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Howard County Commissioners Court to discuss Burn Ban and Fireworks; roadway maintenance

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

The Howard County Commissioners will convene this afternoon at 3:30 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Third Floor County Courtroom at the Howard County Courthouse. During the meeting the Commissioners will discuss the Burn Ban and use of Fireworks with sticks and fins. Discussion will be lead by Commissioner Craig Bailey, Precinct 2. County Treasurer Sharon Adams will lead the Commis-

sioners Court in an Executive/Closed Session at the beginning of her report. Once the Court reconvenes in open session, Adams will discuss monthly payroll report and SB234/ HB749 Opposition Resolution.

County Auditor Jackie Olson will be presenting for approval invoices, purchase requests, and budget amendments. Olson will also present the monthly financial report and the Budget FY2021-22.

Road Engineer Brian Klinksiek will provide a roadway maintenance update and do a presentation on the completed auction before the Commissioners. Before concluding, Klinksiek will also speak about invert prime emergency rehabilitated section of Old Colorado City Road.

The County Clerk Brent Zitterkopf will also present the monthly report before the meeting adjourns for the evening. The community is invited to attend the meeting in person.

USDA offers Disaster Assistance to farmers and livestock producers in Texas impacted by recent winter storms

Special to the Herald **USDA**

COLLEGE STATION The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) provides technical and financial assistance to help Texas farmers and livestock producers recover from damages brought on by winter storms Uri and Viola. Agricultural producers are encouraged to contact their local USDA Service Center to learn about the programs available to help them recover from crop, land, infrastructure, and livestock

"These recent winter storms have taken their toll on farmers and ranchers in Texas," said Eddie Trevino, acting state executive director for USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Texas. "We stand with our

producers who have worked tirelessly in these severe conditions to keep livestock fed and to protect crops from Mother Nature's wrath. We know these storms have left damage in their wake, and I'm glad that USDA offers as strong portfolio of disaster assistance programs available to help."

Disaster Assistance

USDA encourages farmers and ranchers to contact the FSA county office at the local USDA Service to apply for eligible programs and to learn which documents, such as farm records, herd inventory, receipts and pictures of damages or losses should be provided to help expedite assistance.

Producers who experience livestock deaths due to the winter storms may be eligible for the Livestock Indemnity Program. Meanwhile, the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program provides eligible producers with compensation for feed and grazing losses. For LIP and ELAP, producers will need to file a notice of loss for livestock and grazing or feed losses within 30 days and honeybee losses within 15 days.

Additionally, eligible orchardists and nursery tree growers may be eligible for cost-share assistance through the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) to replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes or vines lost during the winter storms. This complements Non-insured Crop Assistance Disaster gram (NAP) or crop insurance coverage, which covers the crop but not the plants or trees in all cases. For TAP, a

program application must be

filed within 90 days. FSA also offers a variety of direct and guaranteed loans, including operating and emergency loans, to producers unable to secure commercial financing. Producers in counties with a primary or contiguous disaster designation may be eligible for lowinterest emergency loans to help them recover from production and physical losses. Loans can help producers replace essential property, purchase inputs like livestock, equipment, feed and seed, cover family living expenses or refinance farm-related

debts and other needs. Risk Management

Producers who have risk protection through Federal Crop Insurance or FSA's NAP should report crop

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A Moment in History

Part II: Big Spring Army Hero to Leavenworth

Editor's Note: Each week the Heritage Museum highlights a different piece of Howard County history. Last week was Part I of Big Spring Army Hero to Leavenworth. If you missed last week's edition, stop by the Big Spring Herald for a copy of the paper or stop at the Heritage Museum to learn more about the history of Big Spring and ask about Part I while you are there.

By TAMMY SCHRECENGOST

Heritage Museum

While in Vietnam, Jim Little won more medals in two tours than the Army left room to record on form DD-214 in his service records; they had to be typed on another sheet. Among them were two Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Army's highest aviation medal; a Bronze Star; and 50 Air medals. Authorities questioned, how could this man who risked his life for his country, start to break from reality. Perhaps PTSD or a mental condition that he shared with his father. Not much was known about PTSD in

Jim said "I left the most personal part of me in Vietnam, that part that truly enjoys life and can be happy and loving. I left it there because my country would not let me come home. They didn't want me. I was a murderer of women and babies and old people and

innocent civilians and I became impersonal. But the pain remained and

festered, and pain creates anger." During Little's second voluntary tour in Vietnam, he established himself as a top pilot in "The Rebels," the 235th Air Assault Company, one of the toughest Cobra gunship

groups in Vietnam. Jim put the Army life behind him in 1972 and moved wife Kathy and children to Alaska. In 1975, Jim scored near the top on an entrance exam for the Alaska troopers. He worried about having to pull his trigger once again to kill. Life as an Alaskan Trooper agreed with Jim and his family until Jim's aggression on the job, became a liability. He never backed down and was

