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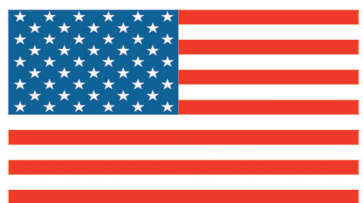
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**The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra's Christmas Concert, "Home is Where the Heart Is," will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at First United Methodist Church. The event will feature vocal soloists Tara Trowbridge and Lawrence Thibeault. Tickets are on sale at www.bigspringssymphony.org.**

## Council to focus on contracts at Monday's meeting

By **ROGER CLINE**

Herald Staff Writer

When it meets Tuesday, the Big Spring City Council will consider approving several New Business items regarding contracts and agreements for items or services.

The council will convene at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the City Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth Street in Big Spring. The public is welcome to attend the meeting in person, or view it on Local Channel 17 through Suddenlink or on the city's website at mybigspring.com/224/Channel-17-Live.

Kicking off the list of contracts and agreements, the Police Department has requested permission to enter into a lease agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management for the lease-purchase of four police package Chevrolet Tahoes and one half-ton Animal Control pickup

truck with an animal holding box. According to a memo provided along with the meeting's agenda from Assistant City Manager John Medina to Mayor Shannon Thomason and the City Council, Enterprise's bid on the vehicles is \$283,060 for the police vehicles and \$34,682.43 for the Animal Control truck. According to the memo, the Police Department budgeted \$301,876 for the lease purchase of the police vehicles, as well as \$36,520 for the lease purchase of the Animal Control truck. The memo goes on to add, "Enterprise Fleet will provide the financing and staff to acquire the vehicles in addition to market evaluation to facilitate the sale of our vehicles at the highest return for our investment."

Next, the council will consider a contract extension and rate adjustment with Vector Fleet Management for fleet and equipment maintenance and management services. According to a letter

from Vector Executive Vice President Aubrey Felton to Medina included in the agenda, "For the upcoming contract year, we propose the following pricing adjustments: • We will be adjusting the Annual Target Cost rate at the 3% max rate cap, per contract Amendment #4. Note: Current CPI-Transportation, for State of Texas is 17.0% for September 2021. • Non-Target labor rate of \$46.98 for all Normal and Emergency directed hours."

According to the pending agreement provided in the agenda, the city would pay \$855,635 for one year of fleet management and maintenance service provided by Vector; an increase of 3 percent.

A third agreement up for consideration by the council is described as an "ASO OON Repricing Services Runout Agreement" with TML Health Benefits

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## Christmas traditions in Howard County



Herald photos/ MaLinda Pope

The First Church of the Nazarene held its annual Drive Through Nativity this weekend in Big Spring. This has become one of the top Christmas traditions in Howard County.

## A Moment in History

### Texas Rangers in West Texas

By **TAMMY SCHRECENGOST**

Special to the Herald

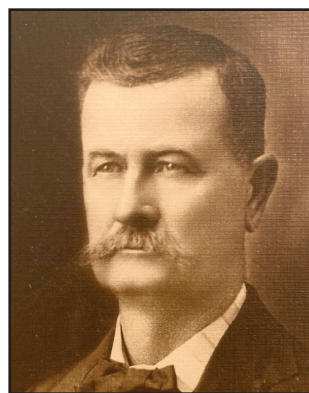
A Ranger had to furnish his equipment: his saddle, ropes, guns, bedding, horses, and clothing. The Texas Rangers always stood out in their broad-brimmed, white hats and the heavy buckled, cartridge-studded belts that carried six-shooters on the hip and high-top boots (almost to the knee) – with pants legs tucked into their tops – with handmade Texas spurs. Regulations for guns permitted the .44 Winchester carbine, the short-barreled "saddle gun," and the .45 Colt six-shooter. When a recruit joined, he was given 100 shells, and the state furnished him 12 additional rifle and six pistol cartridges monthly. The Texas Rangers were not armed for dramatic effect or for sport. "Bullets were for business."

On December 29, 1879, during a blinding blizzard, John Birdwell took part in Company C's decision to pursue the American Indians who had raided the Slaughter Brothers' ranch holdings. Ranger James B. Gibson of Company C led

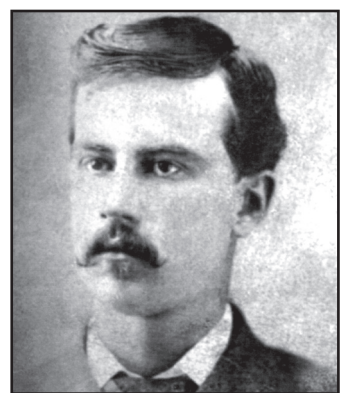
the Rangers after putting together 10-days' worth of rations and supplies. They pushed south past Yellowhouse Canyon (near Lubbock) when mist and freezing rain began to fall. The Rangers continued on 60 miles to Double Lakes and then turned toward Silver Land and found a pond that they named Ranger Lake. Still pointing westward, they were trapped. One of the Rangers in the company later reported, "One of the worst blizzards I ever saw, with snow piled up to 18 inches. John could not go on any further, he was paralyzed by the cold and his horse gave out. His saddle was changed to an Indian pony, and he was lashed on. Finally, we dropped off a bluff into a canyon, and John was laid in the snow and covered with blankets. The Rangers were able to find a cave, and John soon recovered. John realized he was better inclined as a saloon operator rather than a ranger."

