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5 vehicle accident in Martin County results in fatality, 9 injured

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
Managing Editor

According to a Texas Department of Public Safety report, a five vehicle traffic accident resulted in one fatality and nine injured on Wednesday night. The five-car accident occurred on Interstate Highway 20 in Stanton at 9:01 p.m. Wednesday. According to the report, a 2012 Kenworth Truck-tractor towing a semi-trailer, driven by Jose A. Saenz, 37 year old of Odessa, was traveling west on Interstate Highway 20 in

congested traffic. The traffic had come to a stop and the tractor trailer failed to control its speed and struck the rear of a 2019 Volvo Truck tractor towing a semi-trailer, driven by Jaafar S. Eskander, 26 year old male of Riverdale, MD, which in turn created a chain of reactions of collisions. The tractor trailer driven by Eskander was pushed into a 2020 Isuzu box truck, driven by Jorge Torres, 21 year old male of Odessa. The tractor trailer driven by Eskander also struck a 2016 GMC Sierra towing a utility trailer, driven by Marco A. Varela-

Martinez, 35 year old male of Garland, Texas. The box truck driven by Torres was also pushed into a 2020 freightliner truck tractor towing a semi trailer, driven by Tony M. Stewart, 51 year old male of Dallas. Saenz was pronounced at the scene by J.P. Jarrell Hedrick. He was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the accident. The driver of the 2019 Volvo tractor trailer received only non-incapacitating injuries and was transported

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A Moment in Time

Part 2: The Jewish Community in Big Spring

Editor's Note:
Last Week The Heritage Museum's History moment focused on a Jewish Community in Big Spring. Last week a few of the businesses owned by members in the community were highlighted. This week, the history moment is highlighting a few more of those businesses.

By **TAMMY SCHRECENGHOST**



Courtesy photo/Heritage Museum

The Record Shop, 211 Main
Oscar Glickman and his wife Bobbie, moved to Breckenridge Tx from Chicago Illinois in the 1920's. He worked as a Juke Box Repairman. It was there that he began to collect 78 rpm records and start selling them over the counter. Oscar and Bobbie moved to Big Spring in 1933 where he joined his two brothers in partnership owning Margo's Dress Store. Oscar opened a small store for his records at 120 Main and in 1942, he opened "The Record Shop" at 211 Main with over 50,000 selections of music. He said he carried anything from Rocky Mountain Ballads to Russian Folk Songs including swing and Strauss Waltz's. Oscars crowded store contained stacks upon stacks of albums. Shelves would be buckled in the middle from the weight however, asking Oscar where something was or did,

The picture above takes our readers back in time to an old view of Main Street during the time period of the early 1900s.

he even have it in stock, would require him to squint his eyes in thought as he took out for the exact location bringing back the album in question. Collectors, teens, and even the artists themselves would walk into "Glickman's Record Shop" for the experience of a lifetime. The Glickman's lived on Washington Blvd and had three children; Martha, Julius, and Jake. Oscar passed away May 1943.

Prager's Mens and Boys Store, 102-104 East 3rd
Morris Prager owned a men's store from 1910 to 1927 in Fort Worth Tx. Morris was born in Lithuania in 1892. He immigrated to the United States in 1908

after his parents scraped together enough money to get him there. They wanted their son to have the opportunities the United States offered and to get away from the Jewish oppression and persecutions that were occurring in Europe. Morris was to meet up with an older brother in New York but upon arriving, he discovered his brother had died. This left Morris all alone so he was taken to Ellis Island where a grocer agreed to take him in and teach him the English language in exchange for his help in his store. After working for the grocer for two years, Morris felt he was ready to set out on his own. He became a bakery delivery driver in New York. He had to wake up at 4:00 am, hook up the horse and make his rounds in the freezing cold. Moving further west was appealing to the slight built young man. He saved enough money for train fair to Dallas, TX where he went to work as a butcher boy selling candy and cigarettes. He would send as much money as he could, back to Europe for his family to come to America on. He was finally able to bring three brothers, two sisters and his mother to the U.S. Morris started a small cleaning business in Fort Worth. Through the arrangement of family, Morris married Netta

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Upcoming Events

Comanche Trail Festival of Lights is open until Dec. 25

Operation Love Letter is accepting letters to be distributed to area nursing home residents. Drop off locations are located throughout town.

City offices available by appointment or electronic communication only

Christmas Tree Forest is open at Heritage Museum is open until Dec. 25

Wash your hands, wear a mask, social distance when possible. Slow the spread.

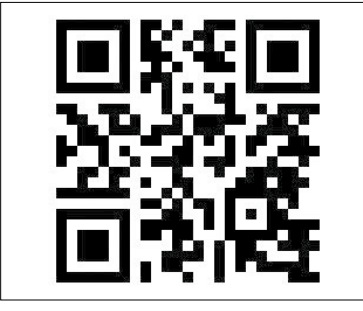
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Virtual field trip offers learning opportunity in a pandemic for Forsan Elementary students



Courtesy photo

Forsan Elementary students watch as they are led on a virtual field trip.

HERALD Staff Report

Forsan Elementary students embarked on a virtual field trip on Friday, Dec. 4. The Fourth Grade class experienced the National Center for Chil-

dren's Illustrated Literature in Abilene, Texas.

The National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature collaborates with award-winning illustrators to produce exhibitions of their artwork that are distinctive, appealing to museum visitors of all ages, and of the highest quality.

The Fourth graders were able to experience the NC-CIL's current exhibition featuring artist Christian Robinson, whose many accolades include a Caldecott Honor and Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award for 'Last Stop on Market Street' (2015), as well as numerous starred reviews in prestigious children's literature publications. Robinson prioritizes depicting all

kinds of children in his illustrations:
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Obituaries



Monohn Long

Monohn Long, 85, of Big Spring, passed away Friday, Dec. 18, 2020. Private services will be held.

She was born March 25, 1935 to Avreal Lewis Holley and Lucy Annie Brown Holley in Pecos, Texas.

