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**Upcoming Events**

Aug. 21  
**Commissioner Court**  
**Howard Co. Courthouse**  
 3:30 p.m.

Aug. 22  
**Alive After 5**  
**Big Spring Ford**  
 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Aug. 24  
**Back to School Bash**  
 7 p.m.  
**Hotel Settles**  
**Movie - Dumbo**

Aug. 26  
**Last Day for Leadership**  
**Big Spring Applications**  
**Turn in to Big Spring Area**  
**Chamber Office**

*Don't forget to submit your We Salute! nominations; good deeds, positive impacts to the community, etc. can be emailed to editor@bigspringherald.com*

## TEA accountability ratings posted

*BSISD rates 'D', Coahoma and Forsan earn 'B's*

**By ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

The Texas Education Agency released its A-F Accountability Ratings for the 2018-2019 school year, and it appears Big Spring Independent School District has lost some of the ground it gained over the 2017-2018 school year, when enough of the district's students passed the STAAR test to avoid impending consequences from the state.

BSISD received a "D" rating overall, with Washington and Goliad elementary schools – the two schools in the district who were on the state's "Im-

provement Required" list prior to the 2017-2018 results – receiving "F" ratings under the new system. Anderson Accelerated High School also ranked an "F."

Coahoma and Forsan school districts each received a "B" rating.

The new system grades schools and districts on a grading scale similar to that used on school report cards, with an "A" reflecting a 90-100 percent rating, and each letter reflecting a 10 percentage point spread down to an "F" representing grades below 60 percent.

In Big Spring, the school district as a whole received 63 percent – a "D" – down from 64 percent the previous year.

Schools in the district rated as follows:

- Anderson Accelerated High School – "F" – 46 percent up from 45 percent last year.
- Big Spring High School – "D" – 68 percent up from 66 percent last year.
- Big Spring Junior High School – "C" – 73 percent, remaining even since last year.
- Big Spring Intermediate School – "D" – 69 percent, up from 59 percent last year.
- Goliad Elementary School – "F" – 51 percent, down from 69 percent last year.

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## Firefighters battle grass, brush fire in eastern Howard County



*HERALD photo/Roger Cline*

Howard County Volunteer Firefighters battled a grass fire east of Coahoma Friday afternoon. According to HCVFD Chief Mitchell Hooper, preliminary investigations indicate the fire was caused by sparks thrown by a train passing through the area. Hooper said the blaze burned about three acres. "It just stayed right there along the tracks," he said, adding that the first call-out on the fire came in around 2:20 p.m., and the volunteers were done mopping up by about 4:30. No injuries were reported, and only minor damage to a fence.

## Get Ready for H-E-B Curb-side Pick-Up

**HERALD Staff Report**

Pull up to the curb, get your groceries and never leave the car?

A ribbon cutting will be held to celebrate the opening of H-E-B's new curb-side pick-up service, Thursday, Aug. 22, at 3 p.m. There will be refreshments, door prizes, and a special appearance by H-E-Buddy. H-E-B is located at 2000 S. Gregg St.

"H-E-B curb-side pick up is such a great idea," says Debbye ValVerde, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director. "This is especially great for the parents who are running here and there from practice and school and just can't stop for grocery shopping."

Customers orders started being accepted this past Thursday. Those wanting to try it out, can go to heb.com/curbside to create a shopping list. According to the site it can be ready in as little as four hours, and no fee if you place your order at least a day in advance. Once an order is placed, arrive at the designated time at the pick-up area, at the front of the store, and they will load your order into your car. In celebration of the grand opening, the service fee will be waived on a customer's first four orders.

"H-E-B is adding this extra incentive right here in Big Spring," ValVerde said. "Shop local!"

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## Community Prayer and Worship Event

**By ANNA GUTIERREZ**  
 Staff Writer

Two local churches have joined together to pray for students, teachers and faculty heading back into a new year.

First Church of the Nazarene and Spring Creek Fellowship will be sponsoring a community prayer and worship event Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Junior High Cafeteria. This event is free and open to the entire community.

"The purpose of this event is to give the staff, teachers and students some encouragement going into the new school year," says Peter Sullivan, First Church of the Nazarene Associate Pastor. "We will be praying for our teachers, staff, students and community. Just letting them all know that we are on their side."

Continues Sullivan, "One verse that comes to mind is 2 Chronicles 7:14: If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

All denominations are welcome to attend and are encouraged to attend, as the group welcomes a new school year and sees what God has planned for local teachers and students this year in Big Spring and Howard County area.

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## Spots available for Leadership Big Spring

**By ANNA GUTIERREZ**  
 Staff Writer

A new school year has begun which means a new leadership class will soon be exploring Big Spring.

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is ready to begin the next Leadership Big Spring class. This will be the 38th Leadership Big Spring Class, according to Debbye ValVerde, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, said.

"Every year we have a great group of up and coming leaders in our community who want to learn more about

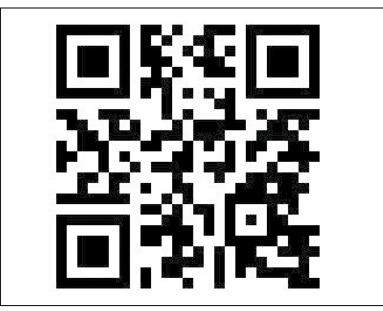
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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **MARTIN LUTHER VAN LEW**, 57, of 1310 Lincoln, was arrested on a warrant for assault family violence threat or offensive touch.
- **BRITTANY SHIANNA FRITZ**, 31, of 1313 Dixie Ave., was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (one to four grams).
- **MARK ADRIAN PEREZ**, 33, of 507 E. 17th St. Rear, was arrested on a charge of walking on the highway with traffic (no sidewalks).
- **JOSE ENRIQUE FAZ**, 41, of 1008 N.W. 2nd St., was arrested on two outstanding warrants from other agencies.
- **TYRONE QUINTIN**

**CHILDERS**, 38, of 609 Holbert St., was arrested on a warrant for theft of property/shoplifting (\$100 to \$750).

- **MICHAEL DOUGLAS MARTIN**, 33, of 901 S.W. 6th St., Andrews, Texas, was arrested on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and driving with invalid license.
- **MYRA ROSE PERKINS**, 29, of 307 San Jacinto St., was arrested on warrant for evading arrest or detention with vehicle or watercraft.
- **ANTONIO PENA JR.**, 35, of 1504 Stadium, was arrested on three outstanding warrants from other agencies.
- **STEPHANIE SERRATO**, 34, 1009 S. Scurry St., was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.
- **MARK MAXIMIANO GUTI-**

**ERREZ**, 28, of 1902 S. Nolan St., was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated (BAC over 0.15), and two outstanding warrants from other agencies.

- **BRANDEE LEANN CASTILLO**, 21, of 1811 Avion, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MARGARIOT CASTANEDA LOYA**, 42, of 701 E. 17th St., was arrested on a warrant for filing false report to peach officer or law enforcement employee.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 2100 block of Williams Rd.
- **THEFT OF A FIREARM** was reported in the 3200 block of E. FM 700
- **THEFT** was reported in the 300 block of S. Owens St.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

## Sheriff

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 94 inmates at the time of this report.
- **BRANDEE LEANN CASTILLO**, 21, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
  - **TYRONE QUINTIN CHILDERS**, 48, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for theft of property (\$100 to \$750).
  - **JOSE ENRIQUE FAZ**, 39, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for theft of property by check (\$20 to \$500), and issuance of bad check.
  - **BRITTANY SHIANNE FRITZ**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (one to four grams).

• **MARK MAXIMIANO GUTI-ERREZ**, 28, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for failure to dim headlights, expired registration, and a charge of driving while intoxicated (BAC over 0.15).

- **GABRIEL JESSIE HERNANDEZ**, 32, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for theft of property (\$100 to \$750).
- **MARGARITO CASTANEDA LOYA**, 42, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for filing false report to police officer or law enforcement official.
- **MICHAEL DOUGLAS MARTIN**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for driving with invalid license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **ANTONIO PENA JR.**, 35, was arrested by BSPD on war-

rants from the Attorney General for three counts of contempt of court/disobedience.

- **MARK PEREZ**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of walking on the highway with traffic (no sidewalks).
- **MYRA ROSE PERKINS**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for evading arrest or detention with vehicle or watercraft.
- **STEPHANIE SERRATO**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for theft of property (\$2,500 to \$30,000), no drivers license, and allowing a child under 8 and under 4"9" to ride unrestrained, failure to appear.
- **MARTIN LUTHER VAN LEW**, 57, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for assault family violence.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

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

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at mile marker 190 on I-20. No transport was required.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at mile marker 172 on I-20. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of S. Gregg St.

No transport was required.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of S. Moss Lake Rd. No transport was required.
- **GRASS FIRE** was reported in the 200 block of Gang. Dr. Fire was contained.

## Take Note

Coahoma High School All-School Reunion will take place Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019 at Coahoma Elementary Cafeteria, located at 400 Ramsey Ave. There will be breakfast, coffee, and door prizes. Guest speaker will be Putt Choate.

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

Dances are from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live entertainment. No alcohol or smoking permitted. Cost is \$5 per person.

Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday

through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month. We meet at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057.

The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 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.

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.

## Support Groups

### SATURDAY

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

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

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

### TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

### 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.

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TEA

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- Kentwood Elementary School – "D"
- Marcy Elementary School – "D" – 63 percent, down from 64 percent last year.
- Moss Elementary School – "D" – 63 percent, down from 64 percent last year.
- Washington Elementary School – "F" – 56 percent, down from 61 percent last year.

BSISD Superintendent Jay McWilliams provided a prepared statement to the Herald regarding the ratings:

"Big Spring ISD will maintain an overall accountability rating of a 'D' after the results of the 2018-2019 state assessment testing season," McWilliams said. "The 2019-2020 school year makes the first year that campuses will also be rated on the A-F system with the A-F bands represented by a 10 point margin much like school grading standards. Campuses are rated on Student Achievement, Student Progress, and Closing the Gaps where various demographic groups are measured at the 'Meets Grade Level' expectation. While campuses may show improve-

ment, their overall letter rating will not change unless their rating crosses the threshold for the next letter grade expectation. For example, Big Spring High School improved across all domains but will be rated a 'D' with an overall grade of 68 – just shy of the 70 needed for a C rating.

"Big Spring Junior High also improved across all domains and has earned a C rating with a score of 73. The district's largest gains come from Big Spring Intermediate with a 10 point increase from last year's rating of 59 (Improvement Required) to this year's rating of 69 which will also place them with a D rating just under the 70 needed for the next level.

"Three BSISD campuses fell short of the overall expectation and are rated as F campuses for the 2019-2020 school year. Anderson Accelerated Academy, Goliad Elementary, and Washington Elementary will be provided extra academic support in order to improve their ratings over the next school year. Perhaps long time educator John Wink said it best. The only letter not represented in this scale is the letter 'E.' Big Spring ISD recognizes there are pockets of 'E'xcellence throughout our district, and we will continue to capitalize on those as well as improve our academic systems in order to support our students and teachers."

The Coahoma Independent School District received a "B" rating overall from the TEA with 81 percent, up from 70 percent last year. Coahoma schools rated:

- Coahoma High School – "B" – 86 percent, up from 77 percent last year.
- Coahoma Junior High School – "D" – 62 percent, up from 54 percent last year.
- Coahoma Elementary School – "C" – 77 percent, up from 65 percent last year.

"The accountability system, it has its issues...just all of the things that deal with it," said Coahoma ISD Superintendent Brad Cox. "The accountability system itself, and the ratings and the grades, can be somewhat misleading whether it's positive information or negative information, in our opinion. With that being said, we do understand and accept that there needs to be an accountability system, and we are pleased to see the progress of our district doing well, and we just attribute that mainly to our hardworking staff, teachers, administrators, students, community, just by going to work, more than anything."

LEADERSHIP

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semester runs concurrently with the school year and will meet once a month, on the second Thursday of the month.

"Leadership participants come together once a month and over the course of 9 months, we travel across Howard County. We get to experience almost every aspect of Big Spring and what makes our community what it is," ValVerde said.

"I was born and raised in Big Spring, but going through Leadership Big Spring showed me several areas of the community I didn't know even existed," Amanda Duforat, former Leadership Big Spring student, said. "Being from here I thought I knew most of what there was to know, but I learned there are several more areas of interest than even I realized. Big Spring is it's own unique little town and has a lot to offer, if you just take the time to embrace it."

ValVerde said, those who are brand new to Big Spring will benefit because it's a great overview of what makes Big Spring, Big Spring, but even those who have lived here for years can learn something.

"Even if you already know about a certain industry or business, you might be surprised to find you can still learn something. Growth is taking place in Big Spring and we definitely aren't the same as we were five years ago and this is a great way to see all those changes first hand," ValVerde said.

Candidates for the class are those who have demonstrated management and or leadership ability, have shown an interest in community affairs, and have time and talent to offer the

In Forsan, the school district as a whole received a "B" rating of 88 percent, up from 85 percent last year. Forsan schools rated as follows:

- Forsan High School/Junior High – "B" – 87 percent, up from 85 percent last year.
- Forsan Elementary School – "C" – 76 percent, down from 81 percent last year.

"The system continues to change and evolve, so we try to figure it out. We're getting our first look at the data that they use, and we will dig through that, whether it's the good side that we're happy with, or the bad side that we're not happy with," Forsan Superintendent Randy Johnson said. "We will dig through those and see what patterns we can see and what issues may come up and so on. On the positive side, the district and the high school both going up a little over last year, obviously that's a positive thing and it's something we're happy with. That's something we want to see across the board. But even on those good ones, there are areas where we can improve and there's areas that we need to dig into, so we will dig in and see if we can get better in those areas."

Johnson said he doesn't have a solid explanation for the decline at Forsan Elementary School at this time.

"Not in any detail. Like I said, we will dig through and know a little bit more over time," he said. "It appears to be a five-point drop in the ratings there, which isn't the end of the world, but at the same time it isn't necessarily what we want to see. We got early numbers that we looked at, and those early numbers looked like some of the kiddos' numbers on their STAAR testing looked really good – in other words, they passed the STAAR testing – but the way this rating looks at it, they look to see whether the student not only passed, but did they move up. So if the student got a 'B' last year, did they get an 'A' this year. You get points for that. So you get one point if it moves a certain way, or two points if it moves even further, or if it goes down a little bit you lose points, and so on. That is an area in our original glance it looked like we need to work on. If they've done really well in the past, it's hard to make it go up."

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community. "Every business and even individuals, know someone who would be a good fit for this class. This is just an opportunity to form connections, get involved and find out how to make an impact in Big Spring," she said.

Applications can be picked up at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Office - 215 W. Third - and are due by Aug. 26. The program is limited to a maximum class size of 14 participants.

For more information, call the Chamber office at 432- 263-7641.

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**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 76. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

**Sunday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 104. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 77. South wind around 10 mph.