Jeff David Milton was born on November 7, 1861, to the governor of Florida, John Milton, and his wife, Caroline. Jeff and his seven

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Texas Ranger John Birdwell



Texas Ranger Jeff Milton

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## Obituaries

### Jo Evans

Jo Evans, 88, of Big Spring, passed away Saturday, December 11, 2021.



Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at the First Baptist Church in Coahoma. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born December 21, 1932 in Pampa, Texas, and married Don Evans October 7, 1949, in Pampa. He preceded her in death November 25, 2009.

Jo enjoyed reading, spending time in Ruidoso, N.M., and loved attending her

grandchildren's sporting events. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Coahoma.

Survivors include two sons, Rickey Don Evans and wife, Kim, of Midland, and Randy Lee Evans and wife, Karri, of Big Spring; one daughter, Cathy Jo Paige and husband, Spot; 10 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, A.D. and Mary Cotton; and a brother, Tim Duckworth.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

*Paid obituary*

### Mary Esther Hernandez

Mary Esther Hernandez, 72, died Saturday, December 11, 2021.



Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. with vigil service at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Mary was born on May 13, 1949, in Big Spring to Esther and Felix Garcia Sr. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Mary was a homemaker. Her favorite thing was time with his grandchildren. She loved music and watching music.

Mary is survived by her daughter, Valerie Garcia (Carlos) of Big Spring; her son, Oscar Hernandez Jr. (Gloria Moran) of Big Spring; one sister, Mary Dolores Bustamante of Big Spring; six brothers, Freddie Garcia of Big Spring, Daniel Garcia (Frances) of Big Spring, Bobby Garcia of Big Spring, Jesse Garcia of Big Spring, Edward Garcia (Joann) of Big Spring, and Abel Garcia (Annette) of Big Spring; six grandchildren, Alexis Garcia, Carlos Garcia Jr., Sadie Garcia, Ethan Garcia, Kovan Garcia, and Zoe Garcia.

In addition to her parents Mary was preceded in death by one son, Oscar Saavedra; and one sister, Jo Anne Silguero.

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

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## Support Groups

#### MONDAY

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

#### TUESDAY

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

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

• Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

• Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

#### WEDNESDAY

• Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-860

#### THURSDAY

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

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

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

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email [francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org](mailto:francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org), or call 432-268-3003.

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

#### FRIDAY

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

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

#### SATURDAY

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

#### SUNDAY

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

Submit your Support Group information to be included or updated. Email information to [editor@BigSpringHerald.com](mailto:editor@BigSpringHerald.com) or call 432-263-7331.

## Take Note

• 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>.

• 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.

• Drive-through COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics are held every from 3-6 p.m. each Thursday afternoon at Whatley Plaza, located on the northwest part of the Scenic Mountain Medical Center campus, 1601 W. Martin Luther King Boulevard, also known as

1601 W. 11th Place.

The vaccination is free. For more information, visit [www.scenicmountainmedical.org/vaccine](http://www.scenicmountainmedical.org/vaccine).

• 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; Michelle Worthan at 325-227-3911; Kay Smith at 432-213-1153; or Ruby Bruns at 432-664-1943. The November featured artist/special speaker will be Denise Malm.

The next meeting is Nov. 20.

• The Great Courses history video lecture series is taking place each Wednesday in the Theater Room in the First Presbyterian Church, located at 701 Runnels Street. No charge for the lectures.

• St. Vincent de Paul food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

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Pool. ASO stands for Administrative Services Only, meaning the city is self-funding the health insurance plan, and using TML Health Benefits only to administer the plan. OON stands for Out Of Network. UMR Inc. is TML Health's third-party administrator.

According to the agreement document provided along with the meeting's agenda, "Whereas, the GBSA (Group Benefits Services Agreement between Big Spring and TML Health Benefits) will terminate as of 12/31/2021, and Employer Member and TML Health will enter into a new Administrative Services Agreement with a new third-party administrator, namely BCBSTX (Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas); and Whereas, because ClearHealth's services will not be offered to Employer Member (City of Big Spring) under the new ASA, the Parties desire to enter into this agreement to demonstrate: a) whether Employer Member chooses to continue to use the services for the four-month period following the GBSA's termination date (the "runout period") in relations to claims remaining in UMR's claim system; and b) any corresponding terms and conditions related to such choice."

The next proposed action regards an agreement with Scenic Mountain Medical Center for purchase of medications for Big Spring's ambulance service. According to the agreement, the city will reimburse the hospital the cost of the medications plus a 5 percent reimbursement cost.

As part of the agreement, the ambulance service would agree to several requirements, such as staffing ambulances with qualified and certified personnel, guarding against theft or diversion of medications, and maintaining providing professional liability insurance of \$1 million per occurrence with a \$5 million annual aggregate, or at levels satisfying all applicable laws, whichever is greater.

The next agreement the council will consider is with CivicPlus LLC, for continuing to provide the city with meeting and agenda software services.

Next, the city leaders will consider purchasing a 30-foot wide water line easement out of a 12.24-acre tract in the north half of Sec. 25, Blk. 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey from Callon Petroleum Operating Company for \$42,750.

The next item on the agenda involves a potential lease of Building 19 at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. No further information on the possible lease is given.

The next agenda item involves a potential lease termination agreement with D&I Silica LLC. The company is owned by Hi-Crush Partners LP of Houston. The lease will be terminated as of Dec. 31.

Another agreement up for consideration on the meeting's agenda is with Homeaway.Com Inc. for collection of Hotel Occupancy Tax of VRBO (Vacation Rental By Owner).

