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A Moment in History
Old West saloons in Big Spring



By TAMMY SCHRECEGOST
 Heritage Museum of Big Spring

The westward spirit was ever present and by the 1870s the long-awaited southern transcontinental route soon became a reality. The Texas & Pacific Railroad that had stood frozen between Dallas and Fort Worth since 1873, suddenly burst across West Texas in 1880-1881. There were tent and clapboard railroad towns springing up along the tracks from Fort Worth to El Paso. Before 1881, Quanah Parker and his last band of Indians, the Quahadis, had surrendered to the reservations. There were no longer fear of Indian wars. The last of the buffalo hunters had made

Courtesy photos
 Left, cowboys Earl Rowland, Bill Wilson, Boone Palmer and Sterling Price are lined up at the bar. The saloon was run by Ed Wheat who was later killed in a shootout with Big Spring(s) Sheriff J.A. Baggett. Above, Lower Main Street looking south, the Chrystal Palace Saloon was a two story white building on left next to the Ranch Saloon. On the opposite side of the street facing east was the Nip and Tuck, later named the Klondyke.

their final kill, causing the animals to be extinct. Many young men dreamed of going to Texas to become cowboys while others migrated, chasing a dream of land ownership.

Robert Hudson started a newspaper called *The Pantagraph* in 1881. He observed, "The gambling and dance hall orgies held sway. Not in secluded spots but in the open along the streets or tent rows. Feuds and shooting matches existed between cowboys and rangers, and there were many killings. It was before Texas disarmed her frontiersmen and all were bedecked with a brace of six shooters and a carbine rifle even at the dining tables in the dugouts. At gaming tables, twenty-dollar gold pieces and silver dollars were built up on the tables in ornamental columns or pyramids, silver dollars were handled with a scoop shovel, when replenishing the stacks, there was always a crowd gathered around the table."

Shine Philips was a paper boy. He often stood in front of the saloon and drugstores selling papers. He said, "The cowboys would work like a dog for thirty days to burn up their pay in one night." The saloon was simple in those days. It was composed mostly of a bar all across on end decorated with whiskey bottles

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Weather

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 75.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 52.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 79.
 Source: NWS, via weather.gov

Upcoming Local Events

Oct. 31: A Mystic Wonders Halloween 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. located at 204 S Main St. Look forward to trick or treating, costume contest, pumpkin carving and much, much more!

Oct. 31: Trunk or Treat 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. located at 6200 S Service Rd Midway Baptist Church.

Today in History
 October 31

1517: Protestant Reformation: Martin Luther posts his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg.
 1984: Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is assassinated by two Sikh security guards.

Daily Quotes

"Anyone could see that the wind was a special wind this night, and the darkness took on a special feel because it was All Hallows' Eve."
 — **Ray Bradbury**

"Double, double toil and trouble; Fire burn, and cauldron bubble."
 — **Witches in Macbeth**

"I would die for her. I would kill for her. Either way, what bliss."
 — **Gomez Addams**

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NTSB: Valve leak fueled 2021 pipeline blast that killed 2

FARMERSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A valve leak and a spark of unknown origin combined to cause a North Texas natural gas pipeline explosion last year that killed two workers and injured two others, federal investigators said.

A report by the National Transportation Safety Board followed the agency's investigation of the June 28, 2021, explosion near Farmersville, about 35 miles (55 kilometers) northeast of Dallas.

In the report issued Wednesday, the NTSB said a work crew was using a steel rod to insert an inline tool into the Atmos Energy pipeline when an explosion in front of the tool shot it from the chamber and at the workers standing in front of the door.

Investigators said they found scratches and gouges in a mainline valve seal in front of where the tool was, creating

leak paths. Workers had suspected the leak existed the week before, tightened the valve until the leak stopped or was reduced to undetectable levels, then marked the valve's position to avoid a recurrence.

The leak persisted, however, the NTSB said. Also, Atmos procedures and training did not prepare workers to recognize the developing hazard. Although the work crew had many years of collective experience, the workers were not qualified as required by federal regulations and were not using gas monitors to watch for a hazardous atmosphere, the board said.

Dallas-based Atmos has upgraded its procedures in response to the explosion, the NTSB said. Atmos officials did not immediately respond to a message seeking comment on the NTSB report.

Big Bend National Park makes National Geographic's coveted 'Best of the World' list for 2023

Special to the Herald

As travel continues to make a roaring return, National Geographic unveiled its annual list of the 25 inspiring destinations for the renewed travel landscape to help individuals get a jump on planning for the year ahead. This year's "Best of the World" feature is themed around travel destinations and experiences that leverage the benefits of tourism to strengthen their local communities and environments, both natural and built.

Big Bend National Park was selected in the nature category. The "Best of the World 2023" list was created, researched, reported and written in collaboration with National Geographic Traveler's international editorial teams, which serve millions of readers through their magazines and websites in more than a dozen offices around the world. Nat Geo's "Best of the World" list for the year ahead celebrates destinations and travel experiences that illuminate our beautiful world and the diversity of



Photograph by Bryan Schutmaat, National Geographic
Daylight at the crest of Big Bend's 12.5-mile South Rim Trail offers a panoramic view of northern Mexico's Chihuahuan Desert.

prouder to shine a light on these 25 extraordinary places that most inspired us this year, and which we know will define travelers' itineraries for years to come. From craft breweries and Asia's

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How was Halloween invented? Once a Celtic tradition, the Holiday has evolved to let kids and adults try on new identities

Linus Owens Middlebury

(THE CONVERSATION)

Curious Kids is a series for children of all ages. If you have a question you'd like an expert to answer, send it to curiouskidsus@theconversation.com.

How was Halloween invented? – Tillman, age 9, Asheville, North Carolina

"It's alive!" Dr. Frankenstein cried as his creation stirred to life. But the creature had a life of its own, eventually escaping its creator's control.

Much like Frankenstein's monster, traditions are also alive, which means they can change over time or get reinvented. Built from a hodgepodge of diverse parts, Halloween is one such tradition that has been continually reinvented since its ancient origins as a Celtic pagan ceremony. Yet beneath the superhero costumes and bags of candy still beats the heart of the original.

