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Senior Citizens Dances held third Friday of every month at 7 p.m., Dora Roberts Community Center. Next dance is Dec. 17. Entry fee is \$5. For more info call 517-9097.

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Big Spring's privately run GEO prisons set to close their doors

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Herald Staff Writer

Today marks the final day of the U.S. Department of Justice contract with The GEO Group Inc., operator of two private federal prisons in Big Spring.

GEO operates the Big Spring Correctional Facility, located at 3711 Wright Ave. in Big Spring; as well as the Flightline Correctional Facility, located at 2001 Rickabaugh Drive in Big Spring.

The two units have a combined capacity of 3,532 inmates — although the U.S. Bureau of Prisons website indicates that most of those have been moved out, showing 27 prisoners still at the Big Spring Correctional Facility and 30 still at the Flightline Facility, as of Monday — and have



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

The GEO Group's Big Spring Correctional Facility and its Flightline Unit, shown above, are ceasing operations following an order by President Joe Biden ending federal contracts with private prisons.

until now employed approximately 600 people. On January 26, President Joe Biden signed Executive Order 14006 "Reforming Our Incarceration System To Eliminate the Use of Privately Operated Detention Facilities."

The order explained its motivation in closing private prisons thusly: "More than two million people are currently incarcerated in the United States, including a disproportionate number of people of color. There is broad consensus that our current system of mass incarceration imposes significant costs and hardships on our society and communities and does not make us safer. To

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Intoxication manslaughter case underway in 118th District Court

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Herald Staff Writer

In early 2020, John Lyons Sr. lost his life on the side of FM 700 when a car driven by an intoxicated local resident crashed into Lyons, his vehicle, and a DPS patrol unit on the side of the road.

The driver, Lindsay Shay Woods of Big Spring, 34 at the time of the wreck, has already pleaded guilty to intoxication manslaughter in the 118th District Court case, presided over by District Judge Timothy Yeats.

"The defendant was driving a vehicle on March 4, 2020, when she collided with two vehicles and a pedestrian that were pulled over on the side of the road of FM 700 just at the base of Scenic Mountain. During the investigation, she was found to be intoxicated on drugs," said prosecutor Assistant District Attorney Lindsay Wilkerson. "Miss Woods has already pled guilty and has been found guilty and therefore convicted of intoxication manslaughter. The purpose of what we're doing here today is for the jury to hear evidence to where they can make a decision as to punishment in this case." According to Wilkerson, although



Woods entered a plea of "guilty" to the charge, the prosecution and defense disagreed on punishment in the case. Woods' lawyer, Trey Keith of Sweetwater, is asking for probation, while Wilkerson is set on a prison sentence. Wilkerson said cases requiring jury trials for just the sentencing phase of a trial are unusual.

"It's not very common. This is the first time I've ever done it, and I think it's the third time I've seen any of us do it in my eight years," she said. "So it's not terribly common. Not unheard of,

but not common." Wilkerson said that a jury was selected for the trial Monday morning, and the trial actually got underway about 2:30 Monday afternoon.

"We had two witnesses today," she said. "We had the lab technician, a forensic toxicologist who analyzed the contents of the defendant's blood, and also we've heard about half the testimony so far of Trooper Derek Morrow." The toxicologist, Dana Baxter, is on staff at the Texas Department of Public Safety's Austin Crime Lab. She testified that a sample of Woods' blood taken shortly after the accident tested positive for Tramadol, an opiate of similar strength as codeine; diphenhydramine, an antihistamine found in over-the-counter medications such as Benadryl and Nytil; and for benzoylecgonine, a metabolite of cocaine.

Baxter testified that Woods' blood test for Tramadol showed a concentration between 0.1 mg/liter — the lowest amount that indicates a "positive" test, and 10 times as much, or 1.0 mg/liter. While she testified that she couldn't

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Local churches help out on Thanksgiving



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Eve Nieto and Meredith Skaggs from First United Church with Karan Phillips from Hillcrest, and Jeanie Knocke from First Lutheran on Gregg. All passed out Thanksgiving bags.

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Obituaries

Gail Berringer

Gail Berringer, 75, of Big Spring, passed away Saturday, November 27, 2021.



Funeral services will be 4 p.m. Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Brad Borggren, pastor of Salem Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

She was born October 21, 1946, in Cairo, Illinois. She met George "Jim" Berringer, who was serving in the Army, and married August 6, 1966. After marrying, they moved from Fort Bragg, North Carolina to Texas.

Gail achieved a teaching degree from San Angelo State University and taught for Big Spring ISD for 25 years. She enjoyed traveling to watch her grand-

kids and great-grandkids play sports, and traveled to Kentucky every year to spend time with her siblings and family.

Gail was a member of Salem Baptist Church and loved going to church and spending time with her church family. She spent lots of time volunteering in her community and helping those in need.

Survivors include her husband, George "Jim" Berringer; one son, Paul Berringer; four siblings, Randy, Lori, Terre and Deena; one son-in-law, Andy Lopez; five grandchildren, Kolby, Taylor, Courtney, Brett and Adilyn; four great-grandchildren, which she referred to as her "greats", Kamreigh, Samuel, Carter and Laryn; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Laura Jean Hite; and her daughter, Amy Lopez.

The family suggests memorials to Salem Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1743, Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

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

Amy Winn Choate

Amy Winn Choate, 64, of Big Spring died Wednesday, November 24, 2021.



Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service will be 2:30 p.m. at Trinity Memorial Park.

