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Council accepts Stewart's resignation *Golf course senior rates scrutinized at Tuesday meeting*



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Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan, left, and District 4 Council member Howard Stewart watch the outcome of a vote on the monitor in the Council Chambers. Stewart's resignation from his Council position was accepted by the Council at Tuesday night's meeting. Stewart will remain on the Council until his replacement – to be selected in a May 4 special election – is chosen.

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council formally accepted District 4 Council member Howard Stewart's resignation at its meeting Tuesday evening.

Mayor Larry McLellan read Stewart's letter of resignation, dated Feb. 27, before of-

fering words of thanks for his two years of service on the city's governing body.

"Howard, we appreciate your time on the council, and we understand the situation, and you've done an excellent job for us," McLellan said. "We're proud of what you've done during your two years here on the council. We're cer-

tainly going to miss you."

In the letter, Stewart said the reason for his resignation is a "job change." In response to McLellan's thanks, Stewart responded with his appreciation for the opportunity to serve.

"I've enjoyed it," he said.

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Mayoral candidates debate scheduled at BSHS

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

Voting season is in full swing and information forums are starting to pop up on the calendar. In addition to the recently announced Meet the Candidates Forum at the Hotel Settles, a Mayoral Debate has been set for 6 p.m. on April 2 at the Big Spring High School.

"There are a lot of opinions on where people want to see the city go and this could be their outlet to do so. This forum was put together to do exactly that; give people a personal look at who they will be electing," Nolan Dominguez, Howard County Young Republicans, said.

The debate is being moderated by Big Spring High School debate team. The Howard County Young Democrats, Howard County Young Republicans, Howard County Democrats and Howard County Republicans have joined forces to offer this platform to the community.

Three of the four mayoral candidates - Anna Scott, David Mathis, and Shannon Thomason - will be taking part in the debate. The fourth candidate Debbie Wegman will be taking part in the Chamber Meet the Candidate Forum set for April 5 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

"When I saw that we had

four people running for mayor, which is a change for Howard County, I knew it was a good time for a mayoral debate. This will be an opportunity to have the candidates answer unprepared questions and give the voters a better sense of who we are voting for to represent Howard County," Shiloh Salazar, with the Young Democrats, said.

Salazar reached out to the Nolan Dominguez with the Young Republicans, Reina Cisneros with the Democrats and Lloyd Duck with the Republicans and presented them with the debate idea and all agreed to partner on planning the event.

"This is a nonpartisan race so we all decided, without hesitation, to join forces and plan a forum for the voters to get to know their candidates better," she said.

In an effort to keep the debate neutral and unbiased, an invitation was extended to the Big Spring High School debate team to serve as moderators.

"People should take advantage of attending and see what each of the mayoral candidates have to offer," Dominguez said.

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Go blue, raise awareness for child abuse

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

Stand up, speak up and make a difference in a child's life. April is Child Abuse Awareness Prevention Month and the community is encouraged to go blue. Go Blue Day is April 5 and area businesses are encouraged to decorate storefronts, businesses and houses, with blue ribbons and more.

"By displaying blue throughout the community we can stand together and show that we are bringing awareness to this issue. When someone asks why you have blue displayed it's an opportunity to tell them and encourage them to stand up against child abuse," Arms said.

Once again, Scenic Mountain Medical Center and area agencies are teaming up to host the sixth annual Child Abuse Awareness Prevention event, Stand Up Howard County. Scenic Mountain Medical Center and other local agencies have joined together in hopes of raising awareness to an often ignored issue.

"Child Abuse is an issue that shouldn't exist in our community, but it does. The only way to get rid of the problem is to educate people and encourage them to speak up when they recognize or suspect an issue," April Arms, SMMC representative, said.

A balloon release ceremony will take place at 6 p.m. on April 11 on the front lawn of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. This year,

the event is being co-sponsored by CASA of West Texas, Child Protective Services, Department of Family Services, Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas, Victim Services, Relay For Life, and SMMC.

"Child abuse is an issue that isn't talked about and often turned a blind eye to, but that doesn't make it any less of an issue," Kathy Harmon, CASA Marketing Specialist and Volunteer Recruitment, said. "The amount of families and number of children affected by child abuse in our county is rather high."

This is the sixth year for Stand Up Howard County and the continued focus by these agencies to bring awareness in the community. Over the past few years, the event has gained traction and grown in participation from local businesses and agencies. This year, the focus is to have more families and community members come out and find out how they can stand up and be a voice for abused children.

"This has been an event that has continued to evolve over the years, which is a great thing because it shows more people are becoming aware of the issue," Arms said. "This year, we are looking to add more entities and gain more community involvement. Raising awareness and standing together is the first step in combating this issue."

In addition to the balloon release, there will be informational booths set up by supporting agencies. Booth spaces are still available and are free.

"Child abuse is a topic



HERALD file photo

Participants in 2018's Stand Up Howard County child abuse awareness rally at Scenic Mountain Medical Center release hundreds of blue balloons into Big Spring skies. April is Child Abuse Awareness Prevention Month, and this year's Stand Up Howard County balloon release will be April 11.

that people tend to steer away from, but we are hoping to not only bring awareness to how real this issue is in our community, but we want to do so in a way that the whole family can get involved," said Arms. "It's important that anyone – no matter how young or old – can feel empowered to speak up against child abuse and sexual assault."

Big Spring Police Department will be providing fingerprinting for the children and have Safe Pup shaking hands with attendees. Sponsors for the event are still being sought.

"We are looking forward to having the community, all ages, come out and join us for this event. This is an opportunity to not only raise aware-

ness and help put a voice to those who may feel they don't have one, but also to highlight the services available right here in Big Spring. The most important thing to remember is, no child should live in fear and no victim should have to remain silent. We can speak up and put an end to this issue."

If you have a local agency connected to helping children and would like to get involved with this year's event, contact April Arms at 432-268-4907.

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Obituaries

Larry ValVerde



"The Lord works in mysterious ways", Larry ValVerde, 55, of Big Spring, went to be with our Lord on Saturday, March 9, 2019. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday followed by the Vigil service at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Larry was born June 10, 1963, in Pecos to Susana Rojo ValVerde and Luis ValVerde. He came to Big Spring in 1972 from Pecos. Larry married Debbye Salazar, August 26, 1989, in Big Spring. He worked for Basic Energy for 13 years and was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Larry loved Harley-Davidson motorcycles and enjoyed the open road with his family and friends. Larry achieved the "Iron Butt" certification by riding his Harley to San Diego in 14 hours. He was very loving and giving, whether it was a piece of his mind or a piece of his heart. Larry enjoyed living life. He lived his "DASH" to the fullest. Larry is survived by his wife, Debbye ValVerde

of Big Spring; sister, Mary Lou Saldana and her husband Tony of Big Spring; three sisters-in-law, Denise Salazar and her husband Marty Deanda, Margie ValVerde, and Rochelle Rutledge, all of Big Spring; aunt, Virginia Chavez and her husband Simon of Lubbock; numerous nieces and nephews, Sophie Deanda of Big Spring, Charles ValVerde, who was like a son, and his wife Priscilla of Midland, Roxanne Ybarra of Arizona, Jesse Herrera of Big Spring, Julian Herrera of Arizona, Michael ValVerde of Midland, Marc Ybarra of Big Spring, Susana Ybarra of Big Spring, Jessenia Ybarra of Big Spring, Andon ValVerde of Midland, Giuliana ValVerde of Midland, Trey Herrera of Tennessee, Aidan Herrera of Tennessee, and Justice Herrera of Big Spring.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers; Henry ValVerde and Jesse ValVerde; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Tim and Gina Salazar.

