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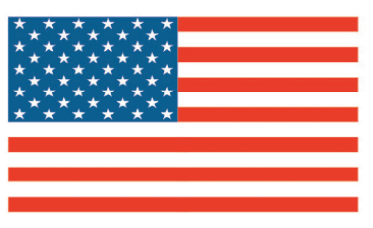
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New Year Baby 2020 has arrived

Howard County welcomes newest resident

Upcoming Events

TODAY

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

Take a moment to say thank you to our local law enforcement for all they do for our community

Saturday

10 a.m.
 State Park

Mountain Bike Race

Park will be closed during the race - gates will reopen after the race is completed

Jan. 25

Silver Wings Ball
 Tickets now available

Open Art Studio fundraiser
 BSHS Art Room

Debate
 BSHS at 10 a.m.
 More details to come

Feb. 1

Big Spring's Got Talent
 Applications being accepted.

Feb. 7

Chamber Extravaganza
 Howard Co. Fairgrounds

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Courtesy photo

Scenic Mountain Medical Center welcomed Howard County's first baby of 2020, on Jan. 4, 2020 at 10 a.m. Zayvian Jeriah Cross was welcomed by his parents Miranda Hilario and Terence Cross Jr.

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

The newest member of Howard County has arrived. Scenic Mountain Medical Center announced the arrival of the 2020 New Year Baby, on Jan. 4. Miranda Hilario and Terence Cross Jr. along with SMMC, announce the arrival of Zayvian Jeriah Cross. The 8 pound 7 ounce, 20 inches long baby boy arrived on Jan. 4 at 10 a.m. He was welcomed by his parents, his grandparents Bonnie Claxton and Laura Marquez, along with his sibling Keziah King Cross. "We are honored to be able to celebrate the birth of the newest member of Big Spring and the first baby of the new year with the family," Daniel Moreno, SMMC Marketing Coordinator, said.

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Warlord MMA growing confidence through fitness

By **CINDY PINCH**
 Herald Contributor

Looking to get in shape for the new year? Or maybe you want to get stronger or learn how to defend yourself. Whatever your goals, Warlord MMA Martial Arts and Fitness has you covered. "We do Brazilian Jiu Jitsu classes...MMA classes and we do bootcamp fitness classes," Nathan Torres, owner of Warlord said. Torres first got into martial arts 13 years ago and the practice has become his life's work. He began helping at another gym before branching off on his own. Through a lot of hard work, his practice has grown into what it is today. Currently, Warlord offers classes for both adults and children. The classes range from self-defense to fitness, but martial arts isn't where Torres stops. He has supported local youth soccer and regularly hosts Halloween events for the community. "If it helped me in this little town, it would definitely help these kids," Torres said. "Being able to have a facility like this in this town, especially with the drug problem around here, it pretty much means everything to me. If I'm getting technical, it's pretty much my entire life ... It's my life's work."

From local tournaments to global competitions, Torres has done it all. He competes in California, Las Vegas, and New York. He has competed in several countries around the world, including Japan where he won gold. This year he's hoping to go to Mexico and return to Italy for competitions. "It's taken me everywhere," he said. Throughout his success both as an athlete and a business owner, Torres remains humble and focused on building up the people around him. His focus is on helping others improve and feel good about themselves, including his family. He encourages anyone who may be interested to visit the gym. "Come in. The hardest part is walking through the door," Torres said. "Do a trial class ... see what the classes have to offer. The main goal of this gym is to make sure that you're confident in what you're doing, that you feel safe, and basically it's a second family." In January, Warlord will be hosting classes for both children and adults, as well as beginning more bootcamp classes just in time for the new year. Who can join one of these classes?

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Silver Wings Ball raising funds, honoring history

By **ANNA GUTIERREZ**
 Staff Writer

Fun fact...did you know when the ball first started it was called the Pig Ball? When a groundbreaking was first held, Jerry Worthy in an effort to raise money for the Hangar kissed a pig for charity ... hence the name. That story was one of the ones shared at a recent groundbreaking for the expansion of Hangar 25. It was decided, after a few years, to rename it the Silver Wings Ball, which much more suits the history of Hangar 25 Air Museum. "This is our annual fundraiser," Amber Stokes with Hangar 25 Air Museum, and also a member of the Hangar 25 Ball Committee, said. "The money we raise is used to operate the museum year round including the airplanes. We do not charge admission to the museum; we are 100 percent free admission, although donations are always accepted." Stokes continued, "The money we raise also funds what I feel is a very important program, and that's the veteran recognitions that we do monthly. It helps us pay for the ribbons that are presented to the veterans, but also for the refreshments and such that we always provide at no charge to



Courtesy photo

The Silver Wings Ball is in the 22nd year and serves as the main fundraiser for Hangar 25 Air Museum. Tickets are on sale now and reserved tables can also be purchased.

whomever attends." "The airplanes require maintenance," says Stormy Bradley also with the Silver Wings Ball Committee. "They need

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Obituaries

Geneva Lee Stacy



Geneva Lee Stacy, 70, of Big Spring died Monday, Jan. 6, 2020, at her residence. Funeral services will be 1 p.m., Monday, Jan. 13, 2020, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Survivors include three daugh-

ters, Jenifer McNutt, Jolene McNutt, and Angi Stacy; son, Roy Dale McNutt; thirteen grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Johnnie Frie and Marion Frie; two sisters, Anna Ruth Tribble and Suzy Beasley; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

The family suggests memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org.

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

Police Blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **BRIAN MICHAEL GARZA**, 37, of 1604 Robin, was arrested on warrants for failure to appear

and expired registration.

- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 2900 block of Melrose Lane.

- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 800 block of Belve-

dere Rd., and the 400 block of College St., Coahoma, Texas.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 300 block of Golf Course Rd., and the 700 block of E. I-20.