overzealous with his tactics. With his career as a state trooper in trouble, Little often retreated to remote parts of Alaska to "meditate." He was fired in 1978 for an aggressive arrest but was reinstated after a hearing. He then chose to resign in 1980, as he had a "quest for truth." And decided the only way he could find his destiny was to give away the possessions that bound him to materialism. The family moved to an isolated log cabin in remote Alaska, where he spent the next several

weeks smoking dope and mediating. Jim's behavior became even more erratic as he would go into fits of rage, throwing things against the walls. During a night terror, Jim hit Kathy in the mouth, and she found a pistol that he was hiding under his pillow. Jim never hit Kathy or the children, but they were at a breaking point and had to leave. Jim moved back to Texas and drifted from job to job before reacquainting himself with a friend from Anchorage. Marvin Rodgers, a former gun dealer, had the idea of getting together a gang for bank robberies and knew



Courtesy photo

Pictured above is Jim Little while he served in the military.

> driver would be Little. Five months later, on July 20th, a helicopter landed in the parking lot of a small bank north of Denton Texas. The Valley View National Bank. Traffic on Interstate 35 saw a helicopter landing in the parking lot as four heavily armed men ran in a semi-crouch position from

the perfect

"getaway

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Gerald Dean Ayers

Gerald Dean Ayers, 63, of Big Spring died Thursday, March 4, 2021. No services will be held. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Obituaries

Support Groups

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

A six-week course in Wellness and Quality

of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring

- Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information. Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday
- of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.
- Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.
- DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held

two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to

8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. The next session beging Sept. 3, 2019. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

WEDNESDAY

 Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry



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Take Note

- Cornhole Tournament benefitting the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) will be taking place at Star Doge on March 27. Registration is from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Food vendors will be on site.
- Back in Motion and West Texas Injury Prevention is hosting a St. Patrick Day Wounded Warrior fundraiser on March 17. There will be brisket plates for sale between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The meals will be served at 1113 S. Scurry Street.
- AARP Foundation Tax-Aide will offer free income tax preparation every Monday through Monday, April 5, 2021, from 8 a.m. until Noon at the Big Spring Senior Citizen's Center. The Senior Center is located at 100 Whipkey Drive, Big Spring, Texas. The service is available to all taxpayers with moderate to low income. Covid protocols will be observed: masks required, appointments required and no children allowed. Taxpayers need to bring: a photo ID, social security card for every person on tax return; last year's tax return and W-2s and all other proof of income received in 2020. Free electronic efiling will be available for faster refunds.
- The City of Big Spring has reopened all indoor rentable facilities as of Monday, February 1, 2021 for normal operations. We still request that individuals holding events and persons attending events adhere to the following: Please wear a mask when not eating or drinking anything; Make sure to wash and/or sanitize your hands regularly; If you are not feeling well, running a fever, or have been exposed please do not attend events.
- All City of Big Spring offices have reopened to the public effective January 19, 2021. We ask citizens to act responsibly and follow all health precautions and sanitizing guidelines. We strongly recommend that citizens continue to practice social distancing, wash your hands frequently, stay home if you're sick, and wear a mask when in public areas.
- West Texas Centers will be hosting the 2021 Mental Health First Aid training classes in February. Adult mental health virtual class will take place Feb. 17 from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.; in-person adult mental health first aid class will take place Feb. 23, at 3205 Hwy 87 from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.; and the final class in the series will take place Feb. 25 from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. virtually.
- Forsan Food Pantry will be open twice a month from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Families who are in need can pull up to the front doors of the Junior High/ High School and receive a free box of pre-packed meals. If you have any questions or need to pick up a box at a different time, contact Kaci Wash at 432-457-2223 ext 821 or Jenny Sayles at jennysales@
- Cub Scouts meet Monday from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Naz Family Church, located at 1400 S.
- Howard County Republican Club meets the second Monday of each month in the Cactus Room at Howard College. The next meeting is Jan. 20 and will be held in the newly renovated Cactus Room. Everyone is welcome. The meeting takes place at Noon. For more information call 432-213-7628.
- A new group named Taking Care of Business has started in Howard County. It is made up of people of all ages and genders who want to be better than they are. The focus of the fledgling organization is to engage in meaningful discussions that promote personal growth. Additionally, the organization will plan and execute worthwhile activities within the community. There is no membership fee and attendance is not taken. The only requirements are that you be positive or want to be more positive than you are, consider yourself to be a good person but want to be better than you are, and that you have a desire to help others be better too. Childcare is available during the discussion time if you let us know. Topics to be avoided include Religion and Politics, though we can dance around them.



Taking Care of Business is being sponsored by the local Masons and it meets in the Masonic Lodge on the court square. It is not necessary that you have any masonic affiliation to participate in this Growth Group. All Covid-19 safety protocols will be followed as defined by local, state, and federal authorities. At this time refreshments will not be served but you are welcome to bring your own and not share. The meetings take place at 219 South Main Big Spring, Texas. For more information write to Colonel.Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com or just come to the meeting.