Monohn is survived by her husband, Elbert Long; three sons, Frank Long, David Long and Keith Long; eight grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and one sister.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

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

Dell Jarrett McGuire

Dell Jarrett McGuire, 93, of Midland (formerly of Big Spring), passed away on Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020, at Manor Park in Midland. Graveside service will be held on Tuesday Dec. 22, 2020 at Trinity Memorial Park at 2 p.m. A memorial service will be held in January 2021.

Dell was born Oct. 5, 1927, in Seminole County, Oklahoma to W.W. and Belva Mae (Dickey) McGuire. He was number 10 of 11 children and the last to leave.

Dell spent his childhood in Plainview, Texas, on the family farm. After attending school, he joined the U.S. Army on Jan. 2, 1946 and was stationed in Germany during the Occupation. He was Discharged on June 14, 1947. He returned to Plainview, where he met and married Evelyn Hall on August 22, 1948. They later moved to Big Spring in 1954, where he was employed by Cosden Oil Refinery. He spent 31 years in different departments, including Plant Maintenance, hauling gasoline, and working in the Styrene Unit. He retired in 1985 at 58 years of age. After retirement he started his own Welding Business in Big Spring, (Dell's Welding Service). He welded and worked in construction for several years before officially retiring for good.

Dell and Evelyn raised three children while in Big

Spring, Jerry, Gordon and DiAnn.

He was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Big Spring. He was an interictal part in the building of the Gymnasium and assisted in creating the Drive-Thru Nativity which celebrated it's 34th year this December. He also participated in serval Work & Witness Mission trips with the church. After moving to Midland he attended The Gathering Church.

He was a great example of what a Godly Man and loving Husband and Father should be.

Dell was preceded in death by his parents, Evelyn his wife of 65 years, siblings, and his son Jerry Dell McGuire.

He is survived by a Daughter in-law Clare McGuire of Gatesville, his son Gordon McGuire and wife Pam of Big Spring. Daughter DiAnn Fowler and Husband David Fowler of Midland. 7 Grandchildren, 11 Great Grandchildren and many Nieces and Nephews.

The family also wishes to extend our sincere thanks to all the care givers at Manor Park with a special thank you to his nurses, Dollie, Teresa and Jessica for all their compassion and support during his stay in the Vogel Center.

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

Paid Obituary

Gregory M. Smith

Gregory M. Smith, 66, of Big Spring died Friday Dec. 18, 2020. Private family services will be held at a later date. He was born in Gadsden, Alabama on Aug. 23, 1954.

He married Rose Sturm Smith on July 30, 1983. He was a retired RN spending most of career employed at Medical Arts Hospital in Lamesa.

He loved the Atlanta Braves baseball team and going down to the coast to fish. His hobby was collecting baseball cards.

Greg is survived by his wife Rose Smith of Big Spring; his sons, Bradley Smith and wife Shannon, and their children, Wyatt Sullivan Smith and Courtnie Smith of Midland, Texas; Christopher Smith and wife Ashley and their children Blake Smith, Devyn Smith and Emery Smith of Tyler, Texas; Nathaniel M. Smith of Columbus, Ohio; his brother, Gary Smith of Gadsden, Alabama; and his two sisters Jenny Spencer of Orange Beach, Alabama and Janice Smith of Panama City Beach, Florida.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Hoke Jackson Smith and Jessie Mae Smith.

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Paid Obituary

John Puga

John Puga, 79, of Big Spring died Sunday, Dec. 20, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

James Ray Roger

James Ray Roger, 78, of Sig Spring died Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take Note

• 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. Both classes will be virtual.

• 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.

• Isaiah 58's last distribution will be Dec. 15 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. The food pantry will be closed for the holiday season, through the end of the year beginning Dec. 21. through January 5, 2021.

• The City of Big Spring recently announced that due to a recent increase in COVID-19 cases, all indoor city-owned rental facilities including our venue, The Big Spring Municipal Auditorium, will be closed for the rest of the year. With this announcement and with no other venue options that will properly social distance our musicians, we will be unable to kick off our season on Dec. 19 with our "Holiday Spectacular" Concert. Be watching our Facebook page, Symphony website (Bigspringsymphony.org), the Big Spring Herald, KBYG and KBST for further details and a new kick-off date for our season, appropriately entitled, "The Versatile Big Spring Symphony".

Thank you for your continued support and patience as we navigate through these unusual times. We hope to see you very soon. May you and your family stay safe and healthy through the rest of this Holiday Season!

• 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.

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• 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.

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible?

There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. The next session begins Sept. 3, 2019. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

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(Nettie) Sheinberg from New York. She had immigrated from Russia/Poland in 1908 at the age of 12. Morris was called for service during WWI. He had heard there was opportunity in west Texas oil towns so he moved the family to Big Spring in 1927. He opened a small store at 113 Main and called it the "Army Store" although it had nothing to do with the "Army." His store used wooden crates for counters and shelves Morris said "those were some pretty tough times. Poor-boy type of operations." In 1930, during the depth of depression, Mr. Morris decided to move his store up town to 204 and later 206 Main. That store was named Prager's and he continued to operate the "Army" store at 113 Main, selling military attire and accessories.

Morris's son, Albert Joseph (A.J) graduated from Texas A&M with a degree in Petroleum Engineer-

ing in 1941. But after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in December, A.J. had only until January before he was on active duty as a Lieutenant After the war, he went to work in Louisiana as head of drilling operations in North Louisiana. Morris desperately needed his son to help him in the business so he moved to Big Spring in 1948 to master the men's wear business. Brother Joel became a Mechanical Engineer and sister Emily (Clark) stayed in Big Spring and helped with the family business. In 1956, Prager's moved into a new building at 102-104 East 3rd Street. Morris' lifelong dream had finally come true. He owned the largest Mens store in Big Spring. With only a 4th grade education, Morris made certain that his children all received formal education. He passed away, after a long illness, on February 28, 1958 at the age of 65.