Sheriff Report

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 inmates at the time of this report.

- **MATTHEW LOUIS ALMAZAN**, 32, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for failure to appear-theft of property (\$750 to \$2,500).

- **BRIAN MICHAEL GARZA**, 37, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for violating promise to ap-

pear, and expired registration.

- **TRACI RENE MARTINEZ**, 42, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of March Circle. No transport was required.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3900 block of Dixon. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 5600 block of I-20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2700 block of Oasis Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2700 block of Larry. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

Take Note

- The Big Spring Amateur Radio Club will be hosting a Ham Radio Training Course for Technician Class Certification. The class will meet Monday and Thursday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The dates are: Monday, Jan. 20, Thursday, Jan. 23, Monday, Jan. 27, and Thursday, Jan. 30. Upon completion of the classes, a testing date will be scheduled to accommodate those in the class. For more information, email Henry Hunter at hhunter@poka.com, or Pepper Sullivan at wpsull911@sbcglobal.net.

- Do you want to learn English or develop your computer skills? Permian Basin Adult Literacy can help you reach your goals! Classes available in English language learning and computer literacy. Classes are Tuesdays, beginning January 7, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Howard College Anthony Hunt Library, 1001 Birdwell Lane. There is a \$25 enrollment fee. For more information, contact Hunter Smith at hsmith@pbalc.org, call 432-682-9693, ext. 402, or go to website pbalc.org/permian-basin-adult-literacy-students/

- Meet Larry Praeger, Candidate for Texas Supreme Court, on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2020. He will be in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 5:30 p.m. The public is invited to come meet the candidate..

- Christa Castaneda, Candidate for Railroad Commissioner of Texas, will be in Big Spring, at the Mayo Sauce Diner, 206 S. Main St., on Sunday, Jan 12, at 1 p.m. The public is invited to come meet the candidate.

- Kelly Stone, Candidate for Railroad Commission

of Texas, will be in Big Spring on Monday, Jan 13, 2020, at Howard County Democrats Headquarters, 1408 Scurry St., at 5:30 p.m. The public is invited to come meet the candidate.

- VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.

- DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible?

There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

- O'Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Norman Witcher at 432-413-6663.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

- 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.

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Weather



Today: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 73. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight: Increasing clouds, with a low around 47. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast after midnight.

Friday: Partly sunny, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 64. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest 15 to 25 mph in the morning. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32. West wind 15 to 20 mph becoming north in the evening. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 55.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 37.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 65.

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

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 70.

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

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The new year baby and parents received a welcome basket that was put together through the generosity of several local community businesses. The basket included items from the following; Howard College who donated a scholarship, a onesie and a chocolate bar; SMMC Auxiliary Group donated two blankets, a hat and mittens. The parents will

be able to have their new baby photographed for a keepsake photo by Abstract Photography. A pacifier and blanket along with a burp cloth and bib were donated by The Wardrobe and Crazy Kow; the Life Center donated a box of diapers, baby monitor and tummy mat for the newest Howard County arrival.

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FITNESS

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“Anybody.” Torres said. “From four years old and up. The main thing that I focus on is self-defense. I get women in here all the time that have been or are currently in abusive relationships. I get kids in here all the time that are constantly being bullied. They come in here and they have the confidence now to defend themselves. So it’s not just about competing, it’s about being safe.”

For more information about his classes, Torres invites the community to stop in and visit the gym or check out the Warlord Facebook page for more information on current and upcoming classes. If your resolution is to get stronger, leaner, or just learn a new skill, Warlord MMA will help you achieve whatever goal you’re working toward.

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SILVER

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tires. They need paint every once in a while, and this is the one event we hold a year.”

This year, the ball will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25 at the Hotel Settles, and the theme is Red, White and Blue. Tickets are sold on an individual basis, but you can also reserve a table which includes eight tickets to the ball.

The night begins with a cocktail hour and music from Gabe Martinez. Next, a delicious meal will be served, followed by dancing to the music of Eddie Austin and the Texas Silhouettes. Silent and live auctions will be conducted throughout the evening. Professional photography will also be available, from Red Barn, to those who choose to remember the night with a special photo.

“This is a formal event,” states Bradley. “Actually, we like to say Texas formal in order to make some of the gentlemen more comfortable. But for us girls, it’s like prom. We get new dresses, get our nails and hair done; it’s a big event. It’s so much fun.”

“To stick with the Red, White and Blue theme,

this year our champagne toast will feature a ruby,” continued Bradley. “In the past, we’ve had diamonds, but we’ll be rotating precious jewels in future events.”

“The profit from this event comes from the auctions,” Shonda Folsom, Silver Wings Ball Committee Member, said. “These items are all donated from local businesses, organizations, and residents.”

Magun Smith, another committee member, wants to remind everyone that it’s very easy now-a-days to spend \$50 just on dinner. Wouldn’t it be better to have that money go to a worthy cause?

The committee members have worked very hard to bring you what they hope will be the highlight event of the year in Big Spring. Many sleepless nights have been spent planning and trying to make everything perfect.

For information about the ball, or to inquire about ticket, tables or sponsorships, contact Hangar 25 Air Museum at 264-1999. The museum is located at 1911 Apron Drive.

Contact Staff Writer Anna Gutierrez at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

Take Note

- Senior and/or mature adults are invited to come to a dance every first and third Friday each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center, located at 100 Whipkey Drive. Come two-step the evening away, or just mingle with old friends and make new friends. Dances are from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live en-

tertainment. No alcohol or smoking permitted. Cost is \$5 per person.

- Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh

Street, Suite A between 8 a.m and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with of-

office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

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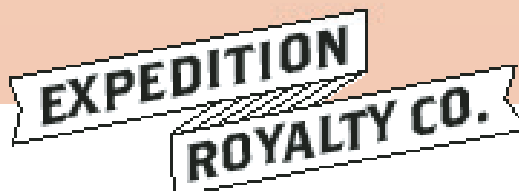
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*Give us Your positive love, Lord,
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Amen

Being vigilant in today's society

We all read stories in the news and on social media.

There's a strange person following you in the store or in the parking lot. You panic and make decisions that you look back on and know you shouldn't have made. I never thought I'd be one of those women, but I had an incident that took me by surprise and reminded me to be ever-vigilant.

My mother and I were leaving a local dollar store type establishment one evening after work. I had gotten off work a little early, thankfully, so it was still daylight. My mother was getting into the car as I was loading our purchases into the back.

As I was getting into the car, I hear my mother say, "No I didn't," when I realize she's speaking to a man that was sitting in his car parked next to us.

I asked my mother what had happened, and the man stated my mother had rammed his car with

the car door very hard. I looked at his car and didn't see a dent, so I knew his car had not been hit "so hard" as he had stated.

He kept arguing with us, but since we were already in the car, I decided to just leave.

Traffic was heavy as it was close to 5 p.m., so I didn't think anything when he exited behind us and went the same way I did. But as we are driving down the road, it seemed this man was following my car.

Unfortunately, due to the amount of traffic, I wasn't able to turn to go to the police station, so I just kept driving, but not going home.

I guess I thought of myself as a movie character trying to outrun someone chasing me, and I made a few turns, I'm sure at too fast a speed, trying to make sure this

man doesn't know where we live. I drive past houses of relatives, knowing we could stop there for help if it came to that, but what do you do if you're in an unfamiliar area?

When we see these posts on social media, the reaction we all have when reading is, "Why didn't you call the police? Why didn't you go to the police sta-

tion? Stay inside the store."

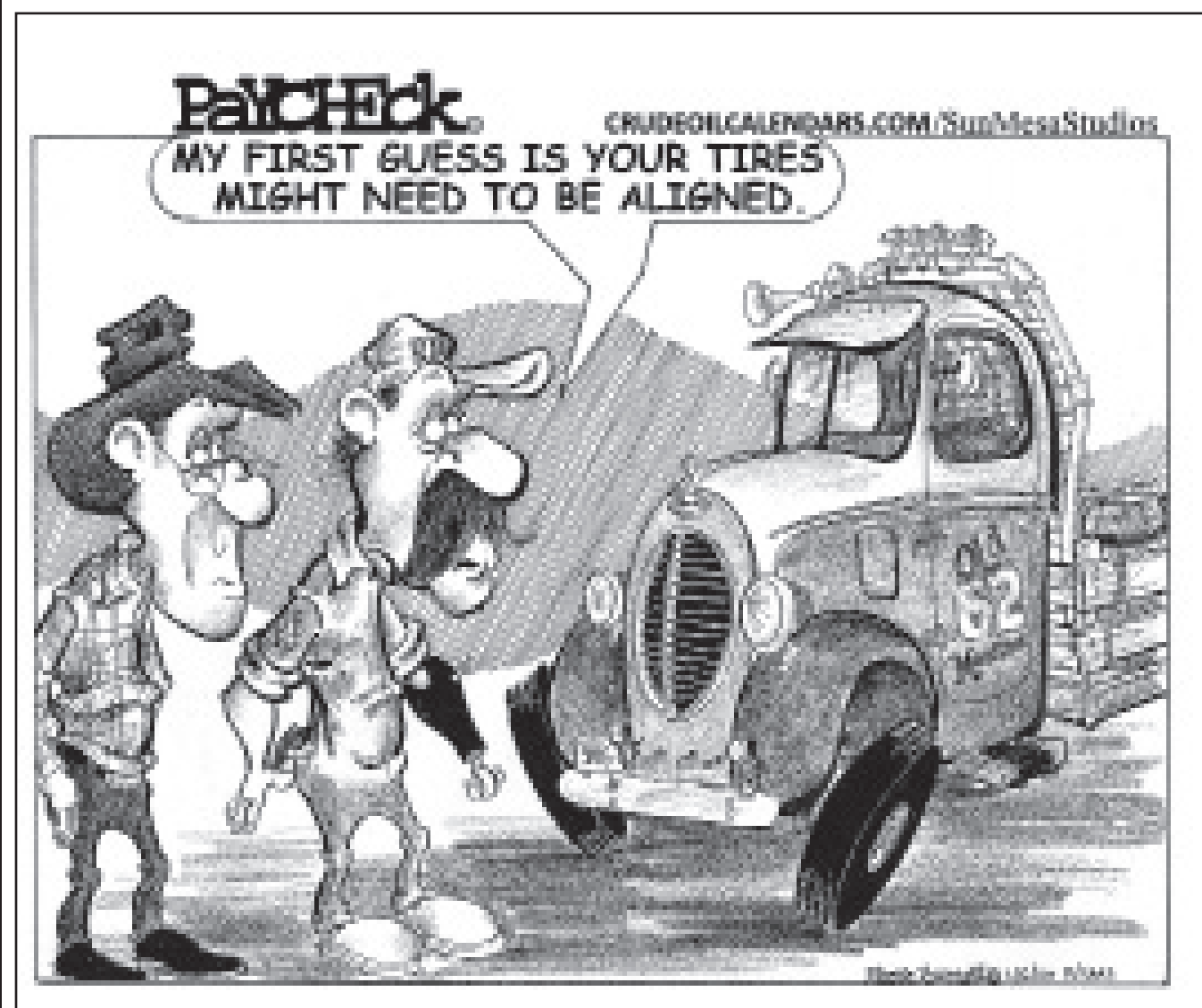
Yes, we all have these same thoughts, and it very much seems like the logical thing to do. Unfortunately, when panic sets in, our minds may not think clearly.