Amy was born March 12, 1957, in Big Spring to Lorene and Jarrell Barbee. She was a lifetime resident of Howard County and graduated from Coahoma High School. She was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Amy was employed by Texas Department of Health and Human Services for 27 years, and she retired in 2019. She loved China painting, spending time with family especially with grandkids.

Amy is survived by one son, Chad Winn (Erica); one daughter, April Choate; three grandchildren, Sophia Winn, Rylie Winn, and Bradley Hinojosa; one sister, Polly Campbell (Jay); four brothers, Michael Barbee, Tim Barbee (Mona), David Barbee (Tabitha) and Neal Barbee (Lori); and several nieces and nephews.

Amy was preceded in death by her parents. Pallbearers will be Tony Baccari, Devin Barbee, Mike Carroll, David Elmore, Jeremy Winn and Leslie Woods.

Honorary pallbearers will be Jason Campbell, Lane Campbell, Trent Campbell and John Keller.

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

Yolanda "Yoli" Rios

Yolanda "Yoli" Rios, 64, of Big Spring died Saturday, Nov. 27, 2021.



Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m., with a vigil service at 7 p.m., Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive.

Yolanda was born on Dec. 8, 1956, in San Angelo to Antonia and Miguel Vasquez. She spent most of her life in Hereford until moving to Big Spring about six years ago.

Yolanda was a retired convenience store man-

ager.

Survivors include her husband, Leon Rios of Big Spring; four children, Maria Rios of Granbury, Robert Rios of Big Spring, Steven Rios of Hereford and Rachel Rios of San Angelo; two sisters, Veronica Terry of Hereford and Martha Perez of Oceanside, Calif.; two brothers, Bobby Vasquez of San Angelo and Mike Vasquez of San Angelo; 29 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Yolanda was preceded in death by one son, Leonardo Rios Jr.; one daughter, Rosemary Vasquez; and two brothers, Alfey Vasquez and Able Vasquez.

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

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 94 inmates at the time of this report.

•ANGEL MARTIN AGUILAR, 26, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property more than \$100 less than \$750.

•CHRISTOPHER WADE AL-EXANDER, 23, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

•VICENTE INFRAIN AL-VARADO, 41, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of assault class C, terroristic threat cause fear of, fail to identify giving false fiction.

•TOMMY VINCENT AL-VARADO JR, 26, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

•NIKKILYNN BERNAL, 25, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property more than \$100 less than \$750.

•CALEB JEFFERY DESLAURUER, 18, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2oz.

•VICTORIA DEUBLER, 24, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property more than \$100 less than \$750.

•JESSIE TRUMAN DUNN, 46, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

•GARY WAYNE ELLETT III, 25, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of unauthorized use of vehicle.

•CHRISTOPHER CLINT ENRIQUEZ, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving

while intoxicated.

•DONUVEN KENDLE FLORES, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of evading arrest detention, possession of controlled substance less than 1G.

•CODY FREITAG, 34, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

•JOSE GARCIA, 26, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of bail jumping and fail to appear, theft of property more than \$100 less than \$750.

•JOHNNY ISIAIAS GONZALES JR, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

•ADAM LEE GUZMAN, 28, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid, fail to maintain financial responsibility, bail jumping and fail to appear.

•NORMA PATRICIA HERNANDEZ, 45, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property less than \$2,500, 2/more previous conviction.

•O S C A R H E R N A N D E Z, 24, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of resisting arrest search or transport.

•CHRISTOPHER SCOTT HOLMES JR, 27, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of fail

to yield row-turning left, fail to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear x2, theft property over \$2,500 less than \$30k.

•DONALD JACKSON JR, 38, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of no drivers license, failure to appear.

•MATTHEW SAMUEL MUNIZ, 22, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

•ABIGAIL LYNN ORTEGA, 27, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of fail to maintain financial responsibility x2, safety seat system, child passenger.

•HAYLEY BRIANN RANGEL, 25, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of DEL drug paraphernalia, failure to appear.

•VOCTOR RODRIQUEZ MORALES, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of expired registration, failure to appear.

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Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

•MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 900 block of N Lamesa Hwy. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2900 block of W Hwy 80. No transportation was required.

•MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. No transportation was required.

•MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1100 block of Marijo. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1500 block of Tucson. On person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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PRISONS

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decrease incarceration levels, we must reduce profit-based incentives to incarcerate by phasing out the Federal Government's reliance on privately operated criminal detention facilities."

The order also cites private prisons' chronic underperformance on correctional services, programs and resources; and a lower level of safety in private prisons as justification for the shutdown.

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say whether that amount of Tramadol would cause Woods to be intoxicated, "It is definitely having an effect on that person," she said.

She added such effects might be dizziness, slurred speech, confusion, or slowed reaction times.

According to Baxter, Woods' blood test for diphenhydramine contained more than 0.2 mg/liter, or more than 10 times the amount needed to show a positive test; an amount which, she testified, would have a "depressing effect on the central nervous system."

Woods' blood test for benzococaine indicated that she had had a blood concentration of at least 0.05 mg/liter of cocaine within the past 24 hours, Baxter said.

She added that, while cocaine is a stimulant during the "up side" portion of its cycle, it also causes a depressed state as it wears off.

Baxter provided a printed report of her

The order leaves very little wiggle room: "The Attorney General shall not renew Department of Justice Contracts with privately operated criminal detention facilities, as consistent with applicable law."

GEO plans to transfer inmates from its closing facilities to Federal prisons around the country.

GEO has also stated that it will try to transfer as many employees as possible to other positions within the company, and has encouraged employees from closing locations to reach out to its human

resources department to discuss transfer possibilities.

