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 EDC Board Room

Large Item Pick Up Wednesday
 deadline to schedule today

SMMC Virtual Hiring Event
 Jan. 19-20

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

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

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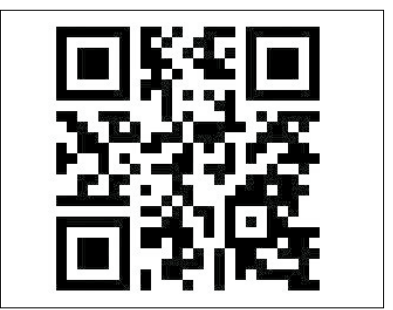
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Community Blood Drive to be hosted by City of Big Spring, Feb. 26

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

The City of Big Spring will be hosting a Community Blood Drive on Feb. 26 in the City Council Chambers. As the pandemic continues and many blood drives, along with other outreach events, have been cancelled, the need for blood is of utmost importance. While blood donations are always needed, there is a demand for those who have had Covid-19 to come out and donate.

“The blood supply is extremely low,” Dianne Scott with Vitalant said. “This is an ongoing problem in all communities, and all blood types are needed.”

As healthcare providers across the nation continue to try and understand Covid-19, information is coming to the forefront regarding the importance of blood and plasma donations from those who have recovered from the virus.

“People who have had Covid can donate CCP Plasma, but the criteria is strict. You can not have taken the Covid vaccination and still donate CCP Plasma,” Scott said.

According to information provided by Vitalant, blood donations are being tested

for Covid-19 antibodies. Even those who may have had the virus, but no symptoms could still hold antibodies and not know it. Those whose blood tests positive for antibodies of the virus will be notified to see if they would like to donate plasma to help a Covid-19 patient.

“Even if the blood test is negative for Covid-19 antibodies, blood donations are still urgently needed for patients undergoing surgery, cancer therapy and other medical treatments,” accord-

ing to Vitalant information handouts.

Convalescent plasma is one of the few treatment options for Covid-19 patients. According to data, on average, one out of four hospitalized Covid-19 patients receives convalescent plasma. There is an emergency need for convalescent plasma.

While Covid-19 antibodies plasma is urgently needed, Vitalant staff wants to remind donors to review the safety precautions before heading to donate blood. Those who are not feeling well should not donate blood.

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Human Trafficking Awareness Month - See Something, Say Something

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

Being educated on the things to look for can help save a life. As the new year rolls in, the opportunity to raise awareness on Human Trafficking and Smuggling is upon us. Over the past several months human trafficking has come to the forefront of the national media and local community awareness efforts. As the new year begins, a new awareness opportunity is before us. National Human Trafficking Awareness Day was January 11, but the attention to the issue isn't limited to one day.

“Every day we come to work to prevent and rescue people from human trafficking,” Oscar Villarreal, Texas Department of Public Safety, said. “Our focus every day is safe guarding the citizens of Texas and the nation who are traveling through our state all the time.”

Throughout the month of January, in conjunction with National Human Trafficking Awareness Month Texas DPS increases educational information regarding signs to look for, awareness and safety tips across social media platforms and outreach efforts. In 2011 President Barack Obama issued a Presidential Proclamation, designating each January to be National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. The anniversary of the proclamation became known as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day – January 11.

“On the enforcement side, this is something we tackle everyday by the people with boots on the ground,” he said.

The focus isn't only on human trafficking and smuggling, but crosses into safety on social media platforms for teens and young adults. Being aware of what children and young adults are doing on the internet know a days is important and one of the first steps to limiting the dangers from enter-

ing your home and family.

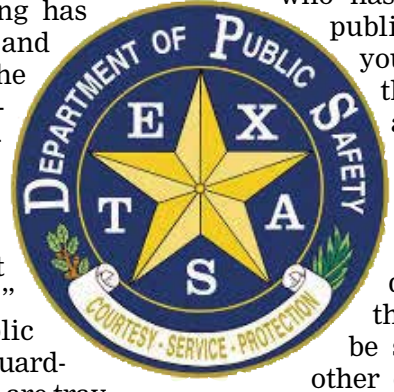
“Apps like Snapchat and Instagram which primarily use photos as a way of communicating; a child may post a completely innocent post at the park by themselves ... you have to think what did you just do?” Villarreal said. “You let everyone

who has access to that public domain know you are alone, at the park ... you aren't doing anything wrong, but at the same time, is it the safest thing to do. You have to think there could be someone on the other end of that and the potential for kidnapping just opened a door.”

In 2009, Texas Department of Public Safety developed a program Interdiction for the Protection of Children (IPC). The program is applicable to all levels of law enforcement. Major Derek Prestridge developed the program and curriculum.

“The primary message of this program is to teach us to stop waiting for children to tell us where they are and that they are victims of

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COVID-19 Updates

Currently SMMC does not have any first dose Covid-19 vaccines set to be delivered. No word has been received from the State on the next allocation of first doses.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center has reported 1/18/2021:
 • 4 Covid-19 positive patients
 • 2 in ICU & 2 vents

SMMG & SMMC Testing through Jan. 18:
 • 2903 tests
 • 742 positives for 25.6% positivity rate
 • No pending

From Dec. 2020 - Jan. 18, 967 patients have tested of which 232 were positive for a rate of 24% positivity. no tests are pending.

Outpatient COVID testing in Big Spring

Gregg Street Clinic
 2301 South Gregg St
 Big Spring, Texas 79720
 Clinic Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday

910 S Main St
 Big Spring, TX 79720
 Clinic Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday

West Texas Medical Plaza
 1501 W 11th Place
 Big Spring, Texas 79720
 Clinic Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday

Big Spring Urgent Care
 1700 W. FM 700
 Suite B

Affordacare
 710 S. Gregg Street

*SMMC provided numbers for in-house patients/ SMMG testing since the onset of Covid-19; info obtained from Texas Health Department website

The Life Center - offering support for expecting mothers and fathers

By IRIS RANGEL
 Herald Staff Writer

The Life Center was created in Howard County to support mothers and fathers experiencing pregnancy, offer practical educational tools, spiritual support, and overall embody a valuable pregnancy resource center for its' community.

“We help from the time someone finds out they're pregnant, all the way up until the baby is three. We not only help with diapers, wipes, formula, and connecting with doctors... but we also mentor them,” Director of the Big Spring Life Center Tracy Watson said.

According to Watson, The Life Center also offers support in educational means including parenting and prenatal classes, caring for a new baby, and SIDS and CPR classes.

“We can mentor them through education... with our classes, but also with our spiritual department. We even have one on one mentoring,” she said. “So we can mentor them on a practical level, which has to do with their pregnancy or just life in general, or we can mentor them on a spiritual level.”

The Life Center also brings support to sexually active teenagers who are either in complicated situations or need help – whether it



HERALD file photo

The Life Center has provided support for expecting mothers and fathers for the past few years. Services have also expanded this past year in order to meet more of the community's existing needs.

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Obituaries

Iris Elizabeth "Beth" Peters

Iris Elizabeth "Beth" Peters, 65, of Big Spring Texas, passed away Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021, in Lubbock, Texas surrounded by her loved ones. A viewing will be from 8:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring, Texas. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring, Texas. Interment will follow at Lone Wolf Cemetery in Lorraine, Texas.

She was born Nov. 10, 1955, in Lorraine, Texas to parents Willie Phillips and Iris (Isbell) Phillips. Beth spent her early years in Colorado City, Texas and Knott, Texas before the family settled in Big Spring, where she grew up and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1974. Her boys were her world and she was a hard working single mother who always did whatever was needed to make sure they were taken care of. This included putting herself through nursing school, graduating from the Howard College LVN program in September of 1988. In her 33 years of nursing, she took care of and touched the lives of countless patients and coworkers while working in the Big Spring area. She spent her career at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Home Health, and most recently spent 18 years proudly serving the Veter-



ans at the VA Hospital. Though she loved nursing and caring for people, she was excited to be two weeks away from retirement.

