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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
821 W. I-20
Food trucks on site, registration begins at 10 a.m.

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Do you have a story to share with the community? Let us know, e-mail editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

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Howard County Commissioners look to address routine agenda

By AMANDA DUFORAT
Managing Editor

The Howard County Commissioners Court will convene for a regular meeting on Monday at 3:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom on the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse. The community is invited to attend the meeting or watch on Facebook Live at <https://www.facebook.com/Howard-County-Info-Tech110733893888746/>.

A budget workshop will take place before the meeting at 3 p.m., also in the Commissioners Courtroom.

Once the meeting is called to order there will be a moment for citizen input for those registered to make a comment.

Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman will deliver a presentation regarding Judicial Education Record.



HERALD file photo

Howard County Commissioners will meet in the 3rd Floor Courtroom at the Howard County Courthouse on Monday at 3:30 p.m. for a regular meeting.

Sheriff Stan Parker will present an amendment to food service contract to the Commissioners for discussion and possible approval.

Following Parker's request, County Treasurer Sharon Adams will be giving a presentation on education cer-

tificates of completion before moving into routine agenda items. The Commissioner Court will look at personnel considerations, Treasurer's Monthly Report and payroll report.

Adams will be asking the Court to re-address the FFCRA Extension and lead discussion on depository bids/selection.

County Auditor Jackie Olson will look to have Commissioners approve invoices and budget amendments. Bids for a purchase request for library floors from TCS Flooring will be brought for consideration. A presentation will also take place regarding the Corona

Virus Recovery Fund. Before Olson's reports conclude, a presentation of the comprehensive annual financial report by Roberts&McGee, CPA will be provided.

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Toasty Tuesday is back in swing KBSB focusing on Comanche Trail Park



Courtesy photo

Toasty Tuesday has kicked back off for the 2021 season. Last week there were six people who picked up trash near the Emergency Room entrance on FM 700. This week, Keep Big Spring Beautiful is invited the community to come out and help clean up around the baseball field in Comanche Trail Park. The group will begin at 6:30 p.m. and pick up for about an hour.

Part 2: About the Big Spring EDC Decision Making

By MARK WILLIS
Big Spring EDC

There are a multitude of reasons why companies choose one location over another. It is the role of an economic developer to understand a company's needs and to portray the area in a positive light. According to Area Development Magazine's Corporate Survey 2017 of corporate decision makers, the top 10 site selection criteria are:

Availability of skilled labor, Labor costs, Highway accessibility, Energy availability and costs, Telecommunication services, Corporate Tax Rate, Occupancy or construction cost, State and local incentives,

Proximity to major markets, Availability of land/building

Workforce
Economic developers work to provide a well-educated workforce through assistance with Howard College's Workforce Training Program which promotes the development of a skilled workforce for existing and new industry.

Entrepreneurialism
Big Spring EDC also helps entrepreneurship by contracting with Leading EDG. Leading EDG is a network of resources with the goal of developing entrepreneurs and strengthening small businesses. This service is at no cost and is available to Howard County residents wanting to start up or retain their business in Howard County.

For more information please contact (423) 264-6032

Grocery giveaway, vaccine clinic set for Saturday

By AMANDA DUFORAT
Managing Editor

A helping hand is being extended by the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County to local residents, as the community continues to deal with the struggles created from the current pandemic. The local United Way is hosting the Spring Break Grocery Giveaway on Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. at Memorial Stadium.

"I am happy United Way was able to provide some relief during this time, and I'm hoping this will be our last giveaway, but we will definitely do it again if we see there is a need," Christian Fair, Executive Director of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

The event is the third grocery giveaway the United Way has hosted for the community, through partnerships with H-E-B, Delek, NuStar, Blanchette Field Services and Home Hospice. The funding for the grocery giveaways are made possible from funds raised in a special Covid-19 aide fundraising effort. The dollars were earmarked to offer support as the community needed throughout the year. These funds are not mixed with the allocations for the agencies in order to not take from the support they are receiving to

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Obituaries

Earlynn "Lynn" Wright Ballinger

Earlynn "Lynn" Wright Ballinger died March 3, 2021 in San Antonio, Texas. She was born in El Paso, Texas on Nov. 8, 1931 to H.W. "Hack" Wright and Flora Belle Taylor. They soon moved to Big Spring, Texas where she and her siblings, Rita and Haskell all attended Big Spring schools.

In 1956 she moved to San Antonio, Texas where she met and married Major Joe E. Ballinger. They lived in San Antonio, Big Spring, Utah, and the Philippines before eventually returning to San Antonio. In later years Lynn moved back to Big Spring then to Midland to live with son Micheal before returning to San Antonio

Nancy Lou Patrick

Nancy Lou Patrick, 92, passed away peacefully in New Braunfels, Texas, on March 15,

2021 and was assuredly able to meet her Jesus face to face. She lived a long, fulfilling life serving the Lord. Nancy's family absolutely believes that the time she spent on this earth was lived to the fullest.

She was born June 15, 1928, in St. Louis, Missouri, to Rolla and Edna Lemoins. Nancy

devoted her life in ministry and serving others. She accompanied her husband as a missionary to Costa Rica, Columbia, and Albuquerque. She was a pastor's wife to their church in Washington D.C. in the 70's. Her love for children was shown not only with her five children, but also when she attended Texas Wesleyan in Fort Worth to become a teacher. She taught mostly English to elementary students, but also substituted for all grades. Nancy enjoyed working at the First Baptist

to live with daughter Pamela where she lived until her death.

Lynn loved all things "Rat Pack" and left this world with her foot keeping time to the music of Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra. She loved to travel with friends from Big Spring and the lifelong friends acquired during her Air Force years, traveling to Boston, Florida, Washington state, Washington D.C, and one of her favorite destinations, Las Vegas. Also, a favorite was traveling to New Orleans for Mardi Gras bringing back plenty of bling for her granddaughters. Until her declining health intervened, she spent innumerable hours a day playing Bridge online. Most of her adult life was spent hosting or attending countless cocktail parties. She always told us it was one of the few things she could do really well. She also rarely missed an opportunity to socialize at the Officers Clubs on Webb AFB, Big Spring, Texas, Randolph AFB, San Antonio, Texas, Hill AFB, Ogden, Utah, and Clark AFB, Luzon Island, Philippines, meet-

ing interesting people and dancing the night away. The girl loved a good party, a good dance partner, and a well-made cocktail!

Lynn is survived by daughter, Pamela Vela and husband, Robert of Converse, Texas, son, Micheal Russell and wife, Linda of Midland, Texas; three grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild born December 2020; one sister Rita Fort of Midland, Texas, and one brother, Haskell Wright. She was preceded in death by her parents and infant son, Steven Ray Russell.

The family would like to thank the amazing staff of Brookdale Hospice of San Antonio, especially Cheryl Pumphrey who tirelessly and lovingly cared for Lynn.

Due to Covid-19, no services will be held.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of the staff of Holt & Holt Funeral Home of Boerne, Texas. To share words of comfort with the family, please visit www.holtfh.com.

Paid Obituary



Brenda Larson

Brenda Larson, 66, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, March 17, 2021. Viewing and visitation will be on Sunday, March 21, 2021 from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be on Monday, March 22, 2021 at 11 a.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with Pastor Scott Kirkland of Trinity Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Brenda was born on Aug. 10, 1954 in Big Spring. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and a member of Trinity Baptist Church. She had worked at the Big Spring State Hospital in the Pharmacy since 1972.

She loved all children, but her nieces, nephews, and great nieces and great nephews were the love of her life. She loved crocheting and giving gifts.

She is survived by one sister: Jan Benford and husband Joe of Big Spring; two brothers: David Larson and wife Larenda of Big Spring and Timothy Larson and wife Audrae of Harrison, AR; and several nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Helen and Blaine Larson; and one nephew: Samuel Hull.

Pallbearers will be Dustin Layman, Chris Wanner, Regi Roberts, Jason Hull, Trace Hull, Jeremy Hull, Weston Layman, and Brandon Larson.

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

Paid Obituary

Possible quorum of BSEDC at upcoming City Council meeting

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Economic Development Center issued a notice of a possible quorum at the upcoming Big Spring City Council meeting. The notice read as follows:

There will be a possible quorum of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporations, Board of Directors in attendance of the March 23, 2021 Big Spring City Council meeting.

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Jonnie Gay Roberts

Jonnie Gay Roberts, age 77, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family singing over her, holding her hands, and soaking up every last minute with her. There was nothing she loved more than her family.

Our mom was born on Nov. 26, 1943, in Gorman, Texas to Elmon and Cloda Wayland. Jonnie's love of shiny objects was obvious when as a toddler she insisted on being carried facing toward the shop windows.

Our mom moved from Fort Worth to Coahoma, Texas, at the beginning of 8th grade where she grew up with her cherished older brother Ronnie (who sadly passed away at age 31 and whose loss she felt for the rest of her life). She was a born entertainer and led the Coahoma High School band as the Drum Majorette. Being much loved, she was chosen as the CHS Band Sweetheart and, to the surprise of her classmates, won the Future Homemaker of America award (based on an essay contest, and thankfully not a bake-off).

Our mom met the love of her life EJ Roberts in Coahoma (sadly, Elvis wasn't available). She always said she thought he was "okay, but he had the hottest car in town". It must have worked out because on February 3rd of this year, they celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary. My dad says that '54 Ford bought him the best years of his life.

Our mom has three "beautiful daughters" who grew up in San Angelo: Shelley, Shana, and Sherrey. She encouraged and supported every single endeavor that we tried. She was our cheerleader, confidant, and number one fan (and we never doubted that for one minute).

Our mom retired from the San Angelo State School, where she worked with volunteers making each one feel valued and appreciated. She loved spoiling the clients out there, even scavenging up a blue guitar as a special Christmas gift back before

there was Amazon shopping or internet searches.

Our mom loved her grandchildren: Aubrey, Kathleen, Lane, Shelby, Sara, and Mia. Being retired allowed her to spend time with them and celebrate their accomplishments.

Our mom made retirement look fun, spending time with our dad and taking frequent trips to Las Vegas. She loved to laugh and wasn't afraid to be silly. She made time for her girlfriends with happy hours and Friday Fun Days. She loved to "sparkle" with bright colors and fun accessories. If you have stock in HSN or QVC, we're sorry for your loss.

Our mom loved Elvis, cool cars, Jesus, Las Vegas, her family, and friends, but maybe not in that order.

Our mom is preceded in death by her parents, Elmon and Cloda Wayland, her older brother Ronnie M. Wayland. She is survived by her loving husband, EJ Roberts, and three daughters and beloved sons-in-law: Shelley and Brent Jenkins of San Angelo, Shana and Lance Gilley of Weatherford, TX, and Sherrey and Tony Martino of Chicago, IL. She is survived by six grandchildren: Aubrey Ward (and fiancé James Pevey), Kathleen Jenkins, Lane Gilley, Shelby Gilley, Sara Martino, and Mia Martino. She is also survived by her four nieces and nephews: Terri Wayland, Tiffany Grant, Joe Wayland, and Ron Wayland.

Our mom made everyone who met her feel special, from her family and friends to people working at the counter. She opened her home and heart to anyone or anything that needed a soft place to land, including animals. In lieu of flowers, we would like to ask that donations be made to Concho Valley PAWS or the charity of your choice in Jonnie's honor.

Our mom will be celebrated with a Visitation at Harper's Funeral Home on Monday, March 22 from 6-8 p.m. and a funeral service held in the Chapel at Harper's on Tuesday, March 23 at 10:30 a.m. She'll be laid to rest in Fairmount Cemetery.

Family and friends can share online condolences at www.harper-funeralhome.com

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This week's reviews are fiction titles. Nina once bought into the idea that her fancy liberal arts degree would lead to a fulfilling career in "Pretty Things" (F BRO J) by Janelle Brown. When that dream crashed, she turned to stealing from rich kids in LA alongside her wily Irish boyfriend, Lachlan. Nina learned from the best, her mother was the original con artist, hustling to give her daughter a decent childhood despite their wayward life. But when her mom gets sick, Nina puts everything on the line to help her, even if it means running her most audacious, dangerous scam yet. Vanessa is a privileged young heiress who wanted to make her mark in the world. Instead she becomes an Instagram influencer, traveling the globe, receiving free clothes and products, and posing for pictures in exotic locales. But behind the covetable façade is a life marked by tragedy. After a broken engagement, Vanessa retreats to her family's sprawling mountain estate, Stonehaven, a mansion of dark secrets not just from Vanessa's past, but from that of a lost and troubled girl named Nina. Nina's, Vanessa's, and Lachlan's paths col-

lide here, on the cold shores of Lake Tahoe, where their intertwined lives give way to a winter of aspiration and desire, duplicity and revenge.

