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Upcoming Events

County Commissioners Meeting Jan. 25 3:30 p.m. 3rd Floor Courtroom County Courthouse

Howard College Board of Trustees Meeting Jan. 25 12:30 p.m. Fireplace Room

City Council Meeting Jan. 26 5:30 p.m. Council Chambers

Silver Wings Ball The Club at Silver Hills Jan. 30 5:30 p.m. cocktails 6:45 p.m. Dinner

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

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Howard County Commissioners to look at bids for 400' Guy Tower construction

By AMANDA DUFORAT Managing Editor

The Howard County Commissioners Court will convene at 3:30 p.m. in the Third Floor Courtroom in the Howard County Courthouse on Monday.

County Treasurer Sharon Adams will present the Treasurer's Monthly Payroll Report, Treasurer's Monthly Report and Quarterly Report to the Commissioners for approval.

Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman will lead discussion on the redemption deed.

The community is encouraged to attend the meeting, but can also watch through the Howard County Info Tech Facebook page.

County Auditor Jackie Olson will bring routine items such as the invoices, purchase requests, and budget



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Howard County Commissioners will meet at 3:30 p.m. in the Howard County Courthouse.

amendments. An early pay order will also be brought before discussion as well as the Disbursement Agreement with Outside Agencies.

The County Commissioners will be bringing discussion and possible approval for the bids for erecting and in-

stalling a 400' Guy Tower per standard TIA-222-H. The Commissioners had previously met in a special meeting this past Wednesday, but were unable to make a decision without more information.

As part of the Road Engineer report, Brian Klinksiek will update the Commissioners on roadway maintenance and discuss the equipment auction list and February auction.

Discussion will also be brought before the Commissioners regarding the contract for Rehabilitation Construction of CR34 between Howard County, TX & Ridgeback Asphalt LLC.

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Howard College Board of Trustees to discuss renovation project completion, SWCD projects

Covid-19 response status #10, Open Howard College update also on agenda

By IRIS RANGEL Herald Staff Writer

The Howard College Board of Trustees will gather Monday at 12:30 p.m. to discuss a regular agenda meeting. The meeting will be called to order by President Freeman and Trustees will begin conversation regarding a Board Self-Evaluation.

Trustees will then provide the invocation and recognition of guests.

Afterward, a moment will be taken for any communication to the board the public would like to make. The Board of Trustees meeting will take place in the Fireplace Room at Howard College.

The Approval of Routine Matters will also be discussed during the meeting that includes possible approval of Minutes for the regular meeting on Dec. 14, 2020 and special meeting Dec. 21, 2020, Checklist for December 2020, Monthly

Reports of Auxiliary Services, Personnel Matters, and an Internal Audit Report.

Moving onto new business, Trustees will begin conversation concerning Vision, Mission, Values, Strategic Planning which entails the Board of Trustees Institute (BoTI) Webinar and 2026 Vision.

During the new business section of the meeting, a COVID-19 Response Status #10 will be given along with an Open Howard College Update regarding the Big Spring, Lamesa, San Angelo, and SWCD campuses.

Accountability Measures and Operational Indicators will also be up for discussion including a Quick Facts agenda item.

A few other topics of discussion will include Financial Indicators, Student Success Indicators, and Handbook and Catalog Changes.

Trustees will also converse over a Request for Proposal/ Student Success Management System Software-Grant Fund

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Workforce Solutions of the Permian Basin hosting virtual job fairs for area employers

By AMANDA DUFORAT Managing Editor

As a new year rolls in potential employees are on the search for jobs and business owners are in need of employees; Workforce Solutions of the Permian Basin is offering a way for connections to be made virtually.

"Whether you are looking for a new career or your very first job, our staff and resources are here to help," Diana Meza, Business Service Representative of Workforce Solutions Permian Basin, said. "We help job seekers find the job that is right for them by offering web-based tools as well as onsite resources at our Workforce Solutions locations."

As the local community and surrounding areas attempt to adapt to social distancing and other precautionary measures, virtual events are starting to show up more. Workforce Solutions of the Permian Basin Business Service Unit is hosting bi-weekly events, with the next slated for Jan. 28. Once an employer is active with

WorkinTexas.com they are able to join in the events and take advantage of the support provided with recruiting, screening, referrals, consulting on numerous human resource issues, and tax credit information.

"Since we began the virtual platform events we have had 16 job fairs, with a total of 274 employers and 215 job seekers, with 131 hires taking place," she said. "These events are important because it provides easy access, cost and time savings, more connections and rate of quality candidates. It offers improvement on recruiting marketing and allows for a custom recruiting experience, while allowing employers to meet their next hire virtually."

Companies can register with the site with their company name, POC, phone number, address, e-mail, social media platform if they choose, business logo and brief company bio. Once registered employers have access to search thousands of resumes and can use key words to focus in on certain criteria. Job posts

can be created online through the WorkinTexas.com website. In addition, they can access the latest economic and labor market information for specific geographic areas.

"Workforce Solutions Permian Basin is funded by state and federal tax dollars which are redirected back into the 17 counties of the Permian Basin," she said.

In addition to employee and employer services, Workforce Solutions also offers support with subsidized child care services, youth services and training services.

"Workforce Solutions collaborates with local training providers to develop workforce training programs based on occupations with the highest growth and wage potential in the Permian Basin. We can assist with training costs for eligible individuals; training funds are available to dislocated workers, unemployed, underemployed adults, in-school and out-of school youth."

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Obituaries

Andrew Scott Prince

Andrew Scott Prince, 53, of Big Spring, passed away Thursday, Jan. 14 2021. He will lie in state Monday, Jan. 25, 2021, from 8:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. He will be buried with honors near his father at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas.

Scott was born Jan. 2, 1968, in Maryland but spent part of his upbringing as a military child and traveled many places until they settled in Big Spring, Texas, where he graduated from Big Spring High school. After high school he joined the Army and served at Fort Drum in NY from 1986 to 1994 in active duty and the reserves. During that time he met Kristen Knuth of Hanover,

Edward Lee "Pete" Bedwell

Edward Lee "Pete" Bedwell, 82, of Big Spring passed away Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021, at Ashton Medical Lodge of Midland. Graveside funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 25, 2021, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

Pete was born July 30, 1938, in Dierks, Arkansas, to Jesse Levi Bedwell II and Dolly Oval Bedwell. He married Nancy Nix and she preceded him in death in 1978. He later married Brenda Cogburn, and she also preceded him in death in 2006.

He worked as a carpenter for many years and after retiring he delivered the Big Spring Herald for over 21 years. Pete was an artist, working as a wood carver and painting. He also enjoyed playing the guitar.

New Hampshire and in 1991 they were married. Eventually they moved and settled to Plainfield, New Hampshire where they raised their two sons, Cameron and Colin.

Scott enjoyed spending time with his sons and was an active leader in his sons Boy Scout troop from 2005 to 2013. He returned to Big Spring in 2014 to care for his father.

He is survived by his children, Cameron and Colin; sister, Julie Ann Horton; three nieces, McKenzie Horton, Jordon Horton and Hannah Horton; three nephews, Alex Horton, Chris Horton and Wealdon Horton and one brother Matthew Horton.

Scott was preceded by his mother, Judith, and father, Andrew.

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

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Pete is survived by two daughters, Patsy Bedwell and Tammy Alders; one son, Mark Bedwell; three step-children, Dana Cogburn, Michael Cogburn and James Cogburn; three grandchildren, Erica Lightfoot and husband, Charles, Phillip Alders and Stephany Poffenberger and husband, Kevin; four great grandchildren, Colt Lightfoot, Ava Lightfoot, Hadley Fowler and Kessler Poffenberger; numerous nieces and nephews; two sisters, Fonda Balzen and Geraldine Burgman; and one brother, William "Buster" Bedwell.

He was preceded death by his parents; three brothers, John Bedwell, Jesse Bedwell and James Bedwell.

The family suggests memorials to Happy Days Humane Society, 5710 W. IH 20, Big Spring, TX 79720.

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Paid Obituary

Gwendolyn Fryar

Gwendolyn Fryar, 96, of Big Spring, Texas, died Jan. 20, 2021, in Big Spring. Due to COVID, private family graveside services will be at Trinity Park. Public viewing will be Sunday, Jan. 24, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Gwen was born Dec. 15, 1924, in Coahoma, Texas and married Harvey (Pig) W. Fryar on Aug. 22, 1941 in Cleburne, Texas. She was a homemaker at their farm in Howard County. Gwen enjoyed cooking, gardening, oil painting, sewing, playing games, collecting and searching for arrowheads. She loved family gatherings and socializing with friends. She and Pig enjoyed visiting all 50 states and several countries. After he passed, she continued her love for traveling, going

all over the world.

Survivors include a son, Larry Fryar; a daughter, Shana (Gary) Porter; three grandchildren, Todd (Vinda) Anderson, Kerry (Neanda) Fryar and Bart (Lindsay) Davis; a sister, Jeannie (Charles) Cunningham; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Pig; her daughter-in-law, Sandie Fryar; a granddaughter, Leslie Martin; a brother, Cromwell Rhoton; and a nephew, Brent Rhoton.

The family suggests memorials to Alzheimer's Association, Home Hospice or 14th & Main Church of Christ.

The family wishes to give special thanks to her caregivers, Mary, Sandie, Judy, Delma and Margie and everyone at Parkplace Retirement Living.

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

Paid Obituary

Glenda Cooper

Glenda Cooper, 78, of Arlington, Texas, passed away Jan. 16, 2021. Graveside services will be 1 p.m., Monday, Jan. 25, 2021, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park. She will be in-state Sunday, Jan. 24, 2021, from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mrs. Cooper was born Jan. 20, 1942, in Lubbock, Texas.

She met her future husband & father of her children, Harvey Cooper, while roller skating at a Lubbock rink. They were married June 3, 1960 in Lubbock,

Texas. She was a devoted Dallas Cowboys fan (her dog's name is Landry), loved all things mystery and crime, Law & Order, SVU, and Blue Bloods. But above all else, she loved her daughters & grandchil-

dren. She is missed beyond words.

Survivors include daughter Angela and son-in-law David Palmer of Cleburne, Texas, daughter Tammy and son-in-law Neil Prior of Arlington, Texas, grandchildren Savanna Palmer of Cleburne, Texas, Jake Sheedy of Marietta, OK, Elizabeth Russo of Arlington, Texas & Dr. Nick Russo of Houston, Texas. Mrs. Cooper was the youngest of 10 children and is survived by a wonderful brother Dale and sister-in-law Sharon Anderson of Benbrook, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her father Marvin D. Anderson and mother Effie Nolan Anderson.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to your local food bank.

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

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Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 88 inmates at the time of this report.

• **CHAD AUSTIN DARBY**, 42, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated third or more.

• **STEVEN GLEN HILDEBRAND**, 52, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of resist arrest search or transport..

• **MATTHEW CASEY O'BRIEN**, 41, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication and

bondsman off bond/DWLI.

• **ROBERT JOHN RIOS JR.**, 24, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than one gram and possession of controlled substance less than 28 grams.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **ROBERTO DUTCHOVER PEREZ JR**, 34, of 201 NE 6th Street, was arrested on charges of evading arrest/detention with vehicle or watercraft; possession of marijuana less than or equal to two ounces; warrant from other agency.

• **MATTHEW CASEY OBRIEN**, 41, of 805 E. 18th Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ROBERT JOHN RIOS JR**, 24, of 1000 E. 20th Street, was arrested on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than one gram and possession of controlled substance less than 28 grams.

• **CHAD AUSTIN DARBY**, 42, of 4705 Mount Hood Road, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated third or more.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1100 block of Thorpe Street.

