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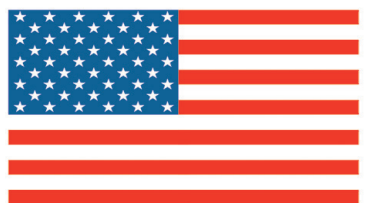
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## Howard College Board of Trustees locks in electricity rate

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Herald Contributing Writer

The Howard County Junior College District's Board of Trustees locked in an electricity rate at its meeting Wednesday evening that should save the district more than half a million dollars over the next nine years. "The board was able to lock in a rate for 108 months that gives the college a good savings," said Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks. "It's a savings of about \$548,000 - almost \$550,000 savings. This price is



actually better than the one we have right now. We were very pleased in light of what happened last week (winter storms) that the pricing still held."

Jennifer Mayberry, an energy adviser with Tradition Energy presented the new rate to the board. Tradition is an independent energy risk management and procurement advising firm based in Stamford, Conn., with offices in Dallas.

"We're looking at a 10 percent savings over a 108-month agreement," Mayberry said. The board unanimously approved the new rate.

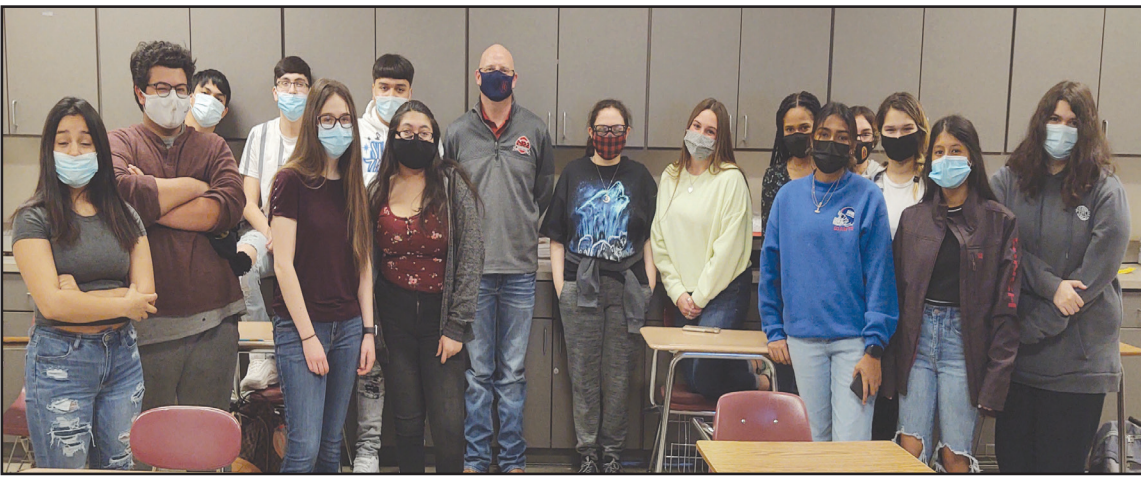
Sparks said that the coincidence of the rate renewal with the recent winter storms was interesting.

"I felt that our board had the opportunity to get some of the most current information relative to a topic that has much interest to all of us, and that's what's happening with the electrical grid in the state of Texas," she said. "It was almost surreal that we were dealing with this as a topic for the board when all of the storms started happening over the last week and I think our outcome is certainly a very strong one for the future."

In other business, Terry Hansen, special projects officer for the College District, presented an update on roofing

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## Fire Safety Training at BSHS



Courtesy Photo

Lt. Jace Williams, center, with a few of the students that took place in the first phase of the fire safety training.

By **Colonel Allen M. Morris**  
 Special to the Herald

Recently Lt. Jace Williams with the Big Spring Fire Department helped students at Big Spring High learn more about fire, fire safety, and how they too could be a firefighter or support the cause.

One of the most interesting twists that the students learned was that fewer emergency calls are for house fires due to the way that

houses are designed today. Pair that with safety training and it only makes sense. Things are getting better...

Soon under the direction of Lt. Williams and in partnership with Big Spring Fire Extinguishers, the students will go through training on how to correctly use an ABC fire extinguisher. Additional demonstrations and activities will be covered when

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## Boil Notice rescinded; City of Big Spring encourages residents to sign up for 'Notify Me' alerts

Herald Staff Report

After frigid temperatures knocked out much of Howard County power and water for residents, repairs have been made and services are coming back online. Almost a week later, the boil notice has been rescinded.

On Feb. 16, 2021, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) required our public water system City of Big Spring, PWS ID TX 1140001, to issue a Boil Water Notice (BWN) to inform our customers that due to the presence of contaminants or an interruption in service, water from our system must be boiled prior to consumption.

Our system has taken the necessary corrective actions to restore adequate pressure, disinfectant levels, and/or bacteriological quality and has provided TCEQ with testing results that indicate that the water no longer requires boiling as of February 24, 2021.

If you have questions, contact Shane Bowles, City of Big Spring Public Works Director, at (432) 264- 2501. If a customer wishes to reach TCEQ, they may call (512)-239-4691.

The City of Big Spring e added an alert notification to their services, the last couple of years as a way to better inform the community of importance notices and updates.

Big Spring residents are now able to sign up for a "Notify Me" public service announcement that will send email or text notification to your phone. The public service announcements include community events, meeting agendas, etc. Announcements are up to minute alerts on important news for Big Spring. Residents can sign up at www.mybigspring.com on the Notify Me Page. From this page, individuals can enter either their phone number or email address for categories such as Howard County Elections, Alert Center, Bid Postings, News Flash, Calendar, and Agenda Center.

## COVID-19 Updates

The CDC continues to recommend that people get their second dose of COVID-19 vaccine as close to the recommended interval as possible (3 weeks for Pfizer-BioNTech, and 4 weeks for Moderna). CDC's updated guidance was revised to allow for second dose administration up to 6 weeks (42 days) after the first if it is not feasible to adhere to the recommended interval. CDC is not advocating for people to delay getting their second dose, but the data from clinical trials support this range.

Again, SMMC does not currently have any vaccine. When we get another allotment from DSHS or a re-allocation from our regional partners, we will let the community know through media outlets, newspaper and through our website. <https://www.scenicmountainmedical.org/vaccine>

- Howard County has reported as of 02/24:
- 2971 positive cases
  - 98 Covid-19 fatalities
  - 58 Active cases
  - 4327 recovered
  - 1512 probable cases

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## Obituaries

## Margaret Ann LeDezma

Margaret Ann LeDezma, age 74, died Friday, Feb. 19, 2021, in a hospital in Rowlett, Texas, after a short illness. She was born Feb. 17, 1947, to Eddie and Ester Harper in Big Spring, Texas. She married Humberto LeDezma in 1980. He preceded her in death June 24, 2020. They had been married 41 years.