An engineering services agreement with Jacob and Martin LLC for evaluation of sludge treatment processes at Big Spring's Water Treatment Plant is next on the agenda. According to the agreement,

Jacob and Martin would conduct site visits to the plant to collect information about current operations, collect data, evaluate alternative processes and technologies, prepare a written report of alternatives, and prepare a report to the city on its findings. The city would compensate the company up to \$25,000 for the evaluation phase of the project.

As usual, the meeting will begin with a call to order, invocation, and Pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags, followed by a time for public comment. Those not attending the meeting in person can offer public comments by calling 432-264-2411 at the start of the meeting.

City Manager Todd Darden will offer his report, including information regarding the Large Item Pickup for District 6 scheduled Dec. 15, the city's Christmas and New Year's holidays, Dec. 23-24, and Dec. 30, respectively, appointments to the Convention and Visitors Bureau board, a report on Public Funds Investment Acts Training, and discussion of the Andrews ISD Bus Accident.

Next, the city leaders will tackle the meeting's Consent Agenda, including approval of city council minutes of the Nov. 16 regular meeting and the Dec. 8 special meeting; final readings of resolutions regarding a grant application for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program for department operations and media data management network servers, and authorizing professional service provider selection for Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) programs through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021; and final reading of an ordinance amending the 2021-22 budget to fund the replacement of the boiler in the Municipal Auditorium.

The council will consider approval of vouchers for Nov. 18 in the amount of \$1,071,618.98; for Dec. 2 in the amount of \$461,360.11; and for Dec. 9 in the amount of \$820,651.92.

In New Business, prior to the string of agreements and contracts detailed previously, the council will acknowledge receipt of the Zoning Board of Adjustment's minutes of its Nov. 10 meeting; and of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors minutes of its Oct. 28 meeting.

The council will also consider acceptance of a donation from the Broughton Foundation to the Big Spring Senior Center, and consider issuing General Obligation Refunding Bonds. Due to State Law, the ordinance regarding the sale of bonds will be adopted upon one reading with a majority favorable vote by the council.

Following the agreements and contracts, the council will continue with additional New Business including first reading of a resolution authorizing amendments to the city's Personnel Policy Manual. According to the proposed resolution presented with the meeting's agenda, the amendments include updates to the city's policies regarding sexual harassment, drug and alcohol use, and drug and alcohol policy for transportation employees.

The council will consider emergency reading of a resolution authorizing the city manager to negotiate with the heirs of George W. Neill to pay outstanding property taxes in connection with the

acquisition of property at 1505 E. Second Street. The city plans to build a sewer lift station on the premises.

Emergency reading of an ordinance ordering and declaring the Nov. 2021 Charter Amendments is next on the agenda. City voters approved 17 of 21 proposed charter amendments in November. The ordinance being considered Tuesday would officially adopt the amendments which passed and incorporate them into the charter.

The council will consider an amendment to its policy on charging fees for collecting payments by credit card. Previously, the city's policy has been to collect no additional reimbursement fees for use of credit cards, including those paying a charge via the internet, online Interactive Voice Response, or at a city kiosk. The amendment would allow a card reimbursement fee on fines, fees and charges assessed by the Municipal Court.

Another item on the meeting's agenda would add a new section to the City Code establishing the amount of various bonds for city officials.

Another item on the agenda, listed under the name of Councilwoman Diane Yanez (District 2), involves "Consideration and possible action to remove all members who were appointed prior to July 1, 2021, from the Airpark Development Board, Parks and Recreation Board, Traffic Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission, Animal Rescue and Adoption Committee, Board of Adjustments and Appeals and the Zoning Board of Adjustments.

Three new appointments to city boards and committees are on the agenda: John Watkins to the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark Development Board, nominated by Councilman Nick Ornelas (District 1); Rosie Franco to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals, nominated by Councilwoman Yanez, and Jonathan Ray to the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation Board, nominated by Councilwoman Yanez.

Members of the council will have an opportunity to offer input, followed by an executive session to consult with the city's attorney regarding the existing lease and operations agreements governing the Big Spring Correctional Center. The council will take no official action during the closed session. Upon returning to open session, council members will consider action pertaining to the items discussed during the closed session.

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sisters enjoyed the finer things in life on the family's 7,000-acre cotton plantation named Sylvania. Toward the end of the Civil War, Jeff's father committed suicide when it became evident that the South would lose. During these uncertain times, Jeff began reading everything he could about Western literature as well as listening to travelers' tales and town talk. These adventures quickly turned him, heart and soul, toward the Western frontier. At the young age of 16, Jeff set out for the Lone Star state of Texas. He stayed with his sister and brother-in-law and worked at their mercantile in Navasota, Texas. He then worked his way (as a cowboy) to Fort Griffin. While fulfilling part of his dreams, he was drawn to the life of a Texas Ranger. On July 27, 1880, Jeff grew a "manly" mustache and joined the Rangers just a few months shy of the required age of 21.

Jeff Milton's speed with a pistol was said to be "uncanny." He received a bullet in his hip when he tried to catch an outlaw. In Milton's report, he penciled in, "He tried to kill me, so I shot him in the forehead, in

the nose, and under the chin, and he died first.

Milton would often ride his horse along the Colorado River, sometimes catching his old Ranger friend, John Birdwell, sitting in the shallow river with his friend the Earl of Aylesford. Both gentlemen were trying to sober up, while a bottle remained between them.

