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Weather



Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 42. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south after midnight.

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Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 55.

Monday: Partly sunny, with a high near 75.
Monday Night

Source: NWS, via weather.gov

Upcoming Local Events

Dec. 10: The Coahoma Lions Club will sponsor Christmas at Coahoma in the Park from 3 to 6: 30 p.m. The event will feature hayrides and caroling, Christmas art projects, free coffee and hot cocoa, popcorn and cookies.

Dec. 17: The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra will present its Holiday Spectacular Concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School Auditorium. The event will feature soloists Nadia Kiley and Lawrence Thibeault, as well as an audience sing-a-long. Tickets are on sale now at bigspring-symphony.org as well as H-E-B, the Heritage Museum and the Karat Patch.

Daily Quotes

“The belief in a supernatural source of evil is not necessary; men alone are quite capable of every wickedness.”
— **Joseph Conrad**

“You go to work, tape five shows in one day and then go home and play golf for the rest of the week and then start the week all over. I thought if something like that came along, I'd love to do that.”
— **Wink Martindale**

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Statewide gas price sinks lower; however the downward trend could be over soon

Special to the Herald

The statewide gas price average in Texas is \$2.84 for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel, according to the AAA Texas Weekend Gas Watch. That price is nine cents less when compared to this day last week and is 14 cents less per gallon compared to this day last year. Of the major metropolitan areas surveyed in Texas, drivers in Midland are paying the most on average at \$3.07 per gallon while drivers in the Sherman-Denison metro area are paying the least at \$2.62 per gallon.

In Big Spring, the lowest gas price - \$2.72 per gallon - was shared by four outlets: Shell at 2501 Gregg, DK/Yesway at 1800 S. Gregg, Murphy USA and H-E-B.

The national average price for a gallon of regular unleaded is \$3.47, which is 12 cents less when compared to this day last week and nine cents more than the price per gallon at this same time last year.

Texas has the lowest gas price average in the country again this week with the statewide average falling for the 7th week in a row. However, crude oil prices

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es have been on the rebound recently. If crude prices continue to increase, the downward trend in retail gas prices may come to a pause, or even reverse. Two possible events are pushing oil prices higher, an upcoming meeting scheduled between the world's leading oil producing nations and an announcement from China that the country will ease COVID-19 restrictions.

“Gas prices are cheaper than they were last December and down 40% from record highs set in June. However,

change could be on the horizon as the cost of gasoline's main ingredient, crude oil, starts to increase due to rising global demand,” said AAA Texas spokesperson Daniel Armbruster. “If crude prices continue to increase, the downward trend in retail fuel prices may slow or reverse.”

OPEC+ is scheduled to meet this weekend where there's a possibility the group could call for more cuts to crude oil production in hopes of tightening supply. Crude oil prices had been falling due to lower global demand as China has been enforcing stern COVID-19 lockdowns, but the country's leaders announced restrictions will ease in the coming days. This will likely lead to an increase in global demand for crude oil. Crude oil accounts for 50-60% of the cost of a gallon of gasoline. If crude prices increase and remain higher, that will likely lead to higher retail fuel prices for Texas drivers.

Drivers in Texas are paying the lowest gas price average in the country, according to gasprices.aaa.com. Meanwhile drivers in Hawaii are paying the most at \$5.19 on average for a gallon of regular unleaded.

Museum receives haunting donation



Courtesy photo
For the past few years, a group called The Big Spring Ghost Tour has spent the evenings around Halloween leading folks on walking tours of Downtown Big Spring, showing off several allegedly haunted locales, and using performers to re-enact what spooky spirits might look like when the real deal is a bit shy. Proceeds from the Ghost Tours are donated to the Heritage Museum of Big Spring each year. Here, Beth Henry in her ghostly attire presents a \$2,200 check to Museum Director Tammy Schrecengost - the proceeds of this year's tours.

Literacy Coalition presents \$5,000 grant to HC

Special to the Herald



Courtesy photo
On Thursday, representatives of the Literacy Coalition of the Permian Basin presented Howard College with a \$5,000 grant to promote literacy in Howard County and West Texas.

The Literacy Coalition of the Permian Basin is addressing one of the common challenges that Adult Education providers expressed in the Permian Basin Need Assessment by providing sub-grants to Coalition members. As a membership benefit, members can apply for sub-grants for new or existing literacy programs.

This November the LCPB Board of Directors approved

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Obituaries

Don Lloyd Brooks



Don Lloyd Brooks, 56, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Nov. 18, 2022. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 6, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. The family will receive friends Monday, Dec. 5, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Don was born in Big Spring, Aug. 4, 1966, to the late Gerald Lloyd Brooks and Rosa Marae Clark Brooks. Don was a longtime Big Spring resident and had attended Big Spring Schools. He had worked as an electrician for many years. He was a giving individual who was always willing to help others, or listen without judgement.

He is survived by: four children, Jessica Brooks, Rylay Brooks, Avey Brooks and her husband, Don Atkinson, and Chance Clanton; his grandchildren, Brennen Atkinson, Alex Birmelin, Andrew Birmelin, Adam Birmelin and Timothy Atkinson; his sister, Cary Fredlund; his brother, Rocky Brooks; and his former wife, Angie Brooks.

In addition to his parents, Don was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Andrew Armstrong and a granddaughter, Lexi Brooks.

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

Paid Obituary

Snowden Russian citizenship

MOSCOW (AP) — Former U.S. intelligence contractor Edward Snowden, who fled prosecution after revealing highly classified surveillance programs, has received a Russian passport and taken the citizenship oath, Russian news agencies quoted his lawyer as saying Friday.

Lawyer Anatoly Kucherena was reported as saying that Snowden got the passport and took the oath on Thursday, about three months after Russian President Vladimir Putin granted him citizenship.

The reports did not specify whether Snowden has renounced his U.S. citizenship.

The United States revoked his passport in 2013, leading to Snowden being stranded in a Moscow airport for weeks after arriving from Hong Kong, aiming to reach Ecuador.

Russia eventually granted him permanent residency.

He married American Lindsay Mills in 2017 and the couple has two children.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Ned Price said Friday that the U.S. was aware of reports Snowden had finalized his Russian citizenship but could not confirm them, and referred questions about his status to the Russian government.

However, Price said the Biden administration would not be surprised if the reports were correct.

"Mr. Snowden has long signaled his allegiance to Russia, this step would only formalize that," Price told reporters. Snowden leaked documents on the National Security Agency's collection of data passing through the infrastructure of U.S. phone and internet companies.

He also released details about the classified U.S. intelligence budget and the extent of American surveillance on foreign officials, including the leaders of U.S.-allied countries.

Snowden says he made the disclosures because he believed the U.S. intelligence community had gone too far and infringed on civil liberties.

Stephen F. Oyler



Stephen F. Oyler, 75, died Thursday, Nov. 24, 2022. A celebration of Stephen's Life will be Tuesday 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Stephen was born on Sept. 9, 1947, in Colorado City to Betty and Wilford Oyler. He married Kay Fiveash on June 23, 1972, in Big Spring.

Stephen was a registered nurse, having worked at the V.A., SMMC, Martin County Hospital and Big Spring State Hospital.

Stephen is survived by his wife: Kay Oyler of Big Spring; 1 daughter: Bethany Burke of Big Spring; 1 sister: Judy Smith of San Angelo; 3 grandsons: Shane Thomas Robbins of Sebring, FL, Darian Forrest Oyler and Stephen Kord Oyler, both of Big Spring.

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

Clifton Pledger

Clifton Pledger, 58, died Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Sharon Wilkinson

Sharon Wilkinson, 65, died Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Roberto Garza

Roberto Garza, 68, died Friday, December 2, 2022. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Man arrested in fatal shooting of Migos rapper Takeoff

Associated Press
Police have arrested a 33-year-old man in the fatal shooting of rapper Takeoff, who was killed last month outside a bowling alley in Houston.

Houston police announced Friday that Patrick Xavier Clark has been charged with murder in connection with Takeoff's death.

Born Kirsnick Khari Ball, Takeoff was the youngest member of Migos, the Grammy-nominated rap trio from suburban Atlanta that also featured his uncle Quavo and cousin Offset.

The 28-year-old musician was one of three people police said were shot outside the downtown bowling alley around 2:30 a.m. on Nov. 1, when a dispute erupted as about 40 people were leaving a private party at the alley. Police have said another man and a woman suffered non-life-threatening gunshot injuries during the shooting, in which at least two people opened fired.

Houston Police Chief Troy Finner said the day after the shooting that

Takeoff was "well respected," and there was "no reason to believe he was involved in anything criminal at the time."

Migos' record label, Quality Control, mourned Takeoff's death in a statement posted on Instagram that attributed it to "senseless violence."

Fans and other performers, including Drake and Justin Bieber, celebrated Takeoff's musical legacy in a memorial service last month in Atlanta.

Migos first broke through with the massive hit "Versace" in 2013. They had four Top 10 hits on the Billboard Hot 100, though Takeoff was not on their multi-week No.

1 hit "Bad and Boujee," featuring Lil Uzi Vert. They put out a trilogy of albums called "Culture," "Culture II" and "Culture III," with the first two hitting No. 1 on the Billboard 200 album chart.

Takeoff and Quavo released a joint album "Only Built for Infinity Links" just weeks before his death.

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LITERACY

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the distribution of 12 awards, including Howard College Workforce and Continuing Education.

The Sub-grant distribution took place at the Charles O. Warren Center, 1101 Birdwell Lane in Big Spring, at 10 a.m. Thursday.

Executive Director, John Trischitti III, shared "that many small rural literacy providers struggle with basic budget items or even staffing. Many are

run by volunteers with no background on fundraising or grant writing. The sub-grant program makes available up to a \$5,000 award for an immediate impact on these small organizations to purchase curriculum and materials, pay for tutors or offer new programs".

LCPB Board Chairman, Mark Palmer added "we are not looking to supplant any existing providers. We are focused on expanding the capacity of service providers in the 22-county area we serve. These funds allow these organizations to expand their impact as we address awareness of low lit-

eracy in the region. People need to understand the severity of the issue".

This is the initial distribution of sub-grants by the Literacy Coalition, and they plan to conduct a spring application process in 2023.

About Literacy Coalition of the Permian Basin
The Literacy Coalition of the Permian Basin aims to promote literacy awareness, adult literacy, family literacy programming, and increasing literacy rates in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico. For more information, visit www.literacycpb.org.

Pentagon debuts its new stealth bomber, the B-21 Raider

By TARA COPP

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's newest nuclear stealth bomber is making its public debut after years of secret development and as part of the Pentagon's answer to rising concerns over a future conflict with China.

The B-21 Raider is the first new American bomber aircraft in more than 30 years. Almost every aspect of the program is classified. Ahead of its unveiling Friday at an Air Force facility in Palmdale, California, only artists' renderings of the warplane have been released. Those few images reveal that the Raider resembles the black nuclear stealth bomber it will eventually replace, the B-2 Spirit.

The bomber is part of the Pentagon's efforts to modernize all three legs of its nuclear triad, which includes silo-launched nuclear ballistic missiles and submarine-launched warheads, as it shifts from the counterterrorism campaigns of recent decades to meet China's rapid military modernization.

China is on track to have 1,500 nuclear weapons by 2035, and its gains in hypersonics, cyber warfare, space capabilities and other areas present "the most consequential and systemic challenge to U.S. national security and the free and open international system," the Pentagon said this week in its annual China report.

