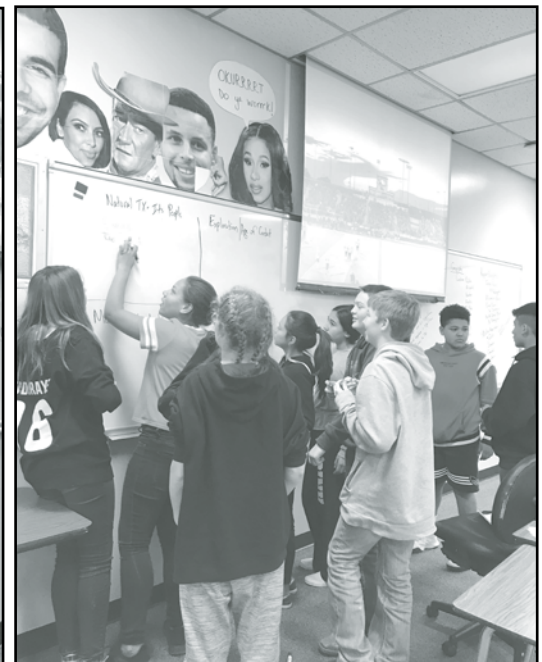


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BSI 6th grade students attended the Texas Tech Educational Day. Criteria to earn the field trip was based on academics, behavior, and attendance. We had 211 6th grade students attend the Tech girls' basketball game. Each student also received a Tech drawstring bag.



The Buffalo Bulletin



Special to the Herald

In Coach Lefever's Texas History class, students are met with engaging lessons filled with humor.

He uses current issues the students care about to help them relate to past events. They have learned all about the geography of Texas and how the spring in Big Spring impacted the Comanches and the first settlers of this area.

Most recently, they learned about the Alamo and the Texas Revolution.

Coach Lefever utilizes technology in his lessons, for example he has

students search for historical sights on Google Maps to see what they look like today.

Coach Lefever said, "We don't have a big budget for field trips but through technology we've been able to visit all kinds of places around Texas."

When asked about what he likes most about teaching Texas History, he said, "I like that the kids can relate with various topics we cover in class. When we go over the Age of Oil and how the oil industry created boomtowns like Forsan, it makes it personal for them."

Little Buffs



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Mrs. Cunningham's 4th grade class participated in the Salvation Army's Christmas Angel project sponsored by the Forsan Elementary School Student Council. Her thoughtful students provided Christmas gifts for three "angels."

Big Spring Steers 2019 sports banquet



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Big Spring Steers head coach Cannon McWilliams poses with Steer Award-winner Derek Howard at the Big Spring sports banquet held on Monday night.

By SHAWN MORAN
Herald Sportswriter

Big Spring ISD held their annual sports banquet this past Monday night at the high school. Following a year of athletic achievements and progress that has made the community excited for the future, Big Spring awarded their most deserving athletes with the Steer and Lady Steer Awards.

For football, Steers head coach Cannon McWilliams presented the Steer Award to sophomore offensive/defensive lineman Derek Howard. After a

strong season, Howard has earned the trust of his head coach and will be heading into his next varsity season with a ton of confidence. With two years left of high-level play to expect from Howard, the Steers program seems to be headed in the right direction following several years of turmoil.

To continue with the Steer awards, cross country coach dubbed Roman Perez as the award-winner after his stand out long-distance running and determination to improve and compete was put on display this past season. In girls cross country, Elisabeth Jones was the selection for the Lady Steer award. Being a long-distance runner takes serious commitment and stamina. These two cross country stars made their mark on the Big Spring season and will go down in the record books.

In volleyball, senior Amber Martinez was recognized with the award. Following a tough season, the three-year varsity outside hitter/right side was shown respect by coach Kaitlyn Braswell by being named the award winner. In three seasons coached with more losses than wins, Martinez never gave up her love for the sport and led the Lady Steers volleyball team from her captain role.

