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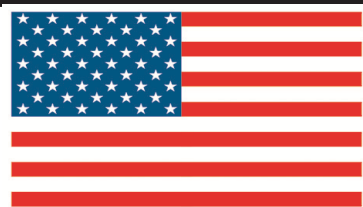
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Weather



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Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 85.
Source: NWS, via weather.gov

Today in History

On April 14:
1828: Edgar Allan Poe publishes *The Murders in the Rue Morgue*, recognized as the first detective story.
1865: President Abraham Lincoln shot by John Wilkes Booth at Ford's Theater in Washington; dies a day later.
1910: President Theodore Roosevelt denounces "muck-rakers" in the press, a term coined by John Bunyan in *Pilgrim's Progress*.
1912: RMS Titanic collides with an iceberg at 11:40 p.m. off the coast of Newfoundland. It sinks in the early hours of April 15.

Daily Quotes

"My heart is singing for joy this morning! A miracle has happened! The light of understanding has shone upon my little pupil's mind, and behold, all things are changed!"
 — **Anne Sullivan**

"Acting is half shame, half glory. Shame at exhibiting yourself, glory when you can forget yourself."
 — **John Gielgud**

"You ain't supposed to get salmon when they're swimming upstream to spawn. But if you're hungry, you do."
 — **Loretta Lynn**

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Council, KBYG approve new tenancy agreement at Tuesday meeting



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

From left, Big Spring Police Chief Chad Williams and Municipal Judge Timothy Green stand with Mayor Shannon Thomason after the mayor proclaimed April "Distracted Driving Awareness Month" during the Big Spring City Council meeting Tuesday evening.

By **ROGER CLINE**

Herald Staff Writer

Following Tuesday evening's Big Spring City Council meeting, KBYG-FM radio station will remain in its current location inside the north entrance of Comanche Trail Park.

Although the station's landlord – the City of Big Spring – asserted John Weeks, general manager of the station, was more than \$20,000 in arrears on the station's rent, had been ordered to vacate the premises, and was in the act of "holding over" in occupying the premises; Weeks and the city had negotiated a new contract prior to Tuesday's meeting.

According to the agreement between Weeks and the city, the radio station will receive credit against its \$22,812.30 in back rent for the purchase and installation of a new HVAC system (\$16,242.67) and "Based on negotiations and past performance" (\$6369.63). The remaining \$200 owed by Weeks is covered by the \$200 deposit he paid upon finalizing the old contract.

According to the new contract, which goes into effect May 1 and has a term of 60 months, ending April 30, 2027, Weeks Broadcasting Inc. will tender a deposit of \$1,100 and pay \$550 monthly in rent over the course of the lease.

Mayor Shannon Thomason said the rent amount was based on "usual" rent-per-square-foot rates for industrial buildings. "The price per square foot for that building was \$5,"

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Local Work Group conservation meeting Monday

By **JUDY TERELETSKY**

Howard SWCD District Clerk

Each year the Natural Resource Conservation Services (NRCS) and Howard Soil and Water Conservation District (HSWCD) hold a Local Work Group meeting to receive public comment and to identify and prioritize conservation concerns facing the farmers and ranchers of Howard County.

This year's meeting will be held April 18 at 4 p.m. at the USDA/NRCS Offices located at 302 W. Interstate 20.

Our natural resources of air, water, plants, animals and soil are impacted by climate and people. What the agriculture community does to conserve these vital resources is an ongoing project.

Every time we are visited by our dust, the need to prevent soil erosion and protect our air quality comes to mind. Windbreak trees help to control wind erosion. Air quality is greatly affected by our care of the soil. Soil quality is vital for plant growth, which provides food and cover for wildlife, filters water, and, of course, grows the crops that we rely on to survive.

There are a great many conservation practices used to protect our natural resources. Modern farmers and ranchers plant cover crops, practice contour farming, and control brush to name a few.

The Local Work Group is an important means to gather information on conservation issues of our local landowners. By responding to the following three

questions, you can help HSWCD and NRCS understand conservation issues that may need to be addressed. We need to know:

- 1) Have you identified any conservation issues on your land?
- 2) Have you seen any conservation issues around Howard county?
- 3) Can you identify any area or land in the county that you feel would benefit most from assistance?

You can provide your responses by mail (HSWCD, 302 W. Hwy I-20

Suite 101, Big Spring, Tx 79720) or by phone (432-267-1871 Ext. 3), email howard@swcd.texas.gov, or attend the meeting in person. For more information, please feel free to contact HSWCD at 432-267-1871 extension 3.

Two of Texas' 10 most wanted arrested recently

AUSTIN – Two of Texas' 10 Most Wanted sex offenders are back in custody following their recent arrests. Braulio Davila, of Fort Stockton, was arrested on April 3 in Boquillas del Carmen, Mexico. Joaquin Salgado IV of Carrizo Springs turned himself in to authorities on April 6. A Crime Stoppers reward will be paid in Davila's capture.