• **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 3300 block of E FM 700; area of W. 15th and South Gregg; 800 block of Marcy Drive.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the area of 1400 Mesa Avenue; 2400 block of Morrison Drive.

• **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 1600 block of Thorpe Street; 700 block of Washington Boulevard.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1400 block of Mesa Avenue; 800 block of E. I-20

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1700 block of S. Lancaster Street; 1500 block N. Moss Lake Road.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 900 block of W. Third Street.

• **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 2000 block of S. Gregg Street.

• **CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 2600 block of S. Gregg Street.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Johnson. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical

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

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

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 6600 block of Craig Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Ent. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block Wood Street. 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.

• **OUTSIDE STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 2700 block of E. 24th Street. The fire was contained.

• **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 600 block of Manor. The fire was contained.

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Obituaries

Viola Barfield Norman

Viola Barfield Norman, 78, of Big Spring died Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Scott Kirkland, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Viola was born Jan. 5, 1943, in Lubbock to Zaola and Paul Barfield. She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church and a woman of great strength and faith. She worked at Malone Hogan Clinic and Sun Billing for many years. She was retired and enjoying spending it with the great love of her life, Jimmie Norman. Viola loved and saved many rescue dogs. She adored her four-legged babies. Viola was so kind, thoughtful and loving to everyone she met and she never

Ruth Loya Soto

Ruth Loya Soto, 75, of Big Spring, Texas was welcomed home into the arms of her Lord on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021. The family has chosen to have a memorial service to honor and celebrate Ruth's life at a later date.

Ruth was born July 4, 1945, in Mercedes, Texas. She married Tomas Soto, Sr. on April 28, 1968. Ruth and Tommy had two sons, Tomas Soto, Jr. and Armando Soto.

Ruth was a cosmetologist, and she truly loved her job and working with people. She eventually settled at the Big Spring State Hospital where she worked for several years before retiring.

Ruth will be remembered for her beauty, her friendliness, her phone calls, her love for shop-

ping, her cooking, and so much more.

She will be truly missed by her husband, Tommy Soto; a daughter in law, Charla Soto, four grandchildren, Trey Soto, Christina Perez, Tony Soto, and Teryn Thomasson, seven great grandchildren, two brothers, Noe Luevanos and Rafael Luevanos, Jr., one sister, Mary Weeks, and so many nieces and nephews who had special relationships with her.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Tommy, Jr and Armando Soto, mother and father, Marcella and Rafael Luevanos, Sr. and a brother, Juan Solis.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Association at www.diabetes.org

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

Paid Obituary

Raymond Earl Hogg

Raymond Earl Hogg, 79, of Big Spring, passed away Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021, at his residence. No services are planned at this time.

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

Take Note

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

- All City of Big Spring offices have reopened to the public effective January 19, 2021.

We ask citizens to act responsibly and follow all health precautions and sanitizing guidelines. We strongly recommend that citizens continue to practice social distancing, wash your hands frequently, stay home if you're sick, and wear a mask when in public areas.

- West Texas Centers will be hosting the January 2021 Mental Health First Aid training classes twice in January. The classes will be held on Jan. 26, 2021 for Adult Mental Health First Aid, and Jan. 28, 2021 for Youth Mental Health First Aid; adult mental health virtual class will take place Feb. 17 from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.; in-person adult mental health first aid class will take place Feb. 23, at 3205 Hwy 87 from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.; and the final class in the series will take place Feb. 25 from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. virtually.

- A GoFund me page for Ed Flores, who recently tested posi-

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

- The Howard County Courthouse will only be open by appointment. All doors except the handicapped entrance located on the west side of the building will be locked.

COUNTY

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Howard County Sheriff Stan Parker will be discussing the MOU between Howard County and Midland Police Department for the use of the Howard County Airport - Driving track. The Commissioners were originally presented with the MOU at the Special Meeting this past Wednesday.

Before the meeting adjourns Commissioner Pct. 2 Craig Bailey will discuss the possibility of getting laptops for Commissioner's.

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ed during the meeting. During the Construction/Renovation Projects portion of the meeting, discussion will be held over Big Spring/SWCD Roof Project Updates/Change Orders, Big Spring Campus Boiler Project Update, and Big Spring Campus SUB Renovation Completion.

Resolution for Gifts will be discussed amongst the Board, before the President's Report where upcoming activities and recognitions will take place.

Before the Trustees adjourn for the afternoon, Legislative and General Updates will be given alongside a Community College Association of Texas Trustees (CCATT) Future Webinars agenda item.

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WORK

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Workforce Solutions of the Permian Basin has offices in Odessa, Midland, Pecos, and Ft. Stockton, in addition to the Big Spring branch. To contact the Big Spring Office, located at 1001 Birdwell Lane inside the Warren Center at Howard College, call 432-263-8373. To register for a job fair, contact the Workforce Solutions office.

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Helen Alexander, 93, died Monday. Graveside services will be held at Greenleaf Cemetery in Brownwood at 2:00 PM Saturday.

Chon Garcia, Jr., 52, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Viola Norman, 78, died Thursday. Funeral services will be at 1:30 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Weather



Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 66. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 43. West wind 10 to 15 mph.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 60.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 36.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 60.

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

FORSAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2020

Data	10	50	Total
Control Codes	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Other Funds
REVENUES:			
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	6,706,621	2,418,040	185,274
5800 State Program Revenues	1,565,164	11,795	44,673
5900 Federal Program Revenues	-	-	311,599
5020 Total Revenues	8,271,785	2,429,835	541,546
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
0011 Instruction	4,723,958	-	132,333
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	25,093	-	-
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	21,308	-	-
0023 School Leadership	525,806	-	-
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	169,781	-	-
0033 Health Services	60,876	-	-
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	393,241	-	-
0035 Food Services	-	-	463,579
0036 Extracurricular Activities	472,507	-	-
0041 General Administration	483,874	-	-
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	851,955	-	-
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	42,678	-	-
0053 Data Processing Services	388,675	-	-
Debt Service:			
0071 Principal on Long-Term Debt	-	860,000	-
0072 Interest on Long-Term Debt	-	552,550	-
0073 Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	4,840	-
Capital Outlay:			
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	2,051,663	-	-
Intergovernmental:			
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	144,960	-	-
0095 Payments to Juvenile Justice Alternative Ed. Prg.	9,995	-	-
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	96,409	-	-
6030 Total Expenditures	10,462,779	1,417,390	595,912
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(2,190,994)	1,012,445	(54,366)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
7912 Sale of Real and Personal Property	21,337	-	-
7915 Transfers In	-	-	48,619
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(48,619)	-	-
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(27,282)	-	48,619
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(2,218,276)	1,012,445	(5,747)
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	9,695,621	1,405,897	33,538
1300 Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(156,669)	(4,249)	(27,791)
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	7,320,676	2,414,093	-

Opinion

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

-FIRST AMENDMENT



Opinions expressed on this page are those of the writers and not those of the Big Spring Herald unless otherwise indicated.

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- We reserve the right to edit for style and clarity.
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Writing ads for broadcast

When I was teaching broadcast writing and production at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin in Odessa, I laid down some rules for writing radio or television commercials.

Basically they said two things:

1. No trite over-used phrases.
2. Surprise the audience with something unexpected.

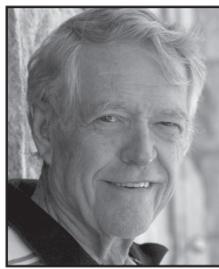
Here are some phrases not to use: last chance, dreams to reality, now more than ever. I told my students they shouldn't use any negatives (never, no, not, none) in a commercial.

I urged my students to use correct English. "Nobody does it better than us" should be "Nobody does it better than we do." The most flagrant disregard for correct English usage is when a store is advertised. Most commercials say this: "The store is having their grand opening."

The correct way to say it is like this: "The store is having its grand opening." The wrong usage of their (plural) and its (singular) is heard daily not only on commercials but also on newscasts. What absolutely rankles my ears is when someone is doing an adlib on a commercial or perhaps commenting on something in a newscast when the person says, "Me and her are going to judge the Christmas lights." It should be she and I. Where were they in English class? Besides, the best adlib is a written (or memorized) adlib. Cumulative nouns like City Council create opportunities for errors. The City Council is singular. The City Council members are plural.

Pronunciation needs to be correct, too. In Texas we hear "dudn't" for the word "doesn't."

On a broadcast spot, you shouldn't have the person rushing off to buy the advertised product. So many times we see a couple of people driving along and one talks about a product, then the other one stops the car and runs into a store to buy it.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH



A warning this time

A Texas automobile driver was "tooling" down a rural highway on a lazy Saturday afternoon. Most motorists had already reached destinations, or maybe decided not to go. He felt alone, not another vehicle in sight on a long stretch of pavement.

Suddenly, flashing lights in his rearview mirror were strong indicators that he wasn't alone. Further, he wondered if his definition of "tooling" might run sideways with the definition understood by the Department of Public Safety trooper ambling toward his parked vehicle.

The nameless driver—whose thoughts and actions almost always come down on the side of the law—squirmed. His brain whirled with possible excuses to fall back on.

His hands gripped the steering wheel with a chokehold. He began his spiel. "Officer, I'm sure that I may have been driving a little too fast, but I do want you to know that I am a licensed owner of a firearm that is 'locked and loaded' under my seat."

He wasn't dealing recklessly with the truth but figured the trooper would appreciate knowing about his pistol if he decided to search the car.

Smiling, the officer explained that a recorded speed of 75 MPH in a 60 MPH zone shot holes in the offender's claim of merely "tooling along," but that this time, he would issue a warning ticket. "And by the way, thanks for sup-

porting the second amendment."

Another favorite "on the road" story concerns a driver who also was "tooling along" some 10 MPH over the posted speed limit. What lousy luck, he thought, this unexpected "cop encounter." He knew he'd never hear the end of it—too many witnesses, he thought. His wife was alongside, and three elementary-age children were engaged in "backseat combat" in whatever contest least resembled the quiet game.

Just before the DPS guy reached his car, the driver hurriedly buckled his seat belt. The officer in tall boots and eye shades proceeded with his usual greeting: "You were speeding, and I'm giving you a ticket." He warned about the danger of speeding, closing with an unexpected compliment. "But

Don Newbury

I do want to congratulate you for wearing your seat belt."

It was the driver's turn to speak: "Thank you, officer. I have long felt it to be important to wear seat belts, knowing that they save many lives and prevent many injuries. I always wear mine." Then, the officer answered—emphasizing the word "always" in the same manner. "Do you always run it through your steering wheel?" (And then there was the driver who claimed to "ooze" through a stop sign. "S-t-o-p doesn't spell 'ooze'," the trooper contended as he issued the citation.)....

Kind of ridiculous. Insults a person's intelligence.

Don't shout. So many car commercials feature the spokesman screaming at the audience in staccato speech delivered at warp speed, frantically demanding that the viewer or listener come in and spend \$75,000 for a pickup. T

hat won't work for me. I've never understood the radio voice. It is different from the normal speaking voice, but really shouldn't be any different. I told my students to have respect for the microphone. Let it do its job.

My students won 120 state and national awards during the 34 years I taught there. Two of my commercials won CLIOs, the advertising equivalent of the movie Oscars.

They were simple spots, just voice over harmonica music. The words were lyrical prose about West Texas symbols (mesquite, windmills, etc.). The name of the sponsor wasn't even mentioned until the end of the spot. Some people said they didn't know it was a commercial.

The spots had immediate emotional involvement.

Permit me one more "coulda-happened" road story. Let's set the scene: A long-haul trucker was driving slowly over a mountainous pass in a snowstorm. Suddenly, a lumberjack-sized man waved for him to stop. The driver felt sorry for the man who faced real danger—if not death by freezing—if he didn't stop to render aid. The parable of the Good Samaritan flooded his mind, so he stopped, offering the stranger a ride.