"Amber embodies all of the characteristics that we want from our kids," Braswell said. "She leads by example with her selflessness and strong work ethic. Anything asked of her will be completed with maximum effort and no complaints. Amber suffered a season-ending injury, but sports do not define who she is. She will find success in whatever her future brings."

Not to be forgotten from getting recognition are the trainers for each Big Spring athletic team. On Monday night, one male and female were selected as the Steer and Lady Steer Award-winners for the 2019 year. Hailey Ramirez and Zach Whitehead were chosen as the award winners for their dedication and commitment to their Steers athletics teams.

The 2020 athletic year is right around the corner and it is now safe to look ahead to what the next year in Big Spring sports might bring us. Currently in the midst of basketball and swim/dive season, the Steers will be beginning powerlifting next month with baseball, softball, and golf following soon after that.

See **STEERS**, Page 13

Steers swim/dive finish near Top 10 of Seminole Invitational



Courtesy Photo

Pictured above left and right: Big Spring divers make their moves in mid-air on the way down to the pool. Pictured above center: A trio of Steers divers pose for a picture. The girls finished the Invitational in 11th, while the boys finished in 10th.

Young Texan wins Vegas Tuffest Junior World Championship

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Gage Jourdan is the Mike and SherryLynn Johnson's Vegas Tuffest Junior World Champion 2019 for the 10 and under Breakaway roping.

Breakaway roping is a type of calf roping. However, the calf is not tied or thrown during the event. This event takes place during a rodeo and features a single person on a horse and a calf.

Gage won the hot round that paid \$10,000 with a time of 2.3. This World show was outstanding and the Johnson family and all the sponsors were awesome.

The event Showcases rodeo's up & coming junior contestants in calf roping, barrels, poles, breakaway & goat tying with over \$100,000 in cash, prizes & scholarships.

According to their website, Mike and SherryLynn



have dedicated their life to sharing their passion for the sport of rodeo traveling all over North America teaching, coaching and supporting the future generations of the sport.

In a sport that requires the ultimate concentration and skill, it is extremely impressive to see such a young man excelling at the rodeo.

With this yearly event, it would be surprising if Jourdan did not return another time after his big win.

In their young champion, they have gained another top-level rodeo star for years to come.

Herald sportswriter Shawn Moran contributed to this report.

Walker scores 32 to lead Celtics past Mavericks 109-103

DAVE JACKSON

Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — The Boston Celtics turned to a new Big Three to earn a key road win.

Kemba Walker scored 32 points and combined with teammates Jaylen Brown and Jayson Tatum for 82 as the Celtics defeated the Dallas Mavericks 109-103 on Wednesday night.

Brown had 26 points and Tatum added 24 to help Boston prevail on a night when both teams were missing key players and struggled to shoot 40% from the field. The trio combined for 27 of the Celtics' 33 points in the final quarter when Boston pulled away from a Mavericks team missing star guard Luka Doncic.

Boston had injuries of its own, playing without Gordon Hayward (left foot soreness) and Marcus Smart (left eye infection). No other Celtics player scored more than seven points.

"The three guys we were going to play through were very clear tonight," coach Brad Stevens said. "Those guys all had good scoring nights, thankfully."

Doncic sat out his second straight game with a

right ankle sprain, and his absence was felt more than in Dallas' win Monday over Milwaukee. The Mavs scored a season-low 18 points in the third quarter and finished 15 points below their season average despite hitting a flurry of 3-pointers in the final minutes.

Kristaps Porzingis led Dallas with 23 points and 13 rebounds but fouled out in the last minute. Seth Curry added 20 points.

Doncic Brunson started at point guard in place of Jalen and tied his career high with 11 assists, but struggled with 4-for-13 shooting and had two crucial turnovers in the fourth quarter.

"Most importantly, I've got to stop turning the ball over so late in the game," Brunson said. "Two straight home games turning the ball over late — that's on me."

After falling behind early in each of the first three quarters before rallying, Boston jumped out front in the fourth with Brown hitting a 20-footer and Tatum a 3 to build an 83-78 lead. Tatum converted a three-point play with 6:38 to go to give the Celtics an 88-80 edge. After two Dallas free throws, Walker hit a 3 and then made four free throws in a row to

extend the lead to double digits.