Margaret was loved by her community and always helped others. She was a school teacher for 10 years at the Greater Head Start Program until retirement in 1985. Margaret later began a second ca-

reer as caregiver at Big Spring State Hospital West Texas Centers and then privately until 2004.

Margaret is survived by her children: Ester Liggins of Rowlett, Texas, Tamika Douglas-Johnson of Garland, Texas, and Jonathan Douglas and Tommy Roper of Big Spring, Texas. She also leaves sisters: Louise Harper and Susan Prescott; 14 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews and other family. She was preceded in death by her husband Humberto, parents Eddie and Ester, brothers: Eddie Jr., Charles, Robert Earl, and Steve, a grandson and a great-grandson.

Margaret is gone, but will never be forgotten. Funeral services will be held 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, 2021, at Rest Haven Funeral Home - Rowlett Location. The family will gather with friends prior to the service beginning at 2 p.m.

*Paid Obituary*

## Jerry Needham Worthy

Jerry Needham Worthy, 91, of Big Spring, passed away Friday, Feb. 19, 2021. A Memorial Service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, 2021, at Saint Mary's Episcopal Church. Facemasks and social distancing is required. He will be interred in the columbarium at Saint Mary's alongside his brother, Robert Gayle Worthy and his beloved wife of 49 years, Dr. Louise Ann Bennett Worthy. The Memorial Service will be broadcast live on the Saint Mary's Episcopal Church Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/StMarys-BigSpring/](http://www.facebook.com/StMarys-BigSpring/)

He was born in Donie, Texas as the third son of parents Thomas Roy Worthy and Violet Everett Needham Worthy on Nov. 9, 1929. He was a pilot from an early age, influencing him to volunteer as a pilot in the Second World War as a volunteer in the Army Air Forces III Fighter Command Aircraft Warning Services. After he graduated from Teague High School in the spring of 1946, he went off to Baylor University, at only age 16. While a student in Baylor, he continued flying and was the president of the photography club. He developed most of his class from another club he was active in, the Esquire Club. After he graduated in 1950 with a BBA, he enlisted in the Air Force with his friend, Joe B. Farris, on Feb. 2, 1951. He saw combat in 24 bombing missions over North Korea. After the war, he came to Big Spring for work, where he met and married Dr. Louise Ann Bennett on Oct. 12, 1956. Together, they had three children, Ann Louise Worthy, Jerry Bennet (Jeb) Worthy and Roy Bishop Worthy.

Jerry lived a long and fulfilling life, some of his many achievements include: the founding of the Heritage Museum of Howard County, the founding of the Hanger 25 Air Museum, the renaming of the VA to the George H. O'Brien VA Medical Center (as well as the construction of The George O'Brien statue), the founding of the Big Spring Symphony, and helping grow the Big Spring Area Community Foundation. Similarly, he was involved in other areas, as he was district governor of the Rotary Club and highly involved in the Ranching Heritage Museum Association in Lubbock, where he was president.

He loved Big Spring and was always a strong advocate trying to discover ways of benefiting and growing our city.

Jerry is survived by two children, Ann Louise Worthy Stephenson of Christchurch, New Zealand, and Roy Bishop Worthy of Big Spring. A son-in-law, Timothy Robert Shaw Stephenson of Christchurch, New Zealand, and a daughter-in-law, Dr. Michelle Lee Wiggins Worthy of Big Spring. He is survived by one grandson, Jerry Bennett Worthy of Big Spring.

He is preceded in death by his son, Jerry Bennett (Jeb) Worthy, a brother, Robert Gayle Worthy, both his parents, and his wife, Dr. Louise Ann Worthy.

"What a great life he had! Warrior, father, mentor, grandfather, believer. He touched so many. Well done, sir!"

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Hanger 25 Museum.

Arrangements are by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences may be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

*Paid Obituary*

## Peggy Joyce "Burnett" Christian



Peggy Joyce "Burnett" Christian, 79, of Big Spring, was reunited with her husband on Sunday, Feb. 21, 2021 surrounded by her family.

The family will be having a gathering at their home Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021 after 12 p.m. Address is 5712 Ranch Road 33 in Big Spring.

She was born Sept. 7, 1941 in Stanford, Texas to parents Oscar and Ethel Burnett. She married the love of her life, Johnnie Christian on March 16, 1957, in Big Spring, Texas. They enjoyed 61 years of blissful marriage together. The love they had for each other was like no other, she was his entire world.

Peggy and Johnnie made a great team raising their five sons. There was never a dull moment in her life especially with all the hunting and fishing with

her husband and sons. Her biggest joy was loving and caring for her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her arms and home were always open to anyone that walked through her door. Peggy was a strong woman, having survived cancer and many other things life threw at her. She was truly loved by everyone around her and will be dearly missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Oscar and Ethel Burnett; husband, Johnnie Christian; brothers: Melvin Burnett, Billy Burnett, and Doyle Burnett.

Those left to cherish her memory are her sons: Johnny D. Christian of Stewart, Tennessee, Ted Christian and wife Traci of Llano, Texas, Billy W. Christian and wife Renee of Big Spring, Texas, Donny R. Christian and wife Jackie of Portland, Oregon, Tommy G. Christian and wife Teresa of Big Spring, Texas; 11 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren and counting; as well as numerous other family members and friends.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

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## Support Groups

## THURSDAY

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

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

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

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially

those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email [francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org](mailto: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.

## Police/Sheriff/Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **DANIELLE ROSE COSTA**, 28, of 4112 Muir Street, was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault with deadly weapon and criminal mischief between \$100 and \$750.

• **ACCIDENT MAJOR** was reported in the 4200 block of Oak Street.

• **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the area of Gregg and N.8<sup>th</sup> Street.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 2000 block of S. Johnson Street.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported at in the 1000 block of N. Main Street; 4100 block of Muir Street.

• **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported in the 1600 block of E. FM 700.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported 85 inmates at the time of this report; and the following activity:

• **DANIELLE COSTA**, 28, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with deadly weapon and criminal mischief between \$100 and \$750.

