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Weather

Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 62. South wind around 15 mph.
Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 77. South wind 15 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.
Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 62.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 80.
 Source: NWS, via weather.gov

Upcoming Local Events

Tonight: Big Spring City Council will have its regular meeting at the City Council Chambers. Meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

Nov. 12: Blowout at the Bunker 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Hangar 25 Air Museum, 1911 Apron Dr. Food trucks, car show, no-prep racing, corn-hole, 5K run, and music. Proceeds benefit Military Heritage Association. Call 432-264-2362 for information.

Nov. 16: Big Spring's District 5 Large/Bulk Item Pickup is on Wednesday, Nov.16 District 5 residents must schedule a pick-up in advance by calling the Public Works Office at 432-264-2501, or email nhernandez@mybigspring.com by 5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 14 If you do not get on the schedule, your items will not be picked up.

Daily Quotes

"Fighting is like champagne. It goes to the heads of cowards as quickly as of heroes. Any fool can be brave on a battlefield when it's be brave or else be killed."
 — Margaret Mitchell

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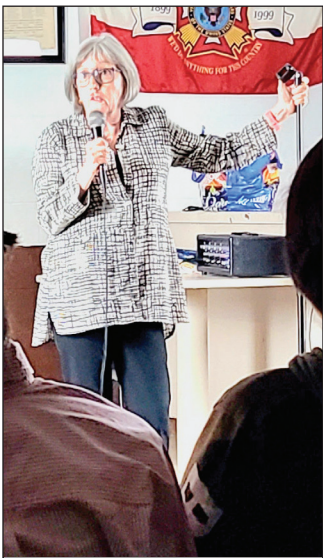
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DAV, comedians provide lighthearted night for local vets



By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Contributing Writer

Laughter was on the menu at the 2nd Annual Big Spring D.A.V. Comedy Night. Four comedians - Michael Shields, Chris Crawford, Jeanette Fahey, and Adrienne Green - came together in support of local veterans.

"We are thankful to all those who showed up and appreciate the support that we receive throughout the year," Mike Tarpley, D.A.V. of Big Spring Senior Vice Commander, said.

Shields and Crawford are part of the Veterans of Comedy. The Veterans of Comedy and Friends is a group of comedians who follows the motto "no laugh left behind" and, through that philosophy, seek to bring laughter to the men and women in uniform, past and present.

The team was created in 2012 with nearly 30 members the group represents all five branches of service.

"We don't have a lot of opportunity to just laugh and release some stress, and I always think it's a good idea to help out local organizations, especially one that supports our veterans that have served for us," Adrienne Green, local comedian and event organizer, said.

In addition to those attending comedy night, several sponsors made the event a success: Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Blue Energy Services, KBest, Interim Health Care, San Gabriel Psychiatry, Wolf Dirt Contractors, JNC Electric, Oncor and Pampered Paws.

"I am really happy with how everything went. We had about 35-40 people turn out for the show. The performers did a great job and everyone had a great

time," Green said.

Monies raised from the event, as well as the other donations received this past year, will go to supporting the holiday outreach events, veteran support efforts and other emergency situation requests that may arise. D.A.V. of Big Spring Chapter 47 provides a helping hand for local veterans when it comes to groceries, utility payments, housing payments, gas and other necessities.

"Each situation is assessed and the level of help is determined based on the need. The way we see it is everyone needs a hand up every now and then, and our veterans have given so much already, the least we can do is be that extension of support," Tarpley said. "Our community has been a great supporter

Courtesy photos/Amanda Duforat

Left, veteran Chris Clawson, who served in Saudi Arabia, Somalia and Bosnia, receives a Quilt of Valor at the DAV Comedy Night Saturday. Above (from left) comedians Michael Shields, Adrienne Green, and Jeanette Fahey offered laughs in support of veterans at the event.

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'Double' Council meeting on tap tonight

By ROGER CLINE
 Managing Editor

The Big Spring City Council will meet twice this evening. The first meeting will convene at 5:30 p.m., and the second at 6 p.m. The reason for the dual meeting is that the council's bylaws require it to meet at least twice each month. A meeting later in November would schedule a second meeting within the Thanksgiving holiday season; so at a previous meeting, the council voted to kill two birds with one stone and hold both required meetings on the same day. The city's governing body also plans to employ a similar tactic in December to work around the Christmas holiday.

Judging from the meetings' agendas, all substantive business will be handled during the first of the two meetings; the 6 p.m. meeting's agenda consists entirely of "1. Call to Order; 2. Council Input; 3. Adjourn."

In the 5:30 p.m. meeting, following the Call to Order, invocation and pledges to the U.S. and Texas State flags, a time has been set aside for public comment.

After the general public comment portion of the meeting, three public hearings will be held.

The first of the three public hearings involves a proposed zone change for a 4.58-acre tract in Sec. 45, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey, located at the intersection of Fordham Ave. and Marquette Ave., from Single-Family Dwelling District (SF-2) to Planned Development for Housing (PD).

The second public hearing involves amendment of the Big Spring Zoning Ordinance to allow pole signs up to 65 feet high on properties adjoining Interstate 20 and on properties adjoining FM 700 from Interstate 20 to the east side of Goliad Street.

The third hearing concerns amendments to the Big Spring City Zoning Ordinance to permit transitional housing in the city of Big Spring under certain conditions. According to information provided with the meeting's agenda, there are no properties currently under consideration for transitional housing; the item will be considered as a code amendment only.

City Manager Todd Darden will give his City Manager's

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Gravel Grind bike event to benefit veterans Saturday



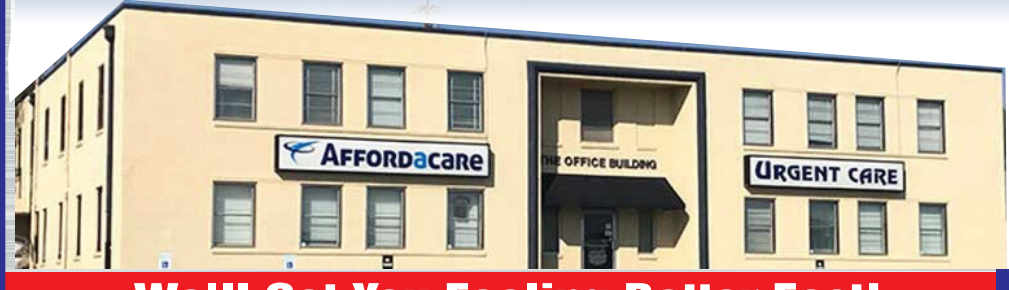
By ANDREIA MEDLIN
 Reporter

Fat tires or skinny tires. All are welcome to participate in this weekend's Veteran's Gravel Grind to benefit veterans. The event is set to take place Saturday, Nov. 12, in Coahoma, and is presented by VIM Racing. Proceeds go to help fund the Trail Warrior Project a non-profit that helps get veterans out bike-packing.