One bright morning in May 1875, Elizabeth Todd Edwards is shocked to learn that her younger sister Mary Lincoln, former First Lady and widow of President Abraham Lincoln, has tried to poison herself in "Mrs. Lincoln's Sisters" (F CHI J) by Jennifer Chiaverini. Although they have long been estranged, Elizabeth knows how tenuous Mary's mental health has been after losing three sons and witnessing her husband's murder. Robert, her eldest and only surviving child, has become convinced that his mother is a danger to herself and has begun legal proceedings to have her committed. Is Mary's attempt to take her own life truly the impulse of a deranged mind, or the desperate act of a traumatized but sane woman terrified of being locked away in an asylum? Searching for answers, Elizabeth looks back at Mary's fraught history with her closest sisters; Ann, Frances, Emilie, and herself and the divergent paths of their lives. Jennifer Chiaverini reveals how the fortunes of these sisters, born into wealth and privilege in a genteel Southern family, become forever bound to their husbands' choices and will be tested by war and the loss of children, husbands, and siblings. The bonds uniting them are frayed by grief, distance, and discord. Is sisterly love powerful enough to save Mary, who had risen higher than any of them but endured far more suffering? Though she may fail, Elizabeth knows for her sister's sake, and her own, she must try.

It's 2 A.M. on a Saturday night in the spring of 2001 in "The Lies that Bind" (F GIF E) by Emily Giffin, and twenty-eight-year-old Cecily Gardner sits alone in a dive bar in New York's East Village, questioning her life. Feeling lonesome and homesick for the Midwest, she wonders if she'll ever make it as a reporter in the big city and whether she made a terrible mistake in breaking up with her longtime boyfriend, Matthew. As Cecily reaches for the phone to call him, she hears a guy on the barstool next to her say, "Don't do it—you'll regret it." Something tells her to listen, and over the next


several hours, and a few shots, she and Grant forge an unlikely connection. That should be it, they both decide the next morning, as Cecily reminds herself of the perils of a rebound relationship. Moreover, their timing couldn't be worse, Grant is preparing to quit his job and move overseas. Yet despite all their obstacles, they can't seem to say goodbye, and for the first time in her carefully constructed life, Cecily follows her heart instead of her head. Then Grant disappears in the chaos of 9/11. Fearing the worst, Cecily spots his face on a missing-person poster, and realizes she is not the only one searching for him. Her investigative reporting instincts kick into action as she vows to discover the truth. But the questions pile up fast: How well did she really know Grant? Did he ever really love her? And is it possible to love a man who wasn't who he seemed to be?

What happens after you've saved the world? Well, if you're Rachel Mariana Morgan, witch-born demon, you quickly discover that something might have gone just a little bit wrong in "American Demon" – The Hollows series #14 (F HAR K) by Kim Harrison. That the very same acts you and your friends took to forge new powers may have released something bound by the old. With a rash of zombies, some strange new murders, and an exceedingly mysterious new demon in town, it will take everything Rachel has to counter this new threat to the world and it may demand the sacrifice of what she holds most dear.

"Even today, when I read, I notice with pleasure when an author has chosen a particular word, a particular place, for the picture it will convey to the reader." Ruth Bader Ginsburg, My Own Words

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Weather



Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 76. South wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 54.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 73.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 42.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 69.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 45.

(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via forecast.weather.gov)

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The last report will be brought by Road Engineer Brian Klinksiek and will include an update on roadway maintenance and a presentation and request to go out for bids on RFB2020014 and RFB2020015, and RFB2020016. Commissioners will look to award bids on RFB2020012 and RFB2020013.

Klinksiek will also provide information regarding the CTIF Grant and well as the accelerating letting schedule for the remainder of FY 2021.

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GROCERY

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continue to aide the community. Those wishing to receive groceries are asked to enter from Kentucky Way and line up in order to help the flow of traffic to move smoothly. In order to receive groceries a proof of residency in Howard County must be provided. Attendees are asked to remain in the vehicle and make sure the trunk, backseat or cargo area is clear and ready to fill.

"We want to make sure the traffic and the process flows smoothly, in order for us to help as many residents as possible," Fair said.

In addition, Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be on hand to provide Covid-19 vaccinations for those wishing to receive the vaccine. Once you have received your groceries, there will be an opportunity to exit the parking lot or move forward to receive the vaccine.

For those who have questions or would like to contribute to the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County, contact Christian Fair at the United Way office at 432-267-5201.

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DAILY PRAYER

When we have You in mind, Lord, our positive thoughts can bring positive results.

Amen

From claw hammers to Yellowhammers

My high school mascot was a Yellow Jacket. The school newspaper was called the Jacket Journal. On football Fridays students wore spirit ribbons that carried the phrase "Sting 'em" or something similar. In normal times our class has two reunions a year. We call them swarms.

I think the names of high school mascots are interesting. One that has perplexed me for years is the Rotan Yellowhammers. I finally found someone who could shed some light on how the name of the mascot came to be.

Ted Posey coached at Roby 9 years then was at Rotan 20 years. During his days at Roby, his budget for equipment and supplies was meager. "For football, basketball and track five hundred dollars for the year," says Ted. His salary wasn't much ei-

ther. "I had 4 children. My take home pay was \$365 a month. The house payment was \$100. Every morning I'd ride the school bus to school with the kids. I lived 3 miles out. In the evening I hitchhiked home. I didn't have to wait very long for a ride."

Coach Posey has seen lots of changes. "I grew up; out there by the double mountains. We still had the teams and horses. In the second grade I plowed with the team."

Ted has tons of memorabilia from his coaching and teaching years, some of which has to do with how the Yellowhammers got to be the school mascot. "I have a 1921 annual. I've seen a 1922 annual and it had a picture of a claw hammer. That was the school mascot then. I also have a 1946 school annual and the mascot then was the yellowhammer. So sometime between 1921 or 22 and 1946 they went from a claw hammer to the yellowhammer."

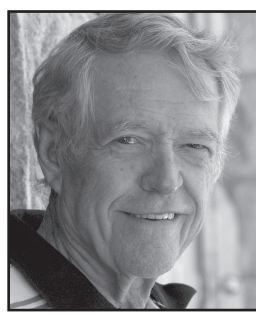
The yellowhammer is a bird and coach Posey says every once in a while he thinks he sees one

by his house. "Actually it's a woodpecker. In 1962 the Rotan student council decided to have a school newspaper. It was called the Flicka. In 1927 the yellowhammer became the state bird of Alabama."

Coach Posey doesn't know of another sports team anywhere that has the yellowhammer as a mascot. The Dallas Morning News named the yellowhammer as one of the most unique mascots in the country.

Ted Posey is still in great shape at age 85. "I still feed cattle. I'll pick up 6 or 8 50-pound bags of feed, throw them in the pickup and go feed." He has been known to jump flat-footed from the floor to the top of his desk. "I asked some folks if they thought I could do this and they said no. So I just squatted down and jumped straight up. Landed on the desk standing up."

Ted played high school sports in Rotan. In football he played offense and defense, fullback and defensive end. He made all district in high school and later played at Cisco Junior College and Abilene Christian University.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

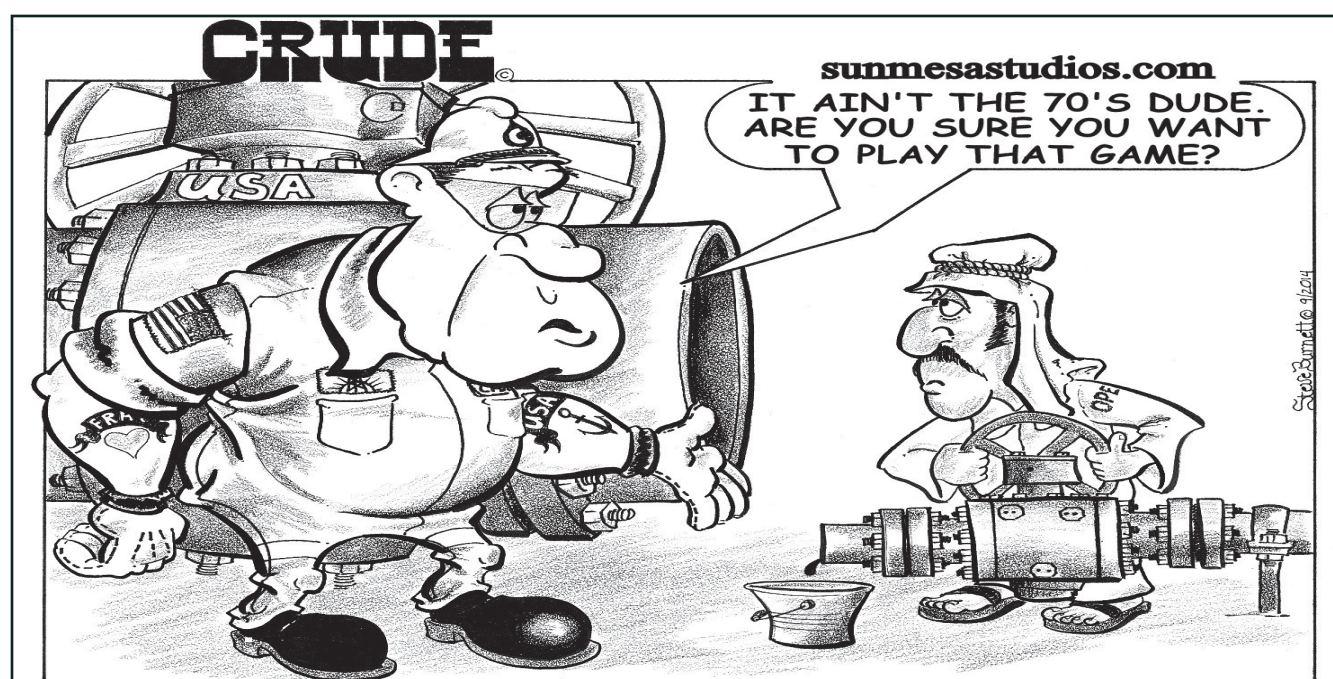
Gem and Mineral Show

Dear Editor:

I went to the Gem and Mineral show and visited with several of the vendors.

They were thrilled to be in Big Spring and one said it was one of the top 3 shows in the country. Another said it was in the top ten. Their comments were very complimentary about our city and the warm hospitality the people in charge provided. They said this Big Spring show brings out more families than other shows. Our city is fortunate to have such an event. We try to go every year.

*Tumbleweed Smith
Big Spring*



A revolting development

My intent was to write a tribute to a long-ago university chancellor. He handled problems with dignity and grace, typically responding with a twinkle in his eye, beaming countenance and droll wit.

Were he still living, he would have chuckled at my misadventure in finding the definition of "droll." Sure enough, it is a reference to the curious or unusual in ways that provoke amusement. This assumes, of course, that "droll" is spelled correctly.

Typing two "o's" instead of two "l's," however, turns up the word "drool," instead, and Dr. James M. Moudy-Texas Christian University chancellor from 1965-1979--never drooled.

I thought of him the other day while reading of the "brouhaha" at the University of Texas over threats and counter-threats concerning whether the school song ("The Eyes of Texas" sung to the tune of work related to the railroad) should remain in favor.

What would Dr. Moudy have done?

Smiling, he would likely have "drolled" something like, "Do we have a school song? Not many know the words if we do, but over the years, there has been much 'tinkering' with the TCU cheer."

He might have waxed rhetorically in telling about how the university's athletic teams came to be called "Horned Frogs." Another sidetrack to avoid a direct response, he might have shared history of the TCU cheer. It has been modified periodically for at

least a century, including words like "riff, ram, bah zoo, lickity, lickity, zoo, zoo."

Maybe a "droll" observation by this recognized minister,

scholar and educational leader would have included an expression of gratitude for not being president at Campbell University. "Defending 'Horned Frogs' as mascots for an institution in Texas might be easier than continually justifying 'Fighting Camels' in South Carolina," he'd joke.

