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Chamber of Commerce accepting Man & Woman of the Year nominations

5 Under 55 nominations still being accepted until Dec. 21

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

This year has provided several opportunities for those big hearts to shine in Big Spring and Howard County. With the downturn of the oilfield, temporary shut-downs across the state and the ongoing pandemic, there has been more need in our community than previous years. However, there are those who have stepped up and answered that call, as they always do, and continued to support the Howard County community. Now, as the year draws to an end, it is time to put those thinking caps on and get ready to turn in those nominations for 2020 Man and Woman of the Year. Nominations are now being accepted at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and winners will be announced in the early part of 2021.



it's that time of year again to start thinking about those people who have gone above and beyond for their community. This year has been a trying year for everyone and it is times like these that we get to see the heart that makes up Big Spring and the surrounding communities," Debbye ValVerde, Executive Director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, said. "There are a lot of people who make a positive impact on a daily basis, but often stay behind the scenes. This is a great way to let them know we see their dedication to our community and they are appreciated, especially those who

continued those efforts this year." Nominations for Man and Woman of the Year must be submitted by a Chamber member, but the nominee can be any resident in the Howard County area. A committee made up of former Man and Woman recipients, and a Chamber board member will vote and make the final selection on the 2020 Man and Woman of the year, based on their contributions to the community. "Nominations must include examples of how the nominee has contributed to the betterment of Big Spring and the surrounding area. We understand that many who support our community are not doing it for the fame or the notoriety, but this award is an opportunity to let them know how much the community appreciates what they do," she said.

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Scenic Mountain Medical Center has reported:

- 17 Covid-19 positive patients
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SMMG & SMMC Testing through 12/16:

- 2,279 tests
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Howard County has reported as of 12/15:

- 2,260 positive cases
- 49 Covid-19 fatalities
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*SMMC provided numbers for in-house patients/ SMMG testing since the onset of Covid-19; info obtained from Texas Health Department website

Forsan ISD inducts 25 new National Honor Society members in special ceremony

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

Forsan ISD National Honor Society inductees 25 new students during a special ceremony Monday evening. During the National Honor Society induction ceremony, Adrian Calvio served as the special guest speaker. Calvio offered a few inspirational words to the students before the inductees were recognized. The National Honor Society was established by the National Association for Secondary School Principals in 1921, the principals involved hoped to create an organization that would recognize and encourage academic achievement while also developing other characteristics essential to citizens in a democracy. These ideals of scholarship, service, leadership and character remain as relevant today as they were in 1921. For a student to be eligible as an in-



Courtesy photo

Pictured above are the newly inducted National Honor Society members for 2020-2021 school year.

ductee of the National Honor Society, one must be a Junior or Senior in high school and must be in attendance at the school the equivalent of one semester and have a 90 average or above. Each candidate must also be evaluated on the basis of a scholarship – a commitment to learning; service – established in the routine of the day's work where many opportunities arise to help others both at school and in the community; leadership – exert a wholesome influence

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Bauer HeadStart/Early HeadStart to host Christmas Drive-thru parade this evening

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

The community is invited to attend the Christmas Drive-Thru Parade presented by Bauer Head Start/Early Head Start School Readiness Academy, located at 108 N.W. 9th Street, this evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

back to the community. This has been a tough year, and we are hoping this will help it end on a little better note," Connie Lesser, Site Manager, said. According to Lesser, those going through the drive-thru parade will receive a goodie bag with fruits, information on the programs

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Obituaries

Esperanza Correa

Esperanza Correa, 93, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020.



Viewing and visitation will be at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020 with a Rosary at 7 p.m. Funeral service will be at Myers & Smith Funeral Home at 10 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 18, 2020.

Esperanza was born on Feb. 22, 1927 in Mexico. She was married to Pedro T. Correa, Jr. for 57 years.

She had lived in Big Spring since 1963. She was a

Catholic.

She loved to sew, travel, and cook. She also loved to help people in need.

She is survived by her husband: Pedro T. Correa, Jr. of Big Spring; one son: Sammy Correa, Sr. and wife Amelia of Big Spring; one daughter: Cynthia Correa of Big Spring; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren; and one brother: Anselmo Martinez of Mexico.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Erisimo and Francisca Martinez.

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

Paid Obituary

Arthur Yanez

Arthur Yanez, 65, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2020. Private family services will be held at a later date.



Arthur was born on Sept. 1, 1955 in Big Spring. He married Ann Cunningham on Sept. 15, 2008. He spent most of his life in Big Spring. He was a Veteran of the Marines and Army. He was a retired welder.

Arthur loved the San Antonio Spurs.

Arthur is survived by his wife: Ann Yanez of Big Spring; two brothers: Ynez "Sonny" Yanez III and wife Vicki of Irving, and Rolando Yanez of Big Spring; two sisters: Viola Barraza of Alpine and Adelinda Ille of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Merce and Ynez Yanez; and one sister: Sue Murray.

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Paid Obituary

Pilar Yanez

Pilar Yanez, 89, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Jesse Mince



Jesse Mince, 78, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020. Private services will be held at a later date.

Jesse was born on Sept. 10, 1942 in Lubbock. He married Loydeen Adele Morgan on Feb. 24, 1961 in Big Spring. She died June 22, 2019.

