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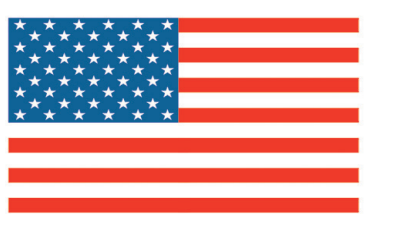
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City Council calls special meeting for unfinished business due to no quorum

By **IRIS RANGEL**
 Herald Staff Writer

City Council will reconvene Tuesday afternoon to discuss action items that were not able to voted on due to not reaching a quorum last week. Council members will look to complete a lengthy agenda that includes hot topics regarding the possibility of breaking the lease agreement at the current building and moving the CVB to a city owned building. There are also several agenda items that have been postponed until Feb. 23, that were also meant to be discussed at the Jan. 26 meeting.
 City Manager Darden

will open the meeting with a Quarterly Financial Report for members of the Council to review. Darden will also discuss the first reading of a resolution of the City Council authorizing account signatories.

Afterward, Consent Items will be discussed with the Council such as the approval of the City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Jan. 12, 2020, the final reading of an ordinance calling for a General Election to be held on May 1, 2021 for the purpose of electing City Council members for Districts Two, Four and Six all of whom shall be elected by majority vote of the qualified voters in

the respective districts.

Mayor Shannon Thomason will also review a final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Big Spring City Code entitled "Administration" Article VIII "Boards and Commissions," Division 2 "Airpark Development Board" Section 2-255 "Organization and Membership" in order to correct inconsistencies in the ordinance and to clarify the nature of the Airpark Safety Subcommittee.

Vouchers for 01/14/2021 in the amount of \$1,802,855.82 and 01/21/2021 in the amount of \$352,637.64 will be discussed between the Council.

Assistant City Manger John Medina will bring forth the possible award of the bid for the 2021 Crack Seal Project to American Pavement Solutions and Zero Turn Mower for the Airpark to Professional Turf Products, LP.

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Upcoming Events

City Council Special Meeting
 5:30 p.m.
 Tuesday
 Council Chambers

Big Spring EDC Special Meeting
 5:15 p.m.
 Wednesday

Big Spring Chamber Banquet and Business Expo
 Feb. 11
 1:30 p.m.
 Virtual event

February 15 Thank a Veteran Day
 Take a moment to thank a service man or woman for their service.

Big Spring Economic Development Corporation calls special meeting

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

A special meeting of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation has been called for Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 5:15 p.m. The meeting will take place in the EDC Board Room located at 215 W. Third.

According to the agenda, the meeting will have board members into an Executive Session in accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.087 (1) to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has

received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body. The board will be discussing project retail, according to the agenda item listed.

Following the close of discussion in Executive Session, the board will reconvene in Open Session to take any action that may result from the discussion.

Before the meeting adjourns for the evening there will be time allotted for board

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A Moment in Time

The 800 block of Main

Editor's Note: The Heritage Museum provides a focus on a piece of history each week to be shared with the Big Spring Herald readers. Each story is only part of the history that is contained inside the walls of the Heritage Museum. To find out more about Big Spring and Howard County history, visit the Heritage Museum Tuesday through Saturday.



By **TAMMY SCHRECENGHOST**
 Heritage Museum

Few understand (myself included) why Big Spring chose to tear down the beautiful old homes to make room for more "modern" buildings. Perhaps the infrastructure was not set up for expansion further away from the perimeters of the downtown area. In any case, most of the homes were either torn down or moved away before 1970. Very few remain in the area today.

During the late 1920's and 30's, a few Big Spring homeowners sold their homes and moved to the new housing subdivisions, Edwards Heights, and Washington Place. The ranch families most often chose

to move back to their ranch homes. The majority of town homes were being sold off for their lots. The homes fate rested in someone moving it to a new location or dismantling it. Families no longer wanted an old fashioned-outdated, drafty, squeaky, old house! They wanted the modern conveniences of wall-to-wall carpet, updated kitchens with the newest appliances, and the new "forced air conditioning." It was time to throw away those old "antique" pieces that belonged to grandma and purchase the new-age,

period-hip, art nouveau line. No more trudging up and down stairs. The craftsman and brick ranch were in high demand.

Ed's brother, R.L. Price built the one-story home at 804 Main, that is seen in middle. He and his wife Lucille lived in the home until R.L. passed away in 1938. His mother, Ada Price Evans had lived with them until her death in 1936. The house was originally painted a darker color of green with white trim but after

Courtesy photo/Heritage Museum

Between 1906 and 1916 the 800 block of Main was lined with beautiful homes and manicured lawns. On the west side, facing east, were the Ed Price/Johnson's home at far right. R.L. Price's home was located in middle with Wasson/Chalk's home.