Pallbearers will be Marc Ybarra, Michael ValVerde, Jesse Herrera, Julian Herrera, Johnny Flores, Jesse Villalobos, Marty Deanda and Luis Flores. Honorary pallbearers will be the employees of Basic Energy.

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

Paid Obituary

Lanney Ray Proctor



Lanney Ray Proctor, 72, passed away peacefully in his home, surrounded by his family on March 10, 2019.

He was born Dec. 5, 1946, in Big Spring, Texas to Ralph and Anna Proctor. He is survived by his wife, Adele Proctor, of 44 years, along with his children Teresa Hartline of Burnett, Tanya Gidney of Wall (Husband Dee), Stepsons Tye Box, Toby Box and Tad

Box. He is also survived by his grandchildren Bradley Proctor (wife Raven), Kassidy Hartline, Dylan Gidney, Kevin Gidney, Tyler Gidney, Katie Duncan and Alyssa Box, and many great-grandchildren.

Lanney grew up farming and ranching in the Lutheran community with his father, uncles and great uncles. He was drafted into the Army in 1965 and served in Vietnam as an MP.

Lanney grew up in the church family of 14th and Main Church of Christ in Big Spring, Texas. Upon coming to San Angelo, he and Adele became members of Johnson Street Church of Christ.

Lanney is preceded in death by his parents Ralph and Anna Proctor, along with his infant son, Shawn Bradley Proctor.

A celebration of life will be Saturday, March 16 at 10 a.m. in the Harper Chapel.

A special thank you to the caregivers of Hospice of San Angelo.

Family and friends can send online condolences at www.harper-funeralhome.com

Paid Obituary

Donald M. Cook



Donald M. Cook, 70, died Feb. 27, 2019, at his home in Weeping Water, Nebraska, formerly of Big Spring. He was born April 2, 1948, in Brownfield, Texas to Myrle and Earl Cook. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 15, 2019, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. A visitation will follow at the funeral home.

Don married Kay Weir McAd-

ams in June 1984, and together they shared four children; Jeff Cook (Tina) of Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas, Case Thevenot (Tal) of Frisco, Mickie Rawson (Patrick) of Avoca, Nebraska, and Todd McAdams (Karla) of Big Spring; his brother, Doug Cook (Betty) of Hurst; nine grandchildren; as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Jodi Rowden; his mother and father-in-law, Ray and Betty Weir; and a brother-in-law, Danny Weir.

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

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 432-517-9207 for more information.

• Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-8600.

THURSDAY

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

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

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

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group.

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

• GriefShare is a Biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Meetings are weekly, every Thursday, at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

FRIDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **JAMES BURLIN WILLIAMS, JR.**, 33, of 800 S. Nolan St., was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• **KYLER RAY CANNADY**, 29, of 13601 N. CR 9 Unit B, Knott, Texas, was arrested on a charge of theft of property/shoplifting (\$100 to \$750).

• **EMMANUEL LAURIANO**, 38, 1511 Princeton Ave., was arrested on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid with previous conviction, possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram) and possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).

• **DANTA MACKENZIE CHAVERA**, 21, of 706 E. 13th St., was arrested on charges of theft of property (\$750 to \$2,500) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 800 block of W. I-20, 200 block of W. FM 700, and in the 700 block of N. Goliad St..

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1900 block of N. Hwy 87..

• **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.

• **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported on 6th and Settles.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 3300 block of E. I-20.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 2200 block of S. Johnson St.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 87 inmates at the time of this report.

• **KYLER RAY CANNADY**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• **VICTORIA LYNN CASTILLO**, 23, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for harassment-repeated electronic communication.

• **DANTA MACKENZIE CHAVERA**, 21, was arrested by BSPD on charges of theft of property (\$750 to \$2,500) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **EMMANUEL LAURIANO**, 37, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property (\$100 to \$750).

• **JAMES BURLIN WILLIAMS**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram) and driving with invalid license with previous conviction or suspension, and on warrants for driving while license invalid.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of E. 24th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. No transport was required.

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of W. 11th Place. 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 1000 block of Hearn St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2200 block of S. Main. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2400 block of S. Gregg St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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COUNCIL

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"I've learned a ton about the city and its workings, and I never thought that I'd be going out early, but I think it's in my best interest at this time."

The four city council members present, along with McLellan, voted unanimously to accept Stewart's resignation.

The next agenda item following the acceptance of Stewart's resignation was an emergency item geared toward finding a replacement to fill his seat on the Council. The council voted unanimously to include a special election to fill the job along with the regular local election coming up May 4.

According to the ordinance calling for the special election, those interested in running for the seat must apply no later than 5 p.m. on March 25. Candidates for the District 4 post must reside in Big Spring, but need not reside in District 4; and must have been a Big Spring resident for at least one year.

In other business, the council voted 3-2 to add an item to the agenda of the next meeting, scheduled March 26, to

allow the council to vote on an ordinance affecting golfers who receive a senior discount on greens fees at Comanche Trail Park Golf Course.

Currently, golfers who receive the senior discount may not play on weekends or holidays. A group led by Big Spring's Dave Roman petitioned the Council at Tuesday night's meeting to allow senior golfers to play on holidays that occur on weekdays, an event that occurs only a few times each year.

"You have a regular rate for greens fees which is \$695. You have a senior for the same thing - greens fees - which is \$575," Roman said, addressing the Council. "The limit on the senior rate is, it only covers Monday through Friday, it doesn't cover weekends or holidays. Our concern or issue, I guess, would be most holidays are just general days. The golf course is not overly busy on those days. We'd like to see that modified to include the holidays. It would allow us to play on those days as well without having to pay fees. It's a simple request. There's no cost involved to the city or anything. It's just a few extra days to allow us to play."

Council member Jim DePauw, District 6, raised an objection to the re-

quest.

"In your letter, I have to disagree with you," DePauw said. "It says it will be revenue-neutral; well, it won't because for every annual membership retiree that's out there playing, we possibly lose a full-rate person that would be out there playing that day. So that's actually going to cost the city money, when you guys are in those positions."