Swartz Dress Shop, Corner of East 3rd and Runnels

Adolph Szwarcbart Swartz was born in Czestow-

chowa, Slaskie, Poland in 1904. His mother and father passed away in 1916 and 1918. Adolph immigrated to the U.S. and attended military schools. His brother, Waldemar Jerry Szwarcbart, had been a high-ranking officer in the Polish Army as he "fought bravely against the engulfing Nazi's and the back stabbing of the Russians." The family never learned of his fate. Adolph entered Hardin Simmons University in Abilene. He helped work his way through college by working as a salesman in local clothing stores and soon realized that he wanted to work in the clothing industry permanent. He married Dorothy shortly after he graduated in 1931. The couple decided to move to the growing town of Big Spring, Tx to start a business. They purchased the Hollywood Shope. The couple upgraded the quality of product and then built a new and modern store on the corner of East 3rd and Runnels. The elegant building showed sophistication and style unlike any store in Big Spring.

CRASH

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to Martin County Hospital, along with his passenger Saleem E. Shafeea, 54 year old male of Riverdale, MD.

Torres received incapacitating injuries and was transported to University Medical Center in Lubbock, and his passenger, Aldo Torres, 19 year old

male, of Odessa was not injured and was wearing a seatbelt at the time of collision; another passenger, Justin T. Alvarado, 28 year old male of Odessa, was wearing a seatbelt at the time of impact and was also transported to UMC in Lubbock for incapacitating injuries.

Varela-Martinez along with four passengers were wearing seatbelts at the time of impact and were transported to Martin County Hospital for non incapacitating injuries.

Stewart, was wearing a seatbelt at the time of impact and was not injured.

At the time of the accident the weather was clear and roadways were dry.

Amanda Duforat is the Managing Editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, e-mail editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

TRIP

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"Picture books especially are many children's first introduction to the world. Seeing yourself is almost like a message, it's saying: you matter, you are visible, and you're valuable."

With the guidance of Sandi Rainwater, school tour coordinator of the NCCIL, the students created an art piece based on Robinson, A's style in the book, "Little Penguins." Mrs. Halye Cunningham would like to thank the NCCIL and Mrs. Rainwater for providing this enriching opportunity for the Fourth grade students at Forsan Elementary.

Region J no longer above 15% hospitalization for seven days
Establishments back to 75% occupancy, except for bars at 50%

On November 15, 2020, hospitalization rates for Region J, which includes Howard County, went above 15% for seven consecutive days triggering additional restrictions under Governor Abbott's order GA-32. As of today, December 18, 2020, those hospitalization rates have fallen below 15% for seven consecutive days. As a result of this, Region J is no longer under "high hospitalization rates" status and the additional restrictions under GA-32 are no longer in effect.

Effective immediately:

- All business establishments, except bars, may return to 75% occupancy.

- Bars may reopen at 50% occupancy and only in accordance with Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission regulations.

- All other business establishments may operate at 75% capacity.

- Howard County and the City of Big Spring establishments are able to operate at the 75% capacity due to filing of the required attestation form with DSHS.

We strongly recommend that citizens continue to practice social distancing, wash your hands, stay home if you're sick, and wear a mask when in public areas. Citizens should also simply stay home when possible and don't make unnecessary trips into public.

We Texans are each called upon to act responsibly and continue following all health precautions and sanitizing guidelines. Anyone with questions regarding the specific guidelines for each business may visit Governor Abbott's website at <https://gov.texas>.

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Pilar Yanez, 89, died Wednesday. Funeral Mass will be at 1:00 PM Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Armando Salgado, Jr. 66 died Wednesday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be at 10:00 AM Saturday, December 26, 2020 at Life Church.

Alvin Marin, 83, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Richard Mills, 72 died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Randolph K. Sanders, 66, died Friday. Visitation will be 11:00 AM until 7:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11:00 AM Wednesday at Life Church.

James Ray Roger, 78, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

John Puga, 79, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2020

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 28,752,325	\$ 4,500,891	\$ 229,879	\$ 33,483,095
State Program Revenues	9,695,434	64,050	80,258	9,839,742
Federal Program Revenues	365,227		4,509,383	4,874,610
Total Revenues	\$ 38,812,986	\$ 4,564,941	\$ 4,819,520	\$ 48,197,447
Expenditures:				
Instruction	\$ 19,987,543		\$ 824,878	\$ 20,812,421
Instructional Resources and Media Services	396,250		2,682	398,932
Curriculum and Staff Development	139,142		758,903	898,045
Instructional Leadership	394,560		167,299	561,859
School Leadership	2,539,879		2,301	2,542,180
Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	830,125		609,982	1,440,107
Social Work Services	99,829		7,740	107,569
Health Services	420,918			420,918
Student Transportation	1,116,964			1,116,964
Food Services			2,252,734	2,252,734
Extracurricular Activities	1,362,554			1,362,554
General Administration	997,354			997,354
Plant Maintenance and Operations	7,220,123		38,254	7,258,377
Security and Monitoring Services	185,916			185,916
Data Processing Services	1,093,015		11,057	1,104,072
Debt Service - Principal		2,000,000		2,000,000
Debt Service - Interest		2,019,405		2,019,405
Debt Service - Fees		2,900		2,900
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	270,835			270,835
Other Intergovernmental Charges	315,504			315,504
Total Expenditures	\$ 37,370,511	\$ 4,022,305	\$ 4,675,830	\$ 46,068,646
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Under Expenditures	\$ 1,442,475	\$ 542,636	\$ 143,690	\$ 2,128,801
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers In	\$	\$	\$ 8,411	\$ 8,411
Other Non-Operating Revenue	1,023,344			1,023,344
Transfers Out	(8,411)			(8,411)
Total Other Financing Sources	\$ 1,014,933	\$ 0	\$ 8,411	\$ 1,023,344
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ 2,457,408	\$ 542,636	\$ 152,101	\$ 3,152,145
September 1 - Fund Balance	25,201,949	5,119,845	254,531	30,576,325
August 31 - Fund Balance	\$ 27,659,357	\$ 5,662,481	\$ 406,632	\$ 33,728,470

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



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Forsan Lady Buffs honor their history with throwback uniforms for practice

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

Daily practices, workouts, and games can take a toll on an athlete over the course of the season. Coaches sometimes choose to lighten the mood through unexpected fun activities or things that are certain to make their team not take things too seriously all the time.