- The Life Center in Big Spring is helping moms and dads with a Diaper Day Giveaway! Call for a five minute phone appointment and a pickup time for free diapers, wipes and formula. 432-606-5041.
- The Howard County Library meeting rooms will be opening up – at limited capacity – on Feb. 1. There will only be five people allowed in the small room and 15 in the large room and can only be used by appointment only by community organizations. No parties or social gatherings will be allowed at this time. For more information, call the Howard County Library.
- The Senior Supper Club has come out of hibernation to resume its normal Tuesday evening dinners. The Come-One-Come-All group will be meeting on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and orders will be placed around 5:30 p.m. after much socializing from a distance. The group will be meeting at Dickey's this week; March 9 at Al's; March 16 at Denny's; March 23 at Spanish Inn; and March 30 at Cowboys. The Senior Supper Club is an informal group of folks from Howard County who meet at least weekly and sometimes more for Dutch-Treat food at different area restaurants. Sometimes the group also meets for cards, dominoes, or desserts and fellowship. For more information, contact Colonel. Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com.
- St. Vincent de Paul will be open the following dates beginning November 2020. Food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and other assistance will be suspended at this time, but will resume on Dec. 17. Distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building. In December 2020, the food distribution will continue the 2nd Thursday as scheduled. SVDP will be closed from December 18 through January 7, 2021.
- Permian Basin Multiple Sclerosis Support Group for information, encouragement and support. The group meets monthly on the Second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express at 5321 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa. If you or someone you know has been touched by MS, or if you are just interested in more information please feel to contact Gary Tidwell at garylteagle1987@gmail.com.
- VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.
- DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors

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Check this out, at the library this week imagined. ANDRA VERDIN imagined. Aiken, his fiancée, who wants to marry. When his fiancée, who wants to marry. When his

By SANDRA VERDIN

Howard County Library

This week Howard County Library is jumping back into virtual programming, join us this week on Facebook as we start up virtual Babytime, Storytime and join us on Zoom for virtual Code Club. Virtual Babytime will start Tuesday, March 9 at 10:30 on Facebook and will focus on stories for babies and toddlers. Virtual Storytime will start Thursday, March 11 at 10:30 also on Facebook and will focus on stories for kids ages 3-5. We will also host virtual Code Club starting Thursday, March 11 from 5-5:30 PM on Zoom. There is no registration required for any of the virtual programs all information will be posted on our Facebook page.

This week's reviews include fiction and large print western.

Everyone says there's no place like home in "The Warning" (F PAT J) by James Patterson and Robison Wells. A small southern town was evacuated and placed on quarantine after a freak power-plant accident. Now the first anniversary of the mishap approaches, and some residents are allowed to pass the National Guard roadblocks and return home. Mount Hope natives Maggie and Jordan are back, but nothing is quite the same. A sinister feeling has taken over. The military are stationed around every corner and have put the damaged power plant under lockdown. As friends and family turn against one another, Maggie and Jordan must discover the truth behind what's happening in Mount Hope. And soon they'll be in the crosshairs of something far more menacing than anyone could have

Tramparas Range, mean country, rustler country, a country of dry canyons and stony mesas, a country that hid whole herds of stolen cattle, that was the country Miles Trask rode back into in "Cow Thief Trail" (LP W FOS B) by Bennett Foster. A country alone, bitter and spoiling for trouble. On his hip was a gun and in his pocket a commission from the Texas Rangers. He was one man against a land full of killers, a land too wild for the law. Miles had to tame it! Miles Trask was back. As Ryland heard the news and hired more men. Whitey Arburg looked thoughtfully at his guns. Ellis Heming smiled, but she wondered, these three had beaten Miles once, but now he was back and there would be killing in the harsh Tramparas country.

Walt Slade rides back to Echo, Texas in "Ranger Daring" (LP W SCO B) by Bradford Scott. Echo, was the scene of a past showdown and now he finds he must challenge a new deadlier desperado gang. The safety of the town and Walt Slade's friend hangs in the balance while the greatest of the Texas Rangers meets his match in a hail of bullets on a hellfire range. Enjoy Max Brand's unpublished western stories

in "The White Streak: A Western Duo" (LP W BRA M). In the first story "The White Streak," the protagonist is twenty-one-year-old Jimmy Babcock, a former football star, but now a worker at the local bank run by William Parker in the town of Dresser, which has changed from cattle country to one made up of oil and alfalfa fields. When Parker fires Jimmy, all Jimmy can think is how he will hurt Muriel father signs over the old family homestead that is in serious need of repair, Jimmy feels better. But an unexpected invitation from Parker to meet him at the Club convinces him that Parker wants him back. When he learns what Parker really has in mind, Jimmy finds himself recalling the stories he has heard about the notorious robbers the White Streak and Utah Billie, and he has to make a hard decision. The second western story, "The Masked Rider," the betrothed of Carlos Torreño, Lucia d'Arquista, is making her way to Casa Torreño in Spanish California in which no expense has been spared in making her journey a lavish one by her soon-to-be father-in-law, Francisco Torreño. But it is on the journey that Francisco decides that Lucia is a sparrow hawk and that she must be watched carefully, especially once she takes an interest in Taki, a Navajo who is working off a debt to Fran-

"Step out of the history that is holding you back. Step into the new story you are willing to create. Oprah Winfrey

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damage to their crop insurance agent or FSA office. If they have crop insurance, producers should report crop damage to their agent within 72 hours of damage discovery and follow up in writing within 15 days. For NAP covered crops, a Notice of Loss (CCC-576) must be filed within 15 days of the loss becoming apparent, except for hand-harvested crops, which should be reported within 72 hours.