The Celts lived in what's now Ireland as far back as 500 B.C. They celebrated New Year's Day on Nov. 1, which they called Samhain. They believed that leading up to the transition to the new year, the door between the worlds of the living and the dead swung open. The souls of the recently dead, previously trapped on Earth, could now pass to the underworld. Since they thought spirits came out after dark, this supernatural activity reached its peak the night before, on Oct. 31.

The Celts invented rituals to protect themselves during this turbulent time. They put on costumes and dis-

guises to fool the spirits. They lit bonfires and stuck candles inside carved turnips – the first jack-o'-lanterns – to scare away any spirits looking for mischief. If all else failed, they carried a pocketful of treats to pay off wayward spirits and send them back on their way to the underworld.

Sound familiar?

Although focused on the dead, Samhain was ultimately for the living, who needed plenty of help of their own when transitioning to the new year. Winter was cold and dark. Food was scarce. Everyone came together for one last bash to break bread, share stories and stand tall against the dead, strengthening community ties at the time they were needed most.

When Catholics arrived in Ireland around A.D. 300, they opened another door between worlds, unleashing considerable conflict. They sought to convert the Celts by changing their pagan rituals into Christian holidays. They rechristened Nov. 1 "All Saints Day," which today remains a celebration of Catholic saints.

But the locals held on to their old beliefs. They believed the dead still wandered the Earth. So the living still dressed in costumes. This activity still took place the night before. It just had a new name to fit the Catholic calendar: "All Hallows Eve," which is where we got the name Halloween.

Irish immigrants brought Halloween to America in the 1800s while escaping the Great Potato Famine. At first, Irish Halloween celebrations were an oddity, viewed suspiciously by other Americans. As such, Hallow-

een wasn't celebrated much in America at the time.

As the Irish integrated into American society, Halloween was reinvented again, this time as an all-American celebration. It became a holiday primarily for kids. Its religious overtones faded, with supernatural saints and sinners being replaced by generic ghosts and goblins. Carved turnips gave way to the pumpkins now emblematic of the holiday. Though trick-or-treating resembles ancient traditions like guising, where costumed children went door to door for gifts, it's actually an American invention, created to entice kids away from rowdy holiday pranks toward more wholesome activities.

Halloween has become a tradition many new immigrants adopt along their journey toward American-ness and is increasingly being exported around the world, with locals reinventing it in new ways to adapt it to their own culture.

What's so special about Halloween is that it turns the world upside down. The dead walk the Earth. Rules are meant to be broken. And kids exercise a lot of power. They decide what costume to wear. They make demands on others by asking for candy. "Trick or treat" is their battle cry. They do things they'd never get away with any other time, but on Halloween, they get to act like adults, trying it on to see how it fits.

Because Halloween allows kids more independence, it's possible to mark significant life stages through holiday firsts. First Halloween. First

Halloween without a parent. First Halloween that's no longer cool. First Halloween as a parent.

Growing up used to mean growing out of Halloween. But today, young adults seem even more committed to Halloween than kids.

What changed: adults or Halloween? Both.

Caught between childhood and adulthood, today's young adults find Halloween a perfect match to their struggles to find themselves and make their way in the world. Their participation has reinvented Halloween again, now bigger, more elaborate and more expensive. Yet in becoming an adult celebration, it comes full circle to return to its roots as a holiday celebrated mainly by adults.

Halloween is a living tradition. You wear a costume every year, but you'd never wear the same one. You've changed since last year, and your costume reflects that. Halloween is no different. Each year, it's the same celebration, but it's also something totally new. In what ways are you already reinventing the Halloween of the future today?

Hello, curious kids! Do you have a question you'd like an expert to answer? Ask an adult to send your question to CuriousKidsUS@theconversation.com. Please tell us your name, age and the city where you live.

And since curiosity has no age limit – adults, let us know what you're wondering, too.

We won't be able to answer every question, but we will do our best.

Amazon governor revokes forest protection in re-election bid

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — In an effort to get more votes and win reelection, the governor of the Brazilian state of Rondonia on Friday revoked the protection of a large swath of Amazon forest.

Marcos Rocha, a staunch ally of far-right President Jair Bolsonaro, signed a decree that abolished the Soldado da Borracha Ecological Station, which is 1,790 square kilometers (691 square miles).

In the decree, Rocha stated that the goal was to legalize about 760 land grabbers, from illegal loggers to cattle ranchers, inside the preserved area. By law, a designated ecological station forbids economic activity and human occupation.

The measure, likely to be challenged in court, opens the door for increased deforestation in the area, which is about twice the size of New York City.

It also underscores that, while many people internationally and in Brazil want to protect the Amazon, many Amazon dwellers are in favor of development and believe it's for them to decide.

"Even if it is revoked, this measure will have consequences," Indigenous leader Txai Suruí told The Associated Press in a phone interview. "It will make it more difficult to expel the invaders. They will destroy what's left."

Suruí added that the race has become a competition for whoever is closer to Bolsonaro.

In June, a police investigation inside the protected area identified a criminal organization that alone has deforested 96 square kilometers (37 square miles). About 39% of the area has been deforested, according to the latest state figures.

Rocha, a military police officer, is in a tight race

against Sen. Marcos Rogério, another close Bolsonaro's ally. In Congress, Rocha earned the nickname "pitbull" for his fierce defense of Bolsonaro during an inquiry commission that investigated corruption and negligence during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Rondonia state, which was developed and largely deforested by settlers of European descent in the 1970s and 1980s, is one of the most loyal strongholds of Bolsonaro, who also faces a run-off on Sunday against former President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. Brazilians go the poll on Sunday, the runoff for races in which no candidate garnered a majority during the first round of voting earlier this month.

In the first round, Rocha got 39 percent compared to 37 percent for Rogério.

Support Groups

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.

• GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

FRIDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

MONDAY

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

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.

WEDNESDAY

• Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-8600.

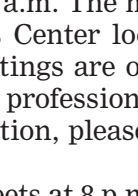
THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

SUNDAY

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

Submit your Support Group information to be included or updated. Email information to newsdesk@BigSpringherald.com or call 432-263-7331 ext. 235.

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and a long brass rail for the punchers to hook their boot heels over. Later on in the evening the brass rail for their boot heels helped some of them to stand up.