Beth is survived by her four loving sons, Josh Peters and wife, Kathleen, of La Porte, Texas, John Peters and wife, Tiffany, of Stanton, Texas, Jeremiah Peters of Big Spring, Texas, and Sean Peters and wife, Valerie, of Big Spring, Texas. Her legacy is carried on by her grandchildren whom she was so proud of, Jane Cantrell, Jaxon Peters, Braelyn Peters, Kaden Peters, Cason Barnett, Levi Peters and Lorraine Peters. Beth's siblings, Ray Phillips of Big Spring, Texas, Martha Watson of Victoria, Texas, and Carol Phillips of Decatur, Alabama as well as her best friends for life and honorary sisters, Jackie Platte and husband, Larry, of Big Spring, Texas and Sandra Perez and husband, Romero, of Lubbock, Texas will carry on her memory. She will be lovingly remembered by many including an aunt, several cousins, nieces and nephews and close family friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Nancy Phillips; and a brother, John Phillips.

The family requests that those attending the services respect COVID-19 guidelines by wearing masks and practice social distancing.

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

Paid Obituary

Brenda Grissom

Brenda Grissom, 70, of Big Spring, Texas, passed away peacefully at home under the care of Altus Hospice on Jan. 12 at 5:14 p.m.

Brenda was born Jan. 6, 1951 to Roy Moore and Mona Moore. She attended Big Spring High School. She enjoyed her career as bus and truck driver.

Brenda is survived by two daughters, Patricia Bacon of Big Spring and Roxy Hoard and husband James Hoard of Conroe, five grandchildren-Jacob Grissom and wife Patsy of Big Spring; Donovan Gris-



som and wife Caitlin of Big Spring; Ami Hoard of Conroe, Texas, and Amber Hoard of Conroe, Texas.

She is also survived by three sisters, Sondra Littlepage of Silsbee, Texas; Judy and husband Decee Bedell of Kermit, Texas; and Mona (Punkin) and Rusty Phillips of Big Spring, Texas; Two brothers Jerry and wife Deborah of Odessa, Texas; Roy Moore of Odessa, Texas, as well as numerous nephews and nieces.

She is preceded in death by parents Roy Moore and Mona Coates and step father Earl Coates, brother Terry Coates, and grandson Michael Grissom.

Celebration of life will be at a later date.

Paid Obituary

Arlie Lynn Morton

Arlie Lynn Morton, 88, of Colorado City, died Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021. Services with Military honors will be at a later date.

Arlie was born Sept. 25, 1932, in Big Spring.

He is survived by his wife: Joyce Morton of Colorado City; one son: Scott Morton of Big Spring; two

daughters: Roseanne Eklund of Phoenix and Tammy Thorton of Denver; and several grandchildren, great grandchildren, relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one daughter: Sandy Dalton.

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

Oswalde Lopez

Oswalde Lopez, 21, of Brownsville, died Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take Note

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

• West Texas Centers will be hosting the January 2021 Mental Health First Aid training classes twice in January. The classes will be held on Jan. 26, 2021 for Adult Mental Health First Aid, and Jan. 28, 2021 for Youth Mental Health First Aid; adult mental health virtual class will take place Feb. 17 from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.; in-person adult mental health first aid class will take place Feb. 23, at 3205 Hwy 87 from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.; and the final class in the series will take place Feb. 25 from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. virtually.

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

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

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

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

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

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

• A new group named Taking Care of Business has started in Howard County. It is made up of

people of all ages and genders who want to be better than they are. The focus of the fledgling organization is to engage in meaningful discussions that promote personal growth. Additionally, the organization will plan and execute worthwhile activities within the community. There is no membership fee and attendance is not taken. The only requirements are that you be positive or want to be more positive than you are, consider yourself to be a good person but want to be better than you are, and that you have a desire to help others be better too. Childcare is available during the discussion time if you let us know. Topics to be avoided include Religion and Politics, though we can dance around them. Taking Care of business is being sponsored by the local Masons and it meets in the Masonic Lodge on the court square. It is not necessary that you have any masonic affiliation to participate in this Growth Group. All Covid-19 safety protocols will be followed as defined by local, state, and federal authorities. At this time refreshments will not be served but you are welcome to bring your own and not share. The meetings take place at 219 South Main Big Spring, Texas. For more information write to Colonel. Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **DARIUS LECHARLES MCCALISTER**, 31, of 2606 Albrook Drive, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated – open container.
- **ISMAEL MORENO JR.**, 29, of 33126 Melon Drive, Los Fresnos, Texas, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **JOHNNY RICHARD REYES**, 33, of 512 N. Tubb Road, was arrested on a charge of escape while arrested/confined – felony.
- **DAVID DANIEL MURPHY**, 33, of 3005 Sherrod Road, was arrested on a charge of burglary of building.
- **MYRNA ROSE**, 27, of 3005 Sherrod Road, was arrested on a charge of burglary of building.
- **BRANDY RENEE GREGORY**, 40, of 1104 E. 11th Place, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JOEL ESPINO JR.**, 23, of 5412 Wasson Road, was arrested on a charge of assault causes bodily injury family member.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 4000 block of Vicky Street.
- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 1800 block of Andrews Lane.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 5400 block of Wasson Road.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 1000 block of E. 13th Street.
- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 1900 block of Andrews Lane.
- **BURGLARY OF BUILDING** was reported in the 1800 block of Industrial Drive.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1100 block of Lloyd Avenue.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 6900 block of N. Service Road.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 200 block of E. 4th Street.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 3600 block of S. 87 Highway.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 500 block of Scott.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of 18th and Gregg.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 700 block of E. I-20.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of 24th and Scurry.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of 20th and Scurry.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

please feel to contact Gary Tidwell at garylteagle1987@gmail.com.

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

attend a meeting to find out more information.

• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month. We meet at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in

Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057.

• 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.

LIFE

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be physical, emotional, or spiritual.

“We do a lot of listening because sometimes mentoring is about listening. People just need to be heard. Then, we try to guide them the best that we can,” Watson said. “I mean, life’s hard. So we want to encourage them to make positive decisions for life. For their life... For the child’s life... We just want to help them make positive decisions overall. The education that they receive can be life-changing.”

Through donations from the community, The Life Center was able to complete Phase Two of their plans where a new sonogram machine was added into the building. There is also a nurse on staff one day a week to be able to provide the most

upmost care for visitors. Sonograms for The Life Center are expected to be available as soon as a few weeks from now, according to Watson.

Watson also made note of their baby boutique where visitors can utilize “baby bucks” that are given when attending prenatal or parenting classes held at The Life Center. The baby boutique includes brand new baby items such as diapers, wipes, bottles, and other baby supplies.

“We can always use baby supplies,” she said. “We need help to support us financially, yes... but we can always use baby items to keep our baby boutique stocked.”

The Life Center extends its gratitude towards the Howard County community for all they have done for both soon to be mothers and more. Watson also noted plans for the future that include the addition of a classroom to the building allowing for classes to take place and serve multiple individuals at one

time rather than their current one-on-one lessons.

“I want to say thank you to Big Spring for all the support they’ve given us in the last four years. I look forward to the future growth in Big Spring and for your support in the future,” Watson said. “I just believe the things that we do affect our community in such a profound way because it affects generations to come. If we can empower the moms, then that also affects the children. So, we can empower future generations.”