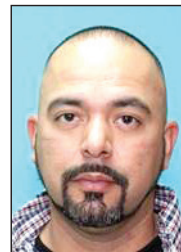
DAVILA

Braulio Davila, 49, was arrested and then brought to the Del Rio-Acuna Port of Entry by Mexican authorities on April 4. He was subsequently taken into custody by U.S. authorities, including Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Special Agents and members of Homeland Security Investigations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Val Verde County Sheriff's Office.

Davila had been wanted since April 2021 after the U.S. Marshals issued a warrant for his arrest for failure to register as a sex offender. In June 2021, the Pecos County Sheriff's Office also issued two warrants for failure to register.

In 1993, Davila was convicted of sexual assault for an incident involving a 35-year-old woman and was sentenced to four years in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) prison. In 2002, he was convicted of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and sentenced to five years in a TDCJ prison. That same year, Davila was convicted of possession of marijuana with intent to deliver and was sentenced to 102 months in federal prison, followed by five years of supervised release. In March 2020, Davila was arrested for a probation violation, and in March 2021, he was released from federal custody. Davila was added to the Texas 10 Most Wanted Sex Offenders

List on March 23, 2022. For more information on his arrest, view his captured bulletin.



SALGADO

Joaquin Salgado IV, 38, turned himself in to the Dimmit County Sheriff's Office on April 6. He had been wanted since August 2021, when the Ennis Police Department issued a warrant for Salgado's arrest for assault causing serious bodily injury. The following month, the U.S. Marshals issued a warrant for his arrest for a probation violation. In December 2021, the Dimmit County Sheriff's Office issued warrants for Salgado's arrest for assault causing bodily injury, terroristic threat and unlawful restraint. Warrants were also issued for Salgado's arrest in March 2022 by the DPS Criminal Investigations Division for failure to comply with sex offender registration requirements.

In 2010, Salgado was convicted of aggravated sexual assault of a child and sexual assault for incidents involving a 13-year-old girl and a 22-year-old woman. He was sentenced to eight years in a TDCJ prison. In 2019, Salgado was arrested by the U.S. Border Patrol for smuggling migrants and was sentenced to federal prison. Salgado was added to the Texas 10 Most Wanted Sex Offenders List on March 29, 2022. For more information on his arrest, view his captured bulletin.

Texas Crime Stoppers, which is funded by the Governor's Criminal Justice Commission, offers cash rewards to any person who provides information that leads to the arrest of one of Texas' 10 Most Wanted Fugitives or Sex Offenders. So far in 2022, DPS and other agencies have arrested 20 people off

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Obituaries

Hayley Chapman

Hayley Chapman, 38, of Midland passed away on Sunday, April 10, 2022.



The family will receive friends on Thursday, April 14, 2022, from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. at The Branch at npw. Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, April 15, 2022, at 1 p.m. at True-Lite Christian Fellowship with burial to follow at Resthaven Cemetery in Midland.

Hayley Ann Chapman was born in Midland, Texas, on January 30, 1984, to her beloved parents, David and Pam Corbett. She welcomed her lifelong best friend and baby sister, McKensy, in 1988. Hayley spent her childhood in the outdoors riding horses, showing and raising animals through the 4H, playing softball and spending summers with her family and cousins Kasey McCain Ivanhoe, Thomas McElroy and Cody McCain at her Nana's house. Hayley graduated from Lee High school and continued her education at Midland College and the University of the Permian Basin. In 2007, Hayley married her high school sweetheart, Josh Chapman. Together, they welcomed three beautiful children, Cooper, Whitley and Sawyer. Hayley and Josh decided to move to Elbow, Texas, in 2019 to live a more simple and authentic life that would allow them to fulfill both of their lifelong dreams, running a livestock company. In just a few short years, they had accomplished those dreams when 5C Livestock Company came to life with Josh by her side. 5C kept Hayley busy with raising commercial and show boar goats and show sheep, and raising cattle. Hayley was very excited about their latest venture being performance horses. Hayley loved being with her children and taking them to stock shows all over Texas and play dates/rodeos.

Along with serving her family, Hayley served on numerous nonprofit boards and chaired events within the organizations she served. Hayley was a member of the Junior League of Midland, PTA, The Boys and Girls Club, American Cancer Society and the Howard County Youth Horseman Club. Hayley's compassion and love for people was tireless; she loved fiercely. She was the greatest wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, niece and dear

friend to many and anyone that had the pleasure of meeting her. Whether at the barn or on road to livestock events on a Sunday, that never stopped Hayley's faith. She was a strong believer in Christ, often found pouring into the word of God. In addition to her love for God, family, animals and serving others, Hayley was a true friend. She always said that her barn was open to any kid that needed a start and looked forward to co-hosting a children's learning horse camp this coming summer. Hayley has left a beautiful legacy, and has inspired so many to live a Godly and full life.