Roman argued that the senior discount isn't really a discount because, since they have fewer eligible days to play, the cost for seniors per eligible day is actually higher than the cost per eligible day on the "full cost" plan.

After a fairly lengthy discussion, the council voted 3-2 to have city staff draw up an ordinance for consideration at the March 26 meeting. DePauw and District 5 Council member Raul Benavides cast votes against having the ordinance presented at the next meeting.

The council also:

- Unanimously awarded bids for a utility tractor for the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark to United Ag and Turf of Weatherford for \$63,904.96; and for the 2019 road seal coat project to Cox Paving of Blanco, Texas in the amount of \$497,124.27.

• Granted permission to seek bids for the construction of a wall dividing the old Western Container building at the Airpark into two industrial spaces.

• Approved a resolution supporting the designation of Interstate 27, and supporting Interstate 27 running through Big Spring.

• Voted 4-1, with DePauw dissenting, to approve a permit for Dawson Geophysical Company to conduct geophysical operations on 447.1 acres in the city. Dawson offered \$20 per acre for the survey; DePauw argued for making a counter offer of \$22 per acre.

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Joan J. Pick, 82, died Thursday. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2019, 2 p.m., at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Ronald R. Cross, 89, died Jan. 7, 2019. Memorial graveside service will be at Trinity Memorial Park in the Peace Chapel at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 16, 2019.

Larry ValVerde, 55, died Saturday. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday, followed by the Vigil service at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Rosa Alvarez, 84, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take Note

• A fund has been set up to assist Debby Salazar-ValVerde with funeral expenses. If you would like to contribute, please stop by State National Bank and speak with Jeff Ward. Checks are to be made payable to "Patsy Rodriguez ITF Debbye ValVerde" and to account number 1003054.

• AARP Tax-Aide will offer free income tax preparation each Monday through April 1 at the Big Spring Senior Center at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive. Hours are 8 a.m. to noon. The service is available to all taxpayers with moderate to low income.

Taxpayers need to bring a photo ID for the taxpayer and/or spouse, Social Security cards for everyone on the tax return (Tax-Aide will not do a return without seeing the Social Security cards), last year's tax returns, and W-2s and all other proof of income received in 2018.

Free electronic filing will be available for faster refunds.

For more information contact Ray Alexander at 432-212-3533.

• Wildflower Ministries will have their next Foster Informational Meeting on Monday, March 11, 2019. This group meets at Trinity Baptist Church, 1701 E. FM 700. Have you ever considered fostering? Do you have questions? Wait no longer. Your opportunity is here. Come meet foster parents and a licensing professional to learn about fostering in Howard County. Please enter through the Northwest door in the back of the building.

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-0713.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school. The next sacking event will be April 1 and 2 at the old Lakeview High School, 1107 NW 7th St., at 5:30 p.m.

• The Academy, an optional program available to all Coahoma ISD students in the first through fifth grade, is now accepting applications for current students grades first through fifth for the 2019-2020 academic year.

The program is designed to develop academic skills while emphasizing student responsibility, leadership, and self-confidence. It is structured to create an environment that allows flexible scheduling, hands-on learning, incorporation of music and movement into academic lessons while holding students to high expectations of responsibility.

Applicants and their parents must undergo an interview and complete an orientation prior to the start of the program.

Forms can be filled out in the Coahoma Elementary School office, 400 Ramsey Street, Coahoma. Applications must be submitted no later than 3 p.m. Friday, Mar. 29, 2019.

Students who are already in the program will not have to re-apply.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.

casawtx.org.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more.

To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

• The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

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Pet Talk

Scratching beneath the surface of allergic skin disease

COLLEGE STATION, March 11, 2019 – Spring is coming, and it's bringing allergy season with it. While you may suffer from all of the excess pollen in the air, your pets may also be affected by seasonal allergies, or they could be allergic to a more permanent feature of their environment.

There are several causes of allergic skin disease in pets, including biting insects, diet, and environmental factors. If the allergies tend to get worse during certain times of the year, external parasites, biting insects, or environmental factors tend to be the more likely culprits.

Dr. Alison Diesel, a clinical associate professor in dermatology at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, has advice for pet owners who may be noticing some extra itching from their dog or cat. "The most common cause of allergic skin disease worldwide is fleas," Diesel said. "The saliva that is injected when a flea bites can cause an allergic reaction in sensitive dogs and cats."

Diesel said it is common for pets to be allergic to environmental factors such as mold, dust (as well as the associated dust mites), or pollens from weeds, grasses, and trees.

"A common misconception is that dogs and cats can have allergies to things like cleaners or laundry detergents," she added. "This is something that is essentially never seen."

While itching is the main indicator of allergic skin disease, Diesel said to watch for more than just scratching, because biting, licking, rubbing, rolling, head shaking, and scooting can also indicate that a pet is feeling itchy. Cats also may show excessive grooming behaviors, which can result in bald patches and hairballs.

"It is important to remember that other things, such as infections and parasites, can also cause the same symptoms," Diesel said. "These first need to be investigated before jumping on the allergy train. Contact your pet's veterinarian to help determine what may be causing the itch observed."

A veterinarian can also help determine if the amount of itching is normal or excessive. Diesel said the Texas A&M Small Animal Hospital uses a scale of one to 10 to help rate a pet's itching level.

"If the animal's scratching is disrupting their normal behavior, their sleeping habits, or their owner's sleeping habits, this is considered to be too much itching," she said.



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Agencies supported by the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County were presented with their allocation checks this week. Emergency Service Chaplains Corp., Victim Services, and Howard County Resource Center were the three who were presented with a check this week. Funds are collected throughout the campaign and then allocated in January and dispersed throughout the year. To find out more, call 432-267-5201.

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Lady Steers shut out Snyder 10-0 in district opener



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Big Spring Jocelyn Olivarez slides safely into third base with a steal during the Lady Steer's 10-0 district win over Snyder on Tuesday, March 12.

By JORDAN PARR

Sports Editor

BIG SPRING – The Lady Steers were dominant on defense in their district opener at home against the Snyder Lady Tigers. Big Spring gave up just one hit and no runs as they dominated at the plate and on the rubber to get their first district win. The Lady Steers scored 10 runs on 6 hits and committed no errors in the impressive home victory Tuesday night. With their pitching and their sticks both clicking at the same time, this Lady Steers' team is equipped and determined to get their second straight district crown.

Kynleigh Joy led Big Spring to victory on the rubber. Joy pitched five innings, allowed just one hit and no runs and sat nine Lady Tigers on strikes. Joy has been fantastic in the circle for the Lady Steers all year and was dominant against Snyder to get Big Spring to 1-0 in district play. Alyssa Hurt took the loss for Snyder. Hurt surrendered 10 runs on six hits over four and a third innings. Hurt couldn't get the outs at the plate she needed and her defense committed 6 errors behind her in the lopsided loss.