Saloons were generally dark, lit by hanging kerosene lamps. The walls had a lithograph of Custer's Last Stand or a picture of a nude lady." Shine was too young to go into the saloon however, he could peek under the swinging doors and see a long line of boots and spurs around the bar or look over the top and see big hats. Philips said, "Both of these examples of pictorial beauty were fascinating to me, and I used to pass and re-pass the swinging doors hoping to get a full look at the pictures on the wall. But the swinging doors were too efficient. They always worked like they were on steel springs!"

Fred Korn's saloon was right next to the drugstore where Shine sold newspapers. He said, "Fred's place was one of the nicer saloons in town. You had to be somewhat clean to enter the doors. It was more of a gentlemen's hangout, quiet, subdued, and with an air about it. Fred's place did not have pool tables. The building was two stories. It had varied entertainments upstairs, but it was usually gambling from what I've heard. The lights were hanging chandeliers, as fine as you will find anywhere, and they burned lamp oil. As well as I remember there were five of these lights. Deep seated chairs lined the opposite side of the bar. Across the front, the windows were covered with a grating to keep the horses from backing through the windows when they got on the sidewalks during bad weather.

"There was a 50-foot bar that ran across one side of the saloon. In the front end sat Fred, quietly discussing things as they came, placing the boys' guns on the shelf as they checked in, taking care of the money that they wanted to take home with them, seeing that their horses were taken care of after they had visited other places and got too much to drink. In one corner of the saloon was a barber shop so that those who wanted an excuse, but whose religion didn't tolerate drinking, could come through the barber shop into the saloon.

"Fred's office was about ten feet long, cut off from the back of the saloon with a wooden grill. Fred's bartenders were the quiet type, silent and efficient.

If an argument ensued, which did happen at times, the man who started the argument usually landed in the back yard and he didn't land on his feet or head. The porter's kept the tables scrubbed. The cigarettes were handmade and lots of spilling took place between the hand and the lip, so the porter was kept busy sweeping up the makings that had missed the paper. The chinaberry trees were planted to hide the front door, the hitching rack in front, and a board walk were about the only decorations outside. George Bauer ran the Nip and Tuck Saloon. He was a good-natured German who contributed to everything around town. He had a big heart and gave to various preachers anonymously. When it rained a little too much or the weather was unbearable, George would buy all of Shine's papers from him so he could get in out of the weather and go home. George Bauer only sold beer at his saloon. At the front of Bauer's saloon, there were empty kegs that the loafers used for chairs. The saloon bar was around twenty feet long, with an enormous ice box behind it, where the kegs of beer were covered with ice. The boys buying nickel beers, kept the place busy."

Shine wrote "One of the men who ran a saloon was a civil war veteran. He had left an arm on one of the battlefields for the Lost Cause. He would never let me peddle papers in his place; said it wasn't any place for a kid or a lady."

(Excerpts from Big Spring by Shine Philips)

The hitching racks in front of the saloons were always lined with horses. Occasionally the cowboy's horse would be found wandering among the railroad ties days later without a rider. The sheriff could usually read the brand on a horse and figure out the owner. During heavy rains, the cowboy was hard to distinguish from the old sow that wandered the streets. Both were covered in mud after a night of drinking and fighting.

In 1903, Ed Wheat operated the Klondyke Saloon on the west side of Main at First Street. Ed was new to Big Spring. There were several variations of stories floating around about the night Ed was killed. One being that Ed had "working" girls on the second floor of his saloon. By 1900, the "ladies of the evening" had all been relocated north of the tracks and were no longer working above the saloons. This helped eliminate some of the fights, since they usually had to do with the female persuasion.

Wheat refused to comply with the law and continued having girls above his saloon. Sheriff Baggett got warrants to serve on Wheat for the

following day after Thanksgiving. He unexpectedly ran into Wheat at the Ranch Saloon, operated directly east across the street by Mike Mollett. The Sheriff stated his business and said "Ed, I want you to give yourself up." Ed refused and a scuffle with Ed and intervening friends occurred. Wheat ran back to his saloon and replaced a gun Baggett had taken from him. As he emerged from the swinging doors of his saloon, he pointed the pistol at Sheriff Baggett. Baggett was faster and more accurate. The following day the Big Springs Enterprise reported: "Thanksgiving Day was brought to a tragic and bloody close in Big Spring(s) by a fatal encounter just before midnight between Sheriff J.A. Baggett and E.R. Wheat."

This put a permanent end to the girls downtown and Ed Wheat. Ed left behind his widow, Lou Wheat, and four surviving children under the age of seven. Ed's widow moved back to Blum, Texas where the couple had formerly lived. She never remarried and died in Blum in 1960 at the age of 89. Her body was transported back to Big Spring from Cleburne Texas where she was buried next to her husband in Mount Olive Cemetery.

Bartenders tried to persuade the cowboys to leave their guns with them to avoid any violent complications. However, it rarely paid off and fortunes were not made. Instead, it sparked even more feuding and pistol whipping. Those who refused to comply usually fired their guns randomly during the evening. The large mirror, behind the bar, was shot out regularly as were the panes of glass in the windows and inevitably, a horse or two was rode into the bar. The cowboy had a code of ethics to adhere by. Perhaps it was best to make good with their offense before word reached the ranch they were from.

Gambling was second nature to any cowboy. He had to work hard for his money and the idea of doubling it was too tempting to pass up. You could hear the silver dollars rattling in the back rooms until the wee hours of the morning as the men played faro, poker, dice, or birdcage.

Some of the more popular hangouts were The Ranch Saloon, Klondyke, Fred Korn's place, Nip and Tuck, and the Crystal Palace. Other saloons were Bucket of Blood, the Longhorn, Buffalo Head, Cattle Exchange, and the Beaver Brothers Saloon. By 1910 and prohibition, Big Spring ordered all saloons to be closed.

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in Busan, South Korea, to women-led Indigenous tourism in Alberta, Canada, and the densest leatherback turtle nesting ground in the world in Trinidad and Tobago, this year's list reminds us that there is still so much out there to explore and experience."