Local government leaders and other entities will meet Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss issues impacting Howard County, including the closure of the prisons. The meeting will be at Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, and will be open to the public.

qualifications and findings, which Wilkerson entered into evidence as a State's Exhibit.

Morrow, who patrolled in Big Spring for about 3 1/2 years, recently relocated to the Ballinger area. He led the crash scene investigation in the case.

Morrow testified that during his investigation, Woods did not appear injured and refused medical treatment.

"I asked Miss Woods multiple times if she needed treatment and she said she was fine," he said.

Morrow also testified that he obtained permission from Woods to download digital data from her vehicle's automotive "black box", a device that measures and records such information as vehicle speed, application of brakes, airbag deployment, seatbelt use, steering angles, and other factors. Data from the black box indicated that she was traveling 43 miles per hour at the time of the accident.

Morrow also testified that, due to her demeanor, including sadness, repeated face-touching, general "droopy" attitude and continuous movement, he believed her to be intoxicated. He also testified that he did

not believe her to be drunk, primarily due to a lack of alcohol odor.

Morrow testified that he administered a field sobriety test to Woods, during which she failed six of seven individual tests he administered to her. Morrow explained and demonstrated each of the tests, including Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus, Vertical Gaze Nystagmus, Lack of Convergence, Walk-and-Turn, One-Leg Stand, Modified Romberg Balance Test, and the Finger-to-Nose Test.

Following the demonstrations of the tests, Judge Yeats called an end to testimony for the day, ordering the jury to return the following day. Earlier in the day, Yeats also instructed the jury to avoid news reports regarding the trial.

Apart from an audio problem on a video displayed during Morrow's testimony, Wilkerson said the trial is progressing smoothly.

"Everything is going well except for the poor audio at the beginning. Everything is going according to plan," she said.

The trial was set to resume at 9 a.m. this morning, and to conclude either this evening or Wednesday.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

•**NORMA PATRICIA HERNANDEZ**, 45, of 171 Helms Rd Apt 20, El Paso, Tx, was arrested on a charge of warrant from another agency.

•**MATTHEW SAMEUL MUNIZ**, 22, of 6404 Lipizzaner Dr, Imperial MI, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•**DONALD JACKSON JR**, 38, of 2512 Fairchild Dr, was arrested on a charge of no drivers license, bail jumping/ failure to appear/fine only.

•**HAYLEY BRIANN RANGEL**, 25, of 1305 Lincoln Ave, was arrested on a

charge of possession of drug paraphernalia, fail to appear.

•**TOMMY VINCENT ALVARADO JR**, 26, of 101 Deerchase Ct, Azle Tx, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•**CHRISTOPHER SCOTT HOLMES**, 27, of 705 Goliad, was arrested on a charge of failed to yield right of way- turning left (at intersection alley, private road or driveway), failed to maintain financial responsibility, fail to appear x2, theft of property more than \$2,500 less than 30k.

•**CODY FREITAG**, 34, of 2602 Lynn Dr was arrested for public intoxication.

•**SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the area of FM 700 and Goliad.

•**UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported in the 200 block of Johnson St.

•**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1500 block of E 17th St.

•**FORGERY** was reported in the 1800 block of S Gregg St.

•**SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the area of 3rd and Gregg.

•**SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 800 block of E 3rd.

Take Note

• Christmas in Coahoma at the Park will be Saturday, Dec. 11, from 3 to 6:30 p.m. The event will include hayrides and caroling, Christmas art projects for kids, free coffee and hot cocoa, and popcorn and cookies. Sponsored by the Coahoma Lions Club.

• Food distribution at Three Angels Food Pantry is held every third Tuesday of the month at the Big Spring Seventh-Day Adventist Church, located at 4319 Parkway Rd. Food is provided by the West Texas Food Bank. People will need to bring ID and plastic bags, and answer a few questions to pick up food. The food pantry also has a Facebook page where they will post any updates. <https://www.facebook.com/healthynuggetsofgold44>.

• The St. Vincent De Paul Community Project Christmas Bazaar will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 11 at Ryan Hall, 605 N. Main St. The event will feature a drawing with prizes. Proceeds from the bazaar will be used to assist the needy in the community through the Community Project's food pantry and financial assistance programs. Those in the community are invited to sell knickknacks, goods, crafts and delicious food at the event. For more information, call 432-606-5000.

• Senior Citizens Dances are held the third Friday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center. The next dance is December 17. Music will be Western style. Entry fee is \$5 and includes a snack. For more information call 517-9097.

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

• City of Big Spring offices remain open by appointment and electronic means only. These offices include: City Hall (432-264-2401); Finance Department (432-264-2513); Public Works Department (432-264-2501); Human Resources Department (432-264-2346); Code Enforcement/Permits (432-264-2504); Water Utilities (432-264-2392); Community Services Office; Convention and Visitors Bureau (432-263-8235); facilities (432-264-2322); Cemetery (432-264-2323); Police Department (432-264-2550); Fire Department (432-264-2304); Municipal Court (432-264-2530). Citizens who have an appointment in a City office will be asked to wear a face covering and present valid identification upon arrival. The identification can be as simple as a utility bill. The City of Big Spring Water Office is open to the public; no appointment is necessary. The Big Spring Senior Center remains closed to congregate meals, but those who wish to pick up a to go order can call 432-267-1628, for more information. Rentable facilities including the Dora Roberts Community Center will remain open, however, users are requested to maintain social distancing and other COVID-19 precautions. For any questions or concerns please contact the City Manager's Office at 432-264-2401.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you. For more information, call 432-263-4155.