The Lady Steers really took control of the game in the bottom of the second when they scored 4 runs on RBI doubles by Amber Martinez and Jocelyn

Torres-Mendoza to take an early and commanding 4-0 lead.

Maddie Daniels went yard again in this game. Daniels showed her power with a 2 run blast in the bottom of the fourth inning to increase the Lady Steers' lead to 6-0. Big Spring tallied six hits in the game with Daniels and Jocelyn Torres-Mendoza each collecting multiple hits for the Lady Steers. Torres-Mendoza and Daniels each had two hits to lead Big Spring to the big win on offense.

The Lady Steers look to be firing on all cylinders at exactly the right time. Big Spring will host San Angelo Lake View this evening looking to get district win number two.



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Big Spring first baseman Jocelyn Gonzales catches a throw for an out during the Lady Steer's 10-0 district win over Snyder on Tuesday, March 12.

Big Spring Boys Regional Powerlifting Meet Results



Courtesy photo/Linsa Paredez

Big Spring boys' powerlifting team shows their horns after another great showing at the Regional Meet this past weekend in Sundown. The Steers have continued to build a successful program in recent years, bringing home numerous awards and honors.

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The boys team had 11 qualifiers this year and finished 4th out of 18 teams. Last year, according to Head Powerlifting Coach Chris McWilliams, the team had 10 qualifiers last year placing them 6th out of 18 teams.

"We had an outstanding day at Regionals," McWilliams said. "Our lifters had a lot of personal records, and Coach Roberts and myself could not be any prouder of this group of young men."

Last year at this time, Justin Orms, Jared Paredez was the lone State Qualifier, finishing 2nd at the State Meet and this year, Jared (Senior) and Joshua Lopez (Sophomore) are both State Meet Qualifiers.

"The goal is to build the Big Spring Powerlifting program into a powerhouse program that is very competitive every year. We are excited about the future of the program," McWilliams said.

Results from the Regional Meet are as follows:

Jared Paredez is the Regional Champion in the 114 lb. class – Jared had a PR in the Squat
*Jared qualified for the State Powerlifting Meet

Mattox Evans was 4th in the 114 lb. class – Mattox had PR's in the Squat and Total

Cruz Martinez was 3rd in the 123 lb. class
*Cruz is an Alternate for the State Powerlifting Meet

Joshua Lopez was 2nd in the 132 lb. class – Joshua had PR's in the Bench, Deadlift, and Total
*Joshua qualified for the State Powerlifting Meet

Shawn Mendoza was 5th in the 132 lb. class – Shawn had PR's in the Squat, Deadlift, and Total

Jeremiah Collins was 7th in the 132 lb. class – Jeremiah had PR's in the Squat, Bench, Deadlift, and Total

Ethan Cortez was 8th in the 165 lb. class – Ethan had PR's in the Deadlift and Total

Isaiah Rodriguez was 7th in the 220 lb. class – Isaiah had PR's in the Squat, Deadlift, and Total



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Regional runner up Joshua Lopez (left) and Regional champion Jared Paredez (right) enjoy a moment together after dominating performances in the Regional powerlifting meet. Both Lopez and Paredez will represent Big Spring at the State Powerlifting meet. Congratulations and good luck to these two great lifters. Steer Nation is behind you.

Aleyas Bland was 11th in the 220 lb. class – Aleyas had a PR in the Bench

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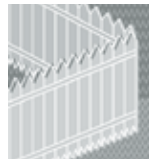
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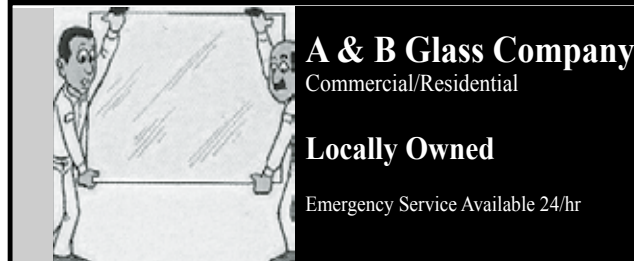
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Lease/Unit Acres : 396.13
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Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0
Lease Lines : 453.0 F N L, 1034.0 F E L
Survey Lines : 453.0 F N L, 1034.0 F E L
Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal
Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Sylvia learns to finesse

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 7
♥ A 6 4 3
♦ A 5 3
♣ K Q J 10 7

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

EAST
♠ Q J 6 5 4 2
♥ J 10 9
♦ 9
♣ 8 5 2

SOUTH
♠ A 9
♥ Q 7 5 2
♦ 8 7 6 4
♣ A 9 3

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

Opening lead — king of diamonds.
When Sylvia first learned to finesse, a brand-new world opened up for her. She didn't actually fully comprehend what constituted a finesse, but that didn't stop her from exploring this new resource with all the enthusiasm of a child playing with a new toy.
Sylvia was playing in the club duplicate one night soon after her introduction to the finesse and held

the South hand in today's deal. At most tables, South arrived at four hearts, and West led the king of diamonds, taken by the ace. Declarer then led the ace and another trump, East following with the nine and ten. At this point, the various declarers pondered painfully whether to play the queen or low. But whatever they played, they went down one. West won with the king and led three rounds of diamonds to put declarer out of his misery.
But Sylvia, also in four hearts, made the contract in her own inimitable fashion. She won the diamond lead, crossed to her hand with a spade and led the queen of hearts! In so doing, she was simply putting into practice her latest discovery, the finesse!
West covered the queen with the king, won by dummy's ace, and Sylvia played another trump. East won with the ten but was helpless. He did as well as he could when he cashed the jack of trumps and returned a spade, but the rest of the play was routine. After trumping the spade in dummy, Sylvia disposed of two diamonds on dummy's clubs and was the only one in the field to make four hearts.