It's hard to fathom why some memories are retained.

The title of a Dr. Moudy speech some 50 years ago to the Fort Worth Rotary Club remains lodged in my brain. It was: "What I Would Do If I Were a College President."

Speaking drolly and purposefully, he elicited smiles as he rolled on with an undeniable spirit that much was "right" with the world. Surely his tongue was might near rubbed raw, lodging so often in his cheeks, back in the day when some decisions were actually "slam dunks."

I do remember his account of growing up in Greenville, Texas.

When he was a second grader, his mother "encouraged" his taking private violin lessons. A reluctant student, he tracked mud into his teacher's house, knocked over a lamp and dropped her violin.

With eyes glaring and patience expended, she warned, "James, if you don't shape up this minute,

I'm going to tell your folks you have definite promise."

Back when, Dr. Moudy and his colleagues made decisions that "went down without sugar." These days, many weighty issues are more likely to be "taken under advisement."

Then and now, controversy "follows the money," and UT has plenty of it, not only from traditional revenues, but also from major funds established by the 1876 Texas Legislature. It created the "Permanent University Fund" (tax monies from more than two million oil and gas-rich acres in West Texas) accrue largely to UT, but also to Texas A&M University.

Both universities should be able to make it until, well, the wells run dry.

Pressures at the top grow exponentially when both enrollments and budgets bulge and both have ballooned. My CEO experiences were in much smaller institutions (Western Texas College, Snyder, Texas and Howard Payne University, Brownwood, Texas). At both institutions, I made such "major" decisions as whether to have school on bad weather days.

Finally, this: Seagraves, Texas, Public Schools chose the theme music from a 1951 movie, On Moonlight Bay. They "localized" the words, of course, from the song made famous by the lovely Doris Day.

Life was simpler then.

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Big Spring Steers baseball team crush San Angelo Lake View in District Game

By **DUSTIN POPE**
Herald Sports Writer

The Big Spring Steers took on San Angelo Lake View Chiefs in the second game of the District schedule, March 18, at Steer park.

The Steers were looking to bounce back from a heartbreaking loss to Lubbock Estacado earlier in the week. The Steers did just that as they had an offensive onslaught coupled with good pitching and a few key defensive plays to win the game by a final score of 10 to 3.

It was star player Joshua Miramontes who took the mound in this District tilt. Miramontes made short work of the Chiefs in his top-of-the-first action, not allowing San Angelo to get anything going. The Steers got their shot at the plate in the bottom of the first, when lead-off man Maverick Yanez stepped up to the plate, as he has been doing. The young Steer opened up the game with a hard-hit double. A few batters later would bring up two-sport star Gabriel Baeza, and he came through with an RBI double of his own driving in Yanez to give the Steers the early 1 to 0 lead. The very next batter Freshman First Baseman Isaiah Diaz, or "Izzy" as they call him, stepped in the box, and he delivered on a hard-hit RBI single that drove in Baeza. Making the lead 2 to 0, with only one out in the inning. Sophomore phenom Ricky Escovedo then showed he wanted to be a part of this hit train. He belted a hard-hit single that advanced Diaz to third. Escovedo then showed off his speed on the basepaths when he stole second base, putting runners on second and third. A few pitches later, Izzy scored on a passed ball by the Lake View catcher, and Escovedo moved up to the third base. Eli Cobos then was hit with a pitch sending him to first base. Not long after that, Escovedo came rushing home to score on an error by the San Angelo catcher, making the lead now 4 to 0. The Steers ended the first inning by a score of 4 to 0, after an impressive first inning of work.

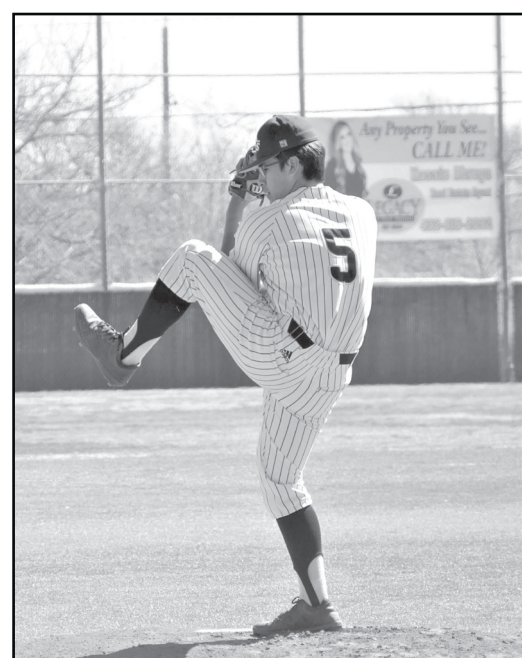
The top of the second was more of the same as Miramontes would keep dealing on the mound, keeping the Chiefs completely lost at the plate. The Chiefs did manage to push the score one run in their half of the inning, making the score 4 to 1. The bottom of the second once again found lead-off man Maverick Yanez in the box to start the inning. A pitch hit Yanez to take a free pass to first base. A few pitches later, after an overthrow by the San Angelo catcher trying to catch Yanez stealing, he would be standing at third base. This would bring up Izzy once again, and the Freshman came through again as he smashed an RBI double, driving in Yanez,

increasing the lead to 5 to 1. Escovedo then reached an error by the San Angelo short-stop, allowing him to advance all the way to second, and having Diaz come around to score. The second inning came to a close, with the Steers having a commanding lead of 6 to 1 after just two innings of play.

Neither team got much going in the third inning, leaving the score at 6 to 1 after.

To start the fourth, it would still be Miramontes on the mound, and he would continue his dominance on the day. He was mixing his pitches well, and Freshman Catcher Samuel Wood was doing a nice job behind the plate, keeping the ball in front of him. Lake View would go on to score one run in the inning making the score 6 to 2. The Steers got a few batters on the bottom of the fourth, but could not push anyone across, leaving the score at 6 to 2 after four completed innings.

The fifth inning found Eli Cobos taking the mound for the Steers replacing Miramontes, who finished the game, giving up two runs on four hits and striking out 4 on his day of efficient work. Cobos picked up right where his predecessor left off as the young pitcher showed control on all of his pitches. The Lake View Chiefs pushed across one more run in the inning and brought the score to 6 to 3. As Big Spring entered the sixth, the team knew it was time to step on the gas and put this game to bed. The inning began with Isaiah Diaz smashing a hard-hit double to get the inning off to a good start. Escovedo then stepped up and delivered an RBI double of his own, scoring Diaz, making the score 7 to 3. Eli Cobos kept the momentum going with a single of his own that could get Escovedo home pushing the score to 8 to 3. Braxton Sizenbach showed his patience at the plate, earning himself a walk. Senior leader Jose Cantu then came to the plate, and he hit a solid line drive advancing Sizenbach to second. Maverick Yanez came to the plate. He reached base on yet another error by the Chiefs



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Top Right: Leadoff batter Maverick Yanez steps in the box and delivers a single. Top Left: Josh Miramontes pitches at San Angelo Lake View, a game in which the Steers won 10 to 3.

baseball team to load Josh Miramontes' bases. Miramontes would deliver as he smoked a hard-hit double down the line, scoring both Sizenbach and Cantu and blowing the game open at 10 to 3 after five innings of play.

Eli Cobos came out for another inning of work and looked very impressive; he mowed down the Lakeview Chiefs, stopping any comeback thoughts the Chiefs team may have had. At the bottom of the sixth, the Steers didn't really get much going, so after six innings of play, the score remained 10 to 3.

Gabriel Baeza came in as the pitcher to finish this game off. That's just what the Steer did as he pitched very well in his only inning of work, not allowing the Chiefs to get any rally started as he shut them down. The Steers would claim their first District victory in a dominating performance by a score of 10 to 3.

A win like this is huge for the young Steers' confidence level; snapping a four-game losing streak always feels good. The Steers keep the District games rolling this Saturday at Steer Ballpark against Levelland.

The first pitch is scheduled for 12:01, come on out and support this team and cheer them on to victory.

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EXPLAINER: A trickier NCAA bracket in this unusual season

By **STEVE MEGARGEE**
AP Sports Writer

There's no need to worry about geography in this year's NCAA Tournament.

Get ready for plenty of talk about the so-called "S curve" instead. And don't worry — it's not that complicated.

With the entire tournament taking place in or near Indianapolis, there is no reason for the four geographic regions that have been a part of past NCAA brackets. The NCAA doesn't have to ensure the best teams play closer to home.

The NCAA instead is trying to use the "S curve" in which a team's placement is more dependent on its strength than its location. The No. 1 overall seed ideally would have the No. 8 overall seed as the second-best team in its region, the top No. 2 seed in the same section with the No. 7 overall seed and the same approach for 3 vs. 6 and 4 vs. 5.

Whether that happens isn't a sure thing: Rules prevent conference rivals from facing off early in the tournament and the S curve — the NCAA helpfully put out a specific explanation of this term — often gets broken up.

"The likelihood of being able to be a perfect S curve is probably unlikely," said Kentucky athletic director Mitch Barnhart, who chairs the NCAA Division I men's basketball committee. "There's going to have to be modifications."

It is creating plenty of uncertainty for teams competing for bids — as

well as the people filling out the bracket.

"This is just an unprecedented tournament, an unprecedented time," Wisconsin coach Greg Gard said. "Hopefully it's only a one-off and we're only going to have to do this and navigate this one time this way."

THOSE CONFERENCE MATCHUPS

Teams from the same conference can't meet before the regional final if they've already played each other at least three times in a season. If they've faced off twice, league foes can't meet until the regional semifinals.

Some of this is already being played out. For instance, when the committee revealed last week which schools would earn the top 16 seeds if the bracket were being announced that day, No. 4 overall seed Ohio State was included in a region with No. 14 seed Texas Tech, rather than No. 13 seed Iowa. Ohio State and Iowa already met once, are scheduled to face off again Feb. 28 and could battle each other a third time in the Big Ten Tournament.

No. 8 overall seed Houston was in a region with No. 3 overall seed Michigan rather than No. 1 overall seed Gonzaga. Plenty of other pairings also didn't quite match what a true S curve would have reflected.

LACK OF NONCONFERENCE GAMES

Division I teams played fewer than half as many nonconference games as usual this year. That makes it tougher than ever to compare the

credentials of teams from various leagues.

It also could make it particularly challenging for teams from outside the major conferences to land at-large bids. Typically, contenders from those leagues build their resumes by beating schools from bigger leagues. Those schools didn't get nearly enough of those opportunities this year.

Barnhart said the biggest challenge is the fact that pandemic-related pauses have caused some teams to play fewer games than others through no fault of their own. There's also the dilemma of how to rate a team that might lose a game or two due to the rust factor after a long layoff.

"There is no hard-and-fast rule," Barnhart said. "I think the thing we've got to understand is, we're going to play the ball as it lies. The resumes are the resumes." **HOW LOW IS TOO LOW?**

Up to now, no team has ever earned an at-large bid with a worse record than the 16-14 mark that Villanova had in 1991 and Georgia had in 2001.

That could change this season, because the pandemic limited the number of so-called guarantee games that allow major conference teams

to boost their records.

Jerry Palm, who forecasts the NCAA brackets for CBS Sports, said a team could make it this year while being only one or two games above .500 as a possibility. Joe Lunardi, who predicts the bracket for ESPN, believes even a team with a losing record could get an at-large bid.

Finding a team that fits that profile is tricky. Maryland (13-10) was an obvious candidate before the Terrapins won three straight games to pull above .500.

This week in sports

By **DYLAN**

A lot happened this week in sports from the Patriots going all out in free agency to John Lester pitching 2 innings after having gland removal surgery. This week marked the start of NFL free agency and a lot has already happened. Andy Dalton signed with the Chicago Bears while Mitch Trubusky is heading to the Buffalo Bills. Also, Troy Hill and Alex Mack got some big contracts from new teams. At the wide receiver position this week, A.J. Green went to the Cardinals and Jared Cook worked a deal with the Los Angeles Chargers.