When my mother and I were in this position, we were already in our cars ready to leave the parking lot. Getting out of the car to go back into the store didn't even enter my mind. I thought we'd leave and everything would be over.

We were in a parking lot full of people, and no one even turned around and looked at us as he was arguing that we had hit his car. Are these types of situations that common that no one notices anymore? Have we become so accustomed to "minding our own business", that we don't see when someone may be having a problem?

I don't know the answers to those questions. I try to be very vigilant when out in public, try to be very aware of my surrounding and the people around me. Now that my mother is older, I try to accompany her when she has to run errands around town.

These types of incidents don't just happen in big cities. Don't be fooled into thinking things like this don't happen in Big Spring.



The Postscript: A Night at the Funeral Home

“What do you think?” my husband, Peter, asked about the link he’d sent me as we prepared to head home from the holidays.

“The funeral home?” I asked.

“Yeah, that one.”

“I thought it was a joke.”

“No, it’s right on our way.”

“We’re going to spend the night in a funeral home?”

“It’s very inexpensive!”

I suddenly felt like I was in the opening scene of every horror film I’d ever watched.

Peter wanted us to spend the night in a historic funeral home on our way home. The funeral home had been converted into an Airbnb. It was both right on our way and suspiciously cheap.

Peter and I drive home on two-lane roads. The roads are slower, but the route is more direct. The problem is that the few motels on the way are very much the worse for wear. We’ve tried virtually every one and I can no longer keep them straight.

“We stayed there,” Peter will say as we drive by.

“Was that the one with the really loud heater?” I ask.

“No, that was the one with the toilet that rocked—and not in a

good way.”

If a person stayed in a bad funeral home, I figured, at least the experience would be memorable.

We pulled in about sunset.

There was a bare weeping willow out front. The proprietor, a woman about my age named Cheryl, met us at the door. We’d been having trouble with our car battery, so we asked if we could plug a trickle charger into the unusually large garage.

“Boy!” Peter said, “This is a big garage.”

“They stored the coffins here until the hearse picked them up.”

“Huh,” Peter said.

We entered the house and noticed the front hallway was at an odd angle. I asked Cheryl why this was.

“There are three parlors, all with pocket doors to close them off and separate entrances,” Cheryl explained. “So they could have three funerals at once!”

“Did they really have three funerals at the same time?” I asked. That seemed like a lot of simultaneous casualties in a town this size.

“I don’t know if they did, but they could!”

Cheryl had four cats. One was black and named “Old Scratch.”

“You know, that’s a nickname for the devil,” I told her—certain she already knew.

“No! I didn’t know. He used to

have a sibling named ‘Sniff,’ who died years ago and now I just call him ‘Old Scratch.’”

There was a life-sized skeleton at the pump organ in one of the parlors and a figure in Victorian dress looking out the window. Our room upstairs was filled with antiques. There was also a skeleton in our closet, I discovered, when I put our luggage away.

Cheryl told us about the purported paranormal activities that had occurred in the house and the people who had stayed there, looking for them. There was, she told me, a persistent report of a woman on the back stairway.

“I don’t know if it’s haunted or not,” Cheryl concluded cheerfully. “If I hear something funny, I just say, ‘Oh! It’s the cats again!’” This seemed to me like a practical response.

I slept very well in the funeral home.

The house was quiet and bed was comfortable and I cannot tell you anything unusual that occurred during the night. Except this:

I had a particularly vivid dream. I was flying and felt fearless and full of joy and humor. I was learning new things and surrounded by friends.

If that’s what haunting feels like, I’ll take it.

Till next time,

Carrie

Carrie Classon’s memoir is called, “Blue Yarn.” Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

Bulldogs lose in district opener to Indians



Courtesy Photos

Pictured above left: Kolt Redden pushes past two Jim Ned defenders on his way towards the post during the Bulldogs loss to the Indians on Tuesday night. Pictured above right: Zack Schneider puts up a shot underneath the basket in the 67-32 loss.

Special to the Herald

TUSCOLA — The Coahoma Bulldogs fell to a tough Jim Ned team 67-32 in their district opener on the court with 11 points. Gaiqe Hill drained two three-point shots and ended the night with six points total.

UP NEXT: Coahoma hosts rival Stanton for a district match on Friday at the Coahoma Elementary School competition gym. Game time is 8 p.m. The

JV will play at 5:15 p.m.

COAHOMA 32, JIM NED 67.

Coahoma: 7, 5, 15, 5 -- 32
Jim Ned: 20, 14, 16, 17 -- 67

Coahoma — Braxton Chandler 2, Tony Hagins 3, Zack Schneider 4, Gaiqe Hill 6, Kolt Redden 11, Colin Daniels 4, Jonathon Schneider 2.

Jim Ned — Rhett May 2, Cy Noland 12, Ethan Luckenback 2, Caden Martin 12, Dylan Martin 4, Austin Martin 2, Ben Eschelmann 8, Cade Ford 22, Cole Barron 3.

Free Throws — Coahoma 8-14, Jim Ned 12-20 ; 3-Point Goals — Coahoma 3 (Hill 2, Hagins), Jim Ned 3 (Noland 2, Ford) ; Fouls — Coahoma 18, Jim Ned 20.

Bulldogettes fall on the road to No. 3-ranked Jim Ned 54-42

Special to the Herald

TUSCOLA — Despite holding the No. 3 ranked Jim Ned Lady Indians to just 14 points in the second half, the Coahoma Bulldogettes were not able to overcome a 20-point halftime deficit to earn their second district win on Tuesday night. Jim Ned won 54-42.