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COVID-19 Updates

On Tuesday, SMMC received a re-allocation of vaccines from Midland Health. SMMC held a community vaccination clinic on Wednesday and another on Thursday, until the vaccine supply was depleted. There were a total of 757 shots given to the Big Spring community. When more vaccines become available the information will be released through local media outlets. More information can also be found online at scenicmountainmedical.org/vaccine

Scenic Mountain Medical Center has reported 1/28/2021:
 • 8 Covid-19 positive patients
 • 1 in ICU & 1 vent

SMMG & SMMC Testing through Jan. 28:
 • 3130 tests
 • 778 positives for 24.9% positivity rate
 • 1 pending

From Dec. 2020 - Jan. 28, 1194 patients have tested of which 268 were positive for a rate of 22.5% positivity. 1 test is pending.

Howard County has reported as of 01/29:
 • 2868 positive cases
 • 85 Covid-19 fatalities
 • 204 Active cases
 • 4053 recovered
 • 1474 probable cases

Outpatient COVID testing in Big Spring
 Gregg Street Clinic
 2301 South Gregg St
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910 S Main St
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West Texas Medical Plaza
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Obituaries

Melba Lorene (Preston) Sykes



Melba Lorene (Preston) Sykes was born in the tiny hamlet of Hale Center, Texas on Monday, Aug. 18, 1930, to Arnett Carey (A.C.) and Docia Fay Preston and was welcomed into the arms of her loving Savior on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 23, 2021. Her life of 90 and one-half years was marked only by measles as a toddler and mumps when she was in her mid-20s until dementia in her 80s was accelerated by a very

brief Covid diagnosis in late 2020.

She was a wonderful wife to Abbott B. (Hap) Sykes, until his passing in December 2012. She was the best mother a daughter or son could ever have. Her children were extremely blessed to call her Mom and Mother.

Having been raised in Big Spring Texas, Melba married Hap in October 1951, and they established their home in Big Spring until they moved to Odessa, Texas, in 1959. By then, their daughter and oldest of three sons were born to them; in Odessa they would have two more sons.

Melba was supportive in all her children's activities and with their father continued a giving ministry in support of spreading God's Word throughout the world that began in the very early days of their marriage. At her passing, she was continuing to tithe to not only her church, Grace Christian Fellowship, but also to a dozen other ministries around the world. For many years, she was active with Women's Aglow Fellowship (now Aglow International). About 10 years ago she provided the entire funding to drill a desperately needed water well in the African country of Zambia. At about the same time, she also fully funded a mobile radio transmitter in the Middle East so that many people groups there could hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Melba was generous not only to the many ministries she supported, but she was also very generous to her family that she loved very much.

Melba's church family and her extended church family were also an important part of her life as she was active with the seniors and care group as well as a home Bible study in Midland. Until the dementia began to become more dominant in her life, one would see Melba's little blue Honda FIT in her spe-

cial parking spot every Sunday and could then find Melba in her own particular seat in the sanctuary.

Just before she passed out of this earthly life, her children and beloved son-in-law gathered at her bedside to sing two of her favorite hymns, "It Is Well (with My Soul)" and "Great is Thy Faithfulness." At the last chorus, she entered eternity to meet her Savior and those dear ones who had gone ahead of her. We praise the Lord for her life that was so well lived.

Melba is preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Abbott B (Hap) Sykes; her middle son, Stephen Preston Sykes of Odessa, Texas; two of her three siblings – her sister, Quepha Lewis of Springfield, MO and her brother, Carl Preston of Abilene, Texas; and her parents, A.C and Docia Preston of Big Spring, Texas.

Melba is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Judy and John Dalton of Cloudcroft, NM; her two sons, Barry of Odessa, Texas and Nathan of Providence, RI. Her remaining sibling, an older sister, Margie Weller, resides in Denver, CO. Mom is also survived by her granddaughters, Stephanie and Ken Miller of Fort Worth, Texas and Jessica and Calvin Wiggins of Roanoke, TX; her grandson, Michael and Nikki Dalton of Woodland Park, Colorado; and five great-grandchildren, Rowan Hines, Calvin Wiggins Jr. (CJ), and Zane, Eisley and Ella Dalton. She also leaves behind many dear friends in Odessa and beyond who blessed her life immensely as we know she also enriched theirs.

Melba's family would like to thank her former pastor and now hospice chaplain, Clark Racca; the attentive staff and case workers with Hospice of Midland; and the staff and management of The Courtyards Assisted Living and Memory Care, where Melba enjoyed the last three years of her life. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be designated to Youth Ministry/Grace Christian Fellowship, 3450 Billy Hext Rd, Odessa TX 79765.

A celebration of Melba's life will be on Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2021, at 1 p.m. in the sanctuary of Grace Christian Fellowship. Burial will follow this celebration with a graveside service at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are entrusted to Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home. To send condolences, please sign her guestbook at www.sunsetodessa.com.

Paid Obituary

Aline McDaniel

Aline McDaniel, 73, of Big Spring died Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Seferina Ramirez

Seferina Ramirez, 94, of Big Spring died Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Debra Molina

Debra Molina, 56, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take Note

• The Big Spring Symphony Association has announced the kick off of the 39th Season which is set to begin Feb. 6. The concert will take place at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door, but patrons are strongly encouraged to purchase tickets in advance online at www.bigspringsymphony.org or local ticket vendors: H-E-B, Heritage Museum, The Karat Patch or the CVB office. Students are admitted free. Performance adjustments have been made due to Covid-19 to assure the health and safety of everyone. Patrons are asked to arrive early and ushers will seat them in six foot social distance format. Everyone needs to wear a mask upon entering the facility.