Hayley is survived by her husband, Josh; children, Cooper, Whitley and Sawyer; parents, David and Pam Corbett of Midland, Dean and Terrie Gaines of Midland, Wayne and Suzanne Chapman of Lamesa; beloved sister and best friend, McKensy Hoisager and husband, Josh, children Carter and Quinn of Midland; sisters-in-law, Misty and Seneca Knight and family and kids of Midland, Mandy and Trent Lee and their four girls, Ciara and Amos Saucedo and their two girls, and brother-in-law Jordan and Abby Chapman; grandparents, Tom McCain, Mary Beth Corbett, Melba and Jim Rush; aunts and uncles, David McCain, Pansy and TC McElroy, Tommy and Sharon McCain, Diane and Paul Wright, Brad Smith, Rodney Chapman, Teresa Boone and husband, Kathy Sudduth and numerous cousins.

Hayley is preceded in death by her grandparents, Lovetta McCain, Johnny and Glenda Chapman; and uncle Jeff Sudduth.

Pallbearers will be Thomas McElroy, Jared Ivanhoe, Josh Hoisager, Jorge Salgado, Pete Bryant, Jake Sudduth, Jordan Chapman, and Brandon Boone.

Honorary Pallbearers will be David McCain, Tommy McCain, TC McElroy, Kyle Wright, Hayden Chapman, Jaron Boone, Drew Davis, and Jared Hampton.

The family suggests memorial donations may be made to the Howard County 4H Club, Boys and Girls Club of Midland and Odessa, Texas.

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

Paid obituary

Will Guthrie

Will Guthrie, 65, of Granite Shoals, Texas, passed away March 19, 2022, in the comfort of his home. He was born to Allen and Sue Guthrie on December 17, 1956, in Midland, Texas.

Will loved boating and being on the lake, he also enjoyed raising cattle in his younger days. He worked in the oil and gas industry for many years.

He is survived by daughter, Kimberly Paige Guthrie; stepdaughter, Sara Jane Ragnarok; sister, Kate Nelson; and granddaughter, Zoey.

Will is preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Kim Guthrie.

Will's care entrusted to Putnam Funeral Home and Crematory, 145 Texas Avenue Kingsland, Texas 78639. (325)388-0008.

Paid obituary

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 93 inmates at the time of this report.

- **LINDA LEE BARRIENTES-RAMOS**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of unlawful possession of firearm by felon, possession of controlled substance more than 4g less than 200g.

- **CODY ALAN WINGO**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of parole violation.

- **TRAYVOND DOVORSCHÉ COLLINS**, 27, was arrested by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2oz, unlawful carrying of a weapon.

- **RONNIE MURPHY JR**, 42, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief more than \$750 less than \$2,500.

- **RICHARD DAVID MCCUTCHAN**, 54, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **DOUGLAS LEROY WHITE JR**, 42, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of possession of controlled substance more than 1g less than 4g, escape while arrested/confined felony, burglary of building.

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, or call 432-268-3003.

- GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance.

13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

FRIDAY

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

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

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Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Neill Road. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of Cornell Ave. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of E. Fourth Street. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3600 block of Hamilton. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of NE Eighth St. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1300 block of Princeton. One person was treated on the scene; no transport was requested.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th St. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson Rd. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of E. Eighth St. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Lynn Drive. One person was treated on the scene; no transport was requested.

- **GRASS FIRE** was reported at the intersection of Highway 1584 and Highway 846. The fire was contained.

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Thomason said. "Even industrial property that we lease usually goes at a maximum of about \$3.25. ... The number I came up with was \$541. We rounded it up to \$550."

Thomason confirmed that both Weeks and City Manager Todd Darden were satisfied with the new contract they negotiated.

"Mr. Weeks, were you satisfied with those negotiations?" Thomason asked.

"Absolutely," Weeks replied.

"Mr. Darden?"

"I'm satisfied with those agreements," answered the City Manager.

Former City Councilman Terry McDaniel addressed the council on behalf of Weeks during the discussion. Homer Wilkerson and Scott Emerson both addressed the council during the Public Comments portion of the meeting, speaking on behalf of the radio station.

The Public Comments came at the start of the meeting, following the Call to Order, invocation and Pledges of Allegiance. Wilkerson and Emerson were the only speakers. Wilkerson spoke solely in regards to the radio station issue, while Emerson also praised the council for a proposal to allow owners subject to illegal dumping on their property to take the dumped refuse to the City Landfill for a token fee of one cent. He also suggested an ordinance to create a new firefighter position was unnecessary, and that city staff should simply hire the firefighter, if needed; and argued against the proliferation of "emergency" readings of ordinances and resolutions on City Council agendas. Emergency readings allow an item to be passed at a single meeting with a unanimous vote by the council, as opposed to two meetings as usual.

"For something as minute as abandoning an easement to be an emergency reading seems like poor

planning," he said.

Following Public Comments, Thomason presented a proclamation declaring April "Distracted Driving Awareness Month."