Donations for The Life Center can be delivered to 1801 S. Main Street. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. Visit The Life Center’s Facebook page or their website at www.thelifecenter.org or call 432-606-5041 for more information.

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DPS

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trafficking or abuse and neglect,” he said. “Instead it’s meant to train front line officers to take action when they come into contact with children who need their help.”

Since the inception of the program the department has formed partnerships with numerous local agencies, businesses and school districts to help provide specialized training needed to help identify those in trafficking or abuse situations.

“We were exceptionally well at finding and arresting criminal interdiction, whether it was illegal gun trade, drug trafficking or money laundering. We had troopers making arrests whether road side or through investigation, notable arrests and seizures, but we didn’t have anything in place to focus on human trafficking and kidnaping.”

Since the inception of the program launch the results have been dramatic. The most notable and most visible branch – DPS – stops nearly 3 million vehicles per year.

“It’s a proactive way to prevent crimes by helping officers remove offenders from the street by teaching them to recognize high risk threats to children and adults. The training includes human trafficking, abduction, sex trafficking, assault and more,” Villarreal said. “It’s a lot at once, but it added a tool to our toolbox that is vital.”

In one year, the numbers were astronomical. What used to be one or two recoveries a year from these dangerous situations, quickly turned to hundreds. According to Villarreal there were 433 children rescued by DPS by the 10th anniversary of the program. Part of the increased attention can be attributed to the pioneering of the program through the Department of Public Safety.

“Since the pioneering of the program, we have shared it with numerous agencies. It has rolled out like a diesel locomotive, at great speed. You have someone each time connecting to the training adding to a car in a good positive way because everyone is jumping on board saying we need that training,” he said.

In addition to law enforcement training, the program has been tailored to help educate the communities – no matter their size – on what to look for; potential violators, ways to recognize a child or adult who may be in harms way.

“You have local organizations and communities, like the Lions Club or church organizations, and county commissioners saying come teach a class to the community,” Villarreal said. “We have so many people aware of it now because of social media, of media, and because of organizations who have stepped up and doing the fundamental things that help us further the mission.”

In addition to the trainings and education, there is an app that helps report situations called the Iwatch App

“If you see something, say something, whether it be trafficking, terrorism

or whatever. If you see something that doesn’t look right say something. A lot of people are timid and don’t want to be a snitch; they are scared that something will come back. Nobody wants to stand up in court – like you see on TV – and identify someone; it’s a genuine fear of those things,” he said.

While human trafficking may be an issue many associate with metroplex and more urban areas, the truth of the matter is that it is happening everywhere and no place is off limits. While rural areas may make up the majority of West Texas, the accessibility for transportation is available.

“Human trafficking and smuggling are present in this area because of the I-20 access points. You can get on the interstate and connect El Paso to Dallas in a matter of hours. You have a main artery of transportation running through the Permian Basin,” he said. “While we may be far from the border, in reality we aren’t that far from it. In a couple of hours you could be across the border into Big Spring quick. Texas is big, but in a matter of hours just think how far can someone go.”

“By the time someone says something and gets the ball rolling that person could be an hour or more away from you. It’s important that if we see something we say something,” he said.

He continued, “Don’t wait for the children to say something, ask. If you see something that doesn’t look right, say something. It is better to make the call and say something, investigate and it be nothing than us to turn a blind eye and we leave an individual at risk or in harms way. There are multiple avenues of making a claim, from 9-1-1, calling local law enforcement, to using the app. Don’t wait... Too often we as people are slow to react and quick to rationalize what we think is happening and that hesitation could be the difference in type of crime we are investigating.”

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Arlye Lynn Morton, 88, died Tuesday. Services with Military honors will be at a later date.

William "Bill" Schraeder, 77, of St. Lawrence, died Friday.

Vigil service will be at 5:00 PM Tuesday at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Funeral Mass will be 10:00 AM Wednesday at St. Lawrence Catholic Church with Father Chinna Pagidela officiating. Burial will be at St. Lawrence Cemetery.

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

DONATE

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community to come out and donate,” Scott said.

For businesses or local organizations who would be interested in hosting a blood drive, contact Dianne Scott with Vitalant. Visit the website for more information or to sign up for an appointment spot at www.vitalant.org. Those wanting to sign up to donate can also reach out to Stacie King at sking@mybigspring.com to schedule an appointment. There about 27 donation spots open and all donations will take place inside the Council Chambers.

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Trump trial pending, McConnell calls it 'vote of conscience'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's impeachment trial is likely to start after Joe Biden's inauguration, and the Republican leader, Mitch McConnell, is telling senators their decision on whether to convict the outgoing president over the Capitol riot will be a "vote of conscience."

The timing for the trial, the first of a president no longer in office, has not yet been set. But House Speaker Nancy Pelosi made it clear Friday that Democrats intend to move swiftly on Biden's \$1.9 trillion COVID aid and economic recovery package to speed up vaccinations and send Americans relief. Biden is set to take the oath of office Wednesday.

Pelosi called the recovery package a "matter of complete urgency."

The uncertainty of the scheduling, despite the House's swift impeachment of Trump just a week after the deadly Jan. 6 siege, reflects the fact that Democrats do not want the Senate trial to dominate the opening days of the Biden administration.

With security forces on alert over the threat of more potential violence heading into the inauguration, the Senate is also moving quickly to prepare for confirming Biden's nominee for national intelligence director, Avril Haines. A committee hearing is set for the day before the inauguration, signaling a confirmation vote could come swiftly once the new president is in office.

Many Democrats have pushed for an immediate impeachment trial to hold Trump accountable and prevent him from holding future office, and the proceedings could still begin by Inauguration Day. But others have urged a slower pace as the Senate considers Biden's Cabinet nominees and the newly Democratic-led Congress considers priorities like the coronavirus plan.

Biden's incoming White House press secretary, Jen Psaki, said Friday the Senate can do both.

"The Senate can do its constitutional duty while continuing to conduct the business of the people," she said.

Psaki noted that during Trump's first impeachment trial last year, the Senate continued to hold hearings each day. "There is some precedent," she said.

Trump is the only president to be twice impeached, and the first to be prosecuted as he leaves

the White House, an ever-more-extraordinary end to the defeated president's tenure. He was first impeached by the House in 2019 over his dealings with Ukraine, but the Senate voted in 2020 to acquit.

When his second trial does begin, House impeachment managers say they will be making the case that Trump's incendiary rhetoric hours before the bloody attack on the Capitol was not isolated, but rather part of an escalating campaign to overturn the November election. It culminated, they will argue, in the Republican president's rally cry to "fight like hell" as Congress was tallying the Electoral College votes to confirm he'd lost to Biden.

For Republican senators, the trial will be a perhaps final test of their loyalty to the defeated president and his legions of supporters in their states back home. It will force a further re-evaluation of their relationship with Trump, who lost not only the White House but majority control of the Senate, as they recall their own experiences sheltering at the Capitol as a pro-Trump mob ransacked the building.

"These men weren't drunks who got rowdy — they were terrorists attacking this country's constitutionally-mandated transfer of power," said Sen. Ben Sasse, R-Neb., in a statement Friday.

"They failed, but they came dangerously close to starting a bloody constitutional crisis. They must be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

McConnell, who has spent the past days talking to senators and donors, is telling them the decision on whether or not to convict Trump is theirs alone. His stance, first reported by Business Insider, means the GOP leadership team will not work to hold senators in line one way or the other.

Last week's assault angered lawmakers, stunned the nation and flashed unsettling imagery around the globe, the most serious breach of the Capitol since the War of 1812, and the worst by home-grown intruders.

Pelosi told reporters on Friday that the nine House impeachment managers, who act as the prosecutors for the House, are working on taking the case to trial.