In the first quarter, Caitlyn Corley was quick to get the Bulldogettes on the scoreboard first with two baskets before the Lady Indians got into the rhythm of the game and built a 12-4 lead. MaKynlee Overton got the Bulldogettes rolling again with a couple of baskets followed by Corley and Abbie Lopez ended the quarter with a flourish when she nailed a 3-point buzzer beater. The Bulldogettes found themselves just four points behind the Lady Indians (17-13) as they started the second. However, Jim Ned began to methodically run up the score and



Courtesy Photo

Pictured above: Coahoma guard Katelyn Johnson prepares to catch the rebound from a free throw during Monday night's loss to Jim Ned.

ended the half ahead by 20 points (40-20).

After returning from the locker room, the Bulldogettes were reinvigorated and upped their defense to keep the Indians away from the net. In fact, Jim Ned only earned one point the entire third quarter, which came from a free throw in the last 12 seconds, and 13 points in the fourth.

Corley accounted for 13 of the Bulldogettes' 16 sec-

ond half points. Overall, the CHS senior recorded 20 points in the game. Overton followed with 10.

Next: Coahoma (1-2, 17-5) faces off against rival Stanton on Friday. The game will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Coahoma Elementary School competition gym. The JV team will play at 4 p.m.

COAHOMA 42, JIM NED 54.

Coahoma: 13, 7, 6, 16 -- 42

Jim Ned: 17, 23, 1, 13 -- 54

Coahoma — Julia Cox 4, Caitlyn Corley 20, Kenzi Canales 4, Abbie Lopez 4, MaKynlee Overton 10.

Jim Ned — A. Galvin 4, Jones 4, Benton 9, Espinosa 13, Garner 15, B. Galvin 9.

Free Throws — Coahoma 6-12, Jim Ned 9-16; 3-Point Goals — Coahoma 2 (Corley, Lopez), Jim Ned 3 (Garner, Benton, Jones); Fouls — Coahoma 17, Jim Ned 14.

NJCAA Men's Basketball Top 25

Ranking	Team	Overall	Points	Prev
1	Vincennes	14-1	386	2
2	Ranger	16-1	378	1
3	Florida SW St	17-1	371	3
4	Pearl River	8-0	354	4
5	Mineral Area	18-0	337	7
6	Indiana Hills	15-2	321	8
7	Tyler	12-0	290	10
8	N. OK Tonka	14-1	283	9
9	Clarendon	14-1	249	11
10	Tallahassee	17-2	233	12
11	Otero	15-1	223	6
12	Hutchinson	12-2	199	5
13	Caldwell Tech	15-0	180	14
14	Panola	13-2	175	15
15	Dyersburg St	14-0	153	16
16	Central FL	16-3	136	25
17	W. Wyoming	14-2	118	20
18	South Plains	10-4	92	NR
19	Casper	13-2	86	19
20	Cowley	13-3	76	13
21	S. Georgia St	15-1	71	25
22	Allen County	11-4	65	NR
23	USC Salkehat	12-3	62	24
24	Barton	12-2	54	NR
25	Southeastern	14-4	36	17

RECEIVING VOTES:

Colby (22), Lincoln Trail (22), Triton (22), Northeast Mississippi (20), Temple (19), Gulf Coast State (17), Harcum (17), Salt Lake (16), Eastern Arizona (15), Kilgore (14), Connors State (12), New Mexico (11), Jones (9), Miami Dade (8), Moberly Area (7), John A. Logan (6), Arizona Western (3), Georgia Highlands (2)

DROPPED FROM RANKINGS:

New Mexico (18), Triton (21), Salt Lake (23)

NJCAA Women's Basketball Top 25

Ranking	Team	Overall	Points	Prev
1	Gulf Coast St	14-0	175	1
2	South Plains	18-0	168	2
3	Chipola	16-1	161	6
4	Hutchinson	13-1	154	7
5	Tyler	12-2	147	8
6	New Mexico	11-4	140	12
7	Trinity Valley	14-1	133	3
8	NW Florida St	15-2	126	4
9	W. Nebraska	15-1	119	9
10	Shelton State	14-2	112	11
11	Jones	7-2	105	10
12	Midland	11-3	98	14
13	Seward Coun.	10-3	91	15
14	Central AZ	12-3	84	5
15	Florida SW St	13-5	77	13
16	Wabash Valley	10-2	70	17
17	S. GA Tech	17-2	63	16
18	Casper	13-2	56	18
19	N. OK Enid	11-2	49	21
20	Odessa	12-6	42	23
21	Ranger	15-0	35	24
22	Wallace State	14-3	28	22
23	Grayson	10-4	21	19
24	Redlands	13-1	14	20
25	Butler	11-5	7	NR

RECEIVING VOTES:

Angelina (5), Eastern Florida State (4), Gillette (3), Salt Lake (2), Vincennes (1)

Jokic scores 33 to lead Nuggets past Mavericks 107-106

DALLAS (AP) — All it took for Nikola Jokic to get going were a few words of encouragement from Denver Nuggets coach Mike Malone at halftime.

Jokic scored 26 of his 33 points in the second half and Denver pulled out a 107-106 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Wednesday night to finish 3-2 on its longest road trip of the season.

Jokic had 21 points in the third quarter and delivered the winning basket with 7.9 seconds left in the fourth when he backed

down on the right side of the lane and got a favorable bounce on his left-handed layup. Jokic, who was coming off a career-high 47 points Monday in a win over Atlanta, scored his first points of this one with 4:31 to play in the first half.

"No, I didn't get on him: 'You've got to score 26 points this half,'" Malone said. "It was more, 'Just stay with it.' He got really good looks in the first half. 'Didn't go down for you. We're going to keep on going to you.'"

The Mavericks' final possession ended with an errant pass that eluded Tim Hardaway Jr. behind the 3-point line.

Luka Doncic led Dallas with 27 points, 10 assists and nine rebounds — one rebound short of his 12th triple-double of the season. The Mavericks played their fifth straight game without Kristaps Porzingis (right knee soreness), who is second on the team in scoring and rebounding.