• The City of Big Spring will reopen all indoor rentable facilities as of Monday, February 1, 2021 for normal operations. We still request that individuals holding events and persons attending events adhere to the following: Please wear a mask when not eating or drinking anything; Make sure to wash and/or sanitize your hands regularly; If you are not feeling well, running a fever, or have been exposed please do not attend events.

• All City of Big Spring offices have reopened to the public effective January 19, 2021. We ask citizens to act responsibly and follow all health precautions and sanitizing guidelines. We strongly recommend that citizens continue to practice social distancing, wash your hands frequently, stay home if you're sick, and wear a mask when in public areas.

• West Texas Centers will be hosting the 2021 Mental Health

First Aid training classes in February. Adult mental health virtual class will take place Feb. 17 from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.; in-person adult mental health first aid class will take place Feb. 23, at 3205 Hwy 87 from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.; and the final class in the series will take place Feb. 25 from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. virtually.

• A GoFund me page for Ed Flores, who recently tested positive for coronavirus and was recently transferred to Lubbock. Donations are requested to help with medical bills and travel expenses so his wife can be close with him. Ed worked with Shroyer for about 25 years and 87 Auto Sale as a mechanic; he has always been willing to help out people even when they didn't have enough money to pay him. Donations can be made at GoFundMe by Monica Medina. For more information on how to help, e-mail jessemonica1234@gmail.com or call 432-517-7675.

• The Howard County Courthouse will only be open by appointment. All doors except the handicapped entrance located on the west side of the building will be locked. All who enter will be screened following Covid guidelines. Face masks are required for all who enter.

• Forsan Food Pantry will be open twice a month from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Families who are in need can pull up to the front doors of the Junior High/High School and receive a free box of pre-packed meals. If you have any questions or need to pick up a box at a different time, contact Kaci Wash at 432-457-2223 ext 821 or Jenny Sayles at jennysales@yahoo.com.

• Cub Scouts meet Monday from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Naz Family Church, located at 1400 S. Lancaster.

• Howard County Republican Club meets the second Monday of each month in the Cactus Room at Howard College. The next meeting is Jan. 20 and will be held in the newly renovated Cactus Room. Everyone is welcome. The meeting takes place at Noon. For more information call 432-213-7628.

• A new group named Taking Care of Business has started in Howard County. It is made up of people of all ages and genders who want to be better than they are. The focus of the fledgling organization is to engage in meaningful discussions that promote personal growth. Additionally, the organization will plan and execute worthwhile activities within the community. There is no membership fee and attendance is not taken. The only requirements are that you be positive or want to be more positive than you are, consider yourself to be a good person but want to be better than you are, and that you have a desire to help others be better too. Childcare is available during the discussion time if you let us know. Topics to be avoided include Religion and Politics, though we can dance around them.

Taking Care of Business is being sponsored by the local Masons and it meets in the Masonic Lodge on the court square. It is not necessary that you have any masonic affiliation to participate in this Growth Group. All Covid-19 safety protocols will be followed as defined by local, state, and federal authorities.

Support Groups

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. The next session begins Sept. 3, 2019. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

WEDNESDAY

• Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, 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@wtc-mhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.





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Big Spring Economic Development Board Director Mark Willis will need an acknowledgment receipt from the Council regarding the Big Spring EDC Board of Director's Minutes of the regular meeting of Dec. 15, 2020.

Hayley Herrera will converse with Council members over the consideration and possible action concerning accepting a gift to Big Spring Senior Center from the Broughton Foundation Trust and the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 32 of the Big Spring City Code entitled "License, Taxation, and Miscellaneous Business Regulations" by adding a new Article VI entitled "Commercial Filming Regulations" in order to establish guidelines for the use of city-owned property in all types of motion picture production.

Big Spring City Council will also discuss possibly taking action to seek permission to participate in a grant process with Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission (PBRPC). Council member Doug Hartman will bring forth the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 12 of the Big Spring City Code in order to establish limited, forward-looking regulation for manufactured homes and mobile homes.

City Attorney Andrew Hagen will also discuss with the Council the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 32 of the Big Spring City Code to include short-term rentals and bed and breakfast in definition of hotel in order to require payment and collection of hotel occupancy taxes from short-term rentals and bed and breakfasts within the City; amending section 32-63 to require establishments subject to the tax to register with the City's Convention and Visitors's Bureau; amending other sections to authorize the CVB Director to collect the tax and process registrations; providing for a penalty of \$500; and subjecting commercial short-term rentals to

commercial rates for water and sewer utilities and trash collection.

Assistant City Manager John Medina will converse with the Council over an ordinance which adopted the Annual Budget for the City of Big Spring for fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 2020 and ending Sept. 30, 2021 by increasing the Cable Franchise-Peg Fund for the purchase of audio/visual equipment, lighting, and electrical work.

Mayor Thomason will also be discussing the first reading of a resolution amending the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation by amending the Title of Article VI entitled "Directors" to "Directors, Officers, and Employees"; and amending the number of Directors; Manner of appointment of Directors and Officers; and limiting the number of employees; and adding a new Article VIII entitled "Conduct of Business, Generally" that provides for the conduct of Directors and Employees concerning contracts, lobbying, and amendment of the Articles of Incorporation without proper authorization of Council.