"Travelers to the Big Bend region of Texas are greeted with breathtaking scenery, abundant opportunities for exploration and warm western hospitality," Robert Alvarez, executive director of Visit Big Bend said. "Our local communities of Marathon, Study Butte, Terlingua and Lajitas are

honored by National Geographic's recognition of Big Bend National Park and look forward to welcoming old friends back to the area and new explorers for the first time."

"Big Bend National Park is a quintessential Texas experience," said Travel Texas Director Tim Fennell. "In one of the most remote parts of the state, travelers will find sweeping landscapes, incredible nature and outdoor adventures ranging from hiking and paddling to camping and stargazing. We invite visitors from around the world to experience wild and beautiful Big Bend National Park on their next trip to Texas."

The "Best of the World 2023" list is available online now at NatGeo.com/BestOfTheWorld, where readers will be transported to each destination through spectacular photography and reporting.

Take Note

• The Heritage Museum of Big Spring will celebrate the opening of its Ranch Saloon exhibit with a saloon-themed party Nov. 3, 2022, from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person. Enjoy an evening out at the museum with the guys from Big Spring Distillers sampling their goods, and the comedy stylings of Nano the Funny Guy and our very own Adrienne Green. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and margaritas will be served. Contact the Heritage Museum for information: 432-267-8255.

• Blowout at the Bunker! Saturday Nov. 12, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Hangar 25 Air Museum, 1911 Apron Dr. Food trucks, car show, No-Prep racing, Cornhole, 5K Run and Music. All proceeds donated to the Military Heritage Association. For more information visit us at facebook.com/blowoutatthebunker or contact the Airpark Director at 432-264-2362.

• Everyone welcome! Western Swing by Michael Leonard. New Life mature adult dance at Dora Roberts Community Center 100 Whiskey Dr. Every third Friday 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Entry fee \$5. Bring snacks to share. Refreshments provided. For more information call 432-517-9097.

• Mystic Wonders Healing, located at 204 S. Main St., presents: Full Moon Markets. Every month on the 8th join us from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and learn about the full moon, how to make moon water, take advantage of sales in the store and meet a variety of vendors.

• Ward Family Dental, 1500 Scurry, will hold its "Smile for Freedom" event from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 4. During the event, Ward Family Dental will offer free dental work for military veterans, active military members, and emergency responders. Military or Responder identification is required. Dr. Ward asks those seeking to take advantage of the event to contact the office for a pre-screening prior to the event date. Call 432-267-1677 for more

information.

• History Nerds - Great Courses Lecture Series of the American West: History, Myth and Legacy meets every Wednesday at 1 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 701 Runnels, in the Theater Room. Each 30-minute lecture is followed by an in-class group discussion. There is no charge.

• Starting in October, we will be switching food distribution to the fourth Friday of every month. Oct. 28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will not be distributing food in November or if there is inclement weather, i.e., snow or heavy rain. Distribution will take place at the Big Spring Seventh-Day Adventist Church, located at 4319 Parkway Rd. Our food is provided by the West Texas Food Bank. People will need to bring a plastic bag or box and let us know how many are in their household to pick up food. We will post any updates on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/healthynuggetsofgold44>

• The BSAA meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to noon, in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you. For more information, call 432-263-4155; Michelle Worthan at 325-227-3911; Kay Smith at 432-213-1153.

• Howard County Community Health Center is offering the Moderna - a two dose and Janseen - a single dose, Covid-19 vaccine to those over the age of 18. Businesses, churches, groups or organizations of 10 members or more who would like the vaccine can schedule a time to have a mobile vaccine clinic. The staff will to the business, church, or organization to administer the vaccine. For ore information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124 or e-mail Covid19@

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Red Bull fined \$7 million for overspending F1 cost cap

By JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Fancy catering and energy drinks. Social security contributions and medical treatments for an employee that survived their illness.

Those are some of the expenditures Red Bull claimed Friday it improperly misrepresented when submitting its 2021 financial report. It led to a breach of Formula One's spending cap, set at \$145 million for its debut season, and penalties handed down by the series governing body.

The FIA on Friday ordered the F1 championship team to pay a \$7 million fine and forfeit wind tunnel time as punishment for overspending by \$1.8 million during Max Verstappen's first championship season. The FIA found 13 discrepancies in an audit of over 75,000 line items on Red Bull's 2021 financial report, team principal Christian Horner said.

But he was adamant the areas of overspend had zero benefit on team performance. He called the penalties "draconian," and said the cost cap structure inherited by first-year FIA president Mohammed bin Sulayem was "immature."

Horner said strongly intimated Red Bull was targeted because of its on-track success and blasted the initial leak that the FIA was investigating a potential spending breach. He said the weeks of paddock sniping and cheating accusations damaged Red Bull's reputation and the team only "begrudgingly" settled with the FIA to end the saga that has engrossed the world's top motorsports series.

"Not one penny was spent on performance," said Horner, who shooed away complaints the penalty was too soft.

"That's an enormous amount of money that is payable within 30 days," Horner said of the fine. He said the loss of 10% time in the wind tunnel "represents anywhere between a quarter and a half a second worth of lap time. That has direct effect on next year's car."

"I'm sure (any penalty) wouldn't be enough. If you burned our wind tunnel down, it wouldn't be offer," said Horner, who also likened Red Bull's wind tunnel to "a relic of the Cold War."

Horner had compulsive note-keeping on the entire process, noting Red Bull was informed it was over the cap exactly 19 minutes after Verstappen won his second F1 title on Oct. 9.

The FIA on Friday also fined Aston Martin \$450,000 for a "procedural" violation on its 2021 expenditure submission. The FIA found Aston Martin had incorrectly excluded or adjusted 12 separate costs, among them a signing bonus, the costs of desks and chairs, and, like Red Bull, financial discrepancies in catering.

The FIA noted that neither team acted "in bad faith, dishonesty or in a fraud-

ulent manner" in their respective breaches. The penalties were deliberately delayed one week out of respect of last week's death of Red Bull co-founder Dietrich Mateschitz.

Coincidentally, Horner argued Friday that the Red Bull drinks consumed by the race team and its guests shouldn't count because they come from a different part of the company.

To hear Horner's nearly 50-minute long defense of Red Bull's spending, the saga seems trite. He spent a great deal of time defending high-end catering services, and included a reference to Red Bull's sick pay policy. Horner said the team paid sick leave to an employee as an excludable cost, but "had the person died, and thankfully they didn't, the cost would have been excluded."