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and other invited guests will be on hand Friday to witness the bomber's public unveiling.

"We needed a new bomber for the 21st Century that would allow us to take on much more complicated threats, like the threats that we fear we would one day face from China, Russia," said Deborah Lee James, the Air Force secretary when the Raider contract was announced in 2015. "The B-21 is more survivable and can take on these much more difficult threats."

While the Raider may resemble the B-2, once you get inside, the similarities stop, said Kathy Warden, chief executive of Northrop Grumman Corp., which is building the Raider.

"The way it operates internally is extremely advanced compared to the B-2, because the technology has evolved so much in terms of the computing capability that we can now embed in the software of the B-21," Warden said.

Other changes likely include advanced materials used in coatings to make the bomber harder to detect, new ways to control electronic emissions, so the bomber could spoof adversary radars and disguise itself as another object, and use of new propulsion technologies, several defense analysts said.

In a fact sheet, Northrop Grumman, based in Falls Church, Virginia, said it is using "new manufacturing techniques and materials to ensure the B-21 will defeat the anti-access, area-denial systems it will face."

Warden could not discuss specifics of those technologies but said the bomber will be more stealthy.

"When we talk about low observability, it is incredibly low observability," Warden said. "You'll hear it, but you really won't see it."

Six B-21 Raiders are in production. The Air Force plans to build 100 that can deploy either nuclear weapons or conventional bombs and can be used with or without a human crew. Both the Air Force and Northrop also point to the Raider's relatively quick development: The bomber went from contract award to debut in seven years. Other new fighter and ship programs have taken decades.

The cost of the bombers is unknown. The Air Force previously put the price for a buy of 100 aircraft at an average cost of \$550 million each in 2010 dollars

-- roughly \$753 million today -- but it's unclear how much the Air Force is actually spending.

The fact that the price is not public troubles government watchdogs.

"It might be a big challenge for us to do our normal analysis of a major program like this," said Dan Grazier, a senior defense policy fellow at the Project on Government Oversight. "It's easy to say that the B-21 is still on schedule before it actually flies. Because it's only when one of these programs goes into the actual testing phase when real problems are discovered. And so that's the point when schedules really start to slip and costs really start to rise."

The Raider will not make its first flight until 2023. However, using advanced computing, Warden said, Northrop Grumman has been testing the Raider's performance using a digital twin, a virtual replica of the one being unveiled.

The B-2 was also envisioned to be a fleet of more than 100 aircraft, but the Air Force ultimately built only 21 of them, due to cost overruns and a changed security environment after the Soviet Union fell.

Fewer than that are ready to fly on any given day due to the significant maintenance needs of the aging bomber, said Todd Harrison, an aerospace specialist and managing director at Metrea Strategic Insights.

The B-21 Raider, which takes its name from the 1942 Doolittle Raid over Tokyo, will be slightly smaller than the B-2 to increase its range, Warden said.

Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota will house the bomber's first training program and squadron, though the bombers are also expected to be stationed at bases in Texas and Missouri.

U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds, a Republican of South Dakota, has led the state's bid to host the bomber program. In a statement, he called the B-21 "the most advanced weapon system ever developed by our country to defend ourselves and our allies."

In October 2001, B-2 pilots set a record when they flew 44 hours straight to drop the first bombs in Afghanistan after the Sept. 11 attacks. But the B-2 often does long round-trip missions, because there are few hangars globally that can accommodate its wingspan. That limits where B-2s can land for needed post-flight maintenance. And the hangars needed to be air-conditioned — because the Spirit's windows don't open, hotter climates can cook cockpit electronics.

The new Raider will also get new hangars, to accommodate the size and complexity of the bomber, Warden said.

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Enter your house for the Best Decorated House contest - houses must lie within the Coahoma city limits. Pick up an application at City Hall and return by Dec. 9. The winner will be announced at the event in the park, and will receive a yard sign and a stocking full of goodies.

• Everyone welcome! Western Swing by Michael Leonard. New Life mature adult dance at Dora Roberts Community Center 100 Whiskey Dr. Every third Friday 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Entry fee \$5. Bring snacks to share.

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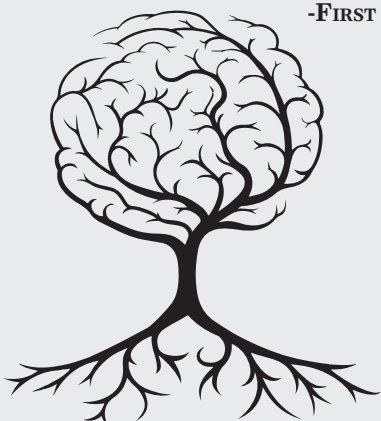
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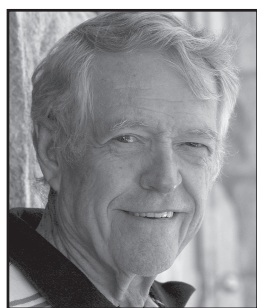
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DAILY PRAYER

Grant us your Holy Spirit in everything, for without your Spirit we can do nothing. Help us, and accept our praise for the many ways you have given us help. Amen.

You Gotta Watch Those Superlatives

As a reporter I try to be accurate. I have learned that any time I use a superlative (only, largest, smallest, fastest, slowest, oldest, newest, greatest, best, tallest, shortest, etc.) I get in trouble. On a recent column I mentioned The Dalles, Oregon, as being the only city in the United States that starts with the word The. Someone there told me that, and I took it as gospel. Very wrong. Pardon me, Texas towns named The Colony, The Grove, The Hills, The Woodlands and all other cities in the country that start with The. I appreciate being corrected by a reader because it increased my desire to do more research when I start to use a superlative. I may not ever use one again.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

That reminds me of some supper table talk the other night with guests. Someone said they would never recommend a restaurant to anyone because it never meets expectations. I have been guilty of saying the best meal I've ever had was at a restaurant in California. I'll not mention its name.

I am thankful for readers. I enjoy doing the weekly column very much and am approaching number 2,000. Many of the comments I get are complimentary and flattering to me. Some readers correct me, which I appreciate. I want to be correct. Once I called a piece of oil field equipment a pump jack.

Letter to the Editor

To all Howard County residents:

We had a life and death emergency on Thanksgiving Day.

Let me tell you - from the call to 911, the paramedics were quick, efficient and compassionate. Also,

You wouldn't believe the flack I caught from that. "The proper term is pumping unit," the readers said.

Some things are better left alone. How many people call a pump jack a pumping unit?

While I'm just rambling here I'd like to mention a couple of travel things I found interesting. Some of them involve sounds. A couple of weeks ago I interviewed John Friesen, who grows grapes north of Seminole. At harvest about 70 people are out there before dawn using scissors to cut clusters of grapes. They're all wearing headlamps. He said all you hear in the dark is the snip snip of the scissors. I'd like to record that sound sometime.

Another time we were in Chile, where the national flag looks a lot like the Texas flag. Made us feel right at home. We were at a penguin colony and one breed of penguin is called the Jackass Penguin. I was walking along a trail, looked down and saw a small penguin that let go with a donkey bray. I couldn't believe it. I had my recorder, but didn't have it on. I immediately started it but the penguin was silent. Of course.

I've had the opportunity to see some important structures, gardens, monuments and so forth. I have wanderlust, sure, but when I see something I just have to go there. I saw a picture of the lavender fields of Provence. Went there. I saw a picture of the colorful display of flowers growing near Carlsbad, California. Went there. I saw a photo of Petra and will be going there soon.

It's fun to travel and write about some of the wonders of the world. But chances are I won't be using any superlatives.

continued praise for Scenic Mountain Medical Center - ER and ICU and Dr. Schroff - you took excellent care of my cousin Pat Robbins, as well as his caregiver, David.

There are no words to express our appreciation!

**Kay Bailey
Big Spring**

Home Country

More than one way to have a family

Every now and then, thought Doc, that opportunity comes back to haunt me. Like it is right now on this crisp morning walk. It came early in his medical life, an invitation to join with a famous big hospital Back East. He'd make more money, he knew, and there was the seductive challenge of being on the cutting edge of what the world of medicine had to offer to the world of people.



SLIM RANGLES

He stopped for a minute and looked up through the stark tangle of bare limbs on a cottonwood tree. The filigree patterns of early winter never grew old to Doc. Sometimes they reminded him of capillaries or the branching out of small spring creeks heading for a trout river. And sometimes, they were just pretty to

look at and deserved a pause in Doc's morning walk.

He and his wife, known to everyone as Mrs. Doc, had come here to the valley many years ago. Each had become a local institution the way these things go in a small, rural area. They both regretted not having any children of their own, but the devotion each felt for the other tended to at least partially fill that emotional cavity.

Jeffrey Martin came trotting along the sidewalk on his way to school. Had his book backpack and lunch too.

"Mornin' Doc!" he said.

"Hey Jeff. How's school?"

"Just fine. Gotta run. I'm late."

Doc smiled after him. Third grade this year? Close to that anyway. Jeffrey had been a difficult birth. So had Jeffrey's mother. And Doc had been there for both of them. There's more than one way to have a family, Doc thought, smiling.

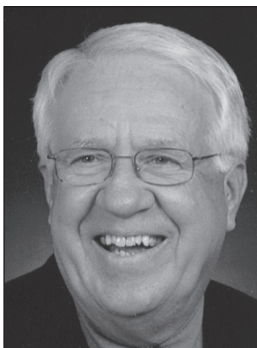
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The Idle American

Another Six-Up Story?...

My ancient Uncle Mort-with razor-sharp memory of the long ago but dullard-like on yesterday-has a mind recently clouded with "what if's" concerning the World Cup.

This is surprising, since he doesn't know a soccer ball from Cinderella's ball. He barely knows that World Cup has "kicked off" in Qatar. He's apologetic for "punning along" with a reference to "kick-off," not knowing if they even have kick-offs in soccer.



DON NEWBURY

"If they do, they may call it something else," he admits....

A newspaper headline caught his eye days before the first matches. It mentioned that World Cup gurus had decided not to allow beer sales at World Cup matches.

One would guess that this would thoroughly tick off the Budweiser beer folks, major sponsor of the event.

"This decision is bound to seriously bloat the king of beer's inventory and suggests that biggest 'Cup decisions aren't made in a democratic manner. Also, all bets may be off if Budweiser was trying to grease the skids toward a name change," Mort figures....

His last statement piqued my interest. I mean, what's the deal on changing names? Mort had set me up, fully expecting my interrupting question.

"I've an idea Budweiser may have been working toward proposal of a name change from 'World Cup'," he admitted.

He figures the beer giant would gain considerable ground if the world's most popular sporting event-often called "the Super Bowl on steroids"--would like to leave the word "World" in place, but substitute "Keg" for "Cup."....

I managed a gratuitous chuckle while he laughed until he snorted. Yes, I had been "set up" again. Then, Mort switched gears about name changes.

"I heard tell that they once bottled a soft drink called 'Six-Up,' but the product missed mass acceptance by a single number," Mort said. He rambled on about a later drink with the same ingredients and identical processing with a "Seven-Up" label

that has done right well....

While on a side trail about Seven Up, a Google search of the drink's name origin is a back-up for readers growing weary of board games and tiring TV commercials we've seen for umpteen times.