During the New Business portion of the meeting, Council members Hughes and Ornelas will discuss and possibly take action regarding reassignment of two staff members to other departments and discussion and action regarding breaking the lease agreement at the current building and moving the CVB to a city owned building. Hughes and Ornelas will also bring forth discussion concerning reviewing the lease agreements for the Chamber of Commerce and United Way that are Co-located with the EDC.

Council Input will also be given towards the end of the meeting.

Before adjourning for the evening, Council members will discuss litigation matters and the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee; or (2) to hear a complaint or charge against an Officer or Employee: City Attorney in an Executive Session.

The Council will then reconvene in Open Session to take any necessary action regarding the litigation matters.

The agenda items postponed until Feb. 23 include:

Public hearings for proposed amendments to the city's zoning regulations regarding carports and accessory uses, recreational vehicles and mobile/manufactured homes, and short-term rentals

First reading of an ordinance amending the Big Spring Zoning Ordinance, Article 4 entitled "Development Standards," Section 4-6 "Special Carport Exception," subsection (e) to remove certain restrictions on front yard carports; amending Article 8 entitled "Supplemental Use Standards," Section 8-1 "Accessory Uses," subsection (d) to regulate carports in the side and rear yards

First reading of an ordinance amending the Big Spring Zoning Ordinance, Article 2 "Definitions," Section 2-1 "Definitions of words and terms" by adding a new definition "Short term rental" and amending Article 7 "Special Applications," Section 7-2 "Specific Use Permits" subsection (b) 8 to add short-term rentals to those uses requiring a specific use permit

First reading of an ordinance amending the Big Spring Zoning Ordinance, to prohibit travel trailers and recreational vehicles as living quarters except with a specific use permit; adding a new section 7-5 to establish regulation concerning mobile and manufactured housing; amending Article 8, section 9-7 by amending the title of the section and prohibiting temporary use permits for mobile homes and; amending section 8-7 to clarify permitted uses of manufactured homes and prohibiting mobile homes.

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Weather



Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 61. Calm wind becoming south around 5 mph in the morning.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 39. South wind around 5 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 69. South wind 5 to 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 43. Southwest wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 76.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 52.

Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 69.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 38.

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

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comment. A moment for public comment will be held following the Call to Order and the Invocation and Pledge, before the board retires into Executive Session.

Those wishing to attend the meeting can do so in person. Those needing special accommodations or hearing-impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should contact the BSEDC at 432-264-6032 at least 48 hours before the meeting.

HISTORY

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a remodel, it was painted white with green trim and green shingled roof. By the late 1930's, the house took on a completely different look with a stucco facade and turning the porch into an enclosed sunroom.

R.L.'s widow, Lucille, continued to live in the home after his death. She later remarried, Cecil Walker, a local pharmacist who owned Walker Drug. Walker Drug was located on the northeast corner of Main and 2nd and what is now known as the Desert Flower. A.L. Wasson built his majestic home at 810 Main between 1911-1915.

Mr. and Mrs. Wasson spent much of their time at their ranch south of Big Spring. The ranch home is located on Wasson Road, as it makes the turn south. They sold their home on Main, to the Otis Chalk Estate however, the Chalk's never lived in the home. Through the years the home was used as a boarding house for patients and

staff at Malone and Hogan Hospital. This home was saved! It was sold and moved east of Big Spring where it is now a showplace.

2nd picture caption

In 1909, across the street from the Price/Wasson homes, were three lovely houses belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson, C.A. Stewart and his wife Louise, and William and Rubia McPherson. The McPherson home, at 809-11 Main, was the first to be sold and torn down to make room for Bivins and Barcus Hospital in the 1920's.

The stately two-story McPherson home was less than 20 years old when it was torn down. Next on the wrecking ball list was the Stewart's home at 805 Main. Space was desperately needed when Drs. Malone and Hogan purchased the Bivings and Barcus hospital in 1938. The hospital continued to grow and spread throughout the block and the 900 block. The Currie home at 801 Main was the last to go.

In 1978, Malone and Hogan Hospital and Clinic moved to their new multi-million-dollar facility at the foot of Scenic Mountain. The former hospital building was purchased by State National Bank where it is still presently located.

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Estevan Valencia, 61, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Ed Freeman, 71, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Debra Molina, 56, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Seferina Ramirez, 94, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Aline McDaniel, 73, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Carlos Leal, 69, died Wednesday. Funeral Mass will be 11:00 AM Monday at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Stan Wegman, 74, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Gwendolyn Vanderbilt, 75, died Thursday. Visitation will be Tuesday from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 2:00 PM at Myers & Smith

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CHS' MaKynlee Overton named to TSATA Academic All State Team

Special to the Herald

MaKynlee Overton, a Coahoma High School senior, has been named to the Academic All State Team by the Texas State Athletic Trainers' Association.

"This is a big achievement for her and well deserved," said Chris Joslin, CISD athletic director. "She is a trainer in our football program, while still playing four sports herself and maintaining a high grade point average."