"The only path to any reunification of this broken and divided country is by shining a light on the truth," said Rep. Madeleine Dean, D-Pa., who will serve as an impeachment manager.

Trump was impeached Wednesday by the House on the single charge, incitement of insurrection, in lightning-quick proceedings. Ten Republicans joined all Democrats in the 232-197 vote, the most bipartisan modern presidential impeachment.

It's unclear who will make up the legal team representing the outgoing president at the trial. Democrats are tapping lawyer Barry Berke among others who worked on Trump's first impeachment.

McConnell is open to considering impeachment, having told associates he is done with Trump, but he has not signaled how he would vote. McConnell continues to hold great sway in his party, even though convening the trial next week could be among his last acts as majority leader as Democrats prepare to take control of the Senate with the seating of two new Democratic senators from Georgia.

No president has ever been convicted in the Senate, and it would take a two-thirds vote against Trump, an extremely high hurdle. But conviction is not out of the realm of possibility, especially as corporations and wealthy political donors distance themselves from his brand of politics and the Republicans who stood by his attempt to overturn the election.

Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, said Thursday, "Such unlawful actions cannot go without consequence." She said in a statement that the House responded "appropriately" with impeachment and she will consider the trial arguments.

At least four Republican senators have publicly expressed concerns about Trump's actions, but others have signaled their preference to move on. Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark., issued a statement saying he opposes impeachment against a president who has left office. Trump ally Lindsey Graham of South Carolina is building support for creating a commission to investigate the siege as an alternative to conviction.

The riot delayed the tally of Electoral College votes, the last step in finalizing Biden's victory, as lawmakers fled for shelter and police, guns drawn, barricaded the doors to the House chamber.

A Capitol Police officer died from injuries suffered in the attack, and police shot and killed a woman. Three other people died in what authorities said were medical emergencies.

Biden fills out State Department team with Obama veterans

By MATTHEW LEE

AP Diplomatic Writer

President-elect Joe Biden on Saturday filled out his State Department team with a group of former career diplomats and veterans of the Obama administration, signaling his desire to return to a more traditional foreign policy after four years of uncertainty and unpredictability under President Donald Trump.

Biden will nominate Wendy Sherman as deputy secretary of state and Victoria Nuland as undersecretary of state for political affairs — the second- and third-highest ranking posts, respectively. They were among the 11 officials announced to serve under the incoming secretary of state, Antony Blinken.

The team "embodies my core belief that America is strongest when it works with our allies," Biden said in a statement. He said he was confident "they will use their diplomatic experience and skill to restore America's global and moral leadership. America is back."

Among the others are:

—longtime Biden Senate aide Brian McKeon, to be deputy secretary of state for management. That deputy position has been vacant for some time and McKeon and Sherman are expected to share duties as the department's No. 3 official.

—former senior diplomats Bonnie Jenkins and Uzra Zeya, to be under secretary of state for arms control and undersecretary of state of democracy and human rights, respectively.

—Derek Chollet, a familiar Democratic foreign policy hand, to be State Department counselor.

—former U.N. official Salman Ahmed, who also served as head of strategic planning in the Obama National Security Council, as director of policy planning.

—Suzy George, who was a senior aide to former

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, will be Blinken's chief of staff.

—Ned Price, a former Obama NSC staffer and career CIA official who resigned in protest in the early days of the Trump administration, will serve as the public face of the department, taking on the role of spokesman.

—Jalina Porter, communications director for Rep. Cedric Richmond, D-La., who is leaving Congress to work in the White House, will be Price's deputy.

Price and Porter intend to return to the practice of holding daily State Department press briefings, officials said. Those briefings had been eliminated under the Trump administration.

Jeffrey Prescott, a former national security aide when Biden was vice president, is Biden's pick to be deputy ambassador to the United Nations. He would serve under U.N. envoy-designate Linda Thomas-Greenfield.

Five of the 11 are either people of color or LG-BTQ. Although most are not household names, all are advocates of multilateralism and many are familiar in Washington and overseas foreign policy circles. Their selections are a reflection of Biden's intent to turn away from Trump's transactional and often unilateral "America First" approach to international relations.

Sherman led the Obama administration's negotiations leading to the 2015 nuclear deal with Iran, from which Trump withdrew, and had engaged in talks over ballistic missiles with North Korea during President Bill Clinton's second term. Nuland served as assistant secretary of state for European Affairs during the Ukraine crisis..



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Coahoma, Forsan teams travel to Colorado City for Powerlifting Competition last weekend

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

Powerlifting Teams from Howard County traveled to Colorado City this past weekend to compete in one of the first powerlifting meets this season. Teams at the meet included: Coahoma, Sweetwater, Tuscola Jim Ned, Post, Colorado City Colorado, and Forsan.

Overall in the Boys division, Sweetwater took First Place overall with Coahoma coming in 4th and Forsan placing 6th. In the Girls division Coahoma took First Place with Forsan coming in 3rd. Results are as follows:

Boys Division

Weight Class 123

Reagan Chapman from Coahoma placed 3rd with a squat of 195, bench of 105 and a deadlift of 225.

Weight Class 148

Nick Tuttle from Coahoma placed 5th with a squat of 260, bench of 150 and a deadlift of 265.

Grant Glidewell from Coahoma placed 6th with a squat of 255, bench of 165 and a deadlift of 260.

Weight Class 165

Isisah Eleda from Coahoma placed 2nd with a squat of 375, a bench of 210, and deadlift of 380.

Sean Striegler from Coahoma placed 3rd with a squat of 350, a bench of 260, and deadlift of 330.

Weight Class 181

Braidon Boaz from Coahoma placed 4th with a squat of 260, a bench of 175 and a deadlift of 265.

Weight Class 275

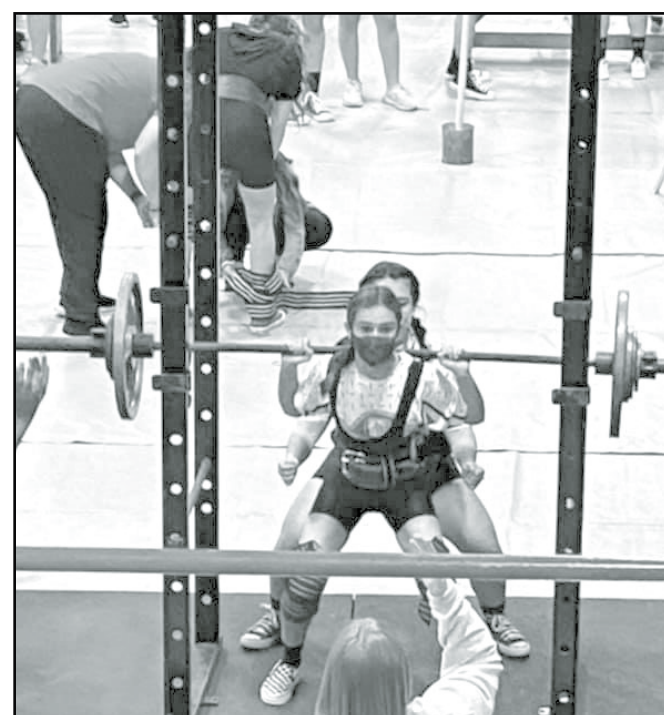
Kobe Cervantes from Coahoma placed 3rd with a squat of 530, a bench of 320, and a deadlift of 465.

Weight Class 308

Jayden Golleher from Forsan placed 2nd with a squat of 475, a bench of 245 and a deadlift of 400.

Weight Class SHW

Alex Reagan from Coahoma placed 2nd with a squat of 200, a bench of 145 and a deadlift of 215.