Tomorrow: Choosing between alternatives.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Solar Square Social Advice

ARIES (March 21-April 19). As long as you do nothing to interrupt or counteract the natural rhythm and flow, it's one of those days when it really seems as though time is on your side.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Galileo was arrested for saying the earth orbits around the sun. Well, one era's dangerous words are another era's common knowledge. You're developing an opinion that's outside the commonly accepted one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Time is relative, sure. But the order of things really matters to us. We are creatures of predication and expectation. So what happens first is significant. You'll be making a first impression today. Put some thought into it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Today's power move: Go ahead and put everyone on a program of restricted information. When it comes to your business, you're better offering it up a need-to-know basis.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Just think of all you could do if you didn't have to be correct, appropriate or acceptable. Actually, it's difficult to even imagine because you've followed the rules for so long. But allow yourself the fantasy. There's wisdom in it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your spiritual creed isn't the same as theirs, but you won't really know this until you articulate what is yours. Write it down. I believe (fill in the blank.) This exercise will illuminate your next move.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The world will seem to light up with tidbits that call out, "Hey, over here, this one is for you!" When you see the world as "for me" and "not for me" it gets rather simple. No need to judge, agonize, glorify or condemn, just take or leave.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Don't you hate when you can't find the right words in the moment, but you think of them a day (or hour or decade) later? That's OK. The zinger you come up with today will make up for some of those times.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you just don't want to do a thing, it seems a lot more inconvenient and difficult than it really is. Actually, the task will take hardly any time or effort once you stop resisting it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be more alive and alert in the morning, so use those early hours to make quick work of the stuff you really don't want to do. Otherwise the dreaded tasks will drag on and ruin your evening mood.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Shopping is on the agenda. Bring a friend if you're afraid of being unduly persuaded by the sales team. Go alone if you're afraid of being unduly persuaded by a friend.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 13). You are so ready to do your part. What's even better is that you know exactly what it is! You're paid well and respected, but don't let it go to your head. In May, you'll be back in the starter position -- a newbie in a completely different environment, thrilled to learn. Love and support will be all around you. Cancer and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 13, 3, 32 and 40.

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

Level: Advanced

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

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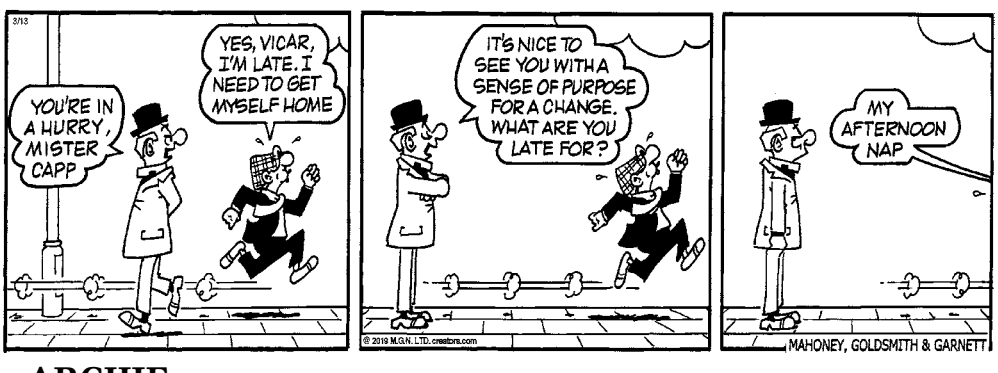
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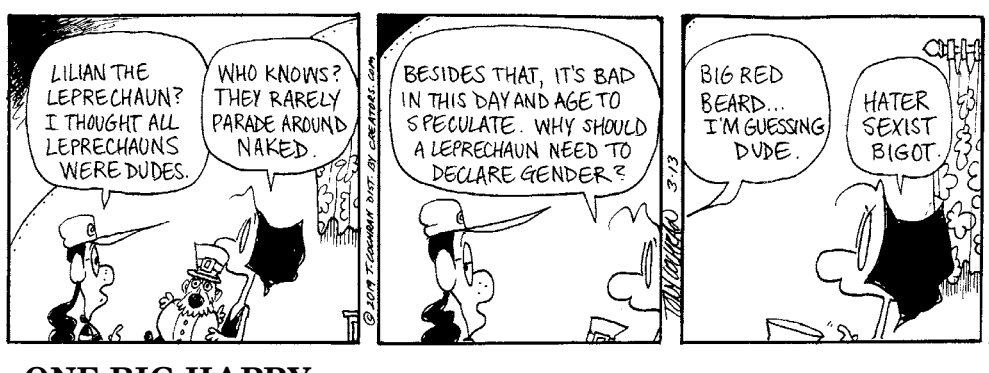
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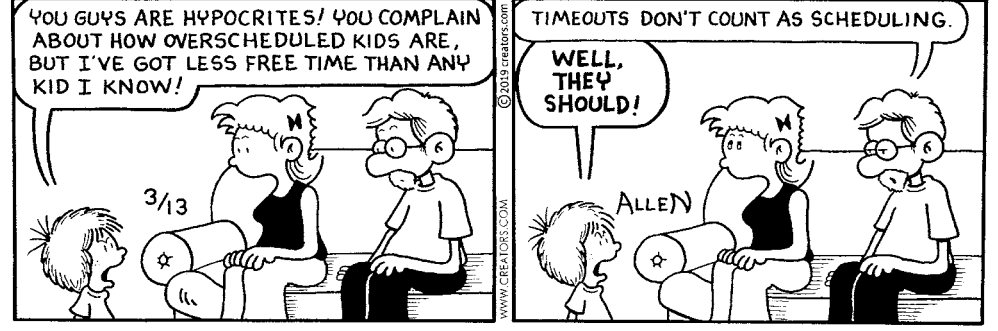
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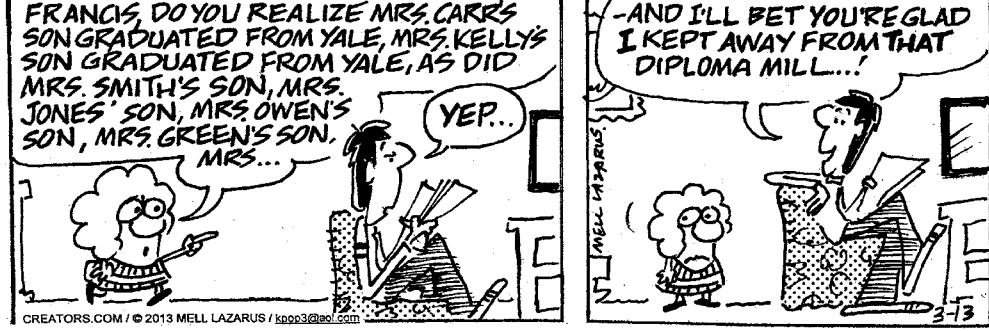
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NEST HEAD



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This Date In History

Today in History By the Associated Press undefined Today in History Today is Wednesday, March 13, the 72nd day of 2019. There are 293 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On March 13, 1954, the Battle of Dien Bien Phu began during the First Indochina War as Viet Minh forces attacked French troops, who were defeated nearly two months later. On this date: In 1764, Charles Grey, 2nd Earl Grey, who served as British Prime Minister from 1830 to 1834 (and for whom Earl Grey tea is named), was born in Fal-loden, Northumberland. In 1865, Confederate President Jefferson Davis signed a measure allowing black slaves to enlist in the Confederate States Army with the promise they would be set free. In 1901, the 23rd President of the United States, Benjamin Harrison, died in Indianapolis at age 67. In 1925, the Tennessee General Assembly approved a bill prohibiting the teaching of the theory of evolution. (Gov. Austin Peay (pee) signed the measure on March 21.) In 1928, at least 400 people died when the San Francisquito Canyon in Southern California was inundated with water after the nearby two-year-old St. Francis Dam collapsed just before midnight the evening of March 12. In 1933, banks in the U.S. began to reopen after a "holiday" declared by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. In 1934, a gang that included John Dillinger and "Baby Face" Nelson robbed the First National Bank in Mason City, Iowa, making off with \$52,344. In 1964, bar manager Catherine "Kitty" Genovese, 28, was stabbed to death near her Queens, New York, home; the case gained notoriety over the supposed reluctance of Genovese's neighbors to respond to her cries for help. In 1975, the first Chili's restaurant was opened in Dallas by entrepreneur Larry Lavine. In 1980, Ford Motor Co. Chairman Henry Ford II announced he was stepping down, the same day a jury in Winamac, Indiana, found the company not guilty of reckless homicide in the fiery deaths of three young women in a Ford Pinto.