After John Birdwell began operating the T&P Hotel, Jeff stopped off for a bite to eat. Rabbit stew was the dish of the day. Milton took one look and declined. The waitress, however, was insistent that he have rabbit stew as it was "very nice rabbit stew." She kept on insisting until Milton's honesty overcame his Southern charm and he blurted out, "Take it away, I've boiled too many prairie dogs in my time and any fool knows that rabbit bones aren't red.

Milton courageously gambled with death among the most dangerous men of the west. After three years with the Rangers, Jeff left the service and became El Paso's chief of police. He later signed on as deputy U.S. Marshal and Border Patrol as he single-handedly guarded the border from Nogales to the Gulf of California.

Take Note

• The Big Spring Symphony is celebrating 40 years. Shows remaining this season include: Dec. 18 "Holiday Spectacular" at First United Methodist Church; Jan. 22: 'The Music of Queen' at Big Spring High School; Feb. 19 "Winter Wonderland"; and Spring Pops Concert on April 23.

Venues for the February and April concerts will be announced at a later date. Tickets can be purchased in season passes or per concert. For updates and general information, follow The Big Spring Symphony Facebook page or go to [www.bigspringsymphony.org](http://www.bigspringsymphony.org).

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### Lady Hawks basketball team looks impressive in big win



By STEVE BELVIN

Special to the Herald

United, the Howard College Lady Hawks soared. Howard will be off for the next 18 days after taking an impressive 68-53 win over the Cisco Junior College Wranglers Saturday afternoon at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

It was a far cry from Howard's last game a week ago against Western Texas when it lost badly playing with a make shift squad decomposed by Covid protocol. Instead of having only five roster players,

Howard from the outside and man did it show. Howard started the contest slowly, falling behind by as much as nine points in the first quarter. Howard battled back to cut the deficit to 22-20 going into the second quarter thanks to three-pointer by Daniela Perdomo and a traditional three-point play by guard Charnay Robinson.

In the second quarter guard Kaeona Marquez came off the bench to ignite Howard offensively and defensively. Daysha Tijerina heated up for the Lady Hawks took a 35-32 halftime lead. Marquez, a freshman from Dalhart, had a fine overall game, finishing with 12 points, six assists and three steals.

Tijerina, another freshman, who hails from Edinburg, was the sharp shooter for Howard. She was four-of-eight from the three-point line, finishing with a game-high 18 points. She went on a three quarter streak that saw hit three consecutive three pointers. The Lady Hawks outscored Cisco 27-12 in

the period to take a commanding 62-44 lead heading into the fourth period.

Perdomo was the other Lady Hawk in double digits with 11 points to go along with six rebounds. Jasmine Elder came off the bench to help the shorter Lady Hawks on the boards. She led Howard with eight rebounds to go along with three steals.

Narora Martinez, a 6-foot-3 post, paced Cisco with 13 points, 12 rebounds and four blocked shots. Dally Coulter had 12 points and six rebounds for Cisco.

Howard will be in action Dec. 29 in the DCC Christmas Classic in Farmer's Branch. It's last home game of the year will be Dec. 31 when it hosts Arizona Compass prep at 2 p.m.

CISCO (3-8) - Tonijah Fortune 3 2 8; Jordyn Williams 1 0 3; Chloe Brinlee 4 0 9; Dally Coulter 3 5 12; Jaylin Reveles 1 0 2; Grace Paden 1 0 3; Elena Moraleda 1 0 2; totals 19-59, 10-12 53.

HOWARD (6-8) - Charney Robinson 4 3 12; Kiara Green 2 1 6; Daysha Tijerina 5 4 18; Reagan Travis 1 0 2; Daniela Perdomo 4 0 11; Aariyah Cotto 2 0 4; Kaeona Marquez 4 2 12; Jasmine Elder 1 1 3; totals 23-60, 11-13, 68.

Turnover - Cisco 20; Howard 10) Rebounds,, 42 (Martinez 12, Fortune 9); Howard 27 (Elder 8, Perdomo 6) Three Pointers - Cisco (Williams 1, Brinlee 1, Coulter 1, Paden 1) Howard (Tijerina 4, Perdomo 3, Marquez 2, Robinson 1, Green 1); Assists - Cisco (Fortune 6); Howard (Marquez 6, Tijerina 2); Steals - Cisco (Coulter 2); Howard (Elder 3, Tijerina 2, Marquez 3); Blocked Shots - Cisco (Martinez 4)

### Big Spring Lady Steers go 2-2 in Stanton tournament. Enriquez gets All-Tournament team nomination



Courtesy photos

Top Left: The Lady Steers look to get ready to play a game in this weekend's Stanton basketball tournament. The Lady Steers were impressive, finishing the tournament with a 2-2 record. Top Right: Alex Enriquez earns the All-Tournament nomination for her outstanding play for the entire tournament.

### AP All-America team expands to add receiver, defensive back

By ERIC OLSON

AP College Football Writer

To more accurately reflect the evolution of college football's offenses and defenses, The Associated Press will increase the number of players honored on its All-America teams to include a third wide receiver and fifth defensive back.

The AP has named All-America teams since 1925 based on voting by a national media panel that covers college football. The 2021 teams will be announced Monday.

The change in structure this year is the first since 2006, when the generic categories of "linemen" on both sides of the ball and "defensive backs" were broken down by specific positions.

The addition of a third receiver and fifth defensive back aligns with more offenses putting three or four receivers on the field instead of the traditional two and defenses regularly having a fifth player in the secondary replacing a linebacker or lineman.