Either way, the penalties in no way satisfied Red Bull rivals, many of whom called for harsh penalties ranging from stripping Verstappen of last year's title and a reduction in future Red Bull spending. Red Bull has already wrapped up both a second F1 title with Verstappen and the constructors' championship with three races remaining this season.

McLaren head Zak Brown had accused Red Bull of cheating by breaching the spending cap in a letter Brown sent to the FIA. The cost cap was put in place as a competition equalizer to prevent the larger, heavily-funded teams from outspending the smaller organizations struggling to keep up.

Most teams believed that if Red Bull only received a monetary penalty it would encourage others to deliberately overspend and simply pay the fine as punishment. Horner was incensed by Brown's letter, which Horner said was just another baseless allegation that had led to Red Bull employees' children being bullied at school.

"It's still a mystery to me how a team can publicly say they submitted comfortably within the cap and what is in contention is some \$200k, when in fact they were \$1.8 million over, which is not an insignificant number," said Brown. "There is a competitive advantage that has been gained by that."

Horner said the saga has not distracted Verstappen or teammate Sergio Perez, who on Sunday is trying to become the first Mexican driver to win the Mexico City Grand Prix. He's also trying to finish second in the standings behind Verstappen.

Horner said Verstappen fairly won his 2021 championship. Verstappen, meanwhile, said he knows there are many who will never accept that title.

Verstappen beat Lewis Hamilton in a controversial finish created when the since-fired race director made a late race change in protocol during the season finale that allowed Verstappen to pass Hamilton for the win and the championship.

"From my side I can (accept it), probably they can't and will never be able to and that's a problem for them to deal with," Verstappen said.

Brewers' Arnold cherishes opportunity after paying his dues

By STEVE MEGARGEE

AP Sports Writer

MILWAUKEE (AP)

— Matt Arnold has spent over two decades working for a handful of different major league organizations as he awaited the opportunity to run a franchise's baseball operations.

That time has come as Arnold tries to help the Milwaukee Brewers resume their string of playoff appearances that ended this season and eventually win their first World Series title.

Arnold is the Brewers' new president of baseball operations now that David Stearns has stepped down to take an advisory role with the organization. Arnold had been working under Stearns with the Brewers since October 2015.

"I think we certainly share a lot of values, which is why we work well together," Arnold said during a Thursday news conference. "I think I might do things a little bit differently, but by and large, the success here has been a teamwork relationship. I don't envision changing a lot here meaningfully in terms of philosophy going forward."

Arnold, 43, worked alongside Stearns as Milwaukee made a franchise-record four straight playoff appearances, a streak that ended this season when the Brewers went 86-76 and finished a game behind the Philadelphia Phillies for the National League's final wild-card berth.

"Matt is a premier executive," Stearns said. "He has declined outside opportunities — multiple outside opportunities — to remain

committed to the Brewers."

Arnold joined the Brewers as assistant general manager in 2015 and became general manager in November 2020, though Stearns continued to oversee baseball operations.

"The way I look at it is you have a pilot and a co-pilot, and now the co-pilot is sliding over to the lead pilot's seat," principal owner Mark Attanasio said. "He knows how to fly the plane."

Stearns often described his own strategy by saying he wanted the Brewers to take as many "bites of the apple" as possible because staying competitive year in and year out eventually would lead to a deep postseason run.

That approach helped the Brewers reach the postseason every year from 2018-21 but came under scrutiny this season when they traded four-time All-Star closer Josh Hader while leading the NL Central. The Brewers acquired two prospects who could help down the road in outfielder Esteury Ruiz and pitcher Robert Gasser, but the move weakened their bullpen in the short term.

Arnold was asked Thursday about his own approach and whether it's best to make sure a team reaches the playoffs as many years as possible or to go all-in during a particular season.

"I think that's a real conversation I think I need to have with Mark and also realize where we are from an organizational standpoint with the assets that we have, what we need to do over the next several years to remain com-

petitive here," Arnold said. "Look, that could take a whole bunch of different pathways, and sometimes you're presented with things that you didn't expect to see happen. ... We just need to be opportunistic. And ultimately, I think that will lead us to a World Series."

Arnold has plenty of work to do.

The Brewers have 18 players eligible for arbitration. Outfielder Andrew McCutchen, catcher Omar Narváez, utilityman Jace Peterson and relievers Taylor Rogers and Trevor Rosenthal are free agents. The Brewers must decide whether to pick up a \$10 million option on second baseman Kolten Wong and a \$3 million option on reliever Brad Boxberger.

Arnold will make those decisions while relying on a background that includes plenty of different stints. Arnold noted that he's worked with 10 different general managers.

He spent nearly five seasons with the Cincinnati Reds (2003-06) and nine seasons with the Tampa Bay Rays (2007-15) before coming to Milwaukee. His career also included brief stints with the Los Angeles Dodgers (2000) and Texas Rangers (2002).

"I've been doing this for now over 20 years. Worn a lot of hats in the game," Arnold said. "I feel like I'm ready for this. But that being said, these are enormous jobs. ... It takes a huge team to be successful here. And that's what we have. And that's a huge credit to David, and the foundation that he's built here."

Qatar summons German envoy over World Cup rights criticism

By JOSEPH KRAUSS

Associated Press

Qatar summoned the German ambassador on Friday over remarks by Germany's interior minister, who appeared to criticize the decision to award the World Cup to the Gulf Arab nation because of its human rights record.

It was the first time Qatar has summoned an ambassador following years of heavy international scrutiny of its treatment of migrant workers and criminalization of homosexual relations.

With just weeks to go before the start of the soccer tournament, Qatari officials appear increasingly frustrated with such criticism, which they say is often unfounded and ignores progress on labor issues in recent years.

Some have questioned the motives of critics, accusing them of unfairly singling out the first Arab or Muslim nation to host the world's biggest sporting event.

Over 1.2 million fans are expected to descend on the tiny desert nation, whose natural gas riches have made it among the wealthiest countries on earth, for the month-long

tournament that begins Nov. 20.