It seems likely that no one really knows why the Seven-Up name was chosen, but dozens of theories warrant smiles, and some of them may be right. One theorist points out that the drink was introduced in the 1920s as "Bib-Label Lithiated Lemon-Lime Soda."

Can you imagine a befuddled pizza shop guy taking a call for a take-out order of pizza and a pair of Bib-Label Lithiated Lemon-Lime Sodas? I didn't think so. It is noted that the drink has seven ingredients and is "uplifting" to many, so it makes total sense that the current name is 7Up....

Speaking of names: A decade ago, I tired of radio and television sports reporters' early references to Baylor phenom Robert Griffin III. Trouble was, they always added "the Third," which, of course, was technically correct.

Soon, though, his exploits were such that "RG-Three" provided identification enough. I'm not sure if G-I and/or G-II had sports pedigrees, but even if they did, they likely fell far short of Baylor quarterback/Heisman trophy winner RG-III's collegiate football exploits.

(One could wish that Dallas Mavericks' TV guys would get this memo. Surely their many references to "Tim Hardaway Jr." could be shortened merely to "Hardaway," at least after first reference. I'll not mention another Maverick, McKinley Wright the Fourth, who sees limited action.)....

Griffin was paired with another African American sports analyst, Mike Jones, on TV coverage of the University of Texas-Baylor University football game.

He struck the right chord for racial harmony when he opened the telecast with these words: "Happy Thanksgiving, and Happy Black Friday." Smiling broadly, he pointed to Mike, then himself, when he said, "Black Friday."

His smile disarms, this class act on the field who is attaining the same status in the TV booth....

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Forsan Buffaloes dominate District 3-2A All-District honors



**Nolan Park – Lineman of the Year/
Kicker**
All-District 3-2A First Team



Brooks Wright – Newcomer of the Year
All-District 3-2A Honors



Brycen Cervantes – Tight End
All-District 3-2A First Team



Kevin Kligora – Runningback/Inside Linebacker
All-District 3-2A First & Second Team



Katcher Dawson – Offensive Lineman/Defensive Tackle
All-District 3-2A First & Second Team



Weston Thomas – Offensive Lineman/Defensive Tackle
All-District 3-2A First & Second Team



Grant Roman – Outside Linebacker
All-District 3-2A First Team



Josh Rios – Corner
All-District 3-2A First Team



Dustin Spalla – Safety
All-District 3-2A First Team



Weston Layman – Tight End
All-District 3-2A Second Team



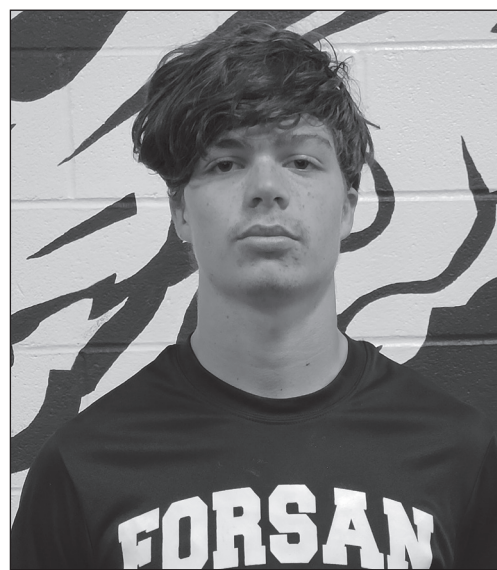
Huston Stockton – Running Back
All-District 3-2A Second Team



Aiden Castro – Utility Player
All-District 3-2A Second Team



Koldin Averette – Offensive Lineman
All-District 3-2A Second Team



Bryson Kinsey – Corner
All-District 3-2A Second Team



Cade Wallis – Outside Linebacker
All-District 3-2A Second Team

By Patrick Gonzales

Herald Sports Writer

Recognition for our area high school football teams continues to come in. District 3-2A recently announced its All-District honors and the Forsan Buffaloes had a total of 15 players earn superlatives with some receiving double honors.

Forsan's Nolan Park led the way as he was named Lineman of the Year. Park was also named to the first team offense as the kicker. Forsan's Brooks Wright was named Newcomer of the Year.

Forsan placed seven players on the All-District 3-2A First Team which included: Brycen Cervantes (first-team offense tight end) Katcher Dawson (first-team offense/defense offensive linemen & defensive tackle), Kevin Kligora (first-team offense running back), Weston Thomas (first-team offense/defense offensive linemen & defensive tackle), Josh Rios (first-team defense corner), and Dustin Spalla (first-team defense safety).

For the All-District 3-2A Second Team, Forsan had six players that earned honors which included: Koldin Averette (second-team offensive linemen), Weston Layman (second-team offense tight end), Huston Stockton (second-team offense running back), Bryson Kinsey (second-team defense corner), Kevin Kligora (second team defense inside linebacker), Cade Wallis (second-team outside linebacker), and Aiden Castro (second-team offense utility player).

The Forsan Buffaloes had another great season as they finished with a 9-3 overall record and were the Co-District 3-2A Champions with Sonora. The Buffaloes were also the 2022 Bi-District Champions and advanced to the second round of the playoffs for the second year in a row.

Congratulations to Coach Phillips, the Forsan coaching staff and most importantly to the Forsan Buffaloes on another great season!

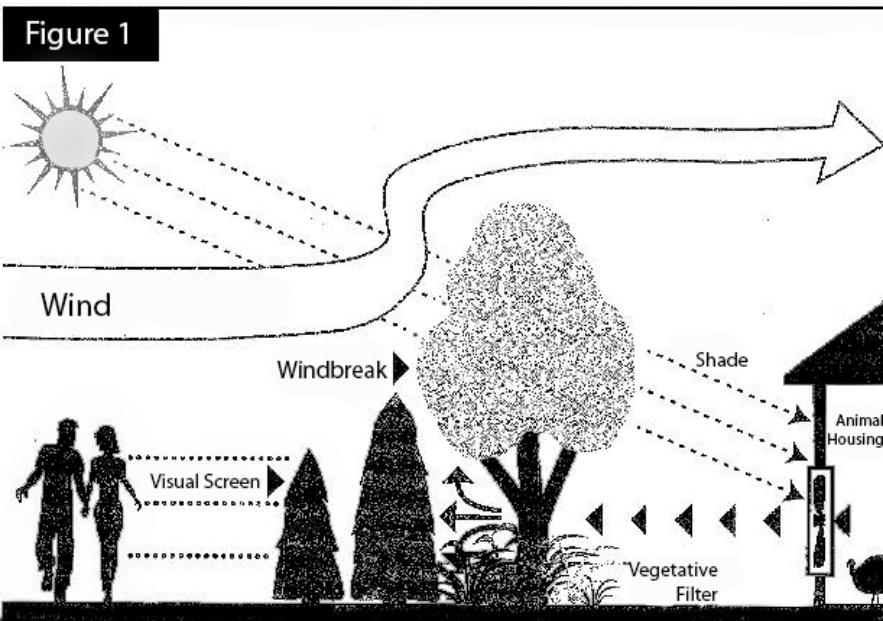
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Windbreak Trees



Windbreak trees are useful to landowners by providing protection from the wind and breaking up sightlines, as well as providing sanctuary for wildlife.

By **JUDITH TERELETSKY**

HSWCD District Clerk

Windbreak trees are a valuable resource offered by the HSWCD to agricultural landowners who use trees to provide protection from the wind and offer sanctuary for wildlife. Trees such as Bur Oak, Pecan, Afghanistan Pine and Shumard Oak are among the trees that are specially chosen for this area. Afghanistan Pine is a fast-growing pine that retains its branches to the ground and reaches a mature height of 40-50 ft with a spread of 20-30 ft. The Italian Stone Pine reaches 40-50 feet with a spread of 30-35 ft but self-prunes the lower branches as it gets older. This year the Austrian Pine which has dark green needles is another tree option.

Besides the evergreen seedlings, a variety of hardwood seedlings are offered by Howard SWCD. Bur Oak and Chinkapin Oak are great oaks and provide excellent food for squirrel and deer. The Shumard Oak is also popular with its leaves turning scarlet red in the fall. Of course, the native Pecan is a favorite of many landowners and is moderately drought hardy. This state tree of Texas reaches a mature height of 60-70 feet and its nuts are eaten by many wildlife species. The Shumard Oak is a relatively fast-growing red oak whose leaves turn scarlet red in the fall.

The windbreak trees are seedlings and must receive special care of good water and protection from wildlife such as deer for the first two years of growth. Some producers plant the seedlings in five-gallon buckets to allow the root systems a chance to establish before planting them in their permanent locations. HSWCD offers these seedlings at 25 seedlings for \$75 and more information can be obtained by calling the office at 432-267-1871 extension 3. Profits raised from the sale of windbreak trees are used for educational projects such as our annual poster contest. This year's poster contest theme is "One Water" and entries are due Jan. 19. The best time to contact the district clerk is between 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. but the USDA offices are open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can also contact the HSWCD by the e-mail howard@swcd.texas.gov or JudithTereletsky@usda.gov to order trees or get more information about the poster contest. The final day to order trees will be Feb. 24, with the seedling delivered the first week of March.

Courtesy photo

Rainy weather helps soil moisture levels

Texas Crop and Weather Report

by **ADAM RUSSELL**

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Recent rainy weather improved soil moisture conditions for many wheat and cool-season forage producers, but most of Texas remains below normal rainfall, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts.

John Nielsen-Gammon, Ph.D., state climatologist in the Texas A&M College of Arts and Sciences Department of Atmospheric Sciences, said parts of the state received beneficial rainfall over the past week and that cooler temperatures will help soils retain the moisture.

"The Thanksgiving weekend was a lucky shot," he said. "As late as Tuesday, the computer models were saying that the storm could move through quickly and miss us, could stall in an ideal spot, or slide south. It ended up stalling in an ideal spot, producing a broad swath of precipitation across the middle of the state."

Midland to San Angelo, Corpus Christi, McAllen and northeastern areas of the state received good rains that should provide decent soil moisture for the rest of the year, Nielsen-Gammon said. The largest totals for the week were in southeastern Texas.

Port Arthur received 5.95 inches and Baytown 5.43 inches. Elsewhere in the state, Carthage in northeast Texas recorded 5.06 inches, Santa Anna recorded 4.1 inches, and several stations near Brownsville recorded 3-4 inches.

But the outlook for the rest of the winter is dry, he said. There is around a two-out-of-three chance of below-normal rainfall for December through March, with the worst odds of receiving rainfall toward the southern and western parts of the state.

Temperatures will also be above normal most of the time, but there will be cold air farther north waiting to blow into the state occasionally, he said. The effect of La Niña tends to wear off by April or so, but more importantly, La Niña itself will probably dissipate by then.

"It's about time; this is the third La Niña winter in a row," he said. "It's time to be hopeful that the pendulum will swing in the other direction so that an El Niño might develop over the summer and tilt the odds in favor of a wet winter next time around."

Rainy weather improves regional conditions
Reagan Noland, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension agronomist, San Angelo, said the recent storm systems delivered good moisture throughout most of the region. Most locations received 2-3 inches, with some catching up to 4 inches of rainfall.

Noland said the moisture will help planted wheat and any cover crops planted by producers in the region.

"Everyone got rain. It was slow and was able to soak in, and the winter crops will certainly benefit from the moisture," he said. "We are still in a deficit for the year, but we are in much better shape than two months ago."