That is exactly what happened out in Forsan last week when Forsan Lady Buff Basketball coach Seth Johnson decided to break-out some throwback uniforms for practice.

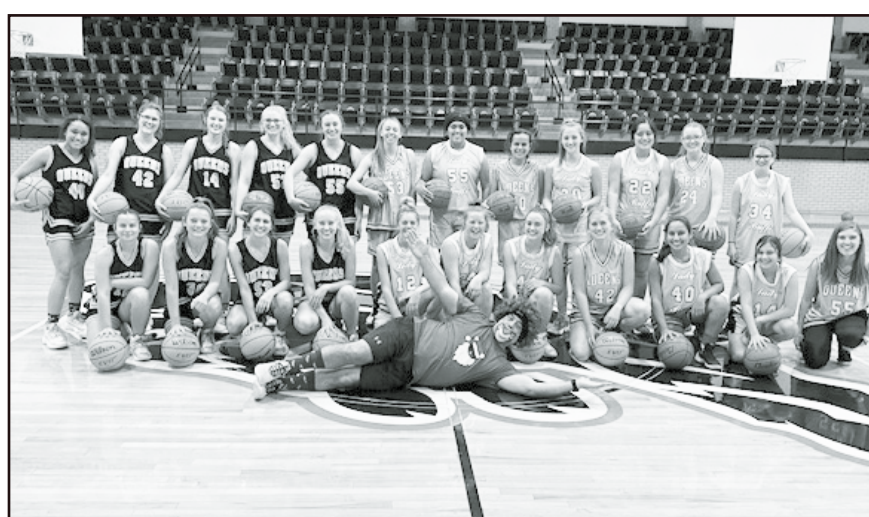
"I was cleaning out the basketball closet before the season and I found them in there," Johnson said. "I just decided that one of these days we're going to bust them out for practice and throw it back a little bit."

There were three different variations of the throwback uniforms. On one, the base color was black with silver lettering and the team's old name – Queens – displayed on the front of the jersey. The next jersey said Queens on the front, but was silver with white lettering instead. The last of the throwbacks was a silver jersey with white cursive lettering that said 'Lady Buffs'.

According to Johnson, it was a fun change-of-pace for the Lady Buffs but he is unsure if they will do another practice like that one in the future.

"It was fun but I don't know if we could convince them to do it again," Johnson joked. "It may need to be a once-a-year thing. It was fun."

If Johnson does breakout the throwbacks from the equipment closet again,



Courtesy Photo

The Forsan Lady Buffs take a team photo during their Throwback Uniform/Christmas Sock practice last week.

they had already picked for one of the other throwback choices because of comfortability.

Overall, it was a fun day for the impressive basketball team. The Lady Buffs are currently looking like the favorite to win the district and currently ranked in the Top 40 2A teams in the state (MaxPreps).

While the Lady Buffs might have thrown it back to the past this week, this group is still focused on moving forward and winning more basketball games.

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

Howard basketball teams gearing up for delayed season

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

This past summer, the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) announced their plans to push the start time for all fall sports, including basketball, back to January. The move was expected and the decision was finalized after many long discussions.

"Our greatest focus is and always has been providing the best opportunities for our student-athletes," NJCAA President & CEO Dr. Christopher Parker said at the time. "Through a unified effort from our Presidential Advisory Council, the Board of Regents, and leadership staff, our most recent plan of action provides a path that keeps our student-athletes competing at the highest level with proper safety measures in place. As we move forward as an association, we will continue to provide opportunities for our student-athletes, coaches, and all those involved with the NJCAA to be safe and successful."

Basketball season usually tips off in late October with plenty of out-of-conference games and some early-season tournaments. This year, the Howard men's and women's basketball programs will both play a shortened schedule (NJCAA is allowing 22 games) and will also have a lot more practice time with their new players.

The decision does create an increase in practice time for the programs in the fall. Both teams have a large group of new, incoming players that could benefit from the extended practice time. They will not have to worry about an upcoming game or the

recovery from a previous night's contest. Instead, each player will be able to focus on building relationships with their teammates on the court and helping turn the overall team into a well-oiled machine.

While the Howard coaches, like many around the country, would have preferred a normal season, they also understand that the health of their athletes is paramount and moving the season was the best possible solution for everyone during these uncertain times.

"When we first got the proposal, I was a little bit surprised, but about two weeks earlier a group of JUCA coaches had put together a proposal to the NJCAA to move games back to January," Hawks coach Scott Raines said.

Lady Buffs assistant coach Meesha Wade added, "I wasn't surprised. I knew that they weren't going to allow us to play in the fall, so it wasn't a big shock to me."

Moving the season back had been rumored for a week or so beforehand and therefore was not a surprising decision.

Repercussions have continued to come down in the aftermath of the decision. Several programs, such as Odessa's women's team, has made the choice to furlough their basketball program for an entire year. Other schools, such as Angelina College, have shut down every sport for the next year and will not return to athletic competition until 2021-22.

The Howard Lady Hawks are directly affected by Odessa's decision because they will now have to find two more out-of-conference games to sched-

ule. Most schedules are decided on and planned out much farther in advance and so Coach Diddle and Coach Wade will have their work cut out for them. Either way, expectations for the team have not changed and the Lady Hawks are expecting a strong season.

"(This doesn't change expectations) at all," she said. "This just gives us a lot more time to prep and get ready for the season."

Raines also seemed pleased with the practice guidelines that were put in place by the NJCAA. He knows that with the talent he has coming in for this next season, more practice time could mean the Hawks will be that much closer to a Region title and possibly the national tournament.

"Coach Cotten and I have worked really hard and we like our squad," Raines said. "We've got some really good players, some high character people so it's been a good last few months for us."

These are unique times that we are living in and the sports world has continued to be impacted by the consistent surging of the coronavirus throughout the country. While the season has been pushed back and the games will not begin until next month, everyone from the coaching staff to the players and athletic trainers is ready to go for basketball season.

"I was talking with another coach in our league and we're both kind of excited about it," Raines said. "I think change is good."