He is survived by two daughters: Tammie Jones of Odessa and Lori Mince of Big Spring; one son: Jesse "Hoss" Mince; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; one aunt; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife: Loydeen Mince; one son: Alen Dale Mince; and one daughter: Sandra Gail Mince.

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Marvin Ennis Patterson



Marvin Ennis Patterson was born March 15, 1925, to Hugh Ennis and Ada Mabel Shepherd Patterson, in Post, Texas. He was one of two sons and six daughters.

When he was a young boy, he was given the nickname "Bobby" by his sisters as his hair cuts were always in a "bob" shape.

At a young age, the family moved from Post to Loraine, Texas, where he attended school

through the tenth grade. He worked on the family farm, including picking cotton. When he was old enough to drive, he had many odd jobs from hauling ice and delivering milk to driving trucks. He also worked in the oilfield until he turned 25 when he joined the Air Force.

After training in several states, he received his Aircraft Mechanic Certification. He was honorably discharged in 1955 as a Staff Sergeant at Lake Charles Air Force Base in Louisiana. He moved back to Texas where he began his Civil Service career at Webb Air Force Base as an Aircraft Mechanic, specializing on the B-47's.

While working at Webb, he met and married Donie Lee Stewart. After 27 years total government service, he retired and they moved to Arkansas for a few years. They moved back to Texas in 1979 to be

closer to family. He then went to work for Parker Drilling in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska. After several years of oilfield work, he decided it was really time to retire.

He loved horses and working cattle, traveling and was a lifetime member of the Good Sams Club. He was a "Jack of all trades" and could fix pretty much anything.

He was always willing to help no matter what the job and never met a stranger.

He loved working on projects with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Papa, as he was affectionately called, loved his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Donie, brother Edgar Patterson, sisters Ruby Reese, Mattie Ruth Kidd, Stella Tillisen, Lucille Loflin, and Virginia Bates; sons Ricky Wayne Patterson, James Robert Teeler and Roy Levi Teeler. He is survived by his sister Eileen Walsh from California. In addition, he is survived by his Daughter-in-Law Rose Marie Teeler, grandson James Cody Teeler (Lindy), granddaughter Elisha Marie Black (Jeremy), and great-granddaughters Charlotte Rose and Lillian Belle Teeler and Avery Jo and Ashton James Black. We will miss you Papa!

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According to the nomination application, nominees should have a consistent track record of accomplishments rather than being honored for a single act or merit; although a single contribution or achievement is not ruled out if its of sufficient importance.

Last year's winners were Lisa Brooks and Jody Nix.

"We have a long list of people who have given so much to our community and it is through their hard work and dedication that Big Spring has advanced the way it has over the years," ValVerde said. "We have a large group of people who work behind the scenes ensuring that people see the positive things that Big Spring has to offer; many of them like to avoid the spotlight and do most of the work behind the scenes, we want to let them know without them Big Spring and Howard County wouldn't be what it is today. We appreciate all that you do and all that

you will continue to do."

Applications for nominations can be picked up at 215 W. Third during business hours. Nominations are due by Dec. 21 at 5 p.m. For those wanting to submit a nomination for 5 Under 55 those can also be turned in until Dec. 21 at the Chamber office.

For more information, call 432-263-7641.

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COVID-19 vaccine arrive in Texas cities this week

Special to the Herald

Texas Health Department

The first shipments of COVID-19 vaccine have been delivered in Texas. Four sites received 19,500 doses of the Pfizer vaccine Monday morning. An additional 19 sites will receive 75,075 doses on Tuesday.

"Seeing the first doses of vaccine arrive in Texas is an important milestone signaling that a return to our way of life is within sight," said Dr. John Hellerstedt, DSHS Commissioner. "We cannot stop short of the finish line. This hope should lift our spirits and strengthen our resolve to do what must be done to end the pandemic."

The Pfizer vaccine began shipping over the weekend following an emergency use authorization issued Friday by the Food and Drug Administration. FDA scientists determined that the known benefits of the vaccine for people 16 and older outweigh its risks. A second vaccine, manufactured by Moderna, is under consideration by the FDA and could be authorized late this week.

Additional shipments are expected to occur later this week. In all, Texas was allocated 224,250 doses of vaccine to be shipped to 110 providers across the state in Week 1 of distribution. The focus is on facilities that indicated they will vaccinate at least 975 front-line health care workers since that is the minimum order for the Pfizer vaccine. Adding the Moderna vaccine next week, available in batches of 100 doses, will result in more vaccine being available for many more providers across the state. The

full list of the facilities receiving vaccine in Week 1 is available at Week 1 COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation.

Receiving the COVID-19 vaccine is voluntary. Front-line health care workers and residents of long-term care facilities are the first groups to be vaccinated, and the Expert Vaccine Allocation Panel will make recommendations about subsequent groups. It will take a matter of months to manufacture and distribute enough vaccine for everyone who wants to be vaccinated. Until then, people should continue to prevent transmission of COVID-19 by wearing a mask and maintaining a social distance while around people they don't live with, staying home when possible, and washing their hands frequently.

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- Dallas at Methodist Dallas Medical Center
- Austin at UTHealth Austin Dell Medical School
- Houston at MD Anderson Cancer Center

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- Corpus Christi at Christus Spohn Health System Shoreline
- Dallas at Parkland Hospital and UT Southwestern
- Edinburg at Doctors Hospital at Renaissance and UTHealth RGV Edinburg

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Temple at Baylor Scott and White Medical Center

Tyler at UT Health Science Center Tyler

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Josefa Salgado, 88, died Thursday. Funeral Service will be at 10:00 AM Saturday December 19, 2020 at Life Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Jennifer Carnahan, 72, died Sunday. Funeral services will be at 1:00 PM Thursday at Trinity Baptist Church.