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Beverly Thompson, 73, died Thursday. Memorial Service will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Myers & Smith Chapel.

Amy Winn Choate, 64, died Wednesday. Graveside service will be Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at Trinity Memorial Park following a private service at First United Methodist Church in Coahoma.

Yolanda "Yoli" Rios, 64, died Saturday. Vigil service will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Linda Hill, 78, died Saturday. Funeral Service will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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Team**

Courtesy Photos

The Big Spring Steers had a great football season this year. The Steers have 17 players be recognized to get All-District honors. All of these young men played their hearts out and gave Coach Cannon McWilliams and his staff all they had. It was an honor to get to cover this team, and congrats to all the nominees.

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Public Notice

Invitation To Bid Howard County RFB2020018 GRH CR 43

The Howard County Auditor will accept sealed bids until 10:00 AM on December 9, 2021. This bid requires prequalification with Howard County Road and Bridge Department, specifications may be obtained at that office, 3604 Old Colorado City Road, Big Spring, Texas 79720. The work is to supply labor, materials and equipment to rehabilitate CR 43 from CR 45 to CR 42. Work includes reshaping ditches, widening subgrade, additional base, scarifying and shaping roadway, inverted prime & surface treatment.

Bids may be mailed to the Howard County Auditor, at P.O. Box 1949, Big Spring, Texas 79721-1949 or delivered to the Auditor's Office, Room 202, Howard County Courthouse. **Mark Sealed Envelope "RFB2020018"**

Bids will be presented to the Commissioner's Court at their regular meeting 3:30 PM December 13th for their consideration. The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Jackie Olson - Howard County Auditor
#11142

Invitation To Bid Howard County RFB2020020 GRH CR 10

The Howard County Auditor will accept sealed bids until 10:00 AM on December 9, 2021. This bid requires prequalification with Howard County Road and Bridge Department, specifications may be obtained at that office, 3604 Old Colorado City Road, Big Spring, Texas 79720. The work is to supply labor, materials and equipment to rehabilitate CR 10 from the county line to CR 3. Work includes reshaping ditches, widening subgrade, additional base, scarifying and shaping roadway, inverted prime & surface treatment.

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Glasscock County Independent School District is requesting proposals, using the Construction Manager At Risk, One Step Process (per Texas Education Code 44.031 and Texas Government Code Chapter 2269), for construction/renovation of school facilities ("2021 Bond Projects, RFP No. 2021-01").

Proposals will be received at the Glasscock County Independent School District Superintendent's Office, 308 West Chambers St., Garden City, TX 79739. Proposals received by fax or email will not be accepted. Each proposer shall identify his proposal by typing on the outside of the envelope: "Proposal for CMAR for 2021 Bond Projects, RFP No. 2021-01" Proposals received by hand delivery or mail after 12:00 p.m. Friday of the week, December 3rd, 2021, will be returned unopened.

For questions regarding the specifications or to receive a copy of the RFP packet, contact the Superintendent's Office at (432) 354-2921. Proposals should address all of the questions/issues that have been shown in this request. Failure to adhere to these procedures or to obtain approval for deviations may result in an incomplete evaluation of your proposals.

Glasscock County ISD reserves the right to negotiate with any or all proposers. Glasscock County ISD reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technicalities.

WAIVER OF CLAIMS: BY TENDERING A RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL, THE PROPOSER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT HAS READ AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING A RESPONSE, AND THE PROCESS USED BY THE OWNER FOR SELECTING A CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK. FURTHER, BY SUBMITTING A RESPONSE, THE PROPOSER FULLY, VOLUNTARILY AND UNDERSTANDINGLY WAIVES AND RELEASES ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AGAINST OWNER, ARCHITECT OR ANY OF THEIR TRUSTEES, OFFICERS, AGENTS AND/OR EMPLOYEES THAT COULD ARISE OUT OF THE ADMINISTRATION, EVALUATION, OR RECOMMENDATION OF ANY PROPOSAL SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL.

#11124

Legals

Notice of Claim of Adverse Possession

Notice is hereby given that Charles Lawrence "Larry" Dorbandt has filed a claim of adverse possession to the following properties: (1) Fifty (50) acres located in Glasscock County, Texas described as "AB 109 SEC 21 BLK 33-2S T AND P; (2) One hundred twenty (120) acres located in Glasscock County, Texas described as AB 760 SEC 20 BLK 33-2S T AND P; and (3) Mineral interest located in Glasscock County, Texas described as T2S BLK 33 SEC 21 A 974. The claim is memorialized in Instrument No. 2021-16-26 entitled Affidavit of Heirship and Adverse Possession filed in the Glasscock County Real Property Records on November 1, 2021.

All persons having claims against this property are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

#11125

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0332344 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Nov 19, 2021 Status/Permit No. 874197 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Dec 10, 2021 Address: Railroad Commission of Texas ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit P. O. Box 12967 Austin, Texas 78711-2967 Fax: (512) 463-6780 Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the APACHE CORPORATION, [RRC Operator No. 027200] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 44, Bk. 36 T4S, T&P RR CO / WYSONG, A R Survey, A-867, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC Field, GLASSCOCK County, being 17.5 miles SW direction from GARDEN CITY, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at (512)463-6751. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name : GOODSPEED DEEP A Lease/Unit Well No. : 6HC Lease/Unit Acres : 960.6 Nearest Lease Line (ft) : null

Lease Lines : 332.0 F NORTH L, 1335.0 F WEST L Survey Lines : 332.0 F NORTH L, 1335.0 F WEST L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1 Penetration Point Location

Lease Lines: 300.0 F NORTH L 330.0 F WEST L Terminus Location BH County: GLASSCOCK Section: 29 Block: 36 T4S Abstract: 429 Survey: T&P RR CO Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L 330.0 F WEST L Survey Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L 330.0 F WEST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 12000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Keri Pitman, at (432)818-1903.