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Parkview Skilled Care and Rehab is currently accepting applications for a 2pm-10pm Charge Nurse who is motivated, caring and that loves the elderly. We offer Competitive Pay, Benefits and a Great Family working environment! You can apply on-line at www.parkviewnursing.net or in person at 3200 Parkway.

The Colorado River Municipal Water District is accepting applications for following positions.

Central Control Operator – Responsible for monitoring water flows, pressures, and tank levels using SCADA system. Perform administrative support including recording readings, monitoring phones and basic data entry. Basic computer skills including Excel needed. This position involves shift work.

Water Resources Technician – Position is responsible for monitoring and managing the District's Groundwater Monitoring Program and monitoring water quantities throughout the District's water supply systems. The ideal candidate will have progressive experience in data acquisition and project management. Prior hydrology experience preferred.

Electrician – Responsible for maintaining the District's control panels, motors, electric substations and power lines. Intermediate level position, good understanding of electricity required.

Electronics Technician – Responsible for installing, repairing, and maintaining communication equipment including mobile radios and microwave communication equipment, supporting the District's SCADA system. Intermediate level position, prior experience with PLCs and programming preferred.

Applications are required and are available at the District's office, 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas or by calling (432) 267-6341.

The Wood Group is hiring Mental Health Aides for Residential facility. Weekend position (8am to 8pm) and PRN shifts available. No certifications required for this position. A high school diploma or equivalent is required. To apply visit our website www.thewoodgroup.us and fax your application to 432-264-2773. For questions call 432-264-2752.

Tire Tech Needed. Apply at Tire Time 507 E 3rd St., Big Spring, TX. starting pay \$12.00 hr and higher DOE. 40 hours weekly. Sundays off. Drug test required. Contact Mike or Sarah.

Help Wanted

We are looking for an ambitious, creative, self-starter, to fill a staff writer role at the Big Spring Herald. Do you have a heart to share others stories and the desire to be involved in your community? We want to hear from you!

Responsibilities and Duties: This individual would provide news coverage, build pages, and update social media accounts/website.

Qualifications and Skills; Indesign and Photoshop are a plus, but will train the right person. We are looking for a creative, outgoing individual familiar with social media. Must be a self-starter, and be able to meet deadlines.

Individual will be responsible for several areas of coverage, from feature stories to hard news. Must have a flexible schedule.

Contact Amanda Duforat 432-263-7331 Ext. 230 or email editor@bigspringherald.com for questions or to submit your resume.

Job Type: Full Time

We are looking for an outgoing, ambitious individual to fill a role at the Big Spring Herald!

Are you eager to increase your income? Do you like to socialize and meet new people? We want to hear from you!

Responsibilities and Duties: This individual will be responsible for contacting businesses and selling newspaper advertising.

Qualifications and Skills: Knowledge of Microsoft programs is preferred, but will train the right person. Organization, creativity and strong people skills is a plus. Must have reliable transportation and a valid driver's license.

Bring resume to Big Spring Herald at 710 Scurry or email publisher@bigspringherald.com

Job Type: Full Time

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Notice of Draft Federal Operating Permit

Draft Permit No.: O3180

Application and Draft Permit. WTG Gas Processing, L.P., 211 North Colorado Street, Midland, Texas, 79701-4607, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Federal Operating Permit (herein referred to as Permit) No. O3180, Application No. 29054, to authorize operation of the East Vealmoor Gas Plant, an Industrial Gas Manufacturing facility. The area addressed by the application is located by directions from Big Spring at I-20 & Texas 350, go 24 miles East on Texas 350 to Vincent, then 8 miles West on FM 846, in Coahoma, Howard County, Texas 79511. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to the application. You can find an electronic map of the facility at: <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=32.494444&lng=-101.352222&zoom=13&type=r>. This application was received by the TCEQ on May 15, 2019.

The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10). The draft permit, if approved, will codify the conditions under which the area must operate. The permit will not authorize new construction. The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building E, First Floor, Austin, Texas 78753; the TCEQ Midland Regional Office, 9900 West Interstate 20, Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79706-2636; and the Howard County Library, 500 South Main Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720-2729, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The draft permit and statement of basis are available at the TCEQ Website:

www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/tvnotice

At the TCEQ central and regional offices, relevant supporting materials for the draft permit, as well as the New Source Review permits which have been incorporated by reference, may be reviewed and copied. Any person with difficulties obtaining these materials due to travel constraints may contact the TCEQ central office file room at (512) 239-2900.

Public Comment/Notice and Comment Hearing. Any person may submit written comments on the draft permit. Comments relating to the accuracy, completeness, and appropriateness of the permit conditions may result in changes to the draft permit.

A person who may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the permitted area may request a notice and comment hearing. The purpose of the notice and comment hearing is

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to provide an additional opportunity to submit comments on the draft permit. The permit may be changed based on comments pertaining to whether the permit provides for compliance with 30 TAC Chapter 122 (examples may include that the permit does not contain all applicable requirements or the public notice procedures were not satisfied). The TCEQ may grant a notice and comment hearing on the application if a written hearing request is received within 30 days after publication of the newspaper notice. The hearing request must include the basis for the request, including a description of how the person may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the application area. The request should also specify the conditions of the draft permit that are inappropriate or specify how the preliminary decision to issue or deny the permit is inappropriate. All reasonably ascertainable issues must be raised and all reasonably available arguments must be submitted by the end of the public comment period. If a notice and comment hearing is granted, all individuals that submitted written comments or a hearing request will receive written notice of the hearing. This notice will identify the date, time, and location for the hearing.

Written public comments and/or requests for a notice and comment hearing should be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/ and be received within 30 days after the date of newspaper publication of this notice. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record.