"The game's changed, without question," Iowa State defensive coordinator Jon Heacock said. "We're a pretty good example of it with the wideouts and all the different sets we play — multiple tight ends, multiple wideouts — and then the other side of it is trying to defend it. You're seeing everybody finding ways to get more defensive backs on the field."

Each of the top-10 teams in total offense this season start three receivers and seven of the top 10 teams in total defense start five defensive backs; two of the

other three opened some games with five DBs.

Senior program executive director Jim Nagy called the AP's decision to expand its All-America team a smart move.

"It's an all-pass game now, all matchups," said Nagy, an NFL scout for two decades. "The game is getting smaller. It's more speed-based."

The AP has occasionally changed the structure of its All-America team to represent the state of the game.

"Throughout the history of the All-America team, the AP has made sure the team reflects the way the sport is played," AP interim Sports Editor Howie Rumberg said. "We felt the adjustments made on both sides of the ball this year best take into account the increasing emphasis on the passing game."

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# Cowboys deliver on coach's guarantee, beat rival Washington

By **STEPHEN WHYNO**

AP Sports Writer

LANDOVER, Md. — Beating Washington looked far from a guarantee for the Dallas Cowboys after their big lead shrunk, but coach Mike McCarthy is plenty confident winning a close game is good for his team.

Micah Parsons sacked Taylor Heinicke twice and forced a fumble that was returned for a touchdown, helping the Cowboys make good on McCarthy's "We're going to win this game" guarantee by holding on to beat Washington 27-20 Sunday and snap their rival's winning streak at four.

Dallas led 24-0 and 27-8 before Kyle Allen replaced Heinicke and led a 73-yard TD drive and Cole Holcomb intercepted Dak Prescott and ran it back for a pick-6. Washington's comeback bid came to an end when Allen fumbled with 2:24 remaining.

"There's so much value in those moments," McCarthy said. "To get where we want to go, we need to thrive in those situations. Now we created some of it today, don't get me wrong, but there's still benefit in adversity football."

The Cowboys staked themselves to such a big lead thanks to a big first-half showing by their defense. Dallas forced four turnovers and had five sacks.

Doran Armstrong recovered the fumble Parsons forced and returned it 37 yards for a touchdown, and Randy Gregory picked off Heinicke and forced Allen to fumble on a sack the day after he was activated off injured reserve. Armstrong and his teammates celebrated his TD with some of the many Cowboys fans in attendance for what felt like a home game for the leaders in the NFC East, complete with custom benches on the visiting sideline.

"They were great benches," Prescott said. "They were heated, so they did the deed and did what we needed them to, so I guess that's why we brought them in."

In the aftermath of McCarthy saying, "We're going to win this game — I'm confident in that," his team sputtered late but took care of business. Prescott threw a touchdown pass to Amari Cooper and two interceptions, Ezekiel Elliott ran 12 times for 45 yards through a knee injury and the Cowboys (9-4) distanced themselves from Washington (6-7) in the NFC East.

"We got high standards and high expectations for ourselves," said Prescott, who was 23 of 39 for 211 yards. "Got going pretty early, got a big lead, but we've got to be able to finish it off and not let them back in the game."

Tensions boiled over with 10:29 left when Washington rookie William Bradley-King — promoted off the practice squad in the morning because of COVID-19 absences — shoved Prescott near the Cowboys sideline. Elliott shoved Bradley-King, and Dallas right tackle La'el Collins was ejected for his role in the skirmish.

With blue and white jerseys outnumbering burgundy and gold at FedEx Field, the Cowboys made themselves at home by ordering heated benches with the silver star logo and team wordmarks. Owner Jerry Jones made a point this week to say the D.C. area is his team's biggest concentration of fans outside Texas.

By far the biggest crowd to witness a Washington home game this season saw Heinicke get sacked four times and exit with a left knee injury. Heinicke finished 11 of 25 for 122 yards, a 43-yard TD pass to Cam Sims and a diving 2-point conversion after his miserable first half.

Antonio Gibson fumbled for the sixth time this season, Allen was 4 of 9 for 53 yards and Washington's streak came to a screeching halt after allowing 18

points in the first quarter — more than it was giving up per game over the past month.

"The Washington Football Team versus Dallas should be a big game like it was today," coach Ron Rivera said. "We've just got to play better."

## MIGHTY PARSONS

Parsons had two sacks and became the first rookie since Jevon Kearse in 1999 and third in NFL history to have at least one in six consecutive games. One came on third and another on fourth down.

"Third and four down is when you hunt," Parsons said. "Those are the money downs."

## ZEKE GUTS IT OUT

With Tony Pollard inactive because of a foot injury, Elliott got the lion's share of the carries before the game turned into a blowout. Zeke surpassed 1,000 scrimmage yards for the sixth consecutive season and came back in the fourth when the game got close again.

"That was me being conservative," McCarthy said. "He was fine. He wanted to go back in. That was me being overcautious."

## WASHINGTON'S THIRD QB

With Allen replacing Heinicke, Washington has now had at least three quarterbacks throw a pass for the fourth consecutive season. The most recent time the organization had one QB all season was Kirk Cousins in 2017.

But there's no controversy. Rivera said of Heinicke, "If he's healthy, he's our starter."

## INJURIES

Cowboys: LT Tyron Smith limped off late in the third quarter with a left ankle injury.

Washington: WR Terry McLaurin was evaluated for a concussion after his head bounced off the turf trying to make a catch early in the third quarter.