The hitchhiker began yakking. "Exactly ten years ago tonight I was hitchhiking on this very road. I hailed down a truck that looked much like yours. I was much bigger than the trucker who gave me a ride, and I beat him up severely, kicked him out and took over his truck. I was arrested at a truck stop a few hours later, went to trial and was institutionalized until my release this morning."

"I remember you," the driver said. Before ending these "road stories," I wonder how many remember the clever road signs nailed to fence posts by Burma Shave?

Did you know that many of the "ditties" were written during college years by Warren Buffett, one of the world's richest men?

Here's one of the messages: "ANGELS WHO GUARD YOU WHEN YOU DRIVE, USUALLY RETIRE AT 65."

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DAILY PRAYER

Dear Lord, may we realize that little prayers can add up to big things.
Amen

Do you have a passion for writing? Do you want to share your work with others?

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Leushner signs letter of intent with Weatherford College



Courtesy photos/Sam Young

Alex Leushner, Big Spring High School senior, signed a letter of intent to play Golf at the college level for Weatherford College on Friday morning.

By SAM YOUNG

Herald Contributing Writer

Big Spring Steer athletics celebrated its first college signing of 2021 on Friday morning courtesy of senior golf standout Alex Leushner. He signed his letter of intent to continue his golfing career at the collegiate level, becoming a future member of the Weatherford College men's golf team. Alex was joined in the ceremony by his father and grandmother, as well as varsity coach Mike Scarbrough, and his teammates on the Steer golf team.

Leushner is expected to continue his on- and off-the-course leadership role for a Big Spring boy's that is looking to make a legitimate to State

in Class 4A. Before that potential date comes up May 17-18, Big Spring boy's will tee off the season on February 5-6 in Snyder. Other noteworthy dates for the team include the annual Big Spring Invitational, set for March 12-13; district tournaments starting March 22 and running through April 7; and the boy's Regional Tournament from April 19-22.

Leushner, and the rest of Big Spring's college signees, will also be honored at a pep rally later this spring. Details of exactly when that will be, and the nature of the celebration, are still being fully worked out. More information will be reported when it becomes available.

Doncic, Mavericks fend off late rally to beat Spurs, 122-107

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Luka Doncic had 36 points, 11 assists and nine rebounds and the Dallas Mavericks withstood a late rally to beat the San Antonio Spurs 122-117 on Friday night.

San Antonio lost starting point guard Dejounte Murray in the opening minute. The severity of the injury is unknown.

DeMar DeRozan had 29 points, LaMarcus Aldridge added 26s, and Keldon Johnson had 17 points and 14 rebounds for the Spurs.

Dallas won its second straight after a three-game losing streak. San Antonio is 2-5 at home.

After trailing by as many as 18 points, the Spurs pulled to 113-107 with four minutes remaining on the turnaround left-handed hook by Aldridge. Two minutes later, DeRozan cut the advantage to 113-111 with a pair of free throws. DeRozan made one of two free throws to pull the Spurs within 113-112, but Doncic made an 11-footer and then assisted on Jalen Brunson's 3-pointer.

Kristaps Porzingis and Tim Hardaway Jr. had 21 points each for the Mavericks.

Murray's absence had a big impact on San Antonio's perimeter defense in the first half.

The Mavericks were 14 for 39 on 3-pointers, including 10 for 21 in the first half. Dallas entered the game averaging 12.6 3-pointers on 37.6 attempts.

TIP-INS

Mavericks: Doncic fell a rebound shy of his sixth triple-double of the season. In just his third season with the Mavericks, Doncic is the franchise leader in triple-doubles with 30. ... Dorian Finney-Smith, Maxi Kleber, Dwight Powell and Josh Richardson were because of health and safety protocols.

Hank Aaron, baseball's one-time home run king, dies at 86

ATLANTA (AP) — Hank Aaron, who endured racist threats with stoic dignity during his pursuit of Babe Ruth's home run record and gracefully left his mark as one of baseball's greatest all-around players, died Friday. He was 86.

The Atlanta Braves, Aaron's long-time team, said he died peacefully in his sleep. No cause was given.

Aaron made his last public appearance just 2 1/2 weeks ago, when he received the COVID-19 vaccine. He said he wanted to help spread the to Black Americans that the vaccine was safe. "Hammerin' Hank" set a wide array of career hitting records during a 23-year career spent mostly with the Milwaukee and Atlanta Braves, including RBIs, extra-base hits and total bases.

But the Hall of Famer will be remembered for one swing above all others, the one that made him baseball's home-run king.

It was a title he would be hold for more than 33 years, a period in which the Hammer slowly but surely claimed his rightful place as one of America's most iconic sporting figures, a true national treasure worthy of mention in the same breath with Ruth or Ali or Jordan.

Before a sellout crowd at Atlanta Stadium and a national television audience, Aaron broke Ruth's home run record with No. 715 off Al Downing of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The Hall of Famer finished his career with 755, a total surpassed by Barry Bonds in 2007 — though many continued to call the Hammer the true home run king because of allegations that Bonds used performance-enhancing drugs.

Bonds finished his tarnished career with 762, though Aaron never begrudged someone eclipsing his mark.

His common refrain: More than three decades as the king was long enough. It was time for someone else to hold the record.

No one could take away his legacy.

"I just tried to play the game the way it was supposed to be played," Aaron said, summing it up better than anyone.

He wasn't on hand when Bonds hit No. 756, but he did tape a congratulatory message that was shown on the video board in San Francisco shortly after the new record-holder went deep. While saddened by claims of rampant steroid use in baseball in the late 1990s and early 2000s, Aaron never challenged those marks set by players who may have

taken pharmaceutical short cuts.

Besides, he always had that April night in 1974.

"Downing was more of a finesse pitcher," Aaron remembered shortly before the 30th anniversary of the landmark homer. "I guess he was trying to throw me a screwball or something. Whatever it was, I got enough of it."

Aaron's journey to that memorable homer was hardly pleasant. He was the target of extensive hate mail as he closed in on Ruth's cherished record of 714, much of it sparked by the fact Ruth was white and Aaron was black.

"If I was white, all America would be proud of me," Aaron said almost a year before he passed Ruth. "But I am black."

Aaron was shadowed constantly by bodyguards and forced to distance himself from teammates. He kept all those hateful letters, a bitter reminder of the abuse he endured and never forgot.

"It's very offensive," he once said. "They call me 'nigger' and every other bad word you can come up with. You can't ignore them. They are here. But this is just the way things are for black people in America. It's something you battle all of your life."

After retiring in 1976, he became a revered, almost mythical figure, even though he never pursued the spotlight. He was thrilled when the U.S. elected its first African-American president, Barack Obama, in 2008. Former President Bill Clinton credited Aaron with helping carve a path of racial tolerance that made Obama's victory possible.

"We're a different country now," Clinton said at a 75th birthday celebration for Aaron. "You've given us far more than we'll ever give you."

Aaron spent 21 of his 23 seasons with the Braves, first in Milwaukee, then in Atlanta after the franchise moved to the Deep South in 1966. He finished his career back in Milwaukee, traded the Braves after the 1974 season when he refused to take a front-office job that would have required a big pay cut.

While knocking the ball over the fence became his signature accom-

plishment, the Hammer was hardly a one-dimensional star. In fact, he never hit more than 47 homers in a season (though he did have eight years with at least 40 dingers).

But it can be argued that no one was so good, for so long, at so many facets of the national pastime.

See AARON, Page 10A

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DON'T WORRY!

SCREECH!

IF MY ALGEBRA BOOK DOESN'T GIVE ME NIGHTMARES, NOTHING WILL!

I CAME UP WITH A SURPRISE TEST THAT SHOULD REALLY MAKE YOUR EYEBALLS POP!

GOOD GRIEF! IT'S THE TOUGHEST EVER! I'M DOOMED!

HENRY SCARPELLI CRAIG GOLDMAN

ARCHIE

GET MOVING! SCHOOL DAY! YOU'LL MISS YOUR FIRST-PERIOD CLASS!

WOW! IT WAS A DREAM!

MOM, YOU SAVED ME FROM A FATE WORSE THAN DETENTION!

GLAD YOU'RE ALL HERE ON TIME! WAIT TILL YOU SEE THE SURPRISE TEST I'VE COOKED UP FOR YOU!

OF COURSE, OVERSLEEPING HAS ITS ADVANTAGES, TOO!

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MOMMA

BY MELL LAZARUS

- AND, LORD, PLEASE HELP ME MAKE LIFE'S TOUGH DECISIONS...

- SUCH AS FALLON OR KIMMEL...

LAZARUS

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Agnes

by TONY COCHRAN

I'M MAKING A GROCERY LIST, AGNES. CAN YOU THINK OF ANYTHING TO ADD?

WOO-HOO! I SURE CAN!

OK, BUT IT HAS TO BE NUTRITIONAL, LOW IN SUGAR, LOW IN FAT, LOW IN SALT, CHEAP AND WITH A GOOD COUPON.

WELL? WHEN I'M GROWN UP, I'M CRUMBLING CHEETOS ON ICE CREAM EVERY DAY.

TONY COCHRAN

1-24, 2021

BIG HAPPY

NO, RUTHIE, YOU CAN'T HAVE A PHONE.

BUT, MOM, CYLENE HASTWO PHONES!

WHY TWO PHONES?

ONE IS FOR HER FAMILY, AND THE OTHER ONE IS FOR HER TUTOR, LIFE COACH, STYLIST, AND THERAPIST.

YOU KNOW, FOR THE REAL IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN HER LIFE.

BUT, MOM, WHY CAN'T I GET A PHONE?

YOU'RE TOO YOUNG, RUTHIE.

BUT WHAT IF I GET LOST IN THE WOODS WITHOUT A PHONE...

AND I'M RESCUED BY A BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WHO TAKES ME TO HER SPLENDID CASTLE...

BUT AT THE STROKE OF MIDNIGHT, THE CASTLE TURNS INTO A FILTHY CAVE...

AND THE PRINCESS TURNS INTO A WICKED OLD WITCH...

WHO MAKES ME CLEAN HER CAVE WITH A PUNY TOOTHBRUSH?!

OH, MY POOR BABY! I'D MISS YOU TERRIBLY!

MOM, STOP BEING SUCH A DRAMA QUEEN!

BUT, HONEY, I LEARNED IT FROM A REAL PRO... **YOU!!!**

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The BARN
by Ralph Hagen

ZZZ ZZZ

SNICKER

SNORT

HEE HEE HEE

HA HA HA HA HA

HA HA HA HA HA

HA HA HA CLICK

SORRY, MY PHONE WAS ON "TICKLE!"

GOTTA GET THAT APP!

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ANDY CAPP

by Smythe

YOU'VE COME TO THE RIGHT PERSON TO LEARN TO PLAY SNOOKER, SON. I'M SUCH A LEGEND I THINK THE LADS EVEN HAVE A NICKNAME FOR ME

HELLO, IT'S OL' 'CHEATER' CAPP

FISH N CHIPS

POOL & SNOOKER

GOLDSMITH & GARNETT

THE KEY TO THE GAME IS A STEADY HAND AND A SHARP EYE

I'LL SHOW YOU THIS FIRST... OOP!

SMASH!

CLUMP!

HOW NOT TO DO IT!

BOUNCE!

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Texas adds 67,600 private sector positions over the month

AUSTIN - Texas added 64,200 total nonagricultural jobs over the month, marking the eighth consecutive month of job growth in Texas. The Texas unemployment rate for December 2020 was 7.2 percent, down from 8.1 percent in November 2020.