Much of the Rolling Plains received 1-2 inches of rain that has improved soil moisture conditions in wheat fields, said Emi Kimura, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension agronomist, Vernon. The rains helped moisture conditions but hindered the region's cot-

ton and peanut harvests.

Kimura said the moisture should sustain the wheat crop through December but that additional rains will be needed into January and February. Most producers utilize the wheat for grazing and decide in late February whether to continue utilizing fields as forage or taking the crop to grain.

"A lot of producer decisions regarding wheat will come down to weather and grain prices going forward," she said. "But so far, so good. At least there is some optimism. It was depressing to talk about any crop a few months ago because it was so dry."

Larry Stein, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension horticulture specialist, Uvalde, said much of the Winter Garden region of Texas received much-needed moisture from multiple precipitation-producing systems over the last 10 days. Recent precipitation started with days of drizzly conditions followed by a good rain.

Much of the region had not received significant moisture since the August rains that dried quickly under triple-digit temperatures and high winds, Stein said. Water tank and pond levels remained a concern, but producer optimism about wheat and winter forages is higher.

Stein said the moisture will help the spectrum of plant life from trees and landscape plants to pastures and crops in the field. Many producers planted wheat and ryegrass before the rainfall and that the moisture could influence future plantings.

"It was as dry as I have ever seen it after that August rain," he said. "It dried out so quickly and was very dry and hot. It's no longer powder dry. People talk about getting a million-dollar rain, well this one was probably a billion-dollar rain."

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

CENTRAL

The district experienced below-normal temperatures along with rainfall over several days. Soil moisture levels were adequate. Stock tanks caught substantial amounts of water to bring levels back to comfortable levels. Fieldwork was limited due to widespread rains. Early planted oats and wheat were off to a poor start but looked very good following the rain. Wheat planted in the last three weeks was slow to germinate and emerge due to cold soil conditions. Livestock pastures looked very good with the green emergence of the cool-season annuals, but producers were still supplementing animal diets. Livestock were in fair condition.

ROLLING PLAINS

The district received 0.5-4 inches of slow, soaking rain with very little runoff. Overall conditions were improving. Recent rains greatly increased topsoil and subsoil moisture. Wheat conditions were poor in some areas but were improving. Rangeland and pasture conditions should improve with warmer days. Cattle diets were being supplemented with hay and cake, and few cattle were on wheat fields. Remaining cotton was in poor condition.

COASTAL BEND

Rainfall amounts ranged from 1.5-4 inches. This rain improved soil moisture conditions and should benefit farmers and ranchers. Winter pastures

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should come alive with some sunny days. Fieldwork was halted due to rain. Livestock were doing well. Pecan harvest continued, but rainy conditions made harvest difficult.

EAST
The district received large amounts of rain. Ponds and creeks were filling. Pasture and rangeland conditions were fair to good. Subsoil and topsoil conditions were adequate. Livestock were in fair to good condition with supplemental feeding taking place. Wild pig damage was severe in some areas as they were flushed out of the bottoms by recent rains.

SOUTH PLAINS
The district received a slow soaking rain with 1-2 inches reported. The moisture should help all aspects of agriculture. Cattle were in good condition. Soil moisture conditions were short to adequate.

PANHANDLE
Soil moisture was very short to short. Dry conditions persisted across the district. Corn and cotton harvests continued. Winter wheat was still be-

ing planted and emerged stands were improving. Stocker cattle were grazing early planted wheat with irrigation. Rangeland and pasture conditions were very poor to poor, and cattle were being supplemented. Moisture was needed to maintain rangeland and winter forages.

NORTH
Soil moisture was short to adequate. Rainfall amounts were 2-6 inches across the district with some flooding in low-lying areas and very muddy field conditions. Winter wheat was planted and emerging well. Hay feeding continued. Winter pastures were planted early and emerging well. Livestock looked to be in good condition going into winter months.

WEST CENTRAL
Conditions were cold and rainy. Some late small grains were planted, and fertilizer was applied prior to the rain. Pastures were greening up and providing some grazing for livestock. Wheat and oat pastures were expected to take off with drier, warmer conditions forecasted. Pecan harvest was minimal. Rains delayed cotton harvesting.

SOUTHEAST
Rains saturated fields and pastures in many

areas. Soil moisture levels were very short to adequate. Most winter wheat and oat fields were planted, but late-plantings were expected as soon as fields dry. Ryegrass was planted ahead of the rains, and volunteer ryegrass was emerging. The moisture and fertilization should improve cool-season forage production. Rangeland and pasture conditions were very poor to fair.

SOUTHWEST
Temperatures were below average. Lingering and spotty rains delivered up to 1.3 inches of rainfall. Pastures were expected to improve. Wheat and oat crops looked good under pivots. Livestock and wildlife were in good condition.

SOUTH
Soil moisture levels were very short to adequate. Some scattered showers were reported with many areas reporting 2-3 inches of slow, soaking rain. Temperatures were cooler. Producers continued to feed livestock and wildlife. Citrus and sugarcane harvests and other fieldwork were slowed by the rain. Hay production was complete. Vegetable producers were managing onion, cabbage and greens.

US hiring stays strong, complicating Fed's inflation fight

By **CHRISTOPHER RUGABER**

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's employers kept hiring briskly in November despite high inflation and a slow-growing economy — a sign of resilience in the face of the Federal Reserve's aggressive interest rate hikes.

The economy added 263,000 jobs, while the unemployment rate stayed 3.7%, still near a 53-year low, the Labor Department said Friday. November's job growth dipped only slightly from October's 284,000 gain.

All year, as inflation has surged and the Fed has imposed ever-higher borrowing rates, America's labor market has defied skeptics, adding hundreds of thousands of jobs, month after month.

With not enough people available to fill jobs, businesses are having to offer higher pay to attract and keep workers. In November, average hourly pay jumped 5.1% compared with a year ago, a robust increase that is welcome news for workers but one that makes the Fed's efforts to curb inflation potentially more difficult. On a month-to-month basis, wages jumped 0.6% in November, breaking a streak of smaller gains that had suggested that pay growth might be cooling.

The strength of the hiring and pay gains raised immediate concerns that the Fed may now have to keep interest rates high even longer than many had assumed. The stock market reacted with alarm, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average sinking nearly 200 points in mid-morning trading Friday.

"This will be a reminder to the Fed and to the markets that the job on inflation is not done," said Blerina Uruci, chief U.S. economist at brokerage T. Rowe Price. "They really need wage pressures to be on a more sustained downward path. So that certainly calls for interest rates to remain higher for longer."

The report painted a picture of a job market in which the supply of available workers is falling just when many companies are still desperate to hire to meet customer demand. The proportion of Americans who either have a job or are looking for one declined for a second straight month, to 62.1%. Before the pandemic, that figure was 63.4%; the drop since then translates into about 3 million people.

Since the pandemic, many older workers have taken early retirement. In addition, several hundred thousand working-age people have died from COVID-19. And many families have struggled to find or afford child care, leaving some adults unable to return to work.

This week, Fed Chair Jerome Powell stressed in a speech that jobs and wages were growing too fast for the central bank to quickly slow inflation. The Fed has jacked up its benchmark rate, from near zero in March to nearly 4%, to try to wrestle inflation back toward its 2% annual target.

In his speech, Powell noted that most supply chain problems have been remedied, thereby helping lower prices for such goods as furniture, cars and electronics. Gas prices are also falling, he said, and housing costs, a big driver of inflation, should drop next year.

Yet Powell pointed to prices in services like health care and restaurants as longer-term drivers of inflation. And rising wages are a key factor in raising those costs.

In the meantime, many employers are still determined to add workers.

Among them is Aaron Glaser, who owns four auto body shops in the Louisville, Kentucky, metro area. Glaser said he was desperate to hire at least six more people. He would add 14 more if he could find them.

"We're busier now than we've ever been," he said. "We can't fix more cars because there aren't enough people."

Glaser, who has owned the business for about 30 years, is still grappling with a shortage of parts, particularly for Honda and Kia vehicles. He estimates that between his labor and product shortages, it can now take twice as long to repair a crashed vehicle than it did before the pandemic.

He said he has raised pay roughly 15% to try to attract more people and is offering more flexibility to his workers. He now closes Friday afternoon to give employees an extra half-day off.

Glaser blames the closing of many trade schools in the region for reducing the number of people with auto repair skills.

Nationally, there were some signs of weakness in Friday's hiring figures: Retailers, transportation and warehousing companies all cut jobs. So did temporary staffing agencies. Temp employment, often seen as a leading indicator of hiring, has declined for three straight months.

As a result, more than half the job growth last month — 170,000 — came from just two large industries: Education and health care, and a category made up mostly of restaurants, hotels, and entertainment firms. Both sectors are still replacing workers who were lost during the pandemic. Most other industries have surpassed their pre-pandemic levels of employment.

Yet a category that includes technology workers actually added jobs, despite many recent high-profile layoff announcements from such tech companies as Amazon, Meta, Twitter and the real estate broker Redfin.

Some signs of modest cooling in the job market have emerged recently. They include a small decline in job postings and a drop in the number of people who are quitting jobs — trends that suggest some rising caution among workers.

Even so, steady hiring and rising paychecks in many industries have helped U.S. households drive the economy. In October, consumer spending rose at a healthy pace even after adjusting for inflation. Americans stepped up their purchases of cars, restaurant meals and other services.

After having contracted in the first six months of the year, the U.S. economy expanded at a brisk 2.9% annual rate last quarter. In addition to strength from consumer spending, a spike in exports helped boost growth.

Though steady hiring and rising wages have fueled their spending, Americans are also turning increasingly to credit cards to keep up with higher prices. Many are also digging into savings, a trend that cannot continue indefinitely.

Some signs of weakness have sparked concerns about a likely recession next year, in part because many fear that the Fed's surging rate hikes will end up derailing the economy. Particularly in the technology, media and retail industries, a rising number of companies have made high-profile layoff announcements.

In addition to job cuts from tech behemoths, other firms are also announcing layoffs, including DoorDash, the real estate firm Redfin and the retailers Best Buy and the Gap.

And in November, a measure of factory activity dropped to a level that suggested that the manufacturing sector is contracting for the first time since May 2020.

Stocks sag on Wall Street after strong data on wages, jobs

By **STAN CHOE**

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Worries about inflation are hurting Wall Street Friday after a report showed wages for U.S. workers are accelerating, which is good news for them but could feed into even higher inflation for the nation.

The S&P 500 was 0.8% lower in morning trading and on track to erase much of what had been a healthy week of gains.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 207 points, or 0.6%, at 34,187, as of 11 a.m. Eastern time, while the Nasdaq composite was 1.2% lower.

Stocks had generally been on the upswing for more than a month on hopes that the worst of the nation's high inflation may have passed already. That fed expectations for the Federal Reserve to dial down the intensity of its big interest-rate hikes. Such hikes aim to undercut inflation by slowing the economy and dragging down prices for stocks and other investments.

But Friday's jobs report showed that wages for workers rose 5.1% last month from a year earlier. That's an acceleration from October's 4.9% gain and easily topped economists' expectations for a slowdown.

Such jumps in pay are helpful to workers struggling to keep up with soaring prices for everyday necessities. The Federal Reserve's worry is that too-strong gains could cause inflation to become further entrenched in the economy. That's because wages make up a big part of costs for companies in services industries, and they could end up raising their own prices further to cover higher wages for their employees.