Overton joins an elite statewide group recognized for their academic achievements, while providing a vital role to their school's athletic program.

In order to be considered for the award, students must be graduating seniors, be in good standing as an athletic trainer, be of good moral character, and have a grade point average of 3.8 or higher.

Overton is a member of the National Honor Society. She is a standout athlete at CHS and participates in volleyball, basketball, and track.

Last fall, Overton was one of nine CHS students named to the Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) Football Academic All-State Team. She is the daughter of John and Amy Overton.



Courtesy photo

MaKynlee Overton, a senior at Coahoma High School, was recently named to the Academic All State Team by the Texas State Athletic Trainers' Association.

Athletic Support "Redshirting" my 9-year-old

DEAR ATHLETIC SUPPORT: I have a 9 year old who plays baseball and basketball. Two different coaches have urged me to hold him back now, it would be beneficial for his high school career.

I think this idea is ridiculous. The emotional distress it could cause him doesn't compare to the "what ifs" of his high school sports career. I'm curious to hear your thoughts on this. — CURIOUS SPORTS MOM

child's brain on hold. Along the same lines, when a child reaches middle school, his brain isn't buzzing quite as fervently as it was previous to kindergarten, but something else is forming, something equally important — his social life.



Eli Cranor

Yanking a kid away from all the friends he's grown up with is dangerous. Nonprofit publisher Ed Week released research recently that said retaining a child at any grade level typically yields little or no positive effects, but instead can lead to academic boredom. It can also hurt their self-esteem.

Are there instances where "redshirting" may be beneficial? Sure.

If a teacher or principal alerts you that your child is falling behind in their classwork, or his maturity isn't on par with his peers, then you should think deeply about holding your son back. But doing so in order to gain an advantage in sports? Especially at the ripe age of 9 years old?

That's crazy. And it's truly shocking to me that two different coaches have advised you in this manner. It's scary. And here's why:

At the core of every human being is the yearning to belong. To fit in. To be a part of a team. Some of the sweetest memories from my playing career happened in locker rooms or on buses, places away from the glory of the field.

The camaraderie forged through athletics is what makes it special. In many ways, it's why sports even matter at all — they bring us together.

So I would urge you, with as much conviction as possible, to think long and hard about redshirting your son. In the life of a 9 year old, there is nothing more important than friendship. Nothing more essential than being a part of the team, his team, the friends he's grown up with.

DEAR SPORTS MOM: There's a term for what you're talking about; it's called "redshirting." And no, I don't think you should subject your 9 year old to this sort of crazy.

Redshirting is, however, on the rise across the country. Redshirting is the practice of holding a child back in school for the purpose of gaining an advantage in sports. In other words, let your kid grow a year, and she'll be the one scoring all the points, hitting the homeruns, and spiking the volleyball down the younger, smaller girls' throats.

I'm going to confess something now: I was redshirted.

But it happened in college, which is where the term originates. College. Not elementary school or middle school.

The problem with this new form of "redshirting" is that it occurs during critical developmental years for children: previous to kindergarten or deep in the throes of middle school.

According to Michael McArdle, a Learning Research Specialist, the absolute highest use of energy in the human brain occurs around the age of four (right before kindergarten). So, holding your son back a year to let him grow larger and stronger, will most definitely effect his cognitive development. You cannot put a

Sasser, No. 6 Houston beat SMU 70-48 for 8th straight win

HOUSTON (AP) — Marcus Sasser scored 19 points and No. 6 Houston beat SMU 70-48 on Sunday for its eighth straight win.

Sasser bounced back to make five of his last 10 shots. After scoring just three points in a victory over Tulane on Thursday, he opened 0 for 5 against the Mustangs.

"My teammates kept telling me every time I went to the bench, 'Keep shooting the ball,'" Sasser said. "Coach (Kelvin Sampson) tells me all the time he doesn't care how many I miss, just keep shooting. Even when I am off to a bad start like that, I keep shooting and gaining confidence because my teammates put that confidence in me even though I miss."

Justin Gorham had nine points and 17 rebounds for Houston (15-1, 10-1 American Athletic Conference), which won its 20th consecutive home game. Reggie Chaney added 10 points.

The Cougars won despite shooting only 34%.

"I thought our offense was great the first half, we just weren't making open shots," Sasser said. "Look at how many shots we missed, looking at how many shots around the rim we were missing. I told our guys, 'Don't worry about that, you'll make them.'"

Houston outrebounded SMU 45-33 and committed 10 turnovers.

"Our defense has been getting better," Sampson said. "There are three core tenets of our program — our defense, our rebounding and taking care of the ball."

2021 Bulldogettes show promise at first scrimmage



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The 2021 Bulldogettes are ready to get the season started.