#11136

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0332345 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Nov 19, 2021 Status/Permit No. 874218 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Dec 10, 2021 Address: Railroad Commission of Texas ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit P. O. Box 12967 Austin, Texas 78711-2967 Fax: (512) 463-6780 Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

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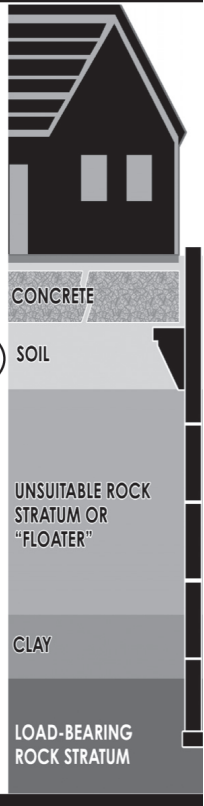
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Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 161.0

Lease Lines : 332.0 F NORTH L, 1365.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines : 332.0 F NORTH L, 1365.0 F WEST L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location
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2205.0 F WEST L

Terminus Location
BH County: GLASSCOCK
Section: 29 Block: 36 T4S
Abstract: 429
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Annie's Mailbox

Resources for Depression

Dear Annie: Please tell "Ready to Die" that she can get disability payments because she has a mental health disorder. The problem is that people tell the disability examiners how badly they feel. But that is not the examiner's job to assess. They want to know how dysfunctional your daily life is.

into lethargy. Do you dress yourself? Yes, but I throw on anything that's on the floor. Sometimes, people laugh at me for how I'm dressed.

People with mental illness need someone to practice with them before they are examined. They are focused on their suffering, for good reason.

Find an experienced disability lawyer. They can often help you to prepare for an examiner's interview. Some attorneys might be sleazy, but there are also some fine, dedicated lawyers. Your case will move forward much more quickly, even if that feels like a long time. Remember that when you do get Social Security Disability Insurance, they will pay from the date of the application, not the date of approval.

Get a case manager or someone to help you through this process. Any psychiatric records are helpful. Do not say you drink, or whatever, to medicate. The way you should frame it is to explain that you have an addiction problem.

So many individuals fail to get the benefits they are entitled to because not even most therapists or psychiatrists understand how this system works. -- Ph.D.

Dear Ph.D.: I always love when professionals reach out with advice, including the next letter about finding a psychiatrist and an attorney.

Dear Annie: This is about the unfortunate individual with severe treatment-resistant depression, who will definitely qualify for total and permanent disability.

She should see a competent psychiatrist ASAP, and they will help her with the most modern effective management of depression.

In addition, they will be able to write appropriate letters to the Social Security Administration and other agencies so that she will receive total permanent medical disability, which she richly deserves. -- Right to an Attorney

Dear Right: Thank you for sharing your advice. Let's hope it helps all readers who are suffering from depression and who have, so far, not been able to secure disability payments.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

In-depth analysis

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 6 4 3
♥ A 7 2
♦ Q 5
♣ A K 8 7 4

WEST
♠ 8 7 2
♥ J 10 6 4
♦ 10 9 6 2
♣ J 10

EAST
♠ K J 10 9 5
♥ Q 8
♦ A 8 3
♣ Q 9 5

SOUTH
♠ A Q
♥ K 9 5 3
♦ K J 7 4
♣ 6 3 2

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

Opening lead — eight of spades.

ready-made tricks — two spades, two hearts and two clubs — and needs three more for the contract.

Declarer can lead a diamond to the queen and lose to the ace — which East, on the bidding, is likely to have — but this will give South only two additional tricks and leave him one trick shy of his goal. Or declarer can play the A-K and another club, hoping the opposing clubs are divided 3-2, but this will also bring him to only eight tricks.

Since both methods of play lead to a dead end, South should start looking elsewhere for a way to develop his three additional tricks. And if he studies the situation carefully enough, he should spot an approach that will give him an excellent shot at the contract.

At trick two, he leads a club to the king and returns a low diamond from dummy. East can't afford to rise with the ace, which would hand declarer three immediate diamond tricks, so let's say East ducks and allows South to win with the king.

Having "stolen" this trick, declarer now abandons diamonds and plays the ace and another club. When the suit breaks normally, he has nine solid tricks.

A little in-depth analysis at the start pays off in the end.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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FEATURES

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 30, the 334th day of 2021. There are 31 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 30, 1993, President Bill Clinton signed the Brady Bill, which required a five-day waiting period for handgun purchases and background checks of prospective buyers.

On this date:

In 1782, the United States and Britain signed preliminary peace articles in Paris for ending the Revolutionary War; the Treaty of Paris was signed in September 1783.

In 1803, Spain completed the process of ceding Louisiana to France, which had sold it to the United States.

In 1835, Samuel Langhorne Clemens — better known as Mark Twain — was born in Florida, Missouri.

In 1874, British statesman Sir Winston Churchill was born at Blenheim Palace.

In 1900, Irish writer Oscar Wilde died in Paris at age 46.

In 1965, "Unsafe at Any Speed" by Ralph Nader, a book highly critical of the U.S. auto industry, was first released in hardcover by Grossman Publishers.

In 1981, the United States and the Soviet Union opened negotiations in Geneva aimed at reducing nuclear weapons in Europe.