Across the economy, employers added 263,000 jobs last month. That beat economists' forecasts for 200,000, while the unemployment rate held steady at 3.7%. Many Americans also continue to stay entirely out of the jobs market, with a larger percentage of people either not working or looking for work than before the pandemic, which could increase the pressure on employers to raise wages.

RECORDS

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Tamara Ruth Whitt, 1909 Morrison, 2526 Fairchild, Big Spring
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd., Apt. #28, Big Spring

Marriages
George Lee Herd, 48, and Hollie Renee Keith, 48, both of Big Spring
Sergio Mendoza, 26, and Laura Lizeth Perez Solis, 23, both of Big Spring
Jacob Robert Henson, 40, and Whitney Leann Stewart, 36, both of Big Spring
Steven Fiscal, 39, and Kyla Shae Clanton, 26, both of Big Spring
Elijah Ray Torres, 24, and Jennifer Gonzalez, 20, both of Big Spring

County Court Filings
Plaintiff: The State of Texas
Defendant: Jesse Reyes Jr.

Offense: Possession of Marijauna less than 2 oz.
Judgment and Sentence: \$100 fine; \$270 court cost; \$120 reimbursement fee; 10 days in jail.

Plaintiff: The State of Texas
Defendant: Archie Goodman
Offense: Fail to Identify-Fugitive Give False Information
Judgment and Sentence: \$100 fine; \$270 court costs; \$50 reimbursement fee; time served.

Plaintiff: The State of Texas
Defendant: Shanna Piercefield
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.
Judgment and Sentence: \$100 fine; \$270 court costs; \$85 reimbursement fee; time served.

Plaintiff: The State of Texas
Defendant: Lance Land

Offense: Resist Arrest Search or Transport
Judgment and Sentence: \$100 fine; \$270 court costs; \$75 reimbursement fee; time served.

Warranty Deed With Vendor's Lien
Grantor: Cayla Shae Randolph and Sarah Case
Grantee: Rebekah Lynn Pearson
Property: W/2 of lot 10, blk 4, Thixton Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County
Date: Nov. 22, 2022

Warranty Deed With Vendor's Lien
Grantor: John R. Lewis
Grantee: Clarissa Teichmann and Kara Allison Teichmann
Property: Lot 9, blk 12, Douglass Addition No. 2, City of Big Spring, Howard County
Date: Nov. 22, 2022

Warranty Deed With Vendor's Lien
Grantor: Kara Allison Teichman and Clarissa Teichman
Grantee: Christopher Ryan Pearson
Property: SE/4 of sec 32, blk 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry, Co. Survey, Howard County
Date: Nov. 22, 2022

Warranty Deed With Vendor's Lien
Grantor: Kodi Ann Aguilar
Grantee: Angela Barlow
Property: Lot 4, blk 93, Original Town of Big Spring, Howard County
Date: Nov. 23, 2022

Warranty Deed With Vendor's Lien
Grantor: Steven Boren and Elizabeth Boren
Grantee: Znergen Operating LLC
Property: Sec 24, blk 33, T-1-s, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County
Date: Nov. 23, 2022

BUFFALOES

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ALL-DISTRICT 3-2A LINEMAN OF THE YEAR

Nolan Park

ALL DISTRICT 3-2A NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Brooks Wright

ALL-DISTRICT 3-2A FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

Brycen Cervantes – Tight End, Kevin Kligora – Running Back, Katcher Dawson – Offensive Lineman, and Weston Thomas – Offensive Lineman, and Nolan Park – Kicker.

ALL-DISTRICT 3-2A FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

Katcher Dawson – Defensive Tackle, Weston Thomas – Defensive Tackle, Grant Roman – Outside Linebacker, Josh Rios – Corner, and Dustin Spalla –

Safety.

ALL-DISTRICT 3-2A SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Weston Layman – Tight End, Huston Stockton – Running Back, Aiden Castro – Utility Player, and Koldin Averette – Offensive Lineman.

ALL-DISTRICT 3-2A SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Bryson Kinsey – Corner, Kevin Kligora – Inside Linebacker, and Cade Wallis – Outside Linebacker.

Josh McCown hopeful to get a coaching opportunity

By **ROB MAADDI**

AP Pro Football Writer

Josh McCown played quarterback for 12 teams across nearly two decades in the NFL, and learned a different offense almost every season.

He looks forward to sharing his knowledge and experience as a coach.

“I love being part of teams and being part of a group,” McCown said on the AP Pro Football Podcast. “You start out with that group and you say: ‘OK, let’s go try to do something special, let’s create a process and let’s get better at that process.’ So I really enjoy that, and whether it’s at the high school level or college, I don’t really care and I don’t really care what the position is. I just enjoy being part of teams and so hopefully that’s in the future some day.”

McCown interviewed for Houston’s head coach vacancy after each of the last two seasons. The Texans raised eyebrows when they seriously considered McCown, who spent the final part of his last season in the NFL in 2020 backing up Deshaun Watson. McCown was fresh off the field and had no experience other than helping coach his sons in high school.

Houston hired David Culley over McCown in 2021, fired him and then promoted Lovie Smith from defensive coordinator.

“Maybe pro coaching is in the future,” McCown said. “We’ll see. Certainly the opportunity to meet with and discuss that with the Texans was interesting and special and I learned a lot. (I have) so much respect for the head coaching position that you need to at least go visit with those people and learn and see what it’s about. ... I love the NFL. I enjoyed my career, the different stops. I’ve had so many experiences of what to do, a lot of what not to do. And so I just want to maybe bring that to a team one day and be able to help the team.”

A third-round pick by Arizona in 2002, McCown started for six teams, was part of 12 clubs, including stops in training camp, and had a different offensive coordinator almost every season. He threw his last pass for Philadelphia in a wild-card game

against Seattle on Jan. 5, 2020. McCown entered his first career playoff game when Carson Wentz suffered a concussion and finished it playing with a torn hamstring that required surgery afterward.

“I experienced the back half of my career different than I did the front half with a great sense of gratitude for the privilege it is to play in the National Football League,” McCown said. “That’s where my heart is. I just love being a part of teams. And one of those 32, they’re all special, they’re all unique. There’s unbelievable people in those buildings. If that’s where the plan leaves me one of these days, I’ll be thankful for that. Right now, I’ll do the best I can coaching high school football, and then we’ll see where it goes from there.”

McCown has served as an assistant coach at Rusk High School in Texas as the past two seasons. His sons, Owen and Aiden, were senior starting quarterbacks in back-to-back years. Owen just completed his freshman season at Colorado. McCown hosts a weekly football podcast called “Scheme” in which he takes a deep-dive into the X’s and O’s.

“I love watching tape and to be able to share that with other people, to kind of give them a better perspective of what’s happening so that we can truly respect every player and especially these quarterbacks nowadays, I’m really enjoying that,” McCown said.



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Big Spring Intermediate 4H Team



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Pictured are the 4H senior food challenge team. The girls placed first in their division and they are state bound this summer to compete.
Team members:
Shylee Gulley sr at Forsan and this is her second time to qualify for state.
Paisley Jones a freshman at Runnels Acedemy. She also competed in the individual Food Show and received 2nd place for her dish of Mexican
Peyton Beck is also a 2x qualifier for state in Food Challenge and she's a sophomore at Runnels Academy.

Courtesy photo
Pictured from top: Teams Received 3rd place
Zac Lindsey also competed in food show
Hunter Allen and Jackson Allen
Carly Wegner, Kaycee Kinsey, and Kennedy Allen.
Kennedy also participated in Food Show.
These guys received 2nd in healthy dessert and their secret ingredient was apples. Pictured are: Claire Wegner; Devri Bryans also received 3rd place in Food Show with a Blueberry Pie; and Aiden Granger, who received 2nd place Food Show with his dish, chicken salad.

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BSI Students Earn Trip to Texas Tech



Courtesy photo

There were 50 6th grade students who earned a trip to see a Texas Tech Football game. The students earned this amazing opportunity by writing an essay, "Why I should be chosen for this trip?" Other criteria included attendance, behavior, and over being a good athletic (team player/sportsmanship).

Don't Litter Affordable Spay and Neuter Clinic Will Give Free Vaccines

Special to the Herald

Big Spring, TX (December 14, 2022) - Don't Litter Affordable Spay & Neuter Clinic will provide free vaccinations for Howard County area pets.

The free vaccines are made possible through Petco Love's new national vaccination initiative, which is providing one million free pet vaccines to existing animal welfare partners, including Don't Litter Affordable Spay & Neuter Clinic, for family pets in need.

Parvovirus and distemper in dogs and panleukopenia in cats - the most prevalent deadly diseases affecting pets - are preventable with a simple vaccine. An estimated 30 percent of pet parents do not take their pet to a veterinarian annually for preventative care. To ensure the health and wellness of our beloved pets and to address this critical need, Don't Litter Affordable Spay & Neuter Clinic and Petco Love have partnered to make pet vaccines free and accessible. Through this national effort, Don't Litter Affordable Spay & Neuter Clinic aims to vaccinate 600 pets. You are asked to call (432) 816-6053 to schedule your appointment.

The free vaccines distributed through the Petco Love initiative will be the DAPPv Canine and HCP Feline vaccines. Don't Litter also offers affordable spay and neuter services, tick/flea/heartworm prevention, and micro-

chips.

"Thanks to Petco Love, we can offer these important vaccines at no cost to pet owners," said Lisa Garza, Vice President of Don't Litter Affordable Spay & Neuter Clinic. "We urge community members to take advantage of this no-cost resource to ensure the health and wellness of our community's pets."

"It is heartbreaking when any pet suffers or dies from a disease that could have been prevented. It is further exacerbated when unvaccinated pets come into busy shelter kennels, where these deadly diseases can spread quickly, resulting in multiple deaths, skyrocketing expenses, and hindering saving pet lives," said Susanne Kogut, Petco Love President. "By creating greater awareness and making this crucial preventative care more accessible to pets not currently receiving these lifesaving vaccines, we can prevent the dangerous spread of disease." For more information about vaccine distribution, contact Don't Litter Affordable Spay & Neuter Clinic at (432) 816-6053, go to our website, and Facebook page. Learn more about Petco Love's lifesaving impact at PetcoLove.org.

About Don't Litter Affordable Spay and Neuter Clinic

Don't Litter Affordable Spay & Neuter Clinic is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that aims at providing affordable spay and neuter servic-

es, and vaccinations for dogs and cats.

Our goal is to reduce the population of unwanted dogs and cats that flood into our shelters and pound where lives are lost because there is simply not enough room to house the amount of unwanted animals.

Our first clinic was September 3, 2021. To date we have successfully altered 778 dogs and cats and have administered over 2,000 vaccinations. We aim to increase this number in 2023 by providing an additional day for surgeries. We truly feel this is the solution to our overpopulation that exists in our small town and surrounding areas. We want to reach out and help the veterans, senior citizens, and citizens who cannot afford to have their dog or cat vaccinated and fixed. Our clinic was started and is ran by four ladies who all share a passion for helping homeless animals and volunteer their time doing this. After spending years of rescuing and fostering (a lot of the times the same litters to homeless moms) we decided the community needed to fix the problem before it became a problem.

We decided to save lives through spaying and neutering.



