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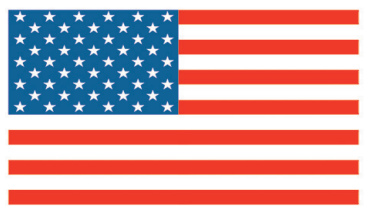
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## Big Spring EDC receives 2019-2020 Audit Report, project updates

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

The Big Spring Economic Development Corporation met for a regular meeting on Tuesday evening, inside the EDC Board Room.

A presentation of the 2019-2020 Annual Audit was provided by David Copeland with Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss, LLP at the beginning of the Tuesday meeting. Overall the audit was routine and showed no misstatements throughout the year.

Overall the audit reflected the majority of funds dispersed the past year went to funding the Reliever Route Access Road project and the Main Line Rehabilitation Project. Those distributions decreased the overall net position for the year. Overall assets did increase this past year with the issuance of sales tax notes - totaling \$5.5 million



- for the reliever route access roads.

The audit reflected that at the end of the Fiscal Year which closed on Sept. 30, 2020, the cash and cash equivalents totaled a little over \$7,761, 334, along with \$4 million in Texpool and \$2.9 million in the bank.

Copeland said the audit reflected \$4.3 million in expenses, of that was economic development totaling \$3.3 million, which included the conclusion of the Main Line Rehab project for \$1.7 million and \$1.4 directed to the begin-

ning of the reliever route. In addition there was \$2.4 million in sales tax revenue received. There was a deficit ending the year of \$1,870,000. Copeland stated that the EDC was in a very good financial position.

Once the presentation concluded, Pascal Odam made a motion to approve the audit with a second from Bobby McDonald. The audit was received and approved with a 4-0 vote.

The Annual Audit will also be presented to the City Council of Big Spring on March 23, during the regular meeting.

As part of the Director's Report, Mark Willis, Executive Director of the BSEDC gave a high level overview of recent activity in the community and economic development opportunities. A proposal for City incentives was

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### Upcoming Events

**Food Truck Lunch**  
 March 21

Noon - 2 p.m.

First Baptist Church

**Spring Kickoff**  
**Cornhole Tourny**  
**benefitting DAV**

March 27

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Food trucks on site,  
 registration begins at  
 10 a.m.

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## Big Spring ISD provides donation to local DAV of Big Spring Chapter

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

Community support continues to shine bright across Howard County, and the outpouring for local veterans is becoming more apparent. The DAV of Big Spring Chapter #47 O'Neal Kunkle was recently the recipient of a donation from Big Spring Independent School District and are the designees for two upcoming fundraisers in the community.

Big Spring ISD staff is provided an opportunity each year to take part in a national campaign called Jeans for Troops. One Big Spring ISD teacher and former student brought the idea to George Bancroft to utilize the campaign and support local veterans in the community.

"The idea sounded like a good one to me; let's join the local effort, but keep the money local and help people right here we know in the community," Bancroft said.

Teachers and staff have an opportunity to make a contribution and in return get



Courtesy photo

**George Bancroft, BSISD representative, is pictured presenting a donation check for more than \$1,000 to Ed Meiser - DAV Commander of the Big Spring Chapter - during a recent DAV meeting.**

to wear jeans to school on designated days throughout the year. The money is collected and then donated to the local DAV Chapter in Big Spring.

"First we want to thank you all for your service," Bancroft said.

The BSISD donation check that was presented was for \$1,697. The money will be used to help offer support for local veterans

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## Arrest made in murder investigation

Special to the Herald

BSPD

The Big Spring Police Department issued a follow up on the murder investigation that was reported earlier this week.

The release read as follows: Since March 8, 2021, Big Spring Criminal Investigations Division Detectives have been investigating the homicide of Casey Brackett, a white male, 29 years of age.

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## COVID-19 vaccine clinics and updates

Whatley Plaza at SMMC  
 Enter MLK Blvd  
 1601 W. 11th Place  
 9 a.m. - Noon  
 March 19

4 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
 March 22  
 (Both clinics 1st Dose)

Memorial Stadium  
 in conjunction with United  
 Way Grocery Giveaway  
 10 a.m. - Noon  
 March 20  
 (1st Dose)

All clinics are first come first serve basis and while supplies last.

For more information on vaccines, visit [www.scenicmountainmedical.org/vaccine](http://www.scenicmountainmedical.org/vaccine)

Howard County has reported as of 03/17:

- 2989 positive cases
- 99 Covid-19 fatalities
- 33 Active cases
- 4387 recovered
- 1530 probable cases

## Greater Big Spring Rotary Club recognizes Overton as Coahoma ISD Student of the Month at meeting



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**Makynlee Overton, student at Coahoma ISD, was recognized during a recent Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meeting, as Student of the Month for academic and athletic accomplishments.**

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## Obituaries

### Robert (Keith) Toomire

Robert (Keith) Toomire was loved by everyone lucky enough to have their lives touched by him. Even his ex-wives and girlfriends say (mostly) nice things about him. He loved hard and fought hard to the very end, leaving us far too soon on March 11, 2021, at the age of 76.

Keith was brought into this world by his beloved mother, Beulah Early, on June 26, 1945, in San Diego, California. Don't tell him you read he was born there though, because Bea and his step-father, Herschel Moore, who raised him as his own, shortly moved with him to New Mexico for his childhood and adolescence, and Keith spent most of his adult life in Texas. He was a New Mexi-Texan through and through.

He graduated with honors from Tatum High School, in Tatum, New Mexico, in 1963 where he was a lineman on the football team and was even voted Most Handsome (Runner-Up), and he's probably still mad about that.

In 1966 he listened to his country's calling and enlisted in the United States Marine Corp, where he served for six years, including a tour in Vietnam before retiring as a decorated Sergeant.

Keith graduated proudly from Texas Tech University with a degree in Accounting, which provided him the education he needed to rise in the ranks of property appraisal. He was known for his boisterous laugh and sense of humor, and if you ever had a need to visit him at the Howard County Appraisal District, where he worked as the Chief Tax Appraiser for decades, you can confirm that. After retiring, he began his own consulting firm, which

allowed him to bring his expertise and contagious smile to appraisal districts across the state, ending his career working for Eagle Appraisal Services.

He loved Big Spring and its people. You couldn't go to the grocery store in Big Spring, Texas with Keith without encountering at least five folks he knew. You couldn't go to the bank with Keith without him saying "hi" to everyone by name and inquiring about their lives. And back in his somewhat younger days, you couldn't go to a honky-tonk with him without running into a room full of his best friends excited to see him and having a hell of a good time.

Along the way he met three wonderful women who he never stopped loving, fathered three children and raised four, lived a lot of life, and taught us all so much.

He was fond of saying that he wasn't rich in money, but he was rich in love, and that's what really counts, but I would like to say he wasn't as rich as us kids because we truly won the lottery when it comes to dads.

Robert (Keith) Toomire is survived by his four sisters, daughter Lori Strickland, sons Kyle Toomire (Rachael), Dave Rundell (Rachel Hough) and Ryan Toomire (Christopher Barnes), Trudie Stovall and family, eight grandchildren, and one great grandson.

If you wish to make a donation in Keith's honor, the family suggests Warriors Heart Foundation, Warriorsheart.com, 756 Purple Sage Rd. Bandera, Texas 78003, or to the charity of your choice.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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

*Paid Obituary*

### Debbie Shaeffer



Debbie Shaeffer, 52, of Big Spring, Tx passed away March 16, 2021, at the hospital.

She was born in Kansas City, Kansas, on Sept. 21 1968.

She is followed in death by her father, Donald Farmer and mother, Diane Farmer.