**Monday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 103. South wind around 10 mph.

**Monday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 77.

**Tuesday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 100.

**Tuesday Night:** A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 76.

**Wednesday:** A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 97.

**Wednesday Night:** A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 74.

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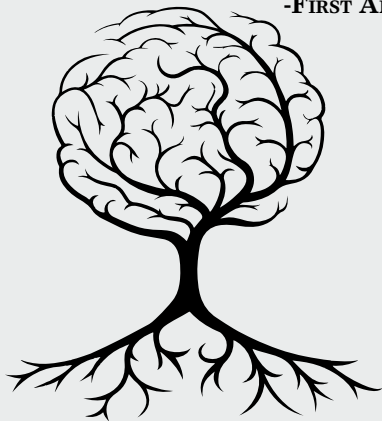
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# Opinion

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-FIRST AMENDMENT



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## Western Union's bicycle delivery boys

When Bill Cole of Midland was in high school in Abilene, he delivered telegrams for Western Union.

"They wouldn't hire anybody under 16," says Bill, "So, when I turned 16 I knew Western Union was hiring messenger boys so I went to work. I'd start about 4 o'clock, soon as I got out of school and work until about 7. On every shift they'd have maybe three or four messengers. We'd cover the whole town on our bicycles delivering telegrams. Course Abilene wasn't as big as it is now."

The telegram was a major means of communication during the 40's and 50's because not everybody had a telephone.

"They'd give us several telegrams to deliver and give us sort of a route to take. Usually they'd give each messenger 10 to 12 telegrams at a time. When we'd de-

liver those, we'd come back and get some more."

The delivery boys didn't have any special uniforms.

"We had a little pin that said Western Union on it and we'd pin it on our shirt."

The telegrams came into the Western Union office by Teletype.

They'd come in on narrow strips of paper that were then pasted onto square sheets of yellow paper that had the words Western Union at the top. Then, the manager would put the message in an envelope.

"We'd deliver it to where it was addressed. When they came to the door I'd have them sign a form that said they received it. Delivery boys never saw what was written on the telegrams."

Lots of businesses used telegrams.

"Hotels and motels would get reservations by telegram. Flo-

ral shops got lots of their orders by telegrams. Businesses used Western Union to order supplies. Some had a way of contact Western Union that they had a telegram to pick up. They called them night letters. And of course we had things like singing telegrams every once in a while. Sometimes companies would contract with Western Union to put out samples of their products. I remember one time there was a contract with the people who make TUMS and the delivery boys would stand on street corners and hand out sample packages of TUMS."

I asked Bill about those singing telegrams.

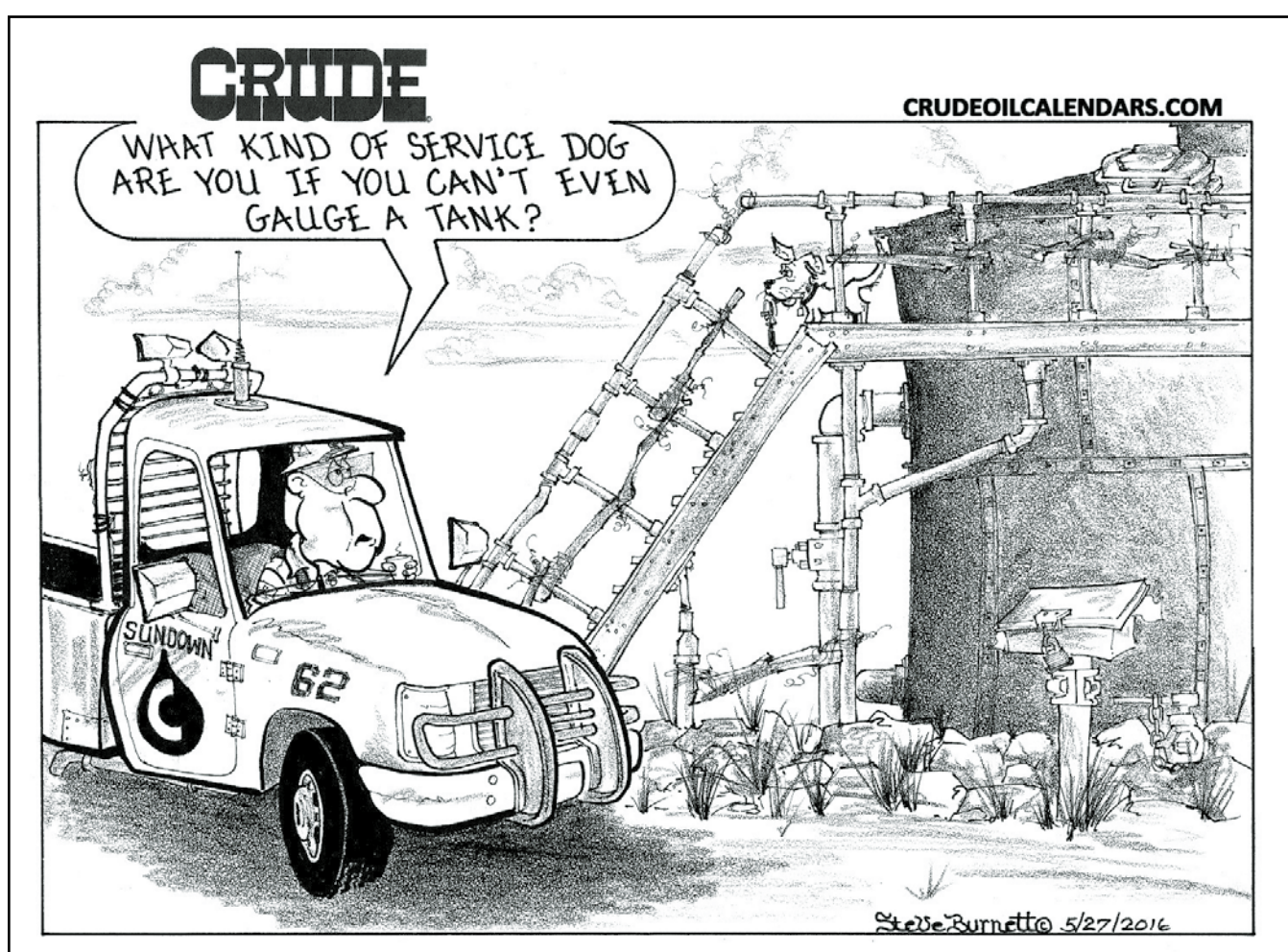
"If someone wanted to wish a relative or friend a happy birthday they'd contact Western Union and ask that one of the delivery boys go to the address and sing Happy Birthday. People that got them really enjoyed them."

I asked Bill if he ever got a tip for delivering a singing telegram.

"I don't remember any. I wasn't a very good singer."



TUMBLEWEED SMITH



## In a league of their own

They called balls and strikes behind home plate for a combined 52 years, achieving greatness in the world of Major League umpiring until their retirement in 1999.

The pair's plaque-filled walls in their homes are testimonies to their remarkable professional achievements.

When they stepped up to the plate in retirement, however, their volunteer service to others provided them with the most satisfaction. Who knows what motivated them?

The late Durwood Merrill, from Hooks, TX, and Larry Barnett, from Nitro, WV, insisted on "giving back." Some might think their theme song should be, "Thank God, I'm a Country Boy." Combined population of their hometowns is less than 10,000.

Merrill, who died in 2003, was consumed by a local charitable event he founded—perhaps by providence—in 1979. He learned of a single mother with three children who faced a barren Christmas. There was no food in the house—let alone presents—when Merrill visited the home on Christmas Eve.

He rounded up a Christmas tree, gifts and a bevy of food.

He always claimed this to be the greatest Christmas he'd ever experienced. He added two more families the next Christmas.

The project kept growing, thanks both to Merrill and Hooks merchants and friends who likewise found it more

blesed to give than to receive. In subsequent years, teachers identified children with greatest needs. The campaign usually has provided gifts and food for 200 children, and sometimes more. Merrill dug deep into his pockets to fund the project, and wasn't bashful about digging into others' pockets, too. Though he died in 2003 at age 65, his Christmas campaign continues.

Merrill wrote an autobiography, *You're Out and You're Ugly, Too*.

I want to read more about this man who—after late deliveries on one Christmas Eve—saw a woman at the side of the road pleading for "anything he might have left from his rounds." He scrounged around, finding only a few boxes

of Jello. It was raining hard, but the woman and her two children were grateful.

"You mean we can have Jello tonight?" the oldest child asked. "This is great, Mama."

(Needless to say, Merrill found some more gifts for the family.)...

Barnett's "retirement" has been equally gratifying. When he put away his umpiring gear after the 1999 season, he looked forward to staying close to home. He was tired of flying, and sick of hotels.

(For umpires, all assignments are "away games.")

The retired ump remained "hooked" on visiting patients in VA hospitals, as has been his custom—along with umpiring—since 1976.

He has made more than 3,200

hospital visits, adding to his travel travails. All told, he umpired for nearly 38 years and has visited vets for 43 years.

Now 74, Barnett is "retiring" from what has become essentially a second career. It should be noted that he is winding up his long association with the Disabled American Veterans' Association on its 100th anniversary. The DAV Association was created by Congress in 1919.

The "travel travails" referenced a few lines back bring to mind a couple of "travel stories," one of which happens to be true.

One can't make up what happened on the Greyhound bus that left Dallas headed for Phoenix the other night. At the Abilene terminal, the driver announced a "20-minute break," urging promptness, of course. Trouble was, everyone got back on the bus except the driver, who never returned.

The 20-minute break became a nine-hour lay-over before Greyhound found another driver. By the time they got to Phoenix, they were weary! (Had this "goof" occurred a few decades earlier, Glen Campbell might have added another verse to this popular song.)

Finally, the old train joke. The conductor, upon delivering a baby, mentioned to the mother that she shouldn't have boarded the train in such a condition. Her answer? "When I got on this train, I wasn't in this condition."

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## DAILY PRAYER

*Dear Lord, may we take care not to hurt others, stand firm in doing Your will and stay strong in our belief in You.*

*Amen*

# Check this out; at the library this week

We wish all Howard County students a great school year!  
Get your child ready for the school year by getting them a library card. Some of the resources that we have available for students include access to EBooks and Audiobooks through the Libby app, as well as TexShare databases that include homework help and research resources.



Come by the library to get set up with a card or give us a call for more information. While summer reading program is done, we are still meeting for Code Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the computer lab.

*This week's reviews include western and fiction titles.*

Jo and Bethie Kaufman were born into a world full of promise in "Mrs. Everything" (LP F WEI J) & (AUCD F WEI J) by Jennifer Weiner.

Growing up in 1950's Detroit, they live in a perfect "Dick and Jane" house, where their roles in the family are clearly defined. Jo is the tomboy, the bookish rebel with a passion to make the world fairer; Bethie is the pretty, feminine good girl, a would-be star who enjoys the power her beauty confers and dreams of a traditional life. But the truth ends up looking differently than what the girls imagined. Jo and Bethie survive traumas and tragedies. As their lives unfold against the background of free love and Vietnam, Woodstock and women's lib, Bethie becomes an adventure-loving wild child who dives headlong into the counterculture and is up for anything, except settling down. Meanwhile, Jo becomes a proper young mother in Connecticut, a witness to the changing world instead of a participant. Neither woman inhabits the world she dreams of, nor has a life that feels authentic or brings her joy. Is it too late for the women to finally

stake a claim on happily ever after?  
Nothing bad can happen at the Ritz; inside its gilded walls every woman looks beautiful, every man appears witty in "Mistress of the Ritz" (LP F BEN M) by Melanie Benjamin. Favored guests like Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Coco Chanel, and the Duke and Duchess of Windsor walk through its famous doors to be welcomed and pampered by Blanche Auzello and her husband, Claude, the hotel's director. The Auzellos are the mistress and master of the Ritz, allowing the glamour and glitz to take their minds off their troubled marriage, and off the secrets that they keep from their guests and each other.

Until June 1940, when the German army sweeps into Paris, setting up headquarters at the Ritz. Suddenly, with the likes of Hermann Goring moving into suites once occupied by royalty, Blanche and Claude must navigate a terrifying new reality. One that entails even more secrets. One that may destroy the tempestuous marriage between this beautiful, reckless American and her very proper Frenchman. For the falsehoods they tell to survive, and to strike a blow against their Nazi "guests," spin a web of deceit that ensnares everything and everyone they cherish. But one secret is shared between Blanche and Claude alone the secret that, in the end, threatens to imperil both of their lives, and to bring down the legendary Ritz itself.

Small town Texas, big time trouble in "A Season in Hell" (LP W JAC E) By Easy Jackson.

It's hard to be a woman in the Wild Wild West, especially if that woman is wearing a badge and slinging a six-shooter. Especially for any foolhardy man who gets in her way. The frontier town of Ring Bit, Texas, has a way of attracting trouble.

Shootouts. Showdowns. Shady drifters. But it's never seen anything like the mysterious gunman Hawkshaw. Is he good or evil?

As the town marshal, it's Tennessee Smith's job to keep an eye on him. This mail-order-bride-turned-

widow is raising three young stepsons on her own, and now she's taking the boys to Austin to get married again. Between outlaws and in-laws, she's got her hands full. When Tennessee's stagecoach is ambushed and she's taken hostage, she could use help to shoot her way out. Even if that someone is a dangerously mysterious gunman named Hawkshaw.

Evvie, Maggie, and Topher have known one another since college in "The Friends We Keep" (AUCD F GRE J) by Jane Green.

Their friendship was something they swore would last forever. Now years have passed, the friends have drifted apart, and they never found the lives they wanted, the lives they dreamed of when they were young and everything seemed possible. Evvie starved herself to become a super model but derailed her career by sleeping with a married man. Maggie married Ben, the boy she fell in love with in college, never imagining the heart-break his drinking would cause. Topher became a successful actor, but the shame of a childhood secret shut him off from real intimacy. By their 30th reunion, these old friends have lost touch with one another and with the people they dreamed of becoming. Together again, they have a second chance at happiness, until a dark secret is revealed that changes everything.

"Education is the key to unlocking the world, a passport to freedom."- Oprah Winfrey

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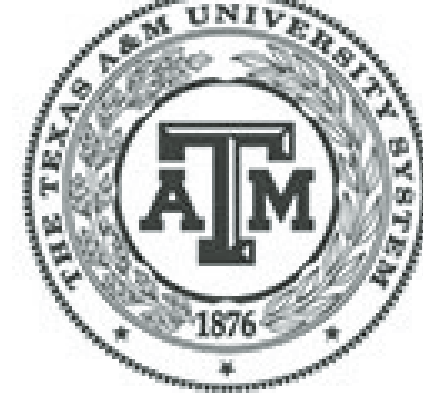
## Pet Talk:

# The Remarkable Ruminant digestive system

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

COLLEGE STATION, Aug. 9, 2019 – Cows are notorious for chewing their cud, but did you know this is actually a key part of their digestive process? This chewing of cud, also called "ruminating," is one feature of an interesting and complex digestive system that allows cows to extract all of the necessary nutrients from their food.