Lenora Mancha, died Saturday. Memorial Services will be at 1:00 PM Saturday, December 19, 2020, at Myers & Smith Chapel and the family will receive friends from Noon until 1:00 PM Saturday

Esperanza Correa, 93, died Tuesday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Thursday with at Vigil at 7:00 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 10:00 AM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel

Charles S. Burks, Sr., 85, died Saturday. Graveside services will be 10:00 AM Thursday at Ackerly Cemetery.

Jesse Mince, 78, died Tuesday. Private services will be held at a later date.

Santos Lopez, 52, died Friday. Funeral service will be at 2:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with

Pilar Yanez, 89, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

PARADE

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offered, and other festive treats. There will also be tickets handed out for two bicycle drawings that will take place after the parade.

"Not only do we want to give something back to the community, but this is an opportunity to let people know we are here," Lesser said.

Those attending the drive-thru parade will

need to enter on 9th Street and then turn onto Scurry street and drive in front of the Headstart Building.

For those wanting to find more information about services offered through Bauer and the Greater Opportunities of The Permian Basin, Inc. call 432-267-7452 or visit GOPB.net or follow them on Facebook.

"When we are not in a pandemic we rely heavily on volunteers

and partnerships in the community," she said. "We are hoping we will be able to welcome volunteers back into the building once we get past Covid. Right now, we are still relying on our partnerships in the community so we can provide our families with the resources they need within our own community."

Bauer Head Start offers a family oriented program which not only

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on the school; and character – the force within the individual that distinguishes each person from others.

"Our chapter is proud to have a long history of inducting members and today's ceremony indicates our continuing emphasis on excellence for our school and community," Cameron Allen, NHS student, said. "Throughout the year, members of our chapter serve as role models for other students. In addition to the strong academic records that established our eligibility for membership, our chapter members are leaders in many student organizations and serve our school and community through many activities."

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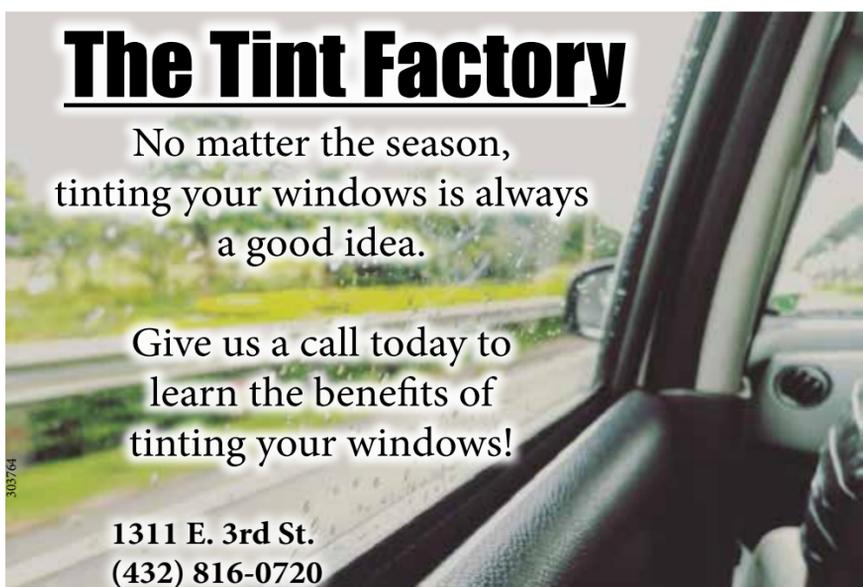
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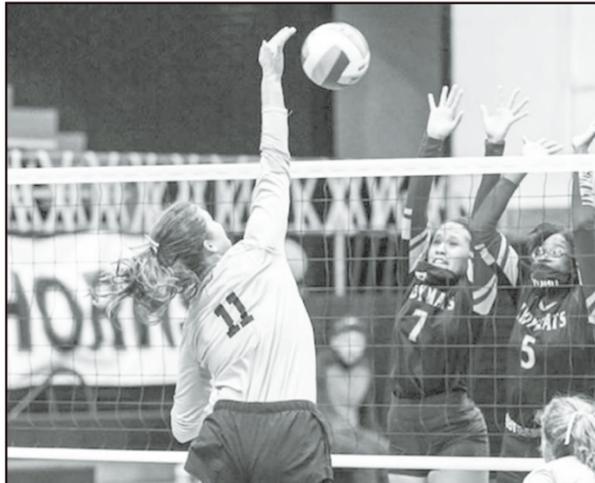
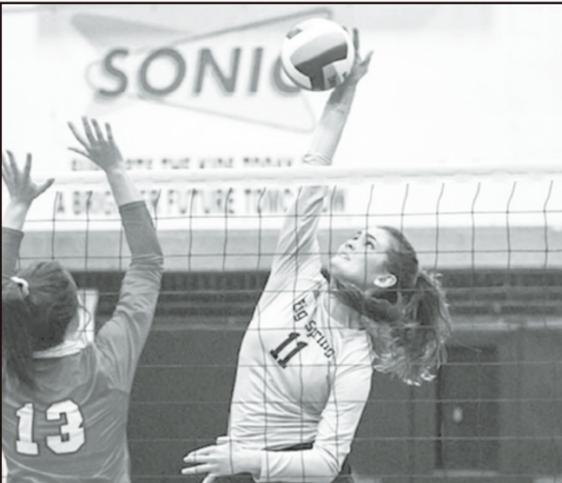