... LT Charles Leno left late in the second quarter with a back injury. ... C Tyler Larsen was carted off in the fourth with a left leg injury. ... TE Sammis Reyes left with a concussion.

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Cowboys: Visit the New York Giants next Sunday.

Washington: Visits the Philadelphia Eagles next Sunday.

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# AP source: Former 5-star Ewers intends to transfer to Texas

By **RALPH D. RUSSO**

AP College Football Writer

Former five-star recruit Quinn Ewers, who skipped his senior year of high school to enroll at Ohio State in the hopes of cashing in on endorsement deals, has committed to transfer to Texas.

A person familiar with Ewers' decision told The Associated Press on Sunday the quarterback had informed Texas coaches he would return to his home state and play for the school he originally committed to before his junior year at Southlake Carroll High School, outside Dallas.

The person spoke on condition on anonymity because NCAA rules prohibited Texas from immediately announcing Ewers' decision.

"Hey Alexa play 'Take Me to Texas' by @GeorgeStrait #HookEm," Ewers tweeted, with an image of himself in a familiar burnt-orange Longhorns uniform.

Texas coach Steve Sarkisian tweeted his "All Gas, No Brakes" slogan 10 minutes before Ewers' post. The Longhorns went 5-7 this season, their first under Sarkisian.

Ewers announced Dec. 3 he was entering the transfer portal. Yahoo! Sports first reported Ewers had decided to transfer to Texas.

Ewers was considered one of the top prospects in the 2022 recruiting class, but decided to bypass his final year of high school to take advantage of the NCAA loosening its restrictions on athletes earning money from their names, images and likenesses.

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2021

Data	10	50		Total
Control	General	Debt Service	Other	Governmental
Codes	Fund	Fund	Funds	Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 43,031,326	\$ 5,028,586	\$ 73,197	\$ 48,133,109
5800 State Program Revenues	2,193,377	274	16,156	2,209,807
5900 Federal Program Revenues	-	-	176,215	176,215
	45,224,703	5,028,860	265,568	50,519,131
5020 Total Revenues				
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	3,400,038	-	105,733	3,505,771
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	89,575	-	-	89,575
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	2,815	-	-	2,815
0023 School Leadership	328,433	-	-	328,433
0031 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	100,407	-	-	100,407
0033 Health Services	75,888	-	5,574	81,462
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	810,876	-	-	810,876
0035 Food Services	-	-	361,401	361,401
0036 Extracurricular Activities	357,094	-	-	357,094
0041 General Administration	427,662	-	-	427,662
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	1,317,016	-	-	1,317,016
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	107,252	-	-	107,252
0053 Data Processing Services	115,082	-	-	115,082
0061 Community Services	96,131	-	-	96,131
Debt Service:				
0071 Principal on Long-Term Debt	-	4,435,000	-	4,435,000
0072 Interest on Long-Term Debt	-	483,875	-	483,875
0073 Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	805	-	805
Capital Outlay:				
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	255,194	-	-	255,194
Intergovernmental:				
0091 Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	36,060,784	-	-	36,060,784
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	76,778	-	-	76,778
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	350,501	-	-	350,501
6030 Total Expenditures	43,971,526	4,919,680	472,708	49,363,914
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)	1,253,177	109,180	(207,140)	1,155,217
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>				
7912 Sale of Real and Personal Property	81,298	-	-	81,298
7915 Transfers In	-	-	207,140	207,140
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(207,140)	-	-	(207,140)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(125,842)	-	207,140	81,298
<b>SPECIAL ITEMS:</b>				
7918 Special Item - Resource	1,514,965	-	-	1,514,965
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	2,642,300	109,180	-	2,751,480
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	11,962,555	2,567,864	-	14,530,419
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 14,604,855	\$ 2,677,044	\$ -	\$ 17,281,899

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Cookies are a popular treat. Thanks to their flavor, portability and relatively short preparation and cooking times, cookies are a smart choice when bringing dessert to a holiday gathering.

This recipe for "Flourless Chocolate Cookies" from Danielle Rye's "Live Well Bake Cookies: 75 Classic Cookie

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3/4 natural unsweetened cocoa powder

1/2 teaspoon espresso powder (optional)

1/4 teaspoon salt

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1 large egg, at room temperature

1 1/2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Line two large baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats and set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, sift the powdered

sugar and unsweetened cocoa powder together, then whisk in the instant espresso powder (if using) and salt until well combined. Set aside.

In a separate mixing bowl, whisk together the egg whites, egg, and vanilla extract until fully combined. Add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients, and stir until the mixture is fully combined and smooth.

Using a 1-tablespoon cookie scoop, scoop the cookie dough onto the prepared baking sheets, making sure to leave a little room between each one.

Bake for 11 to 14 minutes, or until the tops of the cookies are set. Remove from the oven, and allow the cookies to cool completely on the baking sheets.