Ruminants such as cattle, sheep, goats, llamas, alpacas, and white-tailed deer are mammals that have a multi-chambered stomach used to digest plant materials through fermentation.



Dr. Kevin Washburn, a professor of large animal internal medicine at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, explains the features of the ruminant digestive system and how owners of these animals can provide a healthy, complete diet.

The four components of a ruminant's stomach are the reticulum, rumen, omasum, and abomasum.

Food first travels to the reticulum to begin digestion and then to the larger rumen for

more mixing and fermentation.

"The two biggest populations of microbes in the rumen and reticulum are bacteria and protozoa," Washburn said. "Without these two populations, fermentation and digestion would be impossible."

These microbes have the ability to digest many types of plant materials, from grass and leaves to a variety of grains.

"All of the bacteria and protozoa are necessary ingredients for the ruminant to make glucose, proteins, vitamins, and fat for itself," Washburn said. "The very most unique thing is that ruminants can survive on grass and water alone."

In order to get the most out of their food, ruminants spend a lot time chewing their cud, even up to eight hours a day in healthy animals.

"Cud is made up of some of the longer, tougher pieces of forage and serves as a means for the ruminant to 're-chew' it to further aid digestion," Washburn said.

After the rumen comes the omasum, where the fermented food is filtered and turned into a mixture of small particles and fluid that then passes through to the abomasum.

"The abomasum is most like our stomach in that acid is produced here for digestion," Washburn said. "This is the last portion the food passes through before going into the small intestine."

After the food enters the small intestine, the ruminant digestive system resembles that of most other animals, with food continuing on to the large intestine for the last stage of digestion.

To ensure digestion is occurring as it should in each compartment, ruminant animals need to eat quality food that promotes a healthy digestive system.

"High-quality grass in the form of pasture or hay is vital to good ruminant health," Washburn said. "In times when the grass is of lower quality or quantity, such as during winter, it can be supplemented with grains."

He added that goats, in particular, tend to be "browsers," feeding on leaves of bushes and trees for additional forage. Make sure that any plant material your animals have access to is non-toxic.

As with any animal, diet is an important feature of a cow, goat, or other ruminant's overall health and wellbeing. Using their unique digestive system, these animals have found a way to get the most out of their food, while also maintaining a simple diet.

*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](mailto:editor@cvm.tamu.edu).*

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Glasscock County Independent School District Board of Trustees will hold a public meeting at August 30, 2019 8:30 a.m. in GCISD Board Room in the Administration Building Garden City, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

<b>Maintenance Tax</b>	\$ <u>0.97000</u> /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
<b>School Debt Service Tax</b>	
<b>Approved by Local Voters</b>	\$ <u>0.10000</u> /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

#### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	<u>34.8</u> % increase	or	<u>        </u> % (decrease)
Debt service	<u>165.9</u> % increase	or	<u>        </u> % (decrease)
Total expenditures	<u>34.6</u> % increase	or	<u>        </u> % (decrease)

#### Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ <u>365,462,2208</u>	\$ <u>4,903,803,890</u>
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ <u>1,155,862</u>	\$ <u>1,198,574</u>
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ <u>2,886,952,821</u>	\$ <u>4,272,349,812</u>
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ <u>1,155,862</u>	\$ <u>1,025,595</u>

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).  
\*\* "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).  
\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

#### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$ 14,000,000

\* Outstanding principal.

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#### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
<b>Last Year's Rate</b>	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0.05100	\$ 1.09100	\$ 28,359	\$ 570
<b>Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance &amp; Operations Revenue &amp; Pay Debt Service</b>	\$ 0.93000	\$ 0.08219	\$ 1.01219	\$ 151,617	\$ 244
<b>Proposed Rate</b>	\$ 0.97000	\$ 0.10000	\$ 1.07000	\$ 34,579	\$ 244

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

#### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 76,977.00	\$ 77,091.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 55,671.00	\$ 53,295.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.10500	\$ 1.09000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 615.16	\$ 580.92
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ -34.24

**Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.**

**Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.07000. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.07000.**

#### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 7,644,844
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,348,868

# MOSC to celebrate Beethoven on opening night

Special to the Herald

MIDLAND/ODESSA -- "Beethoven Five" opens the Midland-Odesa Symphony & Chorales highly anticipated 57th season with a celebration of one of history's best-known composers. Join MOSC for this celebratory concert taking place on Saturday, September 7 at 7:30pm at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center.

Showcasing the orchestra's artistry, this concert features quite possibly the most famous piece of music ever written, "Symphony No. 5 in C minor". The four-note motive "Da-da-da Daaah" that opens the symphony is iconic in a way that few works of art ever achieve. Imaginative, violent, and wide-ranging, the colossal crowd-pleaser immerses the audience in Beethoven's state of mind with dramatic tension that builds to a



Robert Plano

passionate climax. To this day the work is wildly popular, even used in commercials and throughout popular culture.

Complementing the program are two works, the "Coriolan Overture" and "Piano Concerto No. 3 in C Minor". Performing the concerto, celebrated Italian pianist Roberto Plano will delight the MOSC audience as he does all over the globe. He was the First Prize Winner at the 2001 Cleveland International Piano Competition, a prize winner at the Honens, Dublin, Sendai, Geza Anda and Valencia competitions, and Finalist at the 2005 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition.

This performance is not to be missed! Tickets start at just \$10 and can be purchased at MOSC.ORG. Student tickets are FREE with a paying adult or valid college ID.

Patrons are also invited to experience Symphony SoundBites, a pre-concert supper held before the performance in the Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. By purchasing a ticket to this tasty event, patrons will enjoy dining with friends as Maestro Gary Lewis and featured musician Roberto Plano provide an insider's view of the evening's program. Bring your friends and make new ones as you enhance your symphony experience! Seating is limited and based on a first-come-first-serve basis. ON THE MENU: PRIME TOP SIRLOIN STEAK. Symphony SoundBites tickets may be purchased for \$26 each by calling the Wagner Noël Box Office at 432-552-4437. Deadline to purchase SoundBites tickets is Friday, August 30th.

"Beethoven Five" is generously sponsored by Midland Symphony Guild, Carol & Tom Chandler and Martha & Paul Crump. For more information on MOSC events, please visit MOSC.ORG.

## Museum opening two exhibits Greatest photographs of American West and E Pluribus Unum



Courtesy photos

Pictured above and below, are two of the exhibit pieces included in the new exhibit.

HOBBS - Two photography exhibits, National Geographic's Greatest Photographs of the American West and E Pluribus Unum, will be on display August 22 - November 3, 2019 at the Western Heritage Museum and Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame. The opening reception is at 5:30 pm on Thursday, August 22 and admission is free.

The National Geographic Society was formed 150 years ago as "a society for the increase and diffusion of geographical knowledge." Since that time, National Geographic magazine has been one of the most successful publications in America and throughout the world.

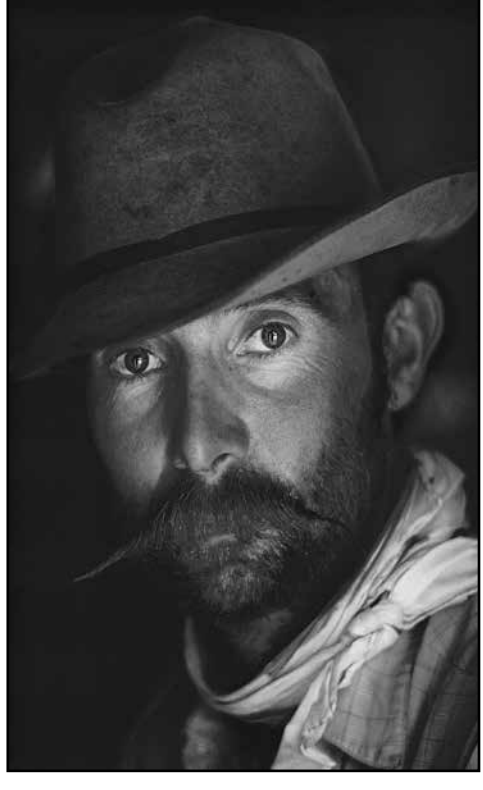
National Geographic's Greatest Photographs of the American West exhibit contains images by some of the best-known photographers of the past century like Edward S. Curtis, William Henry Jackson, and Ansel Adams. They captured the landscapes, people, and culture of the west during their time. Contemporary photographers such as William Albert Allard, Michael Melford, and Joel Sartore have built upon the work of their predecessors. Their photography reflects the changing landscape and its impact on the American Western life-style.

"The role of photography in creating and perpetuating beliefs and understandings about the West has been continuous and evolving," writes James McNutt, former president and CEO of the National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States. "Beginning with adventurous pioneers in the field and never ceasing to the present day, photography accumulated an enormous record of change beyond the 100th meridian." The images included in the exhibition derive from the National Geographic Book, "National Geographic Greatest Photographs of the American West: Capturing 125 Years of Majesty, Spirit and Adventure," in which McNutt writes the foreword.

"Greatest Photographs of the American West" is a visual journey through the history of America. Each image captures a different aspect of the American West and its importance to our national identity. Visitors will see portrayals of some of the cowboys, Native Americans and landscapes that define the vast area. They'll also be exposed to photographs displaying the interactions among the people of the West, visitors and wildlife. The awe-inspiring images include endless skies, boundless plains and dramatic mountains. The exhibition explores the growth of the American West and where its story may go in the future.

Also opening at the Western Heritage Museum are the photographs of E Pluribus Unum, the brain-child of Santa Fe based artists Jerry Wellman and Matthew Chase-Daniel, focusing on the people from Southeast New Mexico. Several residents of Lea County are included in the exhibit, and in their published book. They will be signing copies of the book, at the free reception Thursday August 22.

For more information, contact Mary Lyle, Director of Education at 575-492-2678 or mlyle@nmjc.edu.



## The National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame Acquires Annie Oakley's Needlework Belt

FORT WORTH, TEXAS (Aug. 13, 2019) - The National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame announces the acquisition of sharpshooter Annie Oakley's needlework belt to its permanent collection. The belt is on display in the Hitting the Mark: Cowgirls and Wild West Shows exhibition, which illuminates the many female performers who contributed to these spectacularly popular outdoor events.

The belt was created during her third European tour in 1891. Oakley would often do needlework in her tent between performances. This belt has the tour year, "1891," and her initials "AO," on opposite ends of the belt. It measures roughly 33.5 inches

in length, which would be equivalent to a size 1 or 2 today.

"We have a few artifacts from Oakley that are singular in their ability to tie the public Annie Oakley to the private Annie Butler," said Dr. Diana Vela, associate executive director. "This belt is one of the objects that she worked on in her private time while she was on tour." Annie Oakley is a Hall of Fame Honoree, and in addition to the belt, the Museum has other Oakley objects on display.

Oakley, born on August 13, 1860, has been featured through the years in books, plays and television series and has continued to be a popular figure in American culture. Oakley shares commonalities with other Museum Honorees, most notably, retired United States Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

"Both Oakley and O'Connor broke barriers by being in traditional male-only fields, both were skilled horsewomen and both were mindful of the optics of being female in a customary male role, and as such, made conscious choices in attire," said Dr. Diana Vela. "Most importantly, both were not afraid to take on entities much larger than themselves - Oakley most notably with the Hearst Corporation."

Visit the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame's Hitting the Mark: Cowgirls and Wild West Shows exhibition to view Annie Oakley artifacts and holograms that explore the different stages of her public life.

### About the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame

The National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame honors and celebrates women, past and present, whose lives exemplify the courage, resilience and independence that helped shape the American West. Established in 1975, the Museum is considered an invaluable national educational resource for its exhibits, research library, rare photograph collection and award-winning distance-learning programs for grades K-12 and adults. The Hall of Fame's purpose is to preserve history, foster an appreciation for their ideals and spirit of self-reliance. In 2019, the Museum opened the Kit Moncrief Galleries and It's Never Just a Horse™ exhibition. For more news and information visit [www.cowgirl.net](http://www.cowgirl.net) and follow on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest and YouTube. Located at 1720 Gendy Street Fort Worth, Texas 76107. Hours of operation are Tuesday - Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$12 for adults (ages 13+); \$9 for seniors (60+), military and first responders; \$9 for children (ages 3 to 12) and children 3 and under get in free with paid adult. For more information, please visit [www.cowgirl.net](http://www.cowgirl.net) or call 817-336-4475.



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Happy Anniversary!!  
We Love You!



Ramon and Sue Holquin of Forsan, TX will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary Saturday August 17. Their nuptials took place at St. Joseph's Church in Fort Stockton 1954. The better part of their years they have resided in and around the Forsan area. The Holy Trinity Catholic Parish is their church home. They have been blessed with 5 children, Rudy, Silvia, Stella, Ramon Jr. and Ruben as well as 5 grandchildren.

Ramon retired in May 2000 from Burlington Resources. He is currently serving on the Forsan city council and still enjoys being active in the community and providing lawn care work.

Sue has been retired from the Forsan School District since May 1999. She currently volunteers at SMTCG and enjoys baking for family and friends.

The happy couple will enjoy a week-long stay with her youngest brother in California.

Ramon and Sue attribute their long-lasting marriage to faith in God, honesty and an open communication.

### Walton's World: Big Bill brings unique musings to baseball

By **JOE REEDY**

AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Basketball Hall of Famer Bill Walton brought his unique commentary and musings to the baseball booth Friday night. After nine innings, it was evident Chicago White Sox broadcasts might never be the same again.

Walton was the guest analyst because Steve Stone is taking this weekend's series against the Los Angeles Angels off. The former UCLA and NBA star center called the ballgame for NBC Sports Chicago with Jason Benetti. The two also work together on college basketball games for ESPN.

The White Sox were intrigued about bringing Walton in for a game after hearing him and Benetti calling the Maui Invitational last November. Benetti, in his fourth season calling White Sox games, then extended the invitation to Walton during the NBA playoffs.

The fact that it was 70s Weekend and Tie Dye T-Shirt night at Angel Stadium made it even all the more surreal.

"That is the way my life works. I talked to my son Chris who lives in the area and it's his son's birthday, so we picked out this date," Walton said. "It's the 50th anniversary of Woodstock, it's tie-dye night here and there's a Big A out front, so it all rolls into one."

The 6-foot-11 Walton said he grew up a baseball fan in California and followed the San Diego Padres when they were a minor league team and the Triple-A affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds. His two favorite players as a kid were Chico Ruiz and Tony Perez.

"He's a huge fan of baseball. He's a huge fan of earth. He's such a curious human being that he's a fan of anything he can pull out joy from," Benetti said.

The 3-hour game — which the White Sox won 7-2 — also suited Walton's style because the pace of the game is slower.

"Baseball is for telling stories and thank goodness he's here," Benetti said.