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Big Spring's Ryen Terrazas selected for TGCA Volleyball All-Star tournament



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Ryen Terrazas is shown above displaying her powerful hitting ability right at the net. Terrazas is a State All-Star this year.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

The postseason honors keep rolling in for the talented Ryen Terrazas from Big Spring High School. The Lady Steer multi-sport athlete has been selected to participate in the TGCA Red-Blue All-Star Volleyball game to be held in Arlington, Texas. She will compete on the 14a Blue All-Star Team.

TGCA selects 12 All-Stars from conference 1-2-3-4A and 12 All-Stars from conference 5-6A. These athletes are selected by the TGCA Volleyball Committee, which is composed of volleyball member coaches of the association, at their annual meeting. Selections are made from nominations submitted by member coaches. Athletes must be juniors to be selected.

Terrazas knew that she had an impressive junior season, but even she was not expecting to receive the All-Star news.

"I was completely shocked," Terrazas said about finding out the All-Star news. "It's such an honor to be thought of and I can't wait to play with some of these amazing athletes. I am already friends with some of the girls that will be on my team so I know we will have a blast."

In a year where the Big Spring Lady Steers more than doubled their win total from the previous year, Terrazas emerged as an on-court star for the black and gold.

Terrazas is only a junior and will have plenty of more time to develop her skills even more to come back for a better-than-ever senior season next fall. She proceeded to light the district on fire this past season with her powerful kills that left opposing fans stunned and even cause players on other teams to look at each other wide-eyed.

After leaving an imprint on every game that she played this season, Terrazas was named District Offensive Player of the Year late last month. It is a great honor bestowed upon her by a vote of coaches around the district and it was another instance that caught the junior by surprise.

"It was actually so funny," Terrazas said when finding out about the honor.

"My friend Jocelyn texted me congratulations and I just asked her, 'About what?' I didn't even know yet. Coach Braswell had texted me and told us about what Honors everyone got. It was a really cool experience."

Terrazas' Head Coach, Kaityln Braswell, was very proud of the way her star player performed on the floor this past season and knows that there are even better moments to come along next fall. For now, the coach is just looking forward to seeing how her star player competes in the All-Star competition.

"It is an incredible honor and well deserved," Braswell said. "It will be an awesome experience. I'm excited for her and can't wait to watch her compete. She had an awesome season and she definitely deserved that honor along with the Player of the Year award. I'm so proud of her."

There were many great plays that Terrazas made over the course of the 2020 season. Take this one for example: in a tough district loss to Snyder in four sets this season, Terrazas was making plays left and right to keep her team in the game. On one possession, she was able to kick a deflected ball into the air for her teammate to set. The Lady Steers ended up scoring a point on that possession while it also showed that no matter what, Terrazas will do whatever it takes to score the point.

Terrazas is very talented and humble, and when asked how she personally feels that she performed in volleyball this year, she deflects the attention to her entire team and how happy she was with the improvement from her sophomore season.

"We gave a lot more heart and effort this season," Terrazas said. "I feel like we could've gone even farther but there's going to be obstacles that every team has to overcome. All of us loved each other and it was a fun season."

Terrazas will now get to show the rest of Texas what Big Spring already knows: that she is one of the most powerful and talented hitters in the state.

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Big Spring set to host two football playoff games this Friday

Special to the Herald

Big Spring ISD will be hosting two football playoff games at Memorial Stadium this week. On Friday, the Del Valde Conquistadors will face-off against the Red Oak Hawks at 2:00 p.m. Admission for that game will be \$10.

Later that day, the Canutillo Eagles

will play the Grapevine Mustangs at 7:00 p.m. Admission to that game will cost \$7.

If you are looking for some more Texas high school football, head out to Memorial Stadium this Friday afternoon and evening for a day full of battling on the gridiron.

Ramey, Brown lead No. 11 Texas past Sam Houston State 79-63

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas guard Courtney Ramey doesn't always use proper technique when he shoots.

"He's a maverick," coach Shaka Smart said. "He's not gonna always do everything exactly by the textbook."

Ramey, a junior, has done better with that this season than last. He scored 17 points, including 5-of-7 shooting on 3-pointers, as No. 11 Texas defeated Sam Houston State 79-63 Wednesday night.

Ramey is 15 for 32 from 3-point range (46.8%) this season after making his first five attempts against Sam Houston. He drained his fifth with 16 minutes remaining, and those five 3s matched a career best. He hit five in a game twice as a freshman, when he shot 38.6% from behind the arc. Last season he slipped to 31%.

"I shot a lot of 3s over the summertime, trying to shoot the same shot every time," Ramey said. "I became a lot more disciplined, taking the right shot."

Smart said the coaching staff encourages Ramey to step into his shot first with his left foot, then with the right.

"Statistically, if you take his freshman and sophomore year, on shots when he steps in left foot then right foot, he's really shot it well, like 45%," Smart said. "But when he steps in awkwardly, he has not shot it as well. He's shooting with confidence now and for the most part he's taking really good shots."