German Interior Minister Nancy Faeser, who is also responsible for sports, plans to travel to Qatar on Monday and Tuesday with the government's human rights commissioner, German lawmakers and a delegation from the German soccer federation.

Her ministry said the visit would center on human rights questions regarding the tournament, including the protection of LGBTQ people against discrimination and persecution, and responsibility for migrant workers who built the stadiums.

In comments carried by German broadcaster ARD on Thursday, Faeser said that the German government is convinced that the awarding of major sports events should be tied to observance of human rights and sustainability. ARD reported that, asked about the decision to send the World Cup to Qatar, she said that "there are criteria that have to be kept to, and then it would be better not to award to such states."

In an official statement issued on Friday, Faeser noted that "no World Cup takes

place in a vacuum." She added that with regard to future international sporting events, "we must ensure that their awarding and organization is tied to human rights standards."

Qatar's Foreign Ministry said it summoned the ambassador to convey its "disappointment and complete rejection and condemnation" of Faeser's remarks. It did not specify whether it was referring to the comments to ARD or her official statement.

In a televised speech earlier this week, Qatar's ruling emir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, said his country "has been subjected to an unprecedented campaign that no host country has ever faced," one that has included "fabrications and double standards."

The Al Jazeera news network, which is based in Qatar and funded by the government, published a video on its O2 digital platform suggesting that international criticism was rooted in "Qatarphobia," with the West singling Qatar out because it is an Arab and Muslim country.

The official Qatar news agency has aired comments from Qatari expressing

anger at the criticism.

Qatar has said much of the criticism of its treatment of migrant workers ignores reforms enacted in recent years that have been praised by the U.N. as well as major human rights groups.

Those groups have said, however, that implementation has been lacking and more needs to be done to address widespread abuses, including wage theft and harsh working conditions.

Qatari law punishes homosexual activity with 1-3 years in prison. Authorities have said LGBTQ fans are welcome to attend the tournament, while urging all visitors to respect the country's conservative culture.

Several European teams in the World Cup have asked FIFA for permission for their captains to wear rainbow armbands as part of the "One Love" campaign. Federations have also expressed support for a campaign to set up a compensation fund for workers harmed during the construction of stadiums and sprawling infrastructure over the 12 years since Qatar was awarded the World Cup.