Darden next presented his City Manager's Report. In the report, he reminded Big Spring citizens about the Large Item Pickup for District 4, scheduled April 20; spoke about the annual E-Waste Collection Day April 23 - the city will collect e-waste at the new City Landfill; announced the recent American Council of Engineering Companies "Engineering Excellence Award" presented to the city for the engineering of the new landfill; gave an update on the progress of the city's Parks Master Plan - a survey regarding park use to help the city develop the plan has garnered 900 responses, he said; apprised the council on openings on city Boards and Committees; reminded the council about the city's upcoming Good Friday holiday April 15; and announced a special council meeting on Code Enforcement administrative proceedings Tuesday, April 19 at 5:30 p.m.

The council approved three items on the meeting's consent agenda: City Council minutes of the March 22 regular meeting; final reading of a resolution amending those authorized to transmit and withdraw funds from the city's TexPool fund; and final reading of an ordinance authorizing indoor shooting ranges in Heavy Commercial, Heavy Industrial and Light Industrial zones.

The council unanimously approved vouchers for March 24 in the amount of \$918,175.65, for March 31 in the amount of \$182,625.62, and for April 7 in the amount of \$1,303,300.96.

A tabled item to discuss real estate matters in closed session with the City Attorney received no motion to remove it from the table, so was not addressed during the meeting.

In New Business, the council acknowledged the receipt of the quarterly Claims and Litigation Report from City Attorney Andrew Hagen.

The Council approved 5-2 (members Nick Orne-

las and Diane Yanez dissenting) an item abandoning an easement for Lots 2-4 in Block 4 of the North McEwen Addition. The dissenting votes mean that, while the item did pass on first reading, it did not achieve the unanimous vote needed for an "emergency" reading, so will need to be voted on again at the Council's next meeting.

The council unanimously authorized on first reading City Manager Darden to apply for a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant; they also passed 6-1 (Councilman Troy Tompkins dissenting) an ordinance authorizing increasing the number of firefighters on each Fire Department work shift from 18 to 20.

The council unanimously passed on first reading an ordinance authorizing victims of illegal dumping to pay a reduced Landfill fee of one cent per load to dispose of the illegally dumped refuse.

The council passed on first reading an ordinance increasing the Airpark Fund Budget by \$240,000 for seal coating of roads and streets at the airpark.

The council unanimously approved the city's annual agreement with the YMCA of Big Spring to supply lifeguards for the city's Russ McEwen Aquatic Center in Comanche Trail Park.

The council approved a subscription agreement with BSI Online Backflow Solutions Inc. for \$495 per year for backflow prevention notifications and requirements for irrigation systems.

The city unanimously approved a contract with Parkhill Construction to erect fence netting at the Landfill to curtail blowing trash. According to information provided with the meeting's agenda, the cost of the services will be \$15,215.

The council unanimously approved two agreements with Jacob Martin LLC; the first for re-routing the a sewer line due to track adjustments by Union Pacific Railroad; and the second for re-routing the Johnson Street 12-inch water line in preparation for construction of the Downtown Park.

The discussion and action on KBYG came at the end of the meeting.

ARRESTS

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the lists, including six gang members and 13 sex offenders. In addition, \$35,500 in rewards has been paid for tips that yielded arrests.

To be eligible for cash rewards, tipsters MUST provide information to authorities using one of the following three methods:

Call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-252-TIPS (8477).

Submit a web tip through the DPS website by selecting the fugitive you have

information about then clicking on the link under their picture.

Submit a Facebook tip by clicking the "SUBMIT A TIP" link (under the "About" section).

All tips are anonymous - regardless of how they are submitted - and tipsters will be provided a tip number instead of using a name.

DPS investigators work with local law enforcement agencies to select fugitives for the Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitives and Sex Offenders Lists. You can find the current lists - with photos - on the DPS website.

Do not attempt to apprehend these fugitives; they are considered armed and dangerous.

Take Note

• The Big Spring Symphony is celebrating 40 years. The final show of the season will be the Spring Pops Concert, featuring Marie Osmond, at 7:30 p.m. April 23 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. For updates and general information, follow The Big Spring Symphony Facebook page or go to www.bigspringsymphony.org.

• Food distribution at Three Angels Food Pantry is held every third Tuesday of the month at the Big Spring Seventh-Day Adventist Church, located at 4319 Parkway Rd. Food is provided by the West Texas Food Bank. People will need to bring ID and plastic bags or a box, and answer a few questions - such as how many people live in the household - to pick up food. This month's distribution is scheduled April 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The food pantry also has a Facebook page where they will post any updates. https://www.facebook.com/healthynuggetsofgold44.

• New Life senior/mature adult dances are held the third Friday of every month from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive. Music is Western swing style. Entry fee is \$5 and refreshments are provided. For more information call 517-9097.

• The Big Spring Art Association is looking for community businesses to display pieces of their artwork. In an effort to build awareness for the importance of the arts and highlight local talent, the Big Spring Art Association displays different art pieces across the community. If you would like a piece of art work displayed in your business lobby contact any member of the Big Spring Art Association.