The race/ride is for the cycling community and encourages racers,

riders, bike-packers and adventure riders out for some fun on gravel and support our veterans. It is open to everyone, but veterans are encouraged participate and attend with their families. Full Grind, Half Grind, and Quarter Grind mountain bike categories will be chip timed and competitive. Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in each category, male and female, with a podium and

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Obituaries

Wanda McMurray



Wanda McMurray, 83, of Victoria, formerly of Big Spring, passed away Friday, Nov. 4, 2022. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m. with Brad Daniels, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Wanda was born July 26, 1939, in Fayetteville, Ark. to Lillie and Jack Shelley. She settled in Big Spring in 1959 and worked for Gray Jewelers. In later years, she worked in the cafeteria for Forsan Independent School District and retired after 19 years of service. She had been a member of Berea Baptist Church.

She is survived by three daughters: Nikita and husband Eddy West of Victoria; Deidre and husband Keith Knox of San Antonio and Shelley Graham of Midland; and one son Wade and wife Cheryl McMurray of Waxahachie; one sister: Jackie Reynolds of Seymour; 7 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one brother: John Shelley and a sister: Bettye Monison.

Pallbearers will be Kody Whaley, Joshua McMurray, Klate Graham, Reagan McMurray, Kooper Wilkerson and Abe Wilkerson. Honorary Pallbearers will be Glen Hyden, Ray Slaton, Braxton McMurray, Jaxon McMurray, Caden Whaley, Keith Matusевич, Karson Wilkerson, Benjamin McMurray and Elijah McMurray.

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

Paid Obituary

Fans celebrate Houston Astros' World Series win

HOUSTON (AP) — Thousands of fans celebrated the Houston Astros' World Series win with a downtown parade on Monday.

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner had encouraged fans coming to the victory parade to "arrive early, wear Astros' colors, be loud and celebrate safely." The parade started at noon.

Yordan Alvarez hit a towering three-run homer and the Astros clinched their second World Series title in six seasons on Saturday, beating the Philadelphia Phillies 4-1 in Game 6.

The city said in a news release that the downtown parade after the Astros' 2017 win brought in about 1 million people, and organizers expected about that many people to attend Monday's parade.

Saturday's win gave the Astros' 73-year-old manager Dusty Baker his first title in 25 seasons as a manager, the last three in Houston.

Oscar, Tony-nominated writer-director Douglas McGrath dies

NEW YORK (AP) — Stage, TV and film writer-director Douglas McGrath, who earned a Tony nomination for "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical" and an Oscar nod for the "Bullets Over Broadway" screenplay he co-wrote with Woody Allen, died Thursday. He was 64.

The death was announced by the producers of McGrath's solo off-Broadway show, "Everything's Fine," which opened last month. A show representative said the cause was a heart attack. McGrath had written and was starring in "Everything's Fine," and was directed by John Lithgow.

"The company of 'Everything's Fine' was honored to have presented his solo autobiographical show," the producers said in a statement. "Everyone who worked with him over the last three months of production was struck by his grace, charm, and droll sense of humor, and sends deepest condolences to his family."

McGrath began his writing career on the staff of "Saturday Night Live" and went on to pen the plays "Checkers," "The Age of Innocence" and the musical "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical," which ran on Broadway from 2013-2019.

"Doug was smart, funny, talented, kind, a great friend, and a wonderful storyteller who leaves a legacy of love and laughter," King wrote in tribute on Instagram.

McGrath was nominated for an Academy Award for the screenplay of 1994's "Bullets Over Broadway," which he co-wrote with Allen. The screenplay was used as a basis for Allen's 2014 Broadway stage adaptation.

McGrath's other films included "Emma" starring Gwyneth Paltrow, and "Nicholas Nickleby" starring Charlie Hunnam, both of which he wrote and directed. He also wrote and directed the 2006 Truman Capote biopic "Infamous," starring Toby Jones.

He earned two Emmy Awards nominations for directing two documentaries for HBO: "His Way," about legendary music promoter and movie producer Jerry Weintraub, and "Becoming Mike Nichols."

He is survived by wife, Jane Read Martin, and son Henry McGrath.

Roland "RoHo" Fryar



Roland "RoHo" Fryar, 81, of Big Spring died Friday, Nov. 4, 2022. Visitation will be Sunday from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Trinity Memorial Park Chapel.

Roland was born February 13, 1941, in Big Spring to Imogene and J. W. Fryar. He married Sara Wood, July 13, 1962, in Sand Springs. He farmed in Howard County most of his life.

Roland loved fast pitch, hunting and fishing. He coached his kid's teams.

He was a lifetime resident of Howard County and was a member of the Church of Christ.

Roland is survived by his wife Sara of Big Spring, two daughters: Becca Mattingley (Steven) of Big Spring and Lisa Fryar of Big Spring; one son: Jay Fryar (Michelle) of Big Spring; three grandchildren: Candice Rea (Brian) of Lubbock, Michael Jackman of Kerrville and Ryleigh Fryar of Lubbock; two brothers: Claude Fryar (Patsy) of Big Spring and Tommy Fryar (Donna) of Austin; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Roland was preceded in death by two sisters: Idalou Beall and Bernel Bayes; and his twin brother: Ronald Fryar.

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

Paid Obituary

Ruben Hernandez

Ruben Hernandez, 60, died Sunday, November 6, 2022. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Oralia Rodriguez

Oralia Rodriguez, 88, died Sunday, November 6, 2022. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

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.

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 325-212-8600.

THURSDAY

- GriefShare at Trinity Baptist Church's new session runs through Nov. 17.