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7:AM	Good Morning America		Fox 24 News AM	CBS Mornings			Light of Southwest	Tiger Tiger	CBS7 Wake Up	Divorce Jerry	George George	Charmed	Get Up	SportsCenter		Chicago P.D.	Parking	Street-Memphis
8:AM			FamFeud Wom				Light of Southwest	Sesame Elinor	CBS7 Wake Up	Maury	Broke Girl Broke Girl	Charmed		SportsCenter	Life	Chicago P.D.	Parking	Fast N' Loud
9:AM	The 700 Club		Wendy Williams	Kelly and Ryan	Caso cerrado (SS)	Today 3rd Hour	Rocks M:25	Clifford Dinosaur	Kelly Clarkson	Steve Wilkos Show	Broke Girl Broke Girl	Supernatural	First Take	Get Up	NBA Basketball: Mavericks at Thunder	Chicago P.D.	Constantine, Shia LaBeouf	Fast N' Loud
10:AM	The View	Como dice el dicho	The Real	The Price Is Right	Caso De siones	Today-Hoda	The Counter	Go Luna Curious	Drew Barrymore	Maury	Friends Friends	Supernatural				Chicago P.D.		Fast N' Loud
11:AM	Jeopardy News	Noticiero Nosotr.	Tamron Hall	Young & Restless	Más sabe Noticias	The Dr. Oz Show	Charles Dr. Young	Let's Go Luna	The Doctors	Nick Cannon	Friends Friends	Supernatural	SportsCenter	First Take	Texas High School Football Classics	Chicago P.D.	Movie: John Wick: Chapter 2, Laurence Fishburne	Fast N' Loud
12:PM	GMA3: What Now?	Hoy (SS)	TMZ Live	News Bold	Pasión de gavilanes	Days of our Lives	Truth Zion	Molly Hero	Dateline	Hot Hot	Friends Friends	Supernatural	SportsCenter			Chicago P.D.		Fast N' Loud
1:PM	General Hospital	Amor eterno (SS)	The People's Court	The Talk	En casa con	Blast	Biblical Dr. Wil	Cyber Pink	The First 48	Relative	Friends Friends	Movie: Rogue One: A Star Wars Story, Alan Tudyk (DVS)	This Just In	SportsCenter	Texas High School Football Classics	Chicago P.D.	Movie: John Wick: Chapter 3 -- Parabellum, Ian McShane	Fast N' Loud
2:PM	Rachael Ray	La madrastra	Judge Mathis	Let's Make a Deal	(1:58) Suelta la sopa	Ellen DeGeneres	Light of Southwest	Pink Elinor	Monk	Jerry Jerry	Friends Friends	NFL Rewind	NBA Today			Chicago P.D.	Movie: John Wick: Chapter 3 -- Parabellum, Ian McShane	Fast N' Loud
3:PM	Jdg Judy	El gordo y la flaca	FamFeud	Kelly Clarkson	(2:58) Al rojo vivo	Dr. Phil	Light of Southwest	Donkey Curious	Chicago Fire	Divorce	Friends Friends	NFL Live	Jalen	Spotlight	Chicago P.D.			Fast N' Loud
4:PM	You Bet Jeopardy!	Primer impacto	Two Men	CBS 7 News	En casa con	News Inside Ed.	Wonder A Prom	Almas Xavier	25 Words	25 Words	Sheldon Sheldon	(3:57) Around Pardon	NFL Live	Cowboys C'boys	Chicago P.D.	Movie: John Wick: Chapter 2, Laurence Fishburne	Street Out-laws	
5:PM	Big 2 ABC	Noticiero	Big Bang	CBS 7 News	Tele	News	Christ Rico Cor	Molly Hero	King	Nick Cannon	Sheldon Sheldon	Monday Night Countdown	SportsCenter	Fib. Classics	Chicago P.D.			Street Out-laws
6:PM	News Wheel	¿Qué le pasa a	Sheldon Sheldon	CBS 7 ET	Por amor o por	News	Families Wild Kratt	Wild Kratt	Last Man	Fam. Guy	Big Bang Big Bang		SportsCenter	Road to Champ	Chicago P.D.			Street Out-laws
7:PM	NFL Football: Los Angeles Rams at Arizona Cardinals	Rosa de Guadalupe	Gordon Ramsay's Road Trip	Neighbor Bob Heart NCIS (DVS)	Hercia: amor y venganza (SS)	The Voice	Man on Jesus IS	Odd Arthur	Law & Order: SVU	All American	Big Bang Big Bang	Movie: Creed II, Tessa Thompson (DVS)	NFL Football: Los Angeles Rams at Arizona Cardinals	2021 World Chase Tag USA	Mavs Pre. NBA Basketball: Hornets at Mavericks	WWE Monday Night RAW	Movie: John Wick: Chapter 3 -- Parabellum, Ian McShane	Street Out-laws
8:PM		Vencer el pasado	FOX 24 News at 9	NCIS: Hawaii	Malverde: el santo	American American	Light of Southwest	Cyber Pink	Mike Mike	News Gold	American American	Movie: Creed, Tessa Thompson (DVS)	Postgame SportsCenter	SEC Stoned	Mavs Cowboys	Chrisley Chrisley	(:04) Movie: John Wick, Allie Allen	Street Out-laws
9:PM	Big 2 News at 10	Noticiero	TMZ	CBS 7	Telemundo 20	News Tonight Show	Words of House	Elinor Donkey	Friends CBS 7	Burgers black-ish	American black-ish		SportsCenter	Around Pardon	NBA Basketball: Hornets at Mavericks	Chrisley Chrisley	Movie: John Wick: Chapter 3 -- Parabellum	Street Out-laws
10:PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Contacto deportivo	Mod Fam	James Corden	Parientes a la fuerza	Seth Meyers	Dollars Tiger	Minute	Minute	Minute	Minute		NFL Rewind	SportsCenter	NBA Basketball: Hornets at Mavericks	Chrisley Chrisley	Law & Order: SVU	Street Out-laws
11:AM	Nightline	Las tontas no van	Mom	Drew Barrymore	Sin Senos Si	News	Creation	Xavier Forensic	Creek Creek	Holly Creek	(11:58) Wipeout	Bones	SportsCenter	Around Pardon	NBA Basketball: Hornets at Mavericks	Chrisley Chrisley	Law & Order: SVU	Street Out-laws
12:AM	DailyMail	La madrastra	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Programa	Today-Hoda	Light of Southwest	Molly Jerry	Springer	Liquidator Gold	(12:59) Wipeout	Bones	NFL Rewind	SportsCenter	Mavs	Shogun Fights	Dateline	Oxygen WW
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2:AM	(:21) ABC World News Now	El gordo y la flaca	Law & Order: SVU	Noticias	Noticias	Early Tdy	Issues4 Cowgirl	Odd	Paid Prg.	Paid Prg.	Secrets		SportCtr	UFC Unleashed	Snow	Dateline	Paid Prg.	Gold Rush WW
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Please thoroughly wash your hands to keep us healthy!