• Drive-through COVID-19 Vaccine Clin-

ics are held from 3-6 p.m. each Thursday afternoon at Whatley Plaza, located on the northwest part of the Scenic Mountain Medical Center campus, 1601 W. Martin Luther King Boulevard, also known as 1601 W. 11th Place. The vaccination is free. For more information, visit www.scenicmountainmedical.org/vaccine.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you. For more information, call 432-263-4155; Michelle Worthan at 325-227-3911; Kay Smith at 432-213-1153; or Ruby Bruns at 432-664-1943.

• The Great Courses history video lecture series is taking place each Wednesday in the Theater Room in the First Presbyterian Church, located at 701 Runnels Street. No charge for the lectures.

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

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more. To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

• St. Vincent de Paul food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

• Interim HealthCare is looking for volunteers. Those who would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer can call 432-263-5999.

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

• O'Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Mike Tarpley at 432-556-2227.

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Guadalupe Rocha Miranda, 68, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Steers baseball defeats Levelland 14-3 Tuesday



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Big Spring's Marcos Parediz is hit by a pitch during the Steer's 14-2 win over Levelland on Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

By STEVE BELVIN

Contributing Sports Writer

The Big Spring Steers needed a win Tuesday night in their district game against the Levelland Lobos to stay in the thick of standings. A win is just what the Steers got as they run-ruled the visitors 14-2.

With the win Big Spring improves to 4-3 in league play while Levelland falls to 3-4. Snyder is the district leader at 6-3. Lubbock Estacado sits third at 5-5.

In fact, the Steers had a relatively easy time with the Lobos who had their share of pitching problems. Four Levelland pitchers combined to walk 12 Steers. Meanwhile Big Spring took advantage of it thanks to some timely hits by their underclassmen. Isiah Diaz and Austen Raines. They combined to drive in seven runs; that was more than enough for Ricky Escovedo who pitched another masterful game.

Escovedo might have been flawless if not for a questionable call in third inning. With two outs Steers centerfielder Braxton Sizenbach tracked down a long fly near the fence. It appeared he got it for the third out. The umpire ruled differ-



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Big Spring's Braxton Sizenbach slides into home to score, with a steal on a passed ball, during the game.

ently. After that Levelland reeled off three consecutive base hits and scored two runs. If not for that flawed call, Escovedo whitewashed the Lobos. He was good, - five hits, nine strikeouts, three walks..

Diaz, a sophomore first baseman, hit two singles that drove in four runs. Raines, a freshman designated hitter, a starter in the rotation, ignited Big Spring in the first inning with a base clearing double, driving in Diaz, Marcos Parediz and Escovedo

In the third inning Diaz hit an opposite field bloop double that just landed inside the left field line. The drop shot scored Maverick Yanez and Eli Cobos. In the fourth inning he hit a hard shot that scored two more runs.

The two teams will square off again in Levelland Thursday at 7 p.m.

Levelland - 002-00 - 2 - 5-0

Big Spring - 603-5x - 14-10-3

WP - Escovedo, LP Moore; LOB - Levelland 4, Big Spring 7; Errors - Big Spring (Sizenbach, Dehoyas, Baeza); SB - Big Spring (Cobos, Paradez); 2B - Levelland (Morrow); Big Spring (Raines, Yanez).

Lady Steers defeat SA Lakeview 18-0, honor senior softballers



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Big Spring's Brinly Watkins hits a home run during the Lady Steer's 18-0 run-rule win over San Angelo Lakeview on Tuesday, April 12, 2022.



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Big Spring softball honored its seniors following their game on Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Pictured, from left to right, are: Makenna Valle, Mallory Paul, Brinly Watkins, Kalyn Whitehead, Kylee Lynch, Avarielle Nuno, Ashley Sarmiento, Vanessa Viasana and Alex Enriquez.

Brantley's clutch hit in 9th lifts Astros over D-backs 2-1

By DAVID BRANDT

AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX (AP) — Jose Siri could have been content with a single in the ninth inning. For better or worse, that's just not the way he plays the game.

Siri sparked the Astros with a hustle double that started a two-out rally, Michael Brantley drove him home two batters later and Houston edged the Arizona Diamondbacks 2-1 on Tuesday night.

"I knew it was a risk," Siri said of his dash to second. "But sometimes, you've got to take risks to win games."

The game was tied at 1 in the ninth when the Astros pieced together their rally against Mark Melancon (0-1), which was started by Siri's double into right-center. It looked as though it would only be a single but the 26-year-old never stopped as he rounded first base, sprinting into second as Pavin Smith's throw was late.

Jose Altuve followed with a walk and then Brantley pounced on the first pitch, slicing a single into left field for his third hit of the game to score Siri.

Ryan Pressly handled the bottom of the ninth for his third save, working around a leadoff single by

Seth Beer. Pressly struck out Carson Kelly on a high fastball to end it.