The support group meets every Thursday evening at 6:30 to 8:30. Each session is designed to be stand-alone, so don't worry if you can't make every session. This is open to the community and people are encouraged to invite a friend who may be struggling with grief. Entrance will be on the backside of the church: Door 3, under the awning.

Please call the church at 432-267-6344 if you have questions or to let us know you are coming.

Here is a video link where others who have attended share their stories:

https://youtu.be/_mZxgN1W3XM

FRIDAY

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program. 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.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **DUANAE JAS MCGEE**, 18, of 2505 Chanute Dr., was arrested by the BSPD on a charge of theft of a firearm, and unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- **AMANDA HERNANDEZ GARCIA**, 40, of 9595 S Hwy 385, was arrested by the BSPD on a warrant of no drivers license and failure to appear.
- **CHRISTOPHER MATHEW LOPEZ**, 24, of 1604 Lincoln Ave., was arrested by the BSPD on a warrant from another agency.
- **MELLODIE ROSE WILLIAMS**, 32, of 1003 Stadium Ave., was arrested by the BSPD on a warrant of harassment.
- **SHAWN RAGLIN BLU**, 52, of 512 Cheapside Rd., Westhoff, was arrested by the BSPD on a warrant from another agency.
- **JOSE GUADALUPE GARCIA**, 27, of 1801 S. Johnson, was arrested on a charge of burglary of a habitation.
- **DONALD GENE KOERBER III**, 35, of 2901 Clanton, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **GABRIEL ANTONIO LOPEZ**, 29, of 215 NE 9th St., was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **RICHARD DAVID MCCUTCHAN**, 54, of 417 Westover Rd., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JESSE TONY REYES JR.**, 36, of 850 E. 7th St., was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **REBECCA LYNN COMSTOCK**, 39, of 509 Johnson, was arrested on a charge of terroristic threat place person in fear of severe bodily injury.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the 4100 block of Connally.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported at 5th St. and Aylesford.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the 300 block of Tulane.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported at the 1200 block of Pennsylvania Ave.
- **THEFT** was reported at the 3600 block f W. Hwy 80.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported at the 1300 block of Johnson.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 400 block of NE 11th. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 1900 block of Hilltop Rd. No transport.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 1600 block of Lancaster. No transport.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 700 block of W I-20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at 3rd St. and Owens. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 600 block of S Aylesford. No transport.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 1600 block of Osage. No transport.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 2600 block of Clanton St. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 1500 block of S Main St. One person was transported to SMMC.

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and has truly made a way to continue this outreach. We are lucky to have such a supportive community."

According to Green, with sponsorships and donations there was about \$2,000 raised.

Before the evening wrapped up, Tarpley presented a veteran with a Quilt of Valor. Veteran Staff Sgt. Chris Clawson, who served in Saudia Arabia, Somalia, and Bosnia, was the chosen honoree for the evening.

"The Quilts of Valor Foundation recognizes war demons that plague soldiers from all wars. There are thousands of quilters across the United States working to make these quilts to cover our warriors,

from all conflicts," Tarpley said.

The quilts are made up of three layers: the top with its many colors, shapes and fabrics represents the community and the many individuals we are; the batting - filler - is the center of the quilt, its warmth.

"This second layer represents the hope that this quilt will bring warmth, comfort, peace and healing to the individual who receives it," Tarpley said during the presentation.

The backing is the final layer and it represents strength that supports the other layers. It represents the strength of the recipient, the support of his or her family, communities and nation. Each of the stitches holding the layers together represent love, gratitude and sometimes the tears of the maker. Each quilt represents the three-part message from the givers to the recipient.

"We honor you for your service. We honor you for leaving all you hold dear and to stand in harm's way in a time of crisis, protecting us from the effects of war," Tarpley said. "Next, we know that freedom is not free. The cost of freedom is the dedication of lives of men and women like you, and this quilt is meant to say thank you for your sacrifice."

He continued, "Finally, this quilt is meant to offer comfort to you and to remind you that although your family and friends cannot be with you at all times, you are forever in our thoughts and hearts."

To make a donation to the DAV, contact Mike Tarpley at 432-556-2227. Veterans who are wanting to find out more about the D.A.V. may contact one of the members or may attend a monthly meeting. The D.A.V. holds a meeting on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street.

COUNCIL

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report, including information regarding the District 5 Large Item Pickup scheduled Nov. 16; November city holidays, including Veterans Day (Nov. 11) and Thanksgiving (Nov. 24 and 25); the "Blowout at the Bunker" Disabled American Veterans event scheduled Nov. 12; and the Howard County Summit, scheduled Feb. 28, 2023, to be held at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. According to a memo provided with the meeting's agenda, "The Howard County Summit is an Open Meeting held jointly by all entities in Howard County, and is seen as a chance for all the entites to help coordinate and share their plans to move the community forward."

The meeting's Consent Agenda consists of four items which will be approved with a single vote, unless members of the council request removing one or more items for further consideration. The items on the Consent Agenda include: Approval of minutes of the Oct. 25 regular meeting; final reading of two ordinances - the first inactivating the Parks and Recreation Board and the Convention and Visitors Bureau Board; and the second establishing compensation and benefits for the presiding municipal judge and associate municipal judges in Big Spring.

According to the meeting's agenda, compensation for the presiding judge will be set at \$77,800 per year, plus automobile allowance of \$600 per month (or a vehicle provided by the City). The presiding judge will also receive paid judicial education and be considered a city department head.

Associate judges' compensation will include \$1,000 for time spent completing judicial education, plus enrollment and hotel expenses for one conference annually, plus one "new judge's" conference, if applicable. If the associate judge is an attorney, the city will pay continuing legal education fees associated with the required judicial education. For November and December of 2022, Associate Judges will receive \$1,250 per month. After 2022, compensation will become \$48 per hour. Associate Judges will be considered independent contractors and not city employees.

The final item on the meeting's Consent Agenda is acknowledgement of the receipt of the Planning and Zoning Commission's minutes of its Oct. 10 regular meeting.

Council will consider approval of vouchers for Oct. 27 in the amount of \$740,542.47; and for Nov. 3 in the amount of \$464,853.42. The council will also consider approval of manual checks in the amount of \$596,783.18.