"Crop insurance and other USDA risk management options are there to help producers manage risk because we never know what nature has in store for the future," said Jim Bellmon, director of RMA's Regional Office that covers Texas. "The Approved Insurance Providers, loss adjusters and agents are experienced and well trained in handling these types of events."

Conservation

Emergency Conservation Program and Emergency Forest Restoration Program can assist landowners and forest stewards with financial and technical assistance to restore damaged farmland or

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) also offers pro-

grams to help in the recovery process. The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) can help producers plan and implement conservation practices on farms, ranches and working forests impacted by natural disasters. Practices include Emergency Animal Mortality Management, Animal Mortality Facility, High Tunnel Systems, Irrigation System, Irrigation Pipeline, Livestock Pipeline, Obstruction Removal, Pumping Plant, Roofs and Covers, Waste Storage Facility, Water Well, and Watering Facility.

"USDA can be a very valuable partner to help landowners with their recovery efforts," Kristy Oates, NRCS state conservationist in Texas. "Our staff will work one-on-one with landowners to make assessments of the damages and develop approaches that focus on effective recovery of the land."

NRCS accepts conservation program applications year-round; however, applications for 2021 winter storm recovery funding must be submitted by one of three deadlines: March 5, March 19, or April 2, 2021. After each deadline, applications will be ranked and approved as soon as possible so conservation work can begin. Producers must submit a separate application by one of the ranking deadlines for this disaster sign-up to be considered.

More Information

On farmers.gov, the Disaster Assistance Discovery Too, Disaster-at-a-Glance fact sheet, and Farm Loan Discovery Tool can help producers and landowners determine program or loan options. For assistance with a crop insurance claim, producers and landowners should contact their crop insurance agent. For FSA and NRCS programs, they should contact their local USDA Service Center

All USDA Service Centers are open for business, including those that restrict inperson visits or require appointments. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with NRCS, FSA, or any other Service Center agency should call ahead and schedule an appointment. Service Centers that are open for appointments will pre-screen visitors based on health concerns or recent travel, and visitors must adhere to social distancing guidelines. Visitors are also required to wear a face covering during their appointment. Our program delivery staff will continue to work with our producers by phone, email, and using online tools. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

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Hilaria Moreno, 64, Wednesday. Visitation will be Tuesday, 9:00 until 9:00 PM, with a Vigil Service at 7:00 PM. Mass will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Gerald Dean Ayers, 63, died Thursday. No services will be held.

the Bell helicopter into the bank. The men were in body armor and loaded with semi-automatic weapons. Five minutes later, the helicopter and crew were gone. Not only did Jim commit a crime but he was a former officer of the law. It was tough for cops in prison.

Investigators were finally able to prove that the pilot was James Richard Little. He was sentenced to 25 years in prison and was eventually trans-

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ferred to a full level security prison, Leavenworth. Jim had just turned 43. He had taken part in two bank robbery heists before Rodgers replaced him with another pilot. 501 Birdwell Lai He said, "the only time my war record was acknowledged by society was when they used it against me in court to show how dangerous I am, how they should treat me differently." He added "I always threw myself totally into the things I believed in. That's why I went back to 'Nam the second time. I felt guilty I didn't do enough the first time."

Jim served his time and was released from prison. He moved back

to Mineral Wells, Texas where he was arrested on an aggravated assault with a deadly weapons charge after an alleged knife attack. While in custody, James Richard Little, 73, died after a "major medical episode" shortly after eating dinner, ac-

A man who served his country well, suffered from PTSD and become lost in the system.

Dallas Times writer, Howard Swindle spent many hours with Jim Little and got to know him well. He wrote the book "Once A Hero" about Jim's tragic odyssey. The book is out of print.

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Big Spring Steers Baseball team goes 3 and 2 at the Levelland Linedrive Classic





Courtesy Photos

Pictured Left: Gabriel Baeza rounds the bases as he hit the walk-off game winning Home Run against Herford giving the Steers a 9 to 8 victory. Pictured Right: The Steers Surround the plate to welcome Baeza home celebrating the game winning Home Run.

By DUSTIN POPE

Herald Sports Writer

The Big Spring Steers Baseball team took to the Diamond this past weekend Mar. 4-6 for the Levelland Line drive Baseball Classic. The Steers played five games during the three-day tournament, going 3 and 2 for those games.