"The private sector job growth we saw in December is promising" said TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel. "TWC continues to dedicate significant resources for Texans looking for new jobs and for Texas employers working to fill open jobs."

In December, the Professional and Business Services industry added 27,000 jobs. Trade, Transportation, and Utilities industry added 20,100 jobs and Education and Health Services added 6,600 jobs.

"This month's job numbers prove that high-

skilled workers are in-demand," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez. "TWC continues to encourage Texans to utilize upskilling opportunities like the Skills Enhancement Initiative through Metrix learning."

The Amarillo Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) recorded December's lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a not seasonally adjusted rate of 4.9 percent, followed by the College Station-Bryan MSA with the second lowest rate of 5.0 percent. The Austin-Round Rock MSA recorded the third lowest rate of 5.1 percent.

"Texas employers continue to remain steadfast as December marks the fifth consecutive month of private sector job growth, which is a testament

to their hard work and dedication," said Commissioner Representing Employers Aaron Demerson. "As we kick off the first quarter of 2021, my office stands ready to help all employers navigate the exciting future which lays ahead! We look forward to helping Texas continue to be the best state in which to do business."

Employment estimates released by TWC are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. All estimates are subject to revision. To access this and more employment data, visit TexasLMI.com.

The Texas Labor Market & Career Information Data for January is scheduled to be released on Friday, March 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. (CDT).

Watching your pet's weight is vital, and there are ways to make sure your animal is not packing on too many pounds.

By Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences Staff

BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION— For pet owners with an overweight animal companion, there can be a difficult balance between wanting to treat a pet and wanting to keep them in the best health possible.

However, with moderation and consistency, owners can ensure their pet reaches a healthy weight without discomfort.

Dr. Lori Teller, an associate professor in the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, says that a healthy diet is integral to successful weight loss.

Treats, whether specially made for pets or table food, should not make up more than 10% of an animal's diet, and when given, the calories of a treat should be included in a pet's total daily intake, she said.

"Healthy treats may include green beans, baby carrots, celery sticks, or apple slices," Teller said. "There also are other ways to treat pets besides food; many pets may be satisfied with some attention, whether that is a game of fetch, a catnip toy, or a chin scratch.

Veterinarians can make recommendations on healthy treat options as well.

Owners with an overweight pet also should consult with their veterinarian to set a weight loss plan that is best for their animal. As a general rule, Teller says that a gradual reduction in body mass is safest.

"Weight loss should be done in a stepwise fashion; pets should be weighed monthly to determine if they are losing weight appropriately," Teller said. "Rapid weight loss can lead to problems, such as liver disease or nutritional imbalances, and weight loss that is too slow prolongs the adverse effects of excess weight to the pet's health."

Exercise can also be a healthy tool in promoting weight loss. For dogs, this can include walks, swimming, frisbee or fetch.

If a dog is resistant to exercise, Teller recommends starting slowly. Taking walks in new areas may help mentally stimulate your dog in new ways, and, as a result, your dog may not even realize that they are going out for exercise.

If your dog is hesitant to get moving, Teller also recommends ruling out underlying health problems that

may make exercise painful for them.

"Dogs that are extremely overweight or obese may have an orthopedic problem, such as a torn cruciate ligament or herniated disk, that causes pain or discomfort with exercise," she said. "Rule out or treat underlying medical problems and talk with your veterinarian about an appropriate exercise plan. Some dogs may benefit from a few sessions of physical therapy to gain better mobility."

Cats and other non-walkable pets can also benefit from exercise. Cats may be encouraged to move with certain toys, such as a laser pointer. Teller says owners can place the cat's food in a location where they will have to work to get it, such as on top of a tall cat tree.

"It is possible to train a cat to walk on a leash and go for walks," she said. "This needs to be done slowly over time, but there are many owners who make this work."

Just as humans trying to lose weight may find themselves tempted by snacks, pets can also get impatient between meals. Teller recommends breaking a pet's food into multiple meals throughout the day — anywhere between two and four — and providing food on a regular schedule to reduce hunger.

"One more way that owners can help their pets is to feed the pet's entire daily food supply in puzzle toys," Teller said. "This is both mentally and physically stimulating. The pet will need to figure out how to get the food out of the toy. This will also make the pet eat more slowly, thus helping the pet to stay satiated for longer periods of time."

Although saying no to a begging pet may be difficult, the health of a beloved animal is well worth the discipline.

"Remember that animals that maintain at a healthy weight throughout their lifetime can live an additional two years over that of an overweight pet," Teller said. "That two years is worth the effort to keep your pet at a healthy weight."

Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University. Stories can be found on the Pet Talk website. Suggestions for future topics may be directed to editor@cvm.tamu.edu.

Choosing the Right Solar Company

Special to the Herald

BBB Column

The solar industry has grown tremendously in the last 10 years, and Texas ranked second in the nation for solar growth in 2019.

Solar energy promises consumers lower bills, tax incentives and an increase in home value, making it a tempting option for homeowners. Spring is the most popular time for solar panel installation, which means consumers will start their search for the best panels and deals soon.

But what should they know before they buy?

As the demand and use of solar energy grew, so did the number of complaints against the industry. Between 2010 and 2014, only 70 complaints were filed with BBB against Texas-based solar companies, but more than 1,000 were filed from 2015 to 2019. Many of these complaints reported issues with poor installation, inaccurate information regarding the federal solar tax credit and unsatisfactory panel performance, but misleading claims about savings and benefits of having solar panels are the biggest problems consumers encounter.

Solar panels can save homeowners money, but some companies claim or guarantee individuals can save thousands of dollars by using solar panels. In reality, the amount saved depends on several factors, such as roof size, how many hours of direct sunlight your house receives and how much electricity you currently use.

Solar energy offers several benefits, but if you're considering installing panels on your home, remember these tips from your Better Business Bureau as you shop:

Review your utility bill and see how much energy you used in the past year along with the cost.

Evaluate how you use energy and determine if there are ways to reduce your usage. For example, purchasing more energy-efficient appliances and HVAC systems.

Figure out what size panel system you need, then use the customizable calculator from the Department of Energy to help you estimate how much energy it will produce.

Contact your utility company to see what arrangements it makes with homeowners who produce solar power.

Determine if you need your homeowner's association permission to install a solar panel system.

To learn more, visit us at BBB.org.



Lucky few hit COVID-19 vaccine jackpot for rare extra doses

By BERNARD CONDON, CANDICE CHOLand MATT SEDENSKY

Associated Press

Fortune struck one man in the bakery aisle at the supermarket. Two others were working the night shift at a Subway sandwich shop. Yet another was plucked from a list of 15,000 hopefuls.

With millions of Americans waiting for their chance to get the coronavirus vaccine, a lucky few are getting bumped to the front of the line as clinics scramble to get rid of extra, perishable doses at the end of the day.

It is often a matter of being in the right place at the right time.

Sometimes people who just happen to be near a clinic at closing time are offered leftover shots that would otherwise be thrown away. Sometimes health workers go out looking for recipients. Some places keep waiting lists and draw names at random. Such opportunities may be becoming more prized as shortages around the U.S. lead some places to cancel vaccinations.

"One of the nurses said I should go buy a lottery ticket right now," said Jesse Robinson, outside a Nashville, Tennessee, clinic this week where the 22-year-old was

picked from a 15,000-name list for a shot. "I'm not going to question it too much. Just glad it was me."

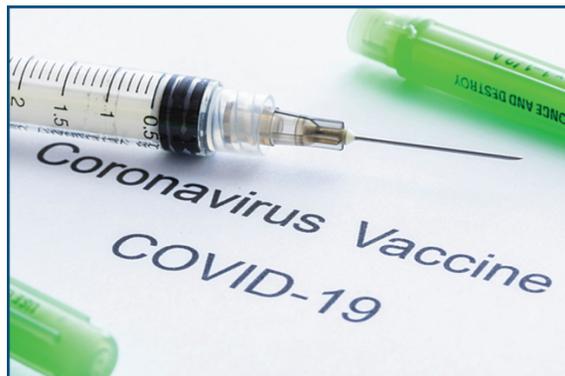
David MacMillan was grabbing ingredients for a coconut chickpea dish at a Giant grocery store in Washington when a woman in a lab coat from the in-store pharmacy came up to him and his friend.

"I got two doses of the Moderna vaccine. The pharmacy is closing in 10 minutes. Do you want them?" MacMillan, 31, recalled the woman saying. "I thought, 'Let's go for it.'"

After MacMillan posted a video of his experience on TikTok, the supermarket chain was inundated for days with calls and people hanging around, hoping to score a shot.

It has become one of the most unusual quirks in the often uneven, monthlong rollout of the COVID-19 vaccines.

Once a vial is thawed from the deep freeze and, even more so, once its seal is punctured and the first dose is drawn, those administering the vaccine are in a race to use it up before it spoils — even if it means giving shots to those who don't fit into the priority list.



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One of the resources on our webpage that you may not be aware of is the Useful Links listed on the bottom part of our webpage. There are three helpful links; Texshare Databases, Texas State Law Library and The Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library. Each of these links can be helpful for research depending on what you are looking for. The Texshare Databases takes you to a list of different collections for different types of searches which can be helpful for research or homework help.



Sandra Verdin

The Texas State Library takes you directly to their website where you can research for a free a number of databases for legal information not readily available through a Google search. The Texas State Library also has librarians on staff during their business hours, M-F 8AM -5PM, who can help you find legal information. The Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library is a site where Big Spring Herald archives from 1921 to September 2018 and the Big Spring Enterprise from 1908 to 1911 are available online. On the site you can narrow down your search by issue date, authors, titles or subjects. If you need help navigating any of these sites you may call the library for help.

This week's reviews are mystery and fiction titles.

The sisters of Gwenaefwy Abbey have cherished their contemplative life in "The Shadow of Death" (M WIL J) by Jane Willan. They spend their days in prayer, reflection, tending the Convent's vegetable gardens and making their award-winning organic cheese, Heavenly Gouda. Life seems perfect, except for Sister Agatha, a die-hard mystery fan who despairs of ever finding any real-life inspiration for her own novel. That is, until the Abbey's sexton is found dead under an avalanche of gouda. Despite the reservations of the local constable, Sister Ag-

atha is convinced its murder and the game is afoot. Armed only with the notes she's scribbled during her favorite podcast, How to Write a Mystery Novel, as well as lessons learned from crime heroes ranging from Hercule Poirot to Stephanie Plum, Sister Agatha leads the nuns of Gwenaefwy Abbey, and her unwitting sidekick, Father Selwyn, as they begin a race against time to resolve the death of Jacob, save the Abbey, exonerate a beloved postulant, and restore the good name of their cheese.

When Stone Barrington finds his name on a hit list, he plans to lie low until the culprit is caught in "Hit List" (M WOO S) by Stuart Woods. But when this foe shows no signs of stopping until his deadly objective is realized in full, Stone is left with no choice but to face the problem head-on. Armed and alert, Stone joins forces with his most savvy connections to catch the perpetrator before the next strike. But it turns out this villain is an expert at evasion in more ways than one, and the international cat-and-mouse hunt that ensues has Stone questioning if he has become the predator or the prey.

Dannie Kohan lives her life by the numbers-her every goal has long been mapped out and accounted for in "In Five Years" (F SER R) by Rebecca Serle. To her mind, the unpredictable does not exist. She is nothing like her lifelong best friend-the wild, whimsical, believes-in-fate Bella. So, when Dannie is asked the proverbial question at the most important interview of her career, she has a meticulously crafted answer at the ready.