The council will consider awarding eight bids, including:

- A bid for a 2023 Ford Escape SUV for the Big Spring Senior Center in the amount of \$28,904 from Silsbee Ford of Silsbee, Texas. The purchase will require a budget amendment increase of \$4,000.
- A bid for a 15-foot trailer-mounted jetter for the Distribution and Collection Department in the amount of \$75,314 from Harben Inc. of Cummings, Ga. A budget amendment of \$10,000 will be needed to complete the purchase.
- A bid for two John Deere 35G Compact Excavators for the Distribution and Collections Department in the amount \$124,000 from Yellowhouse Machinery of Midland. The amount is \$26,000 under budget.

- A bid for four 2022 Ford Explorer Police Interceptors for the Big Spring Police Department in the amount of \$173,510 from Sewell Ford in Odessa.

- A bid for a forklift for the Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$40,000 from V-bar Equipment of Abilene. The forklift is currently available for delivery, and is \$10,000 under budget.

- A bid for a 60-inch John Deere Z950m Zero Turn Mower for the Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$12,510.96 from South Plains Implement of Tornillo, Texas.

- A bid for the asbestos abatement project for the Cornell Corrections Prison in the amount of \$88,200 from Vanco Insulation of Midland. Vanco's bid was the lowest of four received for the project; the next lowest was \$137,600.

In New Business, the council will consider seven items, including the first reading of five ordinances:

- Purchase of a new delivery vehicle for the Senior Center, budgeting a total of \$29,000 for the item.

- Increasing the budget by \$10,000 to purchase a new jetter trailer for the Distribution and Collection Department.

- Amendment of the city's zoning ordinances creating a new specific use permit for "transitional housing" within the city.

According to the text of the proposed ordinance provided with the meeting's agenda, "Transitional housing means a housing shelter that provides supervised lodging at no charge for individuals on a non-profit basis for an extended period not to exceed 18 months within any five year period, on condition that any person receiving lodging accepts as seen fit by the supervisor of the transitional housing facility or the supervisor's agent all of the following: social services, job training, self-sufficiency training, life skills training, educational programs, physical fitness programs, substance abuse treatment, health care including but not limited to mental health treatment, and/or counseling programs, and other conditions decided by the supervisor such as testing for illegal drugs. Trnsational housing does not include group homes."

- Amendment of the city's sign regulations permitting pole signs on Interstate 20 and on FM 700 from I-20 to Goliad Street to have a maximum height of 65 feet on property zoned Retail (R) or less restrictive.

- Rezoning of 4.58 acres in Sec. 45, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey from Single-Family (SF-2) to Planned Developmennt (PD).

Other items of New Business include consideration of the purchase of property at 1608 E. 15th St. for \$5,000 on condition that the city pay outstanding ad valorem taxes due on the property, with the seller reserving mineral rights; and an agreement with Verizon Connect Fleet Management Solutions for GPS tracking devices.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Chris Valencia, 39, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A fund has been set up to assist the family with funeral expenses.

Roy Roberson, 72, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A fund has been set up to assist the family with funeral expenses.

Don Blackburn, 93, died Thursday, November 3, 2022. Visitation 9 AM until 9 PM Friday with family receiving friends from 4 PM until 6 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service 2 PM Saturday at Mount Olive Cemetery.

Emilio Rey Molina, Sr., 89, died Thursday. Visitation 9 AM until 9 PM Sunday with vigil service at 7 PM Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass 10 AM Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial 1 PM Tuesday at Texas State Veterans Cemetery on Abilene.

Ruben Hernandez, 60, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Oralia Rodriguez, 88, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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award ceremony. An after party will be held at Cactus Jax.

Quarter Grind - Fat Tire category will be chip timed and competitive. Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers, gender neutral.

Quarter Grind - Fun Ride will be untimed and a great ride for any single riders, or families who just want to get out there and have fun.

All categories will begin en masse at 8 a.m. at the Coahoma High School stadium.

Rules for riders are as follows: Must be

older than 13 years old to ride/race. Anyone 13-16 years-old must be accompanied by a guardian. Fat Bikes are bikes with tires greater than 3.8 inches wide. The tires will not be inspected unless it becomes necessary at the end of the race.

Important to note - the roads on the route are open public roads and traffic signs must be obeyed. Watch out for traffic, both on the blacktop and on gravel. There are busy intersections on the 100k route as well as some light traffic on the 25k route. Please be cautious and stop for vehicles.

Water and Aid Stations: Full Grind (100K/63 miles) will have three stations. The first water stop will be at mile 19.5.

The second water/nutrition stop will be at mile 42. The third water stop will be at mile 56.

For the Half Grind (62K/39 miles) there will be two stations. The firstt water/nutrition station will be at mile 17.5. The second water stop will be at mile 32.

The Quarter Grind (25k/16.5 miles) will have one station at mile 9.6.

Best efforts to keep the stations stocked will be attempted, but all riders are asked to self sustain. Registration ends Nov. 12, the day of the event. The race begins at 500 E. High School Dr., Coahoma. More information can be found on their website runsignup.com or on Facebook.

Take Note

• Blowout at the Bunker! Saturday Nov. 12, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Hangar 25 Air Museum, 1911 Apron Dr. Food trucks, car show, No-Prep racing, Cornhole, 5K Run and Music.

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Nov. 8: Big Spring Dual Swim Meet, Big Spring vs Wylie at Horace Garrett Natatorium (Big Spring YMCA). Meet set to start at 3 p.m.
Nov. 8: Big Spring Lady Steers Basketball (Freshmen, JV and Varsity) non-district match-up against Kermit at Steer Gym. Games start at 5 p.m.

Nov. 8: Coahoma Bulldogs Basketball (JV and Varsity) non-district matchup against Andrews at Andrews. Games start at 5 p.m.

Nov. 10: Howard College Lady Hawks vs Chandler Gilbert Community College at Midland College. Game time is set for 5 p.m.

Nov. 10: Big Spring Steers (visitor) vs El Paso Riverside Rangers (home) Bi-District Playoff game at Fort Stockton's Panther Stadium. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students

Nov. 11: Coahoma Bulldogs (visitor) vs Childress Bobcats (home) Bi-District Playoff game at Floydada's Tyler Stadium. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

Nov. 11: Forsan Buffaloes (home) vs Stamford Bulldogs (visitor) Bi-District Playoff game at Brownwood's Gordon Wood Stadium. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. ticket information will be posted once available.