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Next: Coahoma hosts Greenwood

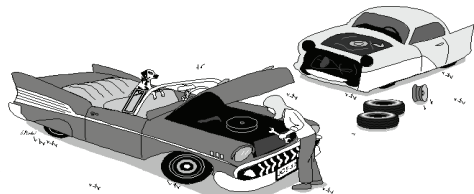
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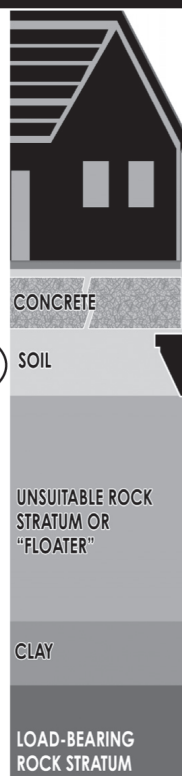
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Annie's Mailbox

Look Inside, Not at the Scale

Dear Annie: I met my wife online 11 years ago. Within six weeks of our marriage, I realized she was changing. She was trim and lovely at the start, but I feared she would let herself go -- and that is exactly what happened.

She is now well over 30 pounds overweight, and I can't say anything about it or it's abuse. I'm 64 and I keep active and stay in shape. I have no desire for her at all. We have been to counseling, but it didn't help. I don't know what to do. -- Frustrated Husband

Dear Frustrated Husband: I'm hearing complaints you have about your wife, but have you looked at the reason she has put on 30 pounds? Is she happy in her life? Since you are active, is there any chance you could persuade her to engage in physical activity with you? Take your focus off of the number on the scale and put it onto her health. Help her find a healthy routine that she would enjoy with you. A healthy marriage is one in which you build up your partner, not find all of his or her faults.

Dear Annie: The letter you published from Missing My Things reminds me very much

of my husband and me. He would go through my "stack" of things in the guise of tidying up, throw out my things he didn't think necessary and yet throw away nothing of his own.

I asked him to let me go through my own things. I asked him to only handle his things, and I said that I would handle mine. Then I told him flat out, "If something does not belong to you, you have no right to throw it away." One day, I found in the trash can a small plastic bucket that I had bought awhile ago at the beach, as well as sea glass, shells and rocks that I had collected for a craft project.

I asked what right he had to throw it all in the trash when it wasn't his. His answer was that he thought they belonged to our granddaughter. What? Even if they were hers, they were not his. I told him, "You have no right to throw out something that's not yours." I said that when I start going through things, I will throw his things out as well. That worked. It stopped.

Maybe "Missing's" husband has obsessive compulsive disorder or is ill, but two can play that game if he doesn't get the point and stop. -- Nip It in the Bud

Dear Nip It in the Bud: Your direct approach with your husband was the key to your success. Congrats on taking charge.

Hi, Annie: As a therapist specializing in eating disorders for 30-plus years, I'd like to weigh in about the mother worrying about her adolescent daughter's eating and weight. This is a very common dynamic: A mother who struggles with her own weight passes her distress down to her child by being critical about her size and food intake. Making it an issue is the surest way for the daughter to develop an eating problem, and it sounds as if she may already have.

Children also often use their eating and size as a way to rebel against their parents. Suggesting that Mom invite her daughter to do more things with her may or may not be right for this young woman. She might want more independence and less contact with Mom.

Dear Therapist: Thank you for your letter. I love hearing from professionals on specific topics, and I hope it helps other mothers and daughters in similar situations.

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♥ K J
♦ 5 4
♣ Q 9 8 3

SOUTH
♠ A 4 2
♥ Q 7 4 3
♦ A Q 10 8
♣ A 5

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

Opening lead — ten of spades.

with the queen of hearts. The trouble with this was that if South at any point led a heart toward his queen, East — who was marked with the king for his opening bid — would take the king and run off enough spades to set the contract.

Declarer's first impulse was to try to endplay East by stripping him of diamonds and clubs prior to throwing him in with a spade to force a lead from the king of hearts. But he rejected this approach — rightly, as it turned out — because he thought there was too good a chance that West could win the third spade and thereby take his partner off the endplay.

Another possibility existed, however, and this was the one South chose. He held up the ace of spades until the third round, discarding a heart from dummy, then cashed four diamond tricks. East discarded a club on the third diamond but ran into serious trouble on the fourth. He could not afford to throw a heart or a spade, so he discarded another club.

The situation South had hoped for thus came to pass. The A-K and another club were now played, losing to West's jack and establishing dummy's seven of clubs as declarer's ninth trick. After winning the third declarer could count eight top tricks — a spade, a heart, four diamonds and two clubs. The only chance for a ninth appeared to lie in scoring a trick

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Venus Fans St. Brig- id's Day Fire

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Everyone has their faults, though none more annoying than those possessed by your nearest and dearest. You'll be wise to accept an unpleasant aspect of a loved one, as it's going nowhere.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People need. They think that fulfilling the need will bring happiness. Whether it is really so is beside the point. The point is asking yourself if you know the need. Can you address it?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The root of all feelings is within. When we are upset, we tend to blame others. At least this makes it easier to articulate the problem. Once articulated, bring it back to yourself for solutions.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Those who've had adventures and can regale you with tales of survival are sources of inspiration. In-person contact makes the strongest impression, but the example of media role models can be surprisingly affecting.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The ego is a necessary and useful contributor to your survival, and yet it often contributes to a lot of unnecessary and useless noise. Keeping it in check is the name of the game today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Friction