She is survived by her loving daughter, Nicole Shaeffer and grandchildren; two sisters, Sherry Johnson and Tonya Wombwell of Big Spring and a son, John Farmer of Lubbock; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later date

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 82 inmates at the time of this report.

• **MICHELL DAWN GARCIA**, 53, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JOSEPH ALTON MURLEY**, 42, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of speeding over limit, driving while license invalid (DWLI), and violate promise to appear.

• **CHAD ALLEN MUSGROVE**, 53, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of [possession of controlled substance.

• **ANSELMO VICENTE RANGEL**, 24, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of murder.

• **NEAL LAVALE SAMPLE**, 27, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of bondsman off bond/fraud possession use credit or debit; bondsman off bond/fraud use possession identifying information; bondsman off bond/ unauthorized use of vehicle; possession of controlled substance between one gram and four grams; and fraud possession/use credit or debit card.

• **KENNETH WHINHAM**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

### Brenda Larson

Brenda Larson, 66, of Big Spring died Wednesday, March 17, 2021. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Jimmie Rodgers

Jimmie Rodgers born Sept. 29, 1944, in a West Texas small town of Stanford, Texas, to a devoted God-fearing Christian Mother and Father Johnnie and Mary Rodgers. They are the reason I can say without a doubt that Dad is in heaven. Dad was the strongest, stubbornest, hardest working man I have ever seen. He was a true cowboy. The kind you couldn't just buck off. The kind that says 'Yes ma'am', 'No sir', 'Thank you', and respects everyone. So we owe a big thank you

to Johnnie and Mary, for playing such a huge role in knowing Dad is in heaven.

He coached baseball and football. He loved his horses and became a true Horse whisperer while breaking and shoeing horses for extra money. An example of a true cowboy.

He had a sister Edna. Where they grew up together raising all the kids and eventually Edna would marry David Rawls.

David said he remembered my Dad the day he went to work for Walsh and watts. David said Dad was the hardest worker he had ever seen and Walsh and Watts hired him on the spot. He said Dad came to him and said he wouldn't leave him and David convinced him he wanted him to do better for him-

self, and that was going to be a good job.

Time goes on until 1963 when he now has eight brothers and sisters and a little white swan that he calls his princesses Carolyn McNew, born 06-30-1947, and as you can see in the picture in front of a new 1957 Chevy dressed to kill. Mom and Dad looked like the happiest people in the world. They went on to have a daughter Sheri and husband Chad Higdon of Odessa. Three boys Jimmie and Misty Rodgers of Big Spring; Brandon Rodgers of Big Spring, and Kevin Rodgers of Odessa.

Throughout the remaining years of Dad's life he had coached, worked, worshiped and held firm to the very end knowing that he would be riding his horse across heaven with his mother, his grandpa, and his nephew David Jr., while watching Brayden fishing and Dylan playing baseball. So our dad wanted everyone to know he was going to Heaven and that he knew Jesus as his personal Lord and savior who died on the cross for him as well as each and every one of us.

Visitation was Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. with family receiving friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Thursday in the Myers & Smith Chapel.

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

*Paid Obituary*

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Cindy Lane. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the S. Gregg Street and FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Highland. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2000 block of S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## Support Groups

**THURSDAY** 432-268-3003.

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

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

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

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email [francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org](mailto:francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org), or call

• GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

### FRIDAY

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

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study

meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

### SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

### SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### 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.

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• 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.

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submitted for prospective buyers for the Spring Creek Mall. Discussions are still taking place and the sale has not been finalized at this time.

"... It's all up to them now, but it will be a great deal for the city. The guys have a good track re-

cord, it's all about closing that sale now," Willis said.

Road construction is beginning to clear besides minor touch ups. A walk through was conducted on the Frasier Road area project, and minus a few fix ups needing to be completed, the project will be wrapping up. A final walk through is expected to take place next week according to Willis. New prospects are already looking at the area, but no plans or agreements have been discussed at this point.

One of the main items still needed for expansion into the area will require water and sewer lines which could require up to \$4 million invested.

"I'm real happy to get interest out there around the airpark. I didn't anticipate it quite this soon. We tried to make people aware that the reliever route was out there and that those roads were coming, and it looks like people are noticing it already."

The City Mayor and City Manager recently made a trip to Frisco and brought back ideas regarding the Downtown TIRZ.

Public education of the work conducted by the

Big Spring EDC is starting to ramp up through local media partners and beginning in May through early June, more outreach meetings and projects will be able to kick off, with more meetings going live due to the decrease in the pandemic numbers.

"My belief is the more people know about what we are trying to do the better off we are; it helps eliminate people's speculating as to what we are doing," Willis said. "We are getting good feedback on all this so far."

The Board approved minutes from the Jan. 19 regular meeting and Feb. 3 special meeting, as well as the financials and investment report for January and February.

After Board Comment had concluded, the members of the board retired into Executive Session to discuss and deliberate prospect activity. No action was taken as a result from the Executive Session.

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**Weather**



**Today:** Sunny, with a high near 65. North wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 37. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 63. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Friday Night:** Clear, with a low around 40.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 71.

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

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 73.

**Watch out for Post-Disaster Scams**

**Special to the Herald**

FEMA

Even though the weather has improved, and we are recovering from February's severe winter storms, consumers should be on the lookout for common post-disaster scams and fraud.

Officials with FEMA and the state say price-gouging, door-to-door bogus contractors, and fake charities, scam artists, identity thieves and other criminals often attempt to take advantage of disaster survivors. Consumers should watch for and report any suspicious activity. You should

report disaster fraud immediately to FEMA's Fraud Tipline at 866-223-0814. Or call the Texas Attorney General's Consumer Protection Hotline at 800-621-0508. Those numbers, once again: FEMA Tipline at 866-223-0814 OR the Texas attorney general's Hotline at 800-621-0508.

**Arrington issues statement on Wednesday regarding Democrats' Move to Waive PAYGO**

WASHINGTON, DC - Today, Congressman Jodey Arrington (TX-19) released the following statement in advance of Democrats' reckless move to waive PAYGO (pay-as-you-go) for the \$1.9T "COVID relief" legislation that passed along party lines earlier this month:

"Democrats used COVID to pass their massive, liberal spending spree. Now, they want to waive the requirement to pay for their boondoggle! Re-

publicans should offer any number of options to cut wasteful spending from Democrats' "COVID Relief" legislation or elsewhere. There is a fiscal crisis looming on the horizon that we will not be able to bail our children and grandchildren out of. There are ample options to offset cuts to Medicare. With no fiscal restraint and budget caps expiring, we desperately need bipartisan reforms to reduce our dangerous, unsustainable national debt."

**BSPD**

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On March 16, 2021 at approximately 4:40 p.m., Anselmo Vicente Rangel, a Hispanic male, 24 years of age was arrested and charged with Murder.

Detectives will continue to work this investigation and additional arrests are expected at this

time. This is an ongoing investigation and no further information is available.

The Big Spring Police Department continues to urge anyone with information relating to this incident to call CrimeStoppers at 432-263-TIPS (8477) or use the P3tips.com software to submit your tip online. Remember no caller ID is ever used and all tips are anonymous.



HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat

In addition to the donation from BSISD, the upcoming Cornhole Tournament and the recent Brisket fundraiser will also be supporting local veterans through the DAV.

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who are in need of assistance.

In addition to the donation, a presentation was made regarding the upcoming Spring Kickoff Cornhole Tournament set for March 27 sponsored by Star Dodge and West Texas Baggers. The tournament will provide a 60% payout for those who compete and place in the Top 3, and the other 40% will be donated to the local DAV chapter. During the cornhole tournament there will also be food trucks available along with other fundraising and donation opportunities. There will also be booths

set up to provide veterans with information regarding local services and resources in the community. Those looking to find out more about the local DAV chapter or to sign up for membership will also have an opportunity to do so.