Nov. 11: Westbrook Wildcats vs Garden City Bearkats Bi-District Playoff game at Robert Lee's Griffith Stadium. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m. ticket information will be posted once available.

Nov. 11: Howard College Hawks vs Lee College at Collin College. Game time is set for 6 p.m.

Nov. 12: Big Spring Lady Steers Basketball (Freshmen, JV, and Varsity) non-district match-up against Midland Legacy at Midland. Game times are 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 2 p.m.

Nov. 12: Coahoma Bulldogs Basketball (Varsity) non-district match-up against Hermleigh. Game time is set for 1 p.m.

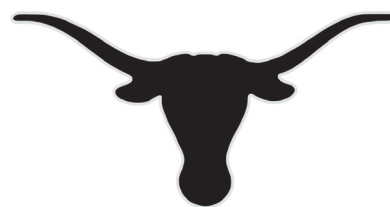
Nov. 12: Howard College Lady Hawks vs Coastal Bend College at Howard College. Game time is set for 1 p.m.

Steers finish fourth at State to end an amazing season

Big Spring's Adrian Solis and Isaac Gonzales earn All-State honors



Congratulations to the Steers cross country team, freshman Bergan Pinkley, and head cross country coach Brandon Clemmons on a great season.



Herald photos (top & bottom right)/Patrick Gonzales
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Top, The Big Spring Steers cross country team pose for a team picture after their race. Pictured left from right are Jordan Mitchell, Agustin Salgado, Diego Rios, Adrian Solis, Kevin Quezada, Isaac Gonzales, and Enrique Calderon. Bottom left, fellow seniors and teammates Isaac Gonzales and Adrian Solis pose after being named to the Class 4A All-State Cross Country Team. Both Gonzales and Solis received plaques. Bottom right, Bergan Pinkley heads towards the finish line 200 meters out in the UIL Class 4A Girls race Friday morning. The Steers finished fourth overall as a team at the state meet, while Pinkley finished 82nd overall.

By PATRICK GONZALES

Herald Sports Writer

High school cross country season has officially come to an end. Both the Steers cross country team and freshman Bergan Pinkley competed at the UIL State Cross Country Meet this past Friday in Round Rock.

After qualifying for the second year in a row, the Steers were looking to finish top three as a team and hopefully capture its second state title in school history. On the other side Big Spring's Pinkley was looking to be competitive and place high individually to cap off a great first year of high school.

In the end the both the Steers and Pinkley competed very well but fell just short of their goals. For the second year in a row the Steers team finished fourth overall as a team falling seven points behind third place Region I rival San Elizario. The Canyon Eagles captured the 4A boys state title their first since 1995 followed by the La Feria Lions who finished second overall.

Leading the way for the Steers were seniors Adrian Solis and Isaac Gonzales with Solis finishing 19th overall with a time of 16:42 and Gonzales finishing 23rd overall with a time of 16:52.

Rounding out the rest of the Steers were senior Agustin Salgado 46th place (17:26), sophomore Diego Rios 75th place (17:52.90), senior Jordan Mitchell 93rd place (18:15), senior Enrique Calderon 105th place (18:27.30), and senior Kevin Quezada 108th place (18:31.30).

Despite not having any Steer runner medal, both Solis and Gonzales still earned some recognition. For the second year in a row Solis earned Cross Country Coaches Association of Texas All-State honors as he was selected to the Class 4A All-State Team. Joining him was fellow teammate and senior Isaac Gonzales who also earned All-State honors and was selected to the Class 4A All-State Team.

In the girls race, freshman Bergan Pinkley was the lone Lady Steer runner competing at the state meet. Pinkley would go on to finish 82nd overall out of 150 girl runners in the race. Pinkley's time over the two mile course was 13:13.50.

Talking with Pinkley after the race she stated she wasn't pleased with the results but in the end she was excited to make

it to state and will use the experience to build on for next year. Coach Clemmons also agrees that Pinkley will be even more ready for next year.

"Coming into this race we told her (Pinkley) to go out and be competitive and use this year's meet as a learning experience and she did just that." Clemmons said of Pinkley's race. "She's got a bright future ahead of her and with the experience from this year's meet she'll be more than ready for next year." Clemmons added.

Speaking with head coach Brandon Clemmons after the race he noted that while he and his runners would have liked to reach the podium he is still pleased with his runners performance.

"I would be lying if I said I'm not a little upset with not reaching the podium today, but in the end I can't be too upset with how the boys and Pinkley ran today." coach Clemmons stated. "They went out and competed at their very best and that's all I can ever really ask for." Clemmons added.

Heading into the week before the state meet, Clemmons also mentioned that some of his runners were a little under the weather however, Clemmons made it clear that he or the team were not making any excuses.

"We had some of our boys get a little sick heading into the state meet which if you're a runner is something that you always dread before a big race that or an injury. But its not an excuse and we're not going to make excuses based on the results. The boys ran today and left everything out there and again thats all I can ever ask for." Clemmons said.

Clemmons also mentioned that despite the finish the Steers still have a reason to hold their heads up high. "We are the fourth best team in the state for Class 4A out of 200 plus high schools and that still says something about this team and these runners." Clemmons stated. "It's our second year in a row that we've been here and it's a good sign that the program is headed in the right direction." Clemmons added.

Congratulations to the Steers cross country team, Bergan Pinkley and head coach Brandon Clemmons on a great season. We cannot wait to see what y'all accomplish in the upcoming track season.

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Flavor is front and center with this vegan lunch

Convenience has a tendency to reign supreme in regard to midday meals. Non-remote workers may simply opt for something from the nearest restaurant come lunchtime, while even those who work from home may eat last night's leftovers. Indeed, a hectic workday often guarantees that nutrition will be outranked by convenience on lunchtime priority lists. But that doesn't mean midday meals can't be healthy. In fact, those who make time to eat right at lunchtime may feel more energized throughout the rest of the day. That's certainly possible for anyone willing to try this recipe for "Panko-Crusted Tofu Sandwich With Apple and Celery Remoulade Slaw" from Deb Roussou's "350 Best Vegan Recipes" (Robert Rose). Hearty enough to ensure you won't be hungry after lunch hour but healthy enough to make you feel better about your midday eating habits, this sandwich packs a flavorful punch that vegans and non-vegans alike can appreciate.