Ramey didn't just shoot against Sam Houston State, either. He had six assists on the night.

Longhorns freshman Greg Brown also scored 17 points to go with 10 rebounds, two steals and two blocks. Andrew Jones added 13 points for Texas (6-1).

Zach Nutall led Sam Houston State (3-5) with 23 points. Donte Powers scored 11. Sam Houston never was in contention. Ramey gave Texas an 8-0 lead with 18:22 left in the first half, prompting a timeout by Sam Houston coach Jason Hooten.

When play resumed, Ramey made another 3-pointer. The Longhorns led 44-26 at halftime.

Texas led by 27 around midway through the second half. Then the Longhorns went through a stretch of missed shots, turnovers and improved shooting by Sam Houston State that enabled the Bearkats to reduce the deficit to 16 in a span of less than three minutes.

"The thing I was encouraged by is that when we got down by 27, we fought," Hooten said. "Now I have to figure out what to do to prevent us from falling behind so badly."

The Longhorns finished with 18 turnovers.

"Too many," Smart said. "We started the second half with really good energy. That was a point of emphasis. There was a significant part of the second half when we were a step off, a step behind."

BIG PICTURE

Sam Houston State: Nutall, an All-Southland Conference guard last season, was averaging 21 points per game coming in.

CFB Playoff Rankings (Week 16)

Ranking	Team	Overall	Prev	AP Rank
1	Alabama	10-0	1	1
2	Notre Dame	10-0	2	2
3	Clemson	9-1	3	4
4	Ohio State	5-0	4	3
5	Texas A&M	7-1	5	5
6	Iowa State	8-2	7	8
7	Florida	8-2	6	11
8	Georgia	7-2	9	10
9	Cincinnati	8-0	8	6
10	Oklahoma	7-2	11	12
11	Indiana	6-1	12	7
12	Coastal Carolina	11-0	13	9
13	USC	5-0	15	13
14	Northwestern	6-1	14	15
15	North Carolina	8-3	17	16
16	Iowa	6-2	16	18
17	BYU	10-1	18	14
18	Miami (FL)	8-2	10	19
19	Louisiana	9-1	19	17
20	Texas	6-3	20	21
21	Oklahoma State	7-3	22	NR
22	North Carolina St.	8-3	23	24
23	Tulsa	6-1	24	20
24	San Jose State	6-0	NR	25
25	Colorado	4-1	21	NR

DROPPED FROM RANKINGS:
Missouri (25)

NCAA Football Schedule

FRIDAY

Away Team	Home Team	Time of Game
UAB (5-3)	@ Marshall (7-1)	6:00 p.m. (CBSSN)
Ball State (5-1)	@ Buffalo (5-0)	6:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Nebraska (2-5)	@ Rutgers (3-5)	6:30 p.m. (BTN)
Oregon (3-2)	@ #13 USC (5-0)	7:00 p.m. (FOX)

SATURDAY

Away Team	Home Team	Time of Game
#14 Northwestern (6-1)	@ #4 Ohio State (5-0)	11:00 a.m. (ESPN)
#5 Texas A&M (7-1)	@ Tennessee (3-6)	11:00 a.m. (FOX)
#10 Oklahoma (7-2)	@ #6 Iowa State (8-2)	11:00 a.m. (ABC)
Florida State (3-6)	@ Wake Forest (4-4)	11:00 a.m. (ACCN)
Washington State (1-2)	@ Utah (2-2)	12:30 p.m. (FS1)
Air Force (3-2)	@ Army (8-2)	2:00 p.m. (CBSSN)
#19 Louisiana (9-1)	@ #12 Coastal Carolina (11-0)	2:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Ole Miss (4-4)	@ LSU (4-5)	2:30 p.m. (SECN)
Missouri (5-4)	@ Mississippi State (2-7)	2:30 p.m. (SECN Alt.)
#3 Clemson (9-1)	@ #2 Notre Dame (10-0)	3:00 p.m. (ABC)
Minnesota (3-3)	@ Wisconsin (2-3)	3:00 p.m. (BTN)
Boise State (5-1)	@ #24 San Jose State (6-0)	3:15 p.m. (FOX)
Illinois (2-5)	@ Penn State (3-5)	4:30 p.m. (FS1)
Stanford (3-2)	@ UCLA (3-3)	6:00 p.m. (ESPN)
Michigan State (2-5)	@ Maryland (2-3)	6:30 p.m. (BTN)
#1 Alabama (10-0)	@ #7 Florida (8-2)	7:00 p.m. (CBS)
#23 Tulsa (6-1)	@ #9 Cincinnati (8-0)	7:00 p.m. (ABC)

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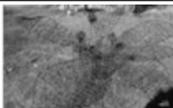
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Annie's Mailbox

Man Hiding Behind Texts

Dear Annie: I'm 48 years old. I've been a single mom since I had my first kid -- in other words, since forever. I've never really had healthy relationships with men. I'm way too trusting and just want love so badly. A few months ago, I accidentally texted a man I knew from high school. We ended up striking up a conversation, texting back and forth for a few days. Then he called me a couple of times, and we had long talks. We became friends on Facebook. I was so interested, as he seemed like a very good man: 20-year veteran, retired, single father, hard

worker. I could tell that family was important to him. And he was so good-looking. After two months of chatting back and forth, I asked to meet him. He said, "Maybe after some more time."