"Our development together is getting better," Walker said. "Chemistry's getting better each and every day."

Dallas hit five 3s in the final 3:34 to trim the deficit.

TIP-INS

Celtics: Stevens said Hayward had soreness in his foot since before the broken hand that cost him 13 games. Hayward didn't feel better at practice this week despite a cortisone shot last Friday, and he will undergo an MRI on Thursday. ... Smart missed his fourth game in a row.

Mavericks: Coach Rick Carlisle said Doncic was improving and would join the team on its two-game road trip to Philadelphia and Toronto, but said it was "highly unlikely" he would play in either game.

HOME WOES

Dallas is 18-9 but only 8-7 at home and has lost four of its last six at American Airlines Center, despite announcing its 800th consecutive sellout, including playoffs.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Sylvia makes a mysterious play

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♦K 10 8 4
♥Q J 9 2
♦8 5
♣9 6 3
WEST
♥6
♦A 8 6 5
♦K 10 7 2
♣A Q 8 2
EAST
♥7 2
♥7 4 3
♦J 9 6 4 3
♣K 10 5
SOUTH
♦A Q J 9 5 3
♥K 10
♦A Q
♣J 7 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Dble 2 ♠ Pass

Opening lead — two of diamonds.

There was one member of the club who found Sylvia to be his nemesis. He was a life master many times over, having won countless championships at every level of the game. But his record with and against Sylvia did not bear out his reputation. For some unaccountable reason, Sylvia would perpetrate her most horrendous errors when she was his partner, and play her fiendish best when she opposed him.

Take today's case, which exemplifies

the kind of frustration that this expert — who shall remain nameless — suffered against Sylvia. He was West, defending against four spades played by Sylvia. Faced with a difficult choice, he elected to lead a diamond.

This would not have been fatal, since the defense could still have cashed four tricks later on. But Sylvia came up with one of her patented plays that made her the talk of the club. When East played the diamond jack on the opening lead, Sylvia won the trick with the ace!

Why she played the ace instead of the queen is a mystery, but the effect was that West naturally assumed East had the queen. So when Sylvia, after drawing trump, next played the king of hearts, West grabbed the ace and led a low diamond to East's (supposed) queen. He was aiming for a club return through Sylvia's presumed king so that he could score his A-Q and set the contract.

But Sylvia unexpectedly produced the queen of diamonds and then discarded two clubs on dummy's hearts to rack up 11 tricks. Of course, had Sylvia won the opening lead with the queen, West would have had no choice, after taking the ace of hearts, but to lead clubs in the hope that his partner had the king.

Tomorrow: Test your play.

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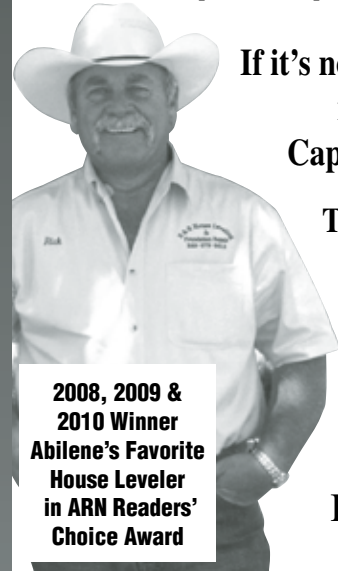
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Change can be hard. So when you go through the trouble, you want the change to be for the better, not just for the different. For this reason, you'll deliberate longer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). To form a new habit, you must first put your mind to it. Then, you must get your mind out of it. It's not a mysterious process and doesn't need a lot of overthinking. Habits are forged in the alchemy of daily practice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The highway to success, like typical highways, has many exits. You don't want to get off before you reach yours, but detours happen. Don't worry too much. Do what you have to do, and then find the

entrance and merge right back on.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's not a person walking the earth who is truly heartless, but many hearts seem to be pumping ice water instead of joy. Don't let that damper your mood. Show them what is possible.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's a day of interesting choices. Luckily, you're in a decisive mode. It's easy because you know your purpose, and you trust your feelings as well as your ability to find something good in anything you get.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You prefer the truth in the same way a chef prefers sharp knives. They just work better. But they also cut deeper and are more dangerous. With knives and honesty, take a cautious, mindful approach.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Freedom of expression is an overarching umbrella of liberty essential to the evolution of humankind. Exercise yours. No one will know what's in you (not even you) until it's out in an expressed form.



SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are plenty of peo-

ple doing the popular thing and wearing that with varying degrees of success. Leave that to them while you do what only you can do. Answer the specific, strange, quiet call of your heart.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). One relationship has

been taking up more of your time lately, and there may be some jealousy among loved ones over your attention. Handle it now before it blows up into a big deal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Typically, the early stages of an endeavor tend to be rough. That's why it's prudent to keep going and, when you've hit your stride, return to the earlier work to update and improve it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'd rather go through a hard time than see a loved one there. All the same, you wouldn't trade your difficulties, as they've made you better. Remember this as you watch your loved ones overcome.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Unmotivated? Blame your environment, specifically the lighting and soundscape.

What can you change about this? How can you arrange your space to maximize its potential to inspire you?

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 19). Because your heart is open going into this solar return, you'll learn from everyone, even the ones who irk you. You'll show up strong in January and be offered new positions and roles. Feel your way through this, as the one that looks good on paper won't bring you as much happiness as the ones that fit your tone. Pisces and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 47, 22, 28, 13 and 6.

Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.

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Annie's Mailbox

Stop the Ruckus!

Dear Annie: I just got back from a trip visiting my family across the country and something followed me from sea to shining sea -- people watching videos, listening to music and playing video games loudly and without headphones for the most part, too. What is with this?

I first noticed it when a young boy next to me at the airport was playing on his iPad with the video game noises on high. His parents seemed oblivious to the obvious disturbance.

Next, someone was video conferencing their partner, without headphones or even moving to a less crowded space, as

we were boarding. Yet another person was blasting her music on the plane; I could hear it from two rows back! Finally, after landing, I got on the train to head home and this elderly couple kept passing their phones back and forth, sharing videos while a guy down the train car played his music through his speakerphone.

This rude phenomenon spans generations and gender, seemingly, but I can't be the only one who is disturbed by this trend. Annie, what's the best way to approach people who can't seem to keep their music to themselves? -- Thanks for Not Sharing

Dear Thanks for Not

Sharing: Your letter provides a wonderful description of what all of us are putting up with these days. Trying to block the noise out and going into a mental bubble can be challenging. It is amazing how a few rude people can ruin your day -- if you let them. Maybe the best solution is to keep headphones with you and put them on for two reasons: one, to show them your good example, and, two, to block out the inconsiderate people. Let's hope some enlightened legislators will pass a law addressing this issue.

Dear Annie: Today I read in the news about the fuss over a Starbucks employee misunderstanding someone's

name and writing ISIS instead of AZIZ. This would not have been a problem if businesses would quit insisting on getting your first name when you order. I am perfectly happy being a number and resent how some places insist on asking my name. I am not your new best friend; I am your customer and deserve the respect that comes with that. Also, I feel it puts women and young teens at risk when their name is announced to a room full of strangers. Yes, you could always give a fake name, but most people don't. I do get a kick out of saying my name is Wendy at Wendy's. To all businesses, please stop this practice and go back to numbers. Maybe I will try telling

them my name is No. 32. -- Protect My Privacy

Dear Protect My Privacy: Your letter brings up a great point about safety. While it is not as personal, numbers seem like a better option.

Dear Annie: In response to the lady whose brother and sister-in-law fight in front of the kids about whether to invest money or pay off the mortgage earlier, there is an easy solution. It is true that there are benefits to both sides of the argument, so why not compromise?