Currently there are three food vendors signed up as well as participants traveling from Sweetwater, Lubbock, Pecos, Odessa and other surrounding areas to take part in the day long event. Online registration is available for those wishing to register in advance, but registration can also be completed the day of the event. Competition will begin at Noon.

"We have been blessed by this community, and just when I start to think we are good, we find out

we are even better," Ed

Meiser, Commander of the local DAV Chapter, said. "There are more and more businesses and community members stepping up to help local veterans."

In addition, Back in Motion and West Texas Injury Prevention hosted a St. Patrick's Day fundraiser brisket meal with proceeds benefit-

ting the DAV.

To find out more about the local DAV, contact any of the DAV members or stop in to the upcoming Cornhole Tournament at Star Dodge.

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**MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL**

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Jimmie L. Rodgers 76, died Monday. Funeral service will be at 2:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Robert Keith Toomire, 75, died Thursday. Memorial services will be at 3:00 PM Saturday

Theresa Winn, 76, died Friday, February 12, 2021. Family will receive friends at Myers & Smith Funeral Home on Friday, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. Funeral service will be at Myers & Smith Chapel on Friday at 2:00 PM.

Debbie Shaeffer, 52, died Tuesday. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Brenda Larson, 66, of Big Spring died Wednesday, March 17, 2021. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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**Police blotter**

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
- **IDENTITY THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1200 block of E. 16th Street.

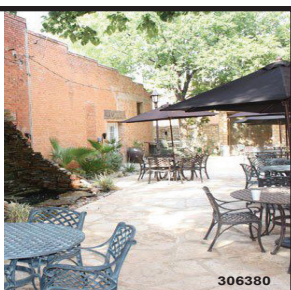
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# White supremacist propaganda surged in 2020, according to released report

By AARON MORRISON

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — White supremacist propaganda reached alarming levels across the U.S. in 2020, according to a new report that the Anti-Defamation League provided to The Associated Press.

There were 5,125 cases of racist, anti-Semitic, anti-LGBTQ and other hateful messages spread through physical flyers, stickers, banners and posters, according to Wednesday's report. That's nearly double the 2,724 instances reported in 2019. Online propaganda is much harder to quantify, and it's likely those cases reached into the millions, the anti-hate organization said.

The ADL, which was founded more than a century ago, said that last year marked the highest level of white supremacist propaganda seen in at least a decade. Its report comes as federal authorities investigate and prosecute those who stormed the U.S. Capitol in January, some of whom are accused of having ties to or expressing support for hate groups and antigovernment militias.

"As we try to understand and put in perspective the past four years, we will always have these bookends of Charlottesville and Capitol Hill," group CEO Jonathan Greenblatt said.

"The reality is there's a lot of things that happened in between those moments that set the stage," he said.

Christian Picciolini, a former far-right extremist who founded the deradicalization group Free Radicals Project, said the surge in propaganda tracks

with white supremacist and extremist recruiters seeing crises as periods of opportunity.

"They use the uncertainty and fear caused by crisis to win over new recruits to their 'us vs. them' narrative, painting the 'other' as the cause of their pain, grievances or loss," Picciolini told the AP. "The current uncertainty caused by the pandemic, job loss, a heated election, protest over extrajudicial police killings of Black Americans, and a national reckoning sparked by our country's long tradition of racism has created a perfect storm in which to recruit Americans who are fearful of change and progress."

Propaganda, often distributed with the intention of garnering media and online attention, helps white supremacists normalize their messaging and bolster recruitment efforts, the ADL said in its report. Language used in the propaganda is frequently veiled with a patriotic slant, making it seem benign to an untrained eye.

But some flyers, stickers and posters are explicitly racist and anti-Semitic. One piece of propaganda disseminated by the New Jersey European Heritage Association included the words "Black Crimes Matter," a derisive reference to the Black Lives Matter movement, along with cherry-picked crime statistics about attacks on white victims by Black assailants.

A neo-Nazi group known as Folks Front distributed stickers that include the words

"White Lives Matter."

According to the report, at least 30 known white supremacist groups were behind hate propaganda. But three groups — NJEHA, Patriot Front and Nationalist Social Club — were responsible for 92% of the activity.

The propaganda appeared in every state except Hawaii. The highest levels were seen in Texas, Washington, California, New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, Virginia and Pennsylvania, according to the report.

Despite the overall increase, the ADL reported a steep decline in distribution of white supremacist propaganda at colleges and universities, due in large part to the coronavirus pandemic and the lack of students living and studying on campus. There were 303 reports of propaganda on college campuses in 2020, down from 630 in 2019.

Greenblatt acknowledged that free speech rights allow for rhetoric that "we don't like and we detest." But when that speech spurs violence or creates conditions for normalizing extremism, it must be opposed, he said.

"There's no pixie dust that you can sprinkle on this, like it's all going to go away," Greenblatt said. "We need to recognize that the roots of this problem run deep."

## Crenshaw Presses Biden Administration for Vaccine Audit

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Congressman Dan Crenshaw (R-TX) is pressing the Biden Administration for a full audit of how COVID-19 vaccines are allocated to states and territories following reports that Texas is not receiving an adequate vaccine supply based on the state's population.

"Texas is getting shortchanged when it comes to vaccine allocation and it's unacceptable. We need answers and transparency, which is why I introduced legislation to obtain the formula being used to determine the allocation of COVID-19 vaccines. Unfortunately, House Democrats rejected that amendment, which is why I'm calling on the Biden Administration to provide this information immediately," said Crenshaw.

In a letter to the Government Accountability Office (GAO), Crenshaw requests the following information:

Methodology the federal government is using to make direct allocations to the states and territories

Vaccine allocations made directly to

the states and territories under this methodology

Comparison between total (to date) direct allocations to states and territories and total (to date) direct allocations to states and territories using the methodology prescribed by the federal government.

Crenshaw's letter comes following reports that outdated population data is being used to allocate COVID-19 vaccines to state's like Texas, which is improperly receiving less doses of the vaccine than it should be.

As the Houston Chronicle reported, Crenshaw "has repeatedly pushed for more transparency on how vaccine allocations are decided."

Crenshaw introduced an amendment during an Energy and Commerce markup on the COVID spending package to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to publish the formula the Secretary uses to determine the allocation of COVID-19 vaccines.

## Boy Scouts go camping for Spring Break



Courtesy photo/Aide Moreno Buentell

Pack 305 of Big Spring started off Spring Break by going an overnight camping trip to Abilene State Park this weekend. It was full of adventure, hiking and of course roasting marshmallows by the fire.

## Homeland Security head rejects GOP claims of border 'crisis'

By BEN FOX and NOMAAN MERCHANT

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of the Department of Homeland Security, pushing back against Republican criticism of the Biden administration's border policies, refused on Wednesday to say that a surge of migrant children entering the United State is a "crisis."

As GOP members of Congress argued that President Joe Biden had wrongly rolled back immigration policies enacted by former President Donald Trump, DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas pointed to another Trump policy that was widely reviled: the separation of immigrant families under a "zero tolerance" policy on border crossings.

"A crisis is when a nation is willing to rip a 9-year-old child out of the hands of his or her parent and separate that family to deter future migration," Mayorkas told the House Homeland Security Committee. "That, to me, is a humanitarian crisis."

The number of migrants being stopped at the U.S.-Mexico border has been rising since last April, and the administration is still rapidly sending back most single adults and families under a

public health order issued by Trump at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. But the U.S. is now allowing teens and children to stay, at least temporarily, and they have been coming in ever larger numbers.

More than 4,000 migrant children were being held by the Border Patrol as of Sunday, including at least 3,000 in custody longer than the 72-hour limit set by a court order, according to a U.S. official. The agency took in an additional 561 on Monday, twice the recent average, according to a second official. Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss figures not yet publicly released.