The Steers opened up play facing the Hereford Whitefaces; the opening-round game was held in Lubbock. Eli Cobos took the bump to lead off the pay at pitcher for the Steers. The young Steer pitcher had an efficient first inning, allowing a couple of walks, and only one run, to give Hereford the early lead 1 to 0. The Steere bats started slowly in the bottom of the First, not really getting any rhythm going ending the inning with a runner on base but no

The top of the second found Hereford enjoying the one-run lead. Cobos had a very impressive inning of work, going three up and three down, making short work of the second's top. The Steer bats came alive at the bottom of the second. Isaiah Diaz started things when he would reach an error by the third baseman allowing him to reach first. Ricky Escovedo came up next and singled on a hard-hit line drive single moving Diaz over to third on the play. Eli Cobos then came to the plate and showed patience to earn a walk to load the bases; courtesy runner Isaiah Solis came in to run for pitcher Cobos at first base. After a strikeout, it would bring up Marcos Paredez to the plate. Paredez got hit by a pitch driving in the first run of the day for the Steers and tying the game at one-all. Jose Cantu keeps the line moving when the Steer drove in a run on a sacrifice fly giving Big Spring their first lead of the day. Maverick Yanez then worked a walk. Joshua Miramontes then pushed two runs across the plate with a single one, increasing the to 4 to 1. The Steers put one more on the inning board, extending the lead 5 to 1 after two innings of play.

In the third inning, the Hereford Whitefaces showed they came to play as they battled back in their half of the inning, scoring six runs taking the lead back from the Steers 7 to 5. Big Spring would attempt to answer back when they had their chance at the plate. The steers were able to push one run across to tighten up the Hereford lead 6 to 7.

For the next few innings, both teams would battle back and forth, not allowing any runs. In the top of the Sixth inning, Hereford showed that they were here to play, as the Whitefaces scored two more runs increasing the lead 8 to 6. Due to tournament time limits, the Steers knew this would be their last at-bat of the game. They found there self down by two runs down to their last three outs. That's when this Steer passion would make its presence. The inning started with a quick out, leaving only two outs for the steers to make a comeback. Jose Cantu was the first to get on base with a single, giving the Steers life. They then had ground out. With one person on the base and down to their final strike, the future looked bleak for the young Steers. Josh-

ua Miramontes battled in the box earning a walk to keep the Steers alive. That put runners on first and second, down to their last out when Gabriel Baeza stepped into the batter's box. With the game in his hands, the young Baeza would not disappoint. On a 0-1 pitch, Baeza would smash a game-winning three-run Home Run to win the Steers' game dramatically. It was a huge moment in a great baseball game. Gabriel Baeza told me, "he just wanted to take a good approach at the plate; I just wanted to help out the team the best I could," Baeza said, "I knew it was gone as soon as I hit it. It was a great feeling!" After what was one of the most exciting games this team has played this year, the day was not over.

The second game of the day found the Steers taking on the Dalhart Golden Wolves; they held this game in Shallowater. This game featured Great pitching and a lot of offense from the Steers as they destroyed Dalhart 14 to 0.

Isaiah Solis took to the mound in the Steers's second game of the day, and boy did the young man deliver. Solis pitched five innings, allowing two hits and zero runs in a dominating performance.

The top of the first began with Big Spring not getting much done with the bats as they got a runner in the base but could not score a run. Solis took the mound to start his day; he would cruise through his inning of work easily, not allowing any runs to

score. The top of the second is where the Steers blew open the game with an eight-run inning. The inning of play began with Eli Cobos singling. Braxton Sizenbach then reached an error to get on base and moving Cobos to second. Pablito Dehoyos scored two on a hard-hit single of his own, driving the game's first two runs in. Jose Cantu kept the momentum going as he, too, drove in a run with a hard-hit single. Maverick Yanez then came in and kept the hit train going with yet another single driving in Cantu, bringing the score to 4 to 0. Joshua Miramontes would step up to the plate and blast a two-run home run bringing the lead to 6 to 0. The Steers would put two more runs on the board, end-

ing the inning 8 to 0. Solis kept dealing in his performance, mowing the batters down with ease. The Steers would go on to tack on 2 runs in the third and four more runs in the fourth inning; The Game would be called after five innings, with the Steers having a 14 to 0 blowout. The game would end the play on the day. The steers would still have three more games to play ahead of the two on Friday and one game on Saturday.

Friday morning rolled around and found the Big Spring Steers taking on the Dalhart Golden Wolves once again. They dominated Dalhart the previous day, 14 to 0. This time they would take the domination a step further by winning this game by 24

to 2. Making that 38 runs scored against Dalhart in just two games.

Joshua Miramontes took the mound in the third game of the tournament. He had an easy first inning of work working a clean three up three down inning. The Steers wasted no time putting up runs in this game. Maverick Yanez started the game in style with a hard-hit single to shortstop. Joshua Miramontes then came up a smashed another single. Isaiah Diaz slammed a double to left field, scoring one, opening up the scoring of the day 1 to 0. Eli Cobos then got hit by a pitch loading the bases. Bringing Braxton Sizenbach to the plate, and man, the young Steer would deliver, as Sizenbach belted a Grand Slam Home Run to Centerfield, clearing the bases driving in 4 runs.