This week the MLB had a lot of talk about the season opener with the Milwaukee Brewers announcing Brandon Woodruff as the starter for their opening game and the Boston Red Sox naming Eduardo Rodriguez as their starter for their opener. The Boston Red Sox were excited to now have LeBron James as a part owner. This week kicked off the start of March Madness. As of Friday afternoon, Drake beat Wichita State by one point and Norfolk St. beat Appalachian St. by 1. The best game from Thursday was the game between UCLA and Michigan State. UCLA came out on top. This week had a lot happen and we can't wait for next week.

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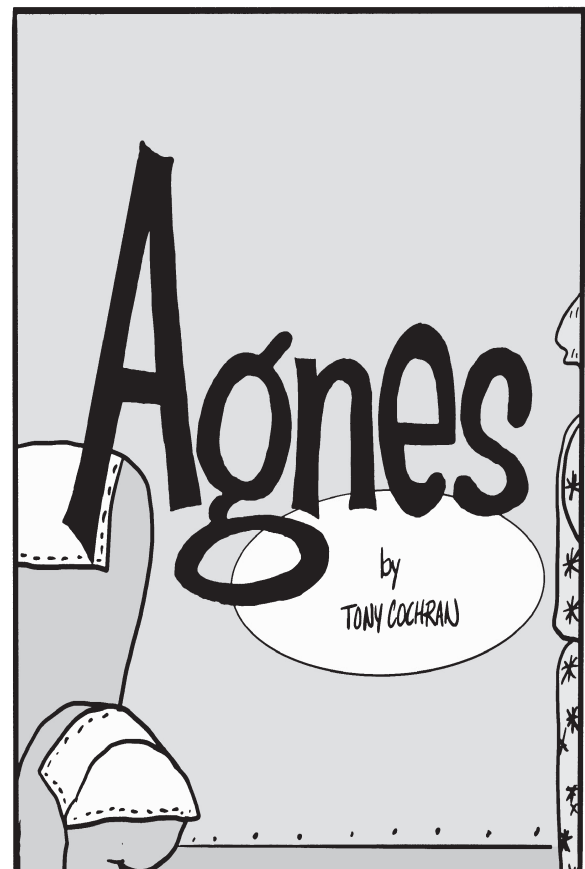
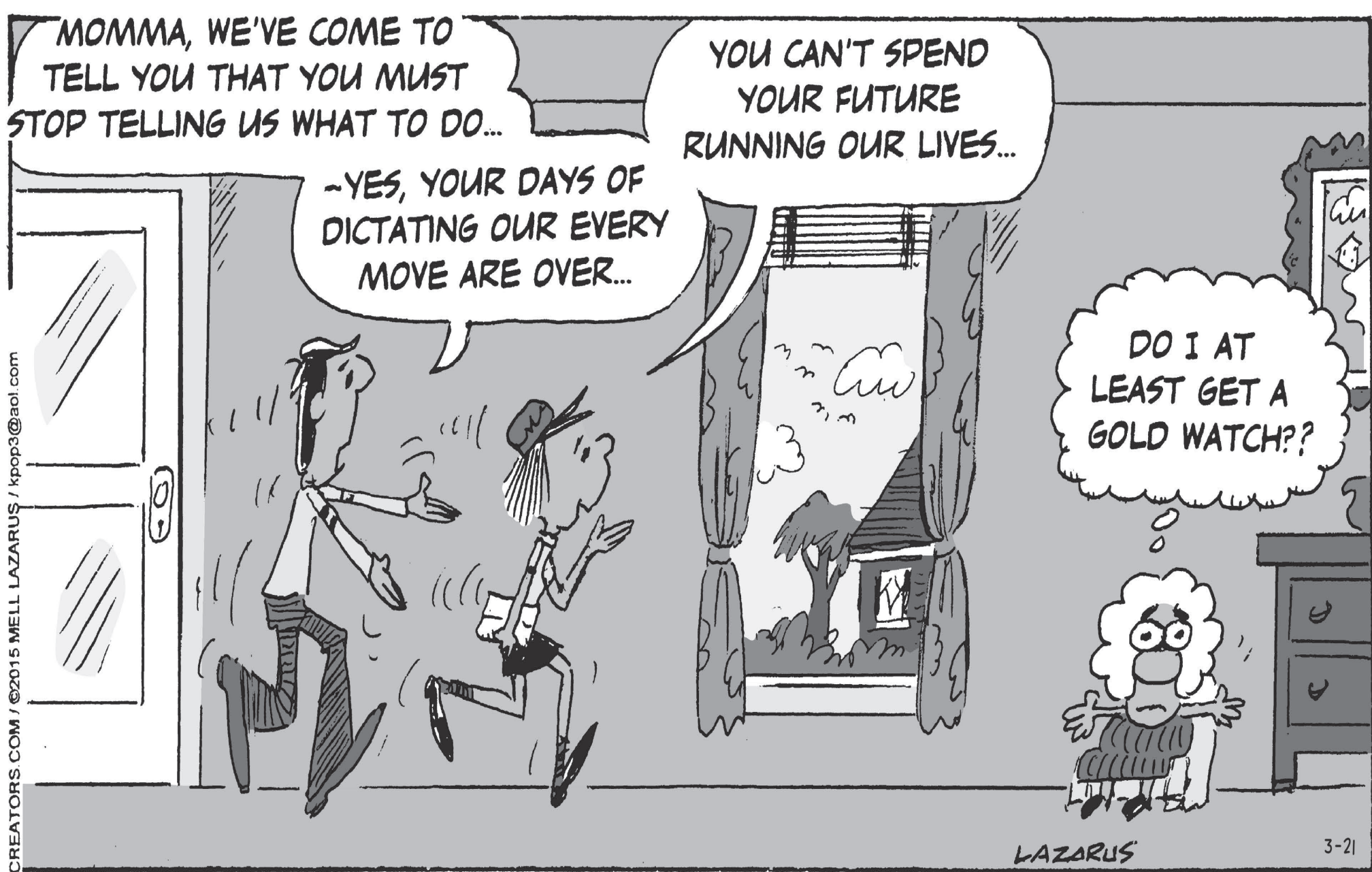
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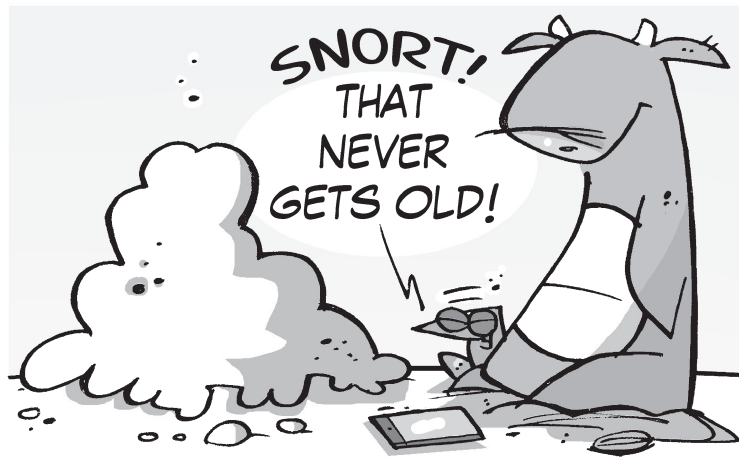
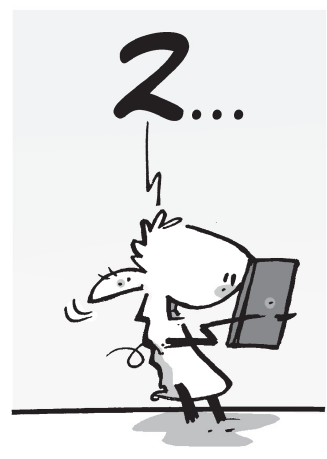
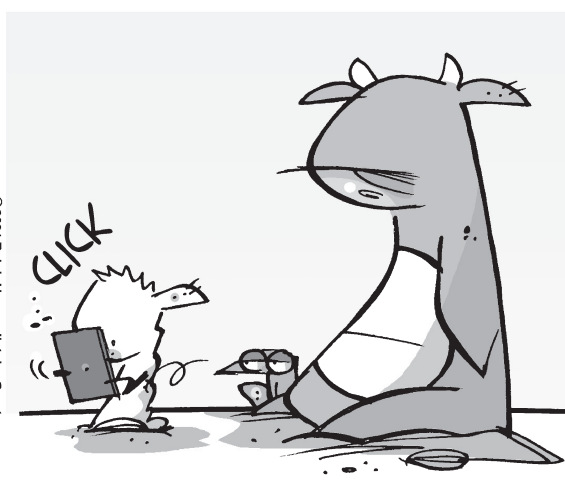
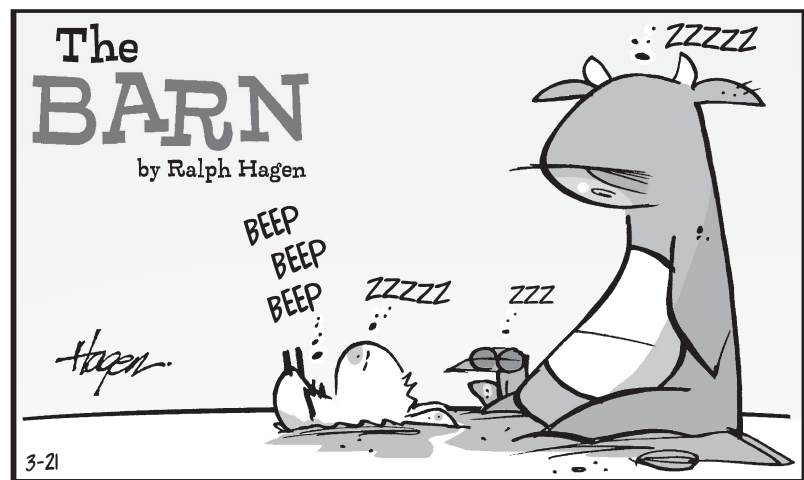
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Lady Steers Softball team wins second game of the year against Plainview

By **DUSTIN POPE**

Herald sports writer

The Big Spring Steers softball traveled to take on the Plainview Bulldogs this Thursday, Mar.18. The lady Steers would play an amazing game coming out on top 9 to 6.

The first inning started slow for the Lady Steers as they couldn't get a rhythm going, as they could not score any runs. Kalyn Whitehead took the circle for the Steers, and she performed very well. Plainview put a couple of runs up in their half of the first inning, carrying a score of 2 to 0 heading into the second.

The second inning still found the Lady Steers searching at the plate but couldn't get much going. Plainview would put up two more runs in the bottom of the second and third innings to take an early 4 to 0 lead after three innings of play.

We jump ahead to the Fifth inning, and this is where the Lady Steers would find their swagger and start to put on the pressure. The inning began with Kylee Lynch leading off with a hard-hit single. Cloe Viasana was then hit by a pitch to put runners first and second with only one out. Alex Enriquez then laid down a bunt single to load the bases.

Celi Vela singled on a hard-hit ball to center field driving home Lynch to notch the Steers first run of the game. The Steers would not stop there.

a hard-hit single to drive in Watkins, to give the Steers their first lead. Sarah Wood kept the momentum going with a hard-hit single of her own.

Kylee Lynch would step up to the plate for the second time in the inning, and the young Steer hammered a long Home Run to center field, bringing the score to 8 to 4. It was a very impressive inning for the Steers as they put up 8 runs to take an 8 to 4 lead. Plainview would manage to add one run to their total, closing the gap to 8 to 5 after five innings of play.

The Lady Steers added one more run to their total in the top of the sixth, expanding the lead to 9 to 5. Plainview kept battling in the game, But the Steers were just too much. The Bulldogs put up one more run in the bottom of the seventh, but it wasn't enough to overcome the huge inning that the Lady Steers put up in the fifth.

It's been a tough start to the Lady Steers season, but this victory could kick start the team and give them some momentum in the future.



The next batter Brinley Watkins then delivers a huge bases-clearing double down the line tying the game up at 4 all. Vanessa Viasana then had

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1 MLB player tests positive for COVID-19 in past week

NEW YORK (AP)—

One major league player was positive for COVID-19 during the past week among 14,845 tests, a positive rate of 0.007%.

There have been 13 positive tests — 10 for players, three for staff — among 58,733 monitoring tests during spring training, a rate of 0.2%, the commissioner's office said Friday. The positive tests were among nine of the 30 teams.