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4200 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 4200 block of Oak Street. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Ridgelea. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of Ridge Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Owens. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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## Obituaries

### Nancy Lee Brownfield



Nancy Lee Brownfield, 85, of Big Spring passed away Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2021. The viewing will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 25, at Myers and Smith Funeral Home and the service will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 26 in their chapel. Graveside to follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Nancy Lee Stephens Brownfield was born on January the 19th, 1936 to W.S. and Thelma Faye Stephens in Canton Texas, Van Zandt County. They relocated to Lubbock Texas before Nancy started school. Nancy graduated from Lubbock High School in 1954. She married her high school sweetheart, Floyd Brownfield, on November 25th, 1954. Floyd and Nancy were married for 62 years. They then relocated to Verhalen, Texas, Reeves County, before moving to Big Spring, Texas, Howard County in 1976. Nancy was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church and was very active in her community. She worked in an administrative capacity including the Chamber of Commerce, the Emergency Management System, medical records at Scenic Mountain and Stanton Nursing Home. She was very civic minded and volunteered for many community activities.

Nancy was an avid artist, reader and author. She never met a stranger and her home was open to all. She loved her cats and the outdoors. She loved music and playing her piano. Nancy was extremely understanding, loving, kind, caring, forgiving, generous, dependable and an unique individual. She loved life and lived it to the fullest, always with a smile on her face an a funny story to tell. Her family was her life support and her priority. She will

be missed so very much. But as Matriarch of our family, she has left a legacy that must be carried on. Everyone loved Nana.

Nancy is survived by: Janis Brownfield of Big Spring; Holli Adams and husband James of Abilene; Daughter-In-Law, Christy Brownfield of Big Spring; Grandchildren, Janae Brown, Kendra Hawkins of Big Spring, Kayla Brownfield of Big Spring, Kyle Brownfield of Big Spring, Stormy and wife Audrie Adams of San Francisco, Hailee Adams of Dallas Texas, Garrett Brownfield and Dylan Register of Lubbock Texas; Great Grandchildren: Kyron, Keyden, Mason, Maddix, Brittan, Bralynn, Braxton, Kaydence, Charlie Sue, Marleigh. Brother-In-Law, Kenneth Brownfield of Lubbock Texas and Sister-In-Law, Leigh Brownfield of Brownwood Texas and a special son Orlando "Buck" Jackman and wife Tammy of Abilene Texas.

Nancy is preceded in death by her parents and the love of her life, Floyd Brownfield, beloved son, Kevin Brownfield, and special son, Tony Gamble.

The pallbearers will be Kyle Brownfield, Garrett Brownfield, Dylan Register, Kyron Brownfield, David House, David Valdez. Honorary pallbearers will be Austin Heald, James Adams, Keyden Brownfield, Buck Jackman and Jeff Moore.

Nancy will be remembered and missed by her family and her special friends Betty and Austin Heald of Lubbock, as well as her cousins, nieces, and nephews.

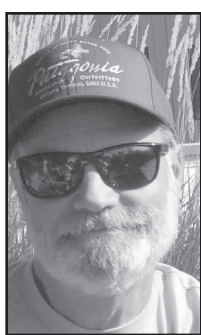
Nancy's service will be officiated by Elwin Colium, Pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church. Graveside service to follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

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### Daniel Blake Proffitt

Daniel Blake Proffitt passed away peacefully in his home at the age of 68 on Feb. 22, 2021.



He was born on Sept. 8, 1952, in Big Spring, Texas to Buddy and Sue Proffitt and he was the youngest of two children. Dan was born and raised in west Texas and graduated from Big Spring High School where he met and fell in love with his wife, Lynda.

Together, Dan and Lynda had multiple ventures that culminated into Proffitt Daycare, which the two of them ran for 25 years. Dan and Lynda helped raise a generation of kids around Big Spring and were able to touch the hearts of countless more throughout both their lives. Dan was known to "wear many hats", to some he was a painter, to others a barber, but everyone knew him as a friend they could talk to. He never met a stranger and was always the brightest light in the room. Quite the comedian he was, as he was always sure to have everyone around him laughing and there was never a dull moment when Dan was around. He had great compassion for everyone, would never hesitate to lend a helping hand and always preached to stick

up for the underdog. He was very active in his three grandchildren's lives and truly loved his family. He knew Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and looked forward to spending eternity in Heaven. He was a one-of-a-kind son, father, grandfather, and friend. We are certain there will never be another man like him and he will be deeply missed by his friends, family and all who knew him.

Dan was preceded in death by his father, Buddy Proffitt, his brother, David Proffitt, and his wife of 36 years, Lynda Proffitt. He is survived by his mother, Sue Hoosier; daughter, Shawn Hatfield and her husband Vince; son Blake Proffitt and his wife Blayr; three grandchildren, Joshua Hatfield and his fiancé Savannah Tucker, Zachary Hatfield and his fiancé Elle Torres, and Emily Dunn and her husband Brad; three nephews Rick Proffitt, Jay Proffitt and Seth Proffitt.

A memorial service will be held at Local's Deli at 1600 Wasson Rd. on Saturday, Feb. 27 at 12 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes memorial contributions be made to Operation Orphans, [www.operationorphans.org/donations](http://www.operationorphans.org/donations).

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

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## FIRE

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the weather allows.

Most importantly, the students will better learn how to handle the most common domestic fire, which is a fire in the kitchen. Water should never

be used on a grease fire as it only makes it worse.

The students also learned how to lessen the likelihood that a fire will happen as well as how to properly respond when one does happen.

Lt. Williams is this year's Firefighter of the year. For more information, contact Colonel. Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com

## Weather



**Today:** A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 45. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

**Tonight:** A 30 percent chance of rain, mainly before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36. North wind 5 to 15 mph.

**Friday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 66. Light and variable wind becoming southwest 10 to 15 mph in the morning.

**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 40. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Saturday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 69.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47.