Later, after nailing her interview and accepting her boyfriend's marriage proposal, Dannie goes to sleep knowing she is right on track to achieve her five-year plan. But when she wakes up, she's suddenly in a different apartment, with a different ring on her finger, and beside a very different man. Dannie spends one hour exactly five years in the future before she wakes again in her own home on the brink of midnight-but it is one hour she cannot shake. She tries to move on by burying herself

in work and striving to excel, barreling toward that five-year goal line. But everything changes the night that she, in the most unimaginable way, comes face-to-face with him- the very same man from her long-ago dream. Dannie's hard held plan begins to unravel as she is pulled faster and faster toward that fateful hour.

Practical-minded Realtor Melanie Middleton hates to admit, even to herself, that she can see ghosts in "The House on Tradd Street" (F WHI K) by Karen White. But she's going to have to accept it because an old man she met just days ago has died, leaving her his historic Tradd Street home, complete with housekeeper, dog and a family of ghosts anxious to tell her something. Enter Jack Trenholm, a gorgeous writer obsessed with unsolved mysteries.

He has reason to believe that diamonds that went missing from the Confederate Treasury a century ago are hidden in Melanie's home. So, he decides to charm the new tenant, only to discover that suddenly he's the smitten one. But it turns out Jack's search has caught the attention of a malevolent ghostly presence. Now, Jack and Melanie must unravel a mystery of passion, heartbreak, and even murder. And they must hurry for an evil force-either dead or alive-lies in wait.

"Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers."- Charles W. Eliot

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What better way to learn fractions than with a bunch of M&Ms



Courtesy photos
The Forsan Elementary students in Mrs. Welch's Fourth Grade class had fun with M&Ms this past week as they learned about fractions. Students teamed up to learn how to figure out fractions as they enjoyed bringing numbers to life with candy.

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Support Groups

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- 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

- 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.

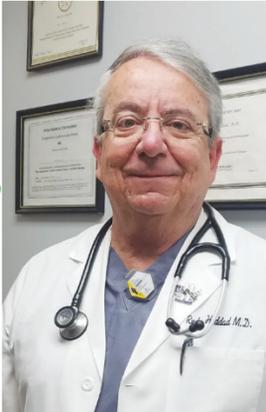
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AARON

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The long ball was only part of his arsenal.

Aaron was a true five-tool star.

He posted 14 seasons with a .300 average — the last of them at age 39 — and claimed two National League batting titles. He finished with a career average of .305.

Aaron also was a gifted outfielder with a powerful arm, something often overlooked because of a smooth, effortless stride that his critics — with undoubtedly racist overtones — mistook for nonchalance. He was a three-time Gold Glove winner.

Then there was his work on the base paths. Aaron posted seven seasons with more than 20 stolen bases, including a career-best of 31 in 1963 when he became only the third member of the 30-30 club — players who have totaled at least 30 homers and 30 steals in a season.

To that point, the feat had only been accomplished by Ken Williams (1922) and Willie Mays (1956 and '57).

Six-feet tall and listed at 180 pounds during the prime of his career, Aaron was hardly an imposing player physically. But he was blessed with powerful wrists that made him one of the game's most feared hitters.

Hall of Famer Mike Schmidt described Aaron as "an unassuming, easygoing man, a quiet superstar, that a '70s player like me emulated."

"He was one of my heroes as a kid, and will always be an icon of the baby boomer generation," Schmidt said. "In fact, if you weigh all the elements involved and compare the game fairly, his career will never be topped."

Aaron hit 733 homers with the Braves, the last in his final plate appearance with the team, a liner down the left field line off Cincinnati's Rawley Eastwick on Oct. 2, 1974. Exactly one month later, he was dealt to the Brewers for outfielder Dave May and minor league pitcher Roger Alexander.

The Braves made it clear they no longer wanted Aaron, then 40, returning for another season on the field. They offered him a front office job for \$50,000 a year, about \$150,000 less than his playing salary.

"Titles?" he said at the time. "Can you spend titles at the grocery store? Executive vice president, assistant to the executive vice president, what does it mean if it doesn't pay good money? I might become a janitor for big money."

Aaron became a designated hitter with the Brewers, but hardly closed his career with a flourish. He managed just 22 homers over his last two seasons, going out with a .229 average in 1976.

Even so, his career numbers largely stood the test of time.

Aaron still has more RBIs (2,297), extra-base hits (1,477) and total bases (6,856) than anyone in baseball history. He ranks second in at-bats (12,354), third in games played (3,298) and hits (3,771), fourth in runs scored (tied with Ruth at 2,174) and 13th in doubles (624).

"I feel like that home run I hit is just part of what my story is all about," Aaron said.

While Aaron hit at least 20 homers in 20 consecutive seasons, he was hardly swinging for the fences. He just happened to hit a lot of balls that went over the fence.

Through his career, Aaron averaged just 63 strikeouts a season. He never whiffed even 100 times in a year — commonplace for hitters these days — and posted a career on-base percentage of .374.

He was NL MVP in 1957, when the Milwaukee Braves beat the New York Yankees in seven games to give Aaron the only World Series title of his career. It also was his lone MVP award, though he finished in the top 10 of the balloting 13 times.

Aaron also was selected for the All-Star Game 21 consecutive years — every season but his first and his last.

His only regret was failing to capture the Triple Crown. Aaron led the NL in homers and RBIs four times each, to go with those two batting crowns. But he never put together all three in the same season, coming closest in 1963 when he led the league in homers (44) and RBIs (130) but finished third in hitting (.319) behind Tommy Davis of the Dodgers with a .326 average.

"Other than that," Aaron said, "everything else was completed."

BSJH Girls basketball highlights

San Angelo Lincoln vs Big Spring Junior High

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Junior High Girl's teams battled against the San Angelo Lincoln teams this past week. The highlights from the 7th Grade Girls and the 8th Grade teams are below:

7th Grade A Team:

The 7th Grade A Team fought hard but fell short to San Angelo Lincoln scoring 18 points.

The leading scorers of the game were Breanna Woodruff with 13 points and Emily Carreon with 5 points. Defensive players of the game were Bergan Pinkley, Caitln Morales, and Tatyonnah Clemons. We will continue to work hard and improve.

7th Grade B Team:

The 7th Grade B Lady Steers fell to San Angelo Lincoln with a score of 31-9, list night. Jaylee Gonzales and Laneigh Rushing played well on offense; getting to the free throw line; and scoring points. The team played together and hard on defense. They only allowed 11 points in the last three quarters.

8th Grade B Team:

The 8th Grade B Team played a tough and well fought game with many shots on goal, but fell to a very equal opponent in San Angelo Lincoln with a score of 19-21. The girls played their best game all season, but the shots just would not fall as we hoped and anticipated. The entire team played well together and had the best comradery seen thus far.

Offensive players of the game were Natavia Robinson and Krychia Huey, and defensive players of the game were Kloe Canales, Ambrie Franco, and Quasett Woodruff. We are looking forward to a weekend basketball game tomorrow, Saturday, Jan. 23, against Lamesa at home. Games are at 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

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Howard County Junior Livestock Show 2021

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**

Managing Editor

The 2021 Howard County Junior Livestock took place last week at the G.C. Howard Complex on the Howard College campus. Students from across Howard County came together with their families to show off their hard work over the past several months.

The week began with the Rabbit Division with 41 rabbits showing on Tuesday. The Grand Champion was won by Jackson Allen and the Reserve Grand Champion was Brody Wright.

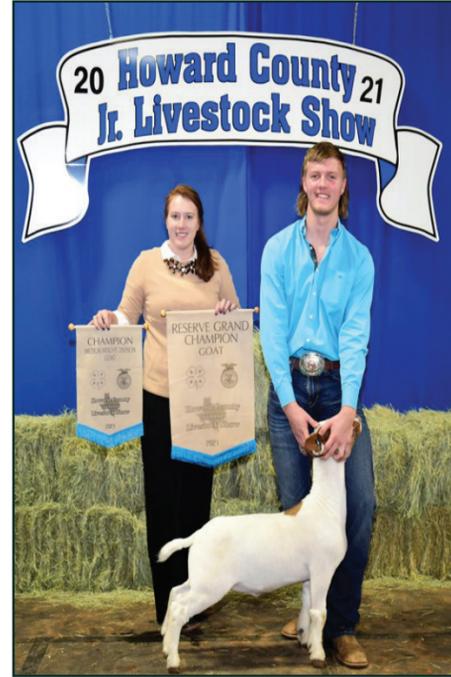
The lamb and goat show was held Wednesday with 18 lambs showing and 33 goats. The Grand Champion Lamb was won by Brelyn Tubb and the Reserve Grand Champion Lamb was Cooper Chapman. In the Goat Division the Grand Champion Goat was Cooper Chapman and the Reserve Grand Champion Goat was Kolt Redden.

The Grand Champion Wether Doe was also won by Cooper Chapman and the Reserve Grand Champion Wether Doe was won by Kolt Redden.

The barrow show was Thursday and 100 pigs were there. The Grand Champion was won by Julia Cox and the Reserve Grand Champion Barrow went to Madlyn Nichols.

Steers were shown Friday and there were 10 steers. The Grand Champion Steer was won by Aubree Blissard and the Reserve Grand Champion Steer was won by Seth Brooks.

The BBQ and auction will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Coahoma Cafeteria and Coahoma Gym.



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Howard County Lunch Menus

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Monday: Breakfast: French toast bites, cereal and string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, egg chef salad w/flatbread, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruit.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast Crunch pastry, cereal and string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich, popcorn chicken salad with flatbread, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal and string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Bosco sticks with sauce, taco nacho salad, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Apple frudel, cereal with string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Chicken fried steak with roll, chef salad with flatbread, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Sugar donut, cereal and string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Walking taco, yogurt, cheese and fruit salad, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Elementary Breakfast

Monday: Yogurt with bug bites, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk.

Tuesday: Cinnamon Toast Crunch Pastry, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk.

Wednesday: Fudge poptart with Goldfish crackers, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk.

Thursday: Cinnamon sugar donut, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk.

Friday: Cereal bar with crackers, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk.

Elementary Lunch

Monday: Cheeseburger with smile fries, egg chef salad, fruit and vegetable, milk.

Tuesday: Walking taco with Doritos, uncrustable sandwich, fruit and vegetable, milk.

Wednesday: Blueberry pancake bites with smile fries, turkey and cheese sandwich, fruit and vegetable, milk.

Thursday: Chicken nuggets with roll, ham and cheese sandwich, fruit and vegetable, milk, Carnival cookie.

Friday: Tony's Pepperoni pizza wedge, yogurt, cheese and crackers, fruit and vegetable, milk.

High School Breakfast

Monday: Apple Cinnamon muffin waffle bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Trix Cereal bowl, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

Tuesday: Vanilla glazed donut, pancake bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

Wednesday: Cinnamon roll waffle bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Trix cereal bowl, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

Thursday: Cinnamon Sugar Donut, pancake bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

Friday: Cherry frudel, waffle bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Coco Puffs cereal bowl, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

High School Lunch

Monday: Chicken drumstick, baconburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables.

Tuesday: Fish with mac and cheese, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables.

Wednesday: Chicken-n-waffles, baconburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and milk.

Thursday: Pot pie, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables.

Friday: Big steer, burger/walking taco, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza.

Intermediate Breakfast

Monday: French toast bites, yogurt and elf graham.

Tuesday: Cinnamon Toast Crunch pastry, yogurt and elf graham.

Wednesday: Pancake wrap, yogurt and elf graham.

Thursday: Apple frudel, yogurt and elf graham.

Friday: Cinnamon sugar donut, yogurt and elf graham.

Intermediate Lunch

Monday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or bacon cheeseburger.

Tuesday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or BBQ rib sandwich.

Wednesday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or beef and tater burrito.

Thursday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or turkey lunch.

Friday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or BBQ twister burger.