Courtesy photos

Pictured above left: Forsan's Jayden Golleher finished 2nd in his weight class for the Boys Team at Colorado City. Pictured above right: Christine Everett competed in the Colorado City powerlifting meet this past weekend. She ended up claiming 1st in the Weight Class 97.

Girls Division

Weight Class 97

Christian Everett from Coahoma placed 1st with a squat of 185, a bench of 100 and a deadlift of 220.

Weight Class 105

Serena Dobbs from Coahoma placed 1st with a squat of 215, a bench of 115 and a deadlift of 210.

Weight Class 123

Cortney Overton from Forsan placed 3rd with a squat of 180, a bench of 100, and a deadlift of 220.

Sierra Pena from Coahoma placed 5th with a squat of 140, a bench of 90, and a deadlift of 165.

Weight Class 132

Emma Buske from Forsan placed 1st with a squat of 170, a bench of 95, and a deadlift of 210.

Weight Class 148

Cailey Glover from Coahoma placed 1st with a squat of 315, a bench of 170, and a deadlift of 290.

Marianna Glover from Coahoma placed 3rd with a squat of 210, a bench of 105, and a deadlift of 245.

Emily Allen from Forsan placed 5th with a squat of 130, a bench of 105, and a deadlift of 190.

See **TEAM**, Page 10

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Eli Cranor

Dear Seriously: No, it doesn't make that much sense. The majority of kids who play sports in seventh grade won't still be playing by the time they're seniors in high school. A much smaller percentage will play in college. An even smaller fraction will earn scholarships.

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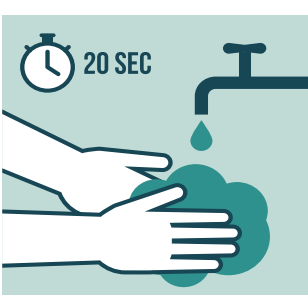
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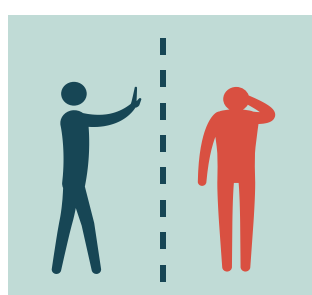
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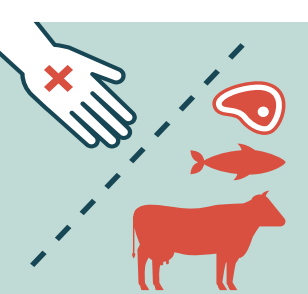
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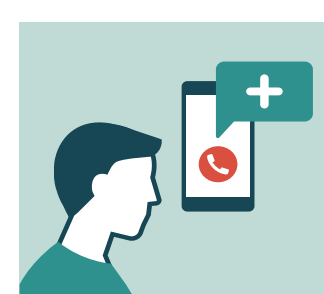
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♠ 3			
♥ A Q 10			
♦ K 6 4			
♣ J 10 9 7 5 2			
WEST		EAST	
♠ 8 7 5	♠ Q J 10 6 2		
♥ 8 7 6 4 3	♥ 5		
♦ A Q 2	♦ 10 9 8 5 3		
♣ A K	♣ 8 4		
SOUTH			
♠ A K 9 4			
♥ K J 9 2			
♦ J 7			
♣ Q 6 3			

The bidding:
South West North East
1♣ Pass 3♠ Pass
3NT

Opening lead — eight of hearts.

There are times when a player can see that if he defends normally, declarer will almost surely get home with the contract. On such occasions, a bit of inspiration may be needed to alter the course of events.

Consider today's deal, where South wound up in three notrump after North had made a "splinter bid" indicating support for clubs, game-going values and a singleton or void in spades. South appeared well-prepared for a spade lead despite North's announced shortness in the suit, so West tried leading his own long suit.

Declarer took the first trick with dummy's queen and played the club jack, taken by West with the king. It seemed obvious to West that if he led another heart or switched to a spade, South would come to at least nine tricks after conceding a second club.

So West put on his thinking cap and came up with the only play that could give his side a chance — he switched to the queen of diamonds! South was so grateful to be handed a diamond trick that he automatically covered the queen with dummy's king, assuring that either the king or jack would become a trick. After the king held, declarer reverted to clubs. West won with the ace and, pursuing his plan, played the ace and another diamond. When the smoke cleared, South was down two.

For West's plan to succeed, declarer had to hold any of several two- or three-card diamond combinations. But the plan would not work unless declarer could be induced to play the king on the first diamond lead, unblocking the suit so that West could later reach his partner with his deuce of diamonds.

Shifting to the queen at trick three therefore served a dual purpose: It unblocked the diamonds so that they could later be run, and it gave an impulsive declarer — who could have ducked the queen without costing himself a trick — enough rope to hang himself.

Tomorrow: The manufacture of tricks.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



spect the chain of command. Doing what's proper and doing what's smart will be the same thing.

Aquarius Sun Break-through

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you click with one person, you're actually hooking into an entire world of potential exchanges. One connection leads to the next; interests overlap; the horizon expands.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You appreciate when a transactional relationship is clean and professional, but you'll accept blurred lines and messiness with personal relationships, as the emotional unpredictability is truly a thrill.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Nobody wants to be wrong today or think they were wrong in the past, and certainly, nobody wants to be wrong in the future. You're wise to take correctness out of the conversation. Focus on what works.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You don't want to make people jealous on purpose, but it may be unavoidable, as you only have so much attention to give and many will compete for it today, ever watchful of where your love flows.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When it's about your pursuits, you care the most. It would be weird to expect others to put in more work than you were willing to... and yet, someone comes to you with a similar deal today. Obviously, it's a hard pass.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There are many ways to commu-

nicate, and often, they are happening simultaneously on different levels. So, if you flub the words, it's not a problem. Your intent has multiple ways of showing itself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You don't have to wait for inspiration, because the muses like to play with you. You do, however, have to start the game so they know the rules and where to join you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). At that fruitless point in the process where the less tenacious would throw up their hands in defeat, you take a breath and ask, "Is there anything else I should try?" That makes all the difference.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You know what it's like to feel overqualified for a role you embody on the regular. Then, suddenly, from out of the blue, doubts rain down. Sure, you still have things to learn, but you're enough. You're more than enough.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The rules might not make sense, but it makes sense to follow them. The team will trust those who follow protocol and re-

COSMIC QUESTION: "I don't know if I'll ever be able to trust another man again. And if I do, it won't be a Capricorn. It turns out that my soon-to-be ex-husband was cheating on me for years with not one but TWO women. And until a few weeks ago, I never suspected a thing. He covered his tracks so well! What should a Scorpio soon-to-be divorcee do next? I want to get it right this time!"

Ouch! Sorry to hear it! Although, branding all Capricorn men as possible cheaters unnecessarily rules out one-twelfth of contenders. Capricorn men can be decent, honest and hardworking. Just because one match didn't work out doesn't mean you couldn't create a better relationship with another person of the same sign. Even so, you've more important things to focus on. A break from dating is the best "next move." Not divorced yet, you're still spinning from recent developments, and you need time to process. Do all you can to avoid identifying as a victim who's been wronged. You're a powerful, independent woman with clear standards and a wealth of offerings to bestow on a worthy partner or feed into your own interests -- whatever suits your fancy. Keep in mind your Scorpio symbol of the phoenix. Like the magnificent and magical bird, you will rise up from the ashes renewed.

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

ANSWER:

Annie's Mailbox

Eroded Trust

Dear Annie: My fiancée and I want to go back to the way we were, but it is more of a struggle for me than for him. We are planning to get an apartment together, but it is hard for me to be around him without getting upset. I have been going through a lot lately, and finding out that my fiancée was lying to me was one of the worst things that has happened. At first, it was something minor, and I just chose to keep my mouth shut, but the next morning he was on his phone, and I saw pictures of naked women that he tried to hide fast. I tried to get

the truth out of him, but he lied.