Including intake testing upon arrival at spring training, there have been 29 positive tests — 23 players, six staff — among 64,192 tests, a positive rate of 0.05%. The positive tests were among 17 teams.

All players on 40-man rosters and players with minor league contracts invited to big league training camp are screened. Also tested are all other on-field personnel such as managers, coaches and athletic trainers, strength and conditioning staff and physicians.

In the final figures released last year, MLB said it had collected 172,740 samples and that 91 had been positive, or 0.05%. Fifty-seven of 91 positives were players, and 21 of the 30 teams have had a person covered by the monitoring test positive.

There were 45 regular-season games postponed for virus-related reasons last year but just two were

not made up, between St. Louis and Detroit.

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Steer Nation hosts Future Chef competition



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Big Spring High School sponsored the 2021 Kid's Future Chef Culinary Competition this month, providing an opportunity for students to show off their cooking skills and have an opportunity for their creations to be featured on an upcoming lunch menu. The basis of the program was to help educate the kids in healthy eating habits as obesity in kids continues to be an ever growing issue. Through the competition students were encouraged in making right choices in terms of eating and cooking and in the process show off their recipes and abilities with their own favorite healthy snacks. The recipes were to not require cooking and could only be created from five ingredients. Each creation was based on healthiness, fun, kid friendly snack, taste and best plate presentation.



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Wednesday: Warm mini cinnamon rolls with cream cheese filling, apple slices, 100% juice box, white or chocolate milk.

Thursday: Fruit Loops cerea bowl and string cheese, whole banana, 100% juice box, white or chocolate milk.

Friday: Warm blueberry blast pancakes, green grapes, 100% juice box, white or chocolate milk.

Elementary Lunch

Monday: Maple burst pancakes with sausage patty sunbutter and jelly sandwich, egg chef salad with roll, crispy hashbrown patty and cinnamon applesauce, 100% juice box, white or chocolate milk.

Tuesday: Meatball sub with red sauce and cheese sandwich, ham and cheese sandwich, popcorn chicken salad, seasoned potato wedges and diced pear cup, 100% juice box, white or chocolate milk.

Wednesday: Chot hammy sammy pocket with fritos, taco salad with tortilla chips, yogurt, string cheese and graham crackers, garden salad and diced peach cup, 100% juice box, white or chocolate milk.

Thursday: Country Fried Steak, American sub sandwich, chef salad with homemade dinner roll, buttery mashed potatoes and clementine orange, 100% juice box, white or chocolate milk.

Friday: Tony's cheese pizza wedge, sunbutter and jelly sandwich, fresh cut fruit, yogurt and cubed cheese plate, cucumber slices and Granny Smith Apple, 100% juice box, white or chocolate milk.

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Monday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast Crunch pastry, yogurt and cinnamon elf grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or bacon cheeseburger.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon sugar donut, blueberry muffin and string cheese. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or meatball sub with sauce and cheese.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Mini cinnamon cream cheese filled bagel bites, yogurt and chocolate elf grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or beef and tater burrito.

Thursday: Breakfast: Apple Jack Cereal pouch with string cheese, string cheese, banana muffin. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or Big Chicken Fried Steak, assorted juice and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Blueberry waffle bites, yogurt and cinnamon elf grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or hammy sammy pocket.

Junior High

Monday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast Crunch pastry, yogurt and cinnamon elf grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or bacon cheeseburger.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon sugar donut, blueberry muffin and string cheese. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or meatball sub with sauce and cheese.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Mini cinnamon cream cheese filled bagel bites, yogurt and chocolate elf grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or beef and tater burrito.

Thursday: Breakfast: Apple Jack Cereal pouch with string cheese, string cheese, banana muffin. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or Big Chicken Fried Steak, assorted juice and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Blueberry waffle bites, yogurt and cinnamon elf grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or hammy sammy pocket.

Kentwood Pre-K

Monday: Breakfast: Maple waffle bites, fruit, 1% white milk. Lunch: Cheeseburger with smile fries, fruit, 1% milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Pancake wrap, 1% white milk. Lunch: French Toast Bites with tater tots, fruit, 1% milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon sugar donut, fruit, 1% white milk. Lunch: Popcorn chicken, fruit and vegetable, 1% milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Apple frudel, 1% white milk. Lunch: Hot dog with chips, fruit and vegetable, 1% milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Fudge poptart, fruit and 1% milk. Lunch: Tony's Cheese pizza wedge, fruit and vegetable, 1% milk.

High School

Monday: Breakfast: Apple frudel, waffle bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Trix Cereal pouch, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk. Lunch: Salisbury steak with noodles, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Sugar Donut, pancake bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese/burrito, refried beans, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal bowl, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk. Lunch: Cheese sticks with sauce, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Mini cinnamon rolls, waffle bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese/burrito, refried beans, Trix cereal bowl, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk. Lunch: BBQ pork sandwich, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and juice.

Thursday: Breakfast: Blueberry bagel, pancake bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, cinnamon toast crunch cereal, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk. Lunch: Chicken fried steak, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Chocolate filled crescent, waffle bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Coco Puffs cereal bowl, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk. Lunch: Ham sandwich with chips, fruit juice, vegetable, milk. Lunch: Big Steer burger/walking taco, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza.

Anderson Accelerated

Monday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast Crunch pastry, cereal and string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: BBQ chicken melt, egg chef salad with flatbread, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon sugar donut, yogurt and string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Pizza sticks with sauce, popcorn chicken salad with flatbread, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Berry French Toast, cereal with string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Chicken-n-waffles, taco nacho salad, assorted vegetables juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast Crunch pastry, yogurt with string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Chicken fried steak with roll, chef salad with flatbread, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal and string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Walking taco, yogurt, cheese and fruit salad, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Coahoma K-12 Breakfast

Monday: Sausage kolache with yogurt or breakfast cookie with yogurt, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Cheese omelet with toast or breakfast taquito, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Waffles with sausage, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast pizza, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Friday: Donut holes with sausage or french toast with sausage, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Coahoma K-8 Lunch

Monday: Texas basket or hamburger with fries or popcorn chicken salad, zesty cucumbers, strawberries, milk.

Tuesday: Tex-Mex stack or chicken fajitas or fajita salad, beans, carrots, salsa, hot cinnamon apples, sherbet cup, milk.

Wednesday: Chicken alfredo with breadstick or cheesy breadsticks or chef salad, Tuscan veggies, garden salad, marinara sauce, peaches, dessert, milk.

Thursday: Ranchero wrap with corn or Country pot pie or tuna salad, fresh veggie cup, snowball salad, milk.

Friday: Bulldog chicken bowl or breaded pork chop with mash potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, fresh apple slices, milk.

Coahoma 9-12 Lunch

Monday: Texas basket

or hamburger with fries or popcorn chicken salad, zesty cucumbers, strawberries, milk.

Tuesday: Tex-Mex stack or chicken fajitas or fajita salad, rice, beans, carrots, salsa, hot cinnamon apples, sherbet cup, milk.

Wednesday: Chicken alfredo with breadstick or cheesy breadsticks or chef salad, Tuscan veggies, garden salad, marinara sauce, peaches, dessert, milk.

Thursday: Ranchero wrap with corn or Country pot pie or tuna salad, fresh veggie cup, snowball salad, milk.

Friday: Bulldog chicken bowl or breaded pork chop with mash potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, fresh apple slices, milk.

Forsan ISD

Breakfast

Monday: French toast sticks, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk (elementary); French toast sticks with sausage or cereal, strawberry cup, fruit juice and milk (JH/HS).

Tuesday: Cereal Bars, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk (elementary); sausage kolache with cheese stick or cereal, apple slices, fruit juice and milk (JH/HS).

Wednesday: Honey buns, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk (elementary); Chicken and waffles or cereal, mandarin oranges, fruit juice and milk (JH/HS).

Thursday: Breakfast pizza, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk (elementary); Breakfast pizza or cereal, strawberry cup, fruit juice and milk (JH/HS).

Friday: Breakfast: Mini powdered donuts, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk (elementary); Mini powdered donuts with bacon or cereal, applesauce cup, fruit juice and milk (JH/HS).

Lunch:

Monday: Garlic french bread pizza or popcorn chicken with roll (elementary) crispy chicken bacon ranch jalapeno wrap (JH/HS) or PB&J sandwich, steamed broccoli, Bush's baked beans, strawberries, fresh fruit and milk.

Tuesday: Steak fingers or steak and cheese tornadoes or turkey and cheese sub, mashed potatoes, savory green beans, strawberry and bananas, fresh fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Pizza or turkey chef salad or PB&J sandwich, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, applesauce cup, fresh fruit and milk.

Thursday: Chicken sandwich or mandarin chicken asian bowl or turkey and cheese sub, baby carrots, corn, grapes, fresh fruit and milk.

Friday: Nachos with ground beef or turkey and cheese sub or PB&J sandwich, fries, baby carrots, strawberry cup, fresh fruit and milk.

Sands CISD

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Corn dog, tomato cup, tater tots, fruit cup, milk variety.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Mini-pancakes, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Nacho grande, salsa, refried beans, cucumbers, apricots, ice cream milk variety.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Sausage kolache, cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Asian bowl, egg roll, crunchy broccoli salad, mandarin oranges, milk variety.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast strudel, cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Crispy chicken sandwich, fresh veggie cup, grapes, milk variety.

Friday: Breakfast: French toast sticks, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Pizza choice, baby carrots, garden salad, pineapple tidbits, cookie, milk variety.

Senior Center

Monday: Chicken salad, pasta salad, peaches with cottage cheese, pistachio salad, crackers, milk.

Tuesday: Lasagna, peas and pearl onions, zucchini, green salad, cookies, garlic bread, milk.

Wednesday: Chicken and dumplings, baby carrots, lima beans, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Stuffed peppers, roasted red potatoes, corn on the cob, berries with whipped cream, milk.

Friday: Philly cheese steak, potato chips, green salad with tomatoes, banana cake, milk.



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Do you have an interesting item for the Business and Agriculture pages? Call the Herald at 263-7331.

Chamber of Commerce happenings ...

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is getting back into the swing of things as more and more events begin to be placed on the calendar.

Last week, the first Alive After 5 of 2021 was hosted by C. Larson Real Estate, offering business professionals in the community an opportunity to network. According to Debbye Valverde, Executive Director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce there are still available hosting dates this year for those local businesses looking to be featured as an Alive After 5 host. The events serve as a monthly opportunity for business professionals, business owners and community members to gather together to network and find out about upcoming events and opportunities in the community. There is no charge to host an Alive After 5 event, for Chamber members. Each event is hosted by a local business and a local restaurant, and offer an avenue to not only highlight local business, but feature different eateries in the community.

In addition to Alive After 5, the Thank You presentations are restarting and will be extending appreciate

for investment back into the community. The next Thank You presentation will be featuring Marcy Place on March 23, followed by the Hangar 25 Air Museum on March 30.

Ribbon cuttings are also an important part of community growth and on March 30, directly following the Thank You presentation at Marcy Place, the Life Center will be unveiling to the community the new expansion and added services.

Lastly, the annual health fair is close to being announced. Final details are being lined out and an announcement regarding this year's health expo will be released in the coming week. Last year the health fair was postponed and then eventually cancelled due to the pandemic and increase in cases of Covid-19. This year, as the State of Texas begins to open up and more vaccinations become available, the decision has been made to move forward with the event, with the addition of a few changes. Social distancing will be encouraged during the event.

For more information or to find out about how to become a Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce member, contact the office at 432-263-7641. The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is located at 215 W. Third.



GasBuddy reports show Texas gas prices sitting at \$2.61/g, rising 9.8% this past week

Special to the Herald

GasBuddy

Texas gas prices have risen 9.8 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.61/g today, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Gas prices in Texas are 42.1 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 63.6 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$1.99/g today while the most expensive is \$3.49/g, a difference of \$1.50/g. The lowest price in the state today is \$1.99/g while the highest is \$3.49/g, a difference of \$1.50/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 5.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.86/g today. The national average is up 33.2 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 64.0 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

Historical gasoline prices in Texas and the national average going back ten years:

March 15, 2020: \$1.98/g (U.S. Average: \$2.22/g)
 March 15, 2019: \$2.30/g (U.S. Average: \$2.54/g)
 March 15, 2018: \$2.29/g (U.S. Average: \$2.52/g)
 March 15, 2017: \$2.08/g (U.S. Average: \$2.28/g)
 March 15, 2016: \$1.79/g (U.S. Average: \$1.94/g)

March 15, 2015: \$2.23/g (U.S. Average: \$2.43/g)

March 15, 2014: \$3.26/g (U.S. Average: \$3.52/g)

March 15, 2013: \$3.54/g (U.S. Average: \$3.69/g)

March 15, 2012: \$3.71/g (U.S. Average: \$3.82/g)

March 15, 2011: \$3.44/g (U.S. Average: \$3.56/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

Midland Odessa- \$2.85/g, up 11.5 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.74/g.