They can mutually decide on an amount they are comfortable with. The first month they

can invest it, and the second month it goes toward the principle on their mortgage. It should make both of them happy and everyone wins, especially the kids when peace is restored in the family. -- A Retired Financial Planner

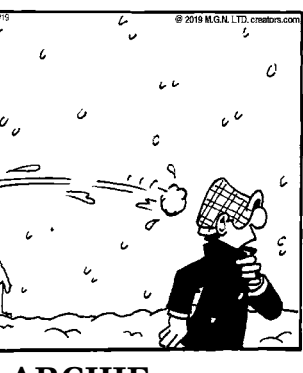
Dear Retired Financial Planner: I always love hearing from professionals in their field. Compromising is a healthy solution in most relationships, and your suggestion is a good one.

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

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This Date In History

Today in History
 Today is Thursday, Dec. 19, the 353rd day of 2019. There are 12 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
 On Dec. 19, 1998, President Bill Clinton was impeached by the Republican-controlled House for perjury and obstruction of justice (he was subsequently acquitted by the Senate).
 On this date:
 In 1777, during the American Revolutionary War, Gen. George Washington led his army of about 11,000 men to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, to camp for the winter.
 In 1946, war broke out in Indochina as troops under Ho Chi Minh launched widespread attacks against the French.
 In 1950, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower was named commander of the military forces of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.
 In 1960, fire broke out on the hangar deck of the nearly completed aircraft carrier USS Constellation at the New York Naval Shipyard; 50 civilian workers were killed.
 In 1974, Nelson A. Rockefeller was sworn in as the 41st vice president of the United States in the U.S. Senate chamber by Chief Justice Warren Burger with President Gerald R. Ford looking on.
 In 1975, John Paul Stevens was sworn in as an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.
 In 1986, the Soviet Union announced it had freed dissident Andrei Sakharov (SAH'-kah-rahv) from internal exile, and pardoned his wife, Yelena Bonner. Lawrence E. Walsh was appointed independent counsel to investigate the Iran-Contra affair.
 In 1997, James Cameron's epic film "Titanic" opened in U.S. theaters.
 In 2001, the fires that had burned beneath the ruins of the World Trade Center in New York City for the previous three months were declared extinguished except

for a few scattered hot spots. In 2002, Secretary of State Colin Powell declared Iraq in "material breach" of a U.N. disarmament resolution.
 In 2003, design plans were unveiled for the signature skyscraper — a 1,776-foot glass tower — at the site of the World Trade Center in New York City.
 In 2008, citing imminent danger to the national economy, President George W. Bush ordered an emergency bailout of the U.S. auto industry.
 Ten years ago: A U.N. climate conference in Copenhagen ended with a nonbinding accord to show for two weeks of debate and frustration; the deal was brokered by President Barack Obama, who attended the conference on its final day. A snowstorm paralyzed much of the eastern U.S. on the last holiday shopping weekend.
 Five years ago: President Barack Obama said Sony Pictures Entertainment "made a mistake" in shelving "The Interview," a satirical film about a plot to assassinate North Korea's leader; Sony defended its decision, saying it had no choice but to cancel the film's Christmas Day theatrical release because the country's top theater chains had pulled out in the face of threats.
 One year ago: President Donald Trump announced that all 2,000 U.S. troops in Syria would be leaving that country, a move that sparked alarm and outrage from Republican lawmakers and prompted the resignation of Defense Secretary Jim Mattis; Trump explained the decision by declaring victory against the Islamic State group. The Federal Reserve raised its key interest rate for the fourth time in 2018 to reflect the economy's contin-

ued strength, but signaled that it expected to slow its rate hikes in 2019.
Today's Birthdays: Former game show contestant Herb Stempel is 93. Actress Elaine Joyce is 76. Actor Tim Reid is 75. Paleontologist Richard E. Leakey is 75. Musician John McEuen is 74. Singer Janie Fricke is 72. Jazz musician Lenny White is 70. Actor Mike Lookinland is 59. Actor Scott Cohen is 58. Actress Jennifer Beals is 56. Actor Robert MacNaughton is 53. Magician Criss Angel is 52. Rock musician Klaus Eichstadt (Ugly Kid Joe) is 52. Actor Ken Marino is 51. Actor Elvis Nolasco is 51. Rock musician Kevin