"We won another close one," Houston manager Dusty Baker said. "That's one of the secrets to winning this thing — you've got to win the close ones."

Siri, batting ninth, gave the Astros a 1-0 lead in the fifth with a 456-foot homer that landed on the concourse in left-center.

Brantley said Siri is a guy who "pushes the envelope" and no one was surprised when he took the extra bag in the ninth, even after getting thrown out stealing in the seventh.

"That's the way he plays," Brantley said. "He's been playing that way since he got here, day one."

The Diamondbacks evened the score in the sixth when Christian Walker hit his own no-doubt drive into the left-field seats. But that was the only big hit for Arizona's struggling offense, which is batting just .130 through five games.

Diamondbacks starter Madison Bumgarner gave up one run and five hits over five innings, walking two and striking out two.

Luis Garcia threw four scoreless innings for Houston. Hector Neris (1-0) worked a scoreless eighth.

SEEING STROM

Diamondbacks pitching coach Brent Strom faced his former team for the first time since leaving Houston during the offseason.

Strom had a successful run as the Astros' pitching coach from 2014-21. Over the past four seasons, Houston led the majors with 5,339 strikeouts and 277 quality starts. The Astros were second during that span with a 3.60 ERA.

MAKING MOVES

The Diamondbacks called up INF Yonny Hernandez and sent 1B/3B Drew Ellis to Triple-A Reno. Ellis had one hit in eight at-bats and struck out four times in the season-opening series against the Padres.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: RHP Lance McCullers Jr. was on the field before the game and threw 25 times from 60 feet. He's trying to come back from a flexor strain sustained during the playoffs last season

Diamondbacks: RHP Zac Gallen was originally scheduled to make his first start of the season Tuesday, but was scratched on Monday because of a small cut on his right thumb.