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Suns, several NBA teams make bold offseason moves to improve

By DAVID BRANDT

AP Sports Writer

The Phoenix Suns haven't been to the NBA playoffs in more than a decade, back when players like Amar'e Stoudemire, Steve Nash and Grant Hill were running up and down the court in Arizona.

In an effort to break out of its constant state of mediocrity, the franchise made some of the boldest around the league moves during the NBA's coronavirus-condensed offseason.

The Suns traded for 10-time All-Star point guard Chris Paul in November, a move that started a flurry of offseason deals as Phoenix worked to build around its young core of guard Devin Booker and forward Deandre Ayton.

While all teams are looking to get better, a few standouts: including the Los Angeles Lakers, Atlanta Hawks, Portland Trail Blazers, Milwaukee Bucks and Philadelphia 76ers.

In Phoenix, Booker has been a beacon of light during the Suns recent playoff drought.

He has toiled through five straight losing seasons in the desert since being drafted 13th overall in 2015 out of Kentucky. He made his first All-Star game last season is thrilled with the offseason additions.

But Booker knows a lot of moves look good on paper and a lot of hard work is ahead.

"You've got to build and nurture and grow," Booker said. "We've taken tremendous steps. And with the players we added, we've got a deep team with a lot of IQ and guys who know how to play the game. I think everyone in this locker room is locked in."

The Suns didn't stop with Paul. Soon after his arrival, Phoenix signed a handful of veterans including, forward Jae Crowder and guards Langston Galloway and E'Twaun Moore.

The 35-year-old Paul is reunited with coach Monty Williams, who is in his second season with the Suns. Williams coached Paul in New Orleans during the 2010-11 season and the two have stayed in touch.

Paul said he loves the way Williams builds teams and the Suns match his personality.

"We've got a lot of pros," Paul said. "Anybody who plays in the league, or is around the league knows what I mean when I say that. Guys come in and prepare, they work. When we have shootarounds and practice, it's hard to get guys out of the gym."

"When you've got guys like that, you build."

A look at a few other NBA teams that made some of the biggest offseason moves:

LOS ANGELES LAKERS

LeBron James and Anthony Davis have a few new teammates as they try to repeat as NBA champions.

The Lakers added guard Dennis Schröder in a trade and bulked up the front-court by signing Montrezl Harrell, the NBA's reigning sixth man of the year, and three-time All-Star Marc Gasol. Schroder averaged nearly 19 points per game last season for the Thunder and is still just 27 years old.

Harrell averaged a career-high 18.6 points and 7.1 rebounds for the Clippers last season. The 6-foot-11 Gasol is, nearly 36 years old, but has been a key factor on the Raptors the past two years, including during their championship run in 2019.

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Status/Permit No. 865469
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DEADLINE: 5:00 PM,
Jan 7, 2021
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Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
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Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email:
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licant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848.

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Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 608.0

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Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 500.0 F SE L

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Terminus Location
BH County: HOWARD
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This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9100 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Lisa Hunt, at (432)8484833.

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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37
Case No. 0328255
DATE OF ISSUANCE:
Dec 17, 2020
Status/Permit No. 865462
NOTICE OF PROTEST
DEADLINE: 5:00 PM,
Jan 7, 2021
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Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
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Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
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Case No. 0328256
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PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at (512)463-6751. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848.

Legals

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Jan 7, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name : MIRACLE MAX A
Lease/Unit Well No. : 1743WA
Lease/Unit Acres : 641.5
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : null
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 608.0

Lease Lines : 322.0 F SE L, 1015.0 F SW L

Legals

Survey Lines : 322.0 F SE L, 1015.0 F SW L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 500.0 F SE L
941.0 F SW L

Terminus Location
BH County: HOWARD
Section: 26 Block: 31 T2N
Abstract: 1542
Survey: T&P RR CO/KAASE, A
Lease Lines: 70.0 F SE L
940.0 F SW L
Survey Lines: 70.0 F SE L
940.0 F SW L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9200 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Lisa Hunt, at (432)8484833.

#10745

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Famous Hand

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

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

EAST
♠ 8 5
♥ A 10
♦ 10 9 6
♣ K J 8 7 3 2

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

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

Opening lead — ace of clubs.

This deal occurred in a match between Venezuela and Mexico at the 1977 Caribbean Team of Four championship. It features exceptionally good defense by Mario Onorati, who held the East cards for the victorious Venezuelan team and found a way to defeat South's four-heart contract.

North's one-club opening was artificial, indicating at least 16 high-

card points, and South's one-notrump response showed at least eight high-card points and notrump distribution. North's rebid of two clubs, doubled by East to show length in clubs, was also artificial and asked South to bid a major suit if he had one. South duly responded two hearts and was raised by North to four.

West led the ace of clubs and continued with the nine to East's king, felling South's queen. Although Onorati knew declarer had no more clubs, he returned the club jack! He realized that he was presenting declarer with a ruff-and-discard, but he also realized that his only real chance to defeat the contract was to find his partner with the queen of trump.

Declarer ruffed the club in his hand and led a low trump toward dummy. When West followed with the nine, South guessed correctly by playing the jack, losing to East's ace.

However, declarer's good guess didn't help him at all. Onorati, pursuing his well-conceived campaign, led still another round of clubs, and this proved to be the straw that broke the camel's back. West cooperated perfectly by ruffing the club with the heart queen, forcing dummy's king to overruff, and Onorati's ten of trump became the setting trick.