Junior High Breakfast

Monday: French toast bites, yogurt and elf graham.

Tuesday: Cinnamon Toast Crunch pastry, yogurt and elf graham.

Wednesday: Pancake wraps, yogurt and elf graham.

Thursday: Apple frudel, yogurt and elf graham.

Friday: Cinnamon sugar donut, yogurt and elf graham.

Junior High Lunch

Monday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or bacon cheeseburger.

Tuesday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or BBQ rib sandwich.

Wednesday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or beef and tater burrito.

Thursday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or Turkey lunch.

Friday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or BBQ Twister burger.

Kentwood Breakfast

Monday: Blueberry muffin, fruit, 1% milk.

Tuesday: Pancake wrap, fruit, 1% milk.

Wednesday: Cinnamon sugar donut, fruit, 1% milk.

Thursday: Apple frudel, fruit, 1% milk.

Friday: Fudge poptart, fruit, 1% milk.

Moss Elementary Lunch

Monday: Cheeseburger with smile fries, ham and cheese sandwich, fruit and vegetables, milk.

Tuesday: Walking taco with Doritos, uncrustable sandwich, fruit and vegetable, milk.

Wednesday: Blueberry pancake bites with smile fries, turkey and cheese sandwich, fruit and vegetable, milk.

Thursday: Chicken nuggets with roll, ham and cheese sandwich, fruit and vegetable, milk.

Friday: Tony's Pepperoni pizza wedge, yogurt, cheese and crackers, fruit and vegetable, milk.

Kentwood

Monday: Breakfast: Mapple waffle bites, fruit, 1% white milk. Lunch: Fish sticks with smile fries, fruit, 1% milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon poptart, fruit, 1% white milk. Lunch: Chicken sandwich, fruit, 1% milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Chocolate chip muffin, fruit, 1% white milk. Lunch: Beef fingers, fruit and vegetable, 1% milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Pancake wrap, fruit, 1% white milk. Lunch: Beef nachos with cheese sauce, fruit and vegetable, 1% milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Breakfast sausage, pizza, fruit, 1% milk. Lunch: Cheese pizza wedge, fruit and vegetable, 1% milk.

Coahoma K-12 Breakfast

Monday: Breakfast pizza, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: French toast with sausage, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Power breakfast, biscuit, gravy, eggs, bacon, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Pancake wrap or sausage kolache with yogurt, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Friday: Cinnamon roll with sausage or biscuit with sausage, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Coahoma K-8 Lunch

Monday: Corn dog with tater tots or oven roasted chicken with green beans, roll or tuna salad, baked beans, apple-pineapple D'Lite milk.

Tuesday: Nacho grande or taco soup with cornbread or taco salad, tomato cup, cucumber slices, peaches, ice cream cup, milk.

Wednesday: Chicken sandwich or X-treme burrito with corn or crispy chicken salad, fresh veggie cup, fruity gelatin, milk.

Thursday: Asian bowl with egg roll or hamburger steak with gravy, biscuit, potatoes or Asian salad crunchy broccoli salad, mandarin oranges, milk.

Friday: Pizza or chef salad, carrots, garden salad, fresh fruit, dessert, milk.

Coahoma 9-12 Lunch

Monday: Corn dog with tater tots or oven roasted chicken with green beans, roll or tuna salad, baked beans, apple-pineapple D'Lite, milk.

Tuesday: Nacho grande or taco soup with cornbread or taco salad, tomato cup, cucumber slices, peaches, ice cream cup, milk.

Wednesday: Chicken sandwich or X-treme burrito with corn or crispy chicken salad,

fresh veggie cup, fruity gelatin, milk.

Thursday: Asian bowl with egg roll or hamburger steak with gravy, biscuit, potatoes or Asian salad crunch broccoli salad, mandarin oranges, milk.

Friday: Pizza or chef salad, carrots, garden salad, fresh fruit, dessert, milk.

Forsan Elementary

Breakfast:

Monday: Cereal cup, fresh fruit, fruit juice, and milk.

Tuesday: French toast sticks, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk.

Wednesday: Honey buns, fruit juice and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast pizza, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk.

Friday: Maple mini pancakes, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk.

Breakfast (Junior High/HS)

Monday: Sausage kolache with cheese stick or cereal, apple slices, fruit juice and milk.

Tuesday: French toast sticks with sausage or cereal, apple slices, fruit juice and milk.

Wednesday: Sausage, egg and cheese tornado or cereal, mandarin oranges, fruit juice and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast pizza or cereal, strawberry cup, fruit juice and milk.

Friday: Dutch waffle with bacon or cereal, applesauce cup, fruit juice and milk.

Lunch

Monday: Steak fingers or chicken and waffles or PB&J sandwich, tots, baby carrots, strawberry cup, fresh fruit and milk.

Tuesday: Pulled pork BBQ sandwich or Asian bowl tangerine chicken or Turkey and cheese sub, savory green beans, fries, snowball salad, fresh fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Pizza or turkey chef salad or PB&J sandwich, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, applesauce cup, fresh fruit and milk.

Thursday: Chicken fajitas or chicken nuggets with mac and cheese (elementary); Nashville hot chicken strips with mac and cheese (JH/HS) or turkey and cheese sub, baked beans, baby carrots, grapes, fresh fruit and milk.

Friday: Pizza or mini corn dogs or PB&J sandwich, corn, tots, strawberry cup, fresh fruit, milk.

Sands

Monday: Stuffed bagel bites, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Sloppy joe sandwich, vegetable medley, tater tots, diced pears, cookie milk variety.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Sausage biscuit, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Quesadillas, Spanish rice, charro beans, salsa, apple slices, milk variety.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Waffles, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Steak fingers, gravy, roll, steak fries, tomato cup, fruit cup, milk variety.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast bread, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Boneless chicken wings, chips (high school), celery sticks, baby carrots, pudding, diced peaches, milk variety.

Friday: Breakfast: Sausage kolache, cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: French bread pizza, marinara sauce, garden salad, California blend veggies, applesauce, milk variety.

Senior Center

Monday: Green chili stew, steamed rice, cookies, cornbread, milk.

Tuesday: Meatloaf, Au Gratin potatoes, green peas, pears, biscuit, milk.

Wednesday: Soft beef tacos, Spanish rice, lettuce, tomato, cheese, chips and salsa, cake, milk.

Thursday: Cheeseburger, sweet potato fries, lettuce/tomato/onion/pickle, pinto beans, jell-o, milk.

Friday: Chicken pot pie with mixed vegetables, sliced beets, angel cake with mixed berries and whip, milk.



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Chamber of Commerce happenings ...

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce annual Banquet and Business Expo is going virtual. The networking event which is hosted on an annual basis, due to the pandemic, is taking on a different platform this year, but will be offering the same opportunity for recognition in the community and focus on highlighting the accomplishments in the Big Spring and Howard County communities. The virtual event is set for Feb. 11 at 1:30 p.m.

“Although our format may look different for the annual Chamber Banquet our purpose still remains; promote and celebrate our members,” Manny Negron, Banquet Committee Co-Chair, said.

The 2021 Chamber Banquet and Business Expo will still include normal business such as the passing of the gavel from the outgoing Chamber Board President Mark Richardson to the incoming Chamber Board President Kristy Tyra; an opportunity to recognize the Man and Woman of the Year, Russ McEwen Community Service recipient and those 5 Under 55 individuals.

Gas price overview for the past week

Special to the Herald

GasBuddy

Gasoline prices in Texas have risen 7.4 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.09/g yesterday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. This compares with the national average that has increased 4.2 cents per gallon versus last week to \$2.38/g, according to GasBuddy.

Average gasoline prices on January 18 in Texas have ranged widely over the last five years:

\$2.24/g in 2020, \$1.94/g in 2019, \$2.28/g in 2018, \$2.14/g in 2017 and \$1.67/g in 2016.

Including the change locally during the past week, prices yesterday were 14.9 cents per gallon lower than a year ago and are 18.4 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 15.6 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 17.4 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

Areas near Texas and their current gas price climate:

Midland Odessa- \$2.27/g, up 5.1 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.22/g.

San Antonio- \$1.99/g, up 7.6 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.92/g.

Austin- \$2.04/g, up 5.4 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.99/g.

“Gas prices have jumped to yet another multi-month high as crude oil price rise amidst perceived improvement in the COVID-19 pandemic, which continues to pump prices up as demand shows renewed signs of recovery,” said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. “In addition, with rumors swirling that President-elect Biden plans to cancel approval of the Keystone XL pipeline, which would cut off reliable Canadian oil to the U.S., oil prices may see additional pressure in the coming days. For now, the upward trend in gas prices may slow from the sharp rise in the last week, but motorists shouldn't expect much of a break from rising gas prices,

which now stand less than twenty cents from their year-ago levels.”

For LIVE fuel price averages, visit <http://FuelInsights.GasBuddy.com>.

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For more information, visit www.gasbuddy.com.

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Letitia Baucham, 1202 Stanford, Big Spring
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James Bullard, 202 Fourth St., Palestine
Melinda Burns, 2218 Carlton Way, San Angelo
Wayne Richard Buyce, 4042 Morningside Way, Canyon Lake
Gloria Cerna, P.O. Box 55, Lamesa
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Kay Grant, 4405 N. Garfield #1005, Midland
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Highlighting Howard Co. Business

Inspiring a community one bouquet at a time - Inspirations Floral Boutique

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

Inspiring the community, one bouquet at a time. Flowers are the universal symbol to express so many different emotions, from a simple

I'm 'Thinking of You' to "With Deepest Sympathy" to "Happy Birthday or Happy Anniversary" to the centerpiece at home or for a special occasion. Inspirations Floral Boutique - owned by Tana and Arick Higginbotham since April 13, 2020 - strives to inspire the community with each arrangement and each interaction.

“Your special occasions are important to us; we will go above and beyond to make your event effortless and beautiful. We will work for you,” Arick Higginbotham said.

Inspirations may be under relatively new ownership, but the roots of the building and quality service runs much deeper. The flower shop, originally opened up as Jane's Flowers in the 1970s, and would later transition to Dakota's Flowers until 2006 when the name changed to Inspirations. The foundation was built well and the emotion that is poured into each arrangement that comes from the shop is a representation of that history.

“The location was chosen by the previous owner Laura Murphree who loved the charm of the old building, built in 1907,” Arick Higginbotham, Vice President-Inspirations Floral Boutique, said. “An interesting fact is that not only are we continuing the legacy, but we also still share the same phone number from the original flower shop.”

When it comes to the services provided by Inspirations Floral Boutique there really is something for everyone. No matter the age there is a special gift to be found within the walls of the shop. Flower arrangements are not the only gift ideas to be found at Inspirations; there are crosses, home décor items and other unique décor that can be added to the arrangements or serve as stand alone gifts. In addition to flower arrangements, partnerships with local artists and other small business owners have allowed for unique arrangements and basket options to be created.

“Simply put, everybody can benefit from our services,” Higginbotham said. “We are continuing to strive to become a staple in our community and inspire our customers.”

As the Higginbothams prepared to take ownership control of the boutique, the Howard County community and the State of Texas were dealing with the impacts of the ever evolving pandemic. As the couple was preparing to sign the final paperwork, the Texas Governor was announcing the closure of small businesses across the State in an effort to slow the spread of the virus.



Courtesy photo

Tana and Arick Higginbotham took over the Inspirations Floral Boutique on April 13, 2020. The couple has spent the past few months creating unique bouquets to help inspire and spread cheer across Howard County for every occasion.

inspiration and through the support of Big Spring, we were able to persevere and come out of the pandemic stronger than ever,” he said.