"There are really no requirements of keeping up with a game. It's there. You're in and out of high-leverage plays."

Walton did get off on the right foot when he said during the first inning: "Mike Trout. He's good."

In the fifth, he also had a unique way of describing Trout's 41st home run of the season.

"That's Trout? Swimming upstream, avoiding all the flies, and sending one ricocheting through the universe."

There were also Walton's usual philosophical musings such as "We're all security guards in the game of life" and "If you are ever feeling down about life, just put on John Fogerty."

Walton's best line of the night, though?

"I would not be a good catcher. I'm much better at getting high than getting low."

Walton spoke to the White Sox before the game and received a bat from catcher James McCann. While showing off the lumber in the booth during the

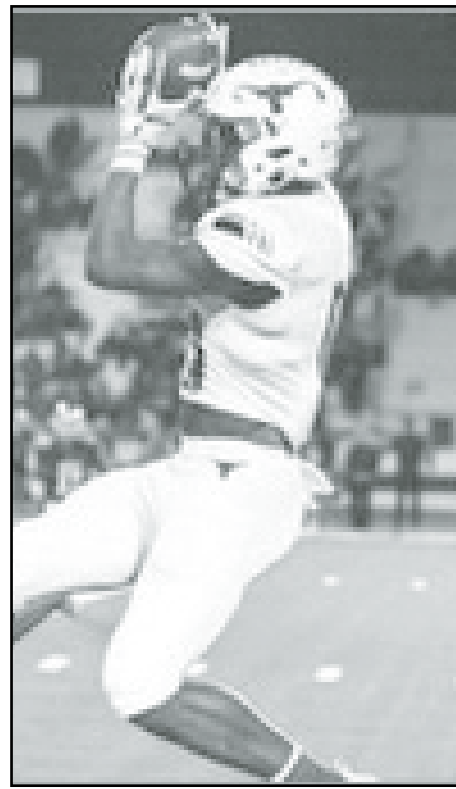
### Former BSISD athletes recognized by UTPB

*Cooley, Otto and Everette receive spots in UTPB athletics*

Courtesy photo

**Jeremiah Cooley, Big Spring High School's standout wide receiver, recently gained the attention of UTPB football coaching staff, and was named Falcon's Newcomer of the Day. According to Mike Ritchey, BSISD Athletic Director, Jeremiah Cooley is off to a fast start. Along with Cooley's recognition, two others were also recognized: Nolan Otto and Jack Everette. Both young men will be teeing it up for the Falcon's golf team.**

**All three of the recognized athletes are recent Big Spring High School graduates. According to Ritchey, all three were also standout student athletes while attending BSISD.**



eighth inning, Walton predicted McCann would hit a grand slam.

A couple of pitches later, he did.

"That boy James! I have his bat, and he sent the ball to outer space," Walton exclaimed.

McCann said Walton signed a ball for him before the game and it was a neat experience getting to meet him.

"He asked for a bat to have up in the booth. So I just gave him mine and it went from there. It was a special thing," McCann said.

As Benetti was signing off, Walton said: "I apologize on behalf of the human race for destroying your broadcast, and I hope I don't ruin your career, which I think I already let that bus go by."

But judging by the reception the game got across social media — it was trending on Twitter most of the night — many people were enjoying it.

White Sox manager Rick Renteria was hoping the Walton experience could carry over to the next road trip against Minnesota.

"You know what? If he would like to come and the organization is on board, we will take him," Renteria said. "He was awesome. He never met him before, but that was pretty neat. To point on everything. He was awesome."

### LEADING OFF: Dodgers-Braves, Giant debut, Houston hits skid

Associated Press

A look at what's happening around the majors today:

#### STAR ATTRACTIONS

The top two teams in the National League meet again when Cody Bellinger and the Dodgers visit Atlanta. Los Angeles starter Hyun-Jin Ryu (12-2) leads the majors with a 1.45 ERA. Mike Foltynewicz (4-5, 6.24 ERA) gets the ball for the Braves.

Bellinger hit his 41st home run Friday night, tied with Angels star Mike Trout for most in the majors, and the Dodgers won the series opener 8-3 while setting a big league record with 22 homers in a five-game span. The two-time defending NL champions also eliminated the Braves from the playoffs last year and swept them at home in May.

Atlanta outfielder Ronald Acuña Jr. leads the NL in stolen bases and needs one more to join Trout in

2012 as the only players with a 30-30 season before their 22nd birthday. Acuña has 35 home runs.

#### KEEP 'EM IN THE PARK, KID

Top prospect Logan Webb makes his major league debut for the Giants against Arizona. The 22-year-old Webb has pitched at four minor league levels this season. He also was suspended for 80 games after testing positive for a performance-enhancing drug.

The teams combined for 12 home runs Friday night as San Francisco won 10-9 in 11 innings — only the second game in major league history to feature a dozen long balls. Arizona and Philadelphia bashed 13 on June 10 at Citizens Bank Park.

Mike Yastrzemski went deep three times for the Giants, including a tiebreaking shot in the 11th. It was his 70th big league game. His Hall of Fame

grandfather, Carl Yastrzemski, had one three-home run performance in 3,308 career games — at Tiger Stadium on May 19, 1974.

#### GONE COLD

Jose Altuve and the Astros look to snap a four-game losing streak as they play in Oakland again. Houston still has a 7½-game lead over the A's, who have beaten the AL West leaders the past two nights to move within a half-game of Tampa Bay for the league's second wild card.

Astros All-Star Gerrit Cole (right hamstring) could pitch in the upcoming Detroit series. Cole threw without pain Friday and will next throw a bullpen before a final decision is made. The right-hander was scratched before taking the mound in his previous scheduled start Tuesday at Chicago after feeling discomfort in his leg warming up.

### A's edge Astros 3-2 in 13 to inch closer in playoff chase

By **MICHAEL WAGAMAN**

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Oakland Athletics have been pretty good this season when hitting home runs, and added to their total with a pair of solo shots off Houston ace Justin Verlander.

Manager Bob Melvin's team showed it can be pretty effective playing small ball, too.

Robbie Grossman singled home the winning run with two outs in the 13th inning to give Oakland a 3-2 victory over the Astros on Friday night.

Mark Canha had three hits, including a homer, and Marcus Semien also went deep as the A's beat the AL West leaders for the second consecutive night to move within a half-game of Tampa Bay for the league's second

wild card.

"We're a pretty well-rounded team," winning pitcher Lou Trivino said. "Obviously we tend to hit the ball a far way, and that's a lot of fun. Lately we've been putting bat on ball consistently. Our offense has been phenomenal."

Corban Joseph singled leading off the bottom of the 13th against Cy Sneed (0-1) and was sacrificed to second. Semien struck out, but Grossman grounded a 2-0 pitch up the middle to give the A's their ninth walk-off win this season.

It was Grossman's first career game-ending hit.

"You only need one run there," Melvin said. "We'll bunt when we need to when we just need one run."

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### Dropped popup was key to Twins' 4-3 win over Rangers

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — The Minnesota Twins did what they do better than any other major league team this season — hit home runs — but their 4-3 win over the Texas Rangers on Friday night turned on a fly ball that barely cleared the infield.

Max Kepler hit a two-run homer in the fourth inning after Miguel Sanó's popup to shallow right field was dropped by Rougned Odor and Jonathan Schoop hit a two-run homer in the sixth to erase a one-run deficit for the Twins, who lead in the AL Central by 1½ games over the Cleveland Indians.

Odor and Twins manager Rocco Baldelli both cited the wind inside Globe Life Park for the critical error.

"It was a real high popup. I never

caught a popup that moves that much," Odor said. "That's not an excuse."

"Balls would go up in one direction, and you knew they were not coming down anywhere near where they went up," Baldelli said. "If major league ballplayers are having trouble with popups, then trust me, the conditions are probably pretty rough."

Schoop homered in the seventh inning following a one-out single by Marwin Gonzalez. The Twins lead the majors with 238 homers and are on pace to break the big-league record of 267 set last season by the New York Yankees. Minnesota has homered in 16 of its past 18 games since July 28 with a total of 37.

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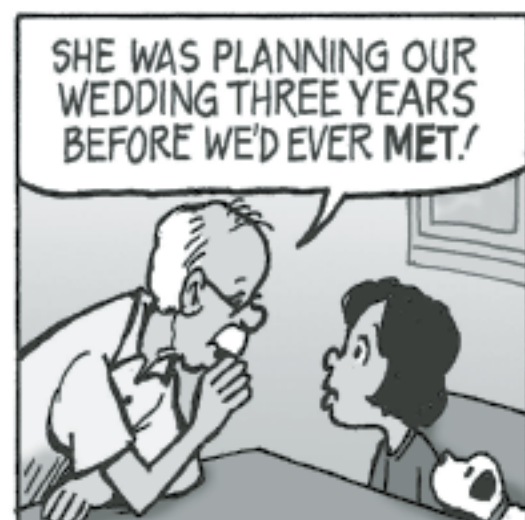


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New locations: Howard County		(432) 848-4855 survey	A-541, Section 23, Block 35, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.
Diamondback E&P, LLC 500 W. Texas Ave., Suite 1200 Midland County, TX 79701-4203 Kathy Thomasson, Reg. Specialist (432) 221-7409	#4WA Williams "21C", drill horizontal, El: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #2-227-39174 2.63 miles southwest of Knott A-400, Section 21, Block 34, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 9155 feet Latitude 032.220688, Longitude -101.394077.	Contractor not listed  Ray (MWD) Yates 1948' 1,879 BWPD Seven Rivers 2087' San Andres 3603' Glorieta 4471' feet w/ 629 sx. Clear Fork 5418' Spraberry 6560' Leonard 7465' Dean 7818' Wolfcamp 8035'	268' FNWL, 1063' FNEL of the survey Latitude 032.1498404, Longitude -101.6892976 Total Depth: 8072 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Gamma  Daily Potential: 1,788 Bbbls 43.0 gravity oil w/  Pumping. GOR: 415 Spud: 11-09-17. Completed: 10-14-18. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 7421 feet w/ 581 sx.; MS tool @ 4333  5-1/2" @ 18,915 feet w/ 2,035 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7547 feet Perfs: 8497-18,865
Datum: NAD 27	1290' FWL, 273' FSL of 641-acre lease 1290' FWL, 273' FSL of the survey		
Solaris Water Midstream, LLC 907 Tradewinds Blvd., Suite B Midland, TX 79706-0000 Bonnie Atwater, Regulatory Tech (432) 203-9020	#1 Kramer SWD, drill, El: NA, API #42-227-40292 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field 6.87 miles southwest of Knott A-574, Section 25, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey Total Depth: 11,200 feet Latitude 032.303526, Longitude -101.661864.	SM Energy Company 6301 Holiday Hill Road 2554' GR Midland, TX 79707-0000 (432) 848-4833 survey	#0752WA Beesly "D", API #42-227-39395 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, re-completion, El:  6.40 miles northwest of Big Spring A-570, Section 21, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell  283' FSL, 903' FEL of the survey Latitude 032.2973407, Longitude -101.5746486 Total Depth: 7805 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Gamma  Daily Potential: 2,035 Bbbls 40.4 gravity oil w/  Pumping. GOR: 587 Spud: 12-23-17. Completed: 10-31-18. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 7123 feet w/ 528 sx.; MS tool @ 4617 feet w/ 801  5-1/2" @ 18,523 feet w/ 2,188 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7115 feet Perfs: 8007-18,452
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CrownQuest Operating, LLC 227-40293 P.O. Box 53310 Midland, TX 79710-0000 Ann Ritchie, Agent (432) 684-6381	#3HD Abasin, drill horizontal, El: NA, API #42-  Spraberry (Trend Area) Field 8 miles east of Stanton A-1538, Section 24, Block 35, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 10,000 feet Latitude 032.090994, Longitude -101.401493.	Ray (MWD) Yates 1765' 2,130 BWPD Seven Rivers 1882' Glorieta 3344' San Andres 3762' sx. Clear Fork 4437' Spraberry 6287' Leonard 7215' Dean 7559' Wolfcamp 7646'	
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Bayswater Operating Company, LLC 730 17th Street, Suite 500 Denver, CO 80202-0000 James Clark, Consulting Engineer (512) 415-4191	#H-1W Bandolero "5-8", drill horizontal, API #42-227-40054 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA 13.40 miles northeast of Big Spring A-226, Section 5, Block 30, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 8500 feet Latitude 032.401192, Longitude -101.297214.	SM Energy Company 6301 Holiday Hill Road 2551' GR Midland, TX 79707-0000 (432) 848-4833 survey	#0765WB Beesly "C", API #42-227-39393 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, re-completion, El:  6.40 miles northwest of Big Spring A-570, Section 21, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell  284' FSL, 1023' FEL of the survey Latitude 032.2972596, Longitude -101.5750238 Total Depth: 8151 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Gamma  Daily Potential: 882 Bbbls 40.4 gravity oil w/ 1,641  Pumping. GOR: 792 Spud: 12-20-17. Completed: 11-02-18. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 7422 feet w/ 569 sx.; MS tool @ 4580 feet w/ 767  5-1/2" @ 19,003 feet w/ 2,020 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 8286 feet Perfs: 8493-18,931
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Surge Operating, LLC El: NA 7850 N. Sam Houston Pkwy West Suite 300 Houston, TX 77064-0000 Gayle Foord, Regulatory Analyst (832) 333-2332 Datum: NAD 27	#5AH Esco Hamlin Unit "20-17", drill horizontal,  Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-40143 7.78 miles northeast of Knott A-1242, Section 20, Block 32, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 9000 feet Latitude 032.422453, Longitude -101.511887.	SM Energy Company 6301 Holiday Hill Road 2553' GR Midland, TX 79707-0000 (432) 848-4833 survey	
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New Oil Completions: Glasscock County			
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Santa Rosa 831' Yates 2168' 2,337 BWPD Seven Rivers 2391' Grayburg 3418' San Andres 3794' Clear Fork 5849' Spraberry 6897' Dean 8216' feet Wolfcamp 8387'		SM Energy Company 6301 Holiday Hill Road GR Midland, TX 79707-0000 (432) 848-4855 survey	#1322LS Fletch "B", API #42-227-39569 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2673'  4.72 miles southwest of Big Spring A-370, Section 25, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.  419' FNL, 2153' FWL of the survey Latitude 032.1823464, Longitude -101.4764498 Total Depth: 7000 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Gamma  Daily Potential: 809 Bbbls 38.0 gravity oil w/ 3,498  Pumping. GOR: 707 Spud: 4-19-18. Completed: 12-22-18. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 6007 feet w/ 560 sx.; MS tool @ 3697  5-1/2" @ 17,725 feet w/ 2,330 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 6277 feet Perfs: 7287-17,674
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Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. P.O. Box 3178 2664' RKB Midland, TX 79702-0000 (972) 969-4000 survey	#112H Jim Tom "E42L", API #42-173-37829 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, re-completion, El:  21.30 miles northwest of Garden City A-792, Section 42, Block 35, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.  499' FSL, 1462' FEL of the survey Latitude 032.1058404, Longitude -101.7437500 Total Depth: 8459 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Acceptable cased hole logs Daily Potential 2,658 Bbbls 37.5 gravity oil w/  Pumping. GOR: 519 Spud: 6-24-18. Completed: 12-01-18. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 5951 feet w/ 631 sx.; MS tool @ 3847 feet  5-1/2" @ 17,940 feet w/ 2,452 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7765 feet Perfs: 8639-17,911	SM Energy Company 6301 Holiday Hill Road GR Midland, TX 79707-0000 (432) 848-4855 survey	#1343WA Fletch "B", API #42-227-39556 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2673'  4.72 miles southwest of Big Spring A-370, Section 25, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.  414' FNL, 2123' FWL of the survey Latitude 032.1823396, Longitude -101.4765482 Total Depth: 7433 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Gamma  Daily Potential: 1,925 Bbbls 38.0 gravity oil w/  Pumping. GOR: 666 Spud: 4-11-18. Completed: 8-26-18. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 6645 feet w/ 620 sx.; MS tool @ 3760  5-1/2" @ 18,120 feet w/ 2,295 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 6676 feet Perfs: 7685-18,072
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# ASTROS

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Trivino (4-5) pitched three innings of one-hit ball. Houston lost its fourth straight and wasted the latest strong performance by Verlander. The 36-year-old right-hander had 11 strikeouts in seven innings to set a franchise record with his sixth game in a row of 10 or more. Randy Johnson and J.R. Richard also did it five straight times.