The rise has left Biden in a difficult spot. He is criticized by Republicans for what they view as encouragement to illegal border crossers and by some Democrats over the prolonged detention of minors. The situation is also a challenge to his effort to overhaul broader Trump policies intended to curtail both legal and illegal immigration.

"I can say quite clearly: Don't come over," Biden said in an ABC News interview that aired Wednesday.

The number of mi-

grants attempting to cross the border is at the highest level since March 2019. Mayorkas on Tuesday said it was on pace to hit a 20-year peak.

"The situation at the southwest border is difficult," Mayorkas said in his most extensive remarks to date on the subject. "We are working around the clock to manage it and we will continue to do so. That is our job."

The Health and Human Services Department plans to open shelter facilities at Moffett Federal Airfield near San Francisco and in Pecos, Texas, to handle the flow. It is also looking to expand a facility in Donna, Texas, in the Rio Grande Valley, to hold 2,000.

Also, the Dallas Convention Center was to begin holding children as early as Wednesday, with plans to accommodate up to 3,000. A makeshift holding center in Midland, Texas, that opened last weekend for 700 children had 485 on Monday.

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# Big Spring Steers open up District play against The Lubbock Estacado Matadors



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**Top Left: Gabriel Baeza throws a hard pitch. Top Left: Ricky Escovedo doing work against the Lubbock Estacado Matadors. Unfortunately, the Steers fell late in the game, dropping a heartbreaker 11 to 12.**

By **DUSTIN POPE**

Herald Sports Writer

The Big Spring Steer Baseball team took a trip to Lubbock Tuesday, March 16, to open up District play when they took on the Lubbock Estacado Matadors. The game was a back and forth affair, but the Steers eventually fell 11 to 12.

As the first inning started, leadoff hitter Maverick Yanez kicked off the game with a single. Josh Miramontes then took a walk to put runners on first and second. Isaiah Diaz came through with a hard-hit RBI single that drove in Yanez. The Steers would take that 1 to 0 lead into the bottom of the first. Estacado faced off against Big Spring ace Ricky Escovedo, who was coming off a gem of a game when he pitched a complete-game shutout against Pecos. The young Steer would shine early in this game, having an easy first inning of work, striking out two.

The start of the second inning began with Pablito Dehoyos smashing a hard-hit single. He would be followed by Freshman Catcher Marcos Paredez, who reached base on an error. With runners on first and second, Jose Cantu stepped into the box. He delivered a double that drove in both Dehoyos and Paredez. That brought Yanez back up to the plate, and he would earn a walk. Miramontes then had a single to load the bases. That brought up three-hole hitter Gabriel Baeza. The Steer showed his patience at the plate earning a walk that moved Cantu across the plate. Pitcher Rickey Escovedo then hit a sacrifice to score Yanez. After the in-

ning of work, Big Spring had a lead of 5 to 0. The bottom of the second found Escovedo still pitching effectively. The Matadors were able to push across one run in the inning, cutting the lead to 5 to 1 after two innings of play.

Top of the third found Dehoyos leading off the inning once again. Once again, he came through with a single. Paredez then earned a walk. Both runners eventually advanced a base on a passed ball, putting runners on second and third. Maverick Yanez took his third plate appearance of the night with a hard-hit knock that drove in Dehoyos and Paredez. It was Miramontes turn to get into the action, and he smashed a double to score Yanez. That brought the lead for the Steers to 8 to 1, heading into the bottom of the third inning. Escovedo came out for his third inning of work; this time, Lubbock would be able to put up two runs in their half of the inning, bringing the third inning to a close by a score of 8 to 3.

The top of the fourth was a quiet one for the Steers as they did not score any runs. Leaving the score at 8 to 3. Estacado put up one more run in the bottom of the fourth, cutting the lead to 8 to 4.

Neither team could get anything going in the fifth inning as both pitchers would shut down the bats, leaving the score at 8 to 4 after five innings.

The sixth inning is where this game would get close after the Steers failed to score in their half of the inning. The Matadors found there their down by four runs. The Steers pitching struggled to find the strike zone having a few too many walks. Es-

tacado would show that they would not give up as they fought back, scoring four runs in the inning, tying the game up at 8 apiece, heading into the last inning of regulation play.

Heading into the seventh inning, it would be the Steers who had their chance to answer first. The pivotal inning began with Dehoyos taking a walk to get the leadoff man on base. Marcos Paredez then reached base on an error by the Matadors, an error that would allow Deyeos to come all the way around to score. Cantu then stepped in the box and had a single advancing Paredez to third. Josh Miramontes then smashed a hard-hit triple bring home both Paredez and Cantu. That would give the Steers a lead of 11 to 8 heading into Estacados' last shot. Unfortunately, the Steers pitching had a hard time finding the plate giving up late walks. Lubbock took advantage of the pitching and Steers defense's mistakes and found a way to win the game scoring four runs in the inning and winning the game by a final score of 12 to 11.

This was obviously a tough game for the Steers to start District play on the season. Despite the loss, I know this team will answer back; they have too many good players and coaches to let this bother them; if anything, I bet it motivates them to get even better. The Steers continue District play this Thursday night at home against San Angelo Lake View; the first pitch is scheduled for 12:01.

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# Doncic, Mavs answer, split set with Clippers in 105-89 win

By **SCHUYLER DIXON AP Sports Writer**

Luka Doncic thrilled the crowd early with a four-point play after getting fouled by Kawhi Leonard, then turned for a lengthy acknowledgement of those fans after one of several late buckets that helped keep Dallas comfortably in front.

In a two-game set with the feel of a playoff series, the Mavericks got the split behind their young sensation.

Doncic scored 42 points, and the Mavericks answered a loss against their first-round playoff opponent from last season, beating the Los Angeles Clippers 105-89 on Wednesday night.

Josh Richardson scored 14 points and was a defensive spark as the Mavericks followed a 109-99 defeat two nights earlier and won the season series, 2-1. The other Dallas victory was by 51 points in LA three games into the season in December, about four months after the Clippers finished off the Mavs in six games in the NBA's playoff bubble.

"They're a really good defensive team," said Doncic, who was 16 of 28 from the field, including 6 of 11 from 3-point range. "It's kind of tough, back-to-back games like the playoffs. That's why we've got to be ready for the playoffs if we make it."

Paul George had 28 points for the Clippers, including a pair of 3-pointers in the final minute of the third quarter that cut a 12-point deficit in half going to the fourth.

Doncic, who scored 22 points in the first half, took over in the fourth quarter, assisting on a 3 for Jalen Brunson's first points of the game and hitting a fade-away jumper and a 3 to get the lead back to 12 at 87-75.

Leonard scored 20 points while Marcus Morris Sr. had 11 in his second consecutive start but was just 1 of 9 from 3-point range while the Clippers shot 28% (9 of 32) from long range.

"For the most part I thought we did a good job defensively other than Luka torched us," coach Tyronn Lue said. "I thought offensively we didn't trust, we didn't continue to share the basketball. We forced a lot of stuff all night."

Richardson, added in an offseason trade that cost the Mavericks their best 3-point shooter in Seth Curry as they tried to improve defensively, affected the game in just the way Dallas envisioned.

The fiery guard had two steals on inbound plays after Dallas baskets in the first half, one of them after his own 3-pointer. Richardson, who finished with three steals, also blocked Reggie Jackson's dunk attempt in transition before halftime.

"That set the tone for the game," coach Rick Carlisle said of the early steals. "That's just a signal to everyone in the arena that we're here. He was here. And we weren't going anywhere. That's a big moment."