A notice of proposed final action that includes a response to comments and identification of any changes to the draft permit will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments, a hearing request, or requested to be on the mailing list for this application. This mailing will also provide instructions for public petitions to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to request that the EPA object to the issuance of the proposed permit. After receiving a petition, the EPA may only object to the issuance of a permit which is not in compliance with the applicable requirements or the requirements of 30 TAC Chapter 122.

Mailing List. In addition to submitting public comments, a person may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Chief Clerk for this application.

Information. For additional information about this permit application or the permitting process, please contact the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Public Education Program, MC-108, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained for WTG Gas

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Processing, L.P. by calling Mrs. Elena Hofmann at (713) 983-0112.

Notice Issuance Date: December 5, 2019

#10420 Jan. 9, 2020

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0324399
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jan 2, 2020 Status/Permit No. 859635
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jan 23, 2020
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SM ENERGY COMPANY, [RRC Operator No. 788997] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 14, Bk. 31 T2N, T&P RR CO/MC CARTY, J E Survey, A-1154, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 15.5 miles NE direction from BIG SPRING, Texas.

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

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Jan 23, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:
FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name : VIPER MCMURPHY C

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Lease/Unit Well No. : 1424LS
Lease/Unit Acres : 1285.3
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 440.0
Lease Lines : 662.0 F NE L, 5776.0 F NW L
Survey Lines : 662.0 F NE L, 463.0 F NW L
Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal
Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 933.0 F NE L 5275.0 F NW L
Terminus Location
BH County: HOWARD
Section: 24 Block: 31 T2N
Abstract: 1302
Survey: T&P RR CO/MORGAN, P S
Lease Lines: 990.0 F NE L 120.0 F SE L
Survey Lines: 990.0 F NE L 120.0 F SE L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Jill Hamilton, at (432)8484855.

#10419 Jan. 9 & 16, 2020

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0324401
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(TREND AREA)
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Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 439.0
Lease Lines : 752.0 F NE L, 5781.0 F NW L
Survey Lines : 752.0 F NE L, 468.0 F NW L
Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal
Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 1254.0 F SW L 5279.0 F NW L
Terminus Location
BH County: HOWARD
Section: 24 Block: 31 T2N
Abstract: 1302
Survey: T&P RR CO/MORGAN, P S
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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0324402
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jan 2, 2020 Status/Permit No. 859621
NOTICE OF PROTEST
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ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

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Survey Lines : 632.0 F NE L, 461.0 F NW L
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Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
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By Steve Becker

A tragedy of errors

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North-South vulnerable.

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♥ Q J 7 2
♦ 10 9 8 4
♠ A 10

WEST
♦ 8 6 4 2
♥ 5 3
♦ A J 6
♣ Q 9 6 2

EAST
♦ K 9 7 3
♥ A 4
♥ 7 5 3
♣ J 8 5 3

SOUTH
♦ J 5
♥ K 10 9 8 6
♦ K Q 2
♣ K 7 4

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass 1♦ Pass 1♥
Pass 2♥ Pass 4♥

Opening lead — two of clubs.

You don't have to have a slide rule to be a good defender, but it helps greatly to know a thing or two about standard defensive conventions.

For example, take this deal where West led a club against four hearts. Declarer won East's jack with the king and played a trump, taken by East with the ace. Back came the seven of diamonds, South's king losing to the ace, and West returned a club to dummy's ace.

Declarer played a trump to his hand, led the jack of spades and finessed. East took his king and returned the five of diamonds, but South went up with the queen and later discarded his diamond loser on dummy's third spade to make the contract.

West stumbled badly on defense when he won the king of diamonds with the ace at trick three. East's seven-of-diamonds return, in accordance with convention, should not have been difficult to read as "top-of-nothing," that is, indicating a doubleton or tripleton diamond holding headed by the seven. This meant that declarer held either the K-Q-x or K-Q-x-x of diamonds, so there was no urgency about taking South's king with the ace.

Had West ducked the king, South ultimately would have gone down one. When East later gained the lead with the king of spades, his diamond return would have allowed West to score the A-J to set the contract.

It should also be pointed out that South likewise erred in the play. He should have led the jack of spades at trick two, not a trump. If the spade finesse succeeded, the contract would become foolproof, while if the spade finesse lost, declarer would acquire an extra spade winner that would prevent his losing two diamond tricks. Had South recognized that there was much more to be gained by tackling spades before trumps, the defense's chance to set the contract would never have come to pass.

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



ARIES (March 21-April 19). A project frustrates. It's because you're looking at the minor aspects when what you need is a broad perspective. Get away from your work for a while, and then you'll come back with an idea.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People will try to rush you along. Unless you're merging onto a freeway or traffic circle, there is no reason to let anyone else's sense of timing influence your impeccable flow.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Sales! That's where your talent lies today. Whether it's selling something as simple as a social plan to your friends or as complicated as a hot property to a testy buyer, you'll be a winner.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's no offering in the entire world that is right for everyone. You'll objectively figure out why what you're doing is right for certain people and not others so you can broaden or narrow your appeal according to your goals.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Loving a person for their potential isn't really love because it's a rejection of who the person is right now. One way to tell love from its imposters is that love is always happening in the present.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People who mean well aren't always helpful, and people who are careless or ill-intended don't always hurt. Take the feelings out of your choice. The thing to consider strongly now is ability. Who can, and is likely to, deliver?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Yours will be the action that starts others moving. The most beneficial direction will be one that's tidy, clean and simple. Tie loose ends and resolve clutter, and loved ones will follow your lead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). People can feel how much you appreciate them, even when you don't make a big fuss about it. Public praise isn't always appropriate, but when it is, all who witness your genuineness and enthusiasm will be motivated

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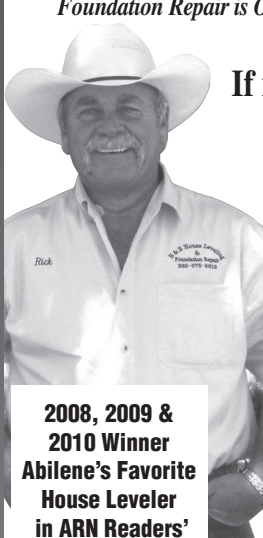
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The game wasn't lost at the end," Hardaway said. "It was lost in the first, second, third and little parts of the fourth. You've got to give them credit because they knocked down their contested 3s and Jokic got hot."