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5:30 AM	Big 2 Good Morning Basin	Como dice el dicho	FamFeud Business	CBS7 Wake Up	Al rojo vivo (SS)	Newsweek 9	Being Cat in the Hat	Ready Jet Go!	Paid Prg.	Paid Prg.	Matters	Charmed	SportsCenter	Keyshawn, JWill and Max	Oxygen Outages	NCIS: Los Angeles	Jeremiah	Deadliest Catch	
6:30 AM		¡Despierta América!	Les Feld Robison	CBS7 Wake Up	Hoy día (SS)	Newsweek 9 Sunrise	Wisdom News	Peg & Cat Super	Paternity Court	Highway Thru Hell	George George	Charmed	SportsCenter		ATP Tennis: Monte-Carlo Masters, Round of 16.	NCIS (DVS)	Joyce M.	Deadliest Catch	
7:30 AM	Good Morning America		Good Morning Basin	CBS Mornings		Today	Light of Southwest	Tiger Tiger	CBS7 Wake Up	Jerry	George	Charmed	Get Up	SportsCenter		Law & Order: SVU	Parking	Deadliest Catch	
8:30 AM			FamFeud Wom				Light of Southwest	Sesame Elinor	CBS7 Wake Up	Maury	Broke Girl	Charmed		SportsCenter		Law & Order: SVU	Parking	Deadliest Catch	
9:30 AM	The 700 Club		Wendy Williams	Kelly and Ryan	El es mi hijo (SS)	Today 3rd Hour	Eye on News	Clifford Dinosaur	Kelly Clarkson	Steve Wilkos Show	Broke Girl	NCIS: New Orleans	First Take	Get Up		Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Mysteries of the Abandoned	
10:30 AM	The View	Como dice el dicho	The Real	The Price Is Right	Caso De siones	Today-Hoda	House Words of	Go Luna Curious	Drew Barrymore	Maury	Friends	NCIS: New Orleans			Epic Pelicans	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48		
11:30 AM	Jeopardy News	Noticiero Nosotr.	Tamron Hall	Young & Restless	Más sabe Noticias	The Good Dish	Shofar Cost	Nature Xavier	The Doctors	Nick Cannon	Friends	NCIS: New Orleans	SportsCenter	First Take	Live on the Line	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Mysteries Aband.	
12:30 PM	GMA3: What	Hoy (SS)	TMZ Live	News Bold	Cennet (SS)	Days of our Lives	News Rocks	Molly Hero	Dateline	Hot Hot	Friends	NCIS: New Orleans	SportsCenter	Women's College Gymnastics	Champ Spotlight	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Mysteries Aband.	
1:30 PM	General Hospital	Amor eterno	The People's Court	The Talk	En casa con	Blast	Dollars Called	Cyber Pink	The First 48	Relative	Friends	Movie: Meet the Parents (DVS)	This Just In		Champ Spotlight	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Mysteries Aband.	
2:30 PM	Rachael Ray	S.O.S. me estoy	Judge Mathis	Let's Make a Deal	La mesa caliente	Ellen DeGeneres	Light of Southwest	Pink Elinor	Monk	Jerry	Friends		NBA Today	The Point	NASCAR Race	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Mysteries Aband.	
3:30 PM	Jdg Judy	El gordo y la fiaca	FamFeud	Kelly Clarkson	(2:58) Al rojo vivo	Dr. Phil	Light of Southwest	Donkey Curious	Chicago Fire	Divorce	Friends	Movie: Meet the Fockers (DVS)	NFL Live	Jalen	Polaris	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Mysteries of the Abandoned	
4:30 PM	You Bet Jeopardy!	Primer impacto	Two Men Two Men	CBS 7 News	En casa con	News Inside Ed.	Creation Con	Almas Xavier	25 Words 25 Words	Steve Wilkos Show	Sheldon Sheldon		Around Pardon	Daily Wager	Live on the Line	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48		
5:30 PM	Big 2 ABC	Noticiero	Big Bang	CBS	Noticias	NBC	Behind News	Molly Hero	King	Nick Cannon	Big Bang	Movie: Little Fockers, Owen Wilson	SportsCenter	Women's College Gymnastics	The Rally	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Mysteries Aband.	
6:30 PM	News Wheel	Rosa de Guadalupe	Sheldon ET	CBS 7	Exaltón Estadounidenses (SS)	Law & Order	Master Counter	Arthur Arthur	Chicago P.D.	Legacies	Rat in the Kitchen		NHL Hockey: Minnesota Wild at Dallas Stars.	College Softball: Oregon at Arizona.	MLB Baseball: Los Angeles Angels at Texas Rangers.	9-1-1 (DVS)	The First 48	Mysteries of the Abandoned	
7:30 PM	Grey's Anatomy	Soltero con hijas	MasterChef United-AI	Sheldon								Movie: Bridesmaids, Rose Byrne (DVS)							
8:30 PM		Mi fortuna es	Kat Flatch	Ghosts We Roll	Hercal: amor	Law & Order: SVU	Light of Southwest	Arthur Arthur	Chicago P.D.	Legacies	Rat in the Kitchen								
9:30 PM	(:01) Big Sky	Madre	FOX 24 News at 9	Bull	Pasión de gavilanes	Law & Order	Light of Southwest	Cyber Pink	Mike Mike	News Gold	Rat in the Kitchen								
10:30 PM	Big 2	Noticiero	TMZ	Noticias	Noticias	News	Zion	Pink	Friends	Burgers	Full	Movie: Trainwreck, Brie Larson (DVS)	SportsCenter WVan Pelt	SportsCenter Spec.	Postgame Texas Insider	Law & Order: SVU	(:04) The First 48	Mysteries Aband.	
11:30 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Contacto deportivo	Mod Fam	Late Show- Colbert	Caso cerrado (SS)	Seth Meyers	Hidden Freedom	Donkey Tiger	CBS 7	black-ish	Sheldon		SportsCenter	PFL UFC	Spotlight	Law & Order: SVU	(:03) The First 48	Mysteries of the Abandoned	
12:30 AM	Extra	Las tontas no van	Mom	Corden	Señora Acero (SS)	News	Being Behind	Almas Xavier	Holly Forensic	Creek	Sheldon								
1:30 AM	DailyMail	Soltero con hijas	Broke Girl	Drew Barrymore	Programa	Top Story	Light of Southwest	Molly Jerry	Jerry Springer	Liquidator Gold	Wipeout								
2:30 AM	Outages Brain Fog	Vecinos	Seinfeld	Paid Prg.	Programa	Inside Ed.	Light of Southwest	Wild Kratt	Minute	Relief	Wipeout								
3:30 AM	(:06) ABC World News Now	P. Luche	Seinfeld	(:07) CBS Overnight News	Programa	Blast	Minute	Wild Kratt	Paid Prg.	Paid Prg.	Wipeout								
4:30 AM	Morning	El gordo y la fiaca	Law & Order: SVU	Noticias	Noticias	Early Tdy	M:25 Called	Odd	Paid Prg.	LegalHelp More Hair	Wipeout								
5:30 AM		Nosotr.	Laughs	Programa	Programa	Early Tdy	House	Arthur	Paid Prg.	Prostate	Matters								
6:30 AM		Noticiero	Funny	News	Programa	Early Tdy	Christ	Arthur	Paid Prg.	Eye	Matters								

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Today in History

Today in History: April 14, Abraham Lincoln is shot

By The Associated Press undefined

Today in History

Today is Thursday, April 14, the 104th day of 2022. There are 261 days left in the year.

In 1935, the "Black Sunday" dust storm descended upon the central Plains, turning a sunny afternoon into total darkness.

In 1949, the "Wilhelmstrasse Trial" in Nuremberg ended with 19 former Nazi Foreign Office officials sentenced to prison terms ranging from four to 25 years.

zation; Trump said it had not done enough to stop the coronavirus from spreading.