Tomorrow: Looking a few tricks ahead.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Solstice and Extras

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are captivating, and yet, most will hide their interest. Still, to the astute observer, your influence will be obvious. People will either do as you say or, more likely, do as you do.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're well-aware that sometimes the best communication is no communication. Brief silence sends a message. Long silence sends a different one. You'll use it to your advantage today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your travels, either physical or intellectual, open your eyes to new ways of thinking about life. Your imagination will explore the potential of concepts in a way that is so you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Don't be surprised if you go to the expert seeking answers and wind up with more questions instead. The real answer is the solace of an agreement you make with yourself that you can handle any development.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The fear of failure and rejection is not a sign of weakness; rather, it's a marker of intelligence. To note the feeling and still move into the area of danger is a superior exercise with unparalleled benefit.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Being too comfortable, people can lose their manners. The mode that works

best for relationships is neither completely at ease nor too worried about making a mistake. You'll ride a nice tension between those states.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Realizing that you lost something is a step toward finding it. After all, those who are oblivious don't think to start the search. No regret, no blaming, all that's needed now is wide-open eyes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll do some positive thinking about a situation, not just practically sorting out the plusses but impractically projecting a future in which they are maximized and glorified.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you consider all that had to happen for you to land here, your presence and position in this glorious mix is nothing short of astounding. Revel a moment in the sublime wonder of this and be revitalized.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Be proud of where you've been and feel free to spin it. It's your story, and you have every right to tell it, color it, arrange it,

diminish it, sing it, act it or publish it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). To communicate well takes focus. You're inclined to give all or nothing today. A large part of you doesn't wish to communicate, except by quietly working on the things that matter to you, which says a lot.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've now spent so long on the inside of a problem that you can't seem to understand the larger context. Ask for feedback from someone you know to be successful in the arena.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 21). The emotional labor that fell to you will no longer be necessary. You're free to be who you are doing what you love. You'll speak up. The difference you make will empower and lift all. Invest in your experiments and projects and do not burden them with requirements to repay you. You'll make a key discovery. Capricorn and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 44, 28, 30 and 18.

COSMIC QUESTION:

"I know for a lot of people 2020 is one long, intense Groundhog's Day. But it's not only this year I'm writing to you about. I'm a 48-year-old Capricorn who feels like for the last decade I've been spinning my wheels. I keep winding up in the same place, making some progress with goals only to come around to the same markers of my own failure."

Capricorn's preferred journey is one of climbing. The ultimate Capricorn fantasy is to reach the top of the mountain and say, "I have arrived!" And yet, sometimes the mountain metaphor simply doesn't fit. The cycle you're in is orbital. Just because you passed this way before doesn't mean that you're regressing, or spinning in useless circles. In each orbit, you get a little closer to the purposeful center. It's not something you can force, but at least you can make your way more pleasant by refusing to judge yourself. A degree of detachment will help. A friend who takes you out of yourself, a project that requires you to use a different part of your brain or a job that really needs you -- these are excellent diversions that will keep you from getting too obsessed with your own process. Also, let humor be a part of your daily world. Levity allows you to be less self-aware and more observant.

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SUDOKU

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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

Level: Beginner

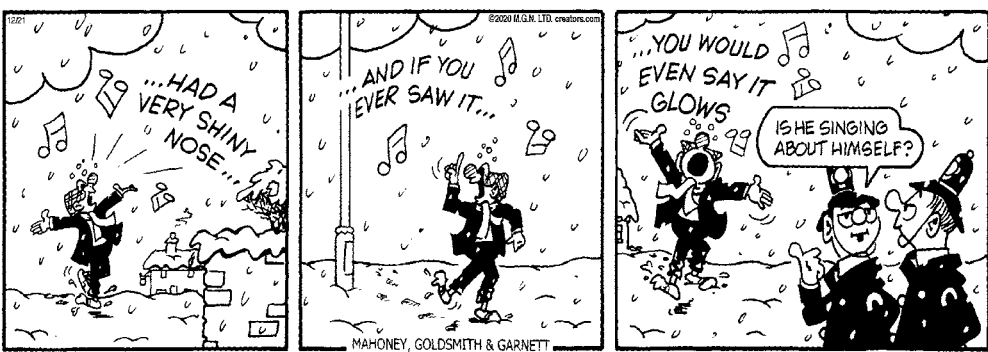
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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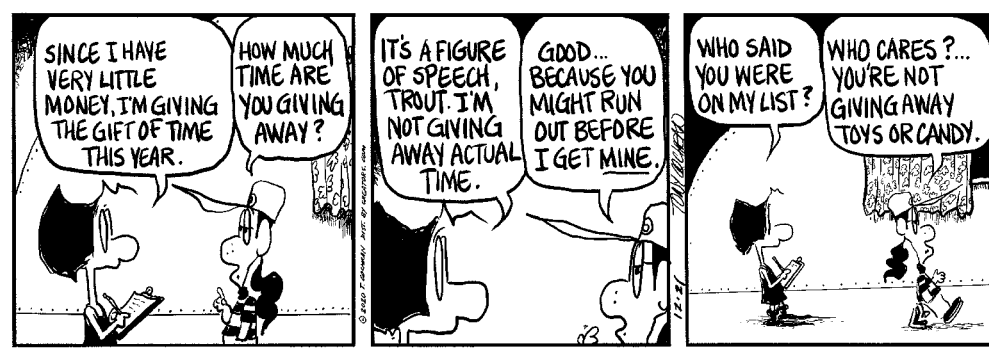
ANSWER:

TV schedule table with columns for station, time, and program name.