**Sunday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 64.

**Sunday Night:** A chance of showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 36.

**Monday:** A slight chance of rain before noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 53.

**Monday Night:**Partly cloudy, with a low around 35.

**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 63.

*(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via [forecast.weather.gov](http://forecast.weather.gov))*

- AARP Foundation Tax-Aide will offer free income tax preparation every Monday through Monday, April 5, 2021, from 8 a.m. until Noon at the Big Spring Senior Citizen's Center. The Senior Center is located at 100 Whipkey Drive, Big Spring, Texas. The service is available to all taxpayers with moderate to low income. Covid protocols will be observed: masks required, appointments required and no children allowed. Taxpayers need to bring: a photo ID, social security card for every person on tax return; last year's tax return and W-2s and all other proof of income received in 2020. Free electronic e-filing will be available for faster refunds.
- The Big Spring Symphony Association has kicked off the 39th season. The concerts will take place at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door, but patrons are

## Take Note

strongly encouraged to purchase tickets in advance online at [www.bigspringsymphony.org](http://www.bigspringsymphony.org) or local ticket vendors: H-E-B, Heritage Museum,

The Karat Patch or the CVB office. Students are admitted free. Performance adjustments have been made due to Covid-19 to assure the health and safety of everyone. Patrons are asked to arrive early and ushers will seat them in six foot social distance format. Everyone needs to wear a mask upon entering the facility. There are still two performances left: March 20 will be the Music of Queen 'Bohemian Rhapsody' featuring Jeans n' Classics and April 24 will be Pops Extravaganza The Texas Tenors

- The City of Big Spring has reopened all indoor rentable facilities as of Monday, February 1, 2021 for normal operations. We still re-

quest that individuals holding events and persons attending events adhere to the following: Please wear a mask when not eating or drinking anything; Make sure to wash and/or sanitize your hands regularly; If you are not feeling well, running a fever, or have been exposed please do not attend events.

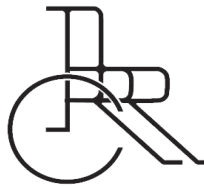
- All City of Big Spring offices have reopened to the public effective January 19, 2021. We ask citizens to act responsibly and follow all health precautions and sanitizing guidelines. We strongly recommend that citizens continue to practice social distancing, wash your hands frequently, stay home if you're sick, and wear a mask when in public areas.

### MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Nancy Brownfield, 85, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, February 16, 2021. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 1:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity.

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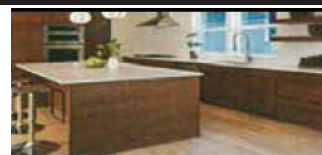
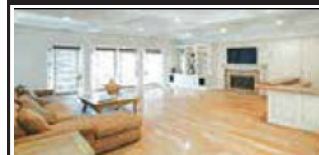
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# Military begins delivering vaccines in Texas, New York

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The U.S. military on Wednesday began delivering shots at coronavirus vaccination centers in Texas and New York and announced that service members will start staffing four centers in Florida and one in Philadelphia next week.

The expanded vaccination effort came as Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin met with military commanders overseeing the COVID-19 response effort. He also visited the vaccination center in Los Angeles, the first staffed by the new active-duty military teams that are being developed.

The Biden administration has said that delivering the vaccine to Americans is a top priority. The Pentagon is ramping up the deployment of what federal authorities say could be up to 100 vaccination teams around the country.

The stepped-up efforts reflect the extent to which the coronavirus has devastated the United States, killing more than 500,000 Americans. While average daily deaths and new infections have been falling, some experts say too few Americans have been inoculated for the vaccine to be making enough of a difference. The decline instead is attributed to the passing of the holidays, more people staying indoors during the winter and better adherence to mask rules and social distancing.

California has the highest coronavirus death toll in the nation, at more than 49,000. Austin is touring the federally run vaccination site that is set up on the campus of California State University of Los Angeles, which opened last week. The site, on the east side of LA, is staffed by a 222-member military team from Fort Carson, Colorado, and it highlights an effort by state leaders to make the vaccinations more available to communities hit hard by the pandemic.

Watching the line of cars file slowly through the parking area on campus as people in their cars got

shots, Austin spoke with troops who have been giving out vaccines. One soldier from the area told Austin how thrilled he was to be able to give his own mother a shot.

"It almost brought me to tears," Austin said later, recounting the story.

Speaking to another group of service members working at the walk-up vaccination site, Austin said they need to take the leadership, coordination and compassionate skills they have learned doing this to their next mission.

Austin told reporters later that the military is learning every day how to make the process more efficient. And he said one thing that has proved successful has been the mobile vaccination teams, and he intends to talk to agency leaders about expanding those.

Despite the state's high death toll, the rates of new infections and hospitalizations continue to plummet across the state. Health officials said Sunday that the number of patients in California hospitals with COVID-19 has slipped below 7,000, a drop of more than a third over two weeks. Total cases are approaching 3.45 million.

The positivity rate for people being tested has been falling for weeks, which means fewer people will end up in hospitals.

In his first trip outside Washington as defense chief, Austin stopped in Colorado at U.S. Northern Command and met with its commander, Air Force Gen. Glen VanHerck, who also heads the North American Aerospace Defense Command. Military officials there told reporters traveling with Austin that service members are delivering 6,000 shots a day in Los Angeles and will build to that number at the center in Houston, where the 222-member team started working Wednesday.

Smaller, 139-member teams began operations in the New York City boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens, and in Dallas, which has two. They are ex-

pected to soon be delivering 3,000 shots a day.

Austin has so far approved the deployment of 25 military vaccination teams, which come in two sizes, 222 members and 139 members, and total about 4,700 service members. So far, 11 have either started or will begin next week.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has asked for 100 such teams, which would put the Defense Department on pace to deploy as many as 19,000 troops if all are needed. The troop number is almost double what federal authorities initially thought would be needed.

The five military teams moving into cities this week include 139-member units going to Miami, Tampa, Orlando and Jacksonville in Florida, and a 222-member team going to Philadelphia.

The military has also sent three 25-member medical units to cities in New Jersey and is sending one to the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Military officials said developing new sites will depend on how much vaccine becomes available and whether states request the aid and can provide proper locations.

Separately, in a video message to the military force, Austin urged service members to get the vaccine. The shot is voluntary because the vaccines have not yet gotten final approval from the Food and Drug Administration. And while rates vary, military units around the world say 30 to 60% percent of their troops who are offered the vaccine are declining. Military leaders said last week that they believe the overall declination rate is about 30%, but they say they do not have good data.

Speaking to reporters in Los Angeles, Austin also acknowledged the reluctance in the Black community to the vaccine.

As the first Black person to serve as defense chief, Austin said that he believes the vaccine is safe and that with enough information people will make the right decision.

## GameStop shares double after tumbling for much of February

By ALEX VEIGA

AP Business Writer

Wall Street's mania over GameStop is on again, at least for one afternoon.