Michael Brantley had two hits for the Astros, who lead second-place Oakland by 7½ games.

"We had a couple of opportunities that I wish we could have done a little better," Houston manager AJ Hinch said. "Good game on both sides."

Less than 24 hours after the teams combined for a Coliseum-record 10 home runs on a hot evening, Verlander and Oakland starter Tanner Roark, along with both bullpens, kept things more controlled on a night when the temperature was 13 degrees cooler at first pitch.

Canha hit his 18th homer in the second, and Semien added his 20th on a 2-0 pitch from Verlander in the sixth.

"The Canha homer, that was a not very well-executed fastball," Verlander said. "The Semien one I've just got to tip my cap, that was pretty much right where I wanted to throw it and he put a good swing on it."

Roark took a shutout into the sixth before Houston scored twice. Carlos Correa had a sacrifice fly and Yuli Gurriel added an RBI single but was thrown out trying to advance to second.

Roark allowed six hits and two runs in six innings.

"We battled all night long facing one of the greatest," Roark said. "Pitchers came in big-time, relievers came in clutch. It was a fun game to be a part of."

### UNHAPPY ALTUVE

Jose Altuve went 1 for 6 but the Astros second baseman was particularly unhappy with plate umpire Tripp Gibson after flying out in the 10th. Al-



tuve believed he had drawn a walk earlier in the at-bat on a low pitch and took several steps toward first base before being called back. After flying out, Altuve turned and appeared to say something to Gibson before heading to the dugout.

### NECK-TWISTERS

Verlander has allowed a career-high 31 home runs this season, tied with two others for most in the majors.

### ALL BY MYSELF

A few hours before the first pitch, a lone fan

walked to the top of Mount Davis and sat by himself high in the stands for several minutes before security noticed and escorted him away. An A's spokesman said that area of the stadium is closed off to fans, although the team has opened it in the past.

### ROSTER MOVES

Oakland catcher Dustin Garneau was designated for assignment. Former A's backup catcher Beau Taylor was claimed off waivers by Toronto.

### TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: Gerrit Cole (right hamstring) is not expected to miss his turn in the rotation and could pitch in the upcoming Detroit series. Cole threw without pain and will next throw a bullpen before a final decision is made. The right-hander was scratched before taking the mound in his previous scheduled start Tuesday at Chicago after feeling discomfort in his leg warming up. ... RHP Brad Peacock (shoulder discomfort) had one strikeout and two walks in one scoreless inning while continuing his rehab assignment with Triple-A Round Rock. Peacock has been on the injured list since June 28.

Athletics: Josh Phegley (bone bruise) was reinstated from the injured list.

### UP NEXT

Oakland righty Chris Bassitt (8-5, 3.56 ERA) has won three of four decisions since the All-Star break heading into Saturday afternoon's game against Houston. Bassitt's 2.00 ERA over that time is second in the American League. The Astros plan to call up rookie right-hander Rogelio Armenteros (1-0, 1.93) to start. Armenteros has been in the minors since July 22 because Houston had no need for a fifth starter.

# RANGERS

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Schoop also contributed multiple outstanding fielding plays, including starting an inning-ending double play in the seventh behind Sam Dyson (5-1).

"Schoop had a phenomenal game overall," Baldelli said. "He was awesome. He did it offensively. He did it defensively."

Mike Minor (11-7) allowed all four runs in losing for the first time in four starts. Kepler's homer ended Minor's scoreless innings streak at 19 1/3.

Dyson earned his first win since being acquired from the San Francisco Giants on July 31 with a scoreless seventh inning. Sergio Romo pitched a scoreless ninth, finishing with Danny Santana's ground out with runners on first and second, for his third save in four tries since being acquired from the Miami Marlins on July 27 and 20th in 22 opportunities overall this season.

The Rangers were 1 for 11 with run-

ners in scoring position, leaving a runner at third base in the seventh and eighth innings and at second in the ninth.

Nomar Mazara put the Rangers ahead in the sixth on a two-out, two-run double to the gap in right center.

Jake Odorizzi allowed all three runs on five hits in 5 2/3 innings. He has failed to last six innings in nine of his last 10 starts.

The Rangers' first run scored when Odorizzi uncorked his first wild pitch of the season, skimming a cut fastball off the top of Mitch Garver's glove to score Elvis Andrus.

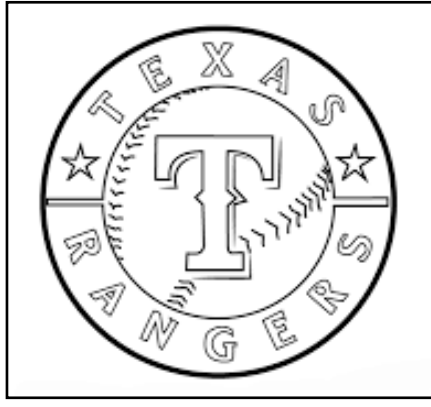
### SHORT HOPS

Marwin Gonzalez went 3 for 4 after going 4 for 5 in Thursday's series opener. . . The Twins have won 10 of their last 14 road games. . . The Rangers have lost eight of their last 10

games and are two games under .500 for the first time since May 19.

### MOVIN' ON UP

Each team recalled a right-hander from its Triple-A affiliate before the game. Lewis Thorpe is with the Twins for the third time this season, previously pitching 11 1/3 innings in four games and making one start. The Rangers' Ian Gibaut was acquired from Tampa Bay on July 28 and then pitched in four



games for Nashville. Gibaut has made one previous big league appearance, with the Rays on July 12.

### TRAINER'S ROOM

Twins DH Nelson Cruz (left wrist strain) hit on the field before the game. Baldelli said Cruz might return soon after becoming eligible to return on Monday without a minor league rehab stint. . . C Willians Astudillo (left oblique strain) went 2 for 4 with a solo homer on Friday night in a rehab assignment for Double-A Pensacola.

### UP NEXT

Twins right-hander José Berrios (10-6, 3.29) won his last two road starts, going seven innings each time and allowing a total of two earned runs. Rangers right-hander Ariel Jurado (6-8, 5.31) has won one of his last seven starts and allowed a career-high 11 hits last time out, against Toronto. The game will be preceded by 2010 AL MVP Josh Hamilton being inducted into the Rangers' hall of fame.

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# Community Report: Forsan and Coahoma head Back to School



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Photos submitted by LaDonna Hudgins: Left: Tyler hugs his dad on the first day of Pre-K, not wanting him to leave. Above: Cadie poses for her first day of Pre-K. She is ready to tackle the new year.

Courtesy photos  
Left: Photo submitted by Diane Ewing; Braxton is ready for a new year at the Academy. Above: Photo submitted by Jennifer Caudill; These three are ready to tackle a new year at school and dressed for the occasion. Big Spring students start back Monday.

## Railroad Commission of Texas issues more than 900 drilling permits

### Special to the Herald

AUSTIN – The Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) issued a total of 912 original drilling permits in July 2019 compared 1,153 in July 2018. The July 2019 total included 836 permits to drill new oil or gas wells, eight to re-enter plugged well bores and 68 for re-completions of existing well bores. The breakdown of well types for those permits is 212 oil, 58 gas, 537 oil or gas, 93 injection, three service and nine other permits.

In July 2019, Commission staff processed 499 oil, 156 gas, 42 injection and two other completions compared to 753 oil, 157 gas, 29 injection and one

other completion in July 2018. Total well completions processed for 2019 year to date are 5,749; down from 6,514 recorded during the same time period in 2018.

According to Baker Hughes Inc., the Texas rig count as of Aug. 9 was 454, representing about 50 percent of all active rigs in the United States.

For additional drilling permit and completion statistics, visit the Commission's website at:

<https://www.rrc.texas.gov/oil-gas/research-and-statistics/well-information/monthly-drilling-completion-and-plugging-summaries/>

The Railroad Commission of Texas District has issued the following

amount of oil and gas drilling permits in the following areas:

West Central Texas – 31 permits to drill oil/gas holes; 13 new oil completions; and one new gas completion.

San Angelo Area – 45 permits to drill oil/gas holes; 14 new oil completions; and no new gas completions.

Midland - 487 permits to drill oil/gas holes; 381 new oil completions; and 78 new gas completions.

Lubbock Area - 45 permits to drill oil/gas holes; 13 new oil completions; and no new gas completions.

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# DivorceCare - healing together 13-weeks filled with support, connections

### Special to the Herald

Life changing decisions can take a toll, but with a support circle they can be worked through and overcome. Trinity Baptist Church has opened their doors over the past year for those grieving the loss of a loved one through death - GriefShare, and now, an additional support avenue is being added - DivorceCare.

There is little good news when it comes to divorce statistics. By some estimates the rate of divorce in first marriages is from 41 percent to 50 percent; the rate after second marriage is from 60 percent to 67 percent and for third marriage from 73 percent to 74 percent.

"Most people will say that separation and divorce are the most painful and stressful experiences they have ever had," Brad Daniels, Associate Pastor of Trinity Baptist, said.

For those facing this chapter of life, you know it's a confusing time when you feel isolated and have lots of questions about issues you've never encountered before. No matter what the circumstances, divorce is a painful process for most people and healing from divorce is very difficult. At DivorceCare groups, people in separation and divorce find tools, teaching and support to help them deal with their pain and give them hope for the future.

Trinity Baptist Church will be offering DivorceCare, an internationally recognized program beginning on Sept. 3. The group will meet weekly to help attendees face these challenges and move toward rebuilding their lives. This 13 week Christ-centered program includes three main parts - video, group discussion and personal Bible study.

Bro. Brad explains, "The videos feature teaching from over 50 leading Christian counselors, teachers and pastors who speak on topics important to people in separation or divorce. The videos contain real-life stories of people who've been



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DivorceCare is set to begin Sept. 3 at 6 p.m. Registration is now open at [DivorceCare.org](http://DivorceCare.org). The course will be 13 weeks long and anyone in the community going through a divorce, is separated or has been through a divorce and not healed; your registration is welcome.

### Divorce Statistics

According to statistics provided, the estimated rate of divorce is:

41-50%

First marriage

60-67%

Second Marriage

73-74%

Third Marriage

through a marital breakup, as they share their pain, challenges and paths to healing."

During the discussion time, the group will discuss the concepts presented in the videos and share what is going on in their lives. Each participant will receive a workbook that contains a daily Bible study for personal reflection and application throughout the following week.

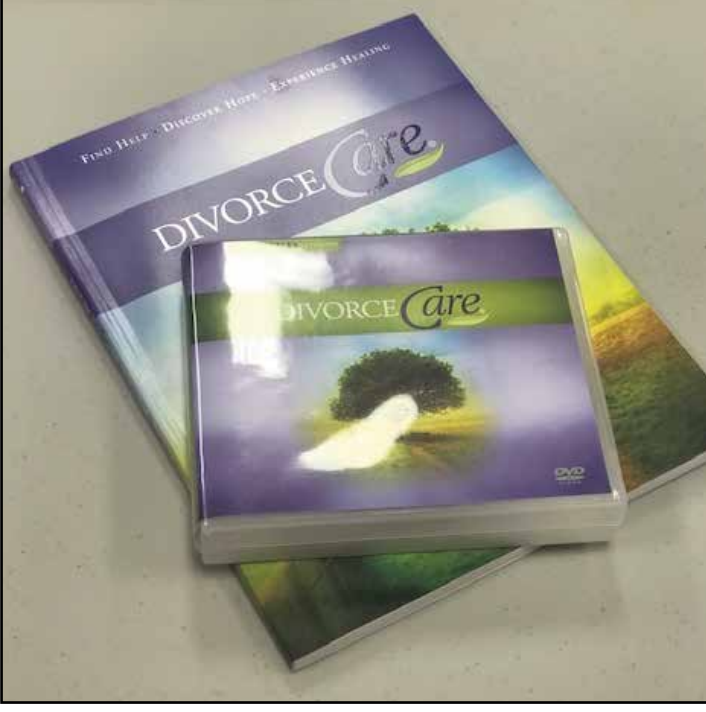
The DivorceCare sessions address divorce-related concerns, such as how long is this pain going to last? Will I survive? Are these feelings I'm having normal? Where is God in all this? You'll gain insights on how to handle tough emotions such as anger, depression and loneliness. Other DivorceCare session topics include: How to get out of debt, what the Bible says about your situation, how to know if you're ready for a new relationship, how to lessen the impact of divorce on your children and reconciliation.

"We are very excited to announce the leaders for DivorceCare will be Skip and Donna Burcham and Tony and Lisa Kennedy", according to Scott Kirkland, Pastor Trinity Baptist. Both of these couples have undergone Leader training and will facilitate each session.

Our first 13 week seminar will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m., beginning Sept. 3 through Nov. 26. Trinity Baptist will offer this 13 week seminar two times per year and you can join at any time during the 13 weeks.

Associate Pastor Daniels reports, "DivorceCare is one of four community outreach ministries offered by TBC. The other three are GriefShare, our support group for those who have lost loved ones through death; Reformers Unanimous, a group designed to support those who have addiction problems and the Wildflower Ministry, a group that offers assistance to those interested in being involved in foster care, a group that offers assistance to those interested in being involved in foster care, a group that offers assistance to those interested in being involved in foster care, a group that offers assistance to those interested in being involved in foster care."

If you want additional information on any community outreach ministries, please call the Trinity Baptist Church office at 432-267-6344.