In 1982, the Michael Jackson album "Thriller" was released by Epic Records.

In 2000, Al Gore's lawyers battled for his political survival in the Florida and U.S. Supreme Courts; meanwhile, GOP lawmakers in Tallahassee moved to award

the presidency to George W. Bush in case the courts did not by appointing their own slate of electors.

In 2010, the Obama administration announced that all 197 airlines that flew to the U.S. had begun collecting names, genders and birth dates of passengers so the government could check them against terror watch lists before they boarded flights.

In 2013, Paul Walker, 40, the star of the "Fast & Furious" movie series, died with his friend, Roger W. Rodas, who was at the wheel of a Porsche sports car that crashed and burned north of Los Angeles.

In 2018, former President George H.W. Bush, a World War II hero who rose through the political ranks to the nation's highest office, died at his Houston home at the age of 94; his wife of more than 70 years, Barbara Bush, had died in April.

Ten years ago: The cen-

tral banks of the wealthiest countries, trying to prevent a debt crisis in Europe from exploding into a global panic, swept in to shore up the world financial system by making it easier for banks to borrow American dollars. Police in Los Angeles and Philadelphia dismantled Occupy Wall Street encampments. An Arizona jury sentenced convicted "Baseline Killer" Mark Goudeau (goo-DOH) to death for killing nine people in the Phoenix area.

Five years ago: Air conditioning company Carrier Corp. said it had reached a deal with President-elect Donald Trump to keep nearly 1,100 jobs in Indiana instead of moving them to Mexico; however, some 600 other jobs were still eliminated by outsourcing. House Democrats reelected Nancy Pelosi as their leader. A prosecutor cleared a Charlotte, North Carolina, police officer in the killing of a Black man whose death touched off civil unrest, saying the officer was justified in

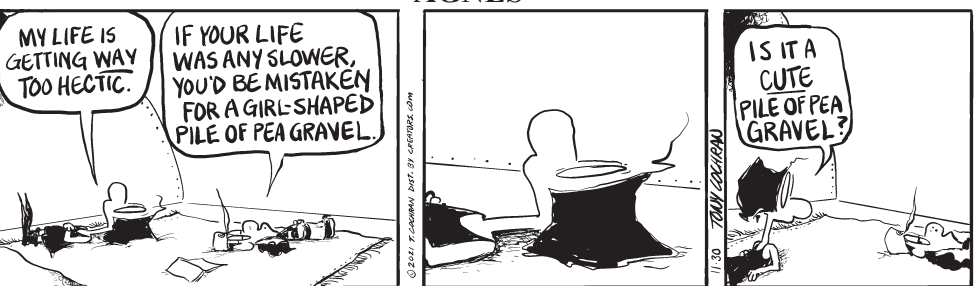
opening fire on Keith Scott.

One year ago: Two battleground states, Wisconsin and Arizona, certified their presidential election tallies in favor of Joe Biden, even as President Donald Trump's legal team continued to dispute the results; Biden's victory in Wisconsin was certified following a partial recount that only added to his 20,600-vote margin over Trump. Moderna Inc. said it would ask U.S. and European regulators to allow emergency use of its COVID-19 vaccine as new study results confirmed the shots offered strong protection. Americans returning from Thanksgiving break faced strict new coronavirus measures as health officials braced for a disastrous worsening of the nationwide surge because of holiday gatherings; Los Angeles County imposed a stay-at-home order for its 10 million residents.

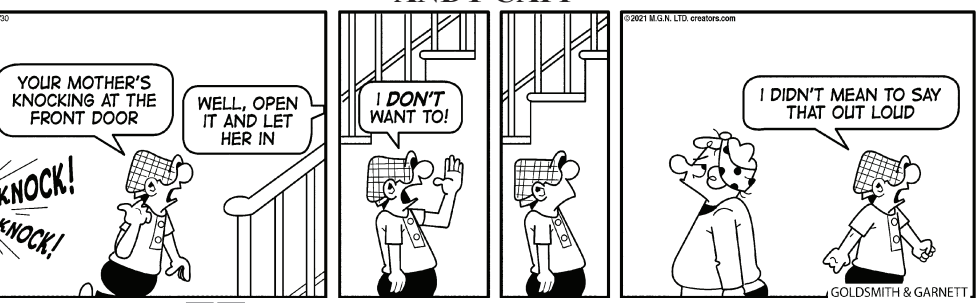
Today's Birthdays: Country singer-recording executive Jimmy Bowen is 84. Movie

director Ridley Scott is 84. Screenwriter Geoffrey C. Wang is 81. Movie writer-director Terrence Malick is 78. Rock musician Roger Glover (Deep Purple) is 76. Playwright David Mamet (MA'-meht) is 74. Actor Mandy Patinkin is 69. Musician Shuggie Otis is 68. Country singer Jeannie Kendall is 67. Singer Billy Idol is 66. Historian Michael Beschloss is 66. Rock musician John Ashton (The Psychedelic Furs) is 64. Comedian Colin Mochrie is 64. Former football and baseball player Bo Jackson is 59. Rapper Jilili (Whodini) is 58. Actor-director Ben Stiller is 56. Rock musician Mike Stone is 52. Music producer Steve Aoki is 44. Singer Clay Aiken is 43. Actor Billy Lush is 40. Actor Elisha Cuthbert is 39. Actor Kaley Cuoco (KWOH'-koh) is 36. Model Chrissy Teigen (TY'-gihh) is 36. Actor Christel Khalil is 34. Actor Rebecca Rittenhouse is 33. Actor Adelaide Clemens is 32. World chess champion Magnus Carlsen is 31. Actor Tyla Harris is 21.