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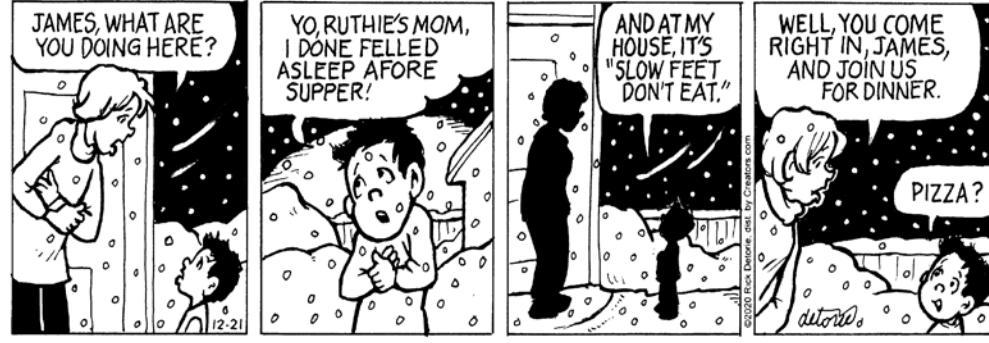
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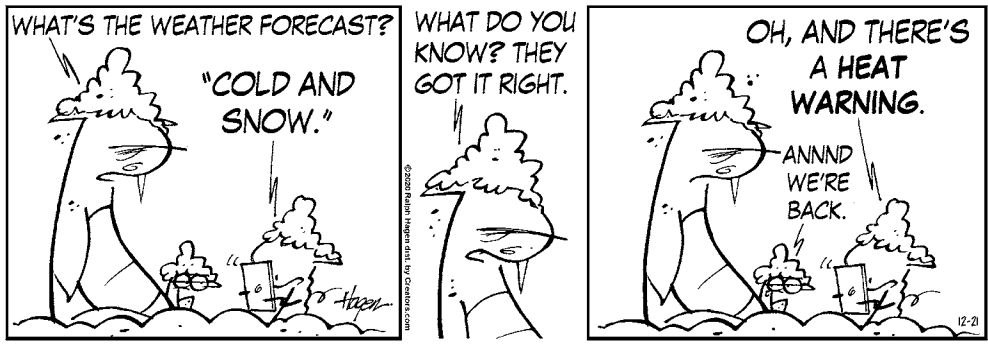
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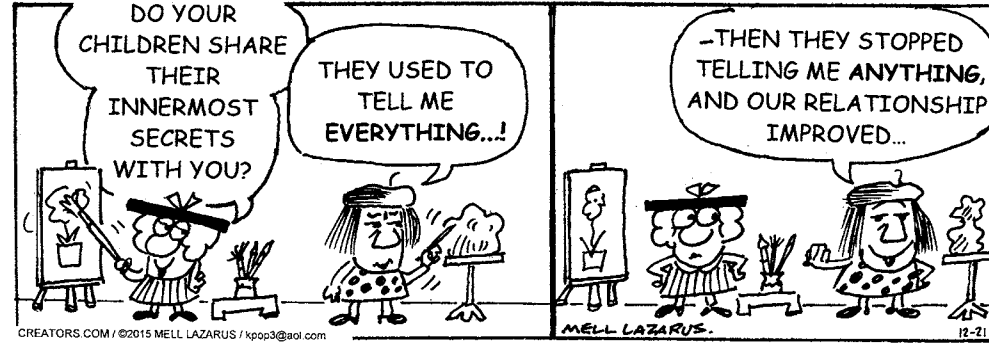
ONE BIG HAPPY



THE BARN



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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Monday, Dec. 21, the 356th day of 2020. There are 10 days left in the year. Winter arrives at 5:02 a.m. Eastern time. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 21, 1620, Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower went ashore for the first time at present-day Plymouth, Massachusetts. On this date: In 1864, during the Civil War, Union forces led by Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman concluded their "March to the Sea" as they captured Savannah, Georgia. In 1913, the first newspaper crossword puzzle, billed as a "Word-Cross Puzzle," was published in the New York World. In 1914, the U.S. government began requiring passport applicants to provide photographs of themselves. In 1940, author F. Scott Fitzgerald died in Hollywood, California, at age 44. In 1942, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Williams v. North Carolina, ruled 6-2 that all states had to recognize divorces granted in Nevada. In 1945, U.S. Army Gen. George S. Patton, 60, died in Heidelberg, Germany, 12 days after being seriously injured in a car accident. In 1968, Apollo 8 was launched on a mission to orbit the moon. In 1969, Vince Lombardi coached his last football game as his team, the Washington Redskins, lost to the Dallas Cowboys, 20-10. In 1988, 270 people were killed when a terrorist bomb exploded aboard a Pam Am Boeing 747 over Lockerbie, Scotland, sending wreckage crashing to the ground. In 1991, eleven of the 12 former Soviet republics proclaimed the birth of the Commonwealth of Independent States and the death of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. In 1995, the city of Bethlehem passed from Israeli to Palestinian control. In 2012, the National Rifle Association said guns and police officers were needed in all American schools to stop the next killer "waiting in the wings," taking a no-retreat stance in the face of

growing calls for gun control after the Newtown, Connecticut, shootings that claimed the lives of 26 children and school staff. Ten years ago: The Census Bureau announced that the nation's population on April 1, 2010, was 308,745,538, up from 281.4 million a decade earlier. A divided Federal Communications Commission approved, 3-2, new rules known as "net neutrality" meant to prohibit broadband companies from interfering with Internet traffic flowing to their customers. The No. 1-ranked Connecticut women's basketball team topped the 88-game winning streak by John Wooden's UCLA men's team from 1971-74, beating No. 22 Florida State 93-62. Chip Kelly, in just his second season leading Oregon, was voted AP Coach of the Year. Five years ago: A Taliban attacker rammed a bomb-laden motorcycle into a joint NATO and Afghan patrol near the Bagram Airfield, killing six Americans in the deadliest attack on foreign troops since the previous August. The nation's three-decade-old ban on blood donations from gay and bisexual men was formally lifted, but major restrictions continued to limit who could give blood in the U.S. Clemson's Dabo Swinney was named The Associated Press college football coach of the year. One year ago: Joseph Segel, founder of the home-shopping network QVC, died in Pennsylvania; he was 88. Six people died and 13 others were injured in a fire at an apartment building in downtown Las Vegas. French fashion designer Emanuel Ungaro, known for his use of vibrant color, mixed prints and elegant draping, died in Paris at the age of 86. Today's Birthdays: Talk show host Phil Donahue is 85. Actor Jane Fonda is 83. Actor Larry Bryggman is 82. Singer Carla Thomas is 78. Musician Albert Lee is 77.

Conductor Michael Tilson Thomas is 76. Actor Josh Mostel is 74. Actor Samuel L. Jackson is 72. Rock singer Nick Gilder is 70. Movie producer Jeffrey Katzenberg is 70. Actor Dennis Boutsikaris is 68. International Tennis Hall of Famer Chris Evert is 66. Actor Jane Kaczmarek is 65. Country singer Lee Roy Parnell is 64. Former child

actress Lisa Gerritsen is 63. Actor-comedian Ray Romano is 63. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin is 58. Country singer Christy Forester (The Forester Sisters) is 58. Rock musician Murph (The Lemonheads; Dinosaur Jr.) is 56. Actor-comedian Andy Dick is 55. Rock musician Gabrielle Glaser is 55. Actor Michelle Hurd is 54.