San Antonio- \$2.52/g, up 9.4 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.42/g.

Austin- \$2.54/g, up 7.7 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.46/g.

"As Americans turn optimistic on COVID-19 pandemic recovery, we've been seeing insatiable demand for gasoline, which continues to recover far faster than oil production. According to GasBuddy data, last week's gasoline demand was just 1% below the pre-pandemic level, an extremely bullish factor likely to continue



driving gas and oil prices up in the short term," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "The recovery in the last few weeks has been astounding- both the speed and overall volume increases we've seen in our data lend credibility to the recovery, and perhaps will lead to continued price increases due to the continued imbalance between supply and demand. It's no longer a question of if we'll see gasoline demand return to near normal this year but when, and will oil producers rise to the occasion and be able to quickly ramp up output, or are we going to see the highest summer prices since 2014 until they jump into action? Only time will tell, but it's looking like things are heating up far more than expected since the start of the year."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. Unlike AAA's once daily survey covering credit card transactions at 100,000 stations and the Lundberg Survey, updated once every two weeks based on 7,000 gas stations, GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data is accessible at <http://FuelInsights.GasBuddy.com>.

Highlighting Howard Co. Business Insuring the Howard County community - Farmer's Insurance Eric Escamilla Agency

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

A sense of security, a safety net, a reassurance that there is support should the worst case scenario or unexpected hit; many reasons behind the importance of insurance and even more reasons to keep it local. Depending on your needs and preferences, one's choice may be different than another, regardless there are options. One local option has been serving the community for eight years - Farmers Insurance Eric Escamilla Agency. However, he's not just any insurance agent, over the years he has taken it upon himself to invest back into the community in which he is helping to insure.

"I love helping people and insurance is set up to help you in a time of disaster," Escamilla said.

However, he isn't waiting on disaster to strike before pulling on his boots and getting to the hard work of building up his community. When he's not selling insurance he can be found restocking Food Blessing Boxes, setting up artwork design in the community, picking up trash with Keep Big Spring Beautiful or sowing into those who are in need of a hand up.

"Moving to Big Spring was the biggest opportunity of my life, but it didn't look like it at first ... Since day one in Big Spring I have been trying to make this a better place to live. I am able to do that due to my clients purchasing insurance from me, and I would like to say thank you," Escamilla said. "Big

Spring has become home to me, and I will continue to work hard to continue to make it better."

While owning his own business has not been a smooth path, it has created opportunity and allowed for connections to be made throughout the community. Anyone looking to start a business, according to Escamilla, needs to know that it will be the most difficult project you will ever have to take on and being mentally prepared is important.

"The best thing I can say to those looking to start a business is to always remember your 'Why'," he said.

Escamilla offers insurance for home, auto, life and commercial. In addition to offering different coverage options, those who are needing to find out more or understand the importance and difference in insurance options, may also reach out to Escamilla for support.

For more information or to visit with Eric Escamilla, stop by 205 W. 15th Street between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, call 432-267-2398, or e-mail eescamilla@farmersagents.com. A website has also been set up at <https://agents.farmers.com/tx/big-spring/eric-escamilla> or follow on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Eric-Escamilla-Insurance-Agency-616684201684281>.

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Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding **IBC Warrants:**

Jasmine Ahrnkeil, 1301 Princeton, Big Spring
 Sherri Monique Aldridge, 1507 E. Sixth St., Big Spring

Anthony Anderson, 3401 Camellia Dr. #707, Temple
 Steve Antoine, 1425 E. 6th St., Big Spring
 Katie Cole L. Baker, P.O. Box 3372, Big Spring
 Letitia Baucham, 1202 Stanford, Big Spring
 Linda Beck, 1713 Worley Rd., Banner Elk, N.C.
 Joshua Bell, 1962 Tuscola, Snyder
 John Bochnicka, 538 Westover Rd. #260
 Chad Wayne Brown, 3901 Ave. O, P.O. Box 391, Snyder

Douglas "Doug" Lee Brown, 205 W. 14th St. P.O. Box 275, Monahans

James Bullard, 202 Fourth St., Palestine
 Melinda Burns, 2218 Carlton Way, San Angelo
 Wayne Richard Buyce, 4042 Morningside Way, Canyon Lake

Gloria Cerna, P.O. Box 55, Lamesa
 Matilda Cortez, 302 N St. Teresa

Roy E. DeBlanc, 1066 Cutrer Rd., Osyka, Miss.
 Laura W. Dennis, 1511 Scurry, Big Spring

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 Nelba DeLosRios Diaz, 10600 McMillian Dr., Austin

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 Jimmy Dodson, 405 31st St., Snyder

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 Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder

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 Jeremy Goodman, 3471 Green Meadow #24, San Angelo

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 Felicia Ornelas, 538 Westover Rd.

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 Gilbert P. Ramirez, 1614 Settles, Big Spring

Byron Roberts, 2206 Alabama St Big Spring
 Michael Robinson, 801 Anne St., Big Spring

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 Elizabeth Salazar, 1808 Hearn, Big Spring, Texas

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Shane Skaggs, 1 Courtney Place, Apt. 301, Big Spring
Derrick Dewayne Smith, 703 West 16th, San Angelo, Texas
Leon Torres, 1500 Lincoln, Big Spring
Michael Ray Watson, 1503 Tucson Rd., Big Spring
Tamara Ruth Whitt, 1909 Morrison, 2526 Fairchild, Big Spring
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd., Apt. #28, Big Spring

District Court Filings

Plaintiff: Katy Clark
Defendant: Scott Clark
Type of Case: Divorce – no children
Date: March 11, 2021

Plaintiff: Linsa Ramirez
Defendant: David Gonzales
Type of Case: Protective order – no divorce
Date: March 11, 2021

Plaintiff: Shelley Neighbors
Defendant: Albert Neighbors
Type of Case: Divorce – no children
Date: March 11, 2021

Plaintiff: TBF Financial, LLC
Defendant: Manuel Martinez Jr, individually and d/b/a Manuel's Backhoe Service, Lori L. Martinez
Type of Case: Contract – Consumer/Commercial/Debt
Date: March 12, 2021

Plaintiff: Cassandra Camacho
Defendant: State of Texas
Type of Case: Writ of Habeas Corpus
Date: March 11, 2021

Plaintiff: Vickie Moncada
Defendant: Heath Moncada
Type of Case: Divorce – no children
Date: March 12, 2021

Plaintiff: Terry Webb
Defendant: Karry Alberts
Type of Case: Divorce – no children
Date: March 12, 2021

Plaintiff: Erik Wayne Qualls
Defendant: The State of Texas
Type of Case: Writ of Habeas Corpus
Date: March 12, 2021

Plaintiff: Daniel Pelch
Defendant: Dolly Torres
Type of Case: Injury/Damage – motor vehicles
Date: March 15, 2021

Plaintiff: David Summers
Defendant: The State of Texas
Type of Case: Writ of Habeas Corpus

Date: March 15, 2021
Plaintiff: In the interest of A.E.M (children)
Type of Case: All other family law matters
Date: March 15, 2021

Plaintiff: Sonny Olivio
Defendant: State of Texas
Type of Case: Writ of Habeas Corpus
Date: March 15, 2021

Plaintiff: David Ward
Defendant: Ann Ward
Type of Case: Divorce – no children
Date: March 15, 2021

Plaintiff: Donnie Rodriguez
Defendant: The State of Texas
Type of Case: Writ of Habeas Corpus
Date: March 16, 2021

Plaintiff: Johnny Reyes
Defendant: State of Texas
Type of Case: Writ of Habeas Corpus
Date: March 16, 2021

Plaintiff: Michael Lopez
Defendant: State of Texas
Type of Case: Writ of Habeas Corpus
Date: March 16, 2021

Plaintiff: Renee Hinojos
Defendant: State of Texas
Type of Case: Writ of Habeas Corpus
Date: March 16, 2021

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Elva Arismendez Rodriguez
Grantee: Cinthia L. Quezada and Fortino Quezada
Property: Being all of Lot 7 and the E/2 of Lot 6, Block 2, Hayden Addition, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the map or plat of record in Plat Envelope 50/A, Plat Records in the office of the County Clerk in and for Howard County, Texas and being the property located at 1212 E. 16th, Big Spring, Texas
Date: February 24, 2021

Grantor: Tony Rees aka Tony Reese
Grantee: Teresa A. Thomas, a single person
Property: The W/2 of Lots 17 and 18, block 2, Gordon, a subdivision of the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to proper map or plat thereof recorded in the Plat Records of Howard County, Texas, commonly known as 708 E. 17th Street, Big Spring, Texas
Date: February 24, 2021

Grantor: Stephen Fowler
Grantee: Jaylyn Orosco
Property: Tract 1: ¼ acre out of Section 45, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P Ry Co. Survey being more particularly described in

Volume 133, Page 626 Deed Records of Howard County, Texas; Tract 2: 70 yards by 17 ½ yards out of Section 45, Block 31, Township 1-North, T&P Ry Co. Survey being more particularly described in Volume 185, Page 319 Deed Records of Howard County, Texas
Date: February 24, 2021

Grantor: Marcellous Weaver
Grantee: Juan A. Lara and Ana M. Lara
Property: Being an 0.890 acre tract out of Tract 34, Silver Heels Subdivision, out of Section 18, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds.
Date: February 24, 2021

Grantor: Jace Williams and Jessica Williams
Grantee: Elrod Hobbs LLC
Property: Being all of Lot NO. 29, Block No. 5, Coronado Hills Addition an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the proper map or plat thereof of record in Envelope No. 31-B, Plat Records of Howard County, Texas
Date: February 26, 2021

Grantor: Larry Brown
Grantee: Curtis James
Property: Lot 1, Block 25 of Sherrod Heights Subdivision a subdivision of Section 27, Block 32, Township One North T&P Survey, Howard County, Texas containing 0.615 gross acres more or less.
Date: March 3, 2021

Grantor: Kenneth Greathouse and Caren Greathouse
Grantee: Brandon Greathouse
Property: Being all of Lots No. 23, 24 in Block No. 18, amended plat of Washington Place, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the amended plat or record in envelope 102/A, Plat Records of Howard County, Texas
Date: March 4, 2021

Grantor: Lisa Gonzales Porras
Grantee: David Ybarra and Wife Lydia D.Brito
Property: Lots 21, 22 and 23 of Block 9, original town of Coahoma, Howard County, Texas according to the proper map or plat on file in the office of the County Clerk of Howard County, Texas and known as 101 S. 2nd Street, Coahoma, Texas.
Date: March 3, 2021

Grantor: Sherry L. Richards
Grantee: DZD Properties LLC
Property: Lot 7, Block 29, College Park Estates No. 5 a subdivision of the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, according to the Plat thereof of record in Envelope 30/A, Plat Records Howard

County, Texas
Date: March 4, 2021

Grantor: Valerie Hopkins, a single person
Grantee: Eddie Castillo and Rosemary Castillo
Property: Being all of Lot No. 7 and the North 20' of Lot No. 6, in Block No. 13, Douglass Addition No. 2, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the map or plat of record in Envelope 36/A Plat Records of Howard County, Texas
Date: March 5, 2021

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Grantor: Amie Ventures LLC
Grantee: Sarai Cano
Property: All of Lot No. 31 in block No. 8 Suburban Heights Addition, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, according to the proper map or plat thereof of record in Plat Records of Howard County, Texas.
Date: February 11, 2021

Grantor: Jaye Roper
Grantee: Heather Renee Cave
Property: Being the East 65' of Lots No. 11 and 12, in block No. 15, Saunders Addition to the City of Coahoma, Howard County, Texas according to the proper plat of record in Envelope 87/B in the Office of the County Clerk of Howard County, Texas
Date: February 17, 2021

Grantor: Donna L. Carroll aka Donna Carroll
Grantee: Dylan Logan Kuhlman
Property: Being a 0.64 acre tract of land out of the Paul W. Miller subdivision in the SE/4 of Section 44, block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas.
Date: February 19, 2021

Grantor: Regina Ann Griffith Galloway
Grantee: Ryan L. Gannaway
Property: Being a 146.92 acre tract of land more or less out of the NE/4 section 26, block 30, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds
Date: February 19, 2021

Grantor: Silver Leaf Communities LLC
Grantee: Armando Jose Paredes
Property: Being all of Lot No. 13, in block No. 32, College Park Estates No. 7, Phase 1, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the proper map or plat of record in Envelope 207/B, Plat Records of Howard County
Date: February 25, 2021

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By **JUDY TERELETSKY**

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February was tough weather wise on lots of us with extremely cold days and lots of snow. However, agriculture producers face weather disasters on what seems to be a yearly basis. Natural disasters, such as hurricanes, floods, fires, earthquakes, and tornadoes challenge agricultural production in unique ways. Since agriculture relies on climate, weather, and water; the impact of natural events and disasters may be long lasting.