Shares in the troubled video game company more than doubled Wednesday to \$91.71 apiece, the stock's best day since Jan. 27, when it was going for \$347.51 a share.

A rally in GameStop has been rare since it fell back to earth early this month. The stock, which soared 1,600% at one point in January, has been extremely volatile. It's down nearly 72% so far in February, though it's still up nearly 387% this year.

Shares in AMC Entertainment, another stock hyped by online social media forums, jumped 18.1%. The movie theater chain's stock is up nearly 60% this month and about 329% this year.

The sudden, sharp move higher in GameStop and AMC Entertainment left even some members of Reddit's WallStreetBets forum, which helped cheer the stocks' meteoric rise last month, scratching their heads.

"Can we honestly sound off on what we think is happening?" wrote one Redditor. "Is there any reason for this 150% spike?" asked another.

GameStop's wild ride shocked Wall Street, forcing the market to gird for more volatility. It prompted Congress to hold a House hearing last week into what led to the frenzy and whether smaller investors need to be shielded from taking big risks.

Individual investors on Reddit and other social media forums encouraged each other to buy GameStop, AMC Entertainment and select other stocks in a bid to hurt hedge funds that were betting the stocks would lose value. The move, known as a "short squeeze," can lead traders who were using options to bet against a stock to abandon their bets. To do so, they have to buy shares of the stock, which pushes the price even higher.

GameStop was an extreme example because some of its shares had been sold short multiple times.

Gust Kepler, CEO of stocks and options platform BlackBoxStocks, said that

he became aware around 3:30 EST Wednesday of "aggressive buying" of call options on GameStop shares. A call option gives a trader the right to buy a stock at a certain price at a later date.

"I am not certain that there's another short squeeze going on like the one before, however, there are probably some funds who stayed short assuming the dust would settle," Kepler said.

Another possible reason for GameStop's sharp move: The Grapevine, Texas, company announced Wednesday that its chief financial officer will be resigning on March 26.

"The CFO exited the company and there's talk of the company finally transforming from a brick and mortar to deploying their product in a digital way, and this is why we believe the stock shot up at the end of the day today," Kepler said.

Some of the traders who bid up GameStop's shares last month cited optimism that new board member Ryan Cohen, the founder of online pet store Chewy, would help turn the struggling retailer's fortunes around.

The company has been struggling to adapt to the rise of mobile gaming and digital downloads that have rendered its more than 5,000 stores obsolete, even more so during the pandemic.

Some market watchers speculated that GameStop's surprise reanimation was a reaction to critical comments from Charlie Munger, Warren Buffett's right-hand man.

Speaking at the annual meeting of Los Angeles Daily Journal Wednesday, the Berkshire Hathaway vice chairman pinned the GameStop stock frenzy on small investors that he said were gambling on the stock market.

"That's the kind of thing that can happen when you get a whole lot of people who are using liquid stock markets to gamble the way they would in betting on race horses," Munger said.

The remarks didn't win Munger many admirers on WallStreetBets. One Redditor posted a chart in the forum showing the spike in GameStop's shares, adding: "TAKE THAT CHARLIE MUNGER."

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work at Howard College's Big Spring campus and at the Southwest College for the Deaf.

Hansen praised the roofing contractor on the job, WCR Construction of Burnet.

"We're in the middle of quite a large project," he said. "I really cannot tell you how impressed I am. They are good." Hansen extolled the company's attention to detail and quality of work on the project.

The work at SWCD includes the replacement of roofing surface at the college's Activity Building.

Sparks presented a report on enrollment at the district's campuses, saying enrollment at the Big

Spring campus is flat since this time last year, although contact hours – the amount of time students spend in class – are down because students are, on average taking fewer hours of classes. At the Lamesa campus, both enrollment and contact hours are down, while at the San Angelo campus, both enrollment and contact hours are up. SWCD reported a decrease in enrollment. SWCD does not report contact hours.

The college board also unanimously approved extending Sparks' contract for an additional

two years. No comment was made prior to the vote.

"I appreciate it very much," Sparks said following the vote.

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### Lucky to be alive, Woods faces difficult recovery

By STEFANIE DAZIO AND DOUG FERGUSON

Associated Press

In a career filled with remarkable comebacks, Tiger Woods faces perhaps his toughest recovery of all.

Woods was driving alone through a sweeping, downhill stretch of road through coastal suburbs of Los Angeles when his SUV struck a sign, crossed over a raised median and two oncoming lanes flipped several times before coming to rest on its side. Its airbags deployed.

A sheriff's deputy poked his head through a hole in the windshield to see Woods, still wearing his seatbelt, sitting in the driver's seat.

The crash caused "significant" injuries to his right leg and he underwent what was described as a "long surgical procedure" at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.

Anish Mahajan, the chief medical officer, said Woods shattered tibia and fibula bones in multiple locations. He suffered "open fractures," meaning the skin was broken.

The bones were stabilized by a rod in the tibia. He said a combination of screws and pins were used for injuries in the ankle and foot.

A statement on his Twitter account said he was awake, responsive and recovering.

"I will say that it's very fortunate that Mr. Woods was able to come out of this alive," said Carlos Gonzalez, the deputy from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department who was the first on the scene after a neighbor called 911.

No charges were filed, and police said there was no evidence he was impaired.

The golf world was stunned by the news.

"As if his body hasn't endured enough," Jon Rahm, the No. 2 player in the world, said from the Workday Championship in Florida. "I just hope he can get out of the hospital after recovery and he can still play with his kids and have a normal life."

Dr. Joseph Patterson, an orthopedic trauma surgeon at Keck Medicine of USC in Los Angeles, said injuries like those sustained by Woods are among the most common seen in hospital emergency rooms.

Patterson didn't treat Woods and wouldn't comment specifically about the golfer's injuries but

said the risk of infection is extremely high for patients with open fractures.

"Tissue can be exposed to bacteria, dirt and clothing. The outcomes can be a lot worse if that tissue gets infected," Patterson said. Open fractures can require multiple surgeries to repair.

Washington Football Team quarterback Alex Smith suffered an open fracture to his lower leg while being tackled. He nearly lost the leg due to infection but made a remarkable recovery and played last season.

The crash was the latest setback for Woods, who at times has looked unstoppable on the golf course with his 15 major championships and record-tying 82 victories on the PGA Tour. He is among the most recognizable sports figures in the world, and at 45 with a reduced schedule from nine previous surgeries, remains golf's biggest draw.