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## Coahoma ISD

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**Tuesday:** Breakfast: sunrise sandwich or cheesy toast, fruit juice, fruit, milk. Lunch: Tex-Mex stack or chicken fajitas, or chicken fajita salad, beans, carrots, salsa, hot cinnamon apples, sherbet cup, milk

**Wednesday:** Breakfast: chicken 'n' biscuit or breakfast pizza, fruit juice, fruit, milk. Lunch: chicken alfredo or pizza pocket, breadsticks, Tuscan veggies, garden salad, marinara sauce, peaches, dessert, milk

**Thursday:** Breakfast: oatmeal with cinnamon toast or breakfast bread, fruit juice, fruit, milk. Lunch: ranchero wrap or country pot pie or tuna salad with croissant, corn, veggie cup, snowball salad, milk

**Friday:** Breakfast: breakfast burrito, hash browns, fruit juice, fruit, milk. Lunch: Bulldog bowl or breaded pork chops, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, fresh apple slices, milk

## Forsan ISD

**Monday:** Breakfast: French toast with sausage patty or Cereal and toast or Mandarin oranges, fruit juice and milk. Lunch: Steak fingers with

roll, chicken 'n' waffles, sunbutter and jelly sandwich, tots, baby carrots, strawberries, fresh fruit and milk

**Tuesday:** Breakfast: Chicken biscuit or Cereal and toast or Strawberry cup, fruit juice and milk. Lunch: chicken sandwich, Asian bowl, sunbutter and jelly sandwich, french fries, green beans, garden salad, snowball salad, fresh fruit and milk.

**Wednesday:** Breakfast: Monte Cristo sandwich or Cereal and toast, or Mandarin oranges, fruit juice and milk. Lunch: Grab-N-Go: Pretzel box Main Line Options: Pizza or sunbutter & jelly sandwich, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, strawberries, fresh fruit and milk

**Thursday:** Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or cereal and toast or strawberry cup, fruit juice and milk. Lunch: mini corndogs, hot dog, sunbutter & jelly sandwich, corn, baby carrots, grapes, fresh fruit and milk

**Friday:** Breakfast: Dutch waffle with sausage or cereal and toast or applesauce cup, fruit juice and milk. Lunch: hamburger, Mexican combo plate, sunbutter & jelly sandwich, ranch style beans, tots, strawberries, fresh fruit and milk

## Sands ISD

**Monday:** Breakfast: Strudel, cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburger, fresh broccoli, sweet potato fries, apple slices, milk variety

**Tuesday:** Breakfast: breakfast burrito, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, okra, roll, gravy, strawberries, milk variety

**Wednesday:** Breakfast: Sausage kolache, cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: meat & cheese chalupa, garnish, zesty cucumbers, beans, rosy applesauce, milk variety

**Thursday:** Breakfast: French toast, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: BBQ on a bun, yellow bell peppers, savory green beans, orange smiles, milk variety

**Friday:** Breakfast French toast, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: BBQ on a bun, yellow bell peppers, savory green beans, orange smiles, milk variety

## Senior Center

**Monday:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, zucchini & tomatoes, peaches, biscuit, milk

**Tuesday:** BBQ chicken, corn on the cob, ranch style beans, strawberry parfait, bread, milk

**Wednesday:** beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomato, chips and salsa, cookies, milk

**Thursday:** Breaded pork chop with brown gravy, lima beans, pie, bread, milk

**Friday:** Chili dog, mustard, onions, relish, oven potatoes, stewed tomatoes, rice krispy treat, milk

## Food safety is paramount when packing children's lunches.

### Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

KERRVILLE — Soon children will again be taking their lunches to school, and because they are at higher-than-normal risk for foodborne illness, parents and caregivers need to pack those lunches with food safety in mind, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, almost 50% of annual salmonella infections happen to infants and school-age children.

"Food left at room temperature for too long of a time can put children at risk for foodborne illness," said Rebecca Dittmar, AgriLife Extension specialist in food protection management, Kerrville. "This is especially true during the summer months and the first few months of the school year."

Dittmar noted children typically have a higher risk of foodborne illness as their immune systems are not sufficiently developed to resist the bacteria that can grow on foods.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, food at temperatures between 40 and 140 degrees are in the "danger zone" and can allow bacteria to double in number in as little as 20 minutes.

For many foods, leaving them out at room temperature for longer than two hours can be risky.

To help prevent bacteria and foodborne illness, the USDA and Dittmar offer the following tips:

— Use an insulated lunch box or double paper bags.

"If your children are taking a lunch requiring refrigeration, find out if they have access to a refrigerator at school and remind them to put their lunch in it as soon as they get to school," she said. "And be sure to clearly mark your child's name on the bag or container."

— Use cold packs to cool perishable items such as lunch meats, eggs, cheese, milk and yogurt.

"These cold packs should also be used even in insulated lunch boxes or bags when there's perishable food inside," Dittmar said. "You can also freeze water or juice and use that to keep perishables cold, and the liquids should thaw by lunchtime."



While preparing foods in advance for school lunches is fine, Dittmar said it's best to pack them just before the child leaves for school.

"You can freeze some food for lunches, but it's not always a good idea to freeze all the ingredients," she said. "For example, it's usually not best to freeze complete sandwiches containing mayonnaise, lettuce, pickles or tomatoes or onions, as these don't usually taste particularly good when thawed. Keep these add-ons in a separate plastic bag or container so your child can put them on the sandwich just before eating it."

— Use a thermos or other insulated container to keep hot lunches at a warm temperature.

"If you put boiling water into the container and let it sit for a few minutes, then pour the water out and put in the hot food — like soup, stew or chili — this will help keep the contents warm until lunchtime," she said.

— Leave lunches in the refrigerator overnight if packing them the night before.

"To ensure the best results, store with the lid of the lunchbox or bag left open in the refrigerator so there's

optimal air circulation to cool it down," she said.

— Put individually packaged disposable wipes in the lunch box or bag and remind children to use them before and after eating. This also reinforces the importance of hand cleaning and washing before meals.

— Discard all used lunch packaging and bags, and clean lunch boxes after use.

"Leftover food should also be discarded after lunch too, along with all used food packaging and paper bags," she said. "Reusing packaging is a bad idea as it could contaminate other food and cause foodborne illness. And keeping unrefrigerated perishables in a lunch box or bag so you can eat them later means they'll probably be in the temperature danger zone for a while and could become a safety risk."



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Roger's Review

# Angry Birds 2

Back in December 2016, I saw the first Angry Birds movie. I wasn't too impressed – I gave it a rating of four and a half stars out of 10. I didn't like a lot of the logic holes and the crude humor in a film targeted at kids, but at least it was watchable. Parts of it were funny.

The new sequel "Angry Birds 2," in theaters now, brings back the video game "characters," including birds Red (Jason Sudekis), Chuck (Josh Gad), Bomb (Danny McBride), and Mighty Eagle (Peter Dinklage); and Pig King Leonard (Bill Hader). The movie introduces Chuck's sister Silver (Rachel Bloom), an engineering whiz, as well as pig scientist Garry (Sterling K. Brown) and evil eagle nemesis Zeta (Leslie Jones).

Life is great on Bird Island. The birds are in love with Red, who (original "Angry Birds" spoiler) saved the eggs from the pigs in the first movie. Now he and the other bird stars patrol the island, engaging in a prank war with the pigs.

One day, as the prank war rages, King Leonard is surprised when a giant ball of ice careens into the water near his island from a direction other than Bird Island. Stretching his telescope to the limit, he can just make out another island with an odd angled volcano.

Leonard inundates Bird Island with balloon-carried truce offers. Red is convinced that the truce is a prelude to another big pig prank, but the rest of the island's population are ready for the constant pranks to end, and so support the truce.

Meanwhile, hatchlings Zoe (Brooklyn Prince), Sam-Sam (Alma Varsano) and ViVi (Genesis Tennon) are playing "Red defeats the Pigs and saves the eggs." Wanting more verisimilitude in their game, Zoe borrows her unhatched sisters, but the raft with the eggs floats out to sea. The hatchlings set off after them, but encounter a whale that spouts the eggs skyward.

Meanwhile, Chuck and Bomb take Red to a speed dating event, where he meets several female birds, including one who comes at him with a questionnaire and determines they're only about 23 percent compatible.

After Red storms off home, he engages in a depressed popcorn-a-thon. A knock on the door reveals none other than Leonard, who really wants a truce and an alliance against the third island, which he's discovered is Eagle Island. Red wants none of



it, but compelling evidence presented by Leonard and his "Squeal Team 6" piques Red's concern, and together they start reassembling the team. When an engineer is needed, Chuck recommends his sister Silver, who turns out to be the female bird with the questionnaire from the speed dating.

The travel in Leonard's submarine to Eagle Island to stop Zeta from destroying their islands with ice bombs filled with lava (!).

Ok. Once again, not impressed. According to Rotten Tomatoes, a bunch of other critics and audiences all like this movie, which is fine. You may love it. It's not my cup of tea. I just don't like the way the movie makers have taken a simple game and grafted a Frankenstein's monster of a story onto it. It makes no sense. It's not (in my opinion) a good story. There are a few funny parts, but overall I was bored. I'm probably in the minority.

I'm going to give "Angry Birds 2" another four and

a half stars out of 10. Once again, take this review with a cup of salty old man. I'd rather play a couple of games of Angry Birds than watch a goofy, nonsensical, contrived movie about it.

**Angry Birds 2**

**Director:** Thurop Van Orman

**Writer:** Screenplay by Peter Ackerman, Eyal Podell, Jonathan E. Stewart; based on Angry Birds video game by Rovio Entertainment  
**Production Companies:** Columbia Pictures, Rovio Animation, Sony Pictures Animation  
**PG; 1 hr. 36 min.; Animation/Adventure/Comedy; Aug. 14, 2019**

Roger saw this movie at Big Spring's own Cinemark Cinema 4, located inside the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. Visit [www.cinemark.com](http://www.cinemark.com) and enter the ZIP code 79720 for more information.

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## Quiz Bowl

**T**o the right are a sample Tossup question and series of Bonus questions similar to those used in National Academic Quiz Tournament "Quiz Bowl" competitions, the premiere general knowledge team quiz competition for high school students.

While the format is that used by NAQT, this questions and others in this series are authored by Herald Staff Writers.

**Here are the rules.**

For the "Tossup" question, begin reading at the beginning. There is one answer for the entire Tossup. At any time, if you know the answer, stop reading and answer. If you get the correct answer before you reach the • dot, you get 15 points. If you stop and answer before the dot and get it wrong, you lose 5 points. If you get it right after the dot, you get 10 points; if you get it wrong after the dot, you get no score.

You only get a shot at the three Bonus questions if you get the tossup correct. They're worth 10 points for each correct response, and no score for any incorrect response. Answer the bonus questions in order without looking ahead to the next

question.  
Ready?

**TOSSUP:**  
A pioneer of Air Mail, this French aviator delivered mail between Toulouse, France, and Dakar, Senegal; and was later transferred to Argentina, where he was appointed director of the Aeroposta Argentina airline. In 1935, during an attempt to set the speed record in an Paris-to-Saigon air race, he crashed along with his mechanic in the Libyan desert. The men were rescued near death by a camel-riding Bedouin. He later flew a reconnaissance plane during World War 2. In addition to aviation, he was an • author of such works as "Wind, Sand and Stars" and "Night Flight." For 10 points, name this aviator, the author of "The Little Prince."

**BONUS:**  
For 10 points each, name the ship captain primarily associated with each of the following historical or fictional ships:  
1. Adventure Galley  
2. U.S.S. Bonhomme Richard  
3. U.S.S. Caine

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3. Phillip Francis Queeg  
**BONUS:** 1. William Kidd; 2. John Paul Jones;  
**TOSSUP:** Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

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*There are those in the community - local business, individuals, or civic organizations - who have gone above and beyond. There have been those moments that have made a positive impact on the community and we want to recognize those moments, contributions and people:*

- Gilbert Rodriguez Jr., son of Christina and the late Gilbert Rodriguez, was recently recognized by Alderson in Midland, for 20 years of service with Mercedes. He is a star-certified Mercedes auto-tech.
- All Coahoma and Forsan ISD teachers, staff and administration, along with students. Wishing a great year ahead, accomplishments and positive progress for all.
- Big Spring Firefighters Association for supporting the adoption of pets from the Howard County animal shelter.
- Bayleigh Wheat for being recognized by the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.
- Nick and the staff from InkSpot for stepping up and offering a special on Texas themed tattoos and giving all funds raised to victims and families affected by the recent El Paso tragedy.

- All veterans for serving our country and ensuring our freedoms. Also, to their families for supporting their sacrifices.
- Ms. Clara Lewis for her more than 47 years of volunteer service at the local VA Health Care Center.
- All those who donated to the back to school supply drives and backpack giveaways throughout town, including BIM, SMMC and YMCA.
- Forsan ISD for hosting the 16th annual Community Prayer Breakfast, ensuring our students and teachers started off the new year on a good note. Also, thank you to those who supported and made the breakfast possible.
- Double L BBQ, CVB, City of Big Spring, Airpark employees, and all who helped welcome the Hang Gliding competitors to Big Spring.

Recognizing the great things happening in Big Spring is important. Send in your recognitions to [editor@bigspringherald.com](mailto:editor@bigspringherald.com). We Salute will run Thursdays and Sundays.

Do you have an interesting item for the Business and Agriculture pages? Call the Herald at 263-7331.

### Chamber of Commerce happenings



Courtesy photo

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce representatives presented a "Thank you" banner Wednesday to staff of Big Spring Fire Extinguisher, 1303 Scurry St., for their investment in the local community.

### Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announces highest ratings for Texas short-term notes

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — Texas repeated its high credit ratings for this year's Texas Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRAN), which will allow the state to manage its cash-flow needs for fiscal 2020.

"Texas has once again received the highest short-term credit ratings on these one-year notes," Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said. "These high ratings, coupled with the maintenance of our AAA long-term ratings, help keep Texas' borrowing costs low and save taxpayer dollars as we manage our cash flow. Our creditworthiness reflects our conservative approach to financial management, an increasingly diverse economy and our broad and rising employment base.

"I would add, however, that issues such as emerging trade tensions, the need to continue to address long-term obligations on the state's balance sheet and increased spending pressures continue to pose potential risks to our future credit. My discussions with the ratings agencies regarding these topics are noted in a number of their reports."

Texas' 2019 TRAN issuance is rated SP-1+ by Standard & Poor's (S&P), F1+ by Fitch Inc., MIG 1 by Moody's Investors Service and K1+ by Kroll Bond Rating Agency.

This year's \$8 billion TRAN sale is Aug. 21. These annual, one-year notes are sold to help fund school payments and manage cash flow between the start of the fiscal year and the arrival of tax revenue later in the year.