Courtesy photo

BSI honored their own veterans with a special rendition of TAPS performed by our BSBS band. Pictured are: Ms. Acosta (Navy), Ms. Levya (Army), Mr. Paddie (Army), Ms. Klix (Army), and Ms. Adlesperger (Army).

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• C6 (2681) "Yuna"

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• K37 (0662) "Lucy"

Hello y'all, my name is Lucy. I am in K37 and have been here since June 13, 2022. I am a one year old, female Catahoula mix that weighs 46 lbs. I have been here since I was 7 months old. I have a second chance at life and finding a forever home to love me and care for me. I am a super sweet girl and love to play. Sometimes when I get so excited, I will jump and dance around! I am for sure a silly girl and will make a wonderful addition to your home. I will need my vaccinations, a microchip and to be spayed.

The Big Spring Animal Shelter, 3605 E. 11th Place, is open from 1 to 4 p.m. To adopt an animal, new pet parents will need to travel to the Big Spring Police Department, show a valid driver's license, and pay any fees associated with adoption. For more information contact the shelter at 432-264-2372.

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BIG SPRING ISD KENTWOOD PRE-K

Breakfast
Monday: Cinnamon poptart, applesauce cup, and 1% milk.
Tuesday: Mini cinnamon rolls, orange smiles, and 1% milk.
Wednesday: Maple madness waffles, banana, and 1% milk.
Thursday: Trix cereal bar, red delicious apples, and 1% milk.
Friday: Strawberry yogurt cup, 100% juice box, and 1% milk.

Lunch
Monday: Chicken tenders, tater tots, orange smiles, and 1% milk.
Tuesday: Fish bites, corn, 100% apple juice, and 1% milk.
Wednesday: Hot dog, baked beans, strawberry applesauce, and 1% milk.
Thursday: Hamburger, grape tomatoes w/ranch, banana, and 1% milk.
Friday: Cheese pizza wedge, baby carrots, crispy apple, and 1% milk.

ELEMENTARY

Breakfast
Monday: Cinnamon toast crunch pastry, coco puffs cereal bar, string cheese, granny smith apple, fruit juice, and fat free milk.
Tuesday: Poptart, vanilla crisp bar w/cheez-its, orange smiles, juice box, and fat free milk.
Wednesday: Mini cinnamon rolls, trix cereal bar w/bear grahams, banana, juice box, and fat free milk.
Thursday: Maple madness waffles, PBJ uncrustable, red delicious apples, juice box, and fat free milk.
Friday: Grape crescent roll, lucky charms cereal, string cheese, orange smiles, juice box, and fat free milk.

Lunch
Monday: Corn dog, PBJ uncrustable, made to order salad, steamed corn, peach cup, and assorted milk.
Tuesday: Hot dog, grilled cheese sandwich, made to order salad, steamed broccoli, red delicious apples, and assorted milk.
Wednesday: Loaded chicken tot bowl w/roll, ham & cheese sandwich, made to order salad, tomato bites, and assorted milk.
Thursday: Cheeseburger, american sub sandwich, made to order salad, steamed corn, applesauce cup, and assorted milk.
Friday: Tony's pepperoni pizza wedge, yogurt fun lunch, made to order salad, cucumber slices w/ranch, juice box, and assorted milk.

INTERMEDIATE

Breakfast
Monday: Pancake wrap, trix cereal, string cheese, granny smith apple, juice box, and assorted milk.
Tuesday: Coco puffs bar w/cheez-its, fudge poptart, orange smiles, juice box, and assorted milk.
Wednesday: Mini cinnamon rolls, trix cereal, string cheese, banana, juice box, and assorted milk.
Thursday: Cinnamon toast crunch bar, bear graham crackers, PBJ uncrustable, red delicious apples, juice box, and assorted milk.
Friday: Grape crescent roll, apple jacks pouch, string cheese, orange smiles, juice box, and assorted milk.

Lunch
Monday: Sausage pizza, assorted burgers & chicken sandwiches, assorted pizza, salads, & sandwiches, cucumbers, oranges, juice box, and assorted milk.
Tuesday: Popcorn chicken bowl, assorted burgers & chicken sandwiches, assorted pizza, salads, & sandwiches, baby carrots, apple, juice box, and assorted milk.
Wednesday: Meat lovers pizza, assorted burgers & chicken sandwiches, assorted pizza, salads, & sandwiches, campfire beans, orange, juice box, and assorted milk.
Thursday: Bean & cheese nachos, assorted burgers & chicken sandwiches, assorted pizza, salads, & sandwiches, side salad, applesauce, juice box, and assorted milk.
Friday: Sausage pizza, assorted burgers & chicken sandwiches, assorted pizza, salads, & sandwiches, grape tomatoes, apples, juice box, and assorted milk.

JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast
Monday: Pancake wrap, trix cereal, string cheese, granny smith apple, juice box, and assorted milk.
Tuesday: Coco puffs bar w/cheez-its, fudge poptart, orange smiles, juice box, and assorted milk.
Wednesday: Mini cinnamon rolls, trix cereal, string cheese, banana, juice box, and assorted milk.
Thursday: Cinnamon toast crunch bar, bear graham crackers, PBJ uncrustable, red delicious apples, juice box, and assorted milk.
Friday: Grape crescent roll, apple jacks pouch, string cheese, orange smiles, juice box, and assorted milk.

Lunch
Monday: Sausage pizza, assorted burgers & chicken sandwiches, assorted pizza, salads, & sandwiches, cucumbers, oranges, juice box, and assorted milk.
Tuesday: Popcorn chicken bowl, assorted burgers & chicken sandwiches, assorted pizza, salads, & sandwiches, baby carrots, apple, juice box, and assorted milk.
Wednesday: Meat lovers pizza, assorted burgers & chicken sandwiches, assorted pizza, salads, & sandwiches, campfire beans, orange, juice box, and assorted milk.
Thursday: Bean & cheese nachos, assorted burgers & chicken sandwiches, assorted pizza, salads, & sandwiches, side salad, applesauce, juice box, and assorted milk.

Friday: Sausage pizza, assorted burgers & chicken sandwiches, assorted pizza, salads, & sandwiches, grape tomatoes, apples, juice box, and assorted milk.

HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast
Monday: French toast w/fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, cereal bowl, cheese stick, assorted fruits, and assorted milk.
Tuesday: Waffles w/fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, cereal bowl, cheese stick, assorted fruits, and assorted milk.
Wednesday: French toast w/fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, cereal bowl, cheese stick, assorted fruits, and assorted milk.
Thursday: Waffles w/fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, cereal bowl, cheese stick, assorted fruits, and assorted milk.
Friday: French toast w/fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, cereal bowl, cheese stick, assorted fruits, and assorted milk.

Lunch
Monday: Grilled cheese & soup, assorted burgers & chicken sandwiches, nachos, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, fruits, & juice, and assorted milk.
Tuesday: Chili cheese dog, assorted burgers & chicken sandwiches, nachos, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, fruits, & juice, and assorted milk.
Wednesday: Pizza sub melt, assorted burgers & chicken sandwiches, nachos, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, fruits, & juice, and assorted milk.
Thursday: Pasta bake w/roll, assorted burgers & chicken sandwiches, nachos, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, fruits, & juice, and assorted milk.
Friday: Beef tachos, assorted burgers & chicken sandwiches, nachos, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, fruits, & juice, and assorted milk.

COAHOMA ISD K-12 Grade

Breakfast
Monday: Waffles w/bacon, muffin w/yogurt, fruit, juice, and milk.
Tuesday: Breakfast combo, breakfast bread w/yogurt, fruit, juice, and milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast pizza, cereal w/toast, fruit, juice, and milk.
Thursday: Breakfast cookie, strudel w/cheese stick, fruit, juice, and milk.
Friday: Donut holes w/sausage, muffin w/yogurt, fruit, juice, and milk.

K-8 Grade
Lunch
Monday: Country fried steak w/gravy, fish sticks, mashed potatoes, okra, roll, strawberries, and milk.
Tuesday: Tex-Mex stack, chicken fajitas, beans, carrots, salsa, hot cinnamon apples, sherbet cups, and milk.
Wednesday: Chicken alfredo w/breadstick, meatball subs w/marinara, salad, green beans, peaches, and milk.
Thursday: Ranchero wrap, quesadillas, corn, broccoli, salad, fresh apple slices, dessert, and milk.
Friday: Texas basket, hot dogs, fries, tomato cup, snowball salad, and milk.

9-12 Grade
Lunch
Monday: Country fried steak w/gravy, fish sticks, mashed potatoes, okra, roll, strawberries, and milk.
Tuesday: Tex-Mex stack, chicken fajitas, beans, carrots, salsa, hot cinnamon apples, sherbet cups, and milk.
Wednesday: Chicken alfredo w/breadstick, meatball subs w/marinara, salad, green beans, peaches, and milk.
Thursday: Ranchero wrap, quesadillas, corn, broccoli, salad, fresh apple slices, dessert, and milk.
Friday: Texas basket, hot dogs, fries, tomato cup, snowball salad, and milk.

FORSAN ISD

Breakfast
Monday: Pancakes w/sausage patty (elementary), dutch waffles w/bacon (JH/HS), cereal, strawberry cup, fruit juice, and milk.
Tuesday: Cheese omelet w/bacon (elementary), breakfast burrito (JH/HS), cereal, mandarin oranges, fruit juice, and milk.
Wednesday: Donuts, cereal, yogurt, apple slices, fruit juice, and milk.
Thursday: Sausage biscuit, cereal, peaches, fruit juice, and milk.
Friday: Breakfast pizza, cereal, applesauce cup, fruit juice, and milk.

Lunch
Monday: Steak fingers w/roll, ravioli w/breadstick (elementary), chicken alfredo w/roll (JH/HS), savory green beans, fries, strawberry cup, fresh fruit, and milk.
Tuesday: Chicken fajitas, chicken sandwich, turkey & cheese sub, chili beans, baby carrots, snowball salad, fresh fruit, and milk.
Wednesday: Pizza, chicken fajita salad, PBJ sandwich, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, peaches, fresh fruit, and milk.
Thursday: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, fresh fruit, pumpkin pie, and milk. (Christmas Meal)
Friday: Pizza calzone, hot dog (elementary), chili cheese dog (JH/HS), tomato cup, tots, applesauce cup, fresh fruit, and milk.

SANDS ISD

Breakfast
Monday: Cereal bar, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, and milk.

Tuesday: Mini pancakes, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, and milk.
Wednesday: Sausage kolache, cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, and milk.
Thursday: French toast, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, and milk.
Friday: Breakfast burrito, fruit, fruit juice, and milk.

Lunch
Monday: Pizza, garden salad, green beans, fruit cup, and assorted milk.
Tuesday: Tex-Mex Choice-tacos, seasoned corn, crunchy broccoli salad, apple slices, and assorted milk.
Wednesday: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, peppered gravy, sliced cucumbers, roll, dices peaches, and assorted milk.
Thursday: Hot dog, fries, tomato cup, orange smiles, cookie, and assorted milk.
Friday: BBQ sandwich, pinto beans, baby carrots, grapes, sherbet, and assorted milk.