He won the 2008 U.S. Open with shredded knee ligaments and two stress fractures in his left leg. His personal life imploded on Thanksgiving weekend in 2009 when he was caught having multiple extramarital affairs and crashed his vehicle near his Florida home. He returned to win his 11th award as PGA Tour player of the year and reach No. 1.

And then after four back surgeries that kept him out of golf for the better part of two years, he won the Masters in April 2019 for the fifth time, a victory that ranks among the great comebacks in the sport.

Now it's no longer a matter of when he plays again — the Masters is seven weeks away — but if he plays again.

Woods was in Los Angeles over the weekend as the tournament host of the Genesis Invitational at Riviera Country Club. Monday and Tuesday had been set aside for Discovery-owned GOLFTV for Woods to give playing tips to celebrities. A tweet Monday showed him in a cart at Rolling Hills Country Club with comedian David Spade. He also worked with NBA great Dwyane Wade, who posted a video to his Instagram account.

"It was a great day," Wade said Tuesday night on Turner Sports, where he is a studio analyst. "And I woke up today so proud to be able to post that moment for the world, like a little snippet of our moment together. And I took a nap, and I woke up to the news. So, you know, just like everybody out there, my thoughts and prayers are all to his loved

ones."

Thoughts and prayers have come from everywhere — Jack Nicklaus and Michael Jordan, Mike Tyson, and former Presidents Barack Obama and Donald Trump. Woods played golf with both of them, and Trump awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2019 after perhaps his greatest triumph — the Masters after he had gone through four back surgeries.

Woods had a fifth back surgery, a microdiscectomy, on Dec. 23, just three days after he played the PNC Championship with his son Charlie, who now is 12. Woods also has a 13-year-old daughter, Samantha.

The crash happened about 7:15 a.m. as Woods drove his courtesy vehicle from the Genesis Invitational through the upscale suburbs. Gonzalez does traffic enforcement on the road Woods was traveling and says in the area of the crash he sometimes catches people topping 80 mph (129 kph) in the downhill, 45-mph zone. Crashes are common.

Police said Woods was alert as firefighters pried open the front windshield to get him out. Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva said the airbags deployed and the inside of the SUV stayed mostly intact, which "gave him a cushion to survive the crash."

Authorities said they checked for any odor of alcohol or other signs he was under the influence of a substance and found none. They didn't say how fast he was driving.

This is the third time Woods has been involved in a car investigation. Eight years after the 2009 incident, Florida police found him asleep behind the wheel of a car parked awkwardly on the side of the road. He was arrested on a DUI charge and said he had an unexpected reaction to prescription medicine for his back pain. Woods later pleaded guilty to reckless driving and checked into a clinic to get help with prescription medication and a sleep disorder.

Woods hasn't won since the Zozo Championship in Japan in fall 2019, and he's reduced his playing schedule in recent years because of injuries. Besides his five back surgeries, he's had four surgeries on his left knee.

He was asked during the CBS broadcast Sunday at Riviera about recovering from his back surgery in time to play the Masters and Woods replied,

### Ramey, No. 14 Texas rally for late OT win over No. 17 Kansas by Remarkable Fashion, In Big 12 play

By JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

Courtney Ramey scored 15 points and made two free throws with a minute left in overtime to give Texas the lead as the 14th-ranked Longhorns earned a regular-season sweep of No. 17 Kansas with a 75-72 win Tuesday night.

Kansas had a chance to tie after Ramey's free throws, but Jalen Wilson lost the ball driving for a layup. Kai Jones made one free throw for Texas (14-6, 8-5 Big 12) with 5 seconds left for the final margin.

Ochai Ogbajai scored 17 points for Kansas (17-8, 11-6), which had its five-game win streak snapped. The Jayhawks lost to Texas twice in the regular season for the first time since the Big 12 went to round-robin play in 2011-2012. Texas' 25-point win at Kansas on Jan. 2 was the Jayhawks' worst home loss under coach Bill Self.

"They have been the class of the league for a long, long time," Texas coach Shaka Smart said. "It means a lot to win both games, but who knows, maybe we'll play them again in the conference tournament."

Several Texas seniors, who were playing their final home game, said they'll cherish the victory.

"To be the first team to sweep Kansas, on senior night ... it means a lot being able to be part of history," said senior Matt Coleman, who had 11 points, nine rebounds and five assists.

Texas led for most of the final four minutes of regulation before David McCormack's put-back layup with 6 seconds left sent the game to overtime at 66-66.

Kansas led by 14 points late in the first half and 11 at halftime before Texas rallied. The Jayhawks seized control early with a 19-2 run punctuated by two run-out dunks by Bryce Thompson.

Texas missed its first 12 3-point attempts but turned the game around when the long-range shots started connecting. Freshman Greg Brown made two 3s to start the second half, and a twisting layup by Andrew Jones quickly had the Longhorns back within six.

Two dunks from Kai Jones and a 3-pointer from Andrew Jones put Texas ahead 57-54 with 9:10 to play.

Christian Braun made a 3-pointer for Kansas to start overtime before Coleman hit a reverse layup and Andrew Jones turned a steal into a transition basket for the lead.

"In the first half we were flying around. We didn't come out with that energy in the second," Braun said.

**BIG PICTURE**

**KANSAS:** The Jayhawks still have the most Big 12 victories and are fighting for second place in the league behind their next opponent, No. 2 Baylor. Self lamented this week that not every Big 12 team will play each other twice, and said there are plenty of teams that would like a late-season shot at the undefeated Bears.

**TEXAS:** The Longhorns hit the road for four straight games to end their regular season under the newly revised schedule released by the Big 12. The Longhorns keep their originally scheduled Saturday matchup at No. 18 Texas Tech, then finish with trips to Iowa State, No. 7 Oklahoma and TCU that were previously postponed.

"We're going to be on the road and we showed a lot of fight to get this one," senior Jericho Sims said. "We're going to remember this when we're all done with our career."

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Both teams gave little ground on defense in the closing minutes of regulation. The teams combined for just 11 points over the final seven minutes. Texas finished the game shooting 38%. Kansas was at 40%. Just as critical, the Jayhawks were 12 of 21 from the free throw line.

"Holding them to 23 in

the second half and six in the overtime, that flat-out won us the game," Smart said. "I'm really proud for the way our guys came together after Kansas' phenomenal start."

**UP NEXT**

Kansas hosts Baylor on Saturday. Baylor won the first meeting 77-69.