After another month, I said: "Can I please meet you? I just want to see you in person, even for 5 minutes." For some reason, he seemed to panic. He said: "I am going through something professionally. I may be moving out of state and don't want to get attached." I decided that he was worth the risk, so I pushed on and asked questions. He got angry and blocked me. For two weeks after that, I tried

to contact him, but he kept me blocked. I just don't understand. Our friendship meant something to me. In our last conversation, when I brought that up, his only response was that "we weren't together." I understood that. But why would he not just let me meet him? I'm too old to be this confused. -- Lost

Dear Lost: It sounds as though he's the one who's lost and confused. You know what you want. Thankfully, your directness flushed out these issues after just three months; otherwise, this could have dragged on for who knows how long. Don't get discouraged. There are plenty more good men out

there who value family -- and who are looking for a relationship. While the pandemic makes in-person dating risky at the moment, you can connect with potential partners on dating sites such as Match.com and eHarmony and go on FaceTime or Skype dates to see whether you feel a spark.

Dear Annie: I'd like to share my response to "Working From Home Works." In the past, I also had at least an hour's drive to the office. Talk to your boss. He might consider some compromise, such as allowing you to do three days at home and two days at the office. That approach worked well for me -- the best of both worlds!

Initially, bosses may think that you goof off at home. But in time, they'll likely find that production is higher, and then they are happy. -- Worked for Me

Dear Worked for Me: Indeed -- a hybrid remote and in-office approach might be just the thing to make life workable for long-distance commuters and managers alike. Thanks for writing.

Dear Annie: Not long ago in your column, you featured a letter from a gentleman asking what to do when he was asked to write a recommendation for someone whom he was uncomfortable recommending. I was reminded of a time,

many years ago, when I worked for a human resources director who was widely regarded by every employee and was asked often to write recommendations. When he was asked to write a recommendation for someone who wasn't a great employee, he solved the problem by writing, "If you can get (name) to work for you, you will be a very lucky person." I don't think any of those requesting the references ever caught on. -- Bonnie R.

Dear Bonnie: Thanks for the chuckle!

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Suggestion from Shifting Saturn

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The mentor/apprentice relationship is a special bond in which both parties profit. Today, you'll likely be the teacher, and yet, you will feel as though you are the one being enriched.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A few days from the solstice, there's good fortune in the prep work you do to ready yourself for the change of season. Update your contacts, addresses and calendar for an ultra-organized approach to the new year.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What is it going to take to get to a smiling, laughing place? You really want to go there, and that's a start. Notice who brings about your lighter side. You could use a few more of these people in your world.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The situation itself is neutral and can be interpreted in multiple ways, none of which would be completely right or totally wrong, so you may as well choose an interpretation that makes you feel empowered and perhaps a bit lighter.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You challenge your own bias while many people around you refuse to recognize it. You'll ask excellent questions, too, and become enlightened as stereotypes collapse under even the briefest interrogation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You put more effort into coming off as effortless than anyone you know, and this is your success secret. "Spectacular achievement is always preceded by unspectacular preparation." -- Robert H. Schuller

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A chore by any other name could be an artistic experience, a grind, a story for the ages, a workout, the superior accomplishment that gives you bragging rights. It's all in how you frame it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The one who admits being jealous is also admitting feelings of inferiority. This takes a degree of vulnerability, and you have a tender heart for a person struggling in this way now because you've been there before.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Even though your intuition is a powerful tool, feelings, a bias toward familiarity and the impulsivity of desire will also be driving forces, and hard to separate from psychic perception.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have plenty of faith, and it is easier to have it since

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



you also are willing to research, plan and execute every step you can think of to make something happen.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). An improved headspace has nothing to do with thinking harder about a thing; rather, it's a matter of relaxing your thinking, breathing more oxygen into it and letting it open up to new possibilities.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). With new people, you'll be dancing between how much to reveal and what to hold back. Your awareness of others helps you feel your way through the getting-to-know-you process.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 17). Once you seize the opportunity, your professional landscape spreads out in magazine-level loveliness. People make the difference, and you'll be adding to your circle, especially after March. Fateful introductions come through friends, though you have to initiate by asking, "Who do you know that I should know?" Gemini and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 40, 15, 30 and 12.

SATURN IN AQUARIUS: Saturn is the planet of lessons, time and the harsh realities that come with being a multidimensional creature moving through a linear experience. Aquarius is the realm of genius, groupthink and the better angels of humanity. We got a few weeks' preview of how Saturn behaves in Aquarius back in March, but this time, we're in it for two years. The opportunity here is to understand ourselves as a group.

There is an ongoing argument among scientists about whether humans, like wasps, ants and termites, are eusocial creatures. "Eusociality" has to do with the highest level of organization of sociality defined by characteristics such as division of labor (check) cooperative care of offspring (check) and overlapping generations within a colony of adults (check). Eusociality speaks to the idea that the individuals are part of a larger organism, and that it is the larger organism that is the independent life form, as the group has emergent qualities that do not exist in the individual, and, for the most part, individuals cannot exist as long or as well in isolation.

Saturn in Aquarius will be a constant reminder, bringing example after example of how putting the fate and health of the group first is the best and only way to ensure the well-being of individual members.