Many in Texas recently suffered the effects of freezing temperatures from no electricity for heat to frozen pipes; however, consider the rancher's dilemma of having to keep livestock

from freezing to death on the open range. Animals still need access to food and water. Ranchers can't say "I'll tend to livestock later". They must go out in the freezing elements to provide food or break ice so animals can drink fresh water.

The slow melting snows of January and February will help combat the long-standing droughts for West Texas. Drought is the most common weather-related disaster that producers in Howard County must face. Once cotton is planted, lots of prayers and eyes are turned to the heavens for the right timing of rain needed for the germination of the seeds. No moisture or rain arriving too late in the season means the plants will not thrive. Too much rain can wash away seeds or

damage matured cotton bolls before the crop can be harvested. Hurricane Harvey in 2017 created floods hitting agriculture producers hard in the south and coastal areas as well as the cities like Houston. While news casts concentrated on the losses of city homes and the charitable actions of volunteers across the Lone Star State and beyond, agricultural producers helped to roundup cattle, rescued stranded livestock and savage what they could of crops. Such "band of brothers" actions are not uncommon for producers. Cotton farmers will hear of a fellow farmer becoming ill or hurt in an accident, and they will bring in the crop of that producer to help him through the tough times.

Fire is another possible disaster

especially related to long occurring drought conditions. Howard County may not have the large forest fires, but grassfires can wipe out acres and acres of plant life along with equipment, structures including fencing, and livestock on that land. Of course, the land will heal in time with some plants benefitting from the renewal that takes place after a fire. However, the loss of equipment, fencing, livestock, and the time it takes to heal can be costly to the producer.

Of the four elements, earth, fire, wind, and water, one West Texas never seems to be without is wind. The winds that blow in our region have long powered windmills helping

See **AG**, Page 10B

RECORDS2

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Grantor: Silver Lea Communities LLC
Grantee: Traci Phillips and Anthon Phillips
Property: Being all of Lot No. 2, in block No. 1, Armadillo Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the proper map or plat of record in Envelope 208/B Plat Records of Howard County.
Date: February 25, 2021

Grantor: Tony Kennedy and Lisa Kennedy, a married couple
Grantee: Christopher Whiddon
Property: Being all of Lot No. 6 and Lot No. 7, in block NO. 5, William Green Addition No. 1 a subdivision out of the S/2 of the N/2 of Section 33, block 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas according to the proper map or plat of record in envelope 47/B Plat Records of Howard County, Texas.
Date: February 26, 2021

Grantor: MRC Self Storage LLC
Grantee: Larry Frank Bridges and Kimberly Denise Bridges
Property: Being a 5.01 acre tract of land out of a 10.03 acre tract out of the NW/4 of Section 1, Block 33, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas described by metes and bounds.
Date: February 26, 2021

Grantor: Cecilia Jean Ward, Teresa Lea Welch, and Vanessa Marie Burchett, not joined by spouse for the reason that the property conveyed herein is sole and separate property and does not constitute any part of homestead.
Grantee: Rodney Barkis
Property: Being a 1.00 acre tract of land, more or less, out of the southeast 1/4 of Section No. 43, in Block No. 31, Township 1 North T&P Railway Company Surveys in Howard County, Texas and more particularly described.
Date: March 2, 2021

Grantor: Manuel Rodriguez Jr. and Judi Rodriguez
Grantee: Andrew Herbert and Tess D'Nae Herbert
Property: Being a 0.912 acre tract of land, more or less, out of and part of the Southwest Quarter of Section No. 44, Block No. 31, Township 1-North, T&P Ry. Co. Surveys, Howard County, Texas, more particularly described by metes and bounds.
Date: February 24, 2021

Grantor: Gregory Brown and D'Amberly Brown
Grantee: Ronald Earl Booth III
Property: Being a 14.99 acre tract more or less (Tract 11-A, 10.0 acre tract and the N/4.99 acre tract of Tract 22) out of the NE/4 of Section 105, Block 29, W&NW RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas described by metes and bounds.
Date: March 2, 2021

Grantor: Regina Ann Griffith Galloway
Grantee: Jonathan Bruton and Amy Michele Bruton
Property: Being a 123.0 acre tract of land severed out of the N/2 of Section 26, Block 30, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Howard County, Texas said Section 26 described in Patent Notes dated April 7, 1914

and recorded in Volume 32, Page 552 of Howard County Deed Records said 123.0 acre tract described by metes and bounds.

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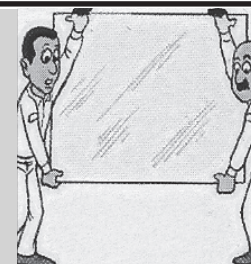
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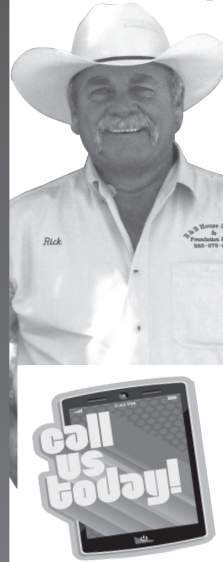
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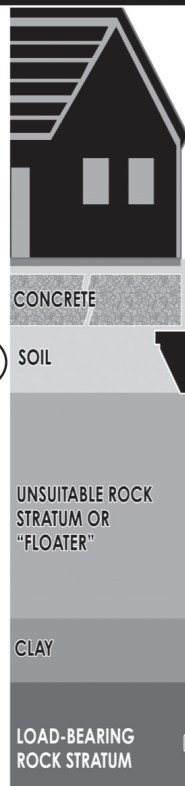
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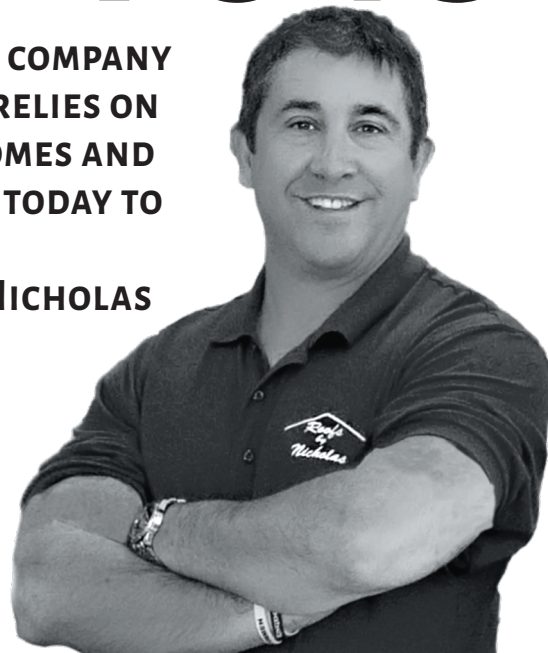
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Legals

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General Information		
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Request Type		
<input type="checkbox"/> Straight Zoning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planned Development	<input type="checkbox"/> PD Amendment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property Owner	<input type="checkbox"/> Authorized Representative	<input type="checkbox"/> Project Manager
Authorized Representatives/Project Managers must provide a notarized affidavit, including signature of legal owner(s)		
Name: LEE HARRIS MANAGEMENT LLC - Gerald Lee Harris	Phone No: 432-213-2319	
Mailing Address: 111 South Gregg St. Big Spring, TX 79720	Email Address: geraldleeharris@yahoo.com	
Project Information		
Name of Project (if applicable): Target Hospitality Big Spring Lodge		
Subject Property Address and/or Location (use attachment, if necessary): 2300 Block of North US Hwy 87		
Legal Description (use attachment, if necessary): See attached "Field Notes" for legal description		
Current Zoning: Light Industrial	Requested Zoning: Planned Development #9 Temporary Workforce Housing	Comp. Plan Designation: LC
Existing Use of Property: Raw undeveloped land		
Proposed Use of Property: Work Force Housing Facility		
I hereby certify that I am the owner or duly authorized agent of the owner for the purposes of this application. I further certify that I have read and examined this application and know the same to be true and correct. If any of the information provided on this application is incorrect, the permit or approval may be revoked.		
Signature: <i>Gerald Lee Harris</i>	Date: 3/1/2021	
Office Use Only		
Case No.:	Date of Application: 3/1/21	Date Fee Received (\$400.00):
Affidavit Attached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	P&Z Meeting Date: 3/30/21	
City Council 1 st Reading Date: 4/13/21	City Council 2 nd Reading Date: 4/27/21	

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♣7532

WEST

♠8762
♥A932
♦—
♣QJ1094

EAST

♠943
♥QJ1074
♦JJ1085
♣K

SOUTH

♠KJ105
♥K8
♦KQ93
♣A86

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1NT Pass 3NT
Opening lead — queen of clubs.

A safety play is an effort by declarer to overcome a potentially unfavorable distribution of the defenders' cards. There are so many different kinds of safety plays that it is better to try to understand the principle behind them than to rely exclusively on memory or past experience.

Take this case where West leads the queen of clubs against three notrump, and East plays the king. South has no choice but to take this

trick with the ace because he can't run the risk of East shifting to a heart. This brings him to the critical play at trick two.

If declarer makes the mistake of playing the king of diamonds at this point, expecting to score five diamond tricks, he goes down. As it happens, East has all four missing diamonds and now has a stopper in the suit. South still has a chance to make the contract if East has the ace of hearts, but, as the cards lie, the best he can do is finish with eight tricks.

Before doing anything at trick two, declarer should first ask himself: "What can defeat me?" It shouldn't take him long to realize that the only threat to the contract is a 4-0 diamond division. His next step is to look for a way to deal with that division if it exists.

Declarer notes that he cannot overcome the J-10-8-5 of diamonds in the West hand regardless of how he broaches the suit, but that he can overcome four diamonds in East's hand. Accordingly, he leads the three of diamonds to the ace at trick two, exposing the 4-0 break. He then returns a diamond toward his hand. No matter how East chooses to defend, his diamonds are neutralized, and South makes the contract.



Crêpes are sweet or savory treats

Crêpe is the French word for "pancake." Crêpes are delicate, batter-based and savory or sweet creations that can be eaten at various times of the day. Crêpes may be enjoyed at breakfast filled with fresh berries, or as a dessert bursting with a luscious cream.

While French crêpes are widely known, various cultures have their own variation of this super-thin pancake, including the Bavarian region of Germany. Palatschinken and Pfannkuchen are German/Austrian crêpe varieties. German



Palatschinken (Crêpes)
Yields 5

2 large eggs
1 cup milk (8 fl. oz, 240 ml)
1 cup all purpose flour (31/2 oz, 130 g)
1/4 teaspoon fine salt
1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract (optional, omit for savory fillings)
Butter, ghee or neutral tasting oil for coating the pan
Apricot jam for the filling
Confectioner's sugar for dusting

Gradually add in the remaining milk while whisking. Heat an 8-inch (or larger) nonstick pan over medium heat. Add 1/2 teaspoon butter (or oil) and spread it carefully with a spatula to coat the bottom of the pan evenly. This is important; otherwise, the butter will disturb you when swirling the pan for distributing the batter.