Texas plays Saturday at Texas Tech, which handed the Longhorns their first Big 12 loss, 79-77, on Jan. 13.

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### Annie's Mailbox

#### Concern for Enabling Friend

**Dear Annie:** I have a longtime friend with a history of enabling, starting with her own kids. I tried to discourage her from doing that numerous times without success. History appears to be repeating itself. Her kids are long gone, but now her granddaughter has moved in. This young lady, barely out of high school, is perfectly comfortable hanging around the house playing on her cellphone. Two years have gone by, she has shown no interest in getting a job, nor does she have any discernible goals. She cooks family meals on occasion, but I'm not aware of her contributing much else.

My friend hasn't put in much effort encouraging job hunting. Nor has she felt it necessary to consider counseling, something I've suggested a few times, for one or both. The sad part is my friend knows she's enabling yet chooses to do nothing to help herself or the child. Grandma's motivation

may be as simple as loving the company. She really isn't doing the granddaughter any favors. Any idea how I might make that a little clearer to her? -- Concerned Friend

**Dear Concerned:** If it's concern that you want to express, go ahead. Do so once; then let it go.

If, on the other hand, what you really want to express is an opinion, then save your breath. We're all entitled to make our own mistakes, for better or worse. Besides, people rarely take advice when they ask for it, let alone when they don't.

**Dear Annie:** Thank you for telling "Bewildered" -- whose toxic family had contacted her out of the blue, acting as though they'd never done anything wrong -- to get therapy.

I would also encourage "Bewildered" to move, as soon as they are able to -- even if it is just across town. A new place. A fresh start. A new phone number.

Family is those that are around you and care for you as much as you care for them. You don't owe blood family a single thing. Abusers will never admit fault. And the children will never see it; they are simply parroting the behavior of their elders.

I was happiest when I was 2,500 miles away from my family. I am back now but see no reason to get close. They haven't changed; I have. -- Know Better Now

**Dear Know Better:** Wherever you go, there you are -- but I can agree that sometimes a change of scenery can be a much-needed refresh. I'm glad you found boundaries that gave you peace, no matter your location.

**Dear Annie:** "Unappreciated Stepmom" gave her stepson and his fiance money for their wedding about a year ago, and life certainly has been a winding road since then. I agree with "Stepmom" that not

being updated over their change of plans is insensitive, more so because she is one of the groom's parents. My interpretation was that her involvement in the wedding planning simply was the provision of funds for the couple to proceed with their plans as they wish. In my understanding, when you give a gift, it is no longer yours, regardless of what it is. There is some imbalance on both sides of the scale here. -- Just the Way I See It

**Dear JTWISI:** I tend to subscribe to that line of thinking, as well. If it's got strings attached, then it's not a gift; it's a trap. That being said, I could sympathize with "Unappreciated Stepmom's" hurt feelings in this case, as no one likes being left out of the loop. "Imbalance on both sides of the scale," as you put it, is an eloquent description.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com).

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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## A positive approach

East dealer.  
 Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ Q 10 7  
 ♥ Q 10 9  
 ♦ Q J 10 9 7  
 ♣ Q 2

**WEST**  
 ♠ 6 4  
 ♥ J 8 4 3  
 ♦ A 8 5  
 ♣ J 7 6 4

**EAST**  
 ♠ 8 2  
 ♥ K 7 6  
 ♦ K 4  
 ♣ A K 9 8 5 3

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ A K J 9 5 3  
 ♥ A 5 2  
 ♦ 6 3 2  
 ♣ 10

the club ace, South makes the contract easily. Declarer ruffs, draws trump and drives out the A-K of diamonds. The defenders cannot attack hearts effectively from either side while the diamonds are being established, and South eventually disposes of his heart losers on dummy's last two diamonds.

First, East should realize that South started with a singleton club, since West almost certainly has four clubs for his raise. East should then conclude that his partner is very likely to have an ace for his bid, as little else is missing.

The next step is to credit West with an ace that will allow the contract to be defeated. The possibility of West's holding the heart ace is therefore dismissed, since if he has that card (and declarer the other two aces), the most the defenders can hope to collect is two heart tricks.

Next, East throws out the possibility of West's having the trump ace, as in that case South will end up with 11 tricks. The only hope, therefore, is that West has the diamond ace. And, if he also has exactly three diamonds, the defense is in business.

Accordingly, at trick two East lays down the king of diamonds. When it holds, he leads a second diamond to West's ace and then ruffs West's diamond return to sink the contract.

The bidding:  
 East South West North  
 1♣ 1♠ 2♣ 2♠  
 3♣ 4♠

Opening lead — four of clubs.

A defender should approach every deal with the attitude that the opposing contract can be defeated. This may sometimes require him to make what appears to be a suicidal play, but if that play offers the only hope of defeating the contract, it must be made.

Consider East's dilemma on this deal. He wins the opening club lead with the king and must then decide where the defense can get three more tricks.

As can be seen, if he tries to cash

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.  
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# SUDOKU

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1	3	8	6	4	7	9	2	5

ANSWER:

# Tomorrow's Horoscope

## Venus Catches a Fish

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You didn't get all that you wanted. It's better this way. Some degree of hunger keeps things exciting. Hunger causes action. Overindulgence causes lethargy and is generally unattractive.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** People pick up on your signals whether or not you are consciously aware of what they are. Know yourself and be empowered. Ten minutes of honest reflection will do it. Relationships transform as your intention does.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** What good is your charm if you are not using it to forward your purposes? You didn't exactly wake up this morning knowing what those purposes were, but it's OK. You can make up for lost time by getting clear on it now.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** The reason you haven't met the goal yet is that you're not totally sure you're ready. In the back of your mind, there's fear as to the responsibilities that go with the prize. Grab on anyway. Don't borrow tomorrow's problems today.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** These circumstances are not inherently entertaining. This fun you're having, that's all you. Know it. Own it. Claim it. The world is your playground and people love being around you because of your unique way of being in it.

## VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Good conversation leads to even better things -- a deal, a friend, a meaningful and possibly life-changing exchange. Your communication skills are a golden ticket.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** To enjoy a thing fully, you must empty your mind of fantasies, assumptions, prejudices and expectations in all directions. Into that void will flow experience in which you can revel in

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You've tended toward criticizing and directing yourself lately, and an amazing thing happens when you stop that. Chaos doesn't ensue. Everything gets done. The vibes simultaneously elevate and relax.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You do quite a lot in a day and yet you find, when your head hits the pillow, you still want more. There is more, right? The question sticks with you even after you've closed your eyes to sleep. Ambitions fill your dreams.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** The words, "I love you," can only be interpreted

## BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



inside of context. Consistently loving behavior reflects one meaning, and if these words are unsupported by such things they could mean literally anything.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You're dedicated to work. You manage time well, and you're conscientious. It's when your high standards of performance extend to those around you that you realize how much you need to team patience with your other virtues.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Though you may turn to other worlds as a fun escape, you do not wish to have the lives of others, only to make your own more brightly reflect your heart and ideas.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 25).** In the same way you can turn the mighty sun on and off with a flick of your eyelids, you can change the trajectory of a relationship with tricks of the mind. This you'll do often and well, finding ways to think of things that give you power and options, and then exercising that potential to create one magnificent outcome after another. Virgo and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 12,

22, 4, 44 and 18.

**COSMIC QUESTION:** "Someone I love just stole money from me. I want to trust people, but they disappoint me constantly. I'm a Libra, so it's not like I can just look the other way without judging. Fair is fair."

Did you know that cynicism isn't just a snarky attitude; it was also the point of view of one old Greek? Diogenes of Sinope cultivated a body of work expressing his utter distrust of and lack of faith in humanity. Two and a half millennia later, many still follow his line of thought. And who can blame them? It has been proven right time and time again. It has also been proven wrong time and time again. Which side should you fall on? Your Libran nature has you seeing both sides and trying to weigh what cannot always be quantified. Since there is no way of measuring how often cynicism proves true as compared with a believe that people are basically good (albeit flawed) and trying their best, much depends on how you want to live your life. Does your emotional tone brighten when you choose to give people the benefit of the doubt? Would you rather be wrong in a brighter direction or a darker one? Whether you look for evidence of the goodness or the evil of humanity, you will find it.

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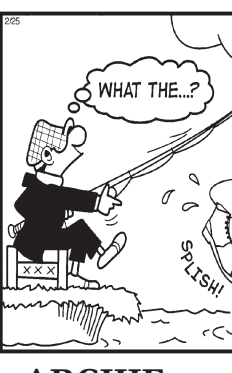
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**Today in History**

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**Today's Highlight in History:**

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On this date:

In 1793, President George Washington held the first Cabinet meeting on record at his Mount Vernon home; attending were Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson, Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton, Secretary of War Henry Knox and Attorney General Edmund Randolph.

In 1901, United States Steel Corp. was incorporated by J.P. Morgan.

In 1913, the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving Congress the power to levy and collect income taxes, was declared in effect by Secretary of State Philander Chase Knox.

In 1919, Oregon became the first state to tax gasoline, at one cent per gallon.

In 1950, "Your Show of Shows," starring Sid Caesar, Imogene Coca, Carl Reiner and Howard Morris, debuted on NBC-TV.

In 1954, Gamal Abdel Nasser became Egypt's prime minister after the country's president, Mohammed Naguib, was effectively ousted in a coup.

In 1964, Muhammad Ali (then known as Cassius Clay) became world heavyweight boxing champion as he defeated Sonny Liston in Miami Beach.

In 1983, playwright Tennessee Williams was found dead in his New York hotel suite; he was 71.

In 1991, during the Persian Gulf War, 28 Americans were killed when an Iraqi Scud missile hit a U.S. barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

In 1994, American-born Jewish settler Baruch Goldstein opened fire with an automatic

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1 MASH personnel: Abbr.

4 Walk heavily

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13 Becomes inedible

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17 Be tangent to

18 "Likewise!"

19 Rotisserie rod

20 Goldfinger's idol, possibly

22 Surrealist Chagall

23 Certain undergrad

24 Whenever it's convenient

26 Playwright O'Casey

28 Special Forces topper

29 Hygienic thread

32 Grill's partner

34 Keen on

36 Time-honored ceremony

38 Page for pundits

40 Short on words

42 River of Spain

43 Rival of Athens

45 Microwave sound

47 Coating for 29 Across

48 Danish toast

49 City near Pasadena

51 Venues for darts

53 Into ruin

56 First school for some

59 Stitch's Disney film pal

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**DOWN**

1 Soap opera, for instance

2 Batmobile passenger

3 Time off from cramming

4 Certain stadium successes

5 Train's sleeping compartment

6 Captain Pierce

7 Secures a ship

8 Hike preventer

9 Sound from a deep guitar

10 Convention center show

11 Minor misstep

12 Son of Eve

14 Proclaim

21 Speaker on some phones

25 Creativity hurdle

27 Will Smith biopic

30 Metro map notation

31 Pop singer Bareilles

32 AL East team

33 Dim sum and buffalo wings

35 Poet's planet

37 Brunch fish

39 Wrestling maneuver

41 Carried by freighter, say

44 Frat letter

46 Paper mill material

50 Sweeping cut

52 Move furtively

54 Erie Canal city

55 Bright and bouncy

56 Reinvest, with "back"

57 Bank take-back

58 At any point

60 Family Guy mom

64 Overhead expanse

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# Bulldogettes softball team open season with win over Idalou

The Coahoma Bulldogettes Softball team would take on the Idalou Wildcats Tuesday, Feb.22, to open up the season on their home field. Coahoma would go on to win the contest by a score of 5 to 1. Makayla Calvio took the circle as the Bulldogettes starting pitcher. She would go on to have an outstanding performance on the night. Calvin pitched all seven innings, allowing just four hits, only surrendered a single run, and had nine strikeouts. The bats started off the game hot as the Coahoma Softball team was able to score three runs in the bottom of the first. They would go on to tack on single runs in the fourth and sixth inning as well. The Bulldogettes would end up with five runs on four hits to finish out the win. It was a great start to the season for the Coahoma Bulldogettes. This win should give the young girls confidence from here on out.



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Above right: Tony Hagins defends against a Wall Hawk during the bi-district game held Monday in Robert Lee. Pictured above left: Makayla Calvio throws a pitch for the Bulldogettes against Idalou.

Bulldogette record 1-0  
IDALOU 1, COAHOMA 5  
W —Makayla Calvio, L — B Arguello. 2B: Coahoma — Jocelyn Olivarez; HR: Idalou —B. Arguello. Pitches-Strikes: Coahoma —Calvio 114-77; Idalou —B. Arguello 81-55.

Next: Coahoma at Midland tournament (Thursday-Saturday)



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