Dalhart would finally find the scoreboard in the top of the second, making the score 5 to 1. The Steers were not done dominating with the bats, and They went on to put up eight more runs in the bottom of the inning and tacking on 11 more in the bottom of the third. It was a complete blowout as the Steers would end the game with 24 to 2. The game was total dominance highlighted by Braxton Sizenbach and his Grand Slam Home Run; he ended the day having six RBI.

The Steers would start the tournament at 3-0. Unfortunately, they would lose the Friday afternoon game against Dumas. The Steers held the lead for most of the game but fell late in the game, losing their first one of the tournament by a score of 9 to 7.

To close out the tournament, the Steers took on Canyon, Back in Shallowater. The Steers had a rough game losing 17 to 2, bringing their tour-

nament record to 3 and 2. All and all, it was a good tournament for the Steers as they have plenty to be proud of. These boys could be something special to watch as this season unfolds. They have power at the plate, show patience when they need to take a walk, and have the arms to prevent runs. The Steers record stands at 7-3-1; next up for the Young Steers is a Tuesday game at Steer Park at 7:00 to take on the Fort Stockton Panthers. Come out and support these boys and cheer them on to victory.



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Some hands are loaded with dynamite. For example, take this one from the 1984 national men's team championship. At the first table, with Eric

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Rodwell and Jeff Meckstroth sitting North-South, the bidding went as shown. The two-notrump overcall by North was "unusual," indicating at least five cards in each of the minor

diamonds, Rodwell tried six diamonds, which East doubled. A spade championship.

or club lead would have defeated the contract, but unfortunately for his side, West led a heart. Declarer discarded a spade from dummy, ruffed in his hand and so made the slam to score 1,090 points.

At the second table, the bidding was opened by West with four clubs, a conventional bid indicating a hand that most players would open with four hearts. North overcalled with four notrump, showing length in the minors, and East bid five hearts. South now bid five notrump, in effect announcing he could support either minor suit. After West bid six hearts, North ventured seven clubs, which East (Larry Cohen, playing with Marty Bergen) doubled.

East led the ace of spades, on which West played his lowest spade, the six, whereupon East shifted to a diamond, which he knew from the bidding his partner would ruff. The spade king then provided another trick for the defense, and declarer wound up down three. Cohen and Bergen were thus plus

500 with the East-West cards at their table, and this, added to the 1,090 points their teammates scored at the other table, produced a total gain of 1,590 points on the deal. With the aid After Meckstroth jumped to five of several similar results on other deals, their team went on to win the

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Grit Moon

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Uncertainties and risks are inevitable parts of life. You're not one to tempt fate, nor would you run and hide instead of seizing the chance at an experience of the sort of wholesome pleasures that make your heart so vibrantly alive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Memory is subjective and unreliable. Even people raised in the same house can have vastly different memories of what happened within those walls. Today will bring up the need to account for variances of recollection.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Support can come in many forms. Today, the kind that's called for is hands-off. You believe in someone and show it by stepping back to allow them to handle things in their own way.

CANCER (June **22-July 22).** Many of the challenges you deal with are the same ones we all deal with. Then there's the one that's so unique to you that you sometimes feel you're the only one with it. That's not necessarily true, as you'll discover today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll find it hard to get in the swing. Maybe because you feel torn between said swing and the slide, teeter-totter or merry-go-round. Well, you know that it has to be the swing. The sooner you get into it, the higher you'll go.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Everyone has their personal mythology and many are reluctant to revise,

Tomorrow's Horoscope

even when it is not particularly flattering, useful or empowering. Flexible and for-



ward-thinking, you see the benefit of story adaptations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In a typical day, dozens of problems and hundreds of ideas vie for your attention. This doesn't always stress you because you're choosey with your focus. Be even choosier. Today's peace relies on it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your mind keeps returning to a certain event, not because there is something to untangle there, but because you're now habituated to the thought process. A deliberate pattern-interrupt is the beginning of the fix.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The day brings a storm of possibilities and potentials. You'll know when an idea is good enough to act on because a waiting list will quickly assemble behind it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It doesn't take a fancy vocabulary or deft phrasing to communicate skillfully. You've the tools to say what's on your mind in a dozen different ways, but you choose to act it out instead -- brilliant! You'll earn trust.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You tune in to other people's preferences because you

find the differences in

natural proclivity also

just happens to be an

excellent strategy for

people fascinating. This

increasing your influence. PISCES (Feb. **19-March 20).** Being accountable to certain authorities, your life got easier and better when you learned to see things the way they did.

Today you'll gain in-

sights as you alternate

lenses between theirs

and your own.

TODAY'S BIRTH-DAY (March 8). You're freer and more emotionally independent than ever. People feel comfortable around you because they sense that you're not basing your plan or mood on anything they do. You'll get followers and fans, clients and customers. You'll know the right investment when you see it and get handsome dividends in July. Virgo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 14, 3, 39 and 16.