Actor Kiefer Sutherland is 54. Actor Karri Turner is 54. Actor Khristyne Haje is 52. Country singer Brad Warren (The Warren Brothers) is 52. Actor Julie Delpy is 51. Contemporary Christian singer Natalie Grant is 49. Actor Glenn Fitzgerald is 49. Singer-musician Brett Scallions is 49. World Golf Hall of Famer Karrie Webb is 46. Rock

singer Lukas Rossi (Rock Star Supernova) is 44. Actor Rutina Wesley is 42. Rock musician Anna Bulbrook (Airborne Toxic Event) is 38. Country singer Luke Stricklin is 38. Actor Steven Yeun is 37. Actor Kaitlyn Dever is 24.

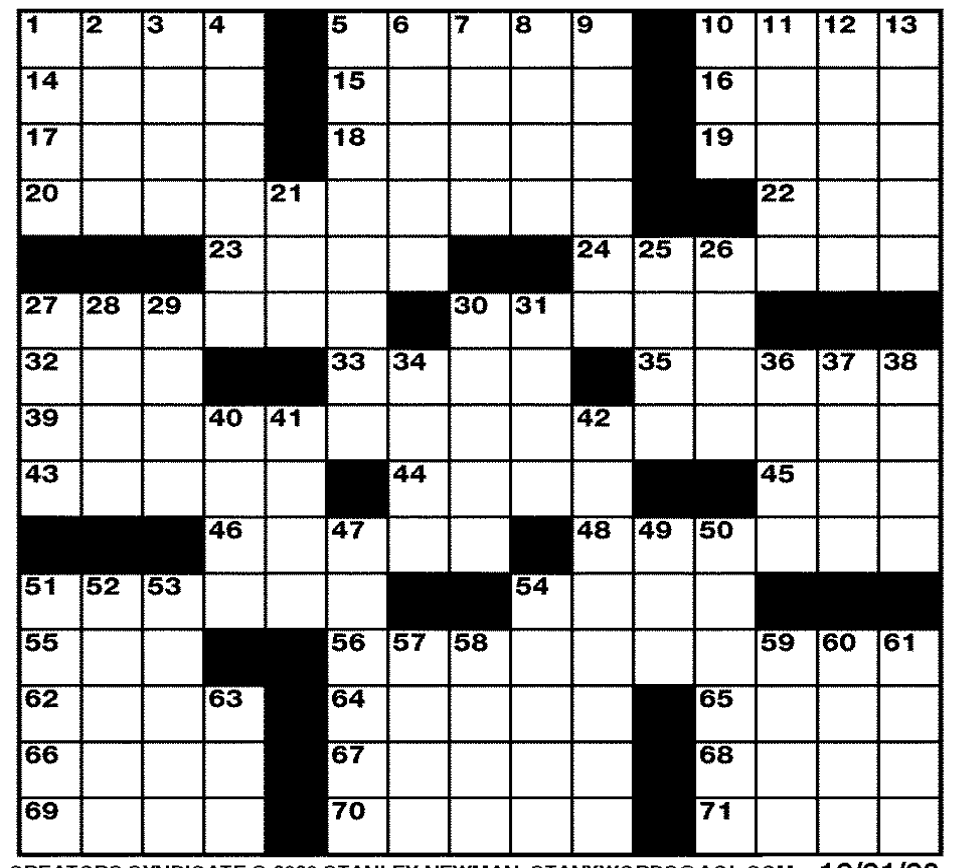
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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS 1 Ink stain 5 Discourage 10 High-school dance 14 "Baby back" barbecue orders 15 Sidestep 16 Spicy Asian cuisine 17 Wild way to run 18 Mends 19 Is shown on TV 20 Follow orders 22 Tennis court divider 23 Mom's boys 24 Nary a soul 27 Wearing a disguise, perhaps 30 Cheese chunk 32 "Eureka!" 33 Make revisions to 35 Short summary 39 Some small-business owners 43 "Laughing" beast 44 10 Across attendee 45 ___ Moines, IA 46 Energy 48 Prevail over 51 "Dr. ___ and Mr. Hyde" 54 Make airtight 55 ___ Baba ("Arabian Nights" hero) 56 Graceful river spanner 62 Soup cookers 64 Be worthy of 65 Virtuous

- 66 Gibbons and gorillas 67 Stand ___ foot (be balanced) 68 Placed on the wall, as a picture 69 Bird's home 70 Propelled a dinghy 71 Oak or maple DOWN 1 Annoying kid 2 Big shot's vehicle 3 Woodwind instrument 4 "Naughty, naughty!" 5 Accused person's lawyer 6 The lesser of two ___ 7 Cab 8 Genesis garden 9 Transmit again 10 School support org. 11 Horned safari animal 12 Propelled a dinghy 13 Teary-eyed 21 Gardening tool 25 Brute of folklore 26 Red vegetable 27 Prepare, as potatoes 28 Sailor's greeting 29 Clearance event 30 Windshield cleaner 31 Raison d'___ 34 Inflict upon 36 Secret writing 37 Neighborhood 38 "Hey, over here!" 40 Jealousy 41 Holder for sandbox sand 42 Obligated (to) 47 Star quality 49 Corn serving 50 Plane trip 51 Neighbor of Korea 52 Get married secretly 53 Toys that fly 54 Sparkle 57 Nevada city 58 Cornfield bird 59 Gloomy 60 Out of sight 61 Border 63 Former Mach 2 flier: Abbr.



Answer to previous puzzle: PLOWING, CONSORT, AEROSOL, UPATREE, REDWINE, SEGOVIA, STIES, ASH, SKINS, NINE, GSUIT, ELSE, IDA, IRONORE, LIT, PELICAN, NEATENS, WEB, KESB, NODOUBT, EKESOUT, ECO, GARDNER, ONE, WATT, PONGER, RHEA, SNARF, JAM, SALAS, MARIANA, IMITATE, ADDEDON, ETAILLER, GASSERS, SAMOANS