Contract Bridge Famous Hand

By Steve Becker

East dealer. North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ K Q 5 2  
 ♥ J 2  
 ♦ J 8 7 5  
 ♣ 7 4 3

**WEST**  
 ♠ J 6 4 3  
 ♥ 10 8 6  
 ♦ K  
 ♣ K Q 9 8 2

**EAST**  
 ♠ 10 9 7  
 ♥ Q 9 4 3  
 ♦ Q 10 6  
 ♣ A J 6 5

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ A 8  
 ♥ A K 7 5  
 ♦ A Q 9 4 3 2  
 ♠ 10

The bidding:  
 East South West North  
 Pass 1 ♣ 2 ♣ Pass  
 2 ♥ 3 ♦ Pass 4 ♦  
 Pass 4 NT Pass 5 ♣  
 Dble 6 ♦

Opening lead — king of clubs. This deal was played in the U.S.-Italy world championship match in 1951. It was Board No. 185 of the 320-board match and the Italians were very far behind at the time. Paolo Baroni was South for Italy, and Mario Franco was North. Baroni started with an artificial one-club bid and wound up in six diamonds after a somewhat mystifying series of bids by both sides. West led the king of clubs followed by the queen, ruffed by

declarer. The fate of the hand now depended on avoiding a trump loser, so Baroni led a spade to the queen and returned the jack of diamonds. East falsecarded with the ten to encourage a finesse, but despite this, Baroni went up with the ace, caught the king and so made the slam! Explaining his anti-percentage play, Baroni said he thought that the American North-South pair at the other table would also bid the slam and that South would undoubtedly make the normal play of taking a finesse in the trump suit. Baroni could not afford to duplicate the result at the other table, because his team was miles behind in the match, and a tie on the deal would amount to standing still. And so — rejecting the percentage play — Baroni rose with the ace, realizing that this might cost him 1,470 points but hoping to gain the same amount by finding West with the singleton king. Baroni was right on all counts! He caught the king, made the slam, and was also correct in his prediction of what would occur at the other table. Sure enough, the American South got to six diamonds and went down one when he took the trump finesse.

Tomorrow: Bid better, play better.  
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Annie's Mailbox

Somebody's Watching

**Dear Annie:** I have a loving daughter, and I respect her husband greatly. I have visited from across the country countless times. I am 84, and they have two grown children. Everyone is happy when we are together. The only issue as far as I'm concerned is that the hubby, although generous and kind, is overly domineering, bordering on being a tyrant, and a nut about managing things, especially electronics. On a recent visit of mine, my daughter mentioned that he had installed cameras in several places in their house because I was there. It was supposedly so he can see the entryways to their home from his cellphone for security purposes. He installed them, however, so that he can both see and hear virtually everything that goes on in their house. He has even called her from his office a few times to say, "What room are you in? I can't see you." She is about the most hardworking and honest and kindest woman a man could ever expect. He is a successful and important provider. They have never had any marital conflict about cheating or anything. She has no way of knowing whether his snooping gadgets are on or off. She says that it's his thing and that there's no use in fighting about it. However, it disgusts me, and I don't think I will be able to visit their home again if I'm being monitored. It's not moral or proper. It's an invasion of privacy. Should I mention this to him or just stop going there? He would probably be grossly offended, seeing as he is allegedly "the master of the house." Not seeing them would be devastating to me because my daughter is my closest living relative and I love her dearly. We have never had a real argument since the day she was born. -- Loving Gramps Needs Advice

Dear Loving Gramps

I agree with you that all that surveillance seems a bit creepy. If this is part of a larger pattern of controlling behavior, it could indicate emotional abuse. (Call The National Domestic Violence Hotline, at 800-799-7233, for guidance.) But unless and until your daughter comes to you with such concerns, there's not much you can do. Why not invite them over to your house rather than create a conflict in their marriage where there may be none?

Dear Annie

I have two grandsons in the military, and I am very proud of them. Each Christmas, I send each a card and a nice check. One I hear from as soon as he opens his mail, but I don't hear at all from the other. The first year, I reminded the parents several times before I received a very nice thank-you letter. This past year, I said nothing and received no thank-you. This year, I want

to cut him off (to get his attention) and then give him another chance next year. What advice would you offer me in this situation? -- Wisconsin Grandpa

Dear Wisconsin Grandpa

You shouldn't have to jump through hoops trying to train your grandchildren to write thank-you notes. This year, do only as much as you feel inclined to do. Perhaps send a card but no check so he knows you're thinking of him and you're not thinking of him resentfully afterward. To the grandchildren reading this, let this be a reminder of just how much a simple thank-you note means.

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