In 1996, a gunman burst into an elementary school in Dunblane, Scotland, and opened fire, killing 16 children and one teacher before killing himself. In 2013, Jorge Bergoglio (HOHR'-hay behr-GOHG'-lee-oh) of Argentina was elected pope, choosing the name Francis; he was the first pontiff from the Americas and the first from outside Europe in more than a millennium. Ten years ago: President Barack Obama met with former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker, chairman of his Economic Recovery Advisory Board; the president then went before reporters to say his administration was working to create a "post-bubble" model for solid economic growth once the recession ended. Death claimed soprano Anne Wiggins Brown, the original Bess in George Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess," at age 96; actress Betsy Blair at age 85; and Detroit Pistons' Hall of Fame owner Bill Davidson at age 86. The Philadelphia 76ers played a final game at the Spectrum, their old home, beating Chicago 104-101. Five years ago: Seeking to pacify frustrated immigration advocates, President Barack Obama directed the government to find more humane ways to handle deportation for immigrants in the U.S. illegally. Former Florida Gov. Reubin Askew, who'd guided the state through a period of school busing to achieve integration in the 1970s, died in Tallahassee at age 85. One year ago: President Donald Trump abruptly dumped Secretary of State Rex Tillerson - via Twitter - and moved CIA Director Mike Pompeo from the role of America's spy chief to its top diplomat. On his first trip to California as president, Trump accused the state of putting "the entire nation at risk" by refusing to take tough action against illegal immigration. Joy Behar of "The View" apologized for suggesting that mental illness was behind claims by people that Jesus Christ talks to them; her comment had come during a discussion about Vice President Mike Pence. A third powerful

nor'easter in two weeks slammed the Northeast, bringing blizzard conditions and two feet of snow to some communities. Prosecutors announced plans to seek the death penalty against the former student charged with killing 17 people at a Florida high school. Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician Roy Haynes is 94. Country singer Jan Howard is 89. Songwriter Mike Stoller (STOH'-ler)

is 86. Singer-songwriter Neil Sedaka is 80. R&B/gospel singer Candi Staton is 79. Opera singer Julia Migenes is 70. Actor William H. Macy is 69. Comedian Robin Duke is 65. Actress Dana Delany is 63. Sen. John Hoeven, R-N.D., is 62. Rock musician Adam Clayton (U2) is 59. Jazz musician Terence Blanchard is 57. Actor Christopher Collet is 51. Rock musician

Matt McDonough (Mudvayne) is 50. Actress Annabeth Gish is 48. Actress Tracy Wells is 48. Rapper-actor Common is 47. Rapper Khujo (Goodie Mob, The Lumberjacks) is 47. Singer Glenn Lewis is 44. Actor Danny Masterson is 43. Bluegrass musician Clayton Campbell (The Gibson Brothers) is 38. Actor Noel Fisher is 35. Singers Natalie and Nicole Albino (Nina Sky)

are 35. Actor Emile Hirsch is 34. Olympic gold medal skier Mikaela Shiffrin is 24. Thought for Today: "Dare to err and to dream. Deep meaning often lies in childish plays." Friedrich von Schiller, German author (1759-1805).

Newsday Crossword

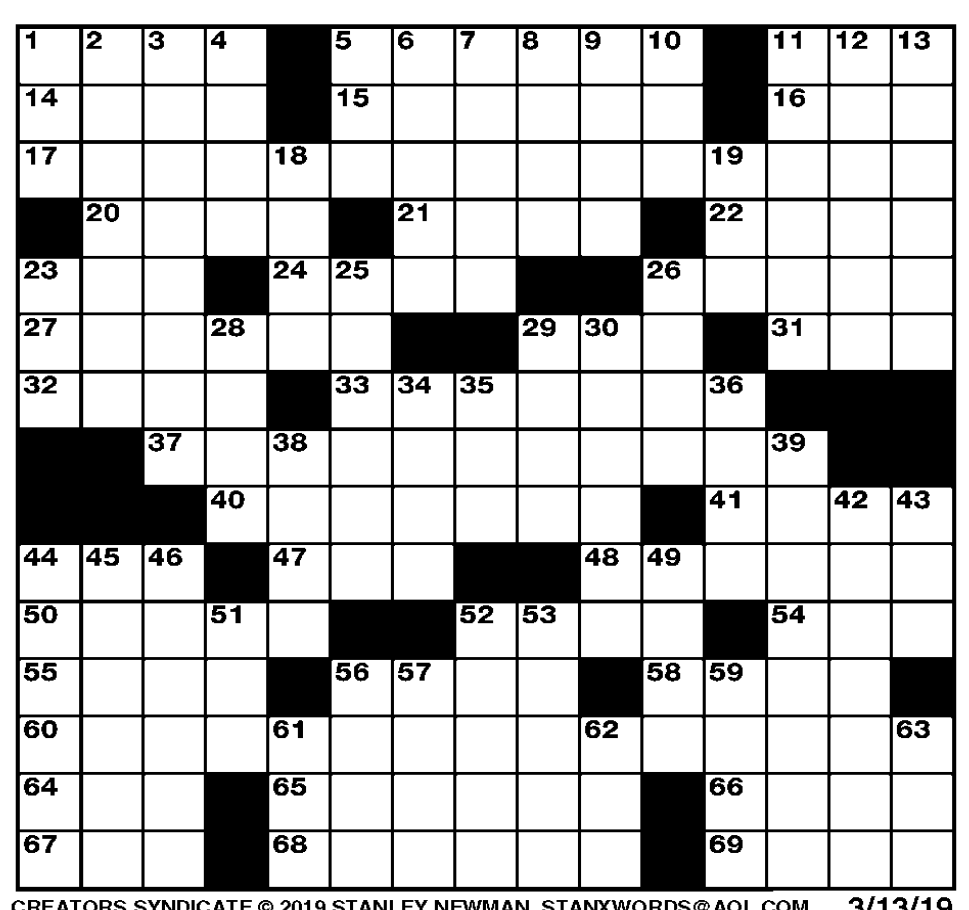
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Answer to previous puzzle SPAR MAAM MARSH PACE EDGE EIEIO ONES MOAT OMENS TEST BRISK WALKS SHEEN NET NECTAR DID MIA ERROR CHEF TERI SNAPPY COMEBACKS TINS EXPO EXCEL SEE PST PARADE SAO ASIDE FAST TRACKS TOOT ACTED CHIC UHOH CRIER CORE RIPE TERRY TOTS

DeRozan, Aldridge lead Spurs past Mavericks 112-105

By **DAVE JACKSON**

Associated Press

DALLAS — As a long-range jumper spun off the rim and out, Luka Doncic hopped and stomped the floor in frustration.