We went to the lake to talk about it, and it just kept escalating. He's been doing it for seven months. I found out and was actually contacting someone to get these pictures. This is cheating, isn't it? He also had multiple accounts for stuff like that which he had to pay for. He promised not to do it again, but I struggle to believe it when he continues to lie to me about different things. I want to move on and be happy with him, but when something similar comes up, I break down. What should I do? -- Confused and

Lost.

Dear Confused and Lost: Of course, you break down when something similar happens. It is unacceptable for your fiancée to lie to you and have other women send him naked pictures. Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me. The best way to move on and be happy with him is to go to counseling together. You can't build a successful marriage if there is a lack of trust. Stay firm with your boundaries in the relationship. Until that's settled, don't marry the bum. Best of luck to you both.

Dear Annie: Many people are not aware that the strings of surgical masks should be cut before being thrown away to prevent animals from getting entangled in the masks. Alternately, reusable masks help cut down on COVID-19 waste that pollutes waterways and oceans. Please cut the strings on your mask. -- Reduce COVID Waste

Dear Reduce COVID Waste: Thank you for this unusual but -- now that we think about it -- obvious tip.

Dear Annie: If you can, then please refer the woman who wrote

about her 15-year-old daughter steadily gaining weight to a podcast called "Half Size Me" and the host, Heather Robertson. She also has an excellent podcast called "Healthy Parents, Healthy Families," and the information therein could prevent the diet/binge cycle many of us have struggled with since our teenage years. Heather has an amazing perspective on this specific topic of having extra weight as a teenager. My general overview is that her work shares with listeners how to maintain and stop gaining weight without restricting calories and continuing the diet/

binge cycle. -- Stephanie

Dear Stephanie: Thank you for your recommendation. Especially as we are bombarded with information and sales tactics to "lose weight fast" and "burn holiday calories," it's important to block out the negative and harmful ads and instead find a supportive health and wellness program that works for us as individuals.

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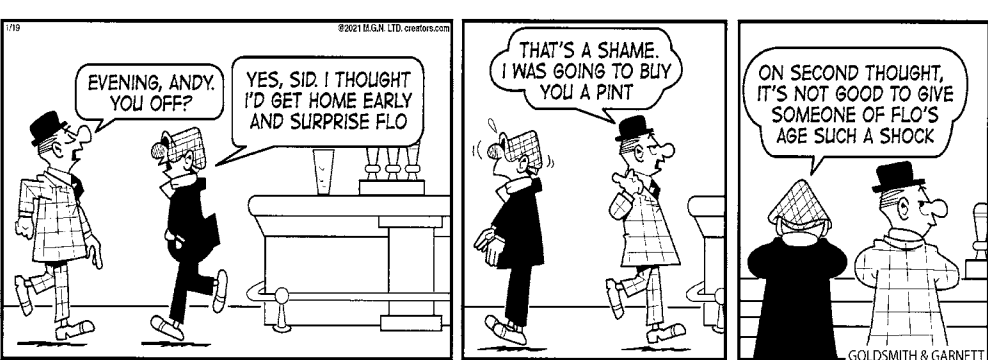
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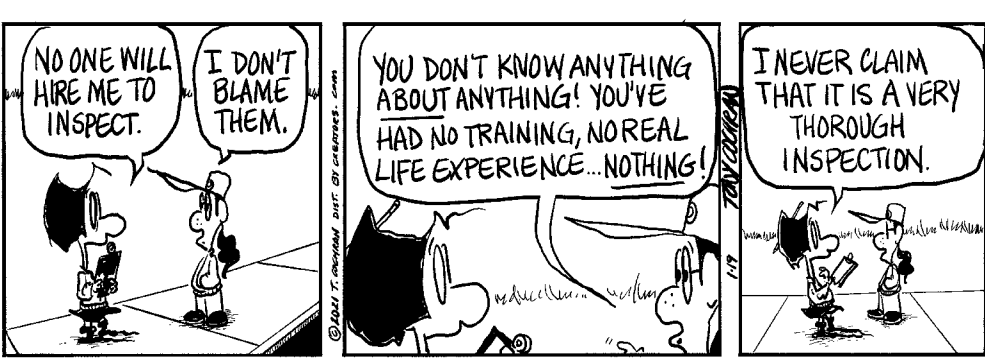
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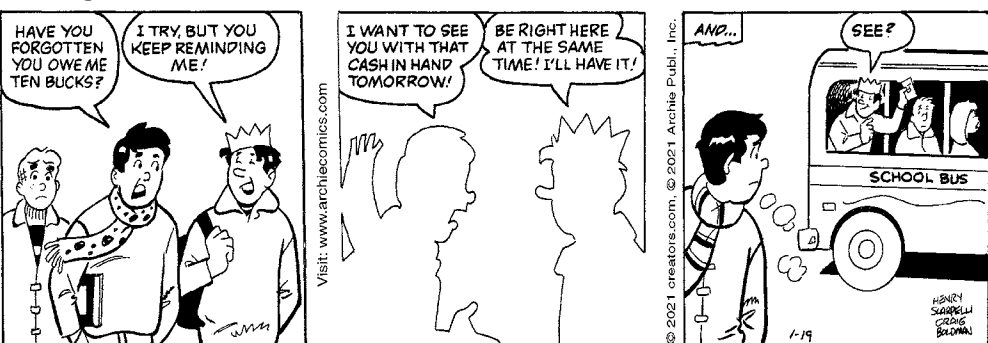
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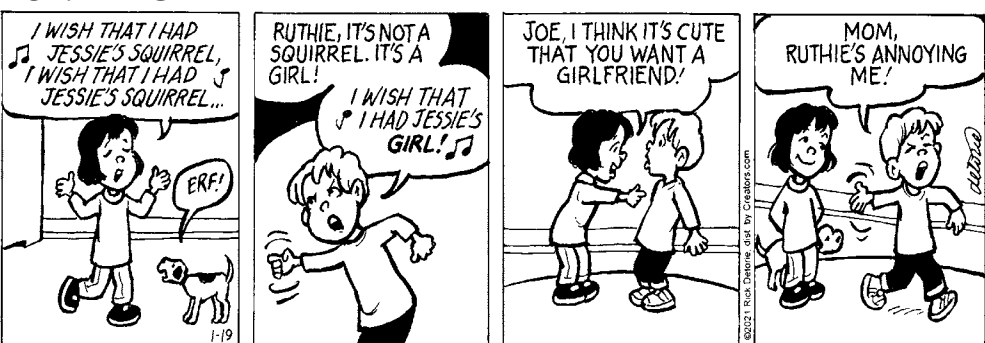
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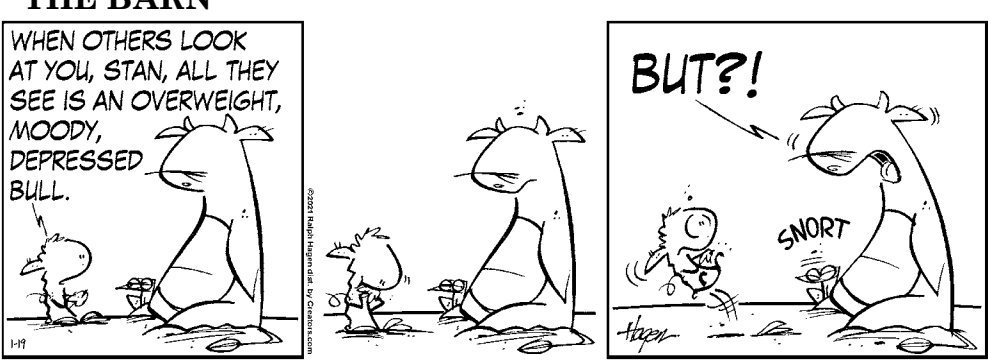
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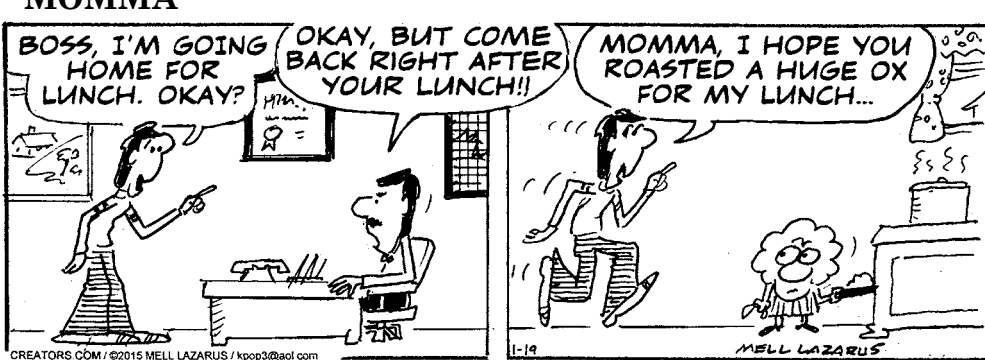
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 19, the 19th day of 2021. There are 346 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 19, 1981, the United States and Iran signed an accord paving the way for the release of 52 Americans held hostage for more than 14 months.