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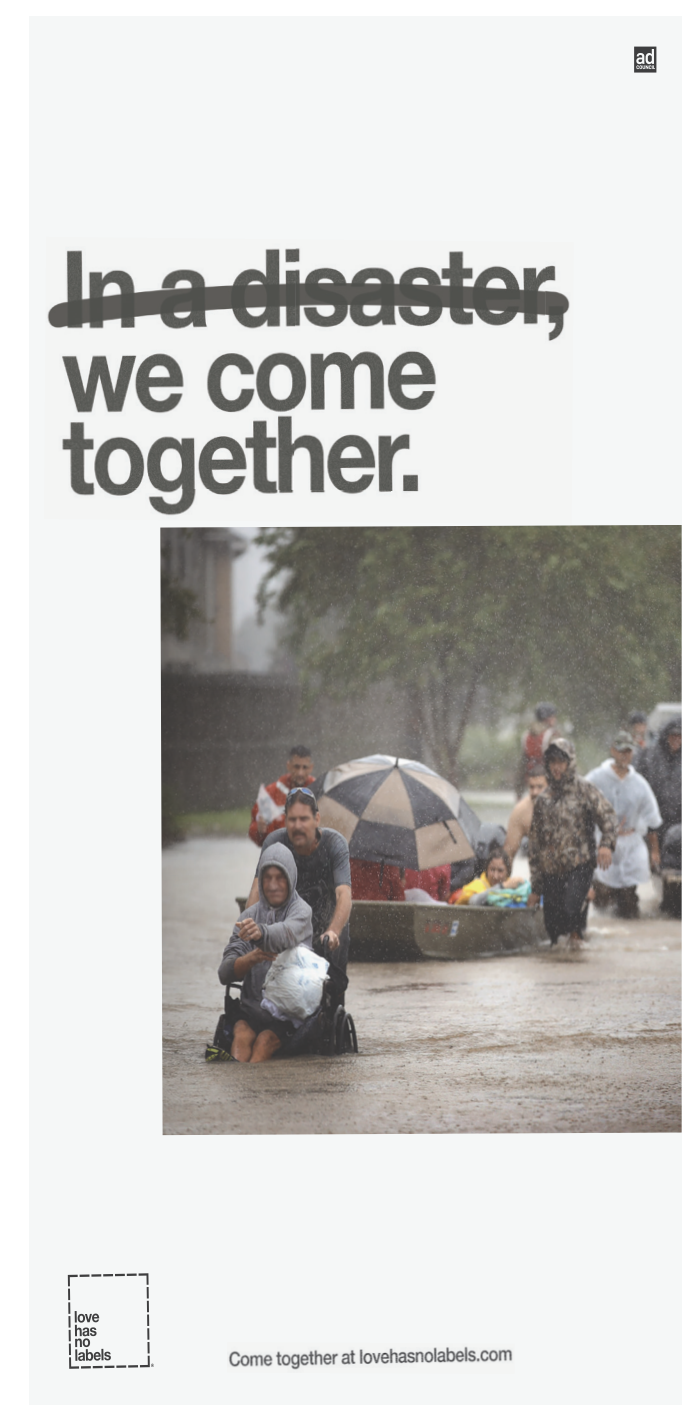
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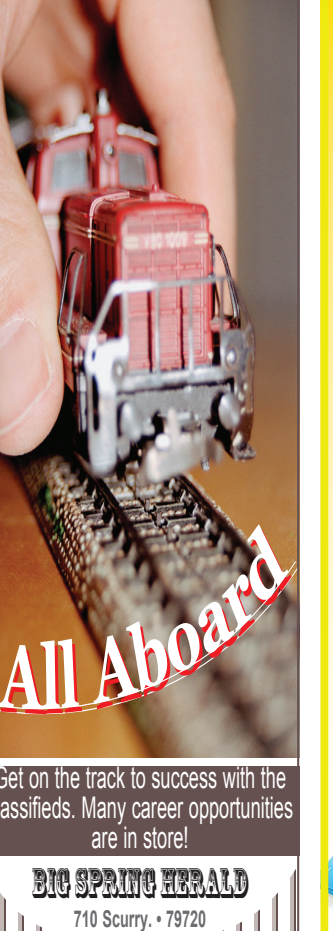
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10:30	The View	Como dice el dicho	Tamron Hall	The Price Is Right	Caso De'siones	Today-Hoda	The Counter	Curious Barry	Karamo	Friends	Friends					Chicago P.D.	Mobsters	Expedition X
11:30	Jdg Judy	Noticiero	TMZ Live	Young & Restless	Más sabe Noticias	Jennifer	Charles Dr. Young	Curious George-Boo	Paternity	Maury	Friends		SportsCenter	First Take	Live on the Line	Chicago P.D.	Mobsters	Expedition X
12:30	GMA3: What Now	Hoy (SS)	Law & Order: SVU	News Bold	En casa con	NBC News Daily	Truth Zion	Go Luna Donkey	Highway Thru Hell	Hot Hot	Friends	Movie: Kong: Skull Island, Brie Larson (DVS)	SportsCenter		NBA Basketball: Magic at Mavensicks	Chicago P.D.	The First 48	Expedition Unknown
1:30	General Hospital	Amor dividido	The People's Court	The Talk	En casa con	Blast	Biblical Dr. Wil	The First 48	Relative	Burgers	Friends		This Just In	SportsCenter		Chicago P.D.	The First 48	Expedition X
2:30	Rachael Ray	La mexicana	Judge Mathis	Let's Make a Deal	La mesa caliente	DateLine	Light of Southwest	Haunted Tree	Chicago Fire	Relative	Burgers	Movie: Rampage (DVS)	NFL Rewind	NBA Today	NASCAR Race	Chicago P.D.	The First 48	Expedition X
3:30	Jdg Judy	El gordo y la flaca	FamFeud	Kelly Clarkson	(2:58) Al rojo vivo	Dr. Phil	Light of Southwest	Wild Kratt Pictionary	Pictionary	Karamo	Burgers		NFL Live	Jalen Wager	Live on the Line	Chicago P.D.	The First 48	Street Outlaws: No Prep Kings
4:30	Jeopardy!	Primer impacto	Neighbor	CBS 7	Noticias Telemundo	News	Wonder A Prom	Curious Xavier	25 Words	Steve Wilkos Show	Sheldon	(:15) Movie: The Meg, Rainn Wilson (DVS)	Around Pardon	Baseball Tonight	Cowboys The Rally	Chicago P.D.	The First 48	
5:30	Big 2	Noticiero	Big Bang	CBS 7	Teles	News	Ricco	Almas King	King	Judge Sheldon	Sheldon		NFL Rewind	Monday Night Countdown		Chicago P.D.	The First 48	
6:30	Wheel	Fosa de Guadalupe	Series Pregame	ET		News	Rocks	Odd Last Man	Divorce	Big Bang	Big Bang	Movie: Jurassic World, Irfan Khan	SportsCenter	Player Spotlight		Chicago P.D.	The First 48	Street Outlaws
7:30	Bachelor in Paradise (DVS)	Vencer la ausencia	2022 World Series: Houston Astros at Philadelphia Phillies.	Neighbor Bob Heart	NCIS (DVS)	The Voice	Word St. Jesus IS	Almas Pink	Law & Order: SVU	World's Funniest	Big Bang		NFL Football: Cincinnati Bengals at Browns	NFL Football: Bengals at Browns	NBA Basketball: Magic at Mavensicks	WWE Monday Night RAW	The First 48	Street Outlaws
8:30	The Good Doctor	La madrastra	NCIS: Hawai'i	El fuego del destino	Quantum Leap	Light of Southwest	Cyber Molly	Chicago Fire	Chicago P.D.	American	Million Dollar				Mavericks Adventure		(:01) The First 48	
9:30	Big 2	Noticiero	FOX 24	CBS 7	Tele	News	Wisdom	Hero	Friends	American	Movie: Pet Sematary, John Lithgow	Postgame	SportsCenter	Payton	Return of the Mecca	Race-Championship	(:04) The First 48	
10:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Contacto deportivo	Mod Fam	Late Show- Colbert	Caso cerrado (SS)	Seth Meyers	Dollars	Wild Kratt Tiger	Holly	Fam. Guy	Wipeout		NFL Rewind	SportsCenter	Cowboys	(:04) Chicago P.D.	(:03) The First 48	Street Outlaws
11:30	Extra	Peregrina	TMZ	James Corden	Enemigo Intimo (SS)	News	Creation	Xavier	Forensic	Burgers	Wipeout	(:12:15) Movie: Red Dawn	SportsCenter	Around Pardon	ATP Tennis: Paris Masters, First Round.	(:12:05) Chicago P.D.	(:12:03) The First 48	
12:30	Crime	Mom	Barry	Programa	Top Story With	Light of Southwest	Molly	Justice	Liquidator	Wipeout			NFL Rewind	SportsCenter	College Football: Cincinnati at UCF.	Law & Order: SVU	(:05) The First 48	
1:30	Emeril Memory	Rosa de Guadalupe	Two Men	iCRIME	Programa	Inside Ed.	Light of Southwest	Odd	Paid Prg.	Identity Theft	Wipeout	Cold Case				Law & Order: SVU	(:02) Date-line	Street Outlaws (DVS)
2:30	(:06) ABC World News Now	Vecinos	Seinfeld	(:07) CBS Overnight News	Programa	Film Fic	Issues4	Almas	Paid Prg.	Inogen!	Theft	Cold Case	SportCtr			(:01) Date-line	Paid Prg.	
3:30	World News Now	P. Luche	Pawn	Overnight News	Programa	Early Tdy	Cowgirl	Pink	Paid Prg.	JointFood	Matters	Cold Case	SportsCenter			(:01) Date-line	Paid Prg.	
4:30	Morning	Noticiero	Funny	News	Caso cerrado (SS)	Early Tdy	Israel Shepherd	Nature Ready Jet	Paid Prg.					UFC				

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 8
♥ 8 3
♦ Q 8 4 2
♣ J 7 6 4 3 2

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

EAST
♠ K J 9
♥ 7 4
♦ K J 10 5
♣ A 10 9 5

SOUTH
♠ A Q 10 7 2
♥ A K 6 5 2
♦ A 6
♣ Q

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

Opening lead — queen of hearts.