Shepard is 51. Actor Derek Webster is 51. Actress Kristy Swanson is 50. Model Tyson Beckford is 49. Actress Amy Locane is 48. Pro Football Hall of Famer Warren Sapp is 47. Actress Rosa Blasi is 47. Actress Alyssa Milano is 47. Actress Tara Summers is 40. Actor Jake Gyllenhaal (JIH'-lihn-hahl) is 39. Actress Marla Sokoloff is 39. Rapper Lady Sovereign is 34. Journalist Ronan Farrow is 32. Actor Nik Dodani is 26.
Thought for Today: "He that jokes confesses." — Italian proverb.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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STEERS

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Last baseball season, the Steers won the District and advanced into the state playoffs. With more young players joining the varsity ranks this season, the Steers will look to defend their district title when the season gets underway in a few months.

The football team is assuredly back in the weight room already and are preparing to make an impressive run next season that will set a new culture for Big Spring Steers football. Following an impressive finish to the season where McWilliams' squad showed resilience and how to overcome adversity in an overtime win over Lake View and a tough-fought playoff matchup with Mountain View.

The Lady Steers volleyball team won only four games this past season but have only three seniors leaving. With an injection of new faces



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Amber Martinez poses with Head Coach Kaitlyn Braswell after being awarded with the Lady Steer Award following her stellar Lady Steers career.

and youth to the on-court rotation, the Lady Steers will also be faced with a need and want to improve over their last season.

Both the golf and tennis teams will look to build off of past success and become even stronger during their next season.

There is plenty to be proud of and also plenty to look forward to when it comes to Big Spring High School and their athletic teams. While the 2019 Steer Awards have been handed out, there will be more to come next year at the beginning of an exciting future to look forward to for all Big Spring residents and fans.

With basketball season currently ongoing, it will be interesting to see how much the boys and girls team improves after their impressive last seasons.

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"Sometimes we start a little bit slow and we have to fight our way back," Porzingis said. "Tonight we didn't come out with the same aggression or the

same intensity that we did in Milwaukee."

START STRONG, FINISH STRONG

Walker did nearly all his damage in the first and fourth quarters, with 16 and 13 points, respectively.

In between, Dallas largely used top defender Dorian Finney-Smith to check Walker, which opened up opportunities for Tatum and Brown.

"Those guys just make it easy for me," Walker said. "Whenever I'm missing, they always come up to me and keep me confident. That's especially important for me, being the new guy."

UP NEXT

Celtics: Host the Detroit Pistons on Friday.

Mavericks: At the Philadelphia 76ers on Friday.

Jaguars fire Coughlin amid 3rd season, following NFLPA shot

By MARK LONG

AP Sports Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — The Jacksonville Jaguars fired top executive Tom Coughlin on Wednesday, parting ways with the two-time Super Bowl-winning coach a little more than a day after the NFL Players Union took a sledgehammer to his reputation.

Coughlin served as executive vice president of football operations since 2017. It was his second stint with Jacksonville, the expansion franchise he helped build from the ground up in the mid-1990s.

The unbending taskmaster had been in trouble for weeks because of the team's sagging record and several questionable roster moves. The NFLPA seemingly forced owner Shad Khan's hand after an arbitrator's decision to undo millions in fines imposed by Coughlin himself.

The NFLPA said Monday that more than 25% of player grievances filed in the last two years have been against the Jaguars. The union's take: "You as players may want to consider this when you have a chance to select your next club."

"I determined earlier this fall that making this move at the conclusion of the 2019 season would be in everyone's best interests," Khan said in a statement. "But, in recent days, I reconsidered and decided to make this change immediately."

"I thank Tom for his efforts, not only over the past three years but for all he did from our very first season, 25 years ago, to put the Jacksonville Jaguars on the map."

Khan said general manager Dave Caldwell and head coach Doug Marrone will each report directly to him on an interim basis.