polishes the jewel. Nothing shines without it. So don't be afraid to clash with others. If done well, it will make both of you better. If done badly, the outcome will be the same, only more painfully accomplished.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Of all your choices, none is so clear an indicator of how you think about yourself than your choice of company. Self-love is surrounding yourself with supportive, encouraging, inspiring people who get you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You don't like wasting time. Once you're at that irritated feeling that your time is being wasted, it's already too late. Disinterest and boredom were a few miles back. Get off at the next exit.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Just as a movie director becomes known for turning out a particular kind of film, your audience has come to expect a certain emotional tone from you. Today, you'll enact a genre-cross.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Want a shortcut to creating

meaning in your life? Help someone else do what's meaningful to them. You get the residual impact of joy as well as a dose of inspiration to apply to your next venture.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You've stopped many conflicts before they began by simply making a prediction about what would happen next if you said X, Y or Z. You've frequently been rewarded by your forethought, and now you'll be commended for it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You could be the best in the world at something but if that thing is not popular, few will notice. If such a fact doesn't diminish your passion to practice, then it means you've definitely chosen the right endeavor.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 1). Complications dissolve. Simplicity sets you free. Be decisive and you'll create astounding success as you frame problems in practical terms, find solutions and repeat them hundreds of times. The answers that work best will be very specific and unique to you. Work what works, and

if it's not working, try something else. Libra and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 33, 8, 20 and 12.

TURN THE DOWN-SIDE OF YOUR SIGN INTO AN ASSET: Jupiter-ruled SAGITTARIUS is the sign of expansion and luck. It's also the sign of indulgence. If you believe that you can't have too much of a good thing, you haven't experience the kind of excess that Sagittarius is naturally drawn to. This sign cringes at the word "moderation." While others seem to be able to exercise portion control at the banquet of life, Sagittarius doesn't have an "off" switch. Sagittarius can make the most of the tendency by focusing on the things that are truly beneficial. If you're going to have too much of something, it may as well be friends, love, music and happiness!

As the sign related to public standing and career, CAPRICORN is always conscious of power -- who has it, who doesn't and why. The study of power can be a bit of a preoccupation for Capricorn, who is eager to learn how different groups and organizations are run and what it takes to rise through the rankings. Capricorn can turn this preoccupation into money by noting the needs and wants of a group and finding a way to serve them at the right price.

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SUDOKU

Fun By The Numbers

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

3			1	5	8			
	9			8		4		
		6		9			2	1
4	2			6	1	3		
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7				4		5	3	

Level: Beginner

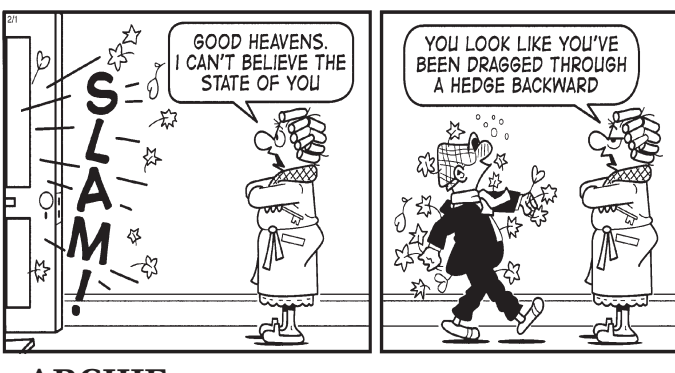
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in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

3	9	2	7	4	6	8	5	1
6	1	6	8	2	7	3	4	5
4		7	8	3	6	1	5	2
2		7	7	2	1	5	8	4
9		1	5	8	4	3	6	7
4	9		2	1	5	4	7	6
8	3	8	6	3	8	7	2	1
4	7	2	2	9	5	6	1	3
8	5	6	4	7	9	3	2	1
1	9	7	3	8	2	4	6	5
3	2	4	6	1	5	8	9	7

ANSWER:

Table with 19 columns (KMID, UNI, KPEJ, KOSA, KTLT, KWES, KMLM, KPBT, KWWT, KWES2, WTBS, TNT, ESPN, ESPN2, FSN, USA, A&E, DISC) and 24 rows of TV listings including channel, time, and program details.

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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Monday, Feb. 1, the 32nd day of 2021. There are 333 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 1, 2003, the space shuttle Columbia broke up during re-entry, killing all seven of its crew members: commander Rick Husband; pilot William McCool; payload commander Michael Anderson; mission specialists Kalpana Chawla, David Brown and Laurel Clark; and payload specialist Ilan Ramon (ee-LAHN' rah-MOHN'), the first Israeli in space.

On this date:

In 1790, the U.S. Supreme Court convened for the first time in New York. (However, since only three of the six justices were present, the court recessed until the next day.)

In 1862, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," a poem by Julia Ward Howe, was published in the Atlantic Monthly.

In 1865, abolitionist John S. Rock became the first Black lawyer admitted to the bar of the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1893, inventor Thomas Edison completed work on the world's first motion picture studio, his "Black Maria," in West Orange, New Jersey.

In 1942, during World War II, the Voice of America broadcast its first program to Europe, relaying it through the facilities of the British Broadcasting Corp. in London.

In 1943, during World War II, one of America's most highly decorated military units, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, made up almost exclusively of Japanese-Americans, was authorized.