Delivers are made to Howard County and the surrounding areas for almost every special occasion. The couple sees every order as an opportunity to show their customers they are the biggest and best asset to the boutique.

“When someone orders flowers they expect absolute perfection each and every time. Every day is an opportunity to show our customers they are the biggest and best asset,” he said. “Starting a business is tough work. You will without question, work harder than you've ever worked before. Working under the moonlight will become the norm. With that being said, there is nothing more rewarding than achieving the goals you've set for your business and seeing those who need a little inspiration in their life, light up when they see an arrangement made just for them.”

Inspirations Floral Boutique is located at 1410 Scurry. For more information or to order an arrangement, visit BigSpringFlowers.com or call 432-263-8323. You can also follow Inspirations on social media at [Inspirations_FloralBoutique](https://www.instagram.com/inspirationsflowers) on Instagram or on Facebook by searching [@InspirationsFlowers.BS](https://www.facebook.com/inspirationsflowers). The flower shop is open each week day from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. and until 6 p.m. in the Spring and Summer and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Amanda Duforat is the Managing Editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, e-mail editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

RECORDS

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Michael Robinson, 801 Anne St., Big Spring
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Polly Ann Rusk, 4201 W Hwy 80, Big Spring
Elizabeth Salazar, 1808 Hearn, Big Spring, Texas
Shane Skaggs, 1 Courtney Place, Apt. 301, Big Spring
Derrick Dewayne Smith, 703 West 16th, San Angelo, Texas
Leon Torres, 1500 Lincoln, Big Spring
Michael Ray Watson, 1503 Tucson Rd., Big Spring
Tamara Ruth Whitt, 1909 Morrison, 2526 Fairchild, Big Spring
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd., Apt. #28, Big Spring

Marriage Licenses:

Jose Arturo Garcia Martinez, 29, and Jacqueline Aguilar Davila, 21, both of Midkiff.
Gerardo Garza, 28, and Jillian Alicia Valle, 28, both of Big Spring.
Sergio Salcedo Jr., 36, and Kelly Michelle Rogers, 32, both of Big Spring.
William Tel Cody Cater, 31, and Christy Michelle Reyes, 42, both of Big Spring.

County Court Rulings

(Note: The State of Texas is listed as the prosecutor in all County Court Rulings.)

Defendant: Bianca Valencia
Offense: Assault causes bodily injury
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$270 court costs, \$110 reimbursement fee; time served.

Defendant: Bianca Valencia
Offense: Evading arrest
Sentence: \$250 fine, \$270 court costs, \$70 reimbursement fee; time served.

Defendant: Zachary Overton
Offense: Driving while intoxicated BAC less than 0.15
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$270 court costs, \$110 reimbursement fee; time served.

Defendant: Bianca Valencia
Offense: Resist arrest search or transport
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$270 court costs, \$60 reimbursement fee; time served.

Defendant: Steve Lopez
Offense: Evading arrest/detention
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$270 court costs, \$50 reimbursement fee; time served.

Defendant: Martin Rivas
Offense: Driving while intoxicated 2nd
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$270 court costs, \$60 reimbursement fee; time served.

District Court Filings

Plaintiff: SM Energy Company
Defendant: Union Pacific Railroad Company
Type of Case: Contract - other
Date: January 7, 2021

Plaintiff: In the interest of A.G.V. And L.G.V., children
Type of Case: All other family matters
Date: January 8, 2021

Plaintiff: Crown Asset Management LLC, assignee of First National Bank of Omaha (dodge)
Defendant: Joshua A. Noble
Type of Case: Contract - Consumer/Commercial/Debt
Date: January 11, 2021

Plaintiff: Brianna Delgado
Defendant: Gabriel Delgado
Type of Case: Divorce - children
Date: January 12, 2021

Plaintiff: John Henry
Defendant: State of Texas
Type of Case: Writ of Habeas Corpus
Date: January 12, 2021

Plaintiff: SoFi Lending Corp. as Attorney-in-Fact for Wilmington Trust, National Association
Defendant: Tabitha Clark
Type of Case: Contract - Consumer/Commercial/Debt
Date: January 12, 2021

Plaintiff: Priscilla Enriquez
Defendant: Rosalva Enriquez
Type of Case: Divorce - no children
Date: January 11, 2021

Plaintiff: Molly Bynum
Defendant: Austin Bynum
Type of Case: Divorce - children
Date: January 13, 2021

Plaintiff: SM Energy Company
Defendant: Stanley Farm LLC
Type of Case: Civil Case - other
Date: January 15, 2021

Plaintiff: Jessie Herrera
Defendant: State of Texas
Type of case: Writ of Habeas Corpus
Date: January 15, 2021

Plaintiff: Denis Deleon
Defendant: Starr Indemnity and Liability Company
Type of case: Injury/Damage - Motor vehicles
Date: January 19, 2021

Plaintiff: Joshua Browne
Defendant: Stefanie Crowell
Type of case: Divorce - children
Date: January 19, 2021

Plaintiff: Wells Fargo Bank, Na
Defendant: Christopher Sandoval

Type of Case: Contract - Consumer/Commercial/Debt
Date: January 19, 2021

Plaintiff: Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Company as subrogee of Eric Avalos
Defendant: Serena Gonzales
Type of Case: Injury/Damage- motor vehicles
Date: January 19, 2021

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Zachary J. New and Brogan New
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Date/Time: Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., for the following:

1. RFP # 21-017 Parkway / Willard Land Sale

Proposals are to be opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers at 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Proposal information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing Agent, 204 S. Johnson St., Big Spring, Texas 79720. All proposals must be marked with the date of the proposals and a general description of the proposal item(s).

The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any or all formalities.

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Updated Property Tax Information Now Available for Glasscock County Taxpayers

Garden City, Texas — New and updated property tax information has just been com-

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piled by Glasscock County Appraisal District and is available now to assist taxpayers. This property tax information is current and covers a wide range of topics, such as taxpayer remedies, exemptions and appraisals, and is of value to select groups, such as disabled veterans and persons who are age 65 or older.

"Whether you are a homeowner, business owner, disabled veteran or a taxpayer, it's important you know your rights concerning the property tax laws," said Priscilla A. Glass, Chief Appraiser of the Glasscock County Appraisal District. "You can contact us about any property tax issues with full confidence that we will provide you the most complete, accurate and up-to-date available information to assist you."

This includes information about the following programs:

- **Property Tax Exemptions for Disabled Veterans** - The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, surviving spouses and surviving children of deceased disabled veterans. This includes homesteads donated to disabled veterans by charitable organizations at no cost or not more than 50 percent of the good faith estimate of the homestead's market value to the disabled veterans and their surviving spouses. The exemption amount is determined according to percentage of service-connected disability. The law also provides a 100 percent exemption for 100 percent disabled veterans and their surviving spouses and for surviving spouses of U.S. armed service members killed in action.
- **Property Tax Exemptions** - Non-profit organizations that meet statutory requirements may seek property tax exemptions and must apply to their county appraisal district by a specific date. Businesses that receive tax abatements granted by taxing units; ship inventory out of Texas that may be eligible for the "freeport" exemption; store certain goods in transit in warehouses that are moved within 175 days; construct, install or acquire pollution control property; own and operate energy storage systems; convert landfill-generated gas; or store offshore drilling equipment while not in use may also be eligible for statutory exemptions.
- **Rendering Taxable Property** - If a business owns tangible personal property that is used to produce income, the business must file a rendition with its local county appraisal district by a specified date. Personal property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property such as church property

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or an agriculture producer's equipment used for farming.

- **Appraisal Notices** - Normally, taxpayers receive a notice of appraised value from the appropriate local county appraisal district. The city, county, school districts and other local taxing units will use the appraisal district's value to set property taxes for the coming year.
- **Property Taxpayer Remedies** - This Comptroller publication explains in detail how to protest a property appraisal, what issues the county appraisal review board (ARB) can consider and what to expect during a protest hearing. The publication also discusses the option of taking a taxpayer's case to district court, the State Office of Administrative Hearings or binding arbitration if the taxpayer is dissatisfied with the outcome of the ARB hearing.
- **Homestead Exemptions** - A homestead is generally defined as the home and land used as the owner's principal residence on Jan. 1 of the tax year. A homestead exemption reduces the appraised value of the home and, as a result, lowers property taxes. Applications are submitted to the appropriate local county appraisal district.
- **Productivity Appraisal** - Property owners who use land for timberland production, agricultural purposes or wildlife management can be granted property tax relief on their land. They may apply to their local county appraisal district for an agricultural appraisal which may result in a lower appraisal of the land based on how much the taxpayer produces, versus market value.
- **Residence Homestead Tax Deferral** - Texas homeowners may postpone paying the currently delinquent property taxes due on the appreciating value of their homes by filing a tax deferral affidavit at their local county appraisal district. This tax relief allows homeowners to pay the property taxes on 105 percent of the preceding year's appraised value of their homestead, plus the taxes on any new improvements to the homestead. The remaining taxes are postponed, but not cancelled, with interest accruing at 8 percent per year.
- **Property Tax Deferral for Persons Age 65 or Older or Disabled Homeowners** - Texans who are age 65 or older or disabled, as defined by law, may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit. Once the affidavit is on file, taxes are deferred, but not cancelled, as long as the owner continues to own and live in the home. Interest continues to accrue at 5 percent per year on the unpaid taxes. You may obtain a deferral affidavit at the appraisal district.
- **Notice of Availability of Electronic Communication** - In appraisal districts located in counties with a population of more than 200,000 or that have authorized electronic communications, and that have implemented a system that allows such communications, chief appraisers and ARBs may communicate electronically through email or other media with property owners or their designated representatives. Written

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agreements are required for notices and other documents to be delivered electronically instead of mailing.

- **Protesting Property Appraisal Values** - Property owners who disagree with the appraisal district's appraisal of their property for local taxes or for any other action that adversely affects them may protest their property value to the appraisal district's ARB.

For more information about these programs, contact Glasscock County Appraisal District at 124 N. Main St., PO Box 155, Garden City, TX 79739, Phone 432/354-2580. More information and application forms are available on the appraisal district's website at www.glasscockcad.org and also available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
CAUSE NO. 51953

TO: Caroline Moskoe AKA Caroline Gonzales and All Whom it May Concern, Respondents; GREETING:

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after the date you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

**If posted at the courthouse door the written answer shall be filed by 10:00 AM on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days following the 7th day of posting.

The petition of Texas Department of Family And Protective Services, Petitioner was filed in the 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas on the 31st day of October, 2019 against Carolina Moskoe, respondent in the above entitled cause and entitled In The Interest Of A Child.

The suit requests the protection of a child or termination of parent-child relationship as is more fully shown by Petition on file in this suit.

The date and place of birth of the child/children who is/are the subject of the suit is/are: Liliyanna Gonzales 10/22/2019

"The Court has authority in this suit to render an order in the child's (Children's) interest that will be binding on you, including the termination of the Parent-child Rela-

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tionship, the determination of paternity, and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's (Children's) adoption."

ISSUED and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Big Spring, Texas on this the 30th day of October, 2020

Clerk of the Court: **JONNA GONZALES**
District Clerk of Howard County, Texas

By: /s/ Lindsey Hallford
Deputy

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Hearty soup makes the meal

Every home chef should have a rich and filling soup recipe in his or her repertoire. These hearty meals are perfect for cold days spent shoveling snow or after coasting downhill on a sled.

Baked potato soup is a creamy soup that is reminiscent of a loaded baked potato. For those who are avoiding inflammatory foods, such as those in the nightshade variety, of which white potatoes are included, a potato soup may be harder to come by. This version of "Loaded Baked Potato Soup" from "Eat What You Love" (Ten Speed Press) by Danielle Walker is a delicious alternative that can satisfy potato soup cravings.