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Take this deal where West led his singleton club, on which dummy played the deuce, East the seven and South the ace.
Declarer led a spade to the king.

losing to the ace. Back came the queen of clubs from East. It was at this point that South showed his mettle by playing the five instead of the king!
As a result, he made the contract. When East continued with the nine of clubs, South followed low and West ruffed, but that was essentially the end of the line for the defense. Declarer's only losers proved to be a spade, a club and a club ruff.
Now let's go back to trick three and see what would have happened had South played the king of clubs on the queen, which seems the normal thing to do. In that event, South would have finished down one, losing a spade, a club ruff and two more club tricks.
It is easy to prove that not covering the queen of clubs with the king is the right play. South cannot go down if he ducks the queen, regardless of how the clubs are divided, but he can go down if he plays the king and the opening lead was a singleton.
Since making the contract is always declarer's first consideration, it must be right to let the queen hold at trick three. Declarer has everything to gain and nothing to lose.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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Level: Intermediate

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

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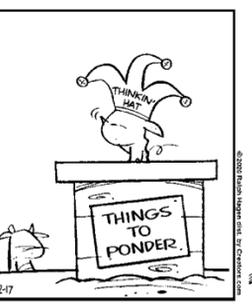
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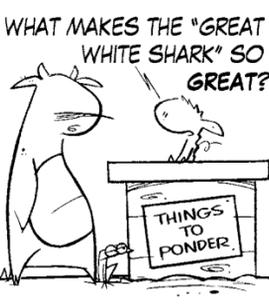
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This Date In History

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Kim Jong Il died after more than a decade of iron rule; he was 69, according to official records, but some reports indicated he was 70. In 2014, the United States and Cuba restored diplomatic relations, sweeping away one of the last vestiges of the Cold War.

did in Ukraine. Today's Birthdays: Actor Armin Mueller-Stahl is 90. Pope Francis is 84. Singer-actor Tommy Steele is 84. Actor Bernard Hill is 76 Actor Ernie Hudson is 75. Political commentator Chris Matthews is 75. Comedian-actor Eugene Levy is 74. Actor Marilyn Hassett is 73. Actor Wes Studi is 73. Pop musician Jim Bonfanti (The

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Newsday Crossword

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Humble start leads to Campbell's historic season at Iowa St

By ERIC OLSON

AP College Football Writer

Jay Chapman earned his bachelor's and master's degree from Iowa State, was a member of the marching band and has attended all but one home football game since 1986.

The president of the Cyclone Gridiron Club booster group has seen a lot of losing. Some good players came through and there were some notable upsets. Still, in the 30 years prior to 2016, five coaches combined for only eight seasons of .500 or better.

"Six wins," Chapman said, "was about as good as it got."

And then along came Matt Campbell.

The 41-year-old Ohio native is seen as nothing short of a miracle worker by the Cyclone faithful. At a school that hasn't claimed even a share of a football conference title since 1912, Campbell, in his fifth year, has led Iowa State to the Big 12 championship game for the first time.

The Cyclones, who at No. 8 have their highest ranking ever in the AP Top 25, play No. 12 Oklahoma on Saturday at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

"Man, is this what you envisioned or saw?" Campbell said, repeating a question. "I'll be really honest. Early on we were trying to show that we could compete."

Iowa State (8-2, 8-1 Big 12) finished the regular season alone in first place and in October beat the Sooners (7-2, 6-2) in Ames, Iowa, for the first time since 1960.

Naturally, the Cyclones are underdogs this week, which bothers them not in the least.

The most recent federal college athletics spending reports showed Campbell's program spent only about two-thirds the amount of Oklahoma's Big 12-high \$43.4 million football budget in 2018-19.

In his four full recruiting classes, Campbell has signed a grand total of four four-star prospects and no five-stars, according to 247Sports composite rankings. Oklahoma has signed 57 four-stars and four five-stars over the same span.

"I just think it's more proof that when you've got people who are aligned toward a vision, when you have people who are in it for the right reason and you have people willing to put their ego aside and continue to grow, that's the beauty of the sport of football," Campbell said. "It is still a team sport, it's not individual, and great things can really occur when that happens."

"There are great examples in the history of college football of that occurring," he added. "It just so happens it hadn't happened yet in Ames, Iowa. I think that's something that has been enjoyable, you've created at least a sense of belief that great things can happen."

Campbell's tried-and-true mantra of building personal relationships with his players, emphasizing development and getting the most out of limited resources is the product of his being the son of a high school football coach and going through the powerhouse Division III Mount Union program as a player and young coach.

His back story reads like a sports movie script. Disenchanted by the lackadaisical attitude of some teammates the summer after his freshman year at Pittsburgh, he called his mom and asked her to come get him. They took back roads home to Massillon, Ohio, and as they drove by the Mount Union practice field in Alliance, Campbell noticed dozens of players doing voluntary workouts. He wanted to be a part of that.

It wasn't as if Campbell was just discovering Mount Union. His father, Rick Campbell, had played there and Matt's younger brother, Scott, followed him there.

Matt won three national championships and became a two-time All-America defensive end for Larry Kehres. The coaching giant who won 332 of 359 games and 11 national titles in 27 years said he can remember the specific moment

when he knew Campbell would find success in coaching.

It was Campbell's sophomore season in 2000, and Mount Union was playing Wittenberg in the playoffs. Late in the first quarter, Campbell intercepted a throwback screen pass to set up a touchdown that broke open the game.

Kehres said Campbell was voracious when it came to film study, and he detected situations when Wittenberg was likely to call that misdirection play.