It was that kind of night for the rookie and his Dallas Mavericks.

DeMar DeRozan scored 33 points, LaMarcus Aldridge added 28 and the San Antonio Spurs beat the Mavericks 112-105 on Tuesday night.

DeRozan and Aldridge had identical 11-for-19 shooting lines from the field and combined to go 17 of 17 from the foul line. The Spurs led from the middle of the first quarter on in winning their sixth in a row.

"It's a challenge to understand and figure out how to pull these games out because they're just as important as any other game," DeRozan said. "Going into playoffs, you've got to have that type of mentality of being resilient."

Dallas lost its sixth straight and 11th in 12 games.

Doncic started for Dallas despite a strained knee but went through one of his worst games of his rookie season. Doncic didn't score until the final minute of the first half and ended up with 12 points and a career-high nine turnovers.

He finished 5 for 18 from the field and 1 for 9 from the line. Things hit rock bottom for Doncic in the third quarter, when he was fouled on a 3-point shot and didn't make any of the free throws. He also missed 3 of 4 from the line down the stretch when Dallas was mounting a comeback.

"He's an emotional player, but he just turned 20," said teammate Dirk Nowitzki, who like Doncic started his NBA career as a teenager. "He'll be fine. I'm not worried about him. He's had a heck of a rookie season so far and he's going to keep attacking for us."

Jalen Brunson scored a career-

high 34 points for the Mavericks and Dwight Powell added 20.

Doncic hit a running bank shot to bring Dallas within 97-94 with 3:29 to play, but Davis Bertans made a 3 from the corner to restore a six-point lead.

DeRozan and White hit back-to-back mid-range jumpers to put San Antonio up 106-99 in the final minute and the Spurs sealed it with free throws. San Antonio made all 18 attempts from the line.

PRAISING DIRK

Nowitzki started his sixth game of the season and scored eight points, all in the first quarter. He needs 27 more to pass Wilt Chamberlain for sixth place on the NBA's career scoring list.

"Dirk is a spectacular example of a competitor on the court and a great human being all at the same time," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "He competed with a ferocity. He loved winning, he hated losing, but he was classy in the sense that he knew how to do both."

Nowitzki has played more regular-season games (77) against the Spurs than any other opponent, and another 33 in the playoffs. San Antonio hosts the Mavericks in the regular-season finale on April 10, which could be Nowitzki's last game.

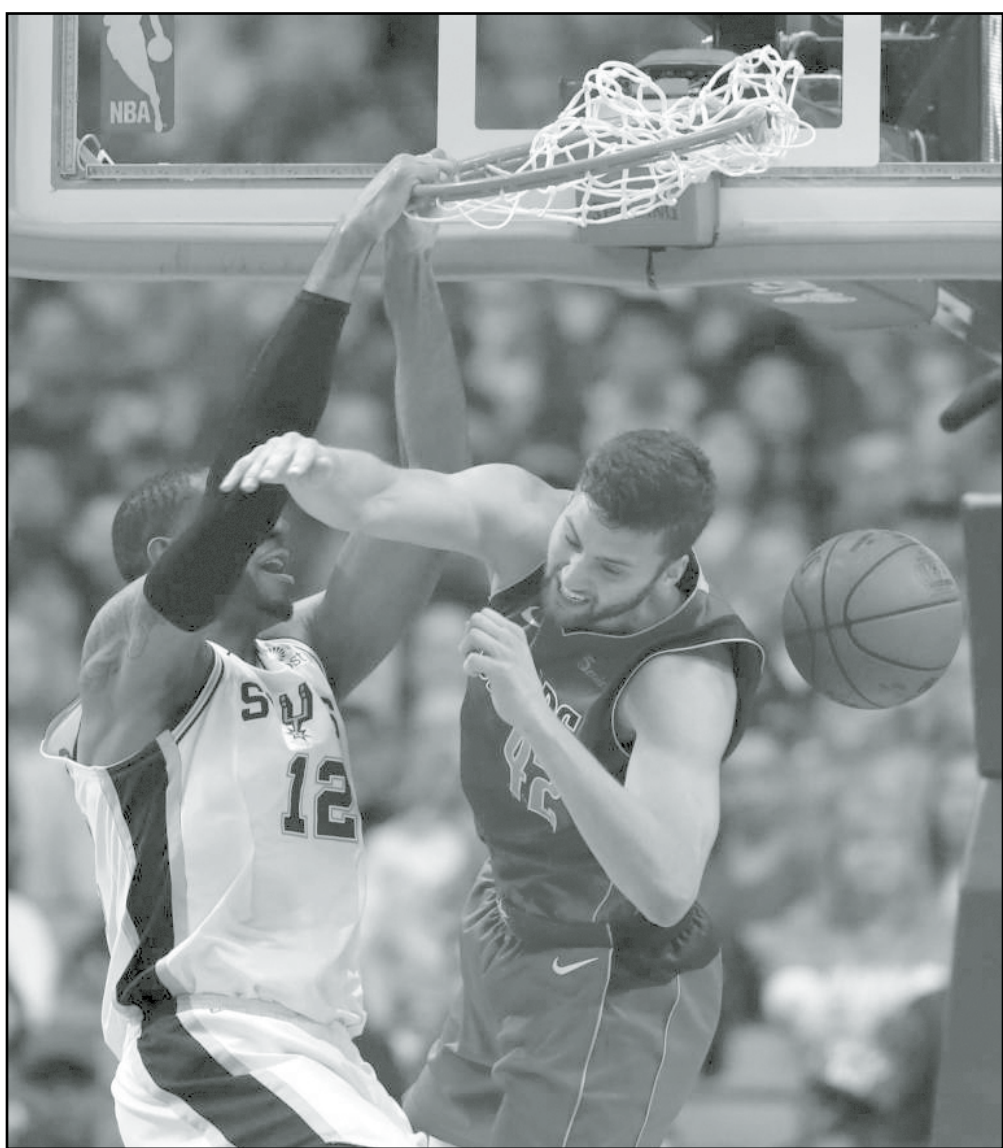
WHITE EMERGES

Second-year guard Derrick White scored 23 points and had seven assists for the Spurs, who have leaned heavily on White at point guard since Dejounte Murray went down with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in the preseason.