COSMIC QUES-TION: 10 CRIB NOTES FROM EUTERPE, MUSE OF MUSIC:

- 1. The asteroid 27 Euterpe is part of a family of asteroids (with over four hundred members) in the inner asteroid belt.
- 2. The mythological Euterpe is often depicted playing a sort of flute and wearing a laurel wreath on her head.
- Archeologists have found and dated flutes over 40,000 years old.
- 4. Music activates many parts of the brain at once, including pleasure centers.
- brain damage can often sing words as lyrics that they cannot otherwise verbalize. Setting facts to mu sic is a known way to

commit them to endur-

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ing memory, which is why we learn our ABCs this way. Music is the fastes shortcut to a range of emotions. Tears, chills, fears, triumph, cele-

bration, euphoria and

so much more can be

evoked with but a few

- notes. 8. Learning to play music alters the brain. Scientists have found detectible differences in the brains of musicians versus non-musicians.
- 9. In hopes of representing humanity to passing space aliens, a large variety of musical selections have been launched into space including recordings of Bach, bagpipes and Chuck Berry.
- 10. Your life is your song. Sing out!

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I've tried to focus on our life and our family, but I constantly feel like it's not complete without a little girl. My husband thinks I'll be very upset if we do have another boy, but I simply told him that if it's another boy, then it's God's way of saying that I wasn't meant to have a girl. And that's fine. I just don't want to go through my life thinking that I should have tried for a baby

girl. -- Wife and Mom-

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Dear Wife and Mommy: Children are little walking, talking miracles. If you truly will be OK if it's another boy, you should go for it. When we look back, we usually regret the things we didn't do more than the things we did. Taking risks and trying is what living a full life is all about. Besides, if you get a fourth boy, you never know -- maybe he will marry a wonderful woman who will take care of you and your husband in old age.

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One of our new neighbors -- an older, plain-speaking woman -- offered this advice: "When you have guests

-- and you will have lots of requests from relatives and friends to visit -- ask them to bring their favorite snacks, or at least their beverage of choice. You will go broke if you try to supply everyone's requests for drink and snacks. Providing all their meals for three or four days will be expensive enough."

Annie, not every guest is a close friend. There is no word for "a friendly person I know in passing," so we call them friends. But these are not your buddies who remember your birthday. They are great fun to share your lake home with, but they should be willing to help a little with the cost of their visit.

We are glad to pay for everything, including meals and expensive gas for days of boating, and do the extra loads of laundry and dishes in exchange for enjoying time with people we

LOVE. But for acquaintances who are guests -- and their spouses and children -- they jus need a suggestion on how to show appreciation for their family vacation at the lake. --Welcome to the Lake

Dear Welcome to the Lake: Your neighbor gave wise advice. Just because someone offers hospitality doesn't mean the guests shouldn't pull their own weight. I'm printing your letter for hosts and guests alike who are sharing a home with someone they don't know very well.

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

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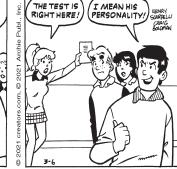




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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Monday, March 8, the 67th day of 2021. There are 298 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 8, 2014, Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370, a Boeing 777 with 239 people on board, vanished during a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing, setting off a massive and ultimately unsuccessful search.

On this date:

In 1618, German astronomer Johannes Kepler devised his third law of planetary motion.

In 1817, the New York Stock & Exchange Board, which had its beginnings in 1792, was formally organized; it later became known as the New York Stock Exchange.

In 1930, the 27th president of the United States, William Howard Taft, died in Washington at age 72.

In 1948, the Supreme Court, in McCollum v. Board of Education, struck down voluntary religious education classes in Champaign, Illinois, public schools, saying the program violated separation of church and state.

In 1960, Democrat John F. Kennedy and Republican Richard M. Nixon won the New Hampshire presidential primary.

In 1965, the United States land-

ed its first combat troops in South Vietnam as 3,500 Marines arrived to defend the U.S. air base at Da Nang.

disc player during a press conference in Eindhoven, the Netherlands.

In 1983, in a speech to the National Association of Evangelicals convention in Orlando, Florida, President Ronald Reagan referred to the Soviet Union as an "evil empire."

In 1988, 17 soldiers were killed when two Army helicopters from

Fort Campbell Kentucky collided

in mid-flight.

In 1999, baseball Hall of Famer Joe DiMaggio died in Hollywood, Florida, at age 84.

In 2004, Iraq's Governing Council signed a landmark interim constitution.

In 2008, President George W. Bush vetoed a bill that would have banned the CIA from using simulated drowning and other coercive interrogation methods to gain information from suspected terrorists.

Ten years ago: Voters in Bell, California, went to the polls in huge numbers and threw out the entire City Council after most of its members had been charged with fraud. (Residents were infuriated to find out that former City Manager Robert Rizzo had been receiving an annual salary of \$1.5 million, and that four of the five City Council members had paid themselves \$100,000 a year to meet about once a month.)