Ten years ago: In Belfast, Northern Ireland, where the RMS Titanic was built, thousands attended a choral requiem at the Anglican St. Anne's Cathedral or a nationally televised concert at the city's Waterfront Hall to mark the 100th anniversary of the ship's sinking. Eleven Secret Service agents were placed on administrative leave as a deepening scandal involving prostitutes overshadowed President Barack Obama's diplomatic mission to Latin America.

peace agreement that the Trump administration reached with the Taliban in 2020. Bernard Madoff, the infamous architect of an epic securities swindle, died at a federal prison in North Carolina; he was 82. Carlos Rodríguez threw the second no-hitter of the young baseball season, losing his bid for a perfect game on a hit batter with one out in the ninth inning, and the Chicago White Sox cruised to an 8-0 victory over the Cleveland Indians.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Duck soup

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ K J 2
♥ 10 6
♦ Q 4
♣ A K Q 9 5 3

WEST
♠ A 9 6
♥ K J 9 7 4
♦ K 10 7
♣ J 8

EAST
♠ 8 5 4 3
♥ Q 5 3 2
♦ 9 8 6 5
♣ 7

SOUTH
♠ Q 10 7
♥ A 8
♦ A J 3 2
♣ 10 6 4 2

The bidding:
West North East South
1♥ 2♣ Pass 2NT
Pass 3NT

Opening lead—seven of hearts.
In a vacuum, South would almost surely go down in three notrump on this deal. He would win the first or second heart, run his clubs and end up trying a diamond finesse for his ninth trick. West, who would have discarded a diamond, a heart and two spades on the clubs, would take the queen of diamonds with the king and cash his remaining hearts and the ace of spades for down one.

But when the deal occurred in a 2001 team contest, declarer was not operating in a vacuum. He had heard West open the bidding and proceeded to take full advantage of what he knew about West's hand.

After East produced the queen of hearts at trick one, it was easy to place West with the ace of spades, K-J of hearts and king of diamonds for his opening bid. And since West's seven of hearts was presumably his fourth-best heart, East's queen was known to be his only heart higher than the seven.

What all this added up to was that if declarer ducked the first heart, won the second and then ran his clubs, discarding a spade and a diamond, West would almost certainly be holding the ace of spades, K-x of diamonds and two hearts as his last five cards. South would then concede a spade to West, who could cash his two remaining hearts but would then have to lead a diamond from the king to give South his ninth trick.

West's only hope of escaping this ending would be to keep all three of his hearts and reduce himself to the singleton king of diamonds and ace of spades as his last five cards. Then, if declarer led a spade at trick nine, West would collect four tricks for down one.

This scheme could not succeed against an alert declarer, however. If West kept all of his hearts, South would know West had bared his king of diamonds and would cash the ace to make the contract.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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Today's Highlight in History:

On April 14, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded by John Wilkes Booth during a performance of "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theatre in Washington.

On this date:

In 1828, the first edition of Noah Webster's "American Dictionary of the English Language" was published.

In 1902, James Cash Penney opened his first store, The Golden Rule, in Kemmerer, Wyoming.

In 1960, Tamla Records and Motown Records, founded by Berry Gordy Jr., were incorporated as Motown Record Corp.

In 1981, the first test flight of America's first operational space shuttle, the Columbia, ended successfully with a landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 1994, two U.S. Air Force F-15 warplanes mistakenly shot down two U.S. Army Black Hawk helicopters over northern Iraq, killing 26 people, including 15 Americans.

In 1999, NATO mistakenly bombed a convoy of ethnic Albanian refugees; Yugoslav officials said 75 people were killed.

In 2007, riot police beat and detained protesters as thousands defied an official ban and attempted to stage a rally in Moscow against Russian President Vladimir Putin's government.

In 2020, President Donald Trump announced that he was cutting off U.S. payments to the U.N. health agency, the World Health Organization.

Today's Birthdays:
Country singer Loretta Lynn is 90. Actor Julie Christie is 82. Retired MLB All-Star Pete Rose is 81. Rock musician Ritchie Blackmore is 77. Actor John Shea is 74. Actor Peter Capaldi is 64. Actor-turned-race car driver Brian Foster is 62. Actor Brad Garrett is 62. Actor Robert Carlyle is 61. Rock singer-musician John Bell (Widespread Panic) is 60. Actor Robert Clendenin is 58. Actor Catherine Dent is 57. Actor Lloyd Owen is 56. Baseball Hall of Famer Greg Maddux is 56. Rock musician Barrett Martin is 55. Actor Anthony Michael Hall is 54. Actor Adrien Brody is 49. Classical singer David Miller (Il Divo) is 49. Rapper Da Brat is 48. Actor Anton Tanner is 47. Actor Sarah Michelle Gellar is 45. Actor-producer Rob McElhenney is 45. Roots singer JD McPherson is 45. Rock singer Win Butler (Arcade Fire) is 42. Actor Claire Coffee is 42. Actor Christian Alexander is 32. Actor Nick Krause is 30. Actor Vivien Cardone is 29. Actor Graham Phillips is 29. Actor Skyler Samuels is 28. Actor Abigail Breslin is 26.

Please thoroughly wash your hands to keep us healthy!