On this date:

In 1809, author, poet and critic Edgar Allan Poe was born in Boston.

In 1861, Georgia became the fifth state to secede from the Union.

In 1915, Germany carried out its first air raid on Britain during World War I as a pair of Zeppelins dropped bombs onto Great Yarmouth and King's Lynn in England.

In 1937, millionaire Howard Hughes set a transcontinental air record by flying his monoplane from Los Angeles to Newark, New Jersey, in 7 hours, 28 minutes and 25 seconds.

In 1942, during World War II, Japanese forces captured the British protectorate of North Borneo. A German submarine sank the Canadian liner RMS Lady Hawkins off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, killing 251 people; 71 survived.

In 1944, the federal government relinquished control of the nation's railroads to their owners following settlement of a wage dispute.

In 1955, a presidential news conference was filmed for television and newsreels for the first time, with the permission of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

In 1980, retired Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas died in Washington, D.C., at age 81.

In 1987, Guy Hunt became Alabama's first Republican governor since 1874 as he was sworn into office, succeeding George C. Wallace.

In 2005, the American Cancer Society reported that cancer had passed heart disease as the top killer of Americans age 85 and younger.

In 2006, Osama bin Laden, in an audiotape that was his first in more than a year, said al-Qaida was preparing for attacks in the United States; at the same time, he offered a "long-term truce" without specifying the conditions. Vice President Dick Cheney defended the administration's domestic surveillance program, calling it an essential tool in monitoring al-Qaida and other terrorist organizations.

In 2009, Russia and Ukraine signed a deal restoring natural gas shipments to Ukraine and paving the way for an end to the nearly two-week cutoff of most Russian gas to a freezing Europe.

Ten years ago: Chinese President Hu Jintao, visiting the White House, declared "a lot still needs to be done" to improve his country's record on human rights; the exchange with President Barack Obama over human rights was balanced by U.S. delight over newly announced Chinese business deals expected to generate about \$45 billion in new export sales for the U.S.

Five years ago: Republican presidential front-runner Donald Trump received the endorsement of conservative firebrand Sarah Palin, giving the businessman a potential boost less than two weeks before Iowa's kick-off caucuses. Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder, in his State of the State address, again pledged to fix the crisis over Flint's lead-contaminated water. Italian movie director Ettore Scola, 84, died in Rome.

One year ago: Health officials in central China reported that 17 more people had been diagnosed with the new coronavirus, which had killed two patients and placed other countries on alert. The South Korean film "Parasite" became the first foreign language film to take top honors from the Screen Actors Guild, en route to an Academy Award as best picture. The San Francisco 49ers rolled past the Green Bay Packers, 37-20, to advance to the franchise's seventh Super Bowl; the Kansas City Chiefs reached their first Super Bowl in a half century by beating the Tennessee Titans 35-24 for the

AFC championship.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Tippi Hedren is 91. Former PBS newsman Robert MacNeil is 90. Movie director Richard Lester is 89. Actor-singer Michael Crawford is 79. Actor Shelley Fabaras (fab-RAY) is 77. Country singer Dolly Parton is 75. Former ABC newswoman Ann Compton is 74. TV chef Paula Deen is 74.

Rock singer Martha Davis is 70. Singer Dewey Bunnell (America) is 69. Actor Desi Arnaz Jr. is 68. Actor Katey Sagal is 67. Comedian Paul Rodriguez is 66. Conductor Sir Simon Rattle is 66. Reggae musician Mickey Virtue (formerly with UB40) is 64. Rock musician Jeff Pilson (Foreigner) is 63. Actor Paul McCrane is 60. Actor William Ragsdale is 60. Basketball

coach and commentator Jeff Van Gundy is 59. International Tennis Hall of Famer Stefan Edberg is 55. Rock singer Whitfield Crane (Ugly Kid Joe) is 53. Singer Trey Lorenz is 52. Actor Shawn Wayans is 50. Rock singer-musician John Vozniak (Marcy Playground) is 50. Actor Drea (DRAY-uh) de Matteo is 49. Comedian-impressionist Frank Caliendo is 47. Actor Drew Powell is 45.

Actor Marsha Thomason is 45. Actor Bitsie Tulloch is 40. Actor Jodie Sweetin is 39. Movie director Damien Chazelle is 36. Actor Shaunette Renee Wilson is 31. Actor Briana Henry is 29. Actor Logan Lerman is 29. Olympic gold medal gymnast Shawn Johnson is 29. Rapper Taylor Bennett is 25. Actor Lidya Jewett is 14.