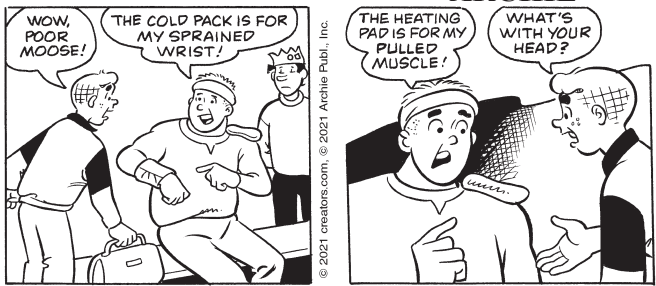
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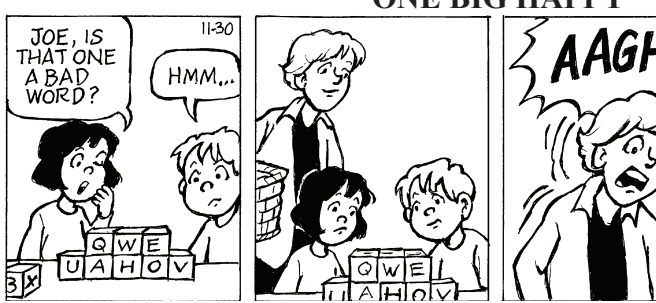
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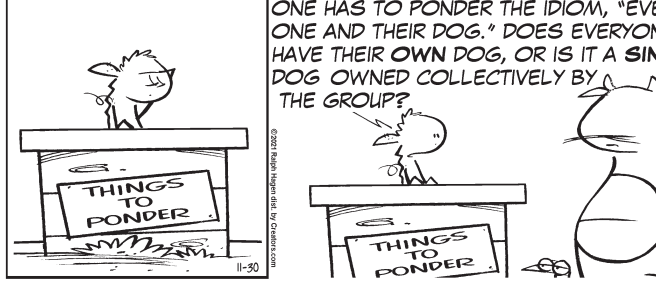
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Horoscopes By Holiday

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2021

Final Thoughts on a Neptune Retrograde

On the last day of Neptune's retrograde, the water king, dreamy and wise, speaks to our fear of abandonment. "No need to judge yourself for primal attachments," he says. "The closeness you crave is an essential part of your humanity, and an innate biological and psychological force. Can you see your need for connection as beautiful?"

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have restricted yourself. Now, it's tempting to lift that restriction, break the rule or change the plan. Something's got to give -- you still get to choose exactly what.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). In some ways, you grew up fast. Gaps in your development, steps that got missed when you were leaping into adulthood, can still be filled in. Anything that inspires a childlike glee in you will help.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are drawn to success stories, and you'll enjoy hearing of impressive achievements. You're starting to get the sneaking suspicion that you have what it takes to do the same.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're willing to question who you are and what you stand for because you understand, at a deep level, that these things can change. You're always developing and growing, which is why new wonders will keep opening to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It feels like you keep having to find your own way over and over. This lack of role models can be remedied. There are many who would beautifully support you if they only knew what you needed. Reach out and talk about it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you relax and enjoy yourself, will your appetite for enjoyment grow? Yes. It will, and it should. Can you name a good reason why your life shouldn't be a pleasure?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You love to see them smile, but there's a point in which this would require you to sacrifice your own. Don't let it happen. There's only one smile you're really responsible for, and the others are all add-ons.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Oversharing is a symptom of the times, though one to avoid now as it runs counter to the mysterious persona that is working so well for you. Keep your cards close to the vest.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You tend to see anger as a negative emotion, and it can be, but it can also be a driving force -- the energy needed to fuel a swift

change, learn a lesson or erect a boundary.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). To maintain an open mind, one door, the door of possibility, must be kept open. It's a heavy door and if there's nothing stopping it, it will close on its own. Optimism makes a solid doorstop.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Humanity is the virtue you are most known for. They won't always tell you, but the way you flow love, kindness and social intelligence through your days makes for a fuller experience for all.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Certain individuals are hard to relax around. This makes them difficult to read, which could put you at a disadvantage. Calm yourself so nervous, self-conscious energy can't interfere with your awareness.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 30). You'll win many times over, sometimes quite big, so you are called to be vigilant against the enemy of pride. Continue to think in terms of service to your people. Truly, you gain the most from your own selflessness. Beautiful experiences are born of your creativity and require very little money to pull off. Aries and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 40, 2, 22 and 16.

COSMIC QUESTION: "I noticed that you don't pair Aries and Libras together. Is there a reason? I (3/26/66) have been dating a Libra (9/27/64) for almost three years. Things are great, but what do you see long-term? I appreciate your insight." There's not a reason in the world that Libra and Aries can't make a stellar love match, both in the long term and in the short term. They are both what's called "cardinal" signs. This means that they are the initiators of the zodiac, not afraid to start projects or relationships and ready to build where no person has built before. You are a very independent person, and your Libra is more of a team player, so you avoid the power struggles that many couples endure. Usually your Libra defers to you, and you feel so relaxed in the relationship that you don't mind giving up the reins whenever Libra wants to lead. I can see your partnership extending into the realm of business, as well, especially businesses that involve a quick profit turnaround such as flipping properties, construction, day trading, etc. Best of luck!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Ben Stiller is a busy producer with multiple projects, including the much-anticipated film sequel "Dodgeball 2." Stiller, like most Sagittarians, is drawn to exploring and creating new worlds. Stiller was born under a sensitive,