Pour 1/3 cup batter (for an 8-inch pan, more for larger pans) into the center of the pan and swirl to spread evenly. Once the bottom side is golden in color, flip it with a spatula and cook the other side for about 15 seconds. Invert onto a plate — the browned side should touch the plate, you should see the pale side. This way the nice-looking side will be outside when you roll it. Repeat with the remaining batter, adding 1/2 teaspoon of butter/oil for every crêpe. If the batter thickens over time, add a little milk. You can keep the ready ones warm on a plate in the oven at low temperature. Spread each Palatschinken with Apricot jam (or other filling) and roll it from one side to the other. Dust the Palatschinken with confectioner's sugar and serve with a fork and spoon (the spoon serves as a knife).

Whisk the eggs using a hand whisk in a medium bowl until lightly beaten. Add salt, vanilla extract (if used) and about 1/3 cup (80 ml) of the milk (just eyeball) and stir until combined. Add flour and whisk until you get a smooth batter. The batter should be thick and tough so you can barely whisk it. Add a little of the remaining milk if it is too hard to stir. Lumps have no chance in thick batters.

SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:
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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ANSWER:

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Cosmic Conflict for the Culture Queen

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Just because nobody objects to an idea doesn't mean it's a good one. Controversy gives things heat, which makes things happen. You'll thrive on the energy of diverse opinions and opposing points of view.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A problem has increased your awareness to the point where you see a pattern that others don't notice. More remarkably, you have the insight to understand what the pattern reveals and apply it to your solution.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It does sound simple: Know what makes success and follow that plan. And yet, there are wild cards to navigate. For instance, the tools, resources and abilities are not yet at your disposal. Go forward in faith. They will be.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). In today's situation, words -- however eloquent, apt or well-delivered they may be -- will not suffice. Everyone will be watching what you do for cues to their own behavior.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's like trying to park your car into a tight spot. Getting in doesn't mean you're going to get out, and you might irk the owner of the car to your left. Why set yourself up for future difficulties?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People go about their business intent on armoring their vulnerabilities and hiding weaknesses, but that will not stop you from seeing. In fact, your compassionate eye will be drawn to the cover-up.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Alert: What flies in on tiny wings and lands on you with the enchanting lightness of a butterfly will, in fact, be a humongous responsibility.

Perhaps it's worthwhile. Just know that if you agree to it, this will take up a nice hunk of life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The sun came up, but there are people around you who still need someone to turn on the lights. Be that person. You already have your hand on the switch. All you need to do is give it a flick.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are still so many "firsts" to be had that spending a day without executing one almost seems like a waste to you. You'll peruse a whole host of possibilities before the sun sets.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are not immune to the reaction of others, and were you so, it

would be difficult to do such things as make money or contribute to mutually pleasing experiences. That said, only a few opinions really matter today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You enjoy those relationships that are always evolving, never static. This could technically describe all of them, though some move faster than others, as you'll witness today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). While there's nothing you can

do to ensure tomorrow goes to plan, keeping track of what did and didn't work in the past gives you greater control over the impactful elements.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 21). If you ever doubted it before, this solar return will reinforce the concept: This world is for you. You'll participate with the reverence, responsibility and pride of ownership. You'll be the recipient of an honor. The pursuit of a curiosity will blossom into a full-blown mission. New friends educate and entertain. Sagittarius and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 22, 1, 11 and 14.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: It is often the case that personal values align beautifully with the group mind. But what about when this is not the case? Mars, the warrior, forms an auspicious angle to Saturn, the planet of lessons, in Aquarius, the realm that rules humanity and civilization. The moral

highlighted here is one of personal responsibility versus group allegiance, participation and loyalty.

The trouble is, when a lot of people are responsible for something, in effect, by the code of the group culture, no one is individually accountable. It takes someone personally vigilant and hyper-responsible to make the outsider move of declaring the accepted thing as unacceptable. Such a person risks inciting the wrath of the crowd. When personal values are stronger than the need to be comfortable and accepted, what's at stake that matters most is not the reaction of others but self-respect. The Aries sun and Venus would like to chime in on the matter, reminding us that it can require a great deal of courage at times just to be true to oneself. Fortune favors the bold.

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- ACROSS
- 1 Topping
- 5 Reading aid
- 9 Get over things
- 13 Show dazzlement
- 14 IRS' ___ tax credit
- 15 Sway in the sand, perhaps
- 16 Scrooge, to Dewey or Louie
- 18 Ostentation
- 19 Orchestration abbreviation
- 20 Insider speaking
- 21 Fighting figure since the '60s
- 22 Dollywood group
- 24 Big bumbler
- 25 The Minutemen, familiarly
- 26 Dirt around a cooler
- 29 Fire up
- 30 Possible park prohibition
- 31 Soulmate, for short
- 34 Costs
- 36 Undiscounted
- 38 Million-dollar pairings
- 39 Defiant position
- 43 Nonprofit seller of "future voter" t-shirts
- 44 Real dilemma
- 46 It depends on oral interpretation
- 49 Certain tripod topper
- 50 Ethos
- 51 Keep fixed, in more ways than one
- 52 Name associated with polonium
- 54 "I was born ___ very early age": Groucho
- 56 Not a long range
- 57 Pairing pro

- 59 Warm up quickly
- 60 Permanently, presumably
- 61 College town near Akron
- 62 Design, with "out"
- 63 More than a couple
- 64 Pole position, e.g.
- DOWN
- 1 Foot warmer brand
- 2 Breaking the host's bowl, for example
- 3 Verdi Society members
- 4 Online lesson plan resource org.
- 5 Way, way back
- 6 Hard seltzer category
- 7 White pet cited by Aristotle
- 8 Start to fix
- 9 Cajun cuisine staple
- 10 Message board of a sort
- 11 Some horns
- 12 Takes down totally
- 14 Word seen on Monterey County maps
- 17 Soft rock
- 21 Misleading appearance
- 23 Container Store stack
- 26 Bully boss
- 27 Ramen bowl add-in
- 28 Leather belt not worn
- 31 Made a thing of the past
- 32 Butcher's skill
- 33 Smoke director
- 35 Ride a lot
- 37 Fiesta fare
- 40 "I'm not sharing!"
- 41 Photoprotective pigment
- 42 Relatively arid area
- 44 New York neighbor
- 45 Buttercream artist
- 46 Start to fix
- 47 Call on for cash
- 48 Stir up in one's mind
- 53 Owl line
- 55 Overture follower
- 57 Rib tickler
- 58 Nickname for a Genesis patriarch namesake

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Annie's Mailbox

Tired of Being Single

Dear Annie: I am a 41-year-old single man who has pretty much given up on intimate relationships. I don't know what it is about me. If you would ask the average person who doesn't know me, I don't think they would say I am hideous or anything. (Not that looks are what a relationship should be based on, but they usually are the starting point -- let's be honest.)

I am a hard worker. I have always had a job, and I earn decent money. Surely enough to be independent, because I am. I own a car and all the things most 41-year-old single men should own by this point in their lives, but I just cannot seem to find a relationship to settle down into. It's not to say I haven't had any. I have had some long-term relationships, but truth be known, I stayed in them longer than I should have because I just don't like being single. I would venture as far as to say one of

them that was over five years long was with someone I was no longer attracted to. And I wasn't very attracted to her to begin with. I just didn't want to be single.

It just seems that, no matter what I do, when I meet a woman who I do like, it goes nowhere. I am not a pushy person, but I am also not afraid to tell someone how I feel. I just always end up in the "friend zone" with women I actually have an interest in. Everyone always tells me to be patient, and that my time will come. But I am 41 and the clock is ticking.

I would like to have a small family someday, and I would also like to do it soon. I have no qualms about dating women with children, as I love kids and feel like, if that window closes in my life, I could at least help raise theirs in whatever capacity I am permitted to do so. I have tried all the typical dating sites and apps. I am a non-drinker so I don't frequent bars or anything. So my options, especially now with COVID-19, are sort of limited. I am just lost. Is everyone right? Do I need to just keep being patient? And if that doesn't work and I just never find my person,

how do I deal with that? -- Lost and Alone

Dear Lost and Alone: You sound like a great person who is dealing with some negative and excessive expectations. Before jumping into anything else, consider examining the five-year relationship you were in. Why did you stay so long when you were not attracted to her? Then, look at how the women you are attracted to always end up in the friend zone. It might be that you are only attracted to what you can't have. And if someone is attracted to you and wants to be in a relationship with you, you lose interest. This is not unusual. As Groucho Marx said, "I refuse to join any club that would have me as a member."

Seek the help of a trained therapist who can help you figure out what you are looking for and who you'd like to be in a relationship. My guess is that she is just around the corner, and it is up to you to allow yourself to be vulnerable enough to let her in. Best of luck to you.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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AAA Texas: Gas Prices Continue Climbing; Texas Average Up 18% Month-to-Month

Special to the Herald

AAA
The statewide gas price average in Texas is \$2.64 for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel, according to the AAA Texas Weekend Gas Watch. That price is seven cents more than on this day last week and is 71 cents more per gallon compared to this day last year. Of the major metropolitan areas surveyed in Texas, drivers in El Paso are paying the most on average at \$2.97 while drivers in the Sherman-Denison area are paying the least at \$2.53 per gallon.

The national average price for a gallon of regular unleaded is \$2.88, which is five cents more when compared to this day last week and 66 cents more than the price per gallon at this same time last year.

Gas prices are continuing to increase, despite the Energy Information Administration's (EIA) latest report showing U.S. demand dropping slightly week-to-week, and signs of crude oil prices stabilizing. On the week, regional refinery utilization increased by 10 percent. The last time Texas saw an average of \$2.64 per gallon was in October 2018.

Today Texans are paying 18% more for gas on average compared to this day one month ago.

"Texans are paying about 18 percent more to fill up today, compared to February," said AAA Texas spokesperson Daniel Armbruster.

"Prices are expected to continue climbing through the remainder of March, but potentially in smaller increments."

Even though prices have spiked, drivers in Texas are paying some of the cheapest pump prices, ranking 3rd lowest in the country, according to gasprices.aaa.com.



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From freezing temperatures to tornadoes, Texas agriculture producers face many disasters and the challenges associated with them.

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to provide water and in more recent times the wind turbines that line our horizons creating electricity. However, the winds can pick up the loose soil and create dust storms reminiscent of the Dust Bowl Days. The June 2019 haboob that came through Howard County forced local agriculture producers to face a disaster that the Depression Era farmers faced with their horrendous dust storms namely static electricity. Static electricity can literally fry crops. A rare sight but unfortunately it does happen.

Another wind occurrence that all dread to see are tornadoes. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) the earliest month of the year recorded tornado in Howard County was March which is right at the beginning of tornado season. Although tornadoes can occur any time of year, Tornado Alley residents usually hear warnings and watches for tornadoes beginning in March/April and continuing through early fall with most occurring in the spring months. NOAA doesn't list any fatalities from tornadoes in Howard County but several EF 2 tornadoes with winds 140 to 160 miles per hour are on the record books. The damage includes agricultural buildings, oil equipment, telephone poles, radio towers, and family structures damaged or demolished. Damage doesn't happen just with the winds but also with the hail and excessive rains that often accompany a tornado. Once again after a disaster like tornadoes, news media focus on cities or towns with farm debris rarely making headlines unless it is large or bizarre. However, for the farmers and ranchers, removal of the debris can be a painstaking and grim process. Tornado debris can "muck up" the soil, damage machinery as producers travel across hidden debris, and provide a deadly diet for livestock. Many animals will get sick and die after the disaster is over because they have ingested hardware or wire that punctures vital organs or insulation which will cause hemorrhaging in a cow's digestive system.

We all face disasters sometime in our life, but it takes a strong person to face it almost on a yearly basis. Like city people, agriculture producers can take some steps to prepare for disasters such as having an emergency plan in writing. The plan should have pertinent phone numbers such as emergency services (police, fire, animal control, veterinarian), and necessary businesses (insurance company, gas, electric, etc.). Producers could have emergency equipment like generators available, ample feed and water, emergency clothing (gloves, boots, etc.) and make sure the property is secure. Take inventory of your farm or ranch with documentation (photos, detailed notes).

No one wants to face a disaster, but agriculture producers are a tough breed of people. We are blessed to have them.

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