This deal occurred during the annual South American bridge championship some years ago. The bidding was opened by the Venezuelan South with two spades — strong but nonforcing — and was followed by three passes.

West made the normal opening heart lead. Declarer cashed the A-K of hearts and led another heart, ruffed in dummy with the eight and overruffed by East with the nine. East shifted to the ace and another club, ruffed by South with the deuce.

South led another heart, won by West with the jack as dummy and East discarded clubs. West returned

a low diamond to the Q-K-A, and declarer exited with a diamond, producing this position with East on lead and South needing four more tricks:

North
♦ 8 4
♣ J 7 6

West
♠ 6 5 4 3
♦ 9

East
♠ K J
♦ J 5
♣ 10

South
♠ A Q 10 7
♥ 6

East returned the ten of clubs. Declarer ruffed with the seven, and West (Carlos Cabanne of Argentina) underruffed with the three. South led the six of hearts, ruffed by West with the four as East discarded a diamond. Declarer then ruffed West's diamond return with the ten of spades but had to concede a trump trick to East's king for down one.

Now let's suppose Cabanne had not underruffed in the diagrammed position but had instead discarded the nine of diamonds. In that case, he would have been forced to ruff declarer's heart lead at trick 10 and return a trump through East's K-J, allowing South to make the contract.

True, only a partscore was involved, but Cabanne should at least have been awarded a small distinguished-service medal!

Tomorrow: All's fair in love and war.
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Today in History: October 31, Indira Gandhi assassinated

Today is Monday, Oct. 31, the 304th day of 2022. There are 61 days left in the year. This is Halloween.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 31, 1984, Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated by two Sikh (sikh) security guards.

On this date:

In 1864, Nevada became the 36th state as President Abraham Lincoln signed a proclamation.

In 1941, work was completed on the Mount Rushmore National Memorial in South Dakota, begun in 1927.

In 1961, the body of Josef Stalin was removed from Lenin's Tomb as part of the Soviet Union's "de-Stalinization" drive.

In 1964, Theodore C. Freeman, 34, became the first member of NASA's astronaut corps to die when his T-38 jet crashed while approaching Ellington Air Force Base in Houston.

In 1967, Nguyen Van Thieu (nwen van too) took the oath of office as the first president of South Vietnam's second republic.

In 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson ordered a halt to all U.S. bombing of North Vietnam, saying he hoped for fruitful peace negotiations.

In 1992, Pope John Paul II formally proclaimed that the Roman Catholic Church had erred in condemning the astronomer Galileo for holding that the Earth was not the center of the universe.

In 1999, EgyptAir Flight 990, bound from New York to Cairo, crashed off the Massachusetts coast, killing all 217 people aboard.

In 2005, President George W. Bush nominated Judge Samuel Alito (ah-LEE'-toh) to the Supreme Court. Civil rights icon Rosa Parks was honored during a memorial service in Washington, D.C.

In 2015, a Russian passenger airliner crashed in a remote part of Egypt's Sinai Peninsula 23 minutes after taking off from a popular Red Sea resort, killing all 224 people on board.

In 2019, President Donald Trump announced that he would be making Palm Beach, Florida, his permanent residence after leaving the White House rather than returning to Trump Tower in New York.

In 2020, actor Sean Connery, who rose to international stardom as the suave secret agent James Bond and then carved out an Oscar-winning career in other rugged roles, died at his home in the Bahamas at the age of 90.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama joined New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie for a tour of damage along the Jersey coast from Superstorm Sandy; Wall Street was back in business after a two-day shutdown caused by the storm. (Stocks finished mixed).

Five years ago: Eight people were killed when a man drove a truck along a bike path in New York City in an attack that authorities immediately labeled terrorism; the driver, identified by authorities as Uzbek immigrant Sayfullo Saipov, was shot and wounded by police. Netflix said it was suspending production on "House of Cards" following sexual harassment allegations against its star, Kevin Spacey. (Spacey would later be fired from the show, and production resumed without him.)

One year ago: Southwest Airlines said it was investigating after a pilot greeted passengers over the plane's public address system using a phrase that had become a stand-in for insulting President Joe Biden. White House press secretary Jen Psaki said she had contracted COVID-19 and was experiencing mild symptoms. American Airlines canceled hundreds of flights for a third straight day as it struggled with staffing shortages.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Lee Grant is 97.

Former CBS anchorman Dan Rather is 91. Folk singer Tom Paxton is 85. Actor Ron Rifkin is 84. Actor Sally Kirkland is 81. Actor Brian Doyle-Murray is 77. Actor Stephen Rea is 76. Olympic gold medal long-distance runner Frank Shorter is 75. Actor Deidre Hall is 75. TV show host Jane Pauley is 72. Actor Brian Stokes Mitchell is 65. Movie director Peter Jackson is 61. Rock musician Larry Mullen is 61. Actor Dermot Mulroney is 59. Rock musician Mikkey Dee is 59. Rock singer-musician Johnny Marr is 59. Actor Rob Schneider is 59. Country singer Darryl Worley is 58. Actor-comedian Mike O'Malley is 57. Rap musician Adrock is 56. Rap performer Vanilla Ice (aka Rob Van Winkle) is 55. Rock musician Rogers Stevens (Blind Melon) is 53. Rock singer Linn Berggren (Ace of Base) is 52. Reality TV host Troy Hartman is 51. Gospel singer Smokie Norful is 49. Actor Piper Perabo (PEER'-uh-boh) is 46. Actor Brian Hallisay is 44. Actor Samaire (SAH'-mee-rah) Armstrong is 42. Actor Eddie Kaye Thomas is 42. Rock musician Frank Iero (My Chemical Romance) is 41. Actor Justin Chatwin is 40. Actor Scott Clifton is 38. Actor Vanessa Marano is 30. Actor Holly Taylor is 25. Actor Danielle Rose Russell is 23. Actor-singer Willow Smith is 22.



Answers: 1. Extra spider on right 2. No spider in center of pizza 3. No eyes on ghost 4. Pumpkin on middle left has bigger stem

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