Panko-Crusted Tofu

Sandwich With Apple and Celery Remoulade Slaw
Serves 4

Apple and Celery Remoulade Slaw
1/4 cup creamy mayonnaise or store-bought vegan alternative

2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

2 tablespoons chopped fresh tarragon

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

3 stalks celery with leaves, thinly sliced

1 Granny Smith apple, grated

1 pound tofu, drained and pressed

1/4 cup dry white wine

4 ounces firm or extra-firm silken tofu

6 tablespoons plain soy milk

3/4 teaspoons salt, divided

1/2 cup all-purpose flour

2 tablespoons cornstarch

1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

3 cups panko bread crumbs

1/4 cup canola oil, divided

4 potato rolls or vegan store-bought

sandwich rolls, split and warmed

1/4 cup creamy mayonnaise or store-bought vegan alternative

1 tomato, sliced

2 cups baby arugula

1. **Apple and Celery Remoulade Slaw:** In a bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, lemon juice, mustard, tarragon, salt and pepper. Stir in celery and apples, mixing well to combine. Taste and season with additional salt and pepper, if needed. Set aside.

2. Cut pressed firm tofu in half crosswise. Set each half on one narrow side and cut each into two 1-inch pieces. Pour wine into a shallow bowl and lay tofu slices in wine.

3. In a 2-cup glass measuring cup, using immersion blender or in upright blender, combine silken tofu, soy milk and 1/4 teaspoon of the salt and puree into a very smooth sauce. Pour mixture into a shallow bowl and set aside. In a third shallow bowl, whisk together flour, cornstarch, black pepper and remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt. Place bread crumbs in a fourth shallow bowl.

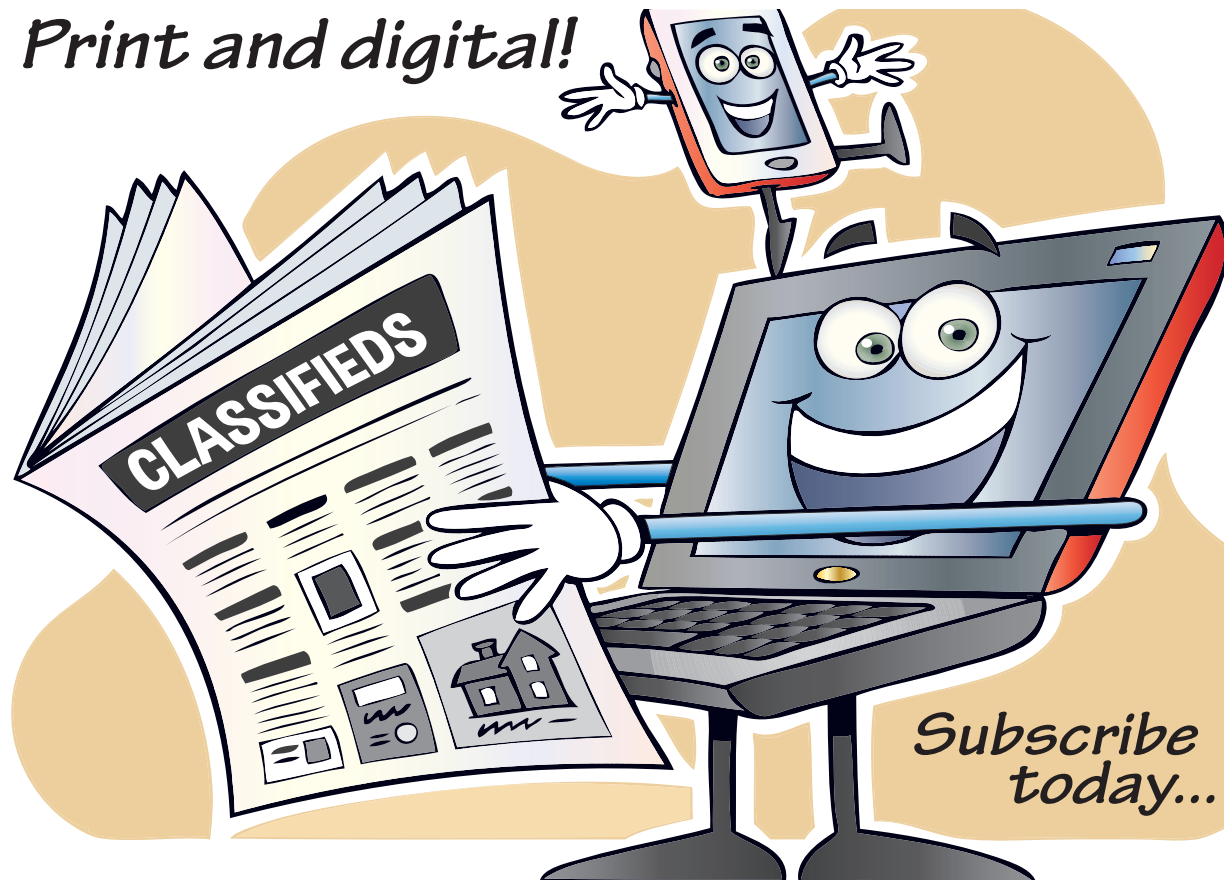
4. Working in batch-

es, flip tofu in wine to dampen both sides, then remove from wine. Dredge tofu in flour mixture, turning to coat all sides and transfer to milk mixture. Using a fork and fingers, turn tofu to generously coat all sides. Using fork and fingers, lift and transfer tofu to bread crumbs and coat all sides, pressing lightly to help crumbs adhere. Transfer coated tofu to prepared baking sheet.

5. Place a large, heavy-bottomed skillet over medium-high heat and let pan get hot. Add 2 tablespoons of the oil and heat until it shimmers. Carefully place 1 or 2 tofu pieces at a time into hot oil and cook until bottom is golden brown and crusty, 1 to 1 1/2 minutes. Flip tofu and cook until bottom is crispy, about 1 minute. Transfer to a platter lined with paper towels to drain. Continue with remaining tofu, adding more oil and adjusting heat as necessary between batches.