The ratings come on the heels of Hegar's June certification of House Bill 1, which appropriates \$250.7 billion in total spending for the state's budget during the 2020-21 biennium. During the 2019 legislative session, lawmakers took positive steps toward

addressing key long-term concerns that Hegar has highlighted, such as teacher pensions and health care, while also increasing funding for education and reforming the property tax system.

Moody's said, "The state's economic fundamentals and reserve position are strong, but balancing the budget competes with the demand for education, transportation and pension funding in the fast-growing state."

Fitch said its rating is "based on (Texas') growth-oriented economy and its ample fiscal flexibility provided both by a conservative approach to financial operations and maintenance of substantial reserve balances."

Kroll said, "The economy of Texas is very strong based on an increasingly broad and diverse employment base, ongoing increases in population and above average growth in gross state product. ... the economy has diversified well beyond its past reliance on the oil and gas industry, although this sector remains a significant component of economic activity."

Several agencies also noted potential risks to the state's economy.

S&P said, "While Texas' growing prosperity is not likely to abate within the short term ... emerging trade tensions could have a pronounced effect on the state."

Kroll said, "Given the state's ongoing economic and population growth, it is (Kroll's) view that it will continue to face pressure to fund necessary infrastructure to keep up with growth, specifically in the areas of education and transportation. This could jeopardize the ability to maintain balanced financial operations."

For more information about the TRAN sale, go to [trantexas.com](http://trantexas.com).

### AAA Texas: Gas prices continue plunging as stocks build

Special to the Herald

The statewide gas price average in Texas is \$2.37 for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel, according to the AAA Texas Weekend Gas Watch. That price is six cents less than on this day last week and is 24 cents less per gallon compared to this day last year. Of the major metropolitan areas surveyed in Texas, drivers in Midland and Odessa are paying the most on average at \$2.59 while drivers in McAllen are paying the least at \$2.19 per gallon. The national average price for a gallon of regular unleaded is \$2.64, which is four cents less than this day last week and 21 cents less than the price per gallon at this same time last year.

Domestic gasoline stocks built by a surprising 4.4 million barrels, according to the Energy Information Administration's (EIA) latest data. Contributing to the build was at least 1.2 million barrels per day of imports at U.S. ports. With the large bump,

stocks now sit at levels not seen since the end of March.

"Most Texans are saving nearly a quarter or more per gallon at the pump compared to this same time last year," said Daniel Armbruster, AAA Texas spokesperson. "Gasoline supplies continue to increase and are now at levels not seen in five months, forcing prices lower."

The latest weekly declines continue to position the South and Southeast as the region with the cheapest gas, with 7 of the 10 least expensive averages in the country: Louisiana (\$2.26), Mississippi (\$2.27), South Carolina (\$2.29), Alabama (\$2.30), Arkansas (\$2.31), Oklahoma (\$2.34) and Texas (\$2.37).

Prices up to date at press time using market prices posted at 3:41 a.m. Motorists can find current gas prices along their route with the free and revamped AAA App for iPhone, iPad and Android. The app can also be used to map a route and learn traffic conditions along that route, find

discounts, locate parking, book a hotel and request and track AAA roadside assistance. Learn more at [www.AAA.com/mobile](http://www.AAA.com/mobile).

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	8/15	Week ago	Week ago Difference	Year ago	Year ago Difference	Record Price
National	\$2.64	\$2.68	-0.04	\$2.85	-0.21	\$4.11
Texas	\$2.37	\$2.43	-0.06	\$2.61	-0.24	\$3.98

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### Public Records

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- James Bullard, 202 Fourth St., Palestine
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- Gloria Cerna, P.O. Box 55, Lamesa
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Abilene	\$2.31	\$2.38	-0.07	\$2.67	-0.36	
Amarillo	\$2.23	\$2.32	-0.09	\$2.54	-0.31	\$4.01
Austin-San Marcos	\$2.39	\$2.43	-0.04	\$2.61	-0.22	\$3.97
Beaumont-Port Arthur	\$2.37	\$2.42	-0.05	\$2.61	-0.24	\$4.00
Brownsville-Harlingen	\$2.25	\$2.30	-0.05	\$2.51	-0.26	
College Station-Bryan	\$2.43	\$2.48	-0.05	\$2.64	-0.21	
Corpus Christi	\$2.36	\$2.42	-0.06	\$2.56	-0.20	\$3.96
Dallas	\$2.30	\$2.40	-0.10	\$2.57	-0.27	\$3.98
El Paso	\$2.57	\$2.37	+0.20	\$2.76	-0.19	\$3.97
Houston	\$2.40	\$2.45	-0.05	\$2.62	-0.22	\$3.96
Lubbock	\$2.32	\$2.37	-0.05	\$2.53	-0.21	
Midland	\$2.59	\$2.60	-0.01	\$3.07	-0.48	
Odessa	\$2.59	\$2.60	-0.01	\$3.00	-0.41	
San Angelo	\$2.40	\$2.42	-0.02	\$2.61	-0.21	
San Antonio	\$2.34	\$2.38	-0.04	\$2.51	-0.17	\$3.96
Sherman-Denison	\$2.20	\$2.31	-0.11	\$2.56	-0.36	
Texarkana	\$2.25	\$2.34	-0.09	\$2.52	-0.27	\$3.98
Waco	\$2.33	\$2.38	-0.05	\$2.56	-0.23	

**Beer named for Pacific island nuke test site draws criticism**

HAGATNA, Guam (AP) — A Texas-based company is facing criticism for naming a beer after the location of nuclear tests that resulted in the contamination of a Pacific island chain, a report said.

Manhattan Project Beer Company is under scrutiny by Marshall Islanders who were exposed to high levels of radiation by U.S. government research from 1946 to 1958, The Pacific Daily News reported Thursday.

The government and residents of the Republic of the Marshall Islands have objected to the company's beer named Bikini Atoll, an area of the island chain that remains uninhabitable.

The name is insensitive to people still dealing with the impacts of radiation decades later, islanders said.

The company has several beers with nuclear-themed names including Half-

life and Plutonium-239,

"Our beer named Bikini Atoll was not created to mock or trivialize the nuclear testing that took place in the Marshall Islands," the company said in a social media post. The company is "creating awareness of the wider impacts and implications" of U.S. nuclear research programs, the statement said.

The company's website does not mention nuclear testing in a description of Bikini Atoll beer.

Following what it described as "significant harassment and death threats" the company said it will take no further action or make additional statements.

Marshall Islands Health and Human Services Secretary Jack Niedenthal wrote a letter to Manhattan Project Beer Thursday saying she should consider the suffering caused by the nuclear testing.

**RECORDS**

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Jacquelin Dannon Ramey, 1404 E 6th St. Big Spring  
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 Byron Roberts, 2206 Alabama St Big Spring  
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 Juan Romero, 2504 March CR, Big Spring  
 Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Rd., Big Spring  
 Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar, P.O. Box 173, Colorado City  
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Defendant: Charlie Turner  
 Offense: Criminal Trespass  
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$317 court costs, time served  
 Date: July 2, 2019

Defendant: Jose Jimenez III  
 Offense: Harassment  
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$317 court costs, time served  
 Date: July 2, 2019

Defendant: Anselmo Rangel  
 Offense: Evading Arrest/Detention  
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$267 court costs, time served  
 Date: May 21, 2019

Defendant: Richard Martinez  
 Offense: Driving While Intoxicated (Open Container)  
 Sentence: \$750 fine, 180 days in jail, 90 days license suspension. Probated six months.  
 Date: May 21, 2019

Defendant: Ray Garcia  
 Offense: Evading Arrest/Detention  
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$267 court costs, 20 days in jail.  
 Date: June 21, 2019

Defendant: Charlie Turner  
 Offense: Failure to Appear  
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$317 court costs, time served  
 Date: July 2, 2019

Defendant: John Hamilton  
 Offense: Criminal Mischief \$100 to \$750  
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$317 court costs, time served  
 Date: July 10, 2019

Defendant: Victoria Mae Hannabass  
 Offense: Theft of Property \$750 to \$2,500  
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$267 court costs, time served  
 Date: July 3, 2019

Defendant: Stacy Lynn Pendleton  
 Offense: Bail Jumping and Failure to Appear  
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$317 court costs, time served  
 Date: July 3, 2019

Defendant: Victor Dehoyos  
 Offense: Possession of a Dangerous Drug  
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$327 court costs, time served  
 Date: June 21, 2019

Defendant: Jimmy Ray Johnson  
 Offense: Possession of Marijuana less than 2 oz.  
 Sentence: \$250 fine, \$327 court costs, 24 hours community service, six months probation. Deferred adjudication.  
 Date: July 9, 2019

Defendant: Marcus Kyle Mayes  
 Offense: Possession of Marijuana less than 2 oz.  
 Sentence: \$250 fine, \$327 court costs, time served  
 Date: July 9, 2019

Defendant: Justin W. Langrell  
 Offense: Possession of Marijuana less than 2 oz.  
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Grantor: Lana Cowen, executrix of the estate of Jack Martin  
 Grantee: NanoPrime Solutions LLC  
 Property: S/50 feet of NW/4 of Blk. 37, College Heights Addition (mineral rights reserved).  
 Date: July 11, 2019

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 Grantee: David Brewster  
 Property: S/50 feet of SW/4 of Blk. 37, College Heights Addition (mineral rights reserved).  
 Date: July 11, 2019

Grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum  
 Grantee: Kyhooya Partnership LLC  
 Property: Tract 1: N/59 feet Lots 9 to 12, Blk. 4, Original Town of Big Spring; Tract 2: N/28 feet of S/71 feet of Lots 9 to 12, Blk. 4, Original Town of Big Spring.  
 Date: Aug. 7, 2019

Grantor: Sterling Creek Property Solutions LLC  
 Grantee: El Gato Properties LLC  
 Property: Tract 1: Lot 15, Blk. 22, Monticello Addition; Tract 2: A 3.8587-acre tract in Sec. 2, Blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey; Tract 3: Lot 12 and E/9 feet Lot 11, Blk. 4, Central Park Addition; Tract 4: Lot 6, Blk. 6, Hillcrest Terrace Addition; Tract 5: N/2 Lot 5, Blk. 2, Morning-side Addition; Tracts 6 & 7: Two tracts in Sec. 5, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey; Tract 8: Lot 3, Blk. 1, Settles Addition; Tract 9: Lot 25, Blk. 8, Capehart Addition; Tract 10: Lot 11, Blk. 3, Hall Addition; Tract 11: Lot 9, Blk. 38, Cole and Strayhorn Addition; Tract 12: Lot 10, except W/11 feet, and Lot 11, except E/9 feet, Blk. 4, Central Park Addition; Tract 13: Lot 5, Blk. 33, Cole and Strayhorn; Tract 14: S/50 feet of SW/4 of Blk. 38, and the S/25 feet of N/100 feet of SW/4 of Blk. 38, College Heights Addition.  
 Date: Aug. 1, 2019

Grantor: Cecilia Lynn Wright, independent executrix of the estate of Mona Maire Drake aka Mona Drake, deceased  
 Grantee: Randy Brown  
 Property: Tract 1: A 9.84-acre tract in NW/4 Sec. 45, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey; Tract 2: A 0.68-acre

tract in NW/4 Sec. 45, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey  
 Date: Aug. 9, 2019

Grantor: Billy Gene Sullivan and Debra Sullivan  
 Grantee: William B. Hamblin and Wanda J. Hamblin, trustees of the Hamblin Family Trust  
 Property: S/8 feet of Lot 7, Blk. 4, Saunders Addition, Coahoma  
 Date: July 30, 2019

Grantor: William B. Hamblin and Wanda J. Hamblin, trustees of the Hamblin Family Trust  
 Grantee: Kassie Abrego  
 Property: Tract 1: S/8 feet of Lot 7, Blk. 4, Saunders Addition, Coahoma; Tract 2: Lot 8, Blk. 4, Saunders Addition, Coahoma.  
 Date: Aug. 9, 2019

Grantor: Christopher Joseph Stenman and Justin Heath Stenman  
 Grantee: Raymond Hodnett and Dakota Hodnett  
 Property: S/264 feet of a 1-acre tract in NE/4 Sec. 45, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey  
 Date: Nov. 1, 2018

Grantor: Brian Joseph Doll and Corrie Doll  
 Grantee: A.L.S. Enterprises LLC  
 Property: S/50 feet of the SW/4 of Blk. 43, College Heights Addition  
 Date: Aug. 9, 2019

Grantor: David George Kulinski and Juel Kulinski  
 Grantee: Nicole Asmundson  
 Property: Surface estate only of a 6.72-acre tract in NW/4 Sec. 44, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey  
 Date: July 30, 2019

Grantor: Emily Louise Andrews  
 Grantee: Brenda Jo Roach and Eric Anthony Roach  
 Property: W/4 feet of Lot 13 and all of Lot 14, Blk. 1, Edwards Heights Addition  
 Date: Aug. 8, 2019

Grantor: Tim Walsh and Kym Walsh  
 Grantee: Erick Heath Roberson and Shana Roberson  
 Property: Tract 1: A 2.149-acre tract in NE/4 Sec. 8, Blk. 31, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey; Tract 2: A 0.228-acre tract in NE/4 Sec. 6, Blk. 31, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey.  
 Date: Aug. 9, 2019

Grantor: Jayson Garet Starkey and Amanda Starkey  
 Grantee: Carlos Omar Torres  
 Property: Lot 7, Blk. 5, Western Hills Addition  
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CITATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: MIRANDA SAIZ

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 twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

A petition was filed on the 21<sup>ST</sup> day of MARCH, 2018, in the indicated court of HOWARD County, Texas. You are directed to file a written answer to the petition on or before 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served with this citation and petition.

The suit is an action to establish paternity of and to enter appropriate orders for the conservatorship and support of the following children subject of the suit:

Name  
NOAH DAVID JO'VAHN MARTINEZ  
HARMONY LASETTE MARTINEZ

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the children's interest, which will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the children's adoption. No property is involved in the suit.