With George hounding him as the Clippers tried to rally in the fourth quarter, Doncic found Maxi Kleber for a 3, then connected with him in an alley-oop dunk on his ninth and final assist to get the lead to 15. Kleber scored 12 points.

"He got comfortable and he made shots," Leonard said of Doncic, who had six rebounds. "It's hard to turn off that water once a great player like that gets rolling."

Kristaps Porzingis, Doncic's European sidekick, had a quiet night on offense

with 11 points but had 13 rebounds as Dallas won the battle of the boards after losing it two nights earlier.

"I'm not surprised at all at how we came out and stayed with it," Carlisle said. "These guys have been in the playoffs. They have a very good idea what these types of games are like. The burning question is always where do you take it from here."

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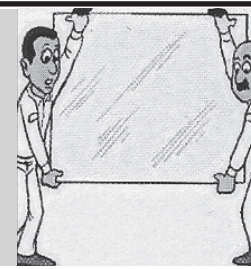
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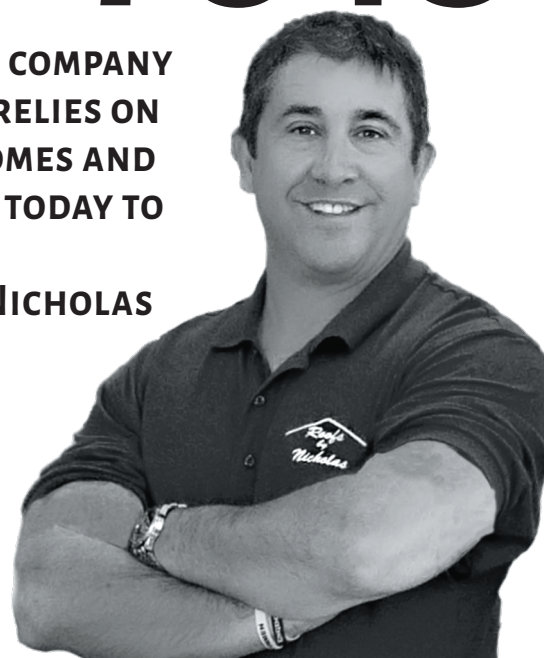
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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Computing the percentage play

North dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠4  
♥A854  
♦AK972  
♣K105

**WEST**  
♠K7  
♥J109  
♦Q104  
♣97632

**EAST**  
♠Q986  
♥KQ732  
♦J3  
♣J8

**SOUTH**  
♠AJ10532  
♥6  
♦865  
♣AQ4

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass  
2♦ Pass 3♠ Pass  
3NT Pass 4♠

Opening lead — jack of hearts.  
**Dear Mr. Becker:** We had a big argument about this hand where South was declarer in four spades and West led a heart. South won with dummy's ace, played a spade to the ace and then led a low spade, losing to West's king. South later lost the jack of spades to the queen and a diamond trick, but he wound up making four spades.

The argument was over whether South played the spades correctly or whether he was just lucky. Shouldn't he have finessed the ten of spades at

trick two? I know he would have gone down if he had done this in the actual deal, but wouldn't that be the winning play in the long run? Sincerely yours, Constant Reader.

Well, the answer is that South was correct in the way he played the spades, not only because he succeeded, but because his approach was in accordance with the percentages.

Problems like this are susceptible to fairly simple computation. Since declarer's sole aim is to avoid the loss of more than two trump tricks, if possible, he starts out by ignoring all the spade combinations where the play of the ten or the ace is immaterial. These would include those hands where the trumps are divided 6-0, 5-1, or 3-3.

The only really pertinent hands are those where the spades are divided 4-2, with West holding the doubleton. West's doubleton can consist of K-9, K-8, K-7, K-6, Q-9, Q-8, Q-7, Q-6 (in which case the ace play is better than the ten), or it can consist of 9-8, 9-7, 9-6, 8-7, 8-6, 7-6 (in which case the ten play is better than the ace). The only other case, where West has the K-Q alone, does not matter because either play makes the contract.

As there are eight cases where playing the ace wins, and only six where playing the ten wins, it is better to play the ace and a low spade.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.  
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### Split Moon

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Not only will you see what others overlook but you'll also turn these details and aspects around in your mind until you start to see how they might fit together in a more useful, interesting or lucrative way.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You use your time well and your energy efficiently. As others observe how you focus yourself, they will decide straight away that you are not someone to trifle with. They'll approach in a way that won't waste your time.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** By using your time, energy and vitality very well, you let others know that you're in control of your life. They will not try to derail you or distract you, because they see the futility in that.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Emotional and physical bruises work in the same way: They're tender until healed. You avoid touching them until one day, you realize that there are no painful sensations associated with the area. Today brings such a realization.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Your heart is open for business, and you're in for lively exchanges until closing time brings the welcome lull. In solitude, you can rest, process and ready your heart for another round.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** There is a thing you want because

### Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

you'd like to see their faces when you get it. But if no one else could know, would you still want it? That's the litmus test that will reveal your true heart's desire.



altered significance, meaning and scale as though you're looking at it

and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 11, 5, 20, 14 and 28.

**TAURUS SECRET SUPERPOWERS:** Every sign has 'em! For TAURUS:

The Obvious: The appetite-driven Taurus is sensual and discerning and will respond positively to what is healthful, good and natural. Someone has to be in charge of quality, and Venus-ruled Taurus is a purveyor of taste.

The Uncanny: Taurus can find lost things, even if those things don't belong to them and they have never seen them before.

The Weird: Taurus adapts easily to different time zones. Jet lag is a mere blip for a sign so in sync with the rhythms of the Earth, wherever Taurus happens to be standing.

The Extremely Useful: Taurus can work and work and work and then work harder, followed by a bout of working longer.

The Quietly Helpful: In days of yore, the king appointed someone to taste his food so he could avoid possible poisonings. Modern-day tasters aren't as concerned with poison as they are with the finer details of the culinary arts. Taurus makes an excellent taster, as they can taste things that other people can't.

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**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You need humor. It's not an option; it's a requirement. Laughter releases the tension, elevates your point of view, lifts your mood and aligns you with the people who get you on a soul level.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Remember how noisy places allowed for a raucous time without the pressure of conversation? With your longing for such environments peaking, you'll still seize the opportunity to work on developing communication skills.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** If all the options that used to be readily available were on offer now, you wouldn't see the golden opportunity of this day: to seize what is within your control. Don't wait for the change. The change is you.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** A new relationship will have you seeing an old relationship differently. Certain history will take on

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** The excitement comes with a realization that you don't have to stay stuck -- you can let go of something and, suddenly, there's wiggle room. Let go of something else and you can practically walk right out of that jam.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Most of the opportunities blend into the background with the stylish camouflage of people wearing suits made out of the wallpaper they are standing in front of. If you scan the scene, you'll miss it. You have to really look.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 18).** There's the option of sticking with what's expected of you, but you get better results when you forget about the "mature" move and fall into carefree moments, finding and making fun, letting go. You'll take something you're good at and raise it to such an exceptional level that an elite world will open to you. Taurus

### Annie's Mailbox

#### Boyfriend Won't Commit

**Dear Annie:** I have been with my "boyfriend" on and off for three years. I put "boyfriend" in quotes because he says he doesn't like labels. I'm at his place 90% of the time, yet I still pay rent on my own apartment because he would never agree to move in together. I have met his family and he also has met mine. When I ask for commitment, he says I'm being pushy. He doesn't communicate well at all. I feel shut out. I'm so hurt from the years of not knowing where I stand with him. Everyone deserves to know where they are in someone's life and what they mean to that person! Please help. I can't take this anymore. -- Confused in Love

**Dear Confused:** You can't and you shouldn't take this anymore. You absolutely deserve better, and you need to end things with this man -- abruptly and completely -- so that you can find it.