The Nuggets were 9 for 24 behind the arc, led by Jokic going 4 for 6.

Dallas shot 12 for 35 on 3-pointers. Doncic was 1 for 7 from long range.

After Jokic missed his only three shots of the first quarter and had seven points at halftime, he got rolling quickly.

"I missed a couple easy ones in the first half," Jokic said. "My teammates were passing me the ball and telling me to shoot. I was just trying to be aggressive and score as much as possible."

The Nuggets were down two starters. Will Barton, second on the team in rebounding, missed the game for personal reasons. Paul Millsap sat out

with a bruised left knee. Their substitutes in the lineup were Jerami Grant and Torrey Craig, each making his fourth start of the season.

The Mavericks are 2-2 on a six-game homestand, their longest of the season. They have lost five of their last eight home games.

TIP-INS

After the Nuggets allowed only four offensive rebounds in their eight-point win over the Hawks, they limited the Mavericks to six. ... The teams alternated six 3-pointers in the final 2:01 of the third quarter, leaving the Mavericks ahead 89-86 going into the fourth. ... Doncic went into play leading the NBA in first-quarter scoring at 9.9 points per game. He scored nine this time on 4-for-11 shooting, including 1 of 4 on 3-pointers while playing the entire period.

COLD FINISH

Doncic, the NBA's third-leading scorer at 29.6 points per game, was held scoreless in the fourth quarter, going 0 for 3 from the floor with one 3-point attempt and no free throws.

"Just put pressure on him, make him give the

ball up early," Denver guard Jamal Murray said. "We trust our rotation to the last play, and it was working. We did a great job of just being active on defense."

ON THE BOARDS

With Porzingis out, Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle sought rebounding help from wherever he could find it. The Mavericks finished with a 38-37 edge over an opponent that is 17-2 when outrebounding its opposition. Dwight Powell had eight boards and reserve Maxi Kleber grabbed seven.

With the Los Angeles Lakers and Philadelphia 76ers coming to town Friday and Saturday, respectively, Carlisle had no update on when Porzingis might return.

"He's doing better every day," Carlisle said. "His activity's increasing every day."

UP NEXT

Nuggets: Begin a three-game homestand Saturday against the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Mavericks: Friday's opponent, the Lakers, have won two of three previous meetings this season, including the one played in Dallas.

Harden, Young get 40-point triple-doubles; Rockets top Hawks

By CHARLES ODUM

AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — James Harden's big first quarter gave Houston a lead that seemed safe.

His misses helped give Atlanta a chance.

Harden scored 41 points, including 22 in the first quarter, to lead the Houston Rockets over Trae Young and the Hawks 122-115 on Wednesday night.

Harden had 10 assists and 10 rebounds for his second straight triple-double. He made only 9 of 34 shots, including 4 of 20 3-pointers.

Young kept pace. The Hawks' second-year point guard had 42 points, 13 rebounds and 10 assists. He and Harden are the first players to post 40-point triple-doubles in the same game, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Harden faded in the second half, when he made only 2 of 18 shots.

"I think, obviously, we had a couple guys run out of gas," said Houston coach Mike D'Antoni. "... Our legs got

tired obviously. We just had to hang on."

D'Antoni said Harden "just didn't shoot the ball well. So be it."

Harden had 44 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists for his first triple-double of the season in a 118-108 win over Philadelphia on Friday night.

The Hawks pulled within three late in the fourth quarter, the last time at 118-115 on two free throws by Alex Len. Harden sank four free throws in the final 10.4 seconds.

"They made shots," Harden said. "We missed shots. They're a feisty team."

Clint Capela had 22 points and 22 rebounds, and Ben McLemore had 18 points in Houston's third straight win.

Harden more than made up for the absence of Russell Westbrook, his usual backcourt partner. D'Antoni had a confident answer when asked before the game about the impact of Westbrook being rested.

"Just more James," D'Antoni said.

It was a

safe prediction.

Harden, who scored 60 points in his last game against Atlanta in November, set out on another high-scoring pace. The NBA's leader at 38.4 points per game, Harden abused the Hawks with his mix of 3-pointers and drives. Atlanta's frequent best answer was to foul him, and he made 19 of 23 free throws.

Houston led 45-29 after the first quarter and pushed the lead to 20 in the second period.

The Hawks rallied in the third, cutting the Houston lead to 87-83.

Following Houston's timeout, Harden sank a 3-pointer to start a 12-2 run to close the period, pushing the lead back to double figures. McLemore had two 3s in the run.

Atlanta again pulled close in the final period. Len's three-point play pulled the Hawks to 108-105.

TIP-INS

Rockets: Eric Gordon had 17 points in his

fourth game back after missing 22 games. He had arthroscopic knee surgery on Nov. 13. ... The 45 first-quarter points wasn't the high mark for any quarter this season. Houston scored 46 third-quarter points in the first win over Atlanta and had 48 fourth-quarter points at Washington on Oct. 30.

Hawks: John Collins had 17 points and 14 rebounds. ... The triple-double was Young's second this season and third of his career. ... F Bruno Fernando, who had been listed as a starter, was held out for personal reasons. Cam Raddish moved into the starting lineup. ... After missing four straight games with a right shoulder impingement, F Jabari Parker will be re-evaluated in two weeks following a non-surgical procedure on the shoulder on Tuesday.



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