"The intangibles, the things that you can't really teach for a point guard to understand," Aldridge said. "How to read the pick-and-roll, how to read the guy coming off. You can try to teach guys that, but some guys just get it."

TIP-INS

Spurs: Popovich said Rudy Gay would return on Friday after missing the last two games with the flu.



AP photo
San Antonio Spurs center LaMarcus Aldridge (12) dunks as Dallas Mavericks forward Maximilian Kleber (42) defends during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Dallas, Tuesday, March 12.

... Murray was with the team even though he is out for the season. "He's going to be very important to us next year," Popovich said. "On these single-game trips, we just wanted him to start being with the group."

Mavericks: Brunson shot 12 for 16 from the field and 7 for 7 from the line. He has scored in double figures

in his last five games. His career high in three years at Villanova was 31. ... Dallas made 15 of 26 free throws, though Brunson and Powell combined to go 14 for 14.

UP NEXT

Spurs: Host the Knicks on Friday. Mavericks: Visit Denver on Thursday.

Rockets surging as scuffling Warriors come to town

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The Houston Rockets are finally healthy and have won a season-high nine straight heading into their final regular-season meeting against the Golden State Warriors.

Despite the surge, James Harden & Co. still trail first-place Golden State, which has lost six of 10 capped by a loss to the lowly Suns, by 3½ games in the Western Conference standings. Houston has won all three games against the Warriors this season, but win or lose on Wednesday night, the Rockets have much bigger goals.

"We beat them four times or three times in the regular season ain't nobody going to remember in about a month," Chris Paul said.

Indeed. The Rockets not only want to finish out the season strong to try to pass Golden State and second-place Denver for the top seed in the West. They also have their eyes on finally toppling the Warriors after Golden State has eliminated Houston from the playoffs in three of the last four seasons. They've twice lost to them in the Western Conference finals, including last season.

Harden acknowledged that he does get a bit more amped up for games like the one on Wednesday night, but he agreed with Paul that it doesn't mean more than any other regular-season game.

"I think we all do, but at the end of the day it's a win or it's a loss," he said.

With their recent struggles, the Warriors are viewing the game differently. After Phoenix picked up just its 16th win by beating Golden State on its home court on Sunday night, Steph Curry said: "On Wednesday night we have an opportunity to send a

statement."

Harden scoffed when asked about Curry's comment.

"I don't know how they feel. I'm worried about what's in this locker room," he said before walking away.

Early this season, it didn't look like Houston would have a chance to compete for the No. 1 spot after the Rockets limped out to an 11-14 start. Houston shook off its early season woes and has gone 31-11 since to dig out of its early hole and get within striking distance of first place as the regular season winds down.

"This is the team we should have had all year and it just didn't materialize," coach Mike D'Antoni said. "But having said that, with all the stuff we've gone through and all the ups and downs, and starting from 11-14 to whatever we are after that, we're in a good spot and we still have a chance to legitimately make a run for the first spot."

Houston's recent success is tied to the fact that all of its key players are finally healthy at the same

time after Paul and big man Clint Capela both missed large chunks of time.

Paul sat out from Dec. 22-Jan. 27 with a hamstring injury and Capela missed 15 games from Jan. 14-Feb. 21 after having thumb surgery. Houston's winning streak began in Capela's second game back, and the Rockets are 23-9 when he, Harden and Paul all play.

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Texas Tech's Culver AP Big 12 top player, Beard top coach



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Texas Tech coach Chris Beard directs his team against Duke during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game, in New York. Beard was named the Big 12 Conference Coach of the Year, Tuesday, March 12.

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FORT WORTH — Texas Tech sophomore guard Jarrett Culver is The Associated Press Big 12 player of the year after helping lead his hometown Red Raiders to a share of the regular season conference title.

Chris Beard was named coach of the year after his third season with the Red Raiders, who are 26-5 after going to their first NCAA Elite Eight last year. Seventh-ranked Texas Tech won its first Big 12 regular-season title, sharing the crown with No. 15 Kansas

State.

Culver is averaging 18.3 points and 6.2 rebounds a game, and is one of three unanimous picks for the AP All-Big 12 first team released Tuesday.

Kansas junior forward Detric Lawson, the league's top scorer and rebounder (19.1 ppg, 10.6 rpg), and Kansas State senior guard Barry Brown Jr. (15.1 ppg, league-leading 2.0 steals a game) were the other players listed on all 18 ballots from a panel of journalists who regularly cover the Big 12 in the league's five states.

Iowa State senior guard Marial



AP photo

Texas Tech's Jarrett Culver (23) shoots over Oklahoma's Miles Reynolds (3) during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game, in Lubbock, Texas. Culver was named the Big 12 Conference Player of the Year, Tuesday, March 12.

Shayok and Kansas State senior forward Dean Wade were the other first-team picks.

Culver got 14 votes for AP player of the year. The remaining four votes went to Lawson, the former transfer from Memphis who got 12 of 18 votes to be named Big 12 newcomer of the year.

Beard was picked as coach of the year on 15 ballots.

Makai Mason, the first graduate transfer ever to play for Baylor, led the AP second-team picks. The other second-teamers were Texas freshman forward Jaxson Hayes, Texas Tech sophomore guard Davide Moretti and TCU teammates Desmond Bane and Alex Robinson.

The 2019 AP All-Big 12 team, with players listed with school, classification, height, weight, class and hometown ("u" denotes unanimous selections):

FIRST TEAM

u-Barry Brown Jr., Kansas St.,

Sr. 6-3, 195, St. Petersburg, Florida.

u-Jarrett Culver, Texas Tech, So., 6-6, 195, Lubbock, Texas.

u-Detric Lawson, Kansas, Jr., Jr. 6-9, 235, Memphis, Tennessee.

Marial Shayok, Iowa St., Sr., 6-6, 198, Ottawa, Ontario.

Dean Wade, Kansas St., Sr., 6-10, 228, St. John, Kansas.

SECOND TEAM

Desmond Bane, TCU, Jr., 6-5, 215, Richmond, Indiana.

Jaxson Hayes, Texas, Fr., 6-11, 220, Loveland, Ohio.

Makai Mason, Baylor, Sr., 6-1, 185, Greenfield, Massachusetts.

Davide Moretti, Texas Tech, So., 6-2, 175, Bologna, Italy.

Alex Robinson, TCU, Sr., 6-1, 180, Fort Worth, Texas.

Coach of the year — Chris Beard, Texas Tech.

Player of the year — Jarrett Culver, Texas Tech.

Newcomer of the year — Detric Lawson, Kansas.



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