I know it won't be easy. When someone jerks you around as badly as this jerk has, it whittles away at your self-esteem -- and perversely, it causes you to keep turning to that same person to build you back up. It's a recipe for despair, and it can make leaving seem impossible. But it is possible, and necessary. I encourage you to seek a therapist's help in navigating through the turmoil and finding the other side. Your whole life is waiting for you there.

**Dear Annie:** My husband died back in 2010. Before he died, he gave my brother some money to hold onto. Now I would like to get it back. My sister told me that our brother had spent it already. He moved somewhere else. Is it too late for me to get the funds back? -- Cashed Out

**Dear Cashed:** Try reaching out to your brother in any way that you can -- letters, more phone calls, even an in-person meeting. He might not be able to pay you back in full, but

perhaps you could set up a monthly payment plan. If he still refuses to talk, it's worth reaching out to a lawyer for a consultation. If your husband effectively gave your brother this money outright (i.e., there's no documentation that it was a loan or otherwise meant to be returned to you eventually), then you may not have many options. But an attorney can offer expertise and evaluate the specifics of your situation.

**Dear Annie:** You asked readers what they love most about their partners a little while back. I love my husband's everyday affections, from sweet smiles to little notes tucked under coffee cups and inside gloves, and even in sandwiches! But I think the thing I love most about him is that he makes me feel safe. He is nonjudgmental. By doing that, he frees me to love him deeply and without fear. -- Sheila G., Eastham MA

**Dear Sheila:** Thank you for reminding us what true caring looks

like. Though Valentine's Day has come and gone, love goes on and on. I received another letter on love that I just had to print.

**Dear Annie:** My partner and I are both in our mid-70s. My late husband and I were couples friends with him and his late wife. After both of our beloved spouses passed away we shared our grief and became friends. Eventually, our friendship blossomed into love. I love about a hundred things about him, but what I love most is the very fact that after I thought I would never know romantic love again, here it is! We feel like young lovers and every day is a gift because we both know what it is like to lose the love of your life. -- Linda B.

**Dear Linda:** What a touching story. I'm so glad you two have each other. Thanks for writing.

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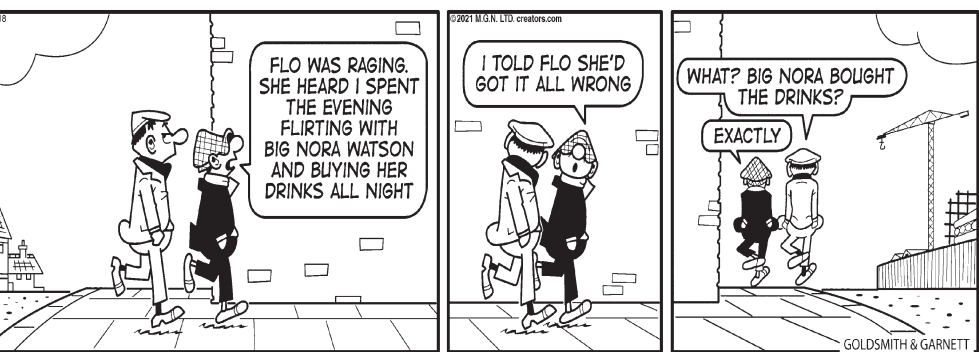
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ANSWER:



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5:PM	Big 2	Noticiero	FamFeud	CBS 7	Tele	News	The	Wild Kratt	King	Burgers	Pre-Game	Bones	SportsCenter	College Wrestling	Sports	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	BattleBots
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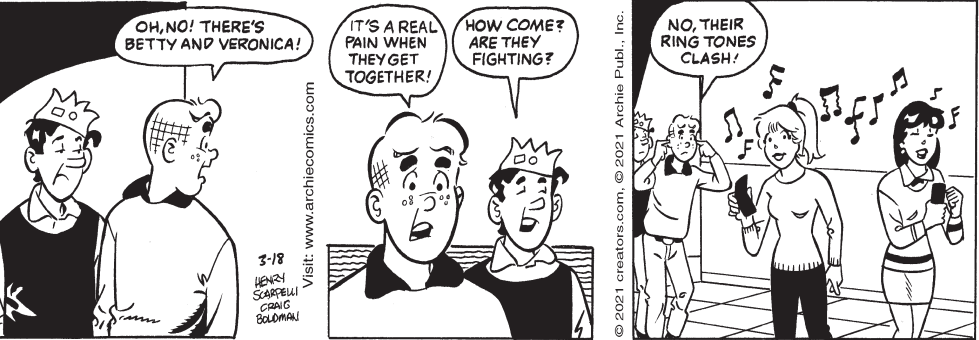
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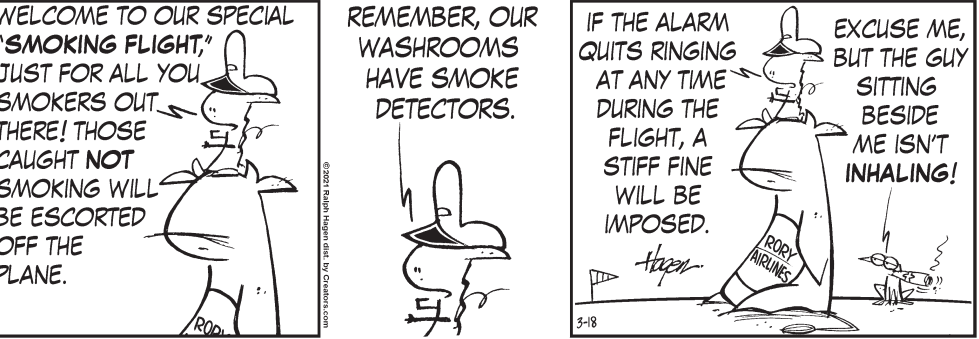
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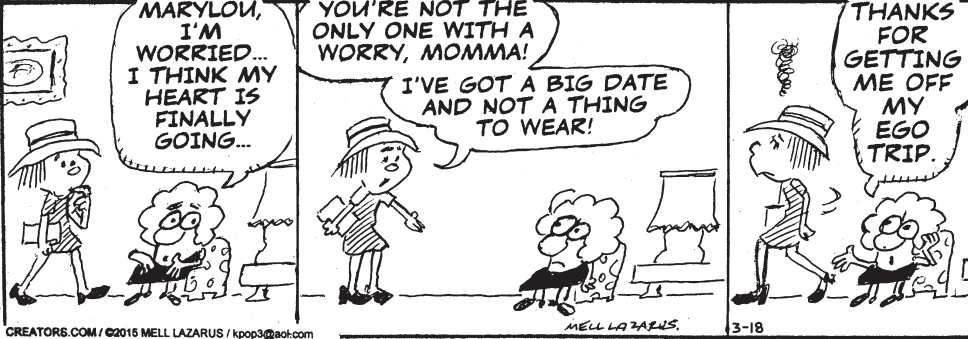
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This Date In History

**Today in History**  
Today is Thursday, March 18, the 77th day of 2021. There are 288 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On March 18, 1963, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Gideon v. Wainwright, ruled unanimously that state courts were required to provide legal counsel to criminal defendants who could not afford to hire an attorney on their own.

**On this date:**  
In 1910, the first filmed adaptation of Mary Shelley's novel "Frankenstein," a silent short produced by Thomas Edison's New York movie studio, was released.

In 1911, Irving Berlin's first major hit, "Alexander's Ragtime Band," was first published by Ted Snyder & Co. of New York.

In 1922, Mohandas K. Gandhi was sentenced in India to six years' imprisonment for civil disobedience. (He was released after serving two years.)

In 1925, the Tri-State Tornado struck southeastern Missouri, southern Illinois and southwestern Indiana, resulting in some 700 deaths.