Loaded Baked Potato Soup

Serves 6

- 6 slices thick bacon, coarsely chopped
- 1 yellow onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 2 pounds Hannah sweet potatoes, peeled and diced
- 10 ounces cauliflower, cut into florets
- 4 1/2 cups chicken bone broth
- 1 cup cashew milk
- 3 1/2 teaspoons fine sea salt
- 1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon apple cider vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
- Chopped fresh chives, for serving (optional)
- Dairy-free sour

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cream (optional)

Line a plate with paper towels. In a stockpot, cook the bacon over medium heat until the fat is rendered and the bacon is crisp, about 8 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, remove the bacon from the pot and set it on the prepared plate to drain. Pour off most of the grease, reserving about 2 tablespoons in the pot.

Return the pot to medium-high heat, add the onion and garlic, and sauté for 2 minutes, until fragrant. Add half of the sweet potatoes and all of the cauliflower and cook for 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Add the bone broth, bring it to a gentle boil, and cook for 10 minutes, until the potatoes and cauliflower are tender. Using an immersion blender, or working in batches in a blender, blend the soup until smooth. (If using a blender, remove the cap in the blender top and place a kitchen towel over the top to allow steam from the hot liquid to release while you blend.) Return the purée to the stockpot. Add the remaining sweet potatoes, the cashew milk, salt, paprika, vinegar, and lemon juice. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, then turn the heat to low and simmer for 12 to 15 minutes, stirring frequently, until the sweet potatoes are tender and the cashew milk has thickened the soup.

Ladle the soup into bowls and top with the reserved bacon, chives, and dollop of sour cream. Serve immediately.

Store leftover soup in an airtight container in the refrigerator for 5 days, or in the freezer for 6 months. Defrost overnight in the refrigerator. Reheat in a saucepan over medium heat, stirring frequently, for 10 minutes.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Threading the needle

West dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J 10 9
♥ A Q J
♦ K 10 5 4 2
♣ K 3

WEST
♠ A Q 6 5 3
♥ 8 6
♦ Q 7
♣ 10 9 6 2

EAST
♠ 4 2
♥ 7 5 4 3 2
♦ J 9 8
♣ Q J 4

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

Opening lead — five of spades.
Some deals have built-in traps that may catch the unwary. Here is one such hand, taken from a par contest.

West leads a spade, won by dummy's nine, and the question is what to do at trick two.

If declarer plays a low diamond to the ace, which would seem the normal thing to do, he goes down against best defense. West drops his

queen under the ace — to fail to do so would be fatal, since he could be forced to win the next round — and there is then no way declarer can establish dummy's diamonds without allowing East to gain the lead with the jack for the fatal spade return.

Of course, West must be on his toes to jettison the queen under the ace, but he should reason that if South has the jack of diamonds, the queen is worthless.

However, declarer's proper play at trick two is to lead a heart to his king, followed by the three of diamonds toward dummy. If West produces the queen, South allows him to hold the trick, after which declarer can't be stopped from making at least four notrump.

So let's assume West plays the seven of diamonds on South's three. In that case, declarer goes up with the king and returns a low diamond from dummy, ducking East's nine. West is forced to win the trick with the queen, and again South is certain of at least 10 tricks.

The deal is an excellent illustration of the great lengths a careful declarer must go to in order to keep the dangerous opponent — in this case, East — out of the lead.

SUDOKU

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8			7	3				5

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!

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

ANSWER:

Annie's Mailbox

Feeling Frustrated By Family

Dear Annie: All my life, since I was a kid, I always got abuse, judgment and blame from my own family. Now, as an adult, I still get all of that. When I got divorced, my family thought it was their right to judge and blame me. And they cut me off like I didn't exist. It's like I did some terrible crime so they had to punish me. There have been so many family functions and gatherings over the last few years, but no one invited me, as though I didn't matter. It

was hard, but I tried to deal with it, and slowly moved on with my new normal.

Then, earlier this year, out of nowhere, my sister contacted me after so many years as if nothing happened. And she still seems to think that they did nothing wrong. And I have a hard time accepting what my sisters and brother did to me. So, I expressed to them that I was still upset about the way they treated me in the past -- and then the attacks started. They said that the reason I was divorced was because I was so

difficult.

Just to be clear, they were the ones who cut me off. I didn't break my relations with them. But it looks like that is the only way they will accept me if I agree that it was all my fault, that I deserved to be cut off. How do I accept it? I am a human being and didn't deserve such cruelty and punitive behaviors.

Please help me. Am I right to feel the way I do? Was it cruel for my family right to throw me out when they felt like it and then contact me again when they felt

like it? I can fight the world, but I can't figure out how to deal with my own family. -- Bewildered and Beleaguered by Family

Dear Bewildered: Feelings are not right or wrong. They simply are. But your hurt feelings are certainly understandable. It sounds as though you've been hauling some heavy emotional baggage for a long time -- far more than I can begin to unpack in the space of a column. I strongly encourage you to seek therapy, and if the first therapist you find isn't a great fit, try another.

With counseling, you can find peace within yourself, no matter what's going on with your family.

Dear Annie: You mentioned the great need for blood and plasma, but platelets and double reds are also in great need. My local Red Cross is open 365 days a year to collect these vital life-savers. -- Pete

Dear Pete: I appreciate the important addendum. Platelets are essential in surviving and fighting cancer, chronic diseases and traumatic injuries. The

American Red Cross says that every 15 seconds someone needs platelets. Because donated platelets must be used within five days, new donors are needed daily. Not all blood donation centers are capable of taking platelets. For more information, visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org>; from the website menu select "Donate Blood > Types of Blood Donations" and then click "Learn more about platelet donations." Or call 1 (800) 733-2767.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 24). You are needed and important. That much is made clear in the next 10 weeks, but don't worry, you'll also get your care-free break times this year. One thing that never lets up is your creativity. You'll apply it to make money and friends. Relationships sparkle with all the magic you bring to them. Aries and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 33, 28, 4 and 16.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: It's easy to see where people get confused. The things that matter are not the things we are judged on. There's an outcome that gets rewarded that has nothing to do with the meaningful journey, how people are treated and what unfolds along the way.

All that honors process over outcomes will prevail this week of the creative full moon in Leo. Favored are those with the particular talent of recognizing good work as it is happening without needing the evidence of a product or the social proof of an applauding crowd to validate that opinion. Ultimately, the success of a work has to do with so much more than its own merits. That's why it is also important to note that champions of excellence are often a crucial element of the success formula.

At this point in the Aquarian solar journey we will be reminded that no society is perfect and most are far from it. For starters, it's hard to get the rules right. Claiming a set of beliefs that serves all is impossible. So much must happen by way of consensus. The group comes up with truths to guide the path, and they also come up with lies. Try to root those out this week because it will get harder after Mercury goes retrograde on Saturday.

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Newsday Crossword

THEMELESS SATURDAY by Matthew Sewell
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Improper running down
 - 11 "Pass it on" preceder
 - 15 Bound to happen
 - 16 It may be nursed in a nursery
 - 17 Bottoms of channels
 - 18 ___ suit
 - 19 Gull or rook
 - 20 Group of problems
 - 21 Guilty feeling
 - 23 BUZZR's cable competitor
 - 24 Instrument with punched paper
 - 25 Unfulfilled fancy
 - 28 Volcanic creation
 - 31 USN designation
 - 32 "Science is based . . . ___ openness to see the universe as it really is": Carl Sagan
 - 33 Not much
 - 34 Ending like -ette
 - 35 Left, to *cartógrafos*
 - 37 2020 retiree with his own "nomics"
 - 38 Bat over
 - 40 Target of a trimming
 - 41 "To be specific . . ."
 - 44 Teeming
 - 45 "Notes from the Backpack" podcast grp.
 - 46 Foreshadowing phrase
 - 47 Foreshadowed day of long ago
 - 48 Bowl for crème brûlée
 - 50 Store to improve
 - 52 *Patria di Pavarotti*
 - 53 Sound off
- DOWN**
- 1 BMW logo, e.g.
 - 2 "Inner" starter
 - 3 Green Crayola color
 - 4 Hacker's need
 - 5 Venerable defensive devices
 - 6 It's south of Georgia
 - 7 Close watch
 - 8 "Puh-leeze!"
 - 9 ___ hat
 - 10 Up-a-tree activity
 - 11 Eat whole, as a dumpling
 - 12 Greenhouse plant with neck-shaped flowers
 - 13 Free state?
 - 14 Sit-downs
 - 22 Wetlands visitor
 - 23 Certain proper party
 - 24 Quilt components
 - 25 Roof proof of a Santa visit
 - 26 Separation exhortation
 - 27 It's cranked in kitchens
 - 29 Ultimate source of hay fever symptoms
 - 30 Particular type of 1 Across
 - 36 Korean soup ingredient
 - 39 Ohio's Lake ___ College
 - 42 Cretan princess of myth
 - 43 Passing remark?
 - 49 High Court name
 - 51 Recent spirited role for Will Smith
 - 53 Fully absorbed
 - 54 Vegan's gelatin alternative
 - 55 Name related to Ivana
 - 56 Fall semifinal
 - 57 "Ew-w-w!"
 - 60 '80s First Son
 - 61 Zin, for instance

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Curiosity Conundrum

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Parents famously tell children to "do as I say, not as a do" when, of course, it almost never works. The big messages are wordless, and the wordless messages are big.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your confidence and social style are on point. It won't take long to cast your charisma spell over a new person. In just a few minutes of concentrated attention, you've netted yourself a new fan.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When you think someone's heart is beautiful, speak up about it. The others probably won't, and these things could conceivably go a lifetime without being said. Why not now, and why not by you?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Hope is in your nature, but it's not always your first response to life's twists and turns. Sometimes, it takes you a beat to figure out what's good about the scene.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Just because something looks wonderfully sweet doesn't mean it's bad for you. In fact, this is one of those days when the eye candy might also be the soul food.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Before you go doubting your powers, think about how you now embody what you once only envied and fantasized about. You did this, and you can do the next thing, too.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've landed in the sort of scenes that would play well in

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RECORDS2

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land South Addition No. 8, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, according to the map or plat of record in Envelope 135/B, plat records of Howard County, Texas Date: January 7, 2021

Grantor: Alton Fields and Becky Fields
Grantee: Craig Olson and Jackie Olson
Property: Being all of Lot O, Section 2, Village at the Spring out of a 1.869 acre tract of land out of the SW part of Section No. 7 in Block No. 32, T-S-S, Howard County, Texas together with Envelope 113/B, Plat records of Howard County, Texas, together with an individued 1/17th interest in all of the common area designated on the plat of Village of the Spring, Section 2, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas.
Date: January 7, 2021

Grantor: Frances Y. Rice, a married person
Grantee: Brant L. Rice, an unmarried man
Property: Being all of lot No. 5, in block

No. 15, College Park Estates, a subdivision of the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the corrected plat of Lots 8 & 9 of Block 19 and Lots 1 thru 7 of block 15, of record envelope 29/B, plat records in the office of the County Clerk of Howard County, Texas, commonly known as 804 Baylor Boulevard.
Date: July 10, 2020

Grantor: Susan Clark Crawford
Grantee: Zenobia Kemper Reid
Property: Tract 1: Being a 2.0 acre tract of land out of the NW/4 of Section 6, block 31, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas; Tract 2: Being a 7.38 acre tract of land out of the W/2 of the NW/4 of Section 6, block 31, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County Texas
Date: January 7, 2021

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Grantor: Danny Tucker
Grantee: Annette Coker
Property: All that certain parcel and piece of land out of and a part of the Northeast Quarter of Section No. 45 in Block No. 31, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas.
Date: January 6, 2021



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