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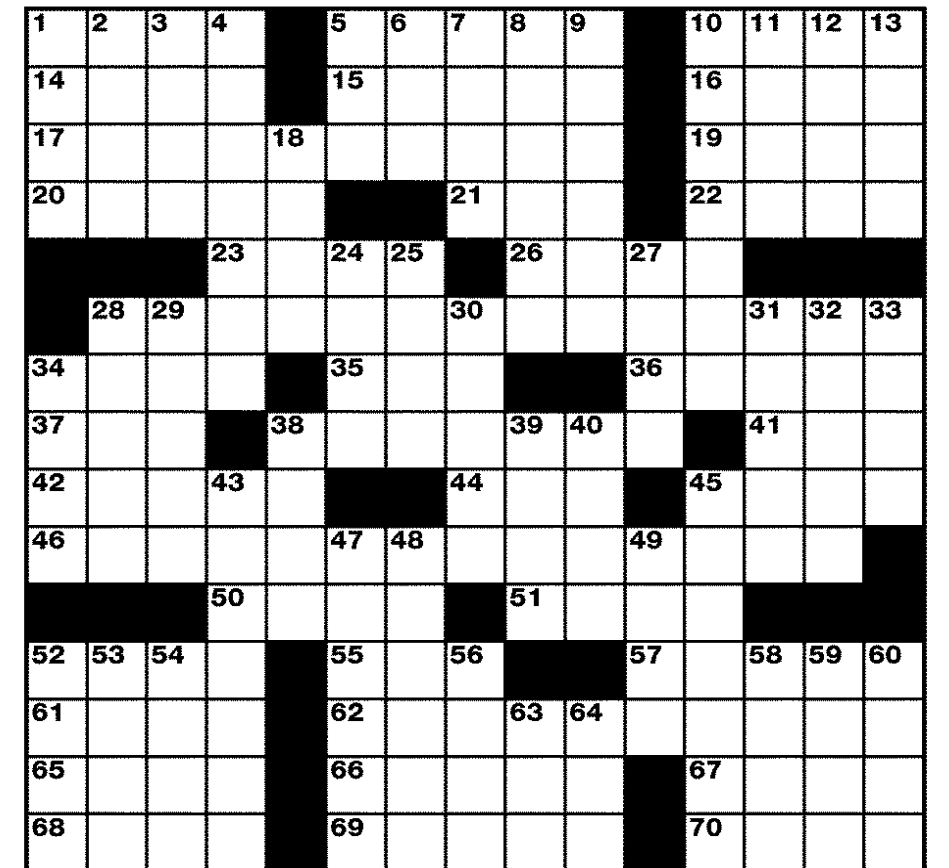
- 1 "Hey . . . over here!"
- 5 Magazine edition
- 10 Moby-Dick captain
- 14 __ vera (medicinal plant)
- 15 March composer John Philip __
- 16 Forbidden thing
- 17 Passé
- 19 Brit's "Bye!"
- 20 Annoying person
- 21 Same-old routine
- 22 Door to leave through
- 23 Seep
- 26 Lower leg
- 28 Passé
- 34 Highly rated
- 35 __ Lanka (Asian nation)
- 36 Narrow roads
- 37 Twosome
- 38 "No kidding!"
- 41 Full collection
- 42 Curved like a rainbow
- 44 Holder for coffee
- 45 Soap lather
- 46 Passé
- 50 Clinton's vice president
- 51 Explorer of kids' TV
- 52 Accompanying
- 55 Add-__ (extras)
- 57 Pretentiously showy
- 61 Make revisions to
- 62 Passé
- 65 Earnest request
- 66 Feeling pleased with oneself
- 67 Ireland nickname

DOWN

- 1 In the __ (before now)
- 2 Not very speedy
- 3 Shoe's bottom
- 4 Thorny flower named for a hot drink
- 5 Adherent: Suffix
- 6 __ sauce (Chinese condiment)
- 7 Plaintiff in court
- 8 Patriotic Olympics chant
- 9 Coarse, as humor
- 10 Insect's feeler

- 11 Elaborate fraud
- 12 "Opposed to" prefix
- 13 Canoe or kayak
- 18 Small stain
- 24 Hearty enjoyment
- 25 Makes a mistake
- 27 Castaway's home
- 28 "__ welcome!"
- 29 Grandson of Adam
- 30 Moat without water
- 31 Happen next
- 32 Unwanted garden plants
- 33 Bygone fast planes: Abbr.
- 34 Just __ (small amount, as of paint)

- 38 Digits on a passport: Abbr.
- 39 Regretted
- 40 No later than
- 43 Morning rush-hour hr.
- 45 More clever
- 47 Sags
- 48 Term of office
- 49 Tax-deferred nest eggs: Abbr.
- 52 Sobbed
- 53 Doing nothing
- 54 Wedding cake layer
- 56 Bring to a halt
- 58 Brit's auto wheel
- 59 Lose one's footing
- 60 Hankerings
- 63 Yes, in Paris
- 64 Medicine-approving org.



Answer to previous puzzle
ALMA ALPHA OLD
EPEES NOSIR BIO
NINTHINNING SET
DENS DEE TOGO
ECO SIX VANILLA
DENTED PET FEAR
RAISIN ATTIC
FOURTHQUARTER
BLISS RUSSIA
BENT TEE LAGERS
CATERED HES MEL
MEAT TIE EAVE
ATE THIRDPERIOD
BEN EERIE MILLS
CAT DRAGS TEST

Forsan Buffaloes defeat Winter Blizzards

By **JESSE CERVANTES**

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The herd from Forsan welcomed the Winters Billzards last Friday night in a tough fought district matchup.

As the first half got underway, both teams struggled to find a bucket due to a tough defensive battle.

However, come the second half, the Buffaloes caught heat as they took a five point lead late in the 4th quarter.

A true playmaker, in Buffalo Ernesto Rivera, made the plays that counted in the end. True grit and hustle worked in favor of the Buffalo herd Friday night.

After a tough back and forth battle, Forsan ended up overcoming a tough battle at the free throw line. In the end, Forsan took the prize winning 36-31 which puts them at 2-1 in district play.

Sawyer Stallings lead the points margin for the Buffaloes with 12 points. You can catch the Buffs this evening as they take to the road and travel to Colorado City for another district matchup.



Courtesy photo

Forsan's Ernesto Rivera goes up for a shot during the battle between the Buffaloes and the Winters Blizzards last Friday. The Buffaloes came out with the win that night placing them 2-1 in district play.

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ATHLETIC

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So should she still play? I think that's what you're asking, and the answer is — Yes!

Sports are good for kids. They get them off the sofa and running around, not thinking about screens or social media. Sports also teach lessons that are not taught in schools.

Over the course of her 7th grade basketball season, your daughter will learn how to win — and lose — gracefully. She'll learn how to push through physical pain. How to persevere. She'll also bond with the other girls on her team in ways that are almost impossible outside of athletics. There's nothing like the camaraderie of a locker room.

Whether your daughter's a benchwarmer or a future WNBA star, you should approach her athletic endeavors in the same way. Make sure she has fun. Make sure she learns the important life lessons. And let the rest take care of itself.

Dear Athletic Support: I got thrown out of my daughter's 7th grade basketball game the other night. The B game. We were way up on the team, literally playing the best game we've played all

year, and the refs just completely quit blowing their whistles. Obvious double dribble. No call. A girl runs it in from the baseline and the refs just give her the ball back. It's getting close at the end, the other team's coming back, and I yell, "Come on, ref, blow the whistle!" I did yell it, and I don't normally yell at the refs in this setting, but come on! They called the athletic director and I was escorted out of the gym. I didn't get to see the end of the game, but I heard it ended in a tie. Because it's a B game, there's no overtime. That's it. Game over. We played the best game of our season and had it taken from us. Was I in the wrong? I mean, it was a real game. They were actually keeping score, so I don't think it's fair for the refs to try and help the other team when they're down. Do you?

—You Blew It

Dear Blew It: It's always best to refrain from getting ejected from youth sporting events, especially 7thgrade B games. That being said, refs shouldn't interfere with the outcome, either.

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TEAM

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Chloe Gillihan from Forsan placed 6th with a squat of 150, a bench of 80, and a deadlift of 190.

Weight Class 165

Maci Green from Coahoma placed 2nd with a squat of 230, a bench of 140 and a deadlift of 220.

Kyndel Lawdermilk from Forsan placed 3rd with a squat of 200, a bench of 130 and a deadlift of 225.

Weight Class 181

The Coahoma and Forsan teams dominated this weight class with Coahoma taking the first two places and Forsan claiming 3rd.

Cahill Lewis from Coahoma placed 1st with a squat of 215, a bench of 120 and a deadlift of 220.

Savannah Meachum from Coahoma placed 2nd with a squat of 165, a bench of 115 and a deadlift of 175.

Abby Sutton from Forsan claimed 3rd place with a squat of 135, a bench of 90 and a deadlift of 145.

Weight Class 220

Paula Mae Hagins from Coahoma claimed 1st with a squat of 180, a bench of 115 and a deadlift of 215.

Weight Class 259

Kelsey Zubiata from Forsan claimed 1st place with a squat of 300, a bench of 185 and a deadlift of 250.

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