In 1960, four Black college students began a sit-in protest at a Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina, where they'd been refused service.

In 1962, the Ken Kesey novel "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" was first published by Viking Press.

South Vietnam's police chief (Nguyen Ngoc Loan) executed a Viet Cong officer with a pistol shot to the head in a scene captured by news photographers. Richard M. Nixon announced his bid for the Republican presidential nomination.

In 1979, Iranian religious leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini (hoh-MAY'-nee) received a tumultuous welcome in Tehran as he ended nearly 15 years of exile.

In 1991, 34 people were killed when an arriving USAir jetliner crashed atop a commuter plane on a runway at Los Angeles International Airport.

In 2018, a judge ordered a Wisconsin girl, Morgan Geyser, to be committed to a mental hospital for 40 years for stabbing a classmate when she was 12 years old to curry favor with the fictional horror character Slender Man.

Ten years ago: Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak announced he would not run for a new term in September elections but rejected protesters' demands he step down immediately and leave the country, after a dramatic day in which a quarter-million Egyptians staged their biggest protest to date calling on him to go.

Five years ago: Texas Sen. Ted Cruz swept to victory in Iowa's Republican caucuses, overcoming Donald Trump and a stronger-than-expected showing by Florida Sen. Marco Rubio; among Democrats, Bernie Sanders rode a wave of voter enthusiasm to a virtual tie with Hillary Clinton. The World Health Organization declared a global emergency over the explosive spread of the Zika virus, which was linked to birth defects in the Americas, calling it an "extraordinary event" that posed a public health threat to other parts of the world.

One year ago: As China's death toll from the new coronavirus rose to 259, Beijing criticized

Washington's order barring entry to most foreigners who had visited China in the past two weeks. A World Health Organization official said governments needed to prepare for "domestic outbreak control." Sofia Kenin of the United States beat Garbiñe Muguruza of Spain to win the Australian Open for her first Grand Slam title.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Don Everly is 84. Actor Garrett Morris is 84. Bluegrass singer Del McCoury is 82. TV personality-singer Joy Philbin is 80. Political commentator Fred Barnes is 78. Rock musician Mike Campbell (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers) is 71. Blues singer-musician Sonny Landreth is 70. Actor-writer-producer Bill Mummy (MOO'-mee) is 67. Rock singer

Exene Cervenka is 65. Actor Linus Roache is 57. Princess Stephanie of Monaco is 56. Actor Sherilyn Fenn is 56. Lisa Marie Presley is 53. Comedian-actor Pauly Shore is 53. Actor Brian Krause is 52. Jazz musician Joshua Redman is 52. Rock musician Patrick Wilson (Weezer) is 52. Actor Michael C. Hall is 50. Rock musician Ron Welty is 50. Rapper Big Boi (Outkast) is 46.

Roots rocker Jason Isbell is 42. Country singer Julie Roberts is 42. Actor Jarrett Lennon is 39. Rock singer-musician Andrew VanWyngarden is 38. TV personality Lauren Conrad is 35. Actor-singer Heather Morris is 34. Actor and mixed martial artist Ronda Rousey is 34. Rock singer Harry Styles (One Direction) is 27.

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS
1 Annoy a lot, informally
6 Top-billed performer
10 Comedian's joke
13 Rude push
14 Volcano's outflow
15 Make angry
16 Choral voice above bass
17 Take a crack ___ (try)
18 "Squashed circle" shape
19 Quick-heating plug-in appliances
22 Sailor's assent
23 Football arbiter, for short
24 Physique, for short
26 UK's military fliers
29 With no vegetation, as a wasteland
32 Hot chocolaty drink
34 Trifle (with) romantically
36 Wide shoe letters
37 Quick-meal stovetop pots
40 Get ___ (do great on the test)
41 Writing that's not poetry
42 Ignited again
43 Submitted by mail
45 Day fractions: Abbr.
47 Hurricane's center
48 A long way from here
49 Little troublemaker
51 Outdoor appliances for rib roasts

- 59 Much-admired celebrity
60 Whitish gemstone
61 Makes a jump
63 Person from Copenhagen
64 Valentine's Day flower
65 Another name for D sharp
66 CPR expert
67 Midleg joint
68 Facts and figures, for short

- 7 "Bye-bye!"
8 Tel ___, Israel
9 Evaluate
10 Be extremely generous
11 Actor Alda
12 Goopy hair products
15 Nomad
20 ___ the ramparts we watched...
21 Speechmaking expert
24 Transported, as by the wind
25 Land beside a beach
27 Spherical hairdo
28 ___ and blood (kin)
29 "Dude!"
30 Spooky
31 Home for hatchlings
32 Experts on IRS rules

- 33 Have hopes (to)
35 Cake decorator
38 Large vase
39 Road's "move from the right" sign
44 Ping-Pong playing surface
46 What corporals call colonels
50 Road map distances
51 ___ one's time (be patient)
52 Guy in Eden
53 Wine bottle stopper
54 "Once ___ a time..."
55 Make less complicated
56 Great joy
57 Tra ___ (singing sounds)
58 Minor quarrel
62 Roads that may cross aves.

Crossword grid with numbered squares and blacked-out areas.