"My expectations, and those of our fans, for our final two games and the 2020 season are high," Khan added.

The NFLPA grievances are a product of Coughlin's peccadillos, many of which come from a good place — that of an old-school coach who always be-

lieved that football was more than just a business.

But the rules that once seemed trifling — no sunglasses, all meetings start 5 minutes early — took a more sinister tone since Coughlin's return. He was still basking in the glow of two Super Bowl titles during his in-between stay as coach of the New York Giants that painted him as a man who had truly changed his ways.

He fined defensive end Dante Fowler more than \$700,000 in 2018 for missing "mandatory" appointments at the facility during the offseason. Problem was, the appointments weren't really mandatory — a reality cooked into the rule book after some hard-fought wins by the union in collective bargaining about how much time players were obliged to spend at team headquarters in the offseason.

Coughlin and the Jaguars have been on the wrong end of other high-profile battles against players — involving running back Leonard Fournette, cornerback Jalen Ramsey and now-retired defensive end Jared Odrick. All involved fines or criticism of players who didn't act the way Coughlin liked, or failed to show up to voluntary sessions that the old coach always believed weren't really voluntary.

The pushback against Coughlin was as much a sign of the attitudes of players in the late 2010s as it is of their willingness to blindly follow a leader who hadn't proven himself to them — regardless of whatever message those Super Bowl rings might have delivered.

As much as creating a mindset, ultimately, Coughlin was brought back to build a championship roster. In his first year back, it was trending that way, much the same as it was in the late 1990s, when he took the expansion franchise to the AFC title game twice in four years.

Led by a smothering defense that Coughlin helped build, Jacksonville fell to New England in the 2017 AFC title game after leading by 10 in the fourth quarter. Since then, however, Coughlin's moves to try to bridge the gap have looked like massive

cases of bad judgement and overreach, the likes of which mired the final four seasons (2000-03) of his first stint with the Jags.

The three most notable mistakes came at quarterback: the Jaguars drafted Fournette over Deshaun Watson, gave clearly flawed Blake Bortles a three-year, \$54 million contract and then handed \$88 million (\$50.125 guaranteed) to Nick Foles.

There were other problems raging throughout the roster, the locker room and the entire building.

Coughlin has developed a rift with coach Doug Marrone over Marrone's insistence on reducing the intensity and pace of practices at training camp, which came in direct conflict with what Coughlin has preached over his five-plus decades in football.

Marrone also wasn't pleased that Coughlin dealt Ramsey, a mercurial-but-talented player who was supposed to be a cornerstone of the franchise, to the Los Angeles Rams earlier this year after multiple flareups between the player and the VP.

Meanwhile, assistant coaches grew tired of receiving second-hand guidance that goes right down to the nuts and bolts of game-planning from a man who hasn't taken much time to get to know them.

All of this has turned one of the league's up-and-coming teams into a loser. The Jaguars have dropped 19 of their last 26 games, 11 of which have come by double digits, and six of those by 20 or more.

Big 12 rivals Texas, Oklahoma neck-and-neck on signing day

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BEST IN CLASS (based on 247 Sports composite rankings through Wednesday afternoon): Texas fans hope they have reason for a promising future after a so-so season. The Longhorns are given the edge in the conference recruiting rankings with Oklahoma ranked close behind. The two programs also border each other in the national rankings at 10 and 11.

BEST PLAYER: Bijan Robinson, a 6-foot, 200-pound running back out of Tucson (Arizona) Salpointe Catholic, was the lone five-star recruit to

sign with a Big 12 school. Texas landed him. Robinson is the 20th-rated prospect in the country and is No. 3 among running backs. He's touted as having great vision, patience behind the line and the ability to quickly get to the second level. Ball security and pass blocking are seen as areas of improvement, but he could still make an immediate impact for a Texas' offense that could use playmakers.

WHO STOCKED UP: In sheer numbers, Kansas State led the way with 23 recruits signing letters, but along with rival Kansas, didn't have any four-star recruits.


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