Five years ago: Democrat Bernie Sanders breathed new life into his longshot White House bid with a crucial win in Michigan's primary while Hillary Clinton breezed to an easy victory in Mississippi; Republican Donald Trump swept to victory in Michigan, Mississippi and Hawaii, while Ted Cruz carried Idaho. Sir George Martin, the Beatles' urbane producer who guided the band's swift, historic transformation from rowdy club act to musical and cultural revolutionaries, died at age 90.

One year ago: Italy's prime minister announced a sweeping quarantine restricting the movements of about a quarter of the country's population. Two members of Congress, Sen. Ted Cruz and Rep. Paul Gosar, said they were isolating themselves after determining that they'd had contact at the Conservative Political Action Conference with a man who later

Answer to previous puzzle

tested positive for the coronavirus. The U.S. State Department issued an advisory against travel on cruise ships. U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams said communities would need to start thinking about canceling large gatherings, closing schools and letting more employees work from home. Actor Max von Sydow, who played the priest in the horror classic "The Exorcist," died at the

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician George Coleman is 86. Actor Sue Ane (correct) Langdon is 85. College Football Hall of Famer Pete Dawkins is 83. Songwriter Carole Bayer Sager is 77. Actor-director Micky Dolenz (The Monkees) is 76. Singer-musician Randy Meisner is 75. Pop singer Peggy March is 73. Baseball Hall of Famer Jim Rice is 68. Jazz musician Billy Childs is 64. Singer Gary Numan is 63. NBC News anchor Lester Holt is 62. Actor Aidan Quinn is 62. Actor Camryn Manheim is 60. Actor Leon (no last name) is 60. Country-rock singer Shawn Mullins is 53. Neosoul singer Van Hunt is 51. Actor Andrea Parker is 51. Actor Boris Kodjoe is 48. Actor Freddie Prinze

Jr. is 45. Actor Laura Main is 4 Actor James Van Der Beek is 4 R&B singer Kameelah William (702) is 43. Actor Nick Zano is 4 Rock singer Tom Chaplin (Kean is 42. Rock musician Andy Ro (OK Go) is 42. Actor Jessica Collin is 38. R&B singer Kristinia (kri teh-NEE'-ah) DeBarge is 31.

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Sudden jerk
- 6 Run away from danger

- 18 Make less
- burdensome
- 20 Car tool for after
- a blizzard
- 23 Spot assigned to
- a bowler 24 Deduce logically
- 30 Aroma 31 Build-it-yourself
- 35 Religious
- offshoots popular in
- social media we there
- yet?"
- **42** Spooky
- desert surface 44 Of sound mind
- **46** Time (Pacific
- Standard, for
- one)
- 47 Toward the
- sunset
- 49 Sounded like a
- **51** Reduce, as
- prices
- **55** Natural bandage for healing
- 56 Blade to
- 62 Social standard

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FOR WINTER DRIVING by Adrian Kabigting

(traditional sing-along

songs

- music)
- **64** Small green fruit
- in a salad singing sopranos 65 Strong craving
 - **66** Ceramic floor
 - material Valentine's Day
 - flowers
 - 68 What fills a
 - tavern mug 69 Reduce one's

 - speed **70** Begin

DOWN

- 3 Begin again
- with

- 4 Personnel on a

- 1 Soft throws
- 2 "Once ___ a

- time ...'
- plane
- **5** Annoying inconvenience

- refrigerant 7 Make one's exit

- 12 tube
- 13 Consider to be
- 25 Rudolph's red
- claim to fame
- gumbo
- vour palm
- 30 Unwrap
- sunrise
- Historical period

- **33** Toward the

- story
- gear
- 50 Mistakes
- plate
- 52 Extra _ (egg
- 54 In a crooked
- position
- **57** Bedspring's
- 58 Plenty (of)
- 61 Take a break

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In 1979, technology firm Philips demonstrated a prototype compact

- 10 Dry as a desert **14** Music with
- 15 Depend (on) 16 Nary a soul
- _ well (is a good sign)
- 19 Any song
- 22 Line on a grocery list
- 26 Really annoy
- furniture chain 32 Profound
- 39 Become very
- 43 Like a beach or
- baby chick
- 53 What barbers cut
- clear a frozen windshield

- Edited by Stanley Newman 6 Air conditioner
- 9 It closes when
- you blink **10** Protective liquid
- in the radiator 11 Itinerary
- (donut-shaped
- pool toy)
- 21 Difficult
- Crumbs of food 27 Veggie in
- 28 Adolescent 29 Packet to heat

36 Wheat, corn, or sovbeans 37 Fork's prong 8 "If all __ fails . . ." 38 Sesame-__ bun 40 Changes the

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- color of 45 Lengthy, heroic
- 48 Changes an auto
- **51** Cross home
- size) 53 "Greetings!"
- Shun socially
- shape 59 Leaning Tower's
- ". . . happily ___ after"

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