"Without that play, we might not have won," Kehres said. "When you move one way and throw another, there's a receiver and four blockers and all the defensive guys are on the wrong side of the field. That didn't happen, thanks to Matt."

Coaching stops at Mount Union and Bowling Green preceded his first head coaching job at Toledo, where he had been an assistant for three years. The Rockets went to four bowls with Campbell in charge for all or part of five seasons.

Iowa State athletic director Jamie Pollard fired Paul Rhoads after the 2015 season and sought the advice of Mid-American Conference athletic directors he knows.

"Everybody kept coming back to this guy at Toledo, Matt Campbell, who they just said was an old-school football coach but was a young guy," Pollard said. "We started looking more, and he's a Division III guy, which that resonated with me because I was a Division III athlete. And his staff was made up of all guys who weren't born on third base."

Campbell's staff includes his old Mount Union teammate and Toledo assistant Tom Manning as offensive coordinator. His Toledo defensive coordinator Jon Heacock came with him to Ames in the same position.

The Cyclones have played some of their best football in the last month and have postseason honors candidates all over the field — players like quarterback Brock Purdy, running back Breece Hall, tight ends Charlie Kolar and Chase Allen, defensive lineman Ja'Quan Bailey and linebacker Mike Rose, among others.

Campbell's contract runs through 2025, and he was scheduled to earn \$3.7 million this year before salary cuts tied to the COVID-19 pandemic lowered his pay to \$3.45 million.

He received a contract extension last year after Florida State and other schools expressed interest in him, and Pollard said another extension is in order. Pollard said he blocks out ongoing chatter about Campbell eventually leaving for a more prestigious job.

"Matt does not have an agent, so you don't have somebody out there shopping him, which is nice," Pollard said. "Matt and I have always talked openly. I know what his ambitions are and what they're not. He knows that we are in this together and at the point something comes available that may interest him, I'm going to be his biggest ally."

Chapman, the booster club president, said he gets the impression Campbell loves what he's doing at Iowa State and that the fan base isn't worrying about him taking off.

"If he wants to go somewhere, there's nothing we as fans can do more than sell out Jack Trice Stadium every game," he said.

Jason Candle, a Mount Union teammate who succeeded Campbell as Toledo's head coach, said Campbell surely is laser-focused on beating Oklahoma and bringing the elusive conference title back to Ames.

"I'm sure deep down inside, after the season, he'll reflect," Candle said. "How could you not be proud of what you accomplished this year? Getting that program to the Big 12 championship is remarkable. It's not common. When you do uncommon things, you can't sit back and think about it in the moment because you want to finish it off the right way, which those guys want to do. I'm sure he'll sit back and have a smile on his face after the season."

Herman returning in 2021 for 5th season with Texas Longhorns

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

Texas has ended widespread speculation about coach Tom Herman's future, announcing Saturday he will return in 2021 for his fifth season with the No. 23 Longhorns.

"My policy is to wait until the end of the season before evaluating and commenting on our program and coaches. With the close of the regular season, I want to reiterate that Tom Herman is our coach," athletic director Chris Del Conte said in a statement released by the school just four days before the early signing period for high school recruits begins.

Eyes around college football have been on Texas for weeks. There were rumors and speculation about the Longhorns trying to gauge former Ohio State and Florida coach Urban Meyer's interest in coming to Austin, but nothing came of it.

Without a slam dunk replacement lined up — and with Texas on the hook for upward of \$20 million in contracts between Herman and his staff — the school decided to stay the course.

"When I look at our football program right now, I see tremendous young men and promising talent," said Del Conte, who was hired after Herman in 2017. "Our student-athletes are developing, and they play their hearts out. This has been an unprecedented year for all of us, and we're all disappointed that we didn't meet our expectations. Like the many fans that follow and support our program, I can't help but think what could have been in 2020. There's still more work to be done, but I'm excited to watch our players and our program move forward."

While Herman has never had a losing season with the Longhorns, they have made only one appearance in the Big 12 title game during his tenure and now have gone 11 seasons since their last conference championship in 2009.

Herman has three seasons remaining on a guaranteed contract that is due to pay him more than \$6 million per year. The 45-year-old coach is 31-18 at Texas, including a 1-4 record against arch-rival Oklahoma, and is 53-22 overall including his two seasons as head coach at Houston.

Texas is 6-3 this season after its scheduled regu-

lar-season finale Saturday at winless Kansas was canceled for the second time because of COVID-19 issues.

Herman's best season was 2018, the only time the Longhorns made the Big 12 title game in his tenure. They finished that season with a dominating win over Georgia in the Sugar Bowl that prompted quarterback Sam Ehlinger's now-infamous "We're ba-aack!" statement to a national television audience.

Texas gave Herman a two-year contract extension after that season.

The Longhorns instead sunk back to the middle of the pack in the Big 12. The Longhorns reached as high as No. 8 early in the pandemic-impacted 2020 season before quickly fading. They were effectively eliminated from the Big 12 title game with a 23-20 home loss to Iowa State with two games left to play.

There have also been ominous signs for the future for Texas, too. Several of the state's top recruits have either pulled back from early commitments to the Longhorns or have already announced plans to head

elsewhere. Most notable among the decommits was Dallas-area quarterback Quinn Ewers, considered the top recruit in the 2022 class.

Still, Texas will run it back with Herman and head into 2021 with even more pressure on the coach to have the Longhorns playing more like the elite programs in the country.

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