In 1937, in America's worst school disaster, nearly 300 people, most of them children, were killed in a natural gas explosion at the New London Consolidated School in Rusk County, Texas.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini met at the Brenner Pass, where the Italian dictator agreed to join Germany's war against France and Britain.

In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order authorizing the War Relocation Authority, which was put in charge of internment Japanese-Americans, with Milton S. Eisenhower (the younger brother of Dwight D. Eisenhower) as its director.

In 1965, the first spacewalk took place as Soviet cosmonaut Alexei Leonov went outside his Voskhod 2 capsule, secured by a tether.

in attacks at two Boston-area abortion clinics in December 1994. (Salvi later committed suicide in his prison cell.)

In 2017, Chuck Berry, rock 'n' roll's founding guitar hero and storyteller who defined the music's joy and rebellion in such classics as "Johnny B. Goode," "Sweet Little Sixteen" and "Roll Over Beethoven," died at his home west of St. Louis at age 90.

In 2018, Vladimir Putin rolled to a crushing reelection victory for six more years as Russia's president.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama demanded that Moammar Gadhafi halt all military attacks on civilians and said that if the Libyan leader did not stand down, the United States would join other nations in launching military action against him. At a massive demonstration against Yemen's government, snipers fired on protesters and police blocked an escape route; dozens were killed, including children. Former Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher died in Los Angeles at 85. Princess Antoinette of Monaco, the late Prince Rainier III's oldest sister and a prominent advocate for animal rights, died at 90.

Five years ago: A jury in St. Petersburg, Florida, sided with ex-pro wrestler Hulk Hogan, awarding him \$115 million in compensatory damages in his sex tape lawsuit against Gawker Media. (Three days later, the jury awarded \$25 million in punitive damages; Gawker, which ended up going bankrupt, finally settled with Hogan for \$31 million.) Police in Brussels captured Europe's most wanted fugitive, Salah Abdeslam, who was the prime suspect in the deadly 2015 Paris attacks. North Korea ignored U.N. resolutions by firing a medium-range ballistic missile into the sea.

One year ago: The U.S. and Canada agreed to temporarily close their shared border to non-essential travel. Describing himself as a "wartime president," President Donald Trump said he would invoke emergency powers to let the government steer production of needed medical supplies by private companies. Trump signed a \$100 billion aid package to boost testing for the coronavirus and guarantee sick leave to workers who become ill. As fears

of a prolonged recession caused by the virus took hold, the S&P 500 sank 5%; the Dow shed more than 1,300 points and had lost nearly all of the big gains posted since Trump's inauguration.

Today's Birthdays: Composer John Kander is 94. Nobel peace laureate and former South African president F.W. de Klerk is 85. Actor Brad Dourif is 71. Jazz musician Bill Frisell is 70. Singer Irene Cara is 62. Alt-country

musician Karen Groberg (The Jayhawks) is 62. Movie writer-director Luc Besson is 62. Actor Geoffrey Owens is 60. Actor Thomas Ian Griffith is 59. Singer-songwriter James McMurtry is 59. TV personality Mike Rowe is 59. Singer-actor Vanessa L. Williams is 58. Olympic gold medal speedskater Bonnie Blair is 57. Actor David Cubitt is 56. Rock musician Jerry Cantrell (Alice in Chains) is 55. Rock singer-musician Miki

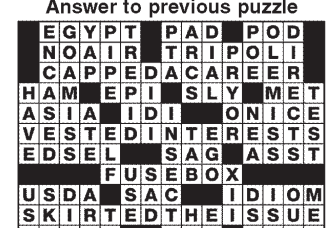
Berenyi (ber-EN'-ee) is 54. Actor Michael Bergin is 52. Rapper-actor-talk show host Queen Latifah is 51. Former White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus (ryns PREE'-bus) is 49. Actor-comedian Dane Cook is 49. Country singer Philip Sweet (Little Big Town) is 47. Rock musician Stuart Zender is 47. Singers Evan and Jaron Lowenstein are 47. Actor-singer-dancer Sutton Foster is 46. Rock singer Adam Levine (Maroon 5) is

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**  
1 Call from a crib  
5 Concert souvenir  
9 Photographer Diane  
14 Suitable for cacti  
15 Lad of La Mancha  
16 Stuff in a compact  
17 Two-wheeler with gears  
20 Take a side, say  
21 Sleekly designed, for short  
22 Color close to camel  
23 Timber-shaping tool  
24 Vague impression  
25 14th-15th century conflict  
32 Chip away at  
33 Really small  
34 Valuable metal in Mexico  
35 Lends a hand  
36 Exclamation of amazement  
37 Austen heroine  
38 False friend  
39 Skater's jump  
41 Miser's motivation  
42 New York/Canadian chain  
46 Guilty pleasure  
47 Some PX customers  
48 Scare off  
50 Prefix reflecting piety  
51 Bit of trail mix  
54 Large African-American rally in DC (1995)

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1 Melbourne buddy  
2 It's often found in math class  
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5 Scoff (at)  
6 In layers  
7 Negate  
8 Jerky movement  
9 Robin's skill  
10 The Windsors, for instance  
11 Rebel against  
12 Wrinkly citrus  
13 Find out  
18 Priest in uniform  
19 Sellers of flat-pack furniture  
23 Folds in  
24 Big bash  
25 Romantic emoji  
26 David Copperfield clerk  
27 Acknowledge silently  
28 Give up the floor  
29 One-third of SCOTUS  
30 Ready to battle  
31 Where forks may be found  
36 Hereditary bit  
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39 Ridiculous  
40 Crafter's cutter  
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43 Of a back-of-throat thing  
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49 Purina sister brand  
50 IRS guys, for instance  
51 For crying out loud  
52 Talent show lineup  
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54 Banquet VIPs  
55 Hoopsters group  
56 Major span



Answer to previous puzzle  
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ODD OAK GAPES

# Astros LHP Framber Valdez gets positive update on injury

By The Associated Press

The Houston Astros received a positive update on left-hander Framber Valdez on the same day Forrest Whitley had season-ending surgery on his right elbow.

Valdez met with Dr. Steven Shin in Los Angeles on Wednesday, and new images of the pitcher's fractured left ring finger showed significant healing, according to the team. Valdez is expected to continue his rehab at the team's facility in Florida, and there is no timetable yet for his return to the mound.

The 27-year-old Valdez went 5-3 with a 3.57 ERA in 11 games last year, including 10 starts. He got hurt when struck by a comebacker while pitching against the Mets on March 2.

Whitley's Tommy John surgery was performed by Dr. Keith Meister in Arlington, Texas. He got hurt while throwing batting practice this spring training.

The 23-year-old Whitley, one of Houston's top prospects, is expected to miss at least a year. He was selected by the Astros in the first round of the 2016 amateur draft.

ACES APLENTY

Aces Walker Buehler of the Los Angeles Dodgers and Lucas Giolito of the Chicago White Sox faced off in Arizona.

Buehler tossed four effective innings in Los Angeles' 4-3 victory. The 26-year-old right-hander allowed an unearned run and five hits, struck out five and walked one.

Giolito was charged with two runs and three hits in 3 2/3 innings. The 6-foot-6 right-hander struck out six and walked two.

"I had a couple stressful innings today, and it's good to get reps in pitching with runners in scoring position," Giolito said, "getting the pitch count above 20 in an inning, I think that happened twice. Ideally, I'd love to go out there and just have 1-2-3 innings where I'm striking everyone out. But that's not baseball, that's not going to happen, so I welcome the challenge today."

OPENING SALVO

Eduardo Rodríguez was selected by Red Sox manager Alex Cora to start on opening day. Cora made the announcement after the left-hander pitched five innings of one-run ball in a 9-1 win over Minnesota.