The suit is entitled:  
CAUSE NUMBER 52630

IN THE INTEREST OF \$  
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HARMONY LASETTE MARTINEZ \$  
CHILDREN \$  
IN THE 118TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

Other parties to the action:  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
DAVID ADAM MARTINEZ  
ERMALINDA SAIZ

#10286 Aug. 18, 2019



Guess Who?  
I am an actress born in New York on August 15, 1968. I was destined to be an actress. I starred in musicals in high school and earned a degree in theater in college. I am known as one-half of a wise-cracking TV duo sharing a NYC apartment.  
Answer: Debra Messing

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ANSWER:

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Opportunity knocks but once

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
NORTH  
♠ 10 9 2  
♥ K 10 7 5 4  
♦ K Q  
♣ 9 6 3  
WEST  
♠ Q J 6 4  
♥ 9 3  
♦ A J 8 5 2  
♣ J 7  
EAST  
♠ 8 5 3  
♥ A 2  
♦ 9 7 6  
♣ K 10 8 4 2  
SOUTH  
♠ A K 7  
♥ Q J 8 6  
♦ 10 4 3  
♣ A Q 5

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

Opening lead — three of hearts.  
This deal occurred at the 1986 world team championship in a match between Indonesia and the Netherlands. The hero was Holland's Kees Tammens, who took advantage of a subtle defensive slip to bring in a seemingly hopeless contract.  
North's two-diamond response was a transfer to hearts, and Tammens accepted his partner's invitation to game on the next round. West led a trump, and Tammens was confronted by at least one loser in each suit.  
East won the opening heart lead

with the ace and shifted to a low club, ducked to the jack. West's club return was taken by the queen, and South drew the missing trumps before leading a diamond.  
West won with the ace and made the harmless-looking return of the spade queen. This gave Tammens an opening that he quickly exploited. After winning with the ace, he cashed the ace of clubs and then ran his trumps, producing this position as dummy's last trump was led:

North  
♠ 10 9  
♥ 10  
♦ K

West East  
♠ J 6 Immaterial  
♦ J 8  
South  
♠ K 7  
♦ 10 4

On the heart ten, declarer discarded a spade, and West was a dead duck. If he discarded a diamond, South would cash the diamond king and take the last two tricks with the spade king and diamond ten. If West discarded a spade instead, Tammens would cash the spade king and score the last two tricks with dummy's diamond king and spade ten. West could have avoided this unhappy ending had he returned a diamond after taking the ace. This would have removed a vital entry to dummy, and the squeeze would not have materialized.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.  
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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



**Soul-Stirring Moon**

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** The spirit of play has more to teach you about the people around you than you could possibly get from more formal discourse. Today, you'll learn a person's nature and find a point of comfortable connection.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** This goal you've been working on might not bring what you've hoped for, but that will probably be its own kind of reward. If not, having finished will be the reward, which comes in the form of confidence.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Complaining doesn't improve things, but it can bring awareness to what needs improvement. From there, a decision must be made. There are three choices: stop, work around it or change.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** The shiny new objects and opportunities will appeal to you far more today than the

actions that feel safe and the environments that are familiar and comfortable.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** How can you tell life is going well? Various balances will be recorded and reported, but they say nothing of the kinship in casual banter, the laughter between friends, the way you felt when that song came on.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Be careful with your help. If you help too much, you could be hurting by nurturing a dependency that will hinder a person's ability to develop skills on his or her own.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Finally, you'll get the chance to sit down with someone you've been missing. As poet May Sarton suggests, "Loneliness is the poverty of self; solitude is the richness of self."

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You may watch the weather, but unless it's extreme, you don't let it interfere with your plans. Focusing on what you can do in the moment

is always better than worrying about all the things you have no control over.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Take the temperature of the room. You'll change it just by being there. The more you understand how things are, the better you can make them into what you want them to be.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** People assume that the heavy-handed oppressor is the bad guy to be feared. Actually, the one to watch out for will come in soft form. That which tempts, amuses and distracts us can have dangerous potential.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (August 18).** You've won a permanent home in someone's heart. There's comfort in this, also a distinct brand of discomfort that goes by the name "adventure." Feeling loved and safe inspires you to take risks you wouldn't have before. You'll enjoy different transportation. A professional circle opens to you. Sagittarius and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 28, 45, 4, 9 and 30.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** Mercury and Jupiter form a wonderfully auspicious trine right in the center of the week, bringing the focus to getting the most out of communication. These days, the endeavor involves a fair amount technology. The question is, "How do we use it well?" It's worth considering that the communication advances that were created to help us connect also help us not connect. Texts, emails, voice messages and the like make it possible to distance ourselves, to create a social buffer

zone and control the pace and visceral impact of our interactions in a way that's not possible in real time and space, in face-to-face dealings. There is nothing inherently good or bad in any means of communication, but there are various levels of awareness to bring to the situation that will make a huge difference in, for instance, whether a dependence on voicemail leads to isolation or improves the likelihood of making an actual connection.

We've had an entertaining few weeks under the strong Leo luminaries. Now Venus changes to Virgo, and then the sun follows suit. It's time to get practical. Leo energy exaggerates, and Virgo brings it all back down to earth. The thing to remember here is that not all speech is literature, not all movement is dance, and while every small thing matters, how much depends on the scale of the frame.

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**Annie's Mailbox**

**Ronald Making Friends Grimace**

**Dear Annie:** My family moved from Shanghai four years ago and have settled in a lovely home in California. I very much enjoy our family lifestyle here and wouldn't trade it for the world.

During the move, however, there was something very unsettling that we brought with us that still plays a role in my nightmares. We have a life-size Ronald McDonald statue sitting on a bench sitting in the middle of our backyard. My dad used to work for McDonalds and took home two statues as a gift from the company.

Luckily, we sold one of them before we moved. However, the other one was shipped across the Pacific, despite the effort required to bring it here, and it now scares all of my friends as well as myself.

My parents are very nostalgic people and I have tolerated the 4-foot-tall Kipling monkey statue, the kneeling terra-cotta soldier next to the fireplace and the fake flowers littered on our tables. This Ronald McDonald statue has increasingly become an issue though, and is no longer just a "quirky" thing I want to accept about my family. My friends don't want to

come to the house, and they will frequently lie about their plans for the day so we don't hang out. How do I approach this with my family? I don't want to hurt their feelings but I want to be able to bring my friends over as well. -- Not Lovin' It

**Dear Not Lovin' It:** Aside from contracting the Hamburglar for a kidnapping job, you have a few options.

First, you can -- and should -- talk to your parents. If you politely let them know how much he's bothering you, perhaps they'll find him a new, less-visible home. Second, you can spend

time with your friends outside of the house.

Third -- and this one is my personal favorite -- just own it. Turn your parents' mad menagerie into a selling point. Heck, build Ronald his own Instagram account and make him a selfie destination. If you have fun with it, everyone else will. Confidence works wonders.

**Dear Annie:** Perhaps you can answer a question that my sister has raised since becoming disabled from a stroke: Why are the handicapped stalls in restrooms invariably placed farthest from the door, thereby requiring those with walking

impairments to walk the farthest? -- Struggling with a Walker

**Dear Struggling:** Great question. After looking into, it seems that it's safer to install support rails into an actual wall, rather than a stall divider.

**Dear Annie:** I understand the frustration of "Signed, Sealed, Delivered ... and Stolen," the young lady whose package was stolen from her mailroom, and who didn't get any help from the super when she reported the incident. Rather than trying to make friends with her neighbors, she should initiate a petition

and circulate it among the neighbors for a security camera to be placed in the mailroom. They aren't very expensive and probably would be welcomed by all. I bet she isn't the only one who has lost a package. -- Covington, Virginia

**Dear Covington:** Wi-Fi enabled surveillance cameras are available to purchase online for as little as \$37.99 -- a small price to pay for peace of mind.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com).

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**Newsday Crossword**

**SATURDAY STUMPER** by Greg Johnson  
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| <b>ACROSS</b>                      | 55 Applied for a review            | 6 Countdown abbr.                  | 32 Hopping brown toon                    |
| 1 Put under pressure               | 57 Common Chinatown pastime of old | 7 Jellyfish                        | 33 Before you know it                    |
| 7 Sleep aid, supposedly            | 58 Disneyland Railroad, e.g.       | 8 Popular puree base               | 34 Law student's study                   |
| 15 Grid specialist                 | 59 Unspoken alternative            | 9 One might hike once a year       | 35 Listened to Tolkien                   |
| 16 Quebec Winter Carnival vehicle  | 60 Like pentagonal trapezohedrons  | 10 1-800-COLLECT introducer (1993) | 40 ___ and Eye (rug-hooking supply shop) |
| 17 Audio annoyances                | 61 Made redder, say                | 11 Royal Hawaiian Orchards morsel  | 44 "Wild with ... eyes ___": Whittier    |
| 18 Hand work                       | <b>DOWN</b>                        | 12 Advisory to a waiter            | 46 Celebrate All Saints' Day             |
| 19 Community standards             | 1 Not edgy at all                  | 13 GPS forerunner                  | 47 Far from spare                        |
| 20 Bar tended at dinners           | 2 Brimming with confidence         | 14 Doesn't turn                    | 48 Talk trash to                         |
| 21 Order to get going              | 3 How some shrimp is served        | 20 On-screen credit                | 49 Bailed out                            |
| 22 Simulates with a show           | 4 "You're missing the show"        | 23 Mystical energy source          | 50 Fell                                  |
| 24 Antitheses of dystopias         | 5 Back-and-forth procedure         | 24 Overall conclusion              | 52 Fell                                  |
| 25 GU or PR                        |                                    | 27 Fall apart                      | 53 Land treaty verb                      |
| 26 Gossip's need-to-know           |                                    | 28 Up now                          | 56 NHL's Gila River Arena team           |
| 27 Ball thrown by Lions            |                                    | 30 Massive fasteners               | 57 Fully behind                          |
| 29 Bruised peach, to an orchardist |                                    |                                    |  |
| 31 Craftsperson a.k.a. fletcher    |                                    |                                    |  |
| 36 Rest ___                        |                                    |                                    |  |
| 37 Bullet train stop               |                                    |                                    |  |
| 38 Dealing with                    |                                    |                                    |  |
| 39 Transaction journal             |                                    |                                    |  |
| 41 Where most Indians were born    |                                    |                                    |  |
| 42 Dominating power                |                                    |                                    |  |
| 43 Certain green seed              |                                    |                                    |  |
| 45 Soke product                    |                                    |                                    |  |
| 46 Comedic category                |                                    |                                    |  |
| 49 Hike                            |                                    |                                    |  |
| 51 Sheik's peer                    |                                    |                                    |  |
| 52 Hip-hop technique               |                                    |                                    |  |
| 54 Word on the Marines' rank list  |                                    |                                    |  |

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Answer to previous puzzle

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# Soaring and Sanitation

By **Judy Tereletsky**

HSWCD District Clerk

Before the new Veteran's Hospital water tower was built several years ago, I could watch out of the front window of my house and see the Turkey Buzzards circle and come in to roost. Now by no means is it a scientific fact, but I noticed that once I saw the buzzards returned we would not have a freeze in Big Spring.

I viewed them almost like the swallows of Capistrano announcing the coming of spring. In the fall, I would note their departure almost the same time as I would hear the distant call of the sandhill cranes as they flew over my house. It is kind of miraculous how Mother Nature times things.

Turkey Buzzards are technically not buzzards but Turkey Vultures. Texas vultures come in two varieties: Black Vultures (who have a grey head) and Turkey Vultures (who have a red head). Most people associate vultures with death and decay along with the diseases that entail. Very few old westerns do not have the buzzards circling indicating a wagon train or some lone soul in trouble. The truth is that we as Earth's inhabitants would be in trouble if it were not for the vultures.

They are basically nature's Hazmat team-playing the vital role in the food chain by ridding the landscape of decaying carcasses that could harbor pathogens. As the Texas Parks and Wildlife magazine says, "they shine at soaring and sanitation". Nature has given them powerful digestive systems with corrosive stomach ac-

ids that destroy microorganisms and toxins, so Vultures are able to consume any dead animal flesh without contracting diseases. You don't want to bother vultures because their stomach contents are also their defense mechanism. Yep, that's right, they vomit at you with an incredibly acidic and stinging result. Yuck!

Instead of making nests, vultures lay their eggs directly on the ground or inside brush piles, hollow logs, shallow caves and even abandoned buildings. Once they have found a mate they stay together for long periods of time and both adults take care of their offspring. The two eggs which are normally laid are incubated for up to 40 days and then once hatched the young are fed for about 80 more days. Vultures are social and roost overnight together in trees, on towers, and even on power lines. Turkey Vultures have an excellent sense of smell and can detect a few molecules of rotting meat at great distances according to Texas A & M University College of Veterinary Medicine. However, Black Vultures have a poor sense of smell and often watch for the Turkey Vultures to indicate where dinner is before they come in to feed driving the less aggressive Turkey Vultures away. Many ranchers dislike the Black Vultures because they have been known to attack newborn or weak livestock. Although vultures are protected under the U.S. Migratory Bird Treaty Act, ranchers can obtain permits to destroy black vultures believed to be killing livestock.

Vultures are masters in the air, so



Courtesy photo

**Turkey Buzzards are technically not buzzards, but Turkey Vultures. Texas vultures come in two varieties: Black Vultures (who have a grey head) and Turkey Vultures (who have a red head). Pictured above is a turkey vulture.**

graceful as they soar on the rising thermal air currents and glide for hours. They can fly for many miles, expending very little energy as they scan the landscape for their next meal. Once on the ground they hop around in a clumsy gait. Their role in sanitation is an important one and with the expansion of highways and growth of deer populations leaving a resulting trail of roadkill, we should be glad to have these clean-up specialists. However, nearly one-fourth of

the vulture species are in deep trouble in other countries of the world. India and many African nations have almost destroyed the vulture populations through poisoning and poaching. To raise public awareness, International Vulture Awareness Day is held the first Saturday in September. So, as you look up into our West Texas skies and see that all too familiar circle of "gruesome gliders" give thanks that nature has provided its own sanitation workers.

## Next Gen Warrior: Success after service

### Veterans Inspire Hope for After Active Duty Service

AUSTIN – Today, Veterans Land Board Chairman George P. Bush announced the launch of Next Gen Warrior, a new series formed as part of the ongoing Voices of Veterans oral history program. The program's mission is to provide inspiration for Iraq and Afghanistan era Veterans as they step off the battlefield and into civilian life.

Every Veteran has a story to tell, and the Voices of Veterans program ensures these stories of courage and service can inspire Texans for generations to come. While the General Land Office has preserved the stories of our Veterans from WWII, Korea, and Vietnam, the way our Veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan communicate is vastly different. The Voices of Veterans Next Gen Warrior program seeks to provide inspiration and guidance for Iraq and Afghanistan era Veterans as they transition to civilian life. Viewers can tune in on Instagram TV (@VoicesofVets), YouTube, Spotify, and their favorite podcasting platform.

## Poetry Corner

### My Sister: Louise

Louise left earth too soon  
Our Lord had other plans.  
We will see her in God's Promised Land.  
God gave Louise so many talents  
I bet she is teaching Arts and Crafts, in an angel band.  
Grandmother, mom, Marjorie may be making a quilt by hand.  
What a garden all of the men must have  
We know all our family is in our God's hands.

By: Fannie Price

## Wheat recognized by National Society of Collegiate Scholars



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Maranatha Baptist Academy is proud of Miss Bayleigh Wheat, who recently received The National Society of Collegiate Scholars Certificate from University of North Texas, for Scholarship, Leadership, and Service. Bayleigh is the 2016 valedictorian graduate of Maranatha and a native of Big Spring. Her father Ray Wheat of Little Elm, Texas, also was valedictorian of Hillcrest Christian School in 1986. We at Maranatha are proud of all our graduates who make their influence known in our society.

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