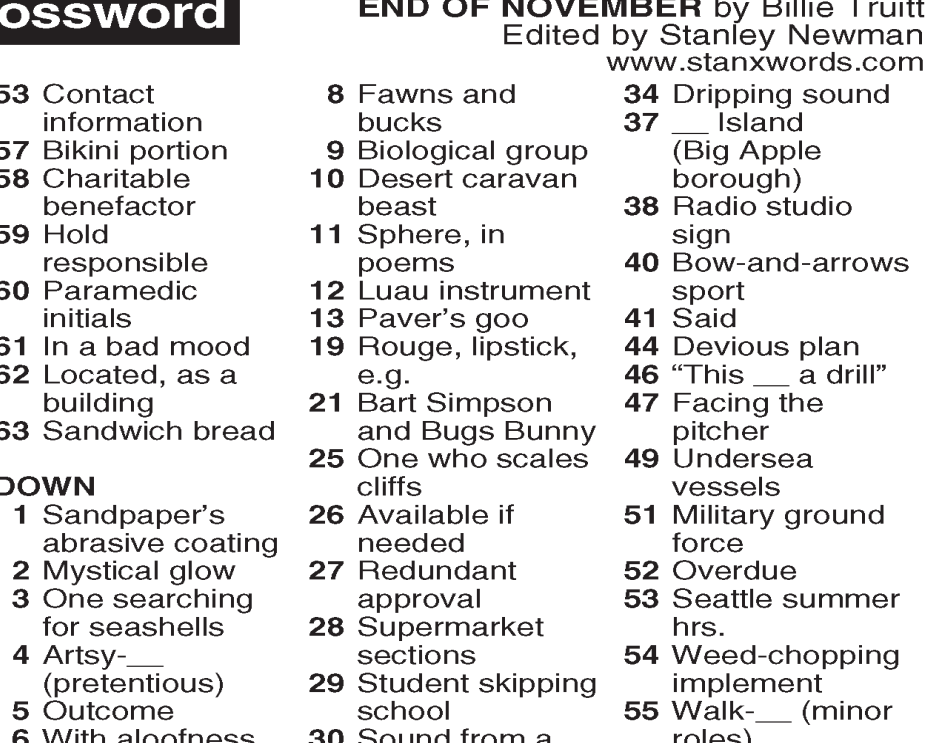
artistic Pisces moon with Venus and Mars in Capricorn, the sign of business moguls.

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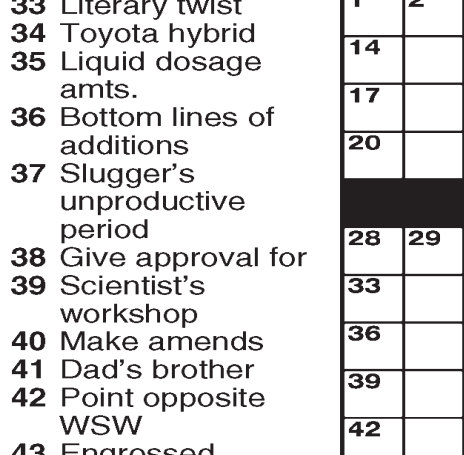
- ACROSS**
- 1 Talk and talk
 - 4 Sobbed
 - 9 Merit badge earner
 - 14 Regret
 - 15 Prompt again, as an actor
 - 16 Hooded winter coat
 - 17 Nest egg acronym
 - 18 "My own recollection is . . ."
 - 20 Diplomatic in one's words
 - 22 Runner's event
 - 23 In an angry way
 - 24 Guy who "was here" in WWII graffiti
 - 28 Without profit to the seller
 - 30 Giddy elation
 - 32 "___ moment please"
 - 33 Literary twist
 - 34 Toyota hybrid
 - 35 Liquid dosage amts.
 - 36 Bottom lines of additions
 - 37 Slugger's unproductive period
 - 38 Give approval for
 - 39 Scientist's workshop
 - 40 Make amends
 - 41 Dad's brother
 - 42 Point opposite WSW
 - 43 Engrossed
 - 44 Slots for stallions in stables
 - 45 Rigid about rules
 - 47 Second part of a play
 - 48 Females
 - 50 Heat-retaining, as blankets
- DOWN**
- 1 Sandpaper's abrasive coating
 - 2 Mystical glow
 - 3 One searching for seashells
 - 4 Artsy-___ (pretentious)
 - 5 Outcome
 - 6 With aloofness
 - 7 Continent north of Afr.
 - 8 Fawns and bucks
 - 9 Biological group
 - 10 Desert caravan beast
 - 11 Sphere, in poems
 - 12 Luau instrument
 - 13 Paver's goo
 - 19 Rouge, lipstick, e.g.
 - 21 Bart Simpson and Bugs Bunny
 - 25 One who scales cliffs
 - 26 Available if needed
 - 27 Redundant approval
 - 28 Supermarket sections
 - 29 Student skipping school
 - 30 Sound from a pigsty
 - 31 Green citrus fruit
 - 34 Dripping sound
 - 37 ___ Island
 - 38 Radio studio sign
 - 40 Bow-and-arrows sport
 - 41 Said
 - 44 Devious plan
 - 46 "This ___ a drill"
 - 47 Facing the pitcher
 - 49 Undersea vessels
 - 51 Military ground force
 - 52 Overdue
 - 53 Seattle summer hrs.
 - 54 Weed-chopping implement
 - 55 Walk-___ (minor roles)
 - 56 1,051, in Roman numerals

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SUDOKU



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!

Today's Answers



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