Rodríguez was in line to start on opening day in 2020 before testing positive for the coronavirus and being diagnosed with inflammation in his heart muscles.

"He had a great season in '19. Last year he wasn't able to pitch for obvious reasons," Cora said. "What he's shown now, he's healthy and he's ready to go. ... It was just a matter of time."

RAYS 10, PIRATES 9

Tyler Glasnow pitched four innings in his third start for Tampa Bay, allowing four runs and six

hits. Austin Meadows connected for a two-run homer, and Joey Wendle collected three hits.

Pittsburgh right-hander Mitch Keller was hit hard again, allowing eight runs and 10 hits in two-plus innings. Keller's ERA is 21.60.

Bryan Reynolds and Colin Moran each hit a two-run homer for the Pirates.

PHILLIES 2, TIGERS 0

Philadelphia right-hander Zack Wheeler tossed five innings of four-hit ball. Odúbel Herrera led off the fourth with his third homer and Ronald Torreyes added an RBI double.

Tarik Skubal made his first start in his third appearance for Detroit, allowing a hit and three walks in three scoreless innings.

YANKEES 1, BLUE JAYS 0

Jordan Montgomery made his third start for New York, pitching five no-hit innings and lowering his ERA to 0.90. Aaron Judge had two hits and scored a run.

Toronto pitcher Thomas Hatch was pulled after a leadoff walk to DJ LeMahieu in the third. The team said Hatch had discomfort in his right arm.

Bo Bichette singled with two outs in the sixth for the Blue Jays' first hit.

MARLINS 3, METS 2

Miami right-hander Sandy Alcantara continued his impressive spring training with five innings of three-hit ball, striking out nine. Alcantara has thrown 12 2/3 scoreless innings, striking out 19. Rookie Jazz Chisholm hit his second homer — a solo shot in the fifth.

Joey Lucchesi made his first start in his second appearance for New York, allowing two walks in three scoreless innings. Francisco Lindor had two hits, and Albert Almora Jr. drove in two runs.

ATHLETICS 10, ROYALS 5

Oakland left-hander A.J. Puk surrendered two runs and two hits in two innings. With Mike Fiers hampered by an injury, Puk, the No. 6 pick in the 2016 amateur draft, could begin the year in the rotation.

Jed Lowrie hit two doubles for Oakland, and Matt Olson hit his fourth homer in the fifth.

Kansas City lefty Mike Minor was charged with six runs, four earned, and seven hits in 3 1/3 innings. Ryan McBroom and Hunter Dozier homered for the Royals.

GIANTS 11, ROCKIES 8

Kevin Gausman pitched 2 1/3 innings for San Francisco, yielding an earned run and three hits. Alex Dickerson and Jason Krizan connected for the Giants.

Germán Márquez worked five innings for the Rockies, striking out six and allowing three runs and six hits. Jairo Díaz allowed three runs and two hits in his inning of relief.

CARDINALS 4, ASTROS 4

Jose Altuve hit his first homer this spring for Houston, spoiling a strong outing by St. Louis starter Adam Wainwright. The 39-year-old Wain-

wright allowed two runs in 4 2/3 innings, striking out four and limiting Houston to five hits.

St. Louis slugger Paul Goldschmidt hit his first homer, and Tommy Edman had three hits. Jordan Hicks walked two and got two outs in a scoreless outing, his second appearance this spring for the Cardinals.

ORIOLES 5, BRAVES 2

Baltimore left-hander John Means pitched one-run ball over four innings, allowing two hits and striking out four. The only damage he allowed was a solo homer by Ozzie Albies. Austin Hays had three hits for the O's, raising his spring average to .370.

Charlie Morton allowed just an unearned run over 4 1/3 innings for Atlanta, striking out four while giving up four hits and a walk.

CUBS 8, PADRES 2

Willson Contreras had three hits, including a homer, and drove in five for Chicago. Anthony Rizzo also homered, Ian Happ had two hits and Kyle Hendricks allowed two runs in 3 1/3 innings for the Cubs, striking out four and walking one.

Chris Paddack gave up four runs in 1 2/3 innings, allowing four hits and three walks while striking out two for San Diego. Tommy Pham had three hits and Jake Cronenworth doubled.

RANGERS 3, DIAMONDBACKS 0

Kyle Gibson was perfect over four innings except for an error and a hit batsmen, striking out six for Texas in a one-hitter. Dane Dunning allowed that hit but was otherwise spotless over three innings, and Ian Kennedy and Josh Sborz combined to close out the gem. Nick Solak homered and had two hits, and Isiah Kiner-Falefa also had two hits.

Zac Gallen allowed three runs in 4 1/3 innings for Arizona. He gave up six hits and struck out three.

ANGELS 7, MARINERS 4, (7)

Los Angeles left-hander José Quintana struck out six in 3 2/3 scoreless innings, allowing two hits and three walks. The 32-year-old Quintana is yet to allow a run in four outings this spring after signing an \$8 million, one-year deal. Franklin Barreto homered and Taylor Ward had three hits for the Angels.

Evan White homered for Seattle. Rotation hopeful Chris Flexen gave up six runs, nine hits and a walk in three innings.

REDS 12, INDIANS 7

Nick Castellanos hit his second homer of the spring for Cincinnati, and Luis Castillo pitched three-hit ball over three scoreless innings. Mike Freeman also homered for the Reds.

Triston McKenzie gave up two runs in three innings for Cleveland before Anthony Gose let things get out of hand. Gose, a converted outfielder, surrendered six runs, three hits and three walks without getting an out in the fourth inning.

## Richmond rallies to win opening game of NIT 76-66

DENTON, Texas (AP)

Jacob Gilyard and Tyler Burton scored 18 points each and Richmond overcame the absence of their top two scorers to beat Toledo 76-66 in the opening game of the NIT Tournament on Wednesday.

A basket by Matt Grace — making his first start in his 82nd career game at Richmond — with under 12 minutes left gave the Spiders their first lead since 2-0. After 10 lead changes over 5 1/2 minutes, Nathan Cayo scored seven points in a 9-0 run that left Richmond ahead 66-58. A 3-pointer by Jacob Gilyard made it 71-62 with 1:35 to go.

The two-seed Spiders (14-8) were without Blake Francis (16.1 ppg), who hurt his back in their regular-season finale, and Grant Golden (12.7), who has been limited by a finger he broke in a Feb. 23 game.

Burton grabbed 10 rebounds in picking up his third double-double this season. Gilyard had four assists to become the program's career leader with 577, passing Greg Beckwith (1982-86, 573). Cayo added 15 points and Souleymane Koureissi 10.

Ryan Rollins scored 18 points, but 16 came in the first half when three-seed Toledo (21-9) took a 38-32 lead. Setric Millner Jr. added 13 points and Spencer Littleton 11. Mid-American Conference player of the year Marreon Jackson scored 10 points. Toledo shot only 28% in the second half, including 1

of 14 from the arc.

Richmond will play the winner of Saturday's game between Saint Louis and Mississippi State in a quarterfinal on March 25.

The tournament, limited to 16 teams instead of 32 this season, is taking place in the Dallas-Fort Worth metro area at the University of North Texas Coliseum in Denton and at the Comerica Center in Frisco.

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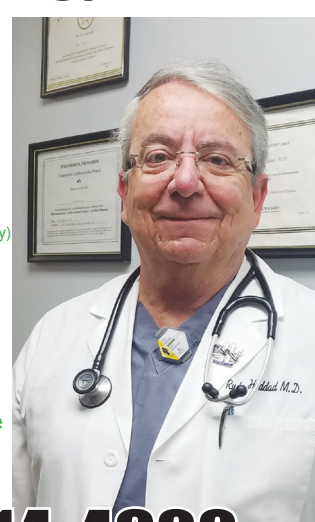
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