BIG SPRING SENIOR CENTER MENU

Monday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, carrots, orange slices w/pineapple, biscuit, and milk.
Tuesday: Spaghetti noodles w/meat sauce, green beans, tossed salad, FF ranch, angel cake w/chocolate sauce, garlic bread, and milk.
Wednesday: Beef tips w/peppers, mushroom gravy, steamed brown rice, harvard beets, diced pears, roll, and milk.
Thursday: Tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, broccoli & cauliflower salad, orange jell-o, and milk.
Friday: Battered fish, tarter sauce, mixed vegetables, hushpuppies, muffin, and milk.



I'm not a reporter. Heck...I'm not even a writer/blogger/columnist.... ohhh whatever it's called! That is, until now!

Hey, y'all! Angela here! I'm super excited to be laying my thoughts out into our fabulous local newspaper, somewhat in hopes that it will reach some of you in a relatable manner!

I came up with this crazy idea to start writing a weekly blog...column...whatever it is....one night as I was lying awake in bed at 3am. You know, one of those nights where your brain just WILL. NOT. shut down so you can go back to sleep?! Yes, one of those. So as my brain was working overtime with entirely too many tabs open, I thought, why not throw it in the newspaper?! So here I am, giving you all my brutally honest truth about struggles, kids and life in general. I truly hope you'll enjoy!

The 3am Brain

Back to that 3am night (morning)... I woke up to take medicine for a headache. I was pretty excited because, not having to get up for the workday until 6am, I had three more hours to go back to sleep! Until that never happened. You see, I've always been an over-thinker. Like detective brain, trying to solve all of the problems as the rest of the world sleeps. Not exactly, but you catch my drift.

It seems that those nights when you need the most rest, are when you get the least. A plethora of different subjects crossed my mind. First off, how do husbands fall asleep as soon as their head hits the pillow, and why can't I? *Can any other women relate to that?* As I turn over in attempts to fall asleep, a thought about work crosses my mind. I grabbed my phone, opened my personal email and sent the "Note to Self" message to my work email. Why? Because it will be staring me in the face the next morning as I sit down in my office chair, as a subtle reminder that I didn't get any sleep the night before!

I toss and turn, trying to get comfortable and shut my brain off so I can squeeze in maybe two and a half hours of sleep at this point. No luck, though. Wide awake, knowing that I'd be dragging later, I decide to go ahead and prepare to conquer the day.

After battling the morning routine with my children, (which will be another article...or whatever it's called) I head out to work. As I sat down in front of my computer, I realized that I had sent myself seven email reminders. That's a lot of brain activity going on in the wee morning hours! And guess what?! Yep...you got it! Six of the seven are still there! Waiting to be acted upon.

The first and only one I put into action thus far is this one. The email read, "Write column. About real life. Struggles. Kids. All of it." The next step was to get the approval to do so, which I was hopeful for, but also anticipated the, "You want to do WHAT?!" And that's almost exactly how it went! You see, my boss is always open to suggestions and changes, but he also knows that I can be very open-mouthed and opinionated. I was ready for the, "Now Angela, you can't be...." pep talk. But I said I'd send them to him for approval before publishing. I think he was a little more at ease at this point.

Needless to say, I received the stamp of approval! As you read these columns, or articles, orrrrr whatever they are, please know that this is simply me, giving you my real life, brutally honest perspective and experience on things. And boy....do I have so many things to share with you! So until next week, thank you for stopping by and I hope you have a fabulous weekend!

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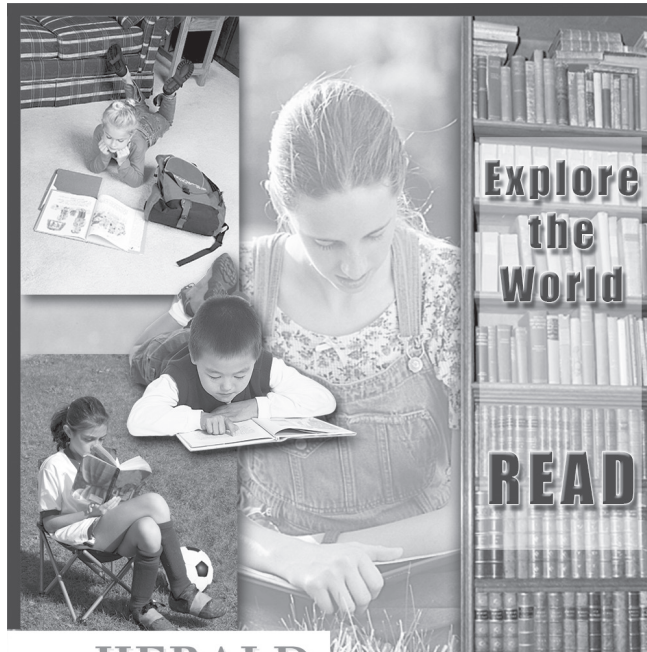
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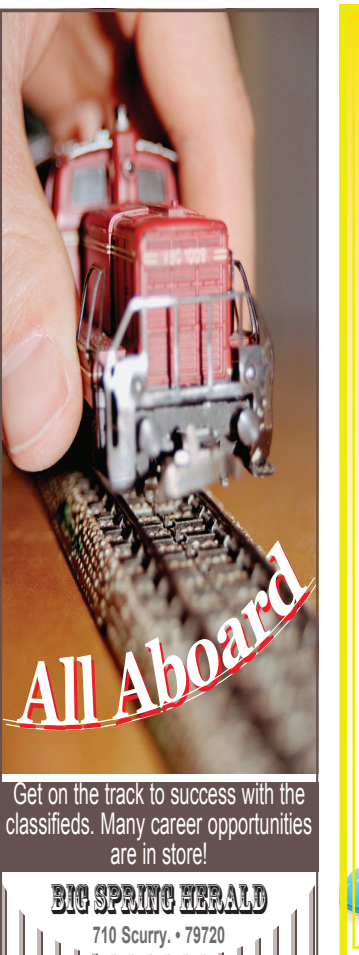
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Imaginative defense

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable. NORTH: ♠10 4, ♥J 5, ♦A 9 3 2, ♣9 7 6 4 3. WEST: ♠9 7 6 3, ♥K Q 10 9, ♦K J, ♣K 8 2. EAST: ♠J 8 5 2, ♥8 6 4 2, ♦10 8 6, ♣J 5. SOUTH: ♠A K Q, ♥A 7 3, ♦Q 7 5 4, ♣A Q 10.

could lose by ducking. East's jack falls on your king, indicating that declarer has the ten, which is blocking the suit. It is at this point that you should be very careful about what you do next. For example, if you cash your nine of hearts, South will discard his ten of clubs and easily score nine tricks. But resisting the impulse to cash the heart nine at this juncture is not good enough. Given declarer's opening two-notrump bid and what you can see in your own hand and dummy, it is a virtual certainty that if South is allowed to score four club tricks, he is sure to make the contract. And so, in an attempt to cut him off from dummy, you should shift to the king of diamonds! If you make this play, South goes down one; if you don't, South makes the contract. While the king of diamonds is admittedly an unusual play, this doesn't mean that it is impossible to find. On the contrary, you have all the information needed to justify it. It is true that declarer might have a hand where he can make the contract no matter what you do. But it is also true that the king of diamonds is the only play that gives you a chance to defeat the contract when it can be defeated.



Today is Sunday, Dec. 4, the 338th day of 2022. There are 27 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Dec. 4, 1956, Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins gathered for the first and only time for a jam session at Sun Records in Memphis.

On this date:

In 1783, Gen. George Washington bade farewell to his Continental Army officers at Fraunces Tavern in New York. In 1918, President Woodrow Wilson left Washington on a trip to France to attend the Versailles (vehr-SY') Peace Conference. In 1942, during World War II, U.S. bombers struck the Italian mainland for the first time with a raid on Naples. President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered the dismantling of the Works Progress Administration, which had been created to provide jobs during the Depression. In 1965, the United States launched Gemini 7 with Air Force Lt. Col. Frank Borman and Navy Cmdr. James A. Lovell aboard on a two-week mission. (While Gemini 7 was in orbit, its sister ship, Gemini 6A, was launched on Dec. 15 on a one-day mission; the two spacecraft were able to rendezvous within a foot of each other.) In 1978, San Francisco got its first female mayor as City Supervisor Dianne Feinstein (FYN'-styn) was named

to replace the assassinated George Moscone (mahs-KOH'-nee).

In 1980, the bodies of four American churchwomen slain in El Salvador two days earlier were unearthed. (Five Salvadoran national guardsmen were later convicted of murdering nuns Ita Ford, Maura Clarke and Dorothy Kazel, and lay worker Jean Donovan.)

In 1986, both houses of Congress moved to establish special committees to conduct their own investigations of the Iran-Contra affair.

In 1992, President George H.W. Bush ordered American troops to lead a mercy mission to Somalia, threatening military action against warlords and gangs who were blocking food for starving millions.

In 1995, the first NATO troops landed in the Balkans to begin setting up a peace mission that brought American soldiers into the middle of the Bosnian conflict.

In 2000, in a pair of legal setbacks for Al Gore, a Florida state judge refused to overturn George W. Bush's certified victory in Florida and the U.S. Supreme Court set aside a ruling that had allowed manual recounts.

In 2016, a North Carolina man armed with a rifle fired several shots inside Comet Ping Pong, a Washington, D.C., pizzeria, as he attempted to investigate an online conspiracy theory that prominent Democrats were harboring child sex slaves at the restaurant; no one was hurt, and the man surrendered to police. (He was later

sentenced to four years in prison.)

In 2018, long lines of people wound through the Capitol Rotunda to view the casket of former President George H.W. Bush; former Sen. Bob Dole steadied himself out of his wheelchair to salute his old friend and one-time rival.

Ten years ago: Two Australian radio disc jockeys impersonating Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Charles made a prank call to a London hospital and succeeded in getting a nurse to tell them the condition of the Duchess of Cambridge, who was being treated for acute morning sickness; another nurse who had put the call through would be found dead three days later in an apparent suicide.

Five years ago: Declaring that "public lands will once again be for public use," President Donald Trump scaled back two sprawling national monuments in Utah; it was the first time in a half century that a president had undone that type of land protection. The Supreme Court allowed the Trump administration to fully enforce a ban on travel to the United States by residents of six mostly Muslim countries. Trump formally endorsed Republican Roy Moore in the Alabama Senate race, looking past sexual misconduct allegations against the GOP candidate.

One year ago: James and Jennifer Crumbley, the parents of a Michigan teen charged with killing four students at a high school earlier in the week, were arrested

in a Detroit commercial building where police said they'd been hiding; a judge later imposed a combined \$1 million bond for the couple, who pleaded not guilty to charges of involuntary manslaughter in connection with the shooting rampage. CNN fired anchor Chris Cuomo less than a week after new information emerged about how he assisted his brother, former New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, as the politician faced sexual harassment allegations earlier in the year. Country musician Stonewall Jackson, who sang on the Grand Ole Opry for more than 50 years and had No. 1 hits with "Waterloo" and others, died after a long battle with vascular dementia; he was 89.

Today's Birthdays: Game show host Wink Martindale is 89. Pop singer Freddy Cannon is 86. Actor-producer Max Baer Jr. is 85. Actor Gemma Jones is 80. Rock musician Bob Mosley (Moby Grape) is 80. Singer-musician Chris Hillman is 78. Musician Terry Woods (The Pogues) is 75. Rock singer Southside Johnny Lyon is 74. Actor Jeff Bridges is 73. Rock musician Gary Rossington (Lynyrd Skynyrd; the Rossington Collins Band) is 71. Actor Patricia Wettig is 71. Actor Tony Todd is 68. Jazz singer Cassandra Wilson is 67. Country musician Brian Prout (Diamond Rio) is 67. Rock musician Bob Griffin (formerly with The BoDeans) is 63. Rock singer Vinnie Dombroski (Sponge) is 60. Actor Marisa Tomei is 58. Actor-comedian Fred Armisen is 56. Rapper Jay-Z is 53.