6. Spread roll halves with mayonnaise. Layer bottom half of roll with Remoulade Slaw, crispy tofu, tomato slices and arugula. Top with other roll half and press lightly. Cut each sandwich on the diagonal and serve.

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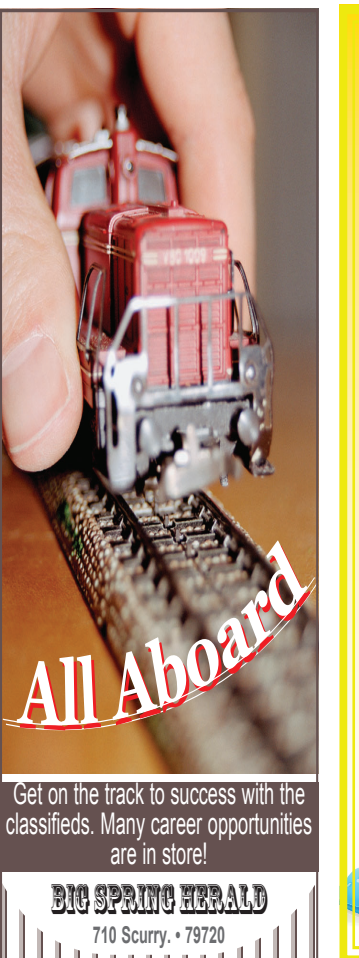
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♣ Q 8

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

Opening lead — king of clubs.

Endplays take all kinds of forms, but the general idea is always the same. Declarer arranges to put one of the defenders on lead at a time when that defender must hand declarer a trick he might not have gotten otherwise.

Such situations are usually brought about by design. A declarer is fortunate indeed if the setting occurs naturally; in most cases, the sequence of plays must be carefully planned and executed in order to

arrive at the winning position. Consider this deal where West led the K-A and another club against three spades. Declarer ruffed, drew trump and continued with the K-A of hearts and a heart ruff. With the clubs and hearts having been eliminated from both hands, South was now in position to cut his three natural diamond losers to two.

So, he crossed to his hand with a trump and led a diamond, rendering the defense helpless. West did as well as he could by playing the 9, but declarer, sizing up the situation perfectly, ducked in dummy.

It did not matter what East played on this trick. If he allowed the nine to hold, West could do no better than continue with a diamond, whereupon East would take the ace and be forced to yield a ruff-and-discard. Similarly, if East overtook the nine with the ace and returned a diamond, dummy's queen would become a trick, and South would again emerge victorious.

It is true that the contract could have been defeated had West led a diamond at either trick two or trick three. This would have allowed the defense to score two club tricks and three diamond tricks. But once West had failed to do this, South could not be stopped from getting home safely with proper play.



Keys to successfully applying for jobs: And what to expect next

A job application presents a great opportunity to make a strong first impression with a prospective employer. Job applications have changed as the utilization of technology has increased. Today the majority of employers advertise jobs online and conduct much of the initial search process through digital channels. According to Indeed, companies typically direct applicants to fill out a digital application through a specific website. Unlike a resumé, the job application is a legally defensible document. The information contained on it should be as thorough and accurate as possible. Some additional strategies can help applicants successfully apply for jobs.

- Read over the application carefully. Understand what is expected of you as an ap-

plicant. Carefully read the instructions on the application and any other supporting documents or information the employer may be requesting. Applicants should not miss out on a job opportunity due to a failure to follow directions.

- Recognize the use of ATS. Many employers utilize an applicant tracking system (ATS) to help whittle down the applicant pool to the best qualified. ATS may use keywords that coordinate with skills desired in applicants. Be sure to mirror keywords used in the job listing on your application to further your chances of the application being flagged for consideration.
- Have your resumé at the ready. An application likely will ask you to fill out fields regarding your work history. Refer to your resumé to fill out this portion. Some applications also have an optional tool that will auto-fill job information from

an uploaded resumé. Therefore, it is handy to have an updated and proofread file available.

- Use a professional email address. Employers are judging everything about you. Present a professional front by using an email address that is clear and to the point, rather than something clever or controversial. Avoid email addresses like KissyFace123@email.com or ManCave456@email.com, opting instead for FirstName.LastName@email.com. Do not give employers any reason to reject you based on perceptions from something as silly as a lighthearted email address.
- Proofread everything. Be sure to look over your application and make sure that everything is spelled correctly and that your grammar is perfect. If the application makes it through, the employer may ask you to participate in either an in-person interview or an online interview.

Some companies rely on a third-party application for you to upload a statement or answer pre-determined questions. Make sure all technology is working for these next steps, and consult the hiring manager with any issues. Always dress and speak professionally when doing interviews of any type. If you are offered the job, the hiring manager may send further digital correspondence that will link to their onboarding system. This system will collect more information — possibly conducting a criminal background check — and ask that you fill out tax and payroll forms. The job application process has changed in recent years due to an increased reliance on technology. Applicants should know what to expect to land their dream jobs.

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Horoscopes By Holiday

TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 8, 2022

Beaver Moon

Beavers are one of the few animals that modify their habitat. The airtight dams they build affect the ecosystem so plants and animals all around them change to adapt to what the beaver creates. The full moon in Taurus inspires cravings for our own kinds of environmental modifications, and you can bet that changes will follow downstream.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You've plotted and planned enough. Now it's time to launch this adventure. These good things aren't going to come to those who wait but will rather join those who are already in motion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Physical exertion keeps everything in your life on track -- mind, body and spirit. You also sleep better because of exercise. A well-rested mind will contribute to fortuitous happenings later in the week.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Trust in the magic of groups. When people get together, a collective intelligence will form, each watching out for the other, forming a zipper in the seam of humanity, fitting in slightly before or slightly after -- making it all fit.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Sometimes you take it as a compliment when people are their uninhibited true selves around you, though it depends on the situation. Today, things go better with a bit of formality. You'll be the person who people want to impress.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Trust yourself and don't feel the least bit funny about asking for what you think might help you be your best self. Give yourself what you would give to a friend in a similar position. In short, don't be stingy with you-on-you support.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've tried it one way, and now the situation requires a completely different approach. You'll retreat and then come back with a sense of playfulness and rebellion. Fire signs are on your side (Aries, Leo, Sagittarius).