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EU reaches deal for \$60-per-barrel price cap on Russian oil

By **RAF CASERT, FATIMA HUSSEIN and DAVID McHUGH**

Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — The European Union reached a deal Friday for a \$60-per-barrel price cap on Russian oil, a key step as Western sanctions aim to re-order the global oil market to prevent price spikes and starve President Vladimir Putin of funding for his war in Ukraine.

After a last-minute flurry of negotiations, the EU presidency, held by the Czech Republic, tweeted that “ambassadors have just reached an agreement on price cap for Russian seaborne #oil.” The decision must still be officially approved with a written procedure but is expected to go through.

Europe needed to set the discounted price that other nations will pay by Monday, when an EU embargo on Russian oil shipped by sea and a ban on insurance for those supplies take effect. The price cap, which was led by the Group of Seven wealthy democracies and still needs their approval, aims to prevent a sudden loss of Russian oil to the world that could lead to a new surge in energy prices and further fuel inflation.

Poland long held up an agreement, seeking to set the cap as low as possible. Following more than 24 hours of deliberations, when other EU nations had signaled they would back the deal, Warsaw finally relented late Friday.

“Crippling Russia’s energy revenues is at the core of stopping Russia’s war machine,” Estonian Prime Minister Kaja Kallas said, adding that she was happy the cap was pushed down a few extra dollars from earlier proposals. She said every dollar the cap was reduced amounted to \$2 billion less for Russia’s war chest.

“It is no secret that we wanted the price to be lower,” Kallas added, highlighting the differences within the EU. “A price between 30-40 dollars is what would substantially hurt Russia. However,

this is the best compromise we could get.”

The \$60 figure sets the cap near the current price of Russia’s crude, which recently fell below \$60 a barrel. Some criticize that as not low enough to cut into one of Russia’s main sources of income. It is still a big discount to international benchmark Brent, which traded at \$86.68 a barrel Friday, but could be high enough for Moscow to keep selling even while rejecting the idea of a cap.

There is a big risk to the global oil market of losing large amounts of crude from the world’s No. 2 producer. It could drive up gasoline prices for drivers worldwide, which has stirred political turmoil for U.S. President Joe Biden and leaders in other nations. Europe is already mired in an energy crisis, with governments facing protests over the soaring cost of living, while developing nations are even more vulnerable to shifts in energy costs.

But the West has faced increasing pressure to target one of Russia’s main moneymakers — oil — to slash the funds flowing into Putin’s war chest and hurt Russia’s economy as the war in Ukraine drags into a ninth month. The costs of oil and natural gas spiked after demand rebounded from the pandemic and then the invasion of Ukraine unsettled energy markets, feeding Russia’s coffers.

U.S. National Security Council spokesman John Kirby told reporters Friday that “the cap itself will have the desire on limiting Mr. Putin’s ability to profit off of oil sales and limit his ability to continue to use that money to fund his war machine.”

He touted the EU’s consensus, saying the \$60-per-barrel cap “is appropriate.”

More uncertainty is ahead, however. COVID-19 restrictions in China and a slowing global economy could mean less thirst for oil. That is what OPEC and allied oil-producing countries, including Russia, pointed to in cutting back supplies to the world in October. The OPEC+ alliance is scheduled to meet again Sunday.

That competes with the EU embargo that could

take more oil supplies off the market, raising fears of a supply squeeze and higher prices. Russia exports roughly 5 million barrels of oil a day.

Putin has said he would not sell oil under a price cap and would retaliate against nations that implement the measure. However, Russia has already rerouted much of its supply to India, China and other Asian countries at discounted prices because Western customers have avoided it even before the EU embargo.

Most insurers are located in the EU or the United Kingdom and could be required to participate in the price cap.

Russia also could sell oil off the books by using “dark fleet” tankers with obscure ownership. Oil could be transferred from one ship to another and mixed with oil of similar quality to disguise its origin.

Even under those circumstances, the cap would make it “more costly, time-consuming and cumbersome” for Russia to sell oil around the restrictions, said Maria Shagina, a sanctions expert at the International Institute for Strategic Studies in Berlin.

Robin Brooks, chief economist at the Institute of International Finance in Washington, said the price cap should have been implemented when oil was hovering around \$120 per barrel this summer.

“Since then, obviously oil prices have fallen and global recession is a real thing,” he said. “The reality is that it is unlikely to be binding given where oil prices are now.”

European leaders touted their work on the price cap, a brainchild of U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen.

“The EU agreement on an oil price cap, coordinated with G7 and others, will reduce Russia’s revenues significantly,” said Ursula von der Leyen, president of the European Commission, the EU’s executive arm. “It will help us stabilize global energy prices, benefiting emerging economies around the world.”

Indian coal magnate Gautam Adani steps up green investments

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NEW DELHI (AP) — Asia’s richest man, Gautam Adani, made his vast fortune betting on coal as an energy hungry India grew swiftly after liberalizing its economy in the 1990s.

He’s now set his sights on becoming the world’s biggest renewable energy player, by 2030, by promising to align his investments with the government’s own priorities.

As India grapples with climate change, the Adani Group, whose operations also span ports, power, farming and defense manufacturing, announced in September plans to invest \$70 billion in solar, wind and other green energy projects over the next decade.

Adani, 60, has profited since fellow Gujarati Narendra Modi, India’s most influential prime minister in decades, took office in 2014.

The college drop out from a middle-class family fits the government’s need for “national champions,” both to meet domestic goals and as private sector partners in strategic projects outside India, said Mihir Sharma, an economist at the Observer Research Foundation, a New Delhi-based think tank.

“It isn’t that government policies are shaped by the Adani Group so much as the Adani Group is a willing and able partner in what the government decides are its priorities,” Sharma said.

Since Modi became prime minister, having at times campaigned using a private jet owned by the tycoon, Adani’s net worth has shot up nearly 2,000% to \$125 billion, according to Bloomberg’s Billionaire Index. He surpassed Amazon boss Jeff Bezos to briefly become the world’s second richest man in September after a surge in the value of his seven listed entities.

Adani’s businesses have won multibillion dollar contracts to build ports, highways and power plants. The industrialist’s ambitions include developing drones and ammunition, key to the government’s goal of boosting military-related exports to \$5 billion while slashing costs for expensive imports.

Adani has also invested in agriculture, a huge priority for Modi given the importance of the farm vote.

One of eight children in a middle-class family in Ahmedabad, in Modi’s west Indian home state of Gujarat, Adani began his career trading diamonds in the financial hub of Mumbai.

He returned home to join his brother in importing plastics before establishing Adani Enterprises in the 1980s, trading in everything from shoes to buckets. His career has known ups and downs: he was kidnapped for ransom in 1988 and survived 2008 terror attacks in Mumbai by hiding in the basement of a hotel militants were holding under siege.

Though his wealth was built from coal mining and other heavy industries, early on Adani recognized the promise of renewable energy, said Tim Buckley, director of Australia-based Climate Energy Finance, who has been tracking investments in renewables in Asia for decades.

Adani has capitalized on Indian government incentives promoting self reliance and achieving net zero by 2070, recently receiving nearly \$90 million in government subsidies to produce solar modules.

“I don’t think Gautam Adani really thinks about climate science — but what he does do is understand the geopolitical and economic interests of India and he positions himself to solve that problem for his own and India’s benefit,” Buckley said.

“He wants to be up there with Bill Gates, with Elon Musk. The only way he can do that is by being a credible global billionaire, rather than the biggest fish in the Indian market. Adani Green is what he will want to be his legacy,” he added.

Adani’s green energy push isn’t limited to India. He recently announced plans to build a 10 gigawatt clean energy project in Morocco that will help meet Europe’s energy needs.

Still, he has not yet abandoned his fossil fuel roots.

In December 2021, the Adani Group began exporting coal from Australia’s Carmichael mine after years of disputes with environmental groups. The project 300 kilometers (185 miles) west of the Queensland coast includes a rail line for shipping coal from the Galilee Basin to countries in Asia, including India.

Energy-hungry Bangladesh will soon start receiving a share of its electricity from an Adani coal-fired plant under construction in eastern India.

Adani recently announced plans to invest more than \$4 billion in a petrochemicals complex that will include an ethane cracker and a plant that will convert natural gas into plastics.

Critics say such projects run counter to Adani’s green energy zeal. The company says such a mix is inevitable given the need to meet soaring demand while India makes a transition to a cleaner future.

“While we are fully committed to clean energy, existential demands dictate that we have to stay the course with traditional fuel sources until reliable alternatives are in place,” the company said in a statement. It said use of fossil fuels will be phased out, and “that is why it is our long-term vision to remain focused on clean, reliable, affordable energy.”

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SUNDAY COMICS

Agnes

by TONY COCHRAN

WHAT ARE YOU WATCHING?
"WHEEL OF FORTUNE."

I CAN NEVER GUESS THOSE.
ME EITHER.

THEN WHY WATCH?
IT'S A GAME OF ETERNAL HOPE.

Archbie

YES! YES... YES? YES...

NOOOO!

SOMETHING WRONG?
MY CELLPHONE JUST DROPPED ANOTHER IMPORTANT CALL!

BETTY WAS GOING TO SHARE THE LATEST HOT RUMOR WITH ME...

...IF I PROMISED NOT TO SPREAD IT AROUND!

OF COURSE, I AGREED!

BUT WE GOT CUT OFF BEFORE SHE COULD TELL ME WHAT IT WAS!

OH WELL, I GUESS I CAN MAKE SOMETHING UP!

ONE BIG HAPPY

12-04

SNIFF SNIFF
AAAH!

ANDY CAPP

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO MINGLING WITH ALL MY FLOCK ON THIS FINE MORNING

WELL, MAYBE NOT ALL

MORNING, VICAR. IT'S A CRACKING DAY

IT IS THAT, MR. CAPP. I HOPE YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE THE MOST OF THE LORD'S GLORIOUS WEATHER

I INTEND TO

THE PUB IN THE MARINA HAS GOT A NEW BEER GARDEN

MOMMA

by MELL LAZARUS

TINA, I THINK MY MOTHER'S MEMORY IS GOING. THE OTHER DAY, I WAS OVER THERE HAVING A CUPOF COFFEE...

-WHEN SHE SAID, "THOMAS, BE CAREFUL WITH THAT. I'M STILL UPSET ABOUT THE NEW COUCH YOU SPILLED CHOCOLATE MILK ON AND RUINED."

GASP! YOU DID!?!?

YES, BUT I WAS 1 1/2 YEARS OLD WHEN IT HAPPENED!

DOESN'T MATTER! I'D LIKE TO SMACK YOU FOR DOING THAT!

SUCH CARELESSNESS!

I GUESS MOMMA'S PROBLEM IS GENDER, NOT AGE..

The BARN

by Ralph Hagen

WINTERBURN VETERINARY CLINIC

SLAM

ALL RIGHTY! WHO ORDERED THE HOT CHOCOLATE WITH EXTRA MARSHMALLOWS?!

OVER HERE!