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You encourage others and they respond to you in kind. You don't need to know the whole story to make things better. You start anew and give others the chance to invent a fresh version of themselves.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Seemingly trivial matters will need your close attention. Even that will not nearly be enough to understand them at first. Assume there is more to know and then keep coming back.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You've gone big and you've gone small. One is not better than the other, but it's important to know which scale gives you the best chance at a good result. Your observant approach will inform; you'll adjust efforts accordingly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). To avoid jumping to conclusions is to avoid error. Poke around to find out how things work and why. You'll make money as you figure out what the essential elements are and what you can

safely let go of.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You've been known to express yourself and then find out that what you think and feel is very similar to what others have going on inside them. This talent will earn you friends and money.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Whatever you think about yourself, it won't be your rating forever; self-esteem is a fickle metric. You can recalibrate at any moment. Just remember that confidence is, after all is said and done, based on an opinion, not a fact.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 8). Believe in your ability to make things real and don't discount what you desire as impractical. What you make to please yourself will turn out to be very helpful to others. New friends and loves are attracted to your light-hearted playfulness. Money and power come from wholesome and helpful endeavors. Gemini and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 8, 26, 5 and 1.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: The Scorpio energy of transformation can be applied to many disciplines. Famous chef and television personality Gordon Ramsay gives his Scorpio powers to turning ordinary ingredients into food magic. Ramsay was born when the sun, Venus and Neptune were in passionate Scorpio. His quest for culinary perfection has garnered him Michelin stars and restaurants around the world.

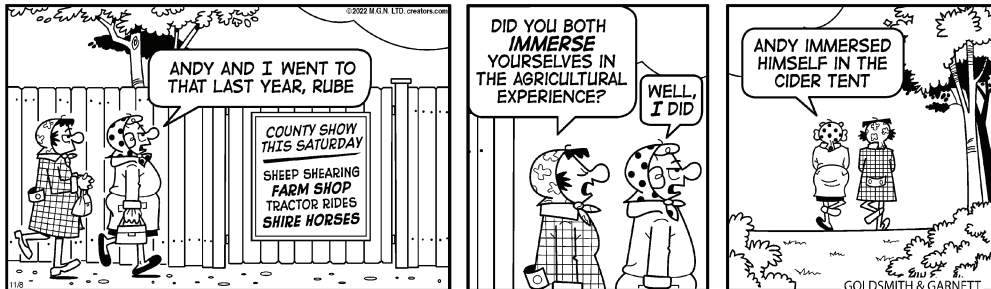
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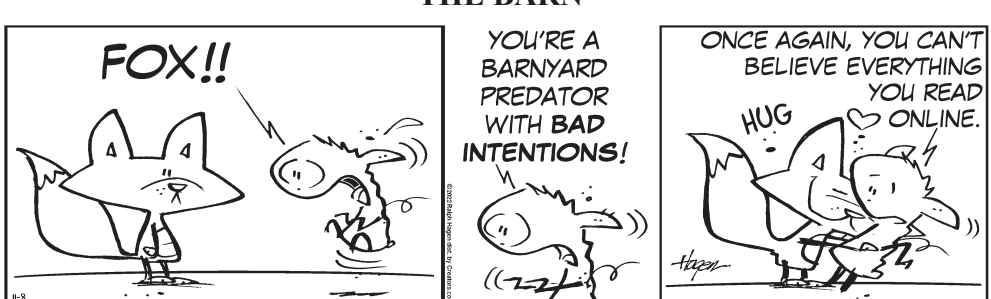
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ONE BIG HAPPY



THE BARN



Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Shoo!"
 - 5 Complained, as a cow
 - 10 Enjoy some gum
 - 14 Curved part of a foot
 - 15 Take the bolt off
 - 16 Curved roof
 - 17 "It was someone else!"
 - 18 Countertop heater
 - 19 Dressed (in)
 - 20 Sandwich's ham partner with holes
 - 23 Use a shovel
 - 24 Story that might be "tall"
 - 25 Try a taste of
 - 27 By mouth
 - 30 Corkscrew shape
 - 32 Actress Zellweger
 - 33 Similar (to)
 - 34 Have to have
 - 37 Have a meal
 - 38 Funds in a nest egg
 - 41 Sch. in Tempe
 - 42 Narrow opening
 - 44 Insignificant
 - 45 Macaroni or manicotti
 - 47 Region with many trees
 - 49 French cosmetics giant
 - 50 Meshy window insert
 - 52 Of inferior quality
 - 53 "___ you listening?"
 - 54 Nap briefly
 - 60 Bar drink in a mug
 - 62 Italian fashion city
 - 63 Sneaker or sandal
 - 64 Loaf around
 - 65 Wipe a blackboard clean

- 66 Canvas shelter for camping
 - 67 Just managed, with "out"
 - 68 More up-to-date
 - 69 Gets a glimpse of
- DOWN**
- 1 ___-serif typeface
 - 2 Cornfield bird
 - 3 First part of a play
 - 4 Prickly plant that's a symbol of Scotland
 - 5 Built like a weightlifter
 - 6 ___ house (for no charge)
 - 7 Woodwind instrument
 - 8 Roof overhang
 - 9 Liquid topping for a salad

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- 10 Public health agcy.
- 11 "Kindly stay on the phone"
- 12 Letter sent online
- 13 Shape of a pie slice
- 21 Reduced-price events
- 22 Something to whisper into
- 26 Guy
- 27 Mined rocks
- 28 Authentic
- 29 Liquid in auto radiators
- 30 Hula dancer's "grass" garment
- 31 Tree with cones
- 33 City rds.
- 35 "¿Cómo ___ usted?"
- 36 Two-part
- 39 Congregation's repetitive agreement
- 40 Light-hearted satire
- 43 Follower of tic and tac
- 46 Takes into custody
- 48 ___ room (play area)
- 49 Car provided by a repair shop
- 50 Weasel-like mammal
- 51 Sound from an old wood floor
- 52 Developmental stage
- 55 Grow weary
- 56 Cat's scratcher
- 57 "This is fun!"
- 58 Urban district
- 59 Prepares, as an alarm clock
- 61 Stop sign's shade

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Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

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

